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# KRL binned as councillors opt for in-house recycling

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Staff at Kintyre Recycling Limited (KRL), many of whom face barriers to working, could lose their jobs after Argyll and Bute councillors decided to take recycling services in Kintyre in-house as of October 1.

KRL's directors have voiced their 'shock and bitter disappointment' following what they call the 'appalling' decision not to extend the charitable organisation's kerbside collection contract, which it has delivered since 2006, putting 19 jobs at risk.

The decision was made at a virtual meeting of Argyll and Bute Council last Thursday, February 25, when the authority's budget for the next financial year was set.

Nineteen councillors, including South Kintyre's Rory Colville, sided with the ruling administration's spending plans, which included taking recycling services in-house.

## 19 jobs on the line in shock budget move

Thirteen councillors, including South Kintyre's John Armour, voted for the amended proposal put forward by the SNP opposition group, which suggested offering a two-year contract to KRL.

The SNP amendment was backed by independent councillors Jean Moffat and Dougie Philand, who are not part of the ruling administration. Councillor Philand's two Argyll First colleagues, George Freeman and South Kintyre's Donald Kelly, were not in attendance for the vote.

While the decision to freeze council tax and invest in helping communities recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic was welcomed, the decision not to renew KRL's contract has proved to be controversial.

In a joint statement, KRL's directors said: 'We are shocked

and bitterly disappointed at the council's decision not to extend the kerbside collection contract for another 12 months.

'We have been in negotiations with the council since September 2020 and at no point was there any discussions about awarding a contract of less than 12 months, so to hear that there was no option of more than six months presented to councillors was a complete surprise.

'It was even more of a surprise that councillors voted so overwhelmingly in support of cutting KRL's contract despite appeals not to.

'KRL has delivered the kerbside recycling service since 2006, employing many staff with barriers to the workplace.

'Many of the staff have been

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## Spring is in the air and sunsets are back



March 1 marks the beginning of meteorological and climatological spring and it certainly felt like spring was in the air in Kintyre this week. Jen Ralston captured this shot of her eight-year-old daughter Amelie catching the last rays of sun on Monday evening as she rode her a Welsh section A pony Porridge, officially named Heniarth Norman Stanley Fletcher, near Campbeltown.



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## Speeding allegation

A motorist on the A83 was stopped near Bellochantuy at 4.10pm on Monday February 22 for allegedly exceeding the speed limit. The car was also allegedly found to have two defective tyres. The driver, a 29-year-old man, was charged.

## Failure to stop

At about 8.45am on Monday February 22, on the B842 between Saddell and Peninver, a white van collided wing mirrors with a beige Vauxhall Infinity car which was travelling towards Campbeltown. Police are appealing for witnesses as the van failed to stop and continued northwards.

## Wall vandalised

Graffiti was discovered painted on a wall in the common close at 27 John Street, Campbeltown, about noon on Wednesday February 24.

## Woman assaulted

A 29-year-old woman has been charged with assaulting another woman in High Street, Campbeltown, at about 5am on Saturday February 27.

## Drugs possession

A car on the A846 near Bridgend, Islay, was stopped and searched by police about 9pm on Wednesday February 24, and a 24-year-old man was found to be in possession of cannabis.

He was charged and issued with a recordable police warning.

**Police are appealing for anyone with information to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

# Kintyre health specialist on UK regulation register

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A Campbeltown woman is celebrating being recognised as a specialist in the field of public health by a national organisation.

Alison McGrory works as health improvement principal with Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

After completing additional training to become fully qualified, she has registered as a specialist in public health with the UK Public Health Register (UKPHR).

Alison said: 'I have a real passion for public health and am really pleased to be practising, registered and fully recognised as a specialist in public health.'

'I am looking forward to continuing to work with a range of partners across all

sectors and communities to improve health, prevent ill-health and address inequalities across Argyll and Bute.'

Alison completed a degree in molecular biology at the University of Glasgow and joined the NHS in Greater Glasgow and Clyde in 1994, working first in learning and development and health and safety roles before moving into public health.

In 2010 she took up post as health improvement principal in Argyll and Bute, returning to live in her home town of Campbeltown.

Alison is responsible for developing and implementing plans to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Argyll and Bute and does this by strengthening working relationships with partners and communities via the Living Well Networks.

She works closely with health and social care col-



**Alison McGrory, Argyll and Bute HSCP's health improvement principal.**

of Argyll and Bute HSCP's public health role. Our communities across Argyll and Bute will benefit knowing that competence, integrity and accountability in public health practice is assured.'

The UKPHR is an independent, dedicated regulator for public health professionals in the UK, providing professional regulation to public health specialists, specialty registrars and practitioners from a variety of backgrounds, all of whom have a common core of knowledge, and skills.

It defines public health as 'the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through organised efforts of society' and cites its primary objective as 'providing public protection by ensuring that only competent public health professionals are registered and that high standards of practice are maintained'.

leagues to help improve the quality of services available to communities, carers and their families.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Alison has been responsible for ensuring access to testing centres to enable

people to be tested as soon as their symptoms develop.

Dr Nicola Schinaia, associate director of public health at Argyll and Bute HSCP, said: 'Alison is a competent specialist in public health and fully understands the essentials

## Crown Estate cash to boost Campbeltown

Crown Estate cash will boost Campbeltown's economy after a share of the funding was given to Argyll and Bute Council.

The council has agreed to invest £600,000 across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands from the council's share of Scottish Crown Estate funding for projects designed to support the economy and lifestyle in the region.

Scottish Crown Estate funding focuses on delivering benefits for coastal communities based on four key priorities: the environment, community, climate change and economic development.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for business and regeneration, said: 'This is all about making life better for

people now and in the longer term. Investing in our economy and our environment will help develop a sustainable economy and lifestyle.'

The funding will be shared across a number of initiatives:

■ **Campbeltown economy:** funding towards community priorities for supporting the economy associated with a new community action plan for the town.

■ **Public realm investments** in Ardrishaig, Tarbert, and Port Ellen.

■ **Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead:** supporting the development of an expanded business site to help create new job opportunities for Mid Argyll.

■ **Climate Change Hub, Lochgilphead:** support to develop climate-friendly activity through Argyll and the Isles Countryside Trust's awareness-raising of climate issues.

■ **Jura Community Gigabit Programme:** support to assist the community to achieve full fibre connectivity across the island.

'This investment will deliver benefits for people and the economy,' added Councillor Rory Colville, chairman of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the islands area committee.

'We are living in unprecedented times and need to make investment work for our day-to-day lives and the longer term economic recovery. This funding is good news for the area.'

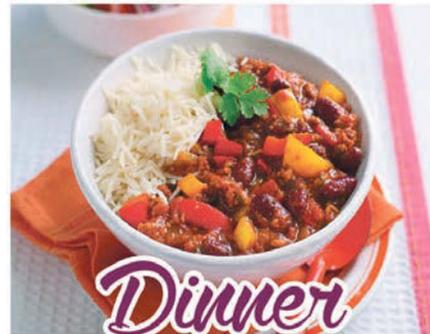
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## KRL binned as council opts for in-house recycling

Continued from page one involved in recycling far longer, and at no point in all those years have we failed to deliver on our contract, despite exceptionally difficult circumstances over the years – much of that has come in the last 12 months – but the staff have always worked to overcome these challenges.

‘The council’s decision puts 19 jobs at risk following a period where Campbeltown has been hammered with job losses, demonstrated by an unemployment rate currently double the national average. The timing is appalling and the lack of empathy to a loyal and reliable charitable enterprise is an absolute disgrace.’

Councillor Armour told the Courier that he was ‘extremely disappointed’.

He said: ‘I pleaded with administration councillors to amend their budget to agree with offering KRL a two-year contract or, alternatively, at the very least, a one-year contract. The two-year contract would have actually saved the council money so this was not about cost-cutting.’

‘Everyone in Kintyre knows the fabulous work that KRL does and I find it very sad that the wonderful workforce, most of who have barriers to work, now face an uncertain future when KRL ceases to provide the service in Kintyre at the end of September.’

Councillor Colville said: ‘As someone who was previously chair of the then Campbeltown Area Development Group which

helped with the introduction of supported employment, I fully appreciate and share the concerns relating to the employees.’

‘I believe it is important to emphasise that the council will now work closely with KRL during this difficult period and ensure we do all we can to support their employees. With new Scottish Government legislation due to be introduced next year regarding recycling and the introduction of the zero waste to landfill in 2025 target, change was inevitable and something the council has to plan for. During the next six months, the council will be implementing the introduction of new recycling bins for every household, bringing Kintyre in line with the rest of Argyll and Bute.’

Councillor Kelly, who could not attend the meeting, added: ‘The decision to take the recycling service in-house is disgraceful and has been done without any proper consultation or consideration for what this service means to the community of Kintyre, and the life-changing benefits and opportunities it provides for many of the staff who work there. KRL continuing to provide this service would, in my opinion, be the most cost effective option for the public purse. How a cash-strapped council can justify spending an additional £250,000 of council tax-payers’ money to deliver a similar service is beyond me and should be subject to public scrutiny.’

# Uncertain start to tourism season

## But positive outlook for when it gets under way

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Kintyre’s hospitality and tourism business owners are facing up to the prospect of another Easter in lockdown.

Many operators whose businesses have been closed for months had been hoping to reopen in time for Easter on April 4 as Scotland’s coronavirus vaccination programme rolls out, but the Scottish Government announced last Monday that hospitality is unlikely to reopen before April 26.

Even if lockdown is lifted, Scotland is likely to remain at level three coronavirus restrictions, with travel for ‘essential reasons only’, and tourists advised ‘not to travel in or out for holidays or visits’.

Emma Macalister Hall, of Torrisdale Estate, which hosts self-catering accommodation and Beinn an Tuirc Distillers, said: ‘The vague announcement last Monday was hugely frustrating as we still can’t really plan for reopening and if we’re put back into the tier system, it may not be worth it. ‘Our summer bookings for the holiday cottages are very good and we anticipate being busy in the summer, but it really doesn’t help that Scotland’s plans are different from England which is our second biggest market.’

‘Scottish policy isn’t reported widely in England either, so many people south of the border are unaware that they



Zofija Sloan of Glenbarr Stores; Maurice Whelan and Steve Reid of Carradales guest house; and Nick Fletcher of the Argyll Hotel in Bellochantuy.

can’t confidently book spring holidays.’

One Kintyre hotelier, who did not want to be named, said: ‘The lack of any opening date to work to in respect of advance bookings is a real problem.’

‘It would be much better to provide a date for hospitality opening fully – as the UK Government has done – even if this has to be changed at a later date. Everyone then knows where they stand, and can make plans. The current limbo situation stultifies hospitality providers and guests alike, and benefits no one.’

Maurice Whelan and Steve Reid, who opened guest house Carradales in 2018, said: ‘As a new business, we have taken a huge hit financially and mentally. We are extremely grateful for any assistance from central government but this is a short-term fix and, of course, will have to be paid back.’

‘If the rest of the UK opens up its hospitality before

Scotland, it is Scotland that will lose out financially and many more businesses will go to the wall. If other parts of the UK can open up, then why can’t Scotland?’

While sharing many of the concerns, some business owners are feeling more positive about the season ahead.

Zofija Sloan, owner at Glenbarr Stores, said: ‘As we head into spring and the weather’s getting brighter, we’re looking forward to opening the doors to our café once again and welcoming visitors to the house at Glenbarr when restrictions are lifted – especially as more people choose a staycation over a foreign holiday this year.’

‘Whilst the past year has presented plenty of challenges, we’re optimistic that we’re nearing the end of the toughest restrictions and that things will bounce back, with tourism in the area driven by domestic visitors if not by travellers from further afield this summer.’

Nick Fletcher, of the Argyll Hotel in Bellochantuy, added: ‘It has been a difficult year for many in the hospitality and tourism sector but that is true also of many other sectors, including hairdressers, shops and gyms. Even many businesses that are open will have felt the strain.’

‘We are all living in hope of things improving from the end of April, but I expect it may be a slower process for hospitality to move back toward almost full reopening. Thankfully, many in hospitality have been in receipt of support from the Scottish Government to help in weathering what has been a challenging time.’

‘But now is the time, as a sector, to look ahead and try to reap something from the expected boom in the staycation market. We look forward to welcoming people to Kintyre in a safe way both for them and for all us living in Kintyre too, as we proved we could do in the late summer and autumn of last year.’



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## Dalintober wall collapse delays pupils' return

A collapsed retaining wall in the playground at Dalintober Primary School prevented pupils from returning to the building last week.

It was the first week pupils in P1 to P3 were allowed to go back this year under Scottish Government Covid-19 guidelines.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson told the Courier: 'As a result of a landslip on an area of land behind Dalintober, the back playground and car park were closed off and staff and pupils relocated for the week of February 15 so that a full geotechnical survey could be undertaken.'

'The school has now been fully re-opened as a result.'

It is not the first time the school has been affected by disruptions caused by issues with the building.

At a meeting of Argyll and Bute Council on Thursday June 27 2019, South Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly raised concerns about the 'crumbling' building. But officials said the school was 'fit for purpose'.

In January 2020, a ceiling collapsed in one of the school's early years classrooms, something which could have resulted in a 'tragedy' according to a source at the school.

There have been claims the building also has a leaking roof, windows that need to be



Dalintober Primary School

fixed or replaced and heating which does not work properly. Councillor Kelly told the Courier this week: 'Last year, when the ceiling collapsed within the school, the council agreed with my request for a full condition survey of the school to be carried out. I have written to the director of education, Douglas Hendry, asking for a copy of this report.'

'The time has come for the council to engage with the community regarding the possibility of a new Campbeltown primary school.'

A council spokesperson said that the condition survey of the school was carried out last year as planned.

This week, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced all remaining primary school children should return to school full-time from March 15, with secondary pupils returning on a part-time basis from that date.

## Year-round ferry not an alternative to Rest solution

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One of the councillors behind the petition for a year-round ferry service from Campbeltown to Ardrossan insists it should not be considered an alternative or compromise to a permanent solution at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Councillor Donald Kelly, who submitted the petition to the Scottish Parliament along with fellow Argyll First councillor Dougie Philand, said any ferry service would instead give people another option in terms of travel to and from Kintyre.

He fully supported the Argyll business leaders campaigning for a permanent solution by May 2024 to the ongoing A83 landslip.

Councillor Kelly said:

'We are asking the Scottish Government to consider procuring a full-time ferry service, with the capacity to take both freight and passengers and have RET – cost effective service in terms of pricing – applied to it.'

'Having been made aware by consultants that various companies have vessels which would meet the necessary requirements of this proposal, we are asking that the net is cast long and wide in terms of any potential tendering process.'

'Before getting to this stage, we have to go through the following steps, with all the boxes being ticked to allow progress to be made: firstly, we required the Parliamentary Petitions Committee to accept our petition as being credible and meeting the criteria; secondly, we require the public and busi-

nesses to show their support by signing the petition; thirdly, the Parliamentary Petitions Committee will meet to discuss the petition and take any necessary evidence to support the introduction of the service; fourthly, if everything goes to plan, this would be followed by a recommendation from the committee to the government, who would then instruct a STAG [Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance] appraisal to be carried out.'

'Depending on the result of the appraisal and the government's response, we would be hopeful that an offer to tender would be issued for the route.'

The public, business owners and community groups have until March 17 to sign the petition at the following link [www.parliament.scot/gettinginvolved/petitions/campbeltownardrossanferry](http://www.parliament.scot/gettinginvolved/petitions/campbeltownardrossanferry)

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# HC-One Kintyre Care Home expected to go up for sale

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The Courier understands that HC-One, the UK's largest care home operator, is planning to sell Kintyre Care Home in Campbeltown.

On Monday, the company announced plans to sell 10 out of its 57 care homes across Scotland, as part of an overall sale of 52 across the rest of the UK and four closures, in a bid to 'better meet the current and future care needs of the communities it serves'.

The healthcare provider said it recognises 'evolving care needs, including the growing demand for more complex care and dementia care'.

James Tugendhat, HC-One's chief executive, said: 'Our purpose, as The Kind Care Company, is to support those

in our care to lead their best life and serve at the heart of each of our communities.

'We strive to be the first choice for our families, our colleagues and our commissioners and best meet the evolving care needs of the country, including the growing demand for more complex care and dementia care.

'As we plan how best to use our resources to continuously improve our care homes, we are determined to invest where we can have the greatest impact and more effectively ready ourselves for the evolving needs of those we care for.

'As a result, we are putting 52 of our homes up for sale in areas where we feel our communities would be better served by a local operator in conjunction with other local services. We are also proposing to close four homes. In both cases, we



will work closely with our local partners and commissioners.

'Whilst we have chosen to make this announcement now, having determined our investment priorities, our sales and four closures will only happen when we are convinced that we have found the right alternative operator and when residents are able to safely move to their new care placement, ensuring continuity of care throughout the pandemic.

'We will also be providing

all possible support to our colleagues to make these processes as smooth as possible for them. It will be business as usual for every home until all these processes are complete.'

An HC-One spokesperson told the Courier the company could not confirm that Kintyre Care Home is one of the sites that will be sold, as it is still in the process of informing residents, their loved ones and staff at affected homes.

However, in a press release

Kintyre Care Home.  
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on Monday afternoon, trade union GMB Scotland wrote: 'Impacting over 750 workers in Scotland, the affected homes are as follows: Blar Buidhe, Stornoway; Castle Gardens, Invergordon; Cradlehall, Inverness; Hamewith Lodge, Aberdeen; Moss Park, Fort William; Kinnaird Manor, Falkirk; Kintyre, Campbeltown; Arcadia Gardens, Glasgow; Darnley Court, Glasgow; Northgate House, Glasgow.'

GMB Scotland secretary Gary Smith added: 'At the very moment when we need some sort of stability, HC-One is demonstrating everything that is wrong with our broken

model of care and the private provision of residential care.

'The directors and spaghetti bowl of interest groups behind HC-One will not suffer from these sales. The uncertainty will only affect exhausted key workers, vulnerable services users and worried families, and the public purse.

'Workers and service users in HC-One are now waiting anxiously to see what their futures hold. It's added emotional punishment after a horrific year where we are still very much in the grip of the Covid-19 pandemic.

'This demonstrates why we need to move at pace over the implementation of the Independent Adult Social Care Review recommendations for a national care service so we can start to address the crises in our social care sector which Covid-19 has exposed.'



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### Fish Mish sea shanty smash

The Fishermen's Mission port officer for Kintyre has landed a starring role in the charity's own sea shanty.

Superintendent Chris Holden features in the new song, written and performed by representatives of the fishermen's charity in the style of the traditional folk tunes that were once commonly sung as work songs to accompany rhythmical labour aboard large merchant sailing vessels.

It comes after the success of Scottish TikTok sensation Nathan Evans, whose version of the sea shanty Wellerman went viral and sparked an international interest in the musical genre.

The Fishermen's Mission's song was inspired by the people who manned the charity's hospital ships in the 1900s. These vessels would provide medical aid to the fleets of commercial sea fishermen, as well as being active fishing vessels themselves. Listen to the 'mission shanty' on the charity's social media: TikTok, Twitter and Instagram (all @thefishmish) and on Facebook (@fishermensmission).

# Happy lockdown birthday

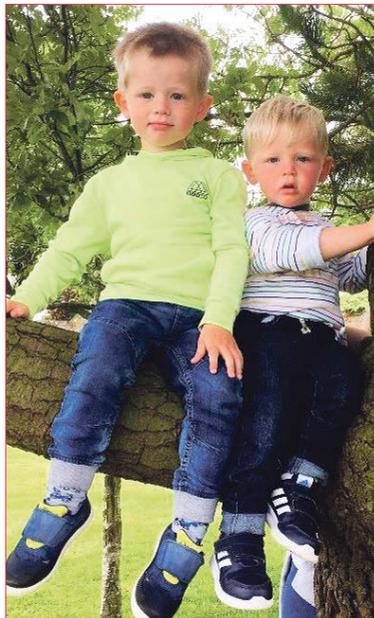


**Lauren Scott**

Lauren Scott, from Campbeltown, turned 11 on Thursday February 18. She enjoyed a birthday tea, including a fabulous cake, with her family. All her family send her lots of love.

**Oliver Newlands**

Oliver Newlands, from Campbeltown, celebrated his fourth birthday on Sunday February 28. He spent the day with his dad, mum and little brother Joshua.



**Harry Martin**

Harry Martin, from Campbeltown, will be six on Sunday March 28. He plans to spend his second lockdown birthday having a fun-filled day with party games and food.

**Lewis Martin**

Lewis Martin, from Campbeltown, turned one yesterday, Thursday March 4. He had a cake smash and tea party with his family to celebrate.



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## Nonsensical decision to scrap KRL council contract

Argyll and Bute Council's decision not to renew Kintyre Recycling Limited (KRL)'s contract for carrying out kerbside collections in Kintyre appears to be completely nonsensical.

Both councillors John Armour and Donald Kelly have said it will actually cost the council more money to take recycling services in-house.

This is in contradiction to what is surely the council's main aim when setting the budget – saving money where possible.

Despite many of KRL's staff having barriers to working, they do an exemplary job and are happy in their workplace – something which is evident from a visit to the recycling centre.

The fact that some of them may lose the jobs they enjoy and do so well as a result of this decision is shocking and heart-breaking.

Campbeltown has seen record levels of redundancies over the last couple of years, with more than 100 lay-offs at CS Wind and Campbeltown Creamery alone, never mind the many people who have since lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic. To potentially add to this level of unemployment for no apparent good reason is baffling.

KRL not only provides an efficient and cost effective service but worthwhile jobs to people who may otherwise struggle to find employment and are no doubt very concerned about their futures right now.

This decision should be reconsidered.

## Beware scam callers using non-existent numbers

Your interesting article headlined 'New network will protect vulnerable' caused me to recall several morning incoming phone calls received a few weeks ago.

The format was that a politely spoken lady suggested I might be in some trouble if I did not listen to the details. I immediately hung up, wondering which of my frailties had been discovered, and phoned 1471 which tells you the last number that called.

I twice noted the number given by 1471 and ventured to phone it. On dialling this number, the phone company advised me there was 'no such number'.

Over a week, adopting identical procedures, five different 'no such numbers' were found. The job of answering morning calls was delegated to the answering machine and only once did it receive a call which was terminated speedily by the caller without a message.

Is there a flaw in our phone companies' systems with consequent loss of income? If this flaw could be eradicated, phone scammers might be less numerous and consequently afford a little more protection for the vulnerable.

Gordon Caskie, Campbeltown.

## Mishmash of worn out tropes hides elephant in the room

Going by the length of John Newall's reply to my letter on England's disastrous Brexit, forced upon Scotland against our democratic wishes, I had expected better than the mishmash of worn out tropes and John Bull exceptionalism trotted out by Mr Newall.

Mr Newall makes great play of the successful

roll-out of the Covid vaccine in Scotland and the UK, and it has been a fantastic achievement, but to then use this to denigrate the EU's vaccine programme is crass and over simplistic.

Our success is an illusion until both doses of vaccine are administered. Crowing about vaccines when only 0.80 per cent of the UK population has had the vital second jab compared, for example, to 2.87 per cent in Denmark, is presumptuous and inappropriate.

Mr Newall goes on to assert that Scotland has a deficit that will prevent Scotland re-entering the EU without mentioning the elephant in the room, the UK's ruinous £2 trillion – and increasing – debt.

Of course, legally, Scotland has no 'deficit' or 'debt'. How can a country with virtually no borrowing ability have a debt? What Scotland does have is a notional 'debt', where spending outwith Scotland's control is assigned to Scotland, such as Trident, HS2 and London's Crossrail.

Indeed, if Courier readers start counting now at the rate of one a second, they'll reach the number of pounds spent on Boris Johnson's failed Track and Trace system at about 9.45am on April 24 in the year 2718.

Straight from the 'Better Together' playbook, Mr Newall brings up the hoary old 'Spanish veto' myth.

The truth is Spain has no issue with an independent Scotland in the EU so long as this is within the framework of the UK constitution – which it is. Scotland is not a 'region' of the UK. There is no constitutional prohibition on independence votes or indeed of Scotland abrogating the 1707 Treaty of Union with England.

This is why successive prime ministers, from Margaret Thatcher to David Cameron, have repeatedly recognised the right of the Scottish people to independence – and why Boris Johnson's 'No' will run into the sand. Mr Newall

and I will never agree but that is the essence of democracy and the right to choose in a free country.

Scotland can either remain, semi-detached and impotent, as part of an increasingly insular Little Englander Tory Britain, bringing in its wake further austerity and diminished life chances for our young people, or Scots can vote for independence, just like our neighbours.

Yes, there will be difficult choices, yes, there will be mistakes, but they will be our decisions to get right as we work for the prosperous, open and internationalist country that is within our grasp.

Ron Wilson, secretary, Kintyre SNP.

## Investment in digital connectivity

I am delighted Argyll and Bute Council will be investing nearly £6.8 million to help keep Argyll and Bute going and growing.

After relentless campaigning from myself and others, it's great to see, at long last, some substantial investment in our crumbling infrastructure.

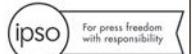
Building on investments made in previous years, an additional £2.613 million will be invested to drive forward improvements and repairs to Argyll and Bute roads, bringing the overall roads reconstruction budget to £10 million for 2021/22.

We are also investing more in active travel, in line with the council's agreed priorities. This includes a further £500,000 in enhancing and improving footpaths. This investment complements the current allocation of £400,000 in green transport and travel.

This recent Covid pandemic has highlighted more than ever the need to tackle our urban-rural divide. Even now, many of my constituents

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While this budget is not perfect and there will be challenges ahead as we start to recover from the ongoing global pandemic, this is a massive step in the correct direction.

Now my constituents across the Kintyre and the Islands ward will quite rightly want to see action, not more talking. So that means more help for our small businesses, improving our digital connectivity and substantial improvements to our roads which in so many areas are sadly approaching the point of no return.

**Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and the Islands ward.**

## Have your say on future of stroke research

Six years ago, I had a sudden and life-changing stroke. I'm not alone in this: around 1.2 million survivors are living with its devastating effects.

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The Stroke Association has launched a unique opportunity for stroke survivors and those who care for stroke survivors to have a say on the future of stroke research.

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Visit [www.stroke.org.uk/jla](http://www.stroke.org.uk/jla) by March 21.

**Chris Tarrant, radio and television broadcaster.**

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph of a double rainbow over Davaar was sent in by Carole Tait. Carole, from Stewarton, took the shot using mobile phone camera during a recent walk with her family. If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to [editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk](mailto:editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk) or send it via the Courier's Facebook page.

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## Covid-19 can be more severe if you smoke

Smoking can increase your risk of severe symptoms on infection of Covid-19, complications and death according to a review from the World Health Organisation.

UK Government advice is that smoking generally increases the risk of contracting respiratory problems and more severe symptoms of ill health once infected with Covid-19

The risk of catching or spreading the Covid-19 virus increases due to the hand to mouth and

face contact involved in smoking.

In addition, spending more time indoors means smoking within the family household may increase family exposure to second hand smoke, which exacerbates their risks of Covid-19 along with other known harm that it causes.

Smoking also contributes to other life changing diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease, and having such underlying conditions also increases the risk of complications from Covid-19 infection.

**To talk to someone directly, contact your local advisor for Kintyre:**

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# Distillery seeks images from town's 'Spiritville' peak time

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

One of Campbeltown's three surviving single malt Scotch whisky distilleries is asking people around the world to share photographs of the town which capture the peak of the whisky industry during the mid-19th and early 20th centuries.

During the Victorian era, Campbeltown was known as the whisky capital of the world and was home to more than 30 working distilleries.

Since 1832, Glen Scotia has been shaped by the people and history of Campbeltown and the distillery is now searching for photographs which bring its unique whisky history and heritage to life. Iain McAlister, master distiller and distillery manager at Glen Scotia, said: 'The contribution Campbeltown has made to Scotch is incomparable and we are proud to continue to fly the flag for the region around the world.'

'Whisky was a way of life in our coastal town for more than 100 years and over time, all that experience, craft and passion has been poured into Glen Scotia.'

'Now we are looking for photographs that will

help us uncover what makes Campbeltown the 'whiskiest place in the world.'

Digital or print photographs can be submitted via email to glenscotia@bigpartnership.co.uk or by post to Glen Scotia, BIG Partnership, Fountain House, 1-3 Woodside Crescent, Glasgow, G3 7UL, with contact details of the sender, by March 31 2021.

Selected images may feature as part of this year's virtual Glen Scotia Whisky Festival, which will welcome thousands of whisky fans from across the globe to experience a range of online tours and tastings from the distillery.

The photographs may also be showcased through Glen Scotia's marketing activity to further raise awareness of the distillery and Campbeltown around the world.

The search for photographs follows in the footsteps of Glen Scotia's campaign in 2019 which aimed to recognise Campbeltown as the 'whiskiest place in the world' and reached the UK Parliament.

The motion acknowledged the region for playing a significant part in the history and development of whisky distilling in Scotland and congratulated distillery manager Iain McAlister on helping to raise awareness of Campbeltown's



Passengers wait to board a sister ship of the SS Davaar, either the Kinloch or the Kintyre, in Campbeltown Harbour. Cargo, including the whisky barrels, were also taken on board.



This comprehensive view of Campbeltown, looking eastwards over Glebe Street towards the loch and Davaar Island, was taken from Gallowhill on a summer's day. The steeple that was then Longrow Church, now Lorne and Lowland Church, dominates the townscape and across the loch a ship can be seen on the stocks at Trench Point shipyard. Rows of distillery buildings can be seen behind the hay rucks.

whisky heritage. Campbeltown, once known as 'Spiritville' or 'Whiskyopolis', is described as a 'forgotten giant' of the Scotch whisky industry. At its peak in the Victorian era, there were around 30 legal distilleries operating in a town with a population of only 9,000 people.

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## FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

Friday March 4 2011

## New rural schools proposals unveiled by local authority

Last week saw the wheel of fortune spin again for primary schools and now Argyll and Bute Council says Southend and Glenbarr are safe from closure.

But parents from Clachan, which was safe last time round, taking in pupils from Glenbarr, Rhunahaorine and Skipness, have been left shocked after the school now finds it faces closure with its children sent to Tarbert.

Chairman of Clachan Primary School's parent council Owen Paisley said they wanted to know why the school was originally seen as a receiving school in the first place.

'The school is an important part of this community and I am not convinced its closure will

save money. If we want children and families to come to the area we need to keep the school open,' he said.

Argyll and Bute Council met yesterday (Thursday) when members were asked to agree to hold informal pre-consultation meetings with representatives from 12 communities that may be affected by the school estate review.

The council was also asked to agree to review the school estate 'on an ongoing basis' and reducing the future scale of any changes which would be considered at any one time.

Now the proposal is for Rhunahaorine to go into Glenbarr and Clachan and Skipness to go to Tarbert. Saint Kieran's goes into Castlehill in Campbeltown. This is a paper exercise as Saint Kieran's no longer has pupils and is mothballed.

**In 1996: The two longest-serving workers at Jaeger's Campbeltown factory, Jean McKinven and Agnes McKerral, received a special silver plate from menswear's managing director Harry Rea to mark their service to the company.**



## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday March 1 1996

## New post office to open

Campbeltown's Meadows scheme is to get its own post office in the early summer.

Post Office Counters plans to open a community post office in Ralston Road in late May or early June.

Post Office Counters has already secured premises for the office which will be open for around 20 hours a week but the chairwoman of Campbeltown Community Council, Mrs Nancy Smith, said she would prefer a new post office in the town centre.

Since the main post office moved from Longrow to the Co-op supermarket last summer, the town centre has not had a post office.

Mrs Smith said: 'I'm pleased there is going to be another outlet for people, but unless people have got a car it's only going to be suitable for people in the Meadows scheme.'

She added: 'The community council has always pushed for a post office in the centre of the town, not only because it's convenient, but also to help the commercial centre of the town.'

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday March 4 1971

## Campbeltown choir on radio

Campbeltown Gaelic Choir was taped at a concert in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening.

The choir will be heard on BBC radio later this month.

BBC men recorded a half-hour programme of all-Gaelic songs, which were introduced by Mr Hector McNeill.

The choir was conducted by Charles Bonar. Soloists were Duncan McPhee, Morna Leckie, Isabel Mitchell and Isabel MacDonald.

Various choir members entertained the audience during a pre-recording 'warming up' period.

Unfortunately for members of the choir, they won't be able to hear themselves on radio when the programme is broadcast. They will be singing at a grand concert in aid of local RNLi funds.

## Well done Campbell

Mr Campbell McIlchere, who last week offered to post foreign-bound mail when he went to Rouen in France, has told us he has 250 letters to post. These are going to 34 different countries. We wish him a good journey and thank him on behalf of those people he has helped.

**Editor's note:** Britain was in the midst of its first national postal strike, which ran from January to March.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday March 5 1921

## Town Council meets to discuss telegraph wires and gas repairs

The monthly meeting of the Town Council of Campbeltown was held on Monday night.

Provost Colville presided and the other members present were: Bailie Campbell, Bailie Maceachran, Dean of Guild M'Arthur, Hon treasurer Stewart, councillors M'Pherson, MacGrory, Wareham, Rome, D Smith, Hutcheon, Watson, Mactaggart, J Smith, D Robertson, W Reid and Fisher.

A minute of meeting of the streets committee bore that an application had been received from the Postmaster General for permission to lay underground telegraph wires in the burgh and the committee recommended that the request be granted subject to the interests of the burgh drainage, gas and water services being safeguarded.

The finance committee were appointed, with powers, to meet with the County Clerk and the Chief Constable with reference to the framing of a new agreement with the County Council for the policing of the burgh and the charges for the same.

The gas committee reported that offers have been received from four local tradesmen for the repair of the ammoniacal liquor tank at the gasworks and that the offer of Mr John Martin, Glebe Street, amounting to £243.18 shillings being the cheapest was accepted.

## Online Consultation Event

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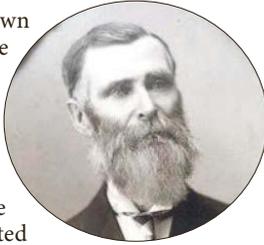
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# Kintyre emigrant's role in US village

Last week's Down Memory Lane feature asked Courier readers if they could help American man Jim Cunningham in his search for information about his Kintyre ancestors who emigrated to the USA in the 1800s, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.



Edward McTaggart, known to Jim's family as 'Washington Ed'.

Jim's great-great-grandparents William and Jane McTaggart and their two young sons, who were from Southend, emigrated from Campbeltown in 1822, moving to West Virginia in the United States.

William's brother Edward followed him to West Virginia, emigrating in 1839 with his wife Mary, née McGeachy. Edward and Mary were married in Knocknow, Southend, on October 7 1827.

Their son, also named Edward, who was born in Southend on August 26 1833, travelled from West Virginia to Washington in the 1860s and was one of the founders of a settlement which remains to this day. The village was founded in 1869 when pioneers settled on its tide-swept flats and began to reclaim the land from the sea.

'Washington Ed', as he became known to the West Virginia McTaggarts, moved to the area in 1870 and built a homestead on 640 acres of land, floating the timber for his home across the land at high tide.

As others moved to the area and the settlement expanded, it was decided a post office was required. Ed called a meeting at his home on March 26 1876 to discuss the matter, with 46 settlers in attendance.

A petition was drawn up and signed, asking for the creation of a post office with Ed as postmaster. He suggested naming the settlement Edison in honour of the inventor Thomas Edison.

This led to the establishment in 1880 of a trading post on land donated by Ed. In around

1882, Edison's first hotel was built on a small section of Ed's land adjoining that on which the store stood.

In 1878, Ed married Mary Judson whose parents, Phoebe and Holden Judson, founded the city of Lynden in Washington. Ed and Mary had two children, a son and a daughter.

Their son, also named Edward, farmed the family's land from 1914 until 1930 before moving to San Francisco in 1932 and later to Seattle.

While Jim and his relatives know a fair bit about those who moved over the pond, they are keen to find out more about their ancestors who lived in Kintyre prior to those who emigrated.

Anyone able to assist with their research can contact Jim by emailing [mfcnevada36@gmail.com](mailto:mfcnevada36@gmail.com)



A cane belonging to Edward McTaggart, inscribed with his name, the words 'Campbeltown' and 'Scotland' and the dates 1603 and 1833.



A street in Edison, Washington, was named after Edward McTaggart and, below, his home in Washington.



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If you like the look of one of our courses but want to find out more, keep an eye on our upcoming drop-in sessions. Starting early March, we'll be hosting a series of virtual events, all of which will be free to attend. Each week will focus on a specific subject area and be led by one of our expert teaching staff.

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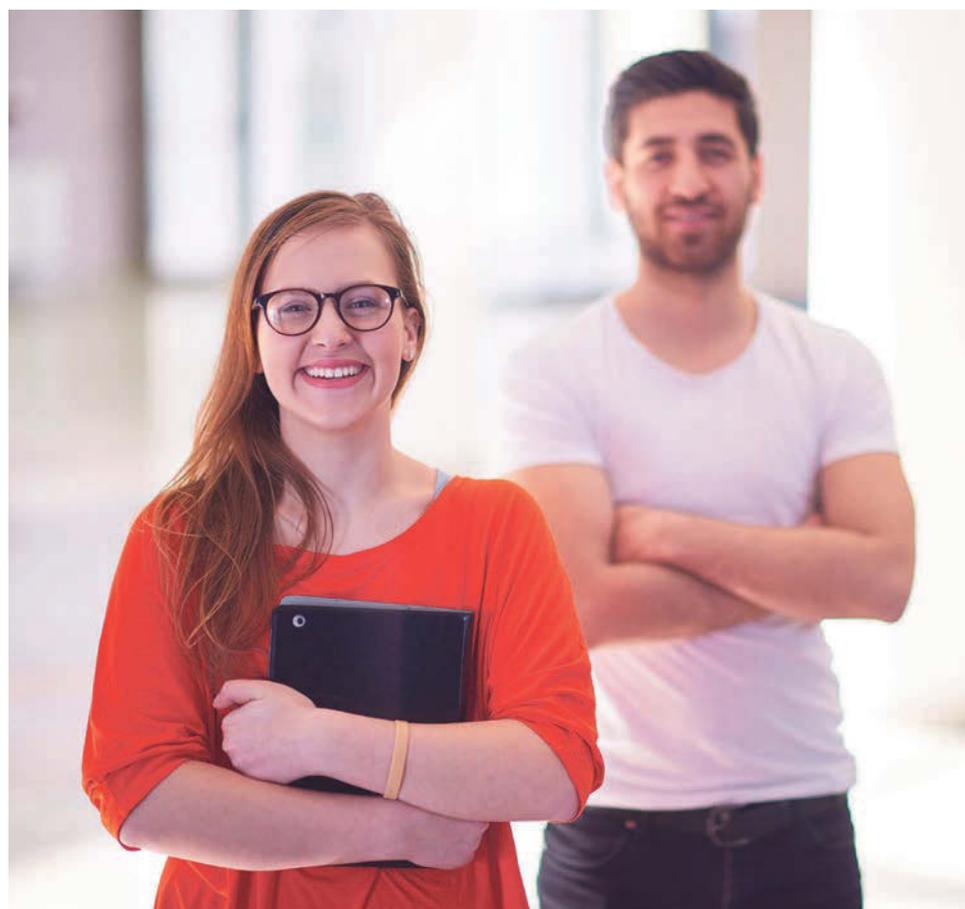
chance to meet our friendly lecturers and course leads, who may even go on to teach you in the future! There might also be an opportunity to speak to current students and hear first-hand about their experience of the course and the college so far.

Our first session on Tuesday 9th March at 6pm focuses on our SWAP Access to Nursing course, designed specifically for people who have been out of formal education for at least 3 years. It prepares adult returners pursuing a career in the health industry for entry into Higher Education and can lead to a place at college or university. Applications for the Access to Nursing course close on Monday 19th April, so the session is a great chance to find out everything you need to know.

Our second session on Wednesday 17th March at 6pm will take a look at our HNC Social Services course. A nationally recognised qualification, this course is aimed at people who want to work in a variety of social service settings and support individuals with varying needs.

For further information and a full list of all our upcoming drop-in sessions please visit our website. Although free to attend, places must be booked in advance so be sure to register your interest!

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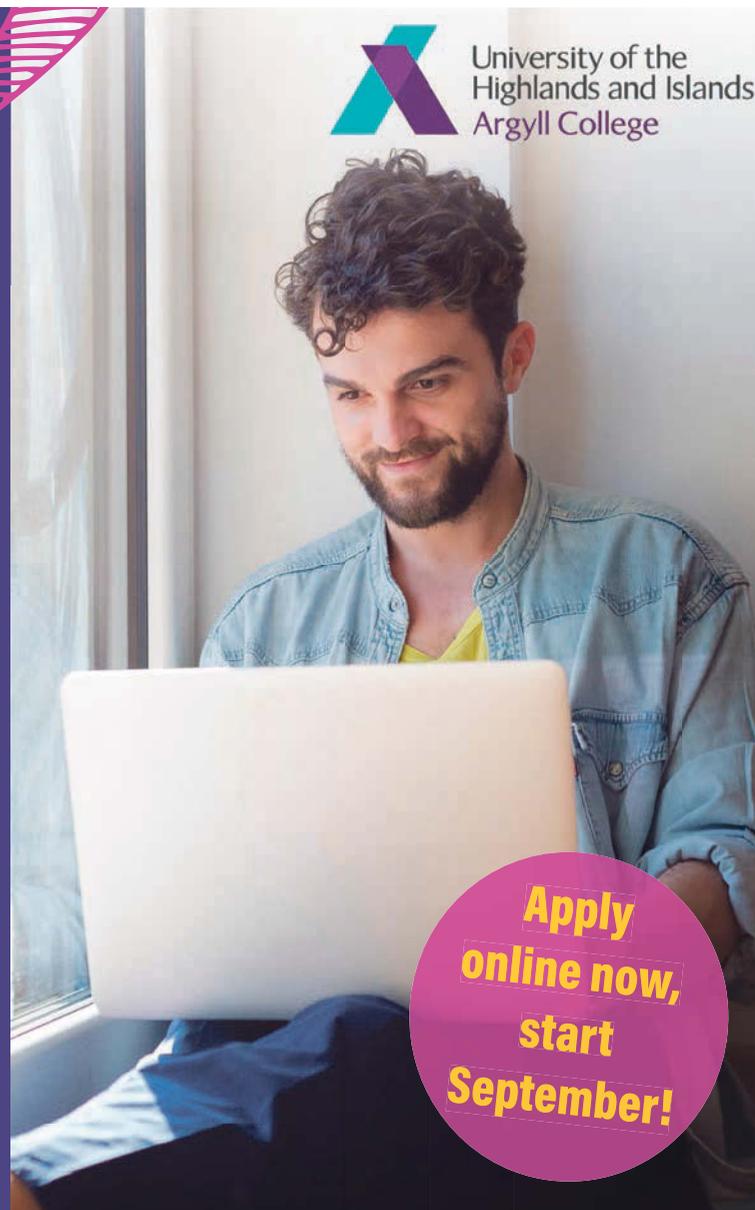
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## Thought for the Week

The Bible tells us we have a God who speaks and is full of accounts of those to whom He spoke, such as the boy Samuel during the night watches, or to the Apostle Paul in the midst of a terrible storm at sea.

Hebrews 1 v 1 affirms that in one sense, He has said all He wants to say through His son who came to our world to tell us how to have the best of this life and be assured of life in the world to come.

However, He still speaks today.

There are some who will witness to the fact He speaks out loud to them and others who catch directions in the circumstances of everyday life, how doors open and close, through the advice of good friends and by the reaction of conscience to intentions.

Those who read the Bible regularly and systematically, as opposed to opening it at random and sticking in a pin, are often amazed at how the passage for the day addresses the problems and circumstances of that day and draw from that what they believe God is telling them.

In I Kings chapter 19, we read of the Prophet Elijah feeling overwhelmed by the attacks of his enemies and the declaration of Queen Jezebel of a hunt to kill him.

In the midst of his trauma, the word of the Lord comes to him, not in a great wind nor in an earthquake nor in a fire but in a low whisper.

With all that has been going on around us over the past year we, too, may be feeling overwhelmed.

If we listen, we may hear God reminding us that He is always with us.

He is only a whisper away and in that whisper is contained all His power and love.

**Springbank Evangelical Church,  
Campbeltown.**

## TARBERT

### Flood prevention work to be completed by autumn

Major flood prevention work in Tarbert is expected to be finished by autumn this year, a report has revealed.

The upgrade to the village's sewer network has made 'significant progress' in addressing long-standing issues, it has been claimed by Scottish Water's new communities manager for the west region.

Georgie Reid also told councillors the organisation was committed to working with the community and businesses while work is ongoing.

The report was set to go before Argyll and Bute Council's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee on Wednesday March 3.

In her report, Ms Reid said: 'The old water main in Harbour Street has been successfully removed and replaced.

'Progress was impacted due to high flows on the sewer network caused by heavy rainfall and high tides and our programme was revised to take this into account.

'The next phase of the project started on Barmore Road (A83) on January 6, to carry out a watermain diversion and install a new sewer pipe.

#### Reassurance

'We also provided reassurance to stakeholders that, following the restart of our essential capital programme after lockdown, Scottish Water and its alliance partners would be ensuring all Scottish government Covid-19 guidance for the construction sector and the public is followed.

'We have taken all appropriate safety measures and precautions to protect our customers and our teams.

'This includes measures to ensure safe working and safe distancing, safe working signs and welfare arrangements.

'We are committed to working with the community and local businesses to minimise any potential impact, should work be required over the summer.

'We are currently hoping to have the work completed by autumn 2021, although this could be impacted by weather and tidal flows.'

Ms Reid also gave an update on the £2.5 million investment on the Torra Water Treatment



Major flood prevention work in Tarbert is expected to be finished by the autumn.

Works (WTW) project to improve water services on Islay, which she described as being well under way.

She said: 'A state-of-the-art Transportable Treatment Unit (TTU) was delivered under police escort by land and sea in November to its permanent home at Torra WTW.

'It will boost supplies, providing an additional 70,000 litres of drinking water every day to around 1,900 customers in Bowmore and Port Ellen areas.

'It is part of an ongoing programme of works on the island.

'Scottish Water thanks Argyll and Bute Council and communities for their collaboration and support.

'Planning for a new pipe bridge has been approved to cross the River Torra north east of the treatment works.

'This will support a short section of the 2k new raw water main being installed north of Torra WTW.

'The new TTU should be in operation from spring following the mains installation.

'This project is part of an ongoing programme of works on the island to upgrade water pipes to ensure customers continue to enjoy clear, fresh drinking water and reduce the chance of pipes bursting.'

## ISLAY

### Primary pupils congratulated on internet safety award

Pupils at Islay's Port Ellen Primary School have been congratulated after achieving a Cyber Resilience and Internet Safety (CR-IS) award.

It is designed to provide education professionals with the resources and support required to help pupils safely navigate the digital world.

Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron said: 'It's good to know Port Ellen Primary School is engaging so successfully with this innovative scheme and I would like to offer my hearty congratulations to pupils on gaining this award. Whether we like it or not, our children inhabit a digital world and we must do everything possible to keep them safe.'

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Alastair Redman added: 'Living on an island affords no protection from potential harm on the internet and our children need to be taught how to navigate the web just as they need to be able to navigate across a busy road.'

CR-IS was developed by Digital Schools Awards Scotland in partnership with Education Scotland and the Child Protection Unit.

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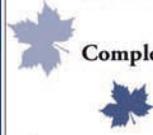


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In 2021 the day falls on Sunday March 14 and that is just two days before the anniversary of the Covid-19 lockdown.

Let's all be honest here - since that fateful day on March 16 2020 it has been our mothers who have been putting in the overtime.

We're not dissing all the dads (we love you too, and your day will come on Sunday June 20).

But it has been our mums who have been the glue holding families together; any quick poll would show that yes, it is women who still do the major share of the housework and child care.

Alongside that they have been working from home while juggling home schooling. Add to that the fact that we are all in the house all day so that is an awful lot more cooking going on - and all this while some families have had to cope on reduced budgets.

Not only have mums been acting like glue

to keep us all sticking together through Covid they have also been juggling, plate-spinning, multi-tasking marvels to boot!

And when our mums have needed support and advice, who have they been turning to? Chances are it is their mums and their mum's mum so let's hear it for the grannies and the great-grandmothers too!

They all deserve the absolute best we can give them this year - alongside the flowers and chocs and breakfast in bed. So arrange a takeaway from one of our many establishments still open or shop for extra special ingredients for, and cook up a, Mother's Day Sunday lunch.

You could get an extra treat lined up for when the time comes that lockdown is over. Perhaps a voucher for a pampering session at a spa, hairdressers or beauticians or whisk her away for a weekend break; perhaps arrange a girls afternoon tea for your mum and grannies and aunts.

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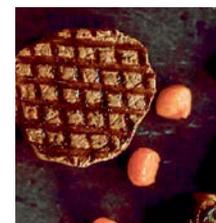
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# Supporting farmers' mental health in tough times

New research will explore which interventions can best support the mental health and wellbeing of people in Scotland's farming and crofting communities.

Led by the University of Stirling and Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), the study will explore the preferences of farming and crofting people and establish their views, uptake and acceptability of two possible interventions.

One will deliver emotional and social support – including financial advice – and the other will be an online psychological therapy specifically developed for the farming and crofting community.

Four-fifths of farmers under the age of 40 consider mental health to be the biggest hidden problem facing the agricul-

tural community. Depression in farmers is increasing and suicide rates are among the highest in any occupational group. It is currently estimated one agricultural worker per week takes their own life.

Margaret Maxwell, professor of health services and mental health research at the University of Stirling, said: "The underlying reasons for poor mental health among the farming and crofting community lies in the unique social, environmental and economic challenges of rural food production. Therefore an intervention that is targeted towards helping farmers and crofters cope with these issues may be more acceptable and beneficial. We know that farmers are more likely to turn to their own communities



Many struggle with the weight of farming and crofting life.

Photograph: SRUC.

for support than to health or social work authorities, with many preferring to engage with advice from colleagues such as vets or use anonymous

supports such as telephone or online resources.

However, there is no current knowledge concerning preferences, and acceptability

or uptake, of remote interventions and how these can best be signposted to farmers and crofters.

Dr Kate Stephen, behavioural scientist at SRUC, added: "There are always challenges in this sector and farmers and crofters are used to having to cope, often by themselves. At times, it can feel overwhelming. It's not clear what support is available and it's not always easy to ask for help.

"This project is looking at what types of support farmers and crofters could benefit from and how this could be adapted to suit them best.

"We're interested in the wider farming and crofting communities. We're thinking about how to get in early, to prevent things getting worse, how to help farming and crofting

people to recognise when they are struggling in themselves and what 'tools' help them to turn things around.

"We would also like to hear from people from farming and crofting communities who understand what it feels like to struggle. We'd like to include people who don't usually pick up the phone to ask for help."

The study will be conducted in the NHS Highland area and the Shetland Islands and researchers are looking for volunteers to take part in early-stage interviews and focus groups. A pilot study of the interventions will recruit 40 members of the farming and crofting community.

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**Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc**

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010  
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Notice is hereby given that Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc a company registered in Scotland under number SC213460 having its registered office at Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth PH1 3AQ plans to hold an online pre-application consultation event between

**2pm - 6pm on Thursday 15 of April 2021**

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**Mull - 560 36' 14.400" N, 60 16' 1.560" W  
Coll - 560 40' 46.312" N, 60 27' 22.104" W**

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Comments on this licensable marine activity should be dated and clearly state the name (in block capitals) and full return email or postal address of those making comment. Comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. If Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution submits an application for a marine licence to Scottish Ministers, an opportunity will be given for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the application.



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Advice, details and application forms are available from the Convener via email:

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## DEATHS

**CURRIE** - Peacefully at his home in Bonnybridge on February 22, 2021, John, age 75 years, formerly of Campbeltown, Argyll, loving husband of Glenda and much loved father of Joanne and John, due to current funeral restrictions, a private family funeral service will be held for John.

**GALBRAITH** - Peacefully after a short illness at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on February 27, 2021, Helen Elizabeth Galbraith (Lizzie) in her 90th year, 65 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Neil Wylie Galbraith and Helen Campbell Galbraith and a much loved sister and aunt. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Lizzie's funeral will take place on Monday, March 8. The cortege will leave the home address at 1.00pm after a short prayer. We will travel along Davaar Avenue, The Roading, Longrow, Aqualibrium Avenue and past the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Lizzie may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

**JOHNSTON** - Peacefully at home, 28 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, on March 1, 2021, Isabella Craig Semple (Ella) in her 95th year, formerly of Marchfield Farm and 11 Dell Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Archibald Johnston, much loved mum of John, Margaret and the late James, mother-in-law of Morag and Donald, loving granny of Sharon, Archie, Donald and Fiona, great granny of Caryn, Robert, Ryan, Kyle, Emma and Murray and a loving sister to Richard and the late Robert. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Ella's funeral will take place (today) Friday, March 5. The cortege will leave the home address at 1.00 pm after a short prayer. We will travel along The Roading, Longrow, Aqualibrium Avenue and past the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Ella may do so along our route. Please remember to

observe social distancing.  
**MACINTYRE** - Unexpectedly at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban on February 28, 2021, Angus David (Gus) MacIntyre, in his 67th year, of 11 Dochas Place Lochgilthead. Formerly of Strathbrenfield and Ardrishaig, and Millknowe and Longrow, Campbeltown. Dearly loved Dad of Vicky, Christine and Heather. Adored Papa Bear and Grand-Papa. Much respected father-in-law of Johnny and Kristian. A dear brother of Sheena and the late Jim, and dear brother-in-law. Much loved uncle and great uncle. A private funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium on Thursday, March 4, 2021. Sadly missed.

**MACLULLICH** - On February 9, 2021, suddenly at home, Janet (Annette) Anne MacLulich, née Graham, in her 85th year, beloved wife of the late Duncan and much loved mother of Alasdair and the late Peter, dearly loved sister of the late Alastair and Duncan, dear sister-in-law of Ishbel. A private funeral service, owing to current restrictions will take place at Carrick Cemetery. For those wishing to pay their respects the cortege will leave Tarbert Fish Quay (today) Friday, March 5, at 11.30am proceed along Harbour Street on route to the Cemetery.

**MCMANUS** - Michael McManus, March 31, 1956 - March 1, 2021. The family of Michael (Mick) McManus are sad to announce his passing on March 1, 2021 in his 65th year. We would like to thank everyone for their kind words and messages and Father Emmet O'Dowd for his spiritual comfort.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**BUCHANAN** - Innes, Elaine and family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, phone calls and messages following the sad loss of Thelma. Special thanks to Karen McEachran who provided so much special care for Thelma. Thanks to Kenneth Blair and team for their guidance and professionalism, the Rev Steve Fulcher for his comforting service. Finally we would like to thank everyone who paid their respects to Thelma on her journey to Kilkerran Cemetery.

**MACSWEEN** - With heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Lady Marjory MacSween. Wife of

the late Professor Sir Roddy MacSween, irreplaceable mother of Ruth and Gordon, mother in law to Graeme and Jo, beloved Granny Mac to grandchildren Ben, Tess, Jamie, Sammy and Alex, she will be missed by all. She was a true force of nature in her time, and those who knew her will miss her joie de vivre, her soup, her baking, and her general enthusiasm for all things, especially family, friends, golf, and garden. Determined, strong, competitive, witty, and sharp as a tac to the end, her legendary putt-sinking, card-sharpening and crossword-solving skills and her utterly indomitable spirit will live on for some time, we suspect. A fitting Celebration of Life will be held at a later date - Ruth and Gordon will confirm when lock down allows.

**MCLEAN** - Martha, Myra, Sandy and families would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all for phone calls, messages, cards, flowers, baking and hampers received following the sad loss of Willie. Also to the following, who cared for Willie in such a compassionate way - staff at Campbeltown Hospital, Caroline Henderson, and the Community Nurses, Carr Gomm Carers, and the Ambulance Staff. Also to Mari Allibone for all her invaluable help. To Kenny Blair and family for such a professional and caring service, and to Rev. Steve Fulcher for his care, and for a beautiful service at the graveside. Also to all those who paid their respects as Willie made his final journey. All the kindness shown to us has been greatly appreciated.

**MUNRO** - The family of the late Charlie Munro would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards and messages received following their recent sad loss. We would like to thank all the NHS and Macmillan staff, with a special thanks to Dr

Hutchison at Mid Argyll Hospital and Dr Ogilvie, Donna, Sandra, Gillian and Karen at Oban Hospital; for all their care and attention they gave to Charlie over the last few years. Our thanks to Belinda Braithwaite of the Humanist Society for a personal and uplifting ceremony; Donald MacDonald for caring and efficient arrangements; Corinna for beautiful floral tributes, and to the gravediggers for their attendance at the service. Finally, our thanks to all who paid their respects as the funeral cortege travelled to Achtnabreac Cemetery.

## IN MEMORIAM

**BROWN** - Janet Nicolson McLean, passed away February 28, 2021. We think of you in silence We often speak your name But all we have are memories  
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**MCMILLAN** - It's been a tough year Gordon A year without touch No hugs from the family Miss them so much It won't be forever We'll be together someday But our reunion with you son Stays further away. Loved and missed always.

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## Campbeltown's Colin joins Team Scotland staff

A Campbeltown man has joined the staff of Commonwealth Games Scotland.

Colin Millar, who grew up in Kintyre and attended Campbeltown Grammar School, has taken on the role of head of marketing and communications for Team Scotland.

Colin was most recently senior operations manager at Hibernian Football Club, having previously worked as senior communications and marketing manager, shaping Hibs' internal and external marketing strategies.

He credits experiences with the sportscotland Young People's Sports Panel and the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games, where he participated in the Commonwealth Youth Leadership Programme 33Fifty, as catalysts in his career in sport.

Colin said: 'I am delighted to be joining Commonwealth Games Scotland and look forward to working with our sport governing bodies, athletes and partners in the lead up to Birmingham 2022 and beyond.'

'It is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the success of Team Scotland and use our athletes' stories to engage and inspire the Scottish public.'

'I know the passion, dedication and professionalism that exists in the sector and am keen to leverage that to help raise the profile of sport.'



# Celebrating Scotland's sports heritage stories

A new project will celebrate Scotland's sporting heritage and aims for a better understanding of it and the collections that exist across the country, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Museums, community groups, sports clubs and individuals are coming together with the Scotland Sporting Heritage Network for the launch of a scoping project, made possible through a National Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

They will work to discover, protect, preserve and celebrate the wide variety of Scotland's sporting collections.

Hugh Dan MacLennan, director of the Scotland Sporting Heritage Network, who is overseeing the project, said: 'We are delighted to receive this funding from the National Heritage Lottery Fund that will really help us to understand the collections which exist in Scotland that tell the story of our rich sporting heritage.'

'Without this joint effort by all those involved to try and gain as much understanding and information as we can, we know there will be collections that are at risk of loss or de-

struction and, with them, the stories they tell. If you have a sporting collection, no matter what size or sport, please get in touch.'

It is hoped the project will also support Scotland's sporting collections to be better understood and help identify the role sport plays in wider issues around health and wellbeing.

The research is being conducted by archive specialists Turnstone Consultancy.

Research lead Kat Petersen added: 'Sporting heritage might be tidily boxed up in an archive or accumulating in a cupboard in your office or clubhouse.'

'However it is being stored or displayed, if you have any records or objects relating to sports in Scotland we would love to hear from you.'

If anyone is aware of any sporting collections which may be of interest, or at risk in some way, an online survey is available for completion.

Contact [turnstonearch@gmail.com](mailto:turnstonearch@gmail.com) for more information.

Further details on the project can be found on the [www.sportingheritage.org.uk](http://www.sportingheritage.org.uk) website.



Kintyre has a rich sporting heritage dating back centuries. This photograph shows members of Machrihanish Golf Club in 1884.



The now-disbanded Drumlemble Football Club in 1919/20 after winning the Charity Cup. Photograph: Willie McMillan.

## Delayed Dunaverty medal played

The wind and rain which blighted play the previous week took a break for Dunaverty Golf Club's delayed January medal competition last Saturday.

A dry, mild and calm day helped the participants produce some good scores.

Whilst the winner was out on his own, the next five places were close with four competitors returning the same score and placings having to be decided on better inward halves.

Kieran McGeachy earned himself a cut in his handicap by returning an excellent nett 58 to win on the day. He was followed closely by the consistent Bobby Dalziel with a nett 62.

The next four all carded nett 64s and had to be separated by their inward scores with one place being decided on the last six holes.

Ross Sinclair had the best scratch score with a 67.

Result: 1 Kieran McGeachy 84-26=58; 2 Bobby Dalziel 72-10=62; 3 Roddy MacDonald 70-6=64 (best last six); 4 Ross Sinclair 67-3=64 (bih); 5 Robert Coffield 73-9=64 (bih); 6 Sandy Watson 75-11=64.



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