 **DON'T FORGET** TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS **FORWARD** 1 HOUR THIS WEEKEND

We need a firm fix now



by Fiona Scott
fscott@obantimes.co.uk 

Lack of certainty over the long-term solution for the A83 has been widely criticised by politicians and other interested parties this week.

An announcement by Transport Scotland last week stated that 'major progress on all fronts' had been made, but failed to provide a clear timeline.

Cross-party group Argyll First has campaigned relentlessly for a permanent solution to the issue and member Councillor Donald Kelly told the Courier: 'A public enquiry has to be carried out to investigate the whole scenario. The proposed 10-year time scale is totally unacceptable and we will continue to campaign to ensure this is fast tracked.'

'As the summer approaches and the weather becomes drier, as in previous years, in all probability, the disruption will slow down.'

'Therefore when the new government is elected it will be vitally important to keep the pressure on to ensure that

Over the last two years in particular, the A83 has been closed at the Rest and Be Thankful numerous times due to landslides.

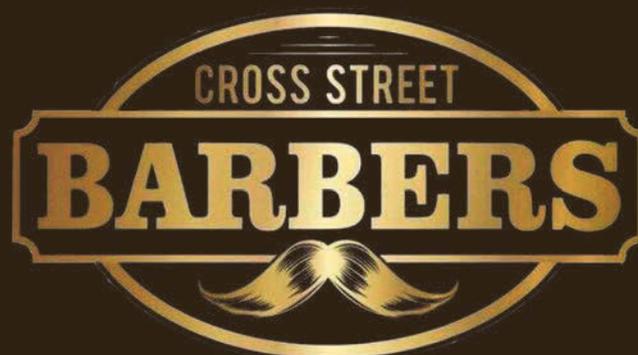
Continued on page two.

RE-OPEN 5TH APRIL

Book via link on our Facebook / Instagram, the Nearcut app or call/text Jamie on 07949 162 548

Walk-ins between 8AM - 10AM exclusively for OAP's. Late night openings remain walk-ins

@crossstreetbarbers



Striking a musical memory chord

by Fiona Scott
fscott@obantimes.co.uk



A Campbeltown charity is hitting the right notes after signing up to become a Playlist for Life help point.

Adding to a wide range of activities offered to its clients, Shopper-Aide is offering this latest service, which creates a musical memory collection for individuals through the popular phone buddy service.

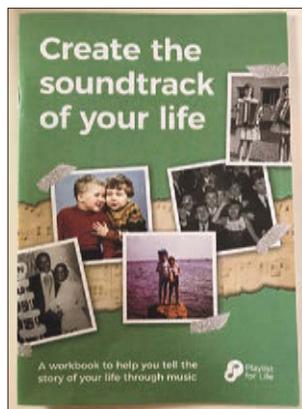
'A person's 'playlist for life' is all the songs or pieces of music that make up the soundtrack of their life,' explained Shopper-Aide project development co-ordinator Sarah McFadzean. The tunes that give them that 'flashback-feel-

Shopper-Aide adds to its activities

ing' whenever they hear them; that take them back, to another time, person or place.

'This is an opportunity to connect and the process of conversation and remembering days gone by is enjoyed as much as listening to the end result when the playlist is produced.'

A Playlist for Life booklet is available to help guide relatives, friends or carers build a playlist through a series of conversations with the person



it is for. 'Whether face to face - you might live together - or on the telephone or using a virtual platform, you should use the method which works best for you and your situation,' added

The booklet that can be obtained from Shopper-Aide to help create musical memories.

Sarah. Shopper-Aide Ltd was established in Campbeltown in April 2011 in response to the issue of social isolation to provide services and support for older people with volunteers.

As a Playlist for Life help point, Shopper-Aide can provide information about creating and using a personal playlist.

Email office@shopper-aide.org or knock on the door of the Longrow office and pick up a leaflet to get started.



The Old Military Road has also been blighted by closures.

We need a firm fix on the A83 Rest now

Continued from page one.

there is no loss of momentum.' John Erskine, Scottish Labour candidate for the Highlands and Islands, said: 'Any progress on finding a lasting solution to the Rest and Be Thankful is, of course, welcome but without any additional information on timescales, communities in Argyll and Bute will remain concerned about the pace of the proposals.'

Mr Erskine, opposition spokesman for energy, connectivity and the islands, raised concerns over what he called a central belt bias.

And Donald Cameron, the Conservative Highlands and Islands MSP, said the announcement 'failed' to commit the Scottish Government to a firm date and raised the issue in First Minister's Questions.

Mr Cameron said: 'Once again, the supposed need for consultation and statutory processes was used as an excuse for procrastination.'

He said the SNP had promised a solution for 14 years but the area still had 'no idea when, if ever, there will be a permanent solution'.

'This failure to provide any assurances is a huge blow to businesses and communities

across Argyll and Bute,' he said. Transport Scotland revealed last week that the Glen Croe corridor, option one in the recent consultation, was the preferred option for a long-term fix and that 'in recognition of a need to act quickly, further short and medium-term mitigation works have also been identified'.

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Michael Matheson MSP said: 'Identifying the preferred route corridor is a major step forward for this vital work and we are now pushing forward to look at five alternative options within that online corridor and starting the process shortly to appoint design consultants for this work.'

'Following substantial public feedback our future assessment work will place particular emphasis on the timescale to deliver these options. I have asked Transport Scotland to accelerate the preparation and delivery of the scheme where possible given the importance of the route to local communities and road users.'

See open letter from John Gurr, chairman of The Rest and Be Thankful Campaign, on the letters page eight.

POLICE FILES

Theft of quad bikes

Between March 17 and 18, three quad bikes were stolen in the Campbeltown area and later recovered by police. Several men have been traced and enquiries continue.

Warrant

A 34-year-old man was arrested for allegedly attempting to pervert the course of justice around 10.30am on Friday March 18 at Garval Road, Tarbert.

On checking his details, it was found there was a warrant outstanding for

his arrest. The man was subsequently charged and held for court and a report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Vandalism

Police are investigating two incidents of vandalism. The first took place between 2pm on Friday March 5 and 4pm on Sunday March 14 on Sound of Kintyre, Machrihanish, when a building was damaged and taps were left running causing it to flood.

The second incident took place around 8.30pm on Tuesday March 16 at Longrow when damage was caused to a window within a communal stairwell.

Motoring offences

Police stopped a motor vehicle around 8.15pm on Thursday March 18, near the A83 in Tarbert.

The driver, a 35-year-old man, was charged with using the vehicle without a valid MOT test certificate, having a tyre below the legal pressure limit, insufficient levels of washer fluid and a headlight and brake light not in working order.

A report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

Assault

On Sunday March 21 at Main Street, Campbeltown, a 67-year-old man reportedly

assaulted three people. Police arrested and charged the man and a report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

Sheep killed

A dog is believed to have attacked a sheep around 4pm on Friday March 19 in a field near Kilberry Road, Tarbert.

The sheep later died. Police are investigating the incident.

Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information on the above or any incident to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Gordon & Strathern Ltd

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

- Porches
- Extensions,
- Roofline
- Windows & Doors



TEL 01631 720074 or 07776402550
sales@homeimprovementsargyll.co.uk
www.homeimprovementsargyll.co.uk

It's a question of sport for newshound Jamie McIvor

by Fiona Scott
fscott@obantimes.co.uk



Former Courier reporter Jamie McIvor's career in broadcasting took an unexpected twist at the weekend in a high profile environment.

Jamie had to provide the match report on Sunday's Old Firm derby for the main BBC1 network news shown across the UK.

In his 25-year career in national journalism and 22 years at the BBC, he has never worked as a sports reporter. And he insists Sunday won't be the start of a new career.

He said: 'I sometimes cover the network news reporting shift in Glasgow and was on duty on Sunday.'

'For various reasons, none of the sports reporters were free to put a match report together for the early evening network bulletin at short notice once

And a new role beckons for the Campbeltown man

it was decided that one was needed.

'I'm always happy to help my colleagues out. Sports reporting is the one thing I wouldn't claim to have professional expertise in though, of course, a professional should always be able to turn their hand to anything.'

Jamie's BBC career has included stints as Westminster reporter and business correspondent and he was education correspondent until recently.

He also covered the events of September 11 2001 while he was in New York.

Top flight football is the one thing he has never covered nor, he admits, had any personal ambition to cover.

He recently moved back to general news in a new role where he'll be expected to provide expert background, analysis and context across a range of topics.

Jamie, 48, grew up on Calton Avenue. His father Don worked in Campbeltown Creamery for many years.

His aunt, Rev Anne McIvor, is the former minister of Bowmore and Gigha.

He normally returns to the town over the summer months but over the past year he has only been able to travel down twice because of lockdown restrictions.

He said: 'Normally getting back at the weekend is a good way of keeping my work and personal life separate but, of



Jamie McIvor was left holding the ball for the Old Firm match at the weekend.

course, that isn't possible just now.

'But hopefully it won't be long until we can do this again.'

Jamie worked for the Courier while he was still a pupil at Campbeltown Grammar School and rejoined after he graduated from the University of Strathclyde with a degree in modern history and politics.

He added: 'The last time I did a match report was at Kintyre Park but I think my time at the Courier was very definitely a lesson that if you ever make a mistake there can be consequences.'

For the record, on Sunday Rangers and Celtic drew 1-1 and Jamie admitted that no-one at BBC Sport is worried for their job.

'Part of my job just now involves carefully analysing the Covid figures and vaccination figures,' he continued.

'There will be a lot more of that to do in the coming weeks and months but I probably won't be working out goal differences again.'

'Still, in normal times, one of the nicest things about my job is that it is never predictable.'

'This proves that even just now, when our focus is on the most difficult ongoing story we've ever had to cover, this is still the case and the job can still be a joy too.'

Harbour restrictions at Port Askaig in April



Re-surfacing works planned at Port Askaig for last year will now take place from Monday April 19 to Wednesday April 28, meaning changes to the CalMac ferry timetable to and from Islay.

The work, which will be carried out in-house by Argyll and Bute Council, was postponed last year because of Covid-19 restrictions.

The areas being resurfaced include the marshalling area, through lanes and exit lane.

The timetable changes will

help to reduce the time it takes to do the work by around a third. It is hoped this will minimise disruption for residents and businesses and reduce the potential for disruption to ferry marshalling and turnaround.

Daily CalMac sailings departing 10am from Kennacraig will sail to Port Askaig as normal. The 1pm departing from Kennacraig will be diverted to Port Ellen. Travellers should refer to CalMac's website for updated timetable changes.

The Jura to Islay ferry will not be affected but delays to traffic are likely.

Councillor Rory Colville, policy lead for Roads and Infrastructure Services, said: 'The current condition of the road surface is poor. It's important this work gets completed, so we've been in close contact with CalMac to plan the most efficient way to get it done.'

'Restricting access to the harbour for a week will let us get the materials in and work

straight through. It also means we can keep the public and the workers safe. I'd like to thank everyone in advance for their patience.'

Robert Morrison, director of operations for CalMac, added: 'We are working closely with Argyll and Bute Council to ensure any disruption to passengers will be kept to a minimum.'

The temporary timetable will be shared with communities and posted on the CalMac website.



ARGYLL REMOVALS & STORAGE

- REMOVALS • STORAGE
- HOUSE CLEARANCE

Phone Duncan on 01852 200378 or 07919 122570
or email: info@argyllremovals.co.uk

Stoddarts

USED MACHINES



HONDA TRX500FM6 ROAD
REGISTERED, POWER STEERING, I.R.I.S.
2018 £5,500+ VAT



HONDA TRX500FM1 ROAD
REGISTERED FULLY SERVICED, NEW
TYRES C/W ROAD TRAILER
£4,900+VAT

LOGIC TRAILERS
AND FLAIL MOWERS
IN STOCK

HONDA TRX420FM2 POWER
STEERING, FULLY SERVICED ETC NEW
TYRES 2018 £4,700

DELIVERY
AND FINANCE
ARRANGED

AGENTS FOR YAMAHA OUTBOARDS - SALES & SERVICE • PIONER BOATS
HONDA ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES - SALES AND SERVICE • LOGIC ATV EQUIPMENT

TEL: 01631 564176 Mob: 07799 692072 john.stoddarts@btconnect.com www.stoddartsofoban.co.uk

Happy lockdown birthday



Mia Armour

Mia Armour, from Campbeltown, is nine today, Friday March 26. This is her second birthday in lockdown but she is looking forward to spending it at home with her family and having a little garden party.

With the country still in lockdown, people are unable to celebrate their birthdays with friends and extended family as they perhaps normally would.

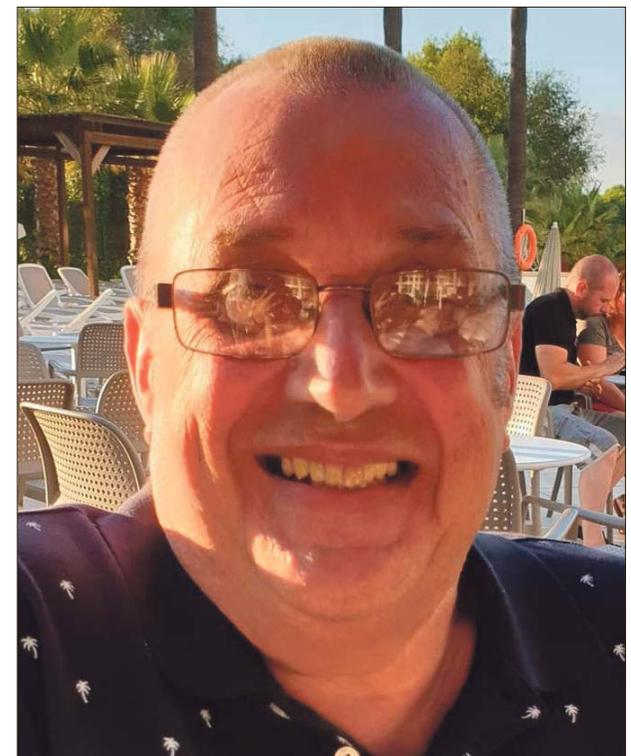
To help make their day a little more special, the Courier would like to give a shout-out to everyone celebrating a lockdown birthday, including these birthday girls and boys.

Don't forget to let us know about your friend or family member's lockdown birthday and we will give them a shout-out too. Email a photograph to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk including their full name, age, birthday, where they are from and a bit about how they celebrated or plan to celebrate.



Jake Ronald

Jake Ronald from Southend, celebrates his 21st birthday tomorrow, March 27. Happy 21st birthday Jake, love from all the family. Jake will spend his lockdown birthday busy lambing on the farm.



Geoff Spree

Campbeltown's Geoff Spree will be marking his 70th birthday on Sunday March 28 with a small celebration at home. All his family send him lots of love.

Argyll and Bute TSI appoints new chief executive

Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI) has announced the appointment of Takki Sulaiman as its new chief executive.

A trustee of the Friends of St Conan's Kirk in Lochawe and the UK-wide domestic violence prevention and training charity SafeLives, the 51-year-old has worked for the English family court service since 2006.

'It is a real honour... to work with such a dynamic network where I live.'

'We moved as a family to Argyll in 2015 but I commuted to work in Aberdeen, then to Greenwich in London,' explained Mr Sulaiman.

'It is a real honour to be given

the opportunity to work with such a dynamic network where I live and now work. I am fully committed to building upon the strong foundation put in place at the TSI over the past three years.'

Peter McDill, chairman of the trustees, added: 'Takki is a local man who demonstrated to the board a strong understanding of Argyll and Bute and of the third sector.

'Takki has a strong track record in partnership working, most recently in a local authority setting where he successfully steered a new approach to working with the voluntary sector through co-production - ensuring the expertise, vision and values of the third sector were at the heart of commissioning local services.

'The TSI board is confident

that Takki is the right person to lead Argyll and Bute TSI in the next phase of its development.'

Adding to an impressive CV, Mr Sulaiman also has an MSc in Social Policy and Planning from the London School of Economics and a BA Hons in Politics from the University of Warwick.

New TSI chief executive Takki Sulaiman.



HIGHLAND FASTENERS LTD

DEAL

**Bahco S160
Socket Set of 16
Metric 1/4in Drive**

The socket set offers the most popular sizes sockets, a selection of bits and extensions plus a ratchet offering multiple positions.

**ONLY
£20.00
exc. vat!!!**

Highland Fasteners Ltd, 23-25 Stevenson Street, Oban, Argyll
01631 570584 e-mail sales@highlandfasteners.com

BAHCO



Talented grammar trio gain top art acclaim



Three talented artists from Campbeltown Grammar School have earned national acclaim in the Royal Scottish Academy Schools Art Award 2021.

Work by Jennifer McMurchy and Catriona Newman, both S4, and Ellie McNair, S6, won Highly Commended awards in this year's competition.

The art award has been running since

1986 and is considered by teachers to be one of the most prestigious awards made to pupils. The award has no theme with the emphasis on skills of technique, observation and interpretation. In particular, judges award prizes for work which displays creativity and originality.

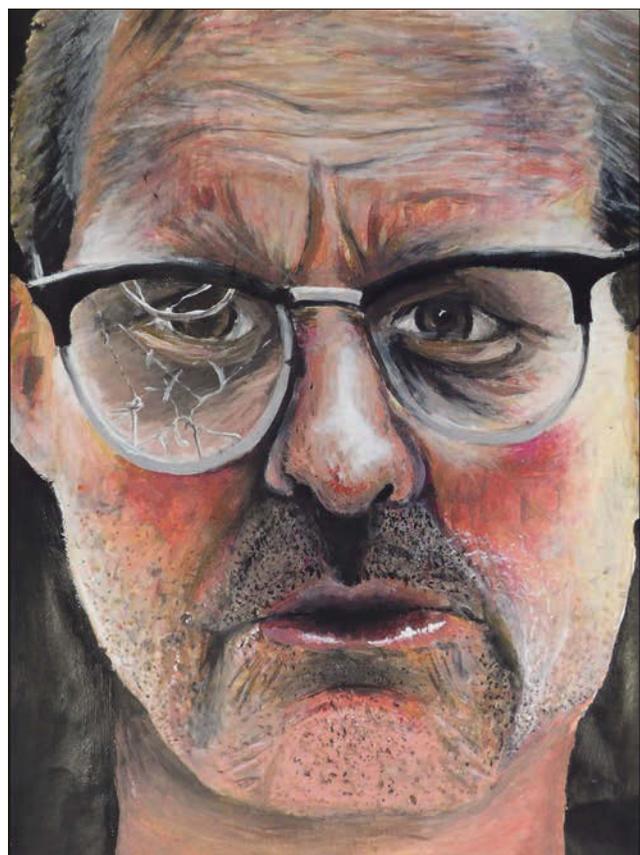
Peter Lewis, teacher of art and design at Campbeltown Grammar School, said:

'There were more than 700 works entered this year so this is a great achievement for the girls. Lockdown has been tough on everyone and they have kept up their work despite that, so they should be really pleased with this achievement.'

Due to uncertainty with the Covid 19 pandemic, this year's Art Award will be online from April 23.



The paintings by, from top to bottom, Catriona Newman, S4; Ellie McNair, S6; and Jennifer McMurchy, S4, which received Highly Commended awards.



If you regularly care for family or friends who need extra support, it's time to roll up your sleeve.



Providing face-to-face care can be anything from doing the shopping and preparing meals to giving personal and practical support.

If that sounds like you, find out if you're eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine by visiting nhsinform.scot/carersregister or calling **0800 030 8013**

#WeAreScotland



FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday March 25 2011
Airbase: it's ours at last!

A new chapter in the history of Kintyre has begun with confirmation that the community buy-out of the former Machrihanish Airbase has been successful.

For the independently-valued price of £1, Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) can now buy the base, which stretches to more than 1,000 acres and is home to Campbeltown Airport and the Skykon factory.

Ian Wardrop, chairman of MACC, said: 'This is arguably the largest and most complex buy-out ever.'

'It was the first time a second ballot was required but there was an amazing 94 per cent support from community members who voted. There are many organisations and individuals who gave their time, effort and financial support to achieve this unprecedented result.'

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday March 22 1996
Wee Toon workers' nightmare

Campbeltown is one of the hardest places in Scotland to find a job.

Using government figures, analysts at Durham University have calculated there are 37.5 people chasing every job vacancy in the Campbeltown Travel to Work Area.

The figures for the three months up to January were 24.3 people chasing each vacancy.

The February figures put Campbeltown and surrounding area at the top of the league table in Scotland for numbers of unemployed per vacancy.

Islay and Mid Argyll were seventh in the table with 20.5 people chasing each job, while Oban was 31st with 9.8.

Bottom of the table, the easiest place to find work, was Aberdeen.

Since Durham University prepared its figures, Campbeltown has suffered two major jobs losses.

Mull of Kintyre Seafood is expected to close next month with the loss of 50 jobs and last



In 2011: Ryan McLachlan, aged 11, of Campbeltown, was the first winner in the 2011 Mid Argyll Music Festival, winning first place in the chanter competition.

relief were disposed of, and the roll of outdoor poor was revised, several alterations in the payments made to individuals being sanctioned.

Bailie Campbell, in connection with the usage whereby children in receipt of Parish Council assistance are struck off the roll on attaining the age of 14 years, suggested that the rule should not be rigidly enforced, but that allowances should be continued as long as children remained in school.

Such a concession might be a help to bright pupils and, in the case of others, it would keep them off the streets and out of harm till such time as they secured employment.

Mr M'Arthur thought it was a waste of time keeping children in school after 14.

Pupils of exceptional educational promise might be helped on the recommendations of responsible authorities but, as for the others, the best service that could be done them would be to assist in securing employment for them, and particularly with regard to girls, getting them into domestic service.

Temperance report

Rev Mr MacLeod, as convener of the Temperance Committee, submitted his annual report on temperance.

He said it had been hoped that the report this year would be of exceptional interest, but the No-Licence Poll taken last November showed they had still a long way to go before they reached the goal of their desires.

There was little cause for elation in the present situation, but still there was no reason to be discouraged.

The failure of the efforts on behalf of No-Licence last November was due to the apathy of Christian men and women and to their indifference to the terrible effects of the drink traffic.

They congratulated their Arran brethren on the magnificent fight they had put up and the splendid result achieved.

Shiskine had been the prime factor in the struggle and there great things had been done but in the north end good work had also been achieved, against odds.

Mr MacLeod emphasised the need for no slackening of effort in bringing home to the minds and consciences of the people their duty in relation to the drink traffic and advised especially the education of the young with regard to this matter.

There was plenty of room for increased effort in these directions in all congregations of the Presbytery.

Mr MacLeod was thanked for his report.

month Campbeltown Shipyard laid off 20 men, about one-third of its workforce.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday March 25 1971
Fishermen backed to the hilt

Campbeltown Town Council is to urge the government to take 'every possible step' to protect Scottish fishermen's interests if Britain enters the Common Market.

A resolution submitted by Mr AIB Stewart, secretary of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, was unanimously accepted at a meeting of the council and representatives from the fishing industry.

Fishermen stand to lose the protection of a 12-mile fishing limit if the country joins the Common Market.

Mr Stewart said, with a trace of witty sarcasm: 'Of course, in return we could fish in the Mediterranean.'

He then referred to the large quantity of herring which was bought in Scotland by

other countries, whose once huge fishings have finished. 'They have over-fished their own grounds. Three-quarters of the herring landed in Britain are caught between the Clyde and the Minches,' he revealed.

If the limit was abolished, Mr Stewart went on, foreigners would not send carrier boats, but ships to catch fish.

He concluded by wondering what would happen to communities like Campbeltown, Carradale and Tarbert and places all around.

Mr William McAffer, of Tarbert, said his main fear was unemployment.

'If we lose the limit, we will lose our identity,' he said.

And Councillor Henry Moffat warned: 'We're going to finish up with plenty of empty boats and more men on the dole. People's livelihoods are at stake now.'

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday March 26 1921
The Poor Roll

A considerable number of applications for poor

GET INVOLVED

email: editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Join us in our
**Slimming
World
Virtual Group**

All the support and inspiration you need plus access to our members-only website and app, and digital magazine



Virtual classes and full online support offered

**Call Gillian on
07796 040803**

**Slimming[®]
WORLD**

touching hearts, changing lives

slimmingworld.co.uk



The law around organ and tissue donation is changing in Scotland

From March 26th this year, the law around organ and tissue donation is changing in Scotland.

If you're aged 16 or over, you will be considered as a possible donor after you die, unless you opt out. Whatever you decide, please let family and friends know your decision, so they can honour it.

For more about the law change and your choices, visit organdonationscotland.org or call 0300 303 2094.



**Healthier
Scotland**
Scottish
Government

Music playlist project is music to our ears

At this point, calling the past 12 months a rough year is an almost comical understatement.

A pandemic that has killed hundreds of thousands, forced businesses to close and kept us away from friends and loved ones has resulted in most of us having to endure more stress and grief than we ever thought was possible to cram into 365 days.

It's no wonder, then, that we've been looking for ways to destress wherever we can find them and it was good to read this week – page two – about Shopper-Aide's new Playlist for Life project.

Although the Campbeltown group is a dementia-based charity, its latest venture is not aimed at dementia clients solely and is being offered to all as an 'opportunity to connect'.

From Lewis Capaldi to instrumental piano by Ludovico Einaudi, it's clear that the process of de-stressing is different for all of us and putting together a playlist of your own choice seems a great idea.

Music is said to enhance intelligence and focus, improve mental health and boost the immune system, self-esteem and confidence. It can be used to relax, to boost and lift our mood or to improve concentration.

Many people have expressed how music is a form of escape and can quickly and effectively transport them to a better time, place or memory.

While we are still relying very much on our emotional life jackets, what could be better?

Open letter to first minister

I write to you as chairperson of the Rest and Be Thankful Campaign, a group which represents more than 1,500 Argyll businesses.

Over the past few weeks, we have twice written to Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity Michael Matheson MSP and sadly received no response.

Regarding the Rest and Be Thankful (RABT), whilst we welcome the decision to select option one for the permanent solution of the landslide blighted section of the A83, we fear a further consultation simply delays the process.

The phrase 'kicking it into the long grass' springs to mind, especially when option one, the Glen Croe route, was the chosen option from the A83 Trunk Road Study – summary report published by Jacobs, issued in 2012.

Surely, after nine years of consulting, the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland can choose the best solution rather than going through a lengthy and expensive consultation process. Based on this, our members would like the permanent solution fast tracked, which is well within the Scottish Government's power and we would ask for this to be seriously considered.

Our other comments and feedback to last week's announcement are as follows:

The timber road route should be upgraded as a short-term solution this summer and not in the suggested 18 months.

Argyll businesses have faced the issues of landslides for many years. However, the situation has worsened over the past year and in our opinion it has now become a national emergency and requires immediate action.

The 100,000 tonnes of unstable material could swamp any further mitigation measures put in place on the A83 and Old Military Road (OMR) and make the roads impassable. This could

easily happen when we next have an extended period of rainfall.

Savings in further mitigation work could go towards upgrading the forestry road.

The long-term solution should be selected from the 2012 The A83 Trunk Road Study and based on the delivery of the most sustainable outcome.

Any well-developed permanent solution needs to be open 24/7 (even when it rains) without fear of being buried under tons of rock and mud and will have less environmental impact than the landslides, catchpits, netting and OMR bund we are currently experiencing.

Our understanding of costs and timescales from similar schemes in Norway show a tunnel could be built in three years at a cost of £50-£60m and not the £250-£800m confirmed by Transport Scotland.

Members of The RABT Campaign group represent a cross section of business sectors and we would welcome the chance to meet with your officials to discuss how we might help cut through the lengthy timescales and fast track decision making.

John Gurr, chairperson, RABT Campaign.

On Distant Shore – memories

In the 1950s and 1960s boys were often recruited from the town and district by shipping companies.

Boys went off to become marine engineers or occasionally captains for the likes of Denholms, Shell and Exxon. Recently my friend Dave Scott, ex-Meadows Avenue, a retired chief engineer gave me the challenge of writing a rhyme using his and their memories. I wonder what George Bradley or Ian Buchanan in Carradale would make of it?

I sailed the seas in a house of steel
Near and far with ports unreal

Sunsets gloried grey to red
Pressured glass, could drop like lead

Been becalmed in torpid sea
Thick kelp fields with plastic free
Battled waves that turned me sick
Roiled in breakers mountains thick

North and South thro' cracking ice
Mortal combat freed by dice
Trolled the ocean East or West
Health oft strained by disease or pest

In ports I sampled Orient fare
Spice streets of bodies bare
Curried colour in every hue
Drunken days; non-stop spew

Days now passed with memories old
I feel the aches when muscles cold
Reflecting moments ebb and flo
Of days gone past on distant shore.

Jim McRobert, Musselburgh.

Visitor plea for beach toilets

With stay at home vacations going to be the norm this year, it doesn't take a great deal of imagination to assume Westport beach is going to be very busy with visitors and locals.

I therefore implore Argyll and Bute Council to take steps to put mobile toilets in the car park.

Can grant money from the wind turbines not be used to fund this, plus the maintenance of same?

There used to be a blue toilet years ago, but my understanding is that the funding for the maintenance was not renewed.

As tourism is more important than ever for our fragile economy, surely our visitors should expect more than having to sneak off to the long grass in the dunes to relieve themselves, which

Press policy

At The Campbeltown Courier, we endeavour to ensure all our reports are fair and accurate and comply with the Editors' Code of Practice set by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO). We realise, however, that mistakes happen from time to time. If you think we have made a significant mistake and you wish to discuss this with us, please let us know as soon as possible by any of the three methods: emailing editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk; telephoning the chief reporter on 01546 602345 or write to the Group Editor at Wyvex Media, Crannog Lane, Lochavullin estate, Oban, PA34 4HB. We will try to resolve your issue in a timeous, reasonable and amicable manner. However, if you are unsatisfied with our response, you can contact IPSO, which will investigate the matter. You can call IPSO on 0300 123 2220 or email inquiries@ipso.co.uk. IPSO is an independent body that deals with complaints about the editorial content. We will abide by its decision.



WE SUPPLY ALL BRANDS OF GARDENING EQUIPMENT






Extensive range of
Lawn mowers, hedge cutters,
strimmers and chain saws.



**ANDREW SMITH
& SON**

T: 01586 553 173 W: andrewsmithandson.co.uk
E: enquiries.asmithandson@btconnect.com
Snipefield Industrial Estate,
Drumore, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6SY



Time to refuel?

Open 7am-7pm
7 days a week

24/7 launderette
SELF SERVICE
WASH & DRY



Esso HALFWAY FILLING STATION
Dunbeg, Oban PA37 1PX Tel: 01631 562784 Open 24 hours



Find us on
Facebook

www.facebook.com/campbeltowncourier

is not ideal to say the least. A bigger bin unit should also be installed for the summer months for the increased amount of rubbish which will be generated.

A little forward planning in this case would be much appreciated.

Come on Kintyre. Put your best foot forward and be proactive and not reactive for a change.

**Joanna Scott, nee Black,
Clarkston, Glasgow.**

Breast cancer help online

Living with or beyond breast cancer is never easy – treatment, scans and the physical and mental impacts can take their toll.

As a clinical nurse specialist on Breast Cancer Now's helpline, I hear daily how the pandemic has exacerbated an already worrying and uncertain time for people affected by breast cancer.

That's why, when Covid-19 paused our face-to-face events and courses, we rapidly moved our services online.

Thanks to support received from players of People's Postcode Lottery, our Moving Forward Online courses help people adjust to life after hospital treatment.

Through Younger Women Together Online, women aged up to 45 join small groups to meet and hear from experts on issues including treatment, fertility, exercise and mental health.

For people living with incurable secondary breast cancer, our Living With Secondary Breast Cancer Online course is available 24/7, offering emotional wellbeing support and information.

No-one should face breast cancer alone. We're always here. Sign up now at breastcancer.org/online-services

**Rachel Rawson, Breast Cancer Now
clinical nurse specialist.**

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph is an atmospheric shot of Campbeltown Cross taken in the early hours of March 1. This image was taken by Heather Ronald when she was taking her fisherman son to work. 'I had

to stop to catch the moment,' she said. If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or send it via the Courier's Facebook page.

CONTACTUS

The Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Main Street, Campbeltown PA28 6AE. Phone: 01586 554646

Reporter

Hannah O'Hanlon
editor@
campbeltowncourier.
co.uk

Advertising

Rhona McKillop
rhona@obantimes.co.uk

Head office

Wyvex Media, Lochavullin
Industrial Estate,
Oban, PA34 4HB

The editor welcomes letters and emails for publication, however we reserves the right to shorten, amend or refuse to print them. Names and addresses MUST be supplied to indicate good faith, although details can be withheld from publication. Phone numbers, if available, should be included. Anonymous letters will not be considered.

Installing the heart of your home



If you have been working from home for the past year and thinking about how much value a stove would add to your life then now is a really good time to find out more.

A survey is the first step and gives you the chance to discuss your ideas and ask any questions you may have. Our survey service is free and without obligation and will leave you with a much clearer understanding of what your options are, how the process works and the costs involved. Despite the COVID restrictions preventing us from making our usual site visits, we are fortunately still able to carry on our survey work using our 'distance survey' method by email. This means you can get on with investigating all the options of installing a stove without having to have a personal visit.

For further inspiration our website offers a wealth of information including a virtual showroom featuring many of the models we offer and our portfolio page showing some excellent examples of what can be achieved.

With over 40 years of hands-on experience serving customers across Argyll, Lochaber and the Islands, Backwoodsman has all the expertise required to ensure you end up with the best results. For further information please call us on 01631 720539 to discuss your ideas.

"I'm so excited about how the house has transformed suddenly! We just love it and thank you for all your help and advice." Mrs C, Duror

Backwoodsman

Established 1978



www.backwoodsman-stoves.co.uk

Barcaldine OBAN Argyll PA37 1SG Tel. 01631 720539

Name the historic location



Have you seen this gable end wall before?

50_c13dmllocation02

The Courier is putting readers' knowledge and attention to detail to the test again by asking who can name another historic location based on small details from the site.

In the past, eagle-eyed readers have identified some of Campbeltown's most iconic buildings as well as more remote sites.

These photographs were all taken at one Kintyre location.

Do you recognise the features? Can you name the location? See next week's Courier to find out if you are correct.



While sections of roof remain in some parts, they are missing in other areas.

50_c13dmllocation04

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Sponsored by Campbeltown Heritage Centre



Above: Do you recognise this feature?

50_c13dmllocation01

Above left: Nature has taken over some of the buildings at the site.

50_c13dmllocation06

Left: Does this barred window ring any bells?

50_c13dmllocation03

A&B Transforming
HSCP Together
Argyll & Bute Health & Social Care Partnership

QUIT YOUR WAY
with our support **NHS**
Highland

There Has Never Been a Better Time to Give Up Smoking



Do you find you've been smoking more during lockdown?

Stopping smoking can reduce your risk of severity of Covid-19 symptoms, potential of complications, and even death. If you're thinking of giving up, Argyll and Bute Quit Your Way (QYW) Stop Smoking services would like to reach out to all smokers at this difficult time to offer our services to help you Quit Your Way.

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:

Caroline Glen
Tel. 07812485058

Alternatively, visit www.smokefreehighland.co.uk for more information and support if you'd like to stop smoking, or complete the online form at: bit.ly/Smoke-Free-Highland and your local advisor will get in touch with you.

THE WAY WE ACCESS URGENT CARE HAS CHANGED

If you think you need **A&E**, but it's not
life-threatening, you can now call
NHS 24 on **111**, day or night.



**CALL NHS 24
ON 111
DAY OR NIGHT**



**CONTACT
GP PRACTICE
DURING THE DAY**



**CALL 999
OR GO TO A&E
FOR
EMERGENCIES
ONLY**

**Right Care
Right Place**

Thought for the Week

'Turn! Turn! Turn! To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven'.

This song by the Byrds is based on the words of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament of the Christian Bible.

As our seasons turn from winter to spring, our world is literally turning back towards the sun to give us lovely long, bright days.

The season of living under lockdown as a result of Covid-19 looks to be turning too with restrictions to be lifted slowly to allow us to get back to normality, whatever that is.

As we begin to wonder what this new post-Covid life will be like, we have time to reflect on what we have learnt about what really matters in life while unable to live the way we did before.

What have you missed most during lockdown? What have you not missed?

And I wonder what it is time to let go of as we emerge from lockdown?

The words from the Bible and the song remind us that to everything there is a time; we can't do everything all the time; now is the time for sowing in the garden; later we will reap what we sow. I wonder what seeds have been sown in you during lockdown?

I hope we will all have new growth as we move forward individually and together. Perhaps what lockdown has taught me the most is that we need each other.

I hope we continue to remember this as we get back to whatever new normal life is going to be.

**Reverend Lyn Peden,
Church of Scotland, Skipness linked
with Tarbert Loch Fyne and Kilberry.**

CLACHAN

Villagers look forward to visitors' return

After a year of missed community events, Clachan residents are looking forward to welcoming visitors back to the village as soon as restrictions allow.

One of the first events scheduled to take place when lockdown is lifted is a car boot sale. Look out for signs around the village with more details soon.

The Kintyre Way Ultra run will have a check-in point in the village in May and gardeners have started growing on seedlings and dividing perennials for the annual plant sale.

This will be on the first Saturday in June, in time for planting up tubs and borders.

Clachan Art Show will be on the usual weekend of August 13 to 15 and organisers say everyone's lockdown creations will be 'very welcome'.

Resident Pauline Simson added: 'There will be life after Covid and we look forward to seeing you all soon.'

ISLAY

Islay business in jobs call

Islay Crab Exports Limited has joined a nationwide campaign to encourage people to apply for vacancies across Scotland's seafood sector.

Despite the pandemic, the Scottish Seafood Association said the country's £1.6 billion seafood industry is 'vibrant,' but needs the right candidates for numerous jobs.

It has partnered with Seafish, the public body supporting the seafood industry in the UK, to launch a recruitment drive called 'Sea A Bright Future'.

As a member of the Scottish Seafood Association, Islay Crab Exports at Port Ellen is among those firms trying to recruit staff.

It has struggled to fill six roles in scallop processing but is hopeful the pandemic may encourage people to consider a move to rural areas or the islands.

Fiona McFarlane of Islay Crab Exports Ltd said: 'Islay is such a wonderful and friendly island and offers a great quality of life.'



People are being urged to consider careers in the seafood sector.

'Hopefully this pandemic may encourage people to think about where they live and take that leap into a fresh life and a new career.'

The Scottish Seafood Association said the sector employed more than 8,400 people in Scotland in a diverse range of roles spanning food processing and technology, human resources, marketing, commercial and engineering.

'They are collaborating to show the wealth of opportunities available to help attract people looking to start, progress or change their career.'

Jimmy Buchan, chief executive officer of the Scottish Seafood Association, said: 'The seafood processing sector is vibrant, unlike some other industries just now, and offers a diverse range of career options within large and small companies.'

'There are huge opportunities for people to go far in the seafood industry if they show the right ability, ambition and enthusiasm.'

'This campaign seeks to shine a light on that and put a career in the sector into the hearts and minds of those looking for an exciting new challenge.'

'With the coronavirus pandemic, people are evaluating not just what they do but where they do it and with seafood companies often located in attractive rural settings you get more living space - whether buying or renting - for your money.'

A dedicated website has been established at www.seaabrightfuture.com

JURA

Communications tower given planning permission

Proposals for a 15-metre high communications tower to be situated on the island of Jura have been given the go-ahead by council chiefs.

The plans by WHP Limited and the Scottish Futures Trust are for a site north west of Ardlussa House.

Argyll and Bute Council planning officers have given their approval to the plans, which include the construction of other telecommunications equipment.

No complaints were received from members of the public to the proposal.

A council planning officer said: 'The choices of sites for this important infrastructure project are limited and although the upper part of the tower may be visible in the skyline from some aspects in the panorama, it is deemed acceptable. The design is an accepted standard and layout.'

'The siting and appearance of the proposed apparatus and associated structures should seek to minimise impact on the visual amenity, character or appearance of the surrounding area.'

'It is deemed that the background work in assessing this site's suitability is acceptable under policy.'

'Access to the site is via a single-track road from the A846 through a farm.'

'A further 375m of track is required to reach the compound site.'

'This will include a new cattle grid with access gate, a culvert, overhead cable warning signs and temporary hard standing for plant, materials and welfare.'

'A condition will be attached to any approval restricting importation of materials required to form this track. Any local borrow pits required to win materials will require separate applications.'

The officer added: 'The benefits of the proposal socially, economically and as a safety benefit have been weighted accordingly for testing against policy.'

'Any skyline intrusion or mild interruption of the landscape by the track are not felt to outweigh general compliance with policy.'

CONTACTUS

email us at editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk
telephone 01586 554646

FUNERAL DIRECTORS



find us on
facebook

[www.facebook.com/
argyllshireadvertiser](http://www.facebook.com/argyllshireadvertiser)

STAN LUPTON
FUNERAL DIRECTORS LTD

Mid Argyll - Kintyre
(24HRS)

Dignified personal supervision

Office & Enquiries: 01880 820 995

Mobile: 07899 862 922

E-mail: mail@stanlupton.co.uk

T.A. Blair Ltd

Funeral Directors Est. 1978
& Monumental Suppliers



Agents for
Golden Charter
Funeral Plans

Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Funerals carried out in Campbeltown,
Kintyre and throughout the UK

For personal attention assured at all times

Telephone Alasdair, Kenneth or Rhys

(01586) 552918 or Mobile 07810 443473

blairfunerals@btinternet.com

DONALD MacDONALD
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

(Established 1964)

LORNE STREET FUNERAL PARLOUR
Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, PA31 8LU

Complete 24-hour confidential service
throughout Argyll

Telephone

Lochgilphead 01546 602226

Mobile 07768 472 953

Email: info@donaldmacdonald.org

www.donaldmacdonald.org

Golden Charter
Funeral Plans

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS

YOUR attention is drawn to the following terms and conditions which relate to the placing of advertisements in all publications owned by Wyvex Media Limited.

Parties to this agreement are the Publisher, Wyvex Media Limited on the one part and the Advertiser on the other part. The Publisher publishes newspapers, magazines, books and provides advertising space therein or provides for the delivery of advertising materials to the public within these publications.

1 Advertising copy shall be legal, decent, honest and truthful and comply with the British Code of Advertising Practice and all other codes.

2 The Publisher does not guarantee the insertion of any particular advertisement.

3 The Publisher reserves the right to cancel or alter the advertisement by giving reasonable notice.

4 An order for an advertisement shall be deemed to be made on acceptance

of the advertisers' order by the Publisher whether placed by telephone, mail, fax or in person.

5 Cancellation of display advertising must be received by the Publisher before the publishing deadline, failing which, the publisher reserves the right to invoice the customer in full for the whole cost of the advertisement.

6 The parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts and Scots Law. In the event of any dispute or action by the Publisher to recover payment from an advertiser, it is agreed that matters will be settled in the Oban, Argyll Sheriff Court or such other Court as the Publisher may choose.

7 The Publisher shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned by any total or partial failure (however caused) of publication or distribution of any newspaper or edition in which any advertisement is scheduled to appear.

8 In the event of any error, misprint or omission in the printing of an advertisement or part of an advertisement, the Publisher will either re-insert the advertisement or relevant part of the advertisement, as the case may

be, or make reasonable refund or adjustment to the cost. No re-insertion, refund or adjustment will be made where the error, misprint or omission does not materially detract from the advertisement.

9 Errors must be notified to the Publisher in writing within fourteen days of publication. In no circumstances shall the total liability of the Publisher for any error, misprint or omission exceed the amount of a full refund of any price paid to the Publisher for the particular advertisement in connection with which liability arose or the cost of a further or corrective advertisement of a type and standard reasonably comparable to that in connection with which liability arose.

10 The Advertiser/Advertising Agency agrees to indemnify the Publisher in respect of all costs, damages or other charges falling upon the publication as the result of legal actions or threatened legal actions arising from the publication of the advertisement in any one or more of a series of advertisements published in accordance with copy instructions supplied to

the publication in pursuance of the Advertiser/Advertising Agency order.

11 Adverts under the value of £75 must be paid on acceptance of order by the Publisher. All advertising on a credit basis must be agreed with the Publisher in advance.

12 Payment of any invoice raised by the Publisher will be due 15 days from the date of invoice or as otherwise directed on the invoice. In the event of non-payment the Publisher may charge late payment interest at a rate of 2% and this is chargeable on a daily basis from the due date until the bill is paid. In addition the Publisher may charge a late payment levy of £10 as an administration fee. In the event of late payment the Publisher reserves the right to disallow any discounts given and to raise an additional invoice for the discount which will be treated as though it has been raised with the original invoice.

13 A request to insert an advertisement assumes acceptance of our conditions.



Thank you

As we approach one full year of living and farming under Covid restrictions, we wanted to say, to the many who have supported and helped us through this incredibly difficult year – thank you.

These last 12 months have been hard. Businesses have suffered, health and care workers have been under extraordinary pressure and families everywhere have lost loved ones.

Yet, through it all, Scotland's island and Highland communities have shown remarkable resilience. As you have cared for the most vulnerable amongst us, you have extended that same hand of support to our sector.

Scotland's salmon farmers have spent the last year faced with tough new work patterns, the shutdown of the hotel and restaurant trade, and the collapse of international markets.

Throughout, our teams have worked hard to keep our fish well cared for and our processing facilities running smoothly.

But we couldn't have done it without the many ferry workers, bus drivers, hauliers and critical suppliers who kept essential services running.

Nor could we have done it without the understanding of regulators who allowed our farmers to delay harvests and keep fish in the water for longer - a special dispensation used sparingly by a small number of fish farms.

The results of this collective effort are clear: good fish health and great rates of growing fish through to market size and harvest.

Our farmers produced more than 800 million fresh, nutritious and healthy meals in the last year, helping Scottish salmon remain the UK shoppers' fish of choice.

It is with this last key point in mind that there remains one more all-important thank you and that is to you – the people of the communities in which we live and work, the rural and island areas, the villages and towns of Scotland from Unst to Kintyre.

Quite simply, we couldn't do it without you.

With your continued support, we can all look forward to better times ahead.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tavish Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Tavish Scott. SSPO CEO.

Funding boost for popular Kintyre Way walking route



A recent convert to the Kintyre Way, 70-year-old George Dunlop, celebrates the funding news.

Fans of the Kintyre Way are celebrating the 100-mile walking route being awarded £7,890 in Lottery funding.

The cash will help buy gloves, secateurs and hi-viz vests for maintenance volunteers as well as much-needed materials, including timber and hardcore.

It will also be used to help set up volunteer groups in villages close to sections of the way and establish peninsula-wide interest groups in maintenance, fundraising and promotion.

The project will run for 12 months and it's hoped the increased involvement in volunteering and growth in popularity of the route for physical activity will make a positive difference to community health and wellbeing.

One recent convert to the Kintyre Way is 70-year-old George Dunlop. George has climbed all the Munros and is

currently working through the Corbetts, with 58 to go.

After a visit to Campbeltown to visit friends, he decided to move to Kintyre in November.

George said: 'It was really amazing getting out on the Kintyre Way.

'The variety of terrain and beautiful scenery made it a brilliant adventure. Seeing the wild goats on the section between Machrihanish and Southend was a highlight, as was walking along the beaches at Southend and the Learside and the views on the west.

'The cross-peninsula sections from Campbeltown to Carradale and Carradale to Tayinloan, then Clachan to Skipness, are unique and I'd definitely recommend walking the Kintyre Way.

'I've had some adventures in my time but this was up there with the best.'



A section of the Kintyre Way.

Despite Covid-19 restrictions, the Kintyre Way has beaten the odds to remain one of Argyll's best-loved tourist attractions. A Kintyre Way group, formed in 2017, has already raised much-needed funds to carry out major maintenance projects on the route that meanders from Tarbert to Campbeltown.

The group also formed Friends of the Kintyre Way,

whose volunteers monitor the route and carry out smaller maintenance tasks, including having a large number of the marker posts repainted.

Alan Milstead, convener of the Kintyre Way, said: 'We've achieved a lot this year, despite the effects of lockdown as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

'The route is in excellent condition and we're more than ready to welcome all the stay-

cationers planning to explore Scotland in 2021.

'With this in mind, we're also keen to get serviced accommodation providers engaged so that we can encourage walkers to explore Kintyre.'

Anyone who would like to participate in meetings, hear the group's reports and get regular updates should email the group at thekinyreway@gmail.com.



NEW BUILD DEVELOPMENTS

- LOCAL & TRUSTED TIMBER KIT SPECIALISTS
- BESPOKE DESIGN USING SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES
- FROM LAND TO COMPLETION ALL UNDER ONE ROOF

3 & 4 BEDROOM OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

KILMELFORD - A desirable and quiet location that is just south of Oban on the A816

GLASSARY WOOD - An eco-hamlet that stands in an attractive woodland area of Mid Argyll

FERNOCH - A desirable and quiet residential development in Lochgilphead, close to all amenities

MACLEOD

CONSTRUCTION LIMITED

GET IN TOUCH TODAY

Sales@mkmacleod.co.uk

01546 602989

macleodconstruction.co.uk

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of Islay rum at new distillery

A new rum distillery is rising from the ashes of a former lemonade factory and depot on Islay.

The former Hastie's Lemonade Factory and Dunn's Depot at Port Ellen closed in June 2016 but now has been transformed after standing vacant for years.

Islay Spirits, a subsidiary of the Vintage Malt Whisky Company, has entered into a joint venture with Islay start-up High Road Rum Company, run by Ben Inglis.

Under the plan, Mr Inglis would run the business, having developed his own unique rum recipe and is a keen student of rum production.

Andrew Crook, managing director of the Vintage Malt Whisky Company, said: 'Islay is the spiritual home of our company and we owe our success in a large part to the land and its people.

'We now have an opportunity to put some investment back into the island and we hope that the community will enjoy seeing a business emerge and hopefully develop over the years.'

Planning permission for the refurbishment was granted in January 2020 and has been undertaken by a new building company run by Scott Hastie - grandson and great nephew of the factory's original owners.

Work is nearly completed with the site transformed from 'near dereliction' to a great modern workspace, said the Vintage Malt Whisky Company, which praised the construction team and tradesmen for their work.

Mr Crook added: 'We still have a long jour-



Ben Inglis at Islay's new rum distillery.

ney ahead but we are delighted to be working with Ben and Scott and are encouraged by all the informal support and help we and they have had along the way.'

The still for the distillery is on order and other equipment is currently being sourced.

The project will initially be funded by Vintage Malt, which will also provide back office and sales and marketing support.

Inside Machrihanish Golf Club's new clubhouse

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

World famous Machrihanish Golf Club – with its course ranked in Scotland's top 20 and the top 100 in the world – is celebrating its 145th birthday this year with a new £2.5 million clubhouse.

Last week, the Courier reported McKinven and Colville Limited, the main contractor for the building, officially handed over the keys to the club.

It is expected members and visiting golfers will flock to Machrihanish to take advantage of the new clubhouse once Covid-related restrictions ease, while guests will also be able to enjoy the modern catering and bar from the upper level, overlooking the course below.

The building, designed by G1 Architects, replaces the former clubhouse which was destroyed by a devastating fire in December 2018. Club captain William Livingston said the completion of the new clubhouse was 'a momentous moment' in the club's history, while Barry Colville, managing director of McKinven and Colville Limited, described his pride in his staff and sub-contractors for providing the 'endless expertise, dedication and commitment' required to build the club-



house which, he thinks, 'will be the envy of many golf clubs throughout the country'.

Roy Malcolm, lead architect and designer, added: 'G1 Architects was honoured to be selected by the committee to design and manage the construction of the new clubhouse for Machrihanish Golf Club, which is rightly recognised as a truly great links course.'

Experience

'The clubhouse is an integral part of the golfer experience, an essential element of the traditions of the game of golf, offering a seamless journey from arrival to departure and an extension of the course itself - the 19th hole.'

'We very much hope this striking new clubhouse, with its elevated first-floor lounge, restaurant, bar and external balconies offering unrivalled panoramic views, will add to

The clubhouse, which sits on the site of the former clubhouse, features tall glass windows upstairs.

the overall experience of this unique setting and give enjoyment to members and to those visiting from near and far.

'We thank the committee for its support throughout the entire build process and McKinven and Colville Limited for delivering this unique building in the midst of the Covid pandemic.'

'This has been a tremendous team effort by everyone involved and allows the club to build on its rich heritage and face the challenges of the modern era with a new state-of-the-art clubhouse. We very much hope members enjoy their new clubhouse for many years to come.'

Below: The clubhouse has been designed with spectacular views, meaning guests can dine overlooking the famous first tee.



Above: Members and visitors can enjoy a modern bar and catering in the clubhouse's first-floor lounge.



Kintyre church turns the light on climate change funding

Springbank Evangelical Church in Campbeltown has secured a share of the Scottish Government's Community Climate Asset Fund (CCAF). Administered by Keep Scotland Beautiful, the church has been awarded nearly £3,000 as part of a £3.2 million funding package shared between 279 community-based organisations across Scotland to help tackle climate change.

Springbank Church has used its grant of £2,891 to upgrade lighting in the building to a low energy LED system.

A church spokesperson said: 'This grant from CCCF will reduce our carbon footprint and, importantly for us, an

independent organisation, lead to a substantial reduction in our electricity use.

'We are very grateful and thank the Scottish Government for this support.'

Other community-based organisations have secured funding for electric vehicles and bikes, energy efficiency measures in community buildings and equipment to grow food and tackle waste.

Climate Change Cabinet Secretary Roseanna Cunningham MSP said: 'In what remains an exceptionally difficult time for us all, this funding is providing fast, tangible support to deliver long-lasting benefits to com-

munity-based organisations while also helping them tackle climate change as we accelerate our transition to a net zero society.'

The CCAF is designed to support communities to reduce use of petrol and diesel cars, cut waste, grow food and reduce emissions from community buildings.

Environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful administer the CCAF on behalf of the Scottish Government and Barry Fisher, CEO, said: 'We are delighted to support communities to tackle climate change and contribute to a green and just recovery from Covid-19.'

PAID EXTRAS WANTED FOR MAJOR DISNEY TV SHOW FILMING IN ARGYLL

****FILMING MAY - JUNE****

If you live near Oban, Crianlarich, Inveraray, Bridge of Orchy or surrounding villages - we want you!

All genders, age groups (16+ years old) & ethnicities are welcome to apply. We are particularly keen to hear from ethnic minority groups.

HOW DO I APPLY?
Send a recent full-length photograph to argyllextracasting@gmail.com and let us know your age and which town you live in.

This production is shooting under strict COVID-19 guidelines from the British Film Commission and all extras will be given regular PCR tests prior to and throughout the shooting period

MUST BE 16yrs+ WITH LEGAL RIGHT TO WORK IN UK
This is paid work so we must be able to prove your right to work. You will be asked to show your passport (and visa if not a British citizen). No passport? We can accept birth certificates if accompanied with NI documentation. Uni-versal Extras has cast background artistes for some of the highest grossing blockbuster films in the UK.

TO PLACE YOUR ADVERT IN **COURIER AND ADVERTISER:**

Sponsored by NFU Mutual
Campbeltown. Call Chris
Husthwaite on 01586 552 428
for your insurance needs.



ES Warnock, D Cluckie, CJ Husthwaite & G R MacLean an appointed representative of The National Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Society Limited (No. 111982).

TELEPHONE: 01631 568000
Lines open: Mon to Thu 9am- 5pm, Fri 9am- 4pm
E-MAIL: adverts@obantimes.co.uk
Please remember to give your name, address, postcode and phone number.

From countryside to couch

Scotland's top research farms will bring the countryside to the couch this Sunday, March 28, as part of Linking Environment and Farming's (LEAF) Online Farm Sunday event.

With current Covid-19 restrictions preventing many people visiting the countryside, SEFARI – a consortium of six globally renowned Scottish environment and food and agriculture research institutes – is offering virtual tours to show the work taking part on its research farms.

The tours, supported by SEFARI Gateway, include SRUC's Kirkton and Auchtertyre estate in Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, which will show the challenges faced by



Kirkton Farm is taking part in Sunday's online farming event.

farmers in the harsh mountainous regions of Scotland.

At SRUC's Crichton Royal Farm, in Dumfries and Galloway, visitors will be able to see a robotic milking parlour and at Glensaugh farm in Aberdeenshire, visitors can learn how pasture management and agroforestry

can play an important role in mitigating the impacts of climate change.

Other tours include showing how different cropping systems can help increase food production and protect the environment, the biodiversity it supports and the work of researchers to tackle parasites

and diseases that impact on the health and welfare of livestock.

The virtual events at bit.ly/SEFARIfarmtours are part of LEAF's Online Farm Sunday event on March 28.

The series of 'live' virtual farm tours, beginning at 2pm, will take viewers to all corners of the UK.

With a particular focus on health and wellbeing, LEAF will be running a Farm Fit competition to see if viewers can guess how many steps Britain's Fittest Farmers and Stella the cow take in the seven-day run up to Sunday.

The event, from 2pm-4.30pm, includes dairy herd health, lambing and calving, free range egg production and glasshouse tomato production.

Poultry can be released outside from March 31

Compulsory housing measures for poultry and captive birds are to be lifted at the end of this month.

The housing measures were introduced across Great Britain in December as one of a range of measures to stop the spread of avian influenza, which is circulating in wild birds.

Provided there are no new significant cases between now and the end of March, the current measures are due to be relaxed. The last confirmed case in poultry in Great Britain was on February 12 in Scotland.

While the risk of bird flu has been reduced to 'medium', the risk of outbreaks is

likely to persist for several weeks.

As a result, enhanced biosecurity requirements that were brought in as part of the Avian Influenza Protection Zone (AIPZ) on November 11 will remain in place.

Bird keepers are advised to use the time between now and March 31 to prepare ranges and outdoor areas, including cleansing and disinfection of hard surfaces, fencing off ponds or standing water and reintroduction of wild bird deterrents.

Captive bird keepers will need to keep taking extra precautions, including limiting access to non-essential people on their sites.



For more information or to place an order please send Farm Gates (UK) Ltd a message or call:
Ronnie Finney 07789 276354
Email: farm.gates@yahoo.com

SPECIAL OFFER EXTENDED FOR THIS MONTH

MOBILE SHEEP SYSTEM
ON SALE FROM £1695 + VAT
(RRP from £3400 plus VAT)

The system is easy to move and erect where required and can be easily modified to suit your requirements

MAIN FEATURES:

- Made from high-tensile steel
- All hurdles are 8 railed x 970mm high
- All hot-dipped galvanised finish
- 3000mm (3m) long
- Includes all joining pins/stakes

OPTION 1
20-foot race, 100-foot holding pen
£1975 + VAT
Comes with a 100-foot holding pen and 20-foot race, 2 x 2-foot swing gates and all joining pins/stakes included. Our system will safely hold 150 fully grown sheep (approx)

PARTS LIST:

- 14 x 3m (8 railed) sheep hurdles
- 12 x joining pins/stakes
- 2 x 2-foot swing gates




OPTION 2
16 foot sheeted race, 2 way shedding gate, galvanised gate, race joiner. 100 foot of penning, will comfortably hold 200-250 fully grown sheep, **£2,395 + VAT.**
I can sell 10' wide x 5' high available in packs of 10.

ALL EQUIPMENT FULL GRANT APPROVED

MOBILE CATTLE SYSTEM
FROM £1850 + VAT
Crush Gate optional extra £599.00 + VAT.

As standard, our Mobile Cattle System comes with a 60 feet holding pen and 20 feet race, 1 sliding gate and all joining pins/stakes included. Our system will safely hold 45 full grown cattle (approx.)

The system is easy to move and erect where required and can be easily modified to suit your requirements. Also ideal for TB testing and the cattle sliding gate gives full control of the livestock from outside the race and stops the race from spreading out.

MAIN FEATURES:

- Made from high-tensile steel
- All hurdles are 6 railed x 1.75m high
- A funnel is incorporated into the race-way
- All hot-dipped galvanised finish
- 3000mm (3m) long
- 20-foot race
- 60-foot holding pen. Includes all joining pins/stakes
- Total 200-feet of penning

PARTS LIST:

- 10 x 3m (6 railed) cattle hurdles
- 12 x joining pins/stakes
- 1 x sliding gate

NATIONWIDE DELIVERY £100 + VAT ON ALL ORDERS OVER £1500 PLUS VAT.

All dead and fallen animals uplifted by licensed slaughtermen

For up-to-date prices call 07778 329922

14 years of digital archives

Available to Digital subscribers








Sabhal Mòr Ostaig Iarrtasan 2021/22

A bheil thu airson a bhith nad oileanach aig Sabhal Mòr Ostaig an ath bhliadhna?
Seo beagan fios airson do chuideachadh d' inntinn a dhèanamh suas:

Bidh oileanaich a' dèanamh Bliadhna 1 agus 2 de Sgeama na Gàidhlig is Chuspairean Co-cheangailte agus an dèidh sin, faodaidh iad prògraman ceuma a leantainn airson bliadhna 3 agus 4.

'S e bliadhna cànanain a tha anns a' Chiad Bhliadhna de SGCC, agus bithear a' dèanamh A' Chùrsa Chomais no Gàidhlig agus Conaltradh a rèir do chomasan sa chànan.



eg.smo@uhi.ac.uk | 01471 888000 | www.smo.uhi.ac.uk

CÙRSAICHEAN FO-CHEUM

- * BA (le Urram) Cànan is Cultar na Gàidhlig
- * BA (le Urram) Gàidhlig agus Foghlam
- * BA (le Urram) Gàidhlig agus Leasachadh
- * BA (le Urram) Gàidhlig agus Ceòl Traidiseanta Ìmp HE anns na Meadhanan Gàidhlig



West Coast MOTORING

✓ GARAGES ✓ DEALERSHIPS ✓ PRIVATE SALES ✓ NEWS

WANTED

All touring caravans and motor homes, campers etc, high mileage, MOT failures or damp, all considered, any make or model, will travel.

Tel: 07546 788945



WANTED

All types of motor homes and caravanettes. Any age or condition. We also buy water damaged or in need of repair. Also all types of touring caravans from 95 onwards.

T: 07885 203020

Email: gbplantsales@hotmail.co.uk

WANTED 4X4S FOR CASH



WANTED ALL 4X4'S & COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

We buy for retail, breaking and export so no matter the age or condition we can make a cash offer. Young or old, all makes and models, engine problems, farm used, accident damaged, mot failures etc.

**WON'T BE BEATEN ON PRICE,
FAST PAYMENT AND COLLECTION.
TEL: 07789 855381**

WANTED MOTOR HOMES

Caravanettes and camper vans, all makes and models considered. Also touring caravans and statics, instant decision, same day payment. Social distancing measures in place.

**Contact William 07730 130284
email wlmotorhomes@outlook.com**

WANTED 4X4

All types of 4x4's, Landrover Toyota, Nissan etc. We also buy MOT failures and accident damage vehicles. Anything considered.

**T: 07885 203020 or
E: gbplantsales@hotmail.co.uk**

WANTED

All types of 4-wheel drive vehicles & pickups, Landrovers, Toyota, Mitsubishi, Kia, Ford and MOT failures, non-runners, etc. Will travel and collect.

T: 07546 788945

DRASCOMBE DABBER



With road trailer and launching trolley for sale

£2500

Tel: 01880 740 255

CITROEN C4 CACTUS 1.6 BLUEHDI FLAIR (2016) 5 DR



28k miles, black, MOT'd till June 2021, free road tax, very economical, immaculate condition inside & out, sat nav, bluetooth audio system, reverse camera/rear parking sensors, cruise control & AC, LED day lights.

£7850 ono

Tel: 07879462867

**NEW
CAR
INDEX**



W.D. Semple
www.wdsemple.com
Inveraray Shore Street
Tel.01499 302150
Lochgilhead Highbank Park
01546 606767/ 606272



S & S Services
Old Bridge Road, Heathfield, Ayr
01292 880080 01292 880440



S & S Services
Old Bridge Road, Heathfield, Ayr
01292 880080 01292 880440



S & S Services
Old Bridge Road, Heathfield, Ayr
01292 880080 01292 880440

West Coast **MOTORING**

✓ GARAGES ✓ DEALERSHIPS ✓ PRIVATE SALES ✓ NEWS

S&S SERVICES **SUBARU ISUZU**

SCOTLANDS NO1 SUBARU AND ISUZU DEALER

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF ARGYLL FOR OVER 30 YEARS

HEATHFIELD, AYR KA8 9SX

TEL: 01292 880080 or JOHN: 07831 808702



INTRODUCING THE ALL-NEW ISUZU D-MAX

FOR THOSE THAT WORK IN ACRES, NOT HOURS

ISUZU D-MAX DL40 FROM ONLY

£29,749⁺

DRIVEN TO DO

COME AND MEET THE NEW D-MAX
SPECIAL OFFERS AVAILABLE
THROUGHOUT THE RANGE

TEST DRIVE
BOOKING
TEL: 01292 880080

Fourteen years of digital archives

Available to
Digital subscribers



MM MORRISON

VEHICLE HIRE

Local pick up available
Competitive rates



WIDE RANGE OF VANS FOR HIRE



- 200 miles a day included
- 7 days a week
- Oban plus 15 miles free delivery

Tel: 07825 581171
Email: morrisonmotorrepairs@gmail.com

Morrison Motor Repairs
Unit 1 Creran Marine, Barcaldine
by Oban, Argyll PA37 1SG



PUBLIC NOTICES

PERSONAL NOTICES

Argyll and Bute Council

PLANNING

The applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Having regard to Schedule 6, Part 3, s10 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020, documents are only available to inspect electronically at this time. Customers requiring assistance can contact us by e-mail: planning.hq@argyll-bute.gov.uk or tel. 01546 605518.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/00156/PP	Formation of coach parking area, extension to existing car park area, erection of 2 polytunnels, 1 shed, 2 raised flower beds and 1 bicycle rack	Achamore House, Isle Of Gigha, Argyll And Bute, PA41 7AD
21/00159/PP	Erection of building for office/storage use and installation of septic tank and formation of access onto public road	Tarbert Farm, Isle Of Gigha, Argyll And Bute, PA41 7AA
21/00253/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of bio-disc treatment plant and formation of access	Land Between Birlinn And Taobh Sair, Craobh Haven, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute
21/00371/PP	Alterations to ground floor to include formation of new window and bi-fold door openings	Allt-Na-Craig, Tarbert Road, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA30 8EP

Written comments can be submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> or to Argyll and Bute Council, Development Management, Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed on the Council's website. Customers are requested to use electronic communication where possible during the coronavirus pandemic as our ability to process postal mail is restricted.

To find out more about living and working in Argyll & Bute visit us at:
www.argyll-bute.gov.uk
Comhairle Earra – Ghàidheal agus Bhòid



East Kintyre Community Council Windfarm Trust

Applications are invited for grant funding from the Spring disbursement of the above trust.

Grants for capital or revenue funding may be available to charities, community groups and village halls within the East Kintyre Community Council area bordered by Grogport to the North and Peninver to the South.

Advice, criteria and application forms are available on the Windfarm Trust pages of the East Kintyre Community website - eastkintyre.org or alternatively from the Secretary/Treasurer:

Alasdair Bennett
Tel: 01583 431112
E-mail: ekccwft@hotmail.com

Closing date for applications:
Thursday 22nd April 2021



Source: Business Choice 8, The Newspaper Society
Regional Press
Closer to Home



Willie and Janet Macintyre would like to thank all their family and friends for the kind wishes on the celebration of their 60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Thank you all for the lovely cards, messages, phone calls, beautiful flowers, gifts and for making it such a special day.



GOLDEN WEDDING

RHODICK - JAMIESON

George (Geordie) & Elizabeth (Betty) at Burntisland Registry Office on March 27, 1971

6 Fernoch Crescent
Lochgilphead
Love all the family xxx

TRUST

Local press in print and digital is **THE MOST TRUSTED** source for local news and information

- Local press in print and digital 74%
- Local commercial TV 73%
- Search engines 43%
- Social Media 22%
- Other websites 39%

Source: YouGov 2018

Fourteen years of digital archives

Available to Digital subscribers

argyllshire advertiser campbeltown courier

COURIER ADVERTISER
PUBLIC NOTICES PUBLIC NOTICES
ADVERTISER COURIER
PUBLIC NOTICES PUBLIC NOTICES
COURIER ADVERTISER

CLASSIFIED

GARDEN SERVICES

COMPLETE LANDSCAPE DESIGN
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL
GRASS CUTTING
HEDGE CUTTING
TREE AND SCRUB CLEARANCE
PAVING TO PLANTING
DRAINAGE AND FENCING

Wood chipper | Pressure washing
Moss removal | Mini excavator

Tel: 01583 431362 Mob. 07432 158404
Working from concept to completion

METALS WANTED

JW METALS

WANTED

Copper, Brass, Lead, Batteries and all types of Cable.

Competitive prices paid.

Tel: 07761 584443

TIMBER KIT HOMES & CONSTRUCTION

MACLEOD

CONSTRUCTION LIMITED

- TIMBER KITS
- WINDOWS & DOORS
- AGGREGATES
- PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL
- JOINERY & REFURBISHMENT
- CONSERVATORIES
- SCAFFOLDING

www.macleodconstruction.co.uk
Tel: (01546) 602989 • Email: sales@mkmacleod.co.uk

RECRUITMENT



Kilmartin Museum
Independent Scottish Charity

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a full time

Education and Volunteer Officer

Initially a two - year post with possibility of further extension
£24,480 per annum
37.5 hours per week

For an application pack, please see the www.kilmartin.org/jobs section of our website www.kilmartin.org or email admin@kilmartin.org

Deadline for applications will be **Sunday May 2nd 2021**

Interviews will be held via Zoom on **May 19th and May 20th.**

This post is part-funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.



North Argyll House

Bealach an Rìgh, Oban, Argyll PA34 5TG
Currently recruiting for:

Senior Carer

Qualification; Nursing or SVQ level 3 in health and social care essential. £12.12 per hour

Care Assistant

From £9.30 per hour

Housekeeping Assistant

£8.91 per hour

Full and part-time permanent positions.

For an application form contact 01631 562168

Email info@northargyllhouse.org



find us on
facebook

www.facebook.com/argyllshireadvertiser

www.facebook.com/campbeltowncourier

Career opportunities



The Construction Industry is an exciting place to be right now.

Due to expansion we have vacancies across all areas.

- **Joiners, Bricklayers & Labourers – Mid Argyll & Oban**
- **Building Technician/Assistant Site Manager - Oban**

What we can offer you?

A competitive salary. Access to training and development to develop your career with us. A workplace where no day is the same and you will get to see and work on projects that are helping to develop communities across Argyll.

Call us on 01546 602989.

Send C.V to jobs@mkmacleod.co.uk



Employer: Kilchoan Management Ltd

Location: Kilmelford, Oban, Argyll,

Type: to cover maternity leave but could become permanent.

Salary: Highly competitive salary according to experience and by agreement.

Days/Hours of work: Primarily Monday to Friday, 40 hour week with flexibility when the Principals are in residence.

We are offering a full-time Assistant Housekeeper position on a busy residential estate near Kilmelford which involves maternity cover but could become permanent.

We are looking for a Housekeeper with the following skills:-

- Excellent working knowledge of cleaning appliances and their operations and proper use of cleaning agents.
- Attention to detail
- Physical strength and stamina to work extended periods.

The main duties of the role are as follows:

- General maintenance in and outside the properties.
- Occasional driving duties particularly when the owner is in residence.
- Looking after and catering for the owner and his family/guests when in residence.
- General Housekeeping – cleaning and deep cleaning of all the properties to a very high level on the estate.
- Security on the estate.

Please apply by email to Mrs Melissa Oatts
factor@kilchoanestate.co.uk

Crinan Hotel Bookkeeper

Flexible hours

Please send CVs to Frances Ryan
macdonaldart.crinan@gmail.com
or reservations@crinanhotel.com

DO YOU RUN A HOSPITALITY OR TOURISM BUSINESS? ARE YOU LOOKING TO RECRUIT?

We hope that soon, businesses like yours will once again be able to reopen and it looks like 'Staycation' is going to be the buzz word this season.

The Oban Times is offering very low cost advertising packages, combining the power of our newspapers, with the digital expertise of HIJOBS. Over 200,000 people in Scotland use HIJOBS every month.

Find the right candidate quickly, in any corner of the country.

For more information please get in touch.
Call Nicky on 01631 568014
or email nmurphy@obantimes.co.uk



Come to church this Easter

A wonderful celebration for us all

The Christian faith at the heart of the Easter message celebrates the Resurrection, rebirth, new life, growth and rejoicing – what better themes could there be now that spring is here and the Covid restrictions are being eased slowly.

Let's all rejoice this Easter weekend.

The Scottish Government has revised its plans to say that 'should progress suppressing the virus continue', it will permit churches to re-open for communal worship from March 26, meaning they will be able to hold Easter services as usual this year.

It will let churches re-open for communal worship earlier than previously planned as the Covid-19 vaccine rollout continues to bring down case numbers.

The attendance limit will be 50 where social distancing permits; but this will depend on levels of the virus.

The news has been welcomed across Scotland.

The Catholic Church said: 'The opening of churches is a sign that the sacrifices endured so far are bearing fruit and gives us hope and encouragement to persevere. We pray that the Risen Christ, for whom we long during this holy season of Lent, will bless and bring healing to our nation.'

The Most Rev Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, said: 'We now hope to be able to move forward, while remembering that not everyone will be able to be in church

despite this re-opening for various reasons, and that is why we will continue to provide online worship for those who will not be able to return.'

All churches recognise that many people, who have to keep shielding, will not be able to go out to services and are continuing to post their services on line.

The National Worship Team of the Church of Scotland summed up the feelings: 'We may not all be gathered in the same building, but at this time, when we need each other so much, we are invited to worship together, from where we are – knowing that God can hear us all and can blend even distant voices into one song of worship.'



ST. KIERAN'S RC CHURCH

St. John Street, Campbeltown
stkieransrc.org

Passion (Palm) Sunday, 28th March, 10am

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper), 1st April, 7pm

**Good Friday (Commemoration of the Lord's Passion),
2nd April, 3pm**

**Blessing of Easter Food baskets, Saturday, 3rd April,
between 4-5pm**

The Easter Vigil, Saturday, 3rd April, 8.30pm

Easter Sunday, 4th April, 10am

Easter Sunday, 4th April, 4pm (Islay, location TBC)

Limited places so please register with
Fr. Tony by telephone or email.

01586 552160 campbeltown@rcdai.org.uk

Please give: Name, address, telephone no.,
and number from the household wishing to attend,
and the date of the Mass.

Holy Mass will be also be broadcast on Facebook for those
who are unable to attend:

(<https://www.facebook.com/campbeltownrcchurch>).

A Parish of the R.C. Diocese of Argyll and the Isles; Charitable Trust,
a registered Scottish Charity, SC002876

SUBSCRIBE TO SCOTTISH FIELD

and choose a FREE bottle of Glasgow Gin or Arran Malt*



Save **25%** on the cover price only **£10.69** per quarter
delivered direct to your door.

Call **01778 392014** and quote **summer1**
or go to scottishfield.co.uk/subscriptions

As the evenings get longer sit back and relax with your copy of
Scottish Field and a wee dram

*Terms and conditions apply. For over-18s and UK-based subscribers only who pay by direct debit. Minimum one-year subscription to Scottish Field. Offer ends 31 May 2021. While stocks last. Limited stock available, first come, first served basis. By claiming this offer, you agree that you are of UK legal age for purchasing and consuming alcoholic drinks.

for the facts
drinkaware.co.uk

TRUST



Local press in print and digital is
THE MOST TRUSTED
source for local news and information

Local press in print and digital **74%**

Local commercial TV **73%**

Search engines **43%**

Social Media **22%**

Other websites **39%**



Source: YouGov 2018

GOLDEN WEDDING

RHODICK - JAMIESON
- At Burntisland Registry Office on March 27, 1971, George Alexander (Geordie) to Elizabeth Margaret (Betty).

DIAMOND WEDDING

MACCUAIG - ROBERTS
- Gilbert to Llana on March 31, 1961 at Kilmichael Glassary Church by Rev. Henderson.

DEATHS

CAMERON - Suddenly after a short illness fought bravely and with dignity, with her family by her side, at the Mid Argyll Hospital Lochgilphead on March 20, 2021, Catherine (Cathie) Cameron née Simpson, in her 77th year, of 3 Dochas Place, Lochgilphead. Much loved and loving Mother of Joyce; former wife of Ronnie Cameron (Joiner). Adored Nanny of Scott and Lewis, much respected mother-in-law of Kenny, and a dear sister of Sadie and the late Ken and Ena. Dearly loved aunt, cousin and sister-in-law to the extended family. A private family funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium. For those wishing to pay their respects, the funeral cortege will leave from Lochgilphead Parish Church on Tuesday, March 30 at 11.30am, travelling down Argyll Street, along Union Street, passing through Furnace at approx. 11.45-11.50am and Inveraray 12-12.10pm. Please observe social distancing. Donations can be made in memory of Cathie to the Macmillan Day Unit, Mid Argyll Hospital directly or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

IRVING - James Irving passed away on March 17, 2021. Loving husband of Margaret Irving, father of Jamie, Colin and Billy and loving grampa to his seven grandchildren.

PETERS - Peacefully at home High Peninver Farm, Campbeltown, after a brave battle, on March 23, 2021, Claire Rosalind Peters, in her 52nd year, loving partner of Jamie Maclean, much loved daughter of Charlie and the late Rosalind, step daughter of Rhoda, loving sister of Craig, Katy, Kerry and Leanne and a beloved aunt of Scott. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Claire will have one last trip home to High Peninver Farm on Saturday, March 27 at 11.00 am. The cortege will leave the Highland Parish Church travelling along the Dual Carriageway past the Cross, up Main Street onto Longrow passing Tesco's in Lochend Street and onto Peninver via High Street. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Claire may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing. Claire's cremation will take place in Cardross Crematorium on Monday, March 29. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil/donate>

FORSTER - Peacefully at home, Machrimore Mill Cottage, Southend, on March 20, 2021, John McWilliam Forster, in his 72nd year, dearly beloved husband of Janet Anderson, much loved dad of Aileen and Iain, father-in-law of William and a loving grampa of Ryan and Finn. Funeral Service Private in line with current government guidelines. John's funeral will take place on

Friday, March 26. The cortege will leave John's office in Burnside Street at 12 noon, we will travel up Longrow, Aqualibrium Avenue round The Cross and up Main Street on our way to the family home. We will leave the family home at 1.00pm after a short prayer, travelling through Southend Village on our way to Keil Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to John may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Kidney Dialysis Support Group https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/JohnForsterKintyreDialysisSupport?utm_term=dAQGdmaQV

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
MACKINNON - Meg, Alison, Ishbel, Donald and families would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards, flowers and other thoughtful gestures following the sad loss of Donald. Special thanks to all of the Carr Gomm and Council carers who looked after him so compassionately over the last few years, to the district nurses and staff at Tarbert Medical Practice and to staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, for their professionalism and kindness. Also, to Lyn Peden for a lovely service, to Stan Lupton and team for dealing with the funeral arrangements so professionally and personally, to John Hunt for going the extra mile with our choice of music and to Keli McDougall for such beautiful flowers. We would also like to thank everyone who paid their respects to Donald on his journey to Achabreac Cemetery, it meant a great deal to see you all and Donald would have been delighted.

IN MEMORIAM
MCEACHRAN - Gary, March 30, 2017. Close to our hearts you will always stay Loved and remembered every day
- Mum, Dad, Ross, Beth, Christopher and Alyssa xx
ROBERTSON - In loving memory of my daughter Mhairi, who died March 26, 2019. Sorely missed and remembered every day.
- Dad, Maggie, David and Jack.

TAYLOR - In loving memory of my dear friend Euphie, died March 24, 2020. You left us quietly, Your thoughts unknown, You left us memories, We are proud to own.
- Best friend Mhairi.

ADVERTISER ANNOUNCEMENTS COURIER

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him Psalm 37:7

We will be opening our building on Easter Sunday to resume face to face services but until then you are welcome to join our online Praise and Worship Zoom Service on **Sunday, 28th March 2021 at 11am**

To join us online send your email address to officespringbankchurch@gmail.com for an invitation to Sunday's Zoom meeting www.springbankchurch.org.uk <https://www.facebook.com/springbankchurch> Contact phone number 01586 551237 - Church Secretary

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



South Kintyre Team Ministry Sunday services

10 am Saddell and Carradale Church
10 am Highland Church, Campbeltown
11.30am Southend Church Covid 19 restrictions apply
Ministers
Revd Steve Filcher
Revd Christine Fulcher
01586 830504
www.kintyrepsrishes.org.uk

ADVERTISER ANNOUNCEMENTS COURIER

SALVATION ARMY



Our meetings are **Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday** 3pm Worship

Friday 2nd April Good Friday 3pm Worship

Reflections around the cross
Normal Covid restrictions remain in place
If we can be of any assistance to anyone during this time please call us on 01586 552046
Major Ruth Russell
Scottish Charity Number SC009359

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH

Barr Mhor, Kilmartin
We look forward to seeing you next week
when we open for Easter Sunday at 11am.
Rev Robert McLeod will lead our service.
Welcome back.
Covid restrictions will apply

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH



George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 28th March
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
4.00pm Sunday School (by Zoom)
7.00pm Fellowship Meeting (by Zoom)
Speaker: Ciaran Kelleher
Wednesday 31st March
12.00 noon Prayer & Bible Study
Covid-19 guidelines apply
All welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

ADVERTISER ANNOUNCEMENTS COURIER

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Our doors are open again.

A warm welcome awaits you in the Kirk Street Hall at 11:00 am from Sunday 28th March.

Pastor Mark Jasper 01586 554 092 pastor@campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk www.facebook.com/campbeltowncommunitychurch SC043322

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH in Mid-Argyll & Arran

Open Again!
PALM SUNDAY
11am Christ Church
GOOD FRIDAY
12 noon
Christ Church
EASTER DAY
9am St Columba, Poltalloch
11am Christ Church
www.midargyllepiscopalchurches.co.uk
SC013787

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

charity number SC001002
Although our buildings are closed
we are still active.
Our website is full of information & links to keep you informed & provide opportunities for worship on-line
Please look it up & keep in touch
www.northknappdale.org

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686
Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday
Morning Worship 11.15am
Rev W Crossan
Covid 19 Guidelines apply
Maximum attendance 50
There will be a message on our Facebook page each Wednesday and Sunday

ADVERTISER ANNOUNCEMENTS COURIER

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



The churches are currently closed - a reflection from the Rev Lyn Peden will be available on the Church of Scotland in Tarbert, Kilberry and Skipness

Facebook page 01880820158
Charity numbers Tarbert SC002622 and Skipness SC004280

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday, 28th March Palm Sunday
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm (Covid19 control measures apply)
Weekly Reflections will continue to be available at the gates of the churches (Mark 11)

WESTLOCHFYNESIDE CHURCHES (Cumloddan, Inveraray and Lochgair)

Friday 2nd April 2021
Inveraray Church Half hour vigil and contemplation at 2.30pm
Friday 2nd April 2021
Good Friday Service in Cumloddan Church at 2.30pm
Sunday 28th March 2021
A service in Cumloddan church at 10.30am led by Tom MacKay
Masks must be worn.
A service in Inveraray church at 11.30am led by Mrs Dorothy Wallace
Masks must be worn
Charity No: SC016665

ADVERTISER ANNOUNCEMENTS COURIER

THANK YOU for continuing to support your local newspaper we local **ADVERTISER ANNOUNCEMENTS COURIER**

Research shows that for every £1 spent with a local, independent business, between 50p-70p circulates back into that local economy

So every time you pick up a copy of The Campbeltown Courier or The Argyllshire Advertiser you are not just helping one local business but a whole range of local businesses

SUBSCRIBE TO SCOTTISH FIELD
and choose a FREE bottle of Glasgow Gin or Arran Malt*
Save 25% on the cover price only **£10.69** per quarter delivered direct to you.
Call **01778 392014** and quote **summer1** or go to **scottishfield.co.uk/subscriptions**
*Terms and conditions apply. For over-18s and UK-based subscribers only who pay by direct debit. Minimum one-year subscription to Scottish Field. Offer ends 31 May 2021. While stocks last. Limited stock available, first come, first served basis. By claiming this offer, you agree that you are of UK legal age for purchasing and consuming alcoholic drinks.



Tribute to Tommy 'Iron Man' Kelly, 1944-2021

Campbeltown's Tommy Kelly, who died on March 8 aged 77, was a hugely popular figure in the community for his warm, friendly nature and his genuine interest in people, writes John McCallum.

But it was as a talented football player and long servant to Campbeltown Pupils AFC in the 1960s and early '70s where he displayed the energy, courage and tenacity that would give him the nickname 'Iron Man'. Tommy told the Courier in 2015 of his time on trial for English professional side Hartlepool United – which had a young Brian Clough at the helm – in 1967. With Tommy's family's kind permission, the Courier shares his story again.

Campbeltown's Tommy Kelly would have had no idea he was playing before a future football icon when invited to England for professional trials in 1966.

Tommy, a football legend in his native Kintyre after a prominent role with Campbeltown Pupils, was known as 'Iron Man' for his fearsome playing style and boundless energy.

After shining in local leagues, he was invited to Hartlepool United, a club starting season 1966/67 in English football's fourth tier and managed by Brian Clough.

Tommy said: 'As far as I know, it was a tanker driver working down here who told Hartlepool about me. The next thing I had a letter through the door inviting me to a trial.'

Clough ran the rule over Tommy, who mostly played outside right and was then in his early 20s and starting out on an eventual 30-year career in Campbeltown with the gas board.

The young Clough, in his

first management job after a prolific career was cut short by injury, greeted Tommy by saying: 'I hope the heather's not growing out of your ears.'

Tommy said: 'That threw me a bit. I wondered who this arrogant young manager was.'

'I can still see him now. Although he was just starting out in management, he had total respect from the players. All you heard was 'boss, boss, boss' when they addressed him.'

Tommy played at outside right against a local side and scored two goals. Clough was so impressed he wanted the 'Iron Man' back down for two more trial matches and Tommy, having loved the atmosphere, was keen to return.

He said: 'The crowd at the Victoria Ground was brilliant and it was a great feeling scoring two goals.'

However, the second trip did not turn out quite as planned.

Tommy laughed: 'Hartlepool paid expenses for my trips but

When Tommy met legend Brian Clough

it was hardly enough to get me to Peninver.

'I returned and brought the late Mike McGougan, a classy winger for the Pupils, down with me. I phoned Mr Clough beforehand and he was ok with it. So when we arrived, I met Clough and introduced him to Mike.'

'Clough said: 'Why don't you bring the whole f***** pipe band down?'

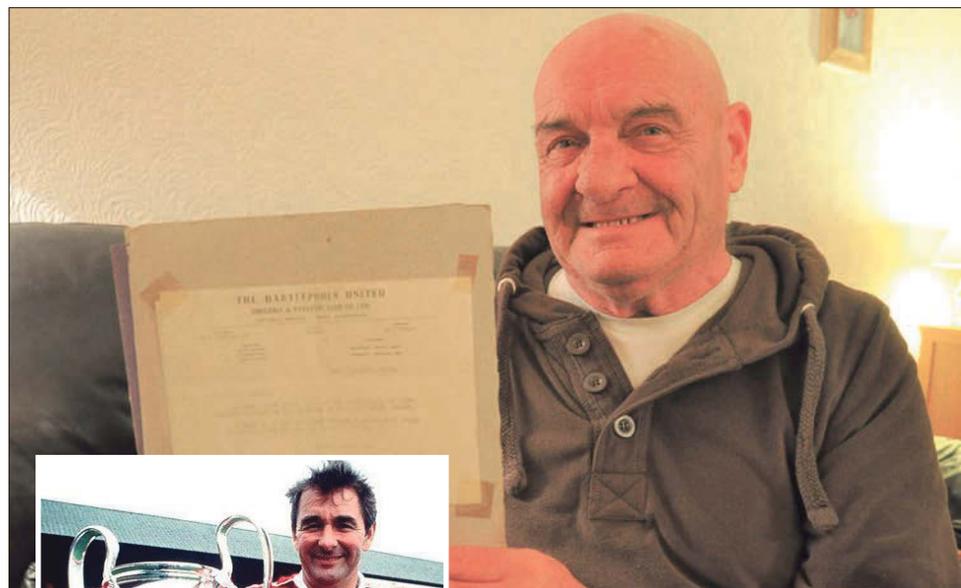
'We were a bit shocked and Mike got annoyed and spoke back to him. He never played while we were down there.'

'I spent three weeks at Hartlepool between the two trips, but Clough would only sign me as an amateur.'

'He and his assistant Peter Taylor, who was an absolute gentleman, were on a tight budget.'

'By that time, I had a family to think about, so it didn't work out. I told him it was professional or nothing.'

'I was just a hard player with a great engine and the odd



Above: Tommy 'Iron Man' Kelly in 2015 showing off the letter Brian Clough sent to Tommy's former boss asking if Tommy could get time off for a second trial. Brian Clough, left, would go on to European glory. As Hartlepool manager he clearly saw something in the Pupils' Tommy Kelly.

goal in me. I felt like I could play for 190 minutes instead of 90. I am not sure I would have made it, but I gave it a try and can say I played alongside John McGovern, a future two-time European Cup winner. He was only a teenager at the time but he never once gave the ball away. What a player.'

In retrospect, Tommy's best memory is having had the chance to work - albeit briefly -

with a legend of the game. He added: 'Knowing you have been in the company of a football genius is something not many can claim.'

'Clough had total control, a vision. It is no surprise he and Taylor brought Nottingham Forest the English title and two European Cup wins.'

'I met the best manager the England team never had.' Tommy continued to play for

Pupils and was presented with a gold watch in 1974 for his contribution to the club.

Thomas Calderwood Kelly, 1944 - 2021.




MACC
Business Park

Workshops available to let

Sizes ranging from 62 Sqm to 1500 Sqm
on secure business park site

Onsite offices, accommodation, internal
and external storage space

Flexible lease terms available

Contact MACC Developments Ltd Office
on 01586 551555 or enquiries@maccdl.co.uk
for further information

