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# Author Denzil's deal with Italian publishing giants

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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Italian murder mystery fans can now delve into the first instalment in the multi-million selling DCI Daley book series, set in the fictional town of Kinloch, based on Campbeltown.

Whisky From Small Glasses, the first book in the series penned by Campbeltown man Denzil Meyrick, has just been released in Italian by publishing giants Mondadori, and is now for sale across the country in print and ebook editions.

This marks the latest remarkable chapter for the award-winning book series which has already been released by Harper Collins in Germany and Austria, with more countries expected to follow.

'Italy is a huge market for crime novels, and I'm delighted we've done the deal,' said Denzil, now resident on Loch Lomondside. 'Hopefully, the more places and languages



Author Denzil Meyrick at Southend Photograph: Kirsty Anderson. Below the cover of the Italian version of Whisky From Small



people can find the books, the more they'll want to visit Kintyre.'

Meyrick's agent, Jo Bell of Bell Lomax Moreton, London, added: 'It's another milestone for Denzil's superb writing. We're over the moon.'

Through lockdown, Denzil has kept himself busy, penning no less than three more titles.

The ninth Daley thriller, For Any Other Truth, will be published in June, followed by standalone gangster novel

Terms of Restitution, set in Paisley, out this September.

Denzil's UK publisher Polygon will complete the trio with A Toast To The Old Stones, a follow-up to last Christmas's nostalgic hit 1960s comic novella featuring a young Hamish and Sandy Hoynes from the DCI Daley series. It will be out in October.

'It's an exciting time,' Denzil added. 'We're all looking forward to things getting back to something approaching

normal. And there's maybe a surprise or two in store as far as Daley is concerned.

'I've been very touched by readers who contacted me during lockdown to say the books helped them get through. It's nice to be even a small comfort at such a vexing time.'



## Happy Easter to everyone

Across Kintyre, signs of spring are clear to see, from lambs being born and frogspawn in ponds, to fresh buds and daffodils sprouting.

Born in a shed, these little lambs have since graduated outside and are now enjoying the sunshine in the fields of West Kintyre.

These seasonal indicators came just in time for Easter on Sunday. We hope you have a good weekend. Turn to pages four and seven for more Easter news.



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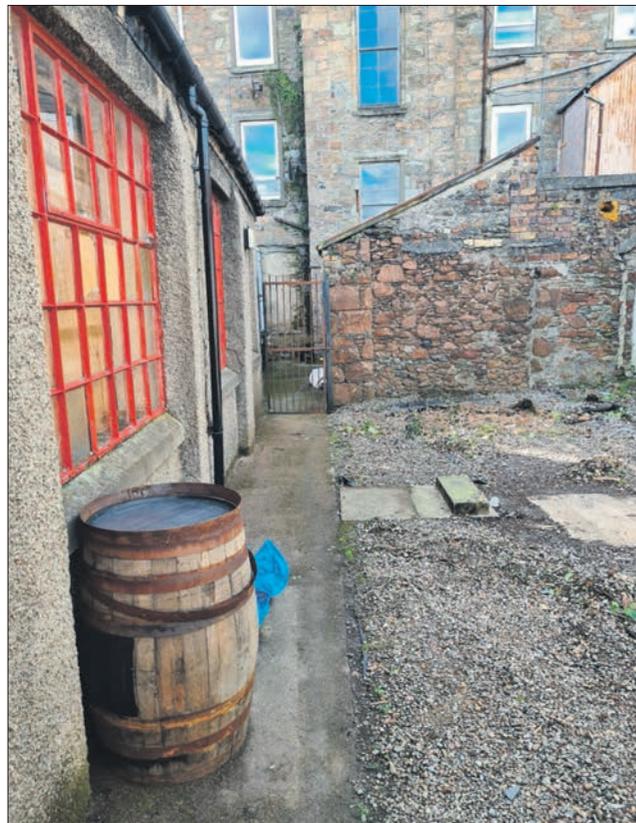
# Intergenerational garden project plans unveiled

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A Campbeltown charity which offers support to young people aged 12 to 25 has revealed plans to build an extensive outdoor area which will help not only its young visitors but also those of older generations.

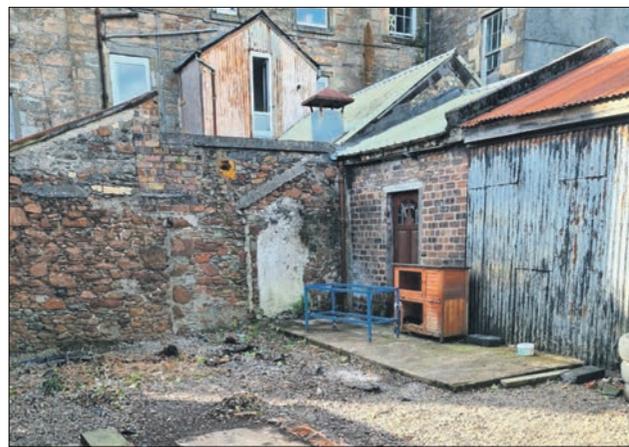
Youth Impact – which offers a base for young people to engage in positive, informal and educational activities, where they can receive advice and support on a number of topics – has received funding to transform an unused area at the back of its Burnbank Place premises.

Project manager Lesley Renton said: 'We have been consulting with young people through our private Facebook page during the lockdowns and have managed to come up with a plan for the garden project, which includes: grounds work with small paths; a sensory section; picnic benches and a rockery/water feature in the centre; benches along one side; a decked area with a barbecue area beside it; a storage shed; a small greenhouse; a standing planter, a wheelchair access



planter and a children's size planter for any young parents taking their children along with them; a fence to surround the area, leaving access points clear; and a memorial wall.

'The garden will be a great addition to our intergenerational project with the local care home, as the residents will have a space at Youth Impact to come and visit.



The area to the rear of Youth Impact's Burnbank Place base is currently empty but plans for the space include a sensory section, a barbecue area beside, a greenhouse and a memorial wall.

'We were successful with £3,000 funding from the Dunlossit and Islay Community Trust for most of the costs of the project, and we received £400 from the Kintyre Well Fund, which will fund the sensory section of the garden. We are incredibly grateful for these donations.'

Lesley added: 'Our plan is to have the young people, who are very eager to get started, involved every step of the way and to hand-build most

of the items in the garden.' While there is no shortage of volunteers to help with the project, the Youth Impact team is keen to hear from any tradespeople who would like to volunteer their skills and expertise, or share their contacts in the building trade, as the aim is to keep costs as low as possible.

Email [youthimpact.campbeltown@gmail.com](mailto:youthimpact.campbeltown@gmail.com) or visit the Youth Impact Facebook page [@youthimpact2018](https://www.facebook.com/youthimpact2018).

## POLICE FILES

### Assault

A 67-year-old man was charged after a man and two women were assaulted within an address in Main Street, Campbeltown, at about midnight on Sunday March 21.

### Vandalism

A car at Hutcheson Court, Campbeltown, was damaged between 6pm on Saturday March 20 and 11.30am on Sunday March 21 when a bottle was smashed off its roof causing a dent.

### Charged

A vehicle was stopped by police at Snipefield Industrial Estate, Campbeltown, at about 11am on Sunday March 21, and checks revealed the vehicle allegedly had an expired MOT. The driver, a 36-year-old woman was subsequently charged.

### Held for court

At about 11.40pm on Saturday March 27, a 39-year-old man reportedly breached bail conditions imposed by the court by entering an address in Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown. At the same incident, a 21-year-old woman allegedly breached bail conditions. Police arrested and charged the pair who were held for court.

### Arrested

A car was found crashed into a ditch on the A846 near Bridgend, Islay, at about 2.20am on Sunday March 28. Subsequently, a 23-year-old man was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol. He was also charged with driving with no licence and taking the vehicle without the owner's consent.

**Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information on the above or any incident.**

## Fears for future of Southend Primary School after letter goes out

There are fears that Southend Primary School could be permanently closed due to a declining school roll.

The Courier understands that at its June 10 meeting, Argyll and Bute Council's Community Services Committee will be asked for permission to mothball the school.

The council is then expected to go

through the formal process of closure as per the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

Councillor Rory Colville said: 'While I understand a letter has gone out to parents, no decision on closure can be taken until a comprehensive consultation has taken place with the local community. Education provision

plays a key role in attracting new, economically active families that are required to halt the decline in our rural depopulation.'

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'As someone who secured capital funding to have the school building refurbished, and who fought on two occasions to prevent closure, this is a sad day

indeed. Unfortunately, falling school rolls are a big problem in many rural areas throughout Argyll and Bute.

'I have been continually asking the housing associations to consider building new houses in villages such as Southend, which would have helped attract young families to the area. Sadly, this has never been done.'

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## Photograph highlights dog fouling problem

This photograph sent to us by a Courier reader shows the horrifying reality of dog fouling in Campbeltown.

The image shows numerous bags of dog waste intertwined with beach litter on the scenic coastal walk at Trench Point.

It highlights that it is not only those who fail to pick up after their pets who are causing the problem, but also those who do pick up the poo but then leave the bag behind.

The contributor, who took the photograph on her 'favourite walk', said: 'A beautiful view, ruined by poo. There is no dog poo fairy, sadly, so please take your poo bags home. It's only 600 steps from this view to the car park.'

Argyll and Bute Council's leader said last month that it was time for the authority to 'show it means business' in



**Bags of dog poo are adding to the litter in some of Campbeltown's most scenic areas.**

tackling the 'never-ending problem' of dog fouling across the area. Councillor Robin Currie said he wanted to see irresponsible dog owners charged or 'hit in the pocket' if they were seen failing to clean up after their pet.

## Small steps could make a big difference this Easter weekend

As NHS 24 prepares for the busy Easter holiday, people across Scotland are being encouraged to take small steps to make a big difference to their health.

NHS services are often busy during public holidays and services may operate slightly differently so people are being advised to plan ahead for common illnesses and minor accidents which can be managed at home.

NHS 24's medical director Dr Laura Ryan said: 'It's always good to be able to manage common illnesses, and it's especially important this year. Having pain killers at home, such as paracetamol and ibuprofen, means you can quickly and easily manage

symptoms. If you've got wee ones at home, a first aid kit is handy and our first aid pages on NHS Inform can advise what to do if anyone is unlucky enough to have an injury - they cover everything from burns and scalds to bumps and scrapes.

'Our 111 service gets a lot of calls about medicines so it's worth remembering that your local pharmacist can help with much more than prescriptions.

'Covid-19 guidelines are still in place, and all up to date information - including how to book a test, guidance on isolation, and info on the vaccination process - is available at [www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus](http://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus)

# KSPB takes prize in online competition

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Kintyre Schools Pipe Band (KSPB) has landed a top prize at a national competition despite it being a year since members last performed together.

The band's talented young musicians impressed the judges at the Scottish Schools Freestyle Championships with their rendition of Ravens Rocketman, featuring traditional reels and an arrangement of Elton John's hit song Rocket Man, earning themselves second place and £400 in prize money.

In a bid to help beat lockdown and keep youngsters focused on their music whilst learning from home, the competition moved online this year.

This meant band members had to record their performances individually, some from school and some at home, before Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS) teacher James Murdoch, head of music, put it all together.

As well as the band's pipers and drummers, the submission featured keyboard players and guitarists, while five members of James McCorkindale's School of Dancing also featured in the video.

KSPB Pipe Major Fiona Mitchell said she was 'extremely proud' of the young musicians, adding: 'It's such a fantastic result for such a small community as there were bands competing from all over Scotland.'

'With the majority of the major championships cancelled for this year, this competition

## Pipe band members record sections at home for freestyle championships



gave the band members something good to focus on.'

The result is even more impressive, given that the youngsters have been unable to practise or perform together for a year - their last public performance was a concert at CGS just days before the UK went into lockdown in March 2020.

The young musicians have continued lessons with Ian McKerral and Campbell Anderson throughout lockdown via Google Classroom, and have only recently had some face-to-face tuition, but it is unclear when full band practises will resume.

Alex Duncan, Scottish Schools Freestyle Championships chief executive, described the response to the event as 'outstanding' with

16 bands and musicians from 46 schools taking part.

He said: 'This was not just a musical challenge on the part of pupils, but a technical feat on the part of tutors: pupils had to practise solo and film their individual part, in time and in tune, in their own home, after which tutors had to combine all the pupils' films into one performance using technical mixing platforms.'

Red Hot Chilli Piper and judge Craig Munro said: 'Line-ups included keyboard, voice, guitar, violin or anything - so long as at least two bagpipes were at the heart of it. We were blown away by the talent of the young people and it was hard to choose the winners.'

Fellow judges were Finlay MacDonald, director of piping at the National Piping Centre,

**A screenshot from Kintyre Schools Pipe Band's entry to the Scottish Schools Freestyle Championships.**

and composer, broadcaster and musician Gary Innes.

The event was played out over three nights last week on the Pipe Bands for Pupils Facebook page, attracting thousands of viewers, who also got a chance to vote for their favourite band.

The championships are run by the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust which has supported piping and drumming in 24 local education authority areas with thousands of pupils getting lessons each week. The trust helps expand piping and drumming in state schools with grants for tuition.



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# Easter egg competition's cracking winning entries



The P4 to P7 category winner: helipad and egg-copter.

An egg-cellent variety of entries was received when Friends of Castlehill parent-teacher association hosted an Easter egg decorating competition.

Open to children from Castlehill Primary School and Campbeltown Nursery Centre, the organisers were inundated with entries, including eggs decorated as Little Miss characters, Minions, an alien, Mr Potato Head and a gumball machine.

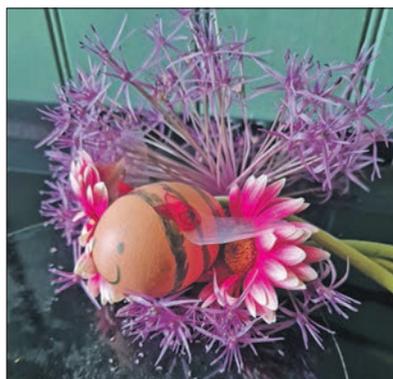
Amid fierce competition, the winning entries were: in the nursery and P1 category: dinosaur eggs; in the P2/3 category: bumble bee on flowers; and in the P4 to P7 category: helipad and egg-copter.

The lucky winners each received an Easter mug filled with goodies.

The P2/3 category winner: bumble bee on flowers.



The nursery and P1 category winner: dinosaur eggs.



Top row, from left to right: Kintyre Larder staff Sarah Thompson, Margaret Sinclair, Linda McLean and David McCallum. Bottom, from left: customers David and Jane Mayo, who donated many fantastic hats; and Argyll Bakeries delivery driver Alex Roxburgh.

## Hats off to Kintyre Larder staff

Staff at The Kintyre Larder donned a wild and wonderful variety of hats last Friday, March 26, while participating in Wear A Hat Day as part of Brain Tumour Awareness Month.

Customers, suppliers and delivery drivers also got in on the act – all while adhering to Covid restrictions. Some popped into the shop wearing their own hats, while others were persuaded to try on one of many donated to the shop for

the occasion. Donations were collected in aid of UK-based medical research charity Brain Tumour Research, a leading voice calling for greater research into what scientists are calling the last battleground against cancer.

When the Courier went to print, more than £220 had been raised. Owner Linda McLean said: "Thanks to everyone who kindly donated hats to use and all those who took part and donated."



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## Happy lockdown birthday

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 boys and girl.

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](mailto: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.



**Blaze-Lee Mathieson**

Blaze-Lee Mathieson, from Campbeltown, was eight on Monday March 29.

He had a fantastic birthday celebration with his friends, having a Nerf gun war in the garden.



**Callen McKay**

Callen McKay, from Campbeltown, turned five on Sunday March 28.

He enjoyed a sleepover with his friends to celebrate.



**Cheryl Brown and Craig Lang**

Cheryl Brown and Craig Lang, from Campbeltown, are celebrating their birthdays – Cheryl was 32 on Sunday March 28 while Craig turns 30 tomorrow, Saturday April 3.

They are celebrating at home with daughters Lexie and Belle, and the family sends them lots of love.

# 'Something in the water' as brass players make waves across Scotland

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It has been more than a year since Campbeltown Brass last performed publicly – at Murrayfield Stadium before a Scotland v France Six Nations rugby match in March 2020 – however, the band's musical director, Stephanie Mitchell, has been continuing to keep the members motivated with some exciting musical opportunities.

It has been a busy month for the band's members, from beginning virtual rehearsals at the start of March, to many of the players taking part in the Scottish Brass Band Association (SBBA) Solo and Ensemble Festival, and having the 'incredible' Nicholas Childs, from the world-famous Black Dyke Band, lead

a virtual rehearsal. One of the most challenging aspects of lockdown has been keeping motivated in all aspects of life, so Stephanie hoped that by beginning virtual band rehearsals, it would help to encourage people to keep practising – or just get the instrument back out its case again.

She was also keen to continue to help develop players' ability, keep the band moving forward as an ensemble, and enhance the quality of virtual performing projects.

She told the Courier: 'As we all know, Campbeltown Brass is very much a community band, so I really thought this would be good for our mental wellbeing to come together once a week and just have some fun.'

'The band was very privileged to be joined by Professor Nicholas Childs, who is the



The musicians who placed first in the 12-and-under ensembles contest, clockwise from top left: Gregor Craig, Grace Barr, James Barr and Charlie Colville.

conductor and musical director for the award-winning Black Dyke Band.

'Under his baton, the band has won three European Championships, six National Championships, three British

Open Championships...the list is endless.

'Amy Paterson, a former member, is now Black Dyke Band's second horn player, and is enjoying continuing her musical career at the Royal

Northern College of Music. Nicholas said: 'Amy has followed in the footsteps of another Campbeltown Brass player, Morvern Sinclair (Gilchrist); I believe there must be something in the water in Campbeltown to continue to produce such amazing players.'

As well as enjoying being back playing virtually, many of the band's members took part in SBBA's Solo and Ensemble Festival, including: in the 12 and under solos: Gregor Craig, qualified for finals; Charlie Colville, qualified for finals; Cara McFadzean, third place at finals; James Barr.

In the 16-and-under solos: Andrew McMillan, second place at finals; Mae Barr, qualified for finals; Rona Campbell; Drew Cunningham.

In the 12-and-under ensembles: Charlie Colville, Gregor Craig, Grace Barr and James

Barr, first place at finals; Cara McFadzean, Annie Watson, Emma Oman and James Barr, second place at finals.

And in the 16-and-under ensembles: Cara McFadzean, Sean West, Mae Barr, Mia MacLaren and Flint-Phoenix Barrett, second place at finals.

'I was absolutely delighted with every single performance that these youngsters put on,' Stephanie said.

'It was even more challenging due to the competition being done virtually, so there was a lot more hard work and preparation with recordings having to be done in advance...and on their own. I am very proud of them all.'

Campbeltown Brass will be launching a special new project next week in a bid to recruit new players to the band as it looks towards a bright future.



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More than half the population of Highland, Argyll and Bute have received their first Covid-19 vaccination.

The milestone was surpassed last week and means the vaccination programme in NHS Highland is ahead of the national average for percentage of population vaccinated.

And the health board's director of public health is asking for everyone's support to allow this progress to continue. Dr Tim Allison, NHS Highland's director of public health, said: 'Our GP practices have been working under significant pressure throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and especially during the vaccine roll-out. We are working to ensure vaccine supplies are delivered where they are needed to keep progress across practices as constant as possible and have been assured we will have sufficient supplies to meet the target date of offering a vaccine to all over 50s by mid-April. Your GP practice will contact you about your vaccination. I would encourage people to only contact your GP about the Covid-19 vaccination if you are over 65 and have not received an invitation to receive your Covid-19 vaccine.'

If you are concerned the practice does not have up-to-date contact details for you, please check the practice website for information on how to update your details.

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# Invitation to join effort to get Argyll buzzing

Argyll and Bute community groups are being invited by environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful to take part in the 2021 Beautiful Scotland and It's Your Neighbourhood initiatives.

Run by the charity in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), the initiatives allow volunteers and groups to gain recognition for their efforts to protect and enhance their local places.

With 2021 being a big year for action on climate change and protecting biodiversity, the optional theme is 'climate and nature friendly' with all groups that register to participate receiving free pollinator-friendly seeds to help

**Pollinator seeds will be given out to those who register for the initiative.**

create blooming beautiful and #BeeDiverse places.

Last year, despite the challenges, the achievements of 200 groups across the country were supported and celebrated with many of those participating developing new ways of ensuring the places they care about were looked after.

Catherine Gee, deputy chief executive officer of Keep Scotland Beautiful, said: 'We are facing a climate and nature emergency, but our research has shown that in the last year more than 40 per cent of



people have spent more time using outside space in their neighbourhoods, reconnecting with the environment and their communities.

'We're looking forward

to welcoming people from well-established groups, through to those just starting out, as they register for free support through the Beautiful Scotland or It's Your

Neighbourhood initiatives this year. As a thank-you for all that volunteers are doing across the country we will send out pollinator seeds to those who register to help create an extra buzz as we collectively work to make Scotland clean, green and sustainable for nature and people.'

To widen the appeal this year, a non-judged Beautiful Scotland category has been introduced for groups who would like to take part but feel the competition element is too much for them.

Registration for Beautiful Scotland and It's Your Neighbourhood is open until April 30 at [www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org](http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org)

## Argyll and Bute Trust keeps on giving

A charitable-giving trust set up 42 years ago to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee is still giving to good causes.

Argyll and Bute Trust has gone from strength to strength over the past four decades, celebrating its ruby anniversary in 2018.

Since it became a charity in 1978, the trust has given out large amounts of money for the benefit of people living in the area.

And the charity is still looking to help more community groups and individuals aspire to achieve their dreams.

Some of its recent projects include helping Feis-na-

Appianee to buy musical instruments and tuition for the children in Appin Primary School.

A pupil from Dunoon Grammar School got help to achieve a place in the Olympic Sailing team while students from Taynuilt were able to take part in the World Challenge Orienteering Championship in Croatia.

### Trees

Help was provided for Dervaig Community Orchard in Mull and a first aid group on the island was kitted out.

'We have also supported and helped the building and



**Planting trees at Dervaig orchard.**

completion of a community skiff in Appin.

'Going further afield, we supported senior pupils

from Dunoon to travel to Nova Scotia Canada for a two-week immersion course in Gaelic and education,' said the trust's current chairman Robert Campbell-Preston.

He added: 'It was thought that the trust would last for a short time, however, due to great commitment from the early trustees and those who have followed, it has gone from strength to strength.'

'The aim of the trust is to help all communities and students in Argyll and Bute; for individuals to aspire to their dreams; for those who need help with physical, mental and spiritual welfare; for

disabled and disadvantaged residents; for community projects, facilities for recreation and other leisure occupations. We are here to help.'

Over 10 years, in the run-up to 2018, the trust paid out nearly £56,000.

On average it gives out about £6,000 every year.

To help distribute funds the trust now has representatives all over the Argyll and Bute area from Oban to Coll and Tiree and out to Dunoon and Kintyre.

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# GRAB an environmentally-friendly chocolate Easter egg

By Kerry MacKay – Beaches and Marine Litter Project Education Officer, the GRAB Trust

I'm looking forward to Easter more than usual this year. I think most of us are after our Covid-19 winter confinement. The lure of spring, sunshine, chocolate and the outdoors.

Easter brings a major spike in chocolate consumption. The first chocolate Easter eggs weren't introduced to Britain until 1873 by Fry's. These days around 80 million Easter eggs sell each year.

There is also the annual call for less plastic and better chocolate, so here is our Cream Egg's worth.

Is it really chocolate you're paying for?

A 2018 survey by Which? found that about a quarter of your Easter egg's weight is the packaging. Thornton's got the worst rep with close to 40 per cent of their classic large egg being packaging.

The results of the 2019 Great British Beach Clean show around 558 pieces of litter on every 100-metre stretch of UK beach, with plastic still being the worst offender. The solution to this problem is clear; we need to stop creating as much stuff to be wasted in the first place.

Many companies have made efforts to improve their packaging by reducing the amount of plastic.

Thornton's reduced their packaging in 2018 and Nestle have removed all plastic from their Easter eggs, saving more than 700 tonnes of plastic waste and by making the boxes more compact they can



Kerry MacKay.

fit more eggs per lorry, saving 48,000 road miles.

But there are still plenty of tempting Easter treats to catch you out. A recent study by Uswitch found that Nestle Easter eggs produce the highest amount of CO2 per egg, closely followed by Cadbury's.

You can also help look after the planet by choosing chocolate that is better for people and the planet. There are all sorts of labels to help guide you.

Here are a few certifications to look for: Fair Trade, organic, palm oil free or sustainable palm oil.

There are lots of ethically-minded and more environmentally friendly chocolate companies around, and more are appearing every day as demand is soaring.

Here are just a few brands you can be fairly certain are doing their best: Divine, Montezuma's, Ombra, Seed and Bean, Chocolate and Love, Buttermilk (rated best in the Uswitch carbon emissions



Enjoy a clear conscience and plastic-free Easter.

study). Instead of comforting yourself with the promise to recycle all that plastic, choose plastic-free and planet-friendly Easter eggs instead.

There are plenty of eco-friendly Easter eggs out there and they often contain much nicer chocolate too. There are vegan, dairy-free, and low sugar options, so something for everyone.

This Easter take the focus off wowing your family with a

hollow box of plastic. Instead create lasting memories with your loved ones during these difficult times.

Decorate real eggs, enjoy an egg hunt, and savour delicious, Fair Trade, organic chocolate from a simple cardboard box that you can squash flat and 100 per cent recycle.

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Recycling information from a Cadbury's Easter egg.

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## Top tips to help you enjoy a guilt-free Easter:

- Choose eggs in cardboard boxes or simple foil wrap.
  - Avoid anything with a plastic window or box.
  - What's in the box with the big egg? It's all fine and well choosing an egg in a cardboard box, but you could still be buying needless plastic if the little bars or chocolates you also get with your egg are in plastic packets.
  - Again, look for your extra goodies to be wrapped in foil or paper.
  - Bags of smaller treats can be a real minefield. Many come in plastic bags or netting, with each individual treat inside also wrapped in plastic. Stay well clear of these!
  - Aim for treats that are wrapped in foil or not individually wrapped. Ideally in a paper bag or card box.
  - The chocolate eggs in a traditional egg box are a great plastic free choice.
  - Keep the cardboard clean while you enjoy your goodies.
  - Use the foil as a plate or have your Easter feast from your finest china.
  - Whatever you eat your chocolate from, make sure your cardboard and foil are clean when you go to recycle them.
  - Wash off any bits of chocolate that may have melted on to the foil.
  - Scrunch all your foil into a nice big ball and put it in your recycling bin along with your flattened cardboard boxes.
- Great job! You successfully enjoyed Easter without adding to the global plastic crisis.

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## 'Something in the water'

We've said in this column before that there must be something in the water here in Kintyre to continually produce so many talented musicians.

As well as those who excel while playing for their home town bands, this includes many musicians who continue to be recognised for their talents when they move on to other, often bigger bands across the country.

The impressive news from both Kintyre Schools Pipe Band and Campbeltown Brass in this week's edition shows that these young musicians remained dedicated to their art throughout one of the most challenging periods of their lives, when group practices were cancelled and it could have been tempting to focus on other things.

Their success undoubtedly comes as a result of a huge amount of practice and hard-work and not really 'something in the water', and we will never get tired of saying how much of a credit they are to this area.

## Happy Easter

We hope you enjoy the photographs of the lambs on the front page and the winning entries from the Friends of Castlehill's Easter egg decorating competition. Receiving them certainly cheered us up!

Visit our website at [www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk](http://www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk) to see more entries.

Happy Easter everyone – hopefully this is the last we will have to spent apart from our family and friends.

## KRL recycling decision short-sighted and disgraceful

Across Argyll and Bute, the response of communities as a result of Covid-19 to support vulnerable people has been amazing.

It underlines the fact that it is communities who know best what is best for them.

Argyll and Bute Council was at the centre of ensuring our resilience teams got support and Scottish Government funding dispersed quickly and efficiently.

That is why I find the decision of the Tory/LibDem/Independent ruling administration to remove the recycling service from Kintyre Recycling Ltd (KRL) and taking it in-house as short-sighted. And giving them only six months notice is disgraceful.

KRL has provided a reliable service for the community since 2006 and given employment opportunities to people with barriers to work.

It has a committed board and management team who have diversified the projects it does to ensure sustainability.

But this decision leaves a gaping hole in its business plan and a workforce unsure if they will still have jobs.

There is a projected increase in cost of £210,000 to supply recycling bins across Kintyre.

But this does not take account of the possible social and welfare cost of the impact on the workforce.

This is yet another blow to the community already hammered by unemployment.

I urge the council to work closely with KRL to find a solution that ensures that all of the KRL employees at risk of redundancy are found suitable employment and that this valuable organisation can continue to employ vulnerable people providing services from which everyone benefits.

**Jenni M Minto, prospective parliamentary candidate, Argyll and Bute SNP.**

## Urgent action needed at Rest

In 2012, the SNP published a coloured map showing options for the route of the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Nine years later, all they have done is colour in the map slightly differently. We are no further

forward. Whoever is in government after the election must stump up the money needed to construct a road protected from landslides.

This must be done a lot quicker than the 10 years the SNP say it will take them.

Without urgent action, many businesses in Argyll will not survive.

**Councillor Alan Reid, prospective parliamentary candidate, Liberal Democrats.**

## Kintyre's shoddy road signs not acceptable

Across the Kintyre and the Islands ward I continue to receive complaints about the rather shoddy condition of road signs.

In some cases the signs are faded and covered in dirt and in many other cases they are falling to pieces.

One example of this is the road signs above the footpath outside of Port Ellen Primary School on Islay and sadly there are many other examples.

In my opinion, in the future, Argyll and Bute Council must be more diligent in maintaining our signs.

Road signs help regulate traffic, provide crucial visual guidance and give drivers important preview especially during night-time conditions.

I will continue to campaign for more frequent road sign maintenance for every corner of my ward.

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

## NHS workers will be balloted on four per cent pay offer

Following the Scottish Government's pay offer of four per cent across the board for all NHS workers, Unite will ballot its members on the offer over the next few weeks.

Unite represents workers in every pay band across the entire NHS structure and recognises that while this offer will put money into the pockets of our members, any monthly pay uplift will vary considerably between individuals.

For this reason, Unite will be putting this offer to our members without recommendation.

The offer includes an opportunity to revisit any settlement including an intention by the Scottish Government to allocate additional funding through Barnett Consequentials.

Unite will demand that any additional payment made to the Scottish Government by Westminster through this formula, is passed on to our members.

Workers across the NHS have been described as 'heroic' in what has been an exceptionally challenging year.

Now is the time to reward those workers with the pay uplift they deserve, not just for their work during the Covid pandemic, but also for the pay cuts they have endured through years of austerity.

For Unite, other pay potential remains on the table in the form of additional Barnett Consequentials and we will pursue any additional pay that is intended for our members through further negotiation with any future Scottish Government.

**James O'Connell, Unite regional officer for Scotland.**

## Fancy a simpler life?

I work for a television company called Five Mile Films and we are making a new documentary series this year for Channel 4.

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**Kathryn Burke, casting producer, Five Mile Films, Bristol.**

## Please support people with sight-loss

Since the UK was first officially plunged into lockdown, we have lived through what is probably the most extraordinary year in most people's lifetimes.

Blind and partially sighted people have had to adjust like everyone else to the daily challenges this has created. Thankfully, there's now light at the end of the tunnel. But some ongoing measures could continue to be barriers to their independence and confidence.

People with sight-loss can sometimes find it difficult to judge space, so we're asking everyone to maintain their own distance, be patient and be helpful.

Just getting out and about can be more hazardous for those without sight. The government's 'Spaces for People' initiative has already transformed many of our streets and thoroughfares. We must take care that this doesn't inadvertently create new obstacles for those with disabilities.

The Covid crisis has given all of us a sense of uncertainty and vulnerability, of what it's like to depend more on others. So let's make one positive legacy of this crisis a resolve to make sure we re-emerge as a society in which no one is left at the margins.

**James Adams, director, Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) Scotland.**

## More Kintyre memories

Following publication of his poem, On Distant Shore, in last week's Courier, Jim McRobert, originally from Campbeltown but now living in Musselburgh, has sent in another one of his self-penned verses.

This one is titled Dunaverty.

Bloody was that rock on that wild Kintyre shore,

Bloody was that rock by the sea.

Murder under a white flag shown,

On the rock of Dun-av-er-tee.

When we were children, we played in its shadow,

Pail and spade at the water's edge.

Never did we know of its tragic secrets,

While hunting for crabs by a rocky ledge.

Retreated in vain to hide in their castle,

Chased by an army with murder in mind,

In trust they were safe in that seashore fortress,

Not from an army whose lust was pure blind.

Often we climbed on its grassy slopes,

Feeling that moment of breeze on our face,

Searching the beach as true knights of conquest,

Dreams of the past were often the case.

Offering the flag after three days of siege,

Expecting their leaders to die by the sword,

Yielding to promises quickly given,

Died to a man in the words of our Lord.

If only we'd known of the murder and slaughter,

Not even a child was allowed to survive,

Locals were threatened to erase the memory,

Not one to be seen with a tear in their eye.

Bloody was the beach on that wild Kintyre shore,

Bloody was that rock by the sea,

Slaughter to a man in the name of the Lord,

Died for the right to be free.

**Jim McRobert, Musselburgh.**

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## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Lizzie Jasper captured this photograph of Highland cows grazing in the sunshine with Davaar in the background during a recent expedition with her family in search of pirate caves round the Learside. 'We are loving exploring the local area during this lockdown and realise now there's so much more to see!' Lizzie said.

If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to [editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk](mailto:editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk) or get in touch via the Courier's Facebook page.

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## Time to stop smoking? The 5 Step Timeline



### 1 Make your first appointment with an Advisor

Your local advisor will welcome, support and listen to the challenges you face. Everyone's journey is different so a bespoke stop smoking programme will be made for you. You may want to set your Quit Date there and then, others like to take some more time to prepare for this.

### 2 Get through the first 3 days

Your advisor knows this can be a real challenge, when your body is craving a nicotine hit. But, support is available to get you through this initial phase, together with effective use of medications.

### 4 At 8 weeks

You will have built a really strong relationship with your Advisor, giving you opportunities to review your progress and any challenges.

### 3 At 4 weeks

4 weeks without smoking is a real milestone. Well done! Your Advisor will provide continued support and motivation, with the help of any stop smoking medication you may use and work through the most difficult times with you.

### 5 At 12 weeks

Many people find by twelve weeks they are Smoke Free and no longer need the support of an Advisor and we officially count this as a successful Quit! Stop Smoking Services will continue to be here for you if you need us in the future.

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

**Caroline Glen**  
**Tel. 07812485058**

Alternatively, contact the free Smoke Free National Helpline on: 0800 84 84 84 if you'd like to stop smoking. Or, complete the online form at: [bit.ly/Smoke-Free-Highland](https://bit.ly/Smoke-Free-Highland) and your local advisor will get in touch with you.



### Some of the health benefits to be gained by giving up smoking:

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Calculate the savings you could make by giving up smoking at [www.canstopsmoking.com/tools/cost-calculator](https://www.canstopsmoking.com/tools/cost-calculator)



# Historic site revealed as Killean graveyard

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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Well done to anyone who recognised the mystery location in last week's Down Memory Lane as the historic cemetery at Killean.

While an extension at the site serves as a current burial ground, all the featured photographs were taken in the old graveyard surrounding Killean's ruined 12th century church which is recognised by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland.

According to folklore, one of the now roofless kirk's ministers felt he had been given a message by God to preach his morning sermon in the open.

Before the end of the service, the church roof collapsed in what would have been a tragedy, however, all the congregation, being outside, were unharmed.

The site is also home to the Clan MacDonald of Largie family crypt. Inside the locked mausoleum, above which the words 'Here rest the bones of the House of Largie' are inscribed, are the carved grave slabs of several members of the MacDonald family, including founder Ranald Bane MacDonald, a 15th-century warrior.

The stones, featuring Celtic patterns, animals, swords and ships among other things, are said to be some of the best preserved examples in Scotland.



Moss grows on the roof of the Clan MacDonald of Largie family crypt.

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Nature has taken hold in many areas of the graveyard but the Killean and Kilchenzie Churches Preservation Association, established in 2007, is working to preserve the buildings that remain from further ruin by approved conservation techniques.

The aim is to allow these items to be available for view and for study by future generations; to advance education and encourage interest in the architecture, social and religious history embedded in the sites of the churches, carved stones, and the historical heritage they represent; and to preserve and restore the surrounding graveyards so that the headstones are secured and their data recorded so that the genealogical records are preserved.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

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The mystery location in last week's Down Memory Lane was the historic cemetery at Killean.

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Killean's carved gravestones are among the best preserved in Scotland.

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Ivy covers the walls of the now roofless kirk building.

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## Thought for the Week

I discovered an article on acedia recently and I was intrigued by the concept – the more I read, the more I recognised the reality of this ancient wisdom, recorded by fourth century monk Evagrius the Solitary.

Acedia is described as listlessness, torpor or not caring about things. It is not depression; it is more subtle and has spiritual overtones – I would say it is most profoundly a spiritual phenomenon. Looking into it, I clearly identified aspects of it in myself today! It appears to be the most 'underdiagnosed' and unacknowledged spiritual illness of this age.

I found that Pope Francis also came across it. Commenting in the context of healing the paralytic by the pool, he said the 'first illness' is the one afflicting the paralysed man. He had 'resigned himself to it,' the Pope said, 'perhaps saying to himself: "Life is unfair, others are more fortunate than I am". There is a plaintive tone in this way of speaking ... there is resignation but there is also bitterness.'

He added that it is an attitude reminiscent of 'many [Christians] who lack enthusiasm and who are bitter', who repeatedly say to themselves: 'I go to [church] every Sunday but it is better not to become involved! I believe for my own sake, but I don't feel the need to give it to others: each one peacefully at his own home.'

These people, the Pope added, also take the attitude that 'if you do something well in life, they'll reprove you: so, it's better not to take the risk'.

Good Friday, Easter Sunday - excellent days to take the risk and resolve to do something well in life, to set sensible goals to be better than I am now. But really, any day is a good day to do that.

Father Tony Wood, St Kieran's RC Church.

## TARBERT

Organisers of Tarbert Seafood Festival have cancelled this year's festival in light of ongoing Covid-19 restrictions around mass gatherings.

The 2021 festival was due to have been held over two days from July 3.

While this news will likely disappoint the hundreds of people who flock to Tarbert for this popular, family-friendly weekend, the news is not all bad as organisers are confident this year's Tarbert Music Festival will go ahead as planned from September 17 to 20.

John Hardie of Tarbert Enterprise Company said: 'While the recent announcement from the Scottish Government on the roadmap out of lockdown, together with the fantastic work being done by the NHS with its vaccine roll-out is encouraging, unfortunately it wasn't enough to allow us to hold this year's seafood festival safely.'

'Even if we are in tier zero, as is hoped, by the end of June, restrictions on numbers of people attending mass gatherings will still apply. The festival is one of Scotland's friendliest festivals with friends meeting up, milling around our many stalls and enjoying a drink in the sun while listening to live music, not to mention sampling some of the best seafood in the country.'

'This atmosphere is not something we could compromise for 2021, but the 2022 Tarbert Seafood Festival will certainly be an event worth waiting for.'

He added: 'We very much look forward to meeting friends, old and new, in September for this year's music festival. It will be good for Tarbert to get back to doing what it does best – entertaining.'

Next year's Tarbert Seafood Festival is due to be held over the weekend of July 2 and 3 2022.

## A'CHLEIT, CLACHAN AND GIGHA

Despite being unable to come together as they usually would, members and friends of the churches of A'Chleit, Clachan and Gigha participated in this year's World Day of Prayer (WDP) from the comfort of their own homes.

WDP is an interdenominational and ecumenical worldwide prayer movement with an annual service, this year prepared by women of Vanuatu, an island country in the South Pacific Ocean.



Crowds enjoying the 2019 Tarbert Seafood Festival.

Leaflets and booklets were delivered to parishioners in West Kintyre and Gigha ahead of the service, during which they heard stories from the women reflecting their history and situation today, based on the theme of 'building on a strong foundation'.

As a volcanic archipelago, the country is also susceptible to the worst forces of nature and regularly experiences earthquakes and cyclones.

In April 2020, Vanuatu suffered the devastating winds and heavy rain of Cyclone Harold, which caused more than 20 deaths and led to many people losing their homes.

Efforts to bring relief to the country after the cyclone were badly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic because of fears of spreading the virus.

A collection being carried out by A'Chleit, Clachan and Gigha churches will be sent to the WDP committee which has projects in Vanuatu to help with the aftermath of the most recent disasters. Everybody who participated in the service was given a bookmark to remind them of the country and its people.

## ISLAY

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 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 company the High Road Rum Company run by Ben Inglis, who has developed his own unique rum recipe.

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 the community will enjoy seeing a business emerge and hopefully develop over the years.'

Planning permission 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.

Mr Crook added: 'We still have a long journey ahead but we are delighted to be working with Ben and Scott and very encouraged by all the informal support and help we and they have had along the way.' The project will initially be funded by Vintage Malt which will also provide back office and sales and marketing support.

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# 'Be as good as your word'

## Rape crisis service launches videos urging people to watch their language

A rape crisis service that has helped its 1,000th survivor has produced three videos urging people to watch their language.

Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis (ABRC) wants the videos to be shared as much as possible to get its message across that words, including language brushed off as banter and only a joke, impacts sexual violence.

Funding from women and girls' charity Rosa and its Voices From the Frontline fund helped ABRC produce the three, short animated videos with subtitles.

They can be seen at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ-lwmSe7qVpzytYIYIP0UA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ-lwmSe7qVpzytYIYIP0UA)

ABRC Sexual Violence Prevention Worker Emily Love, who led the project with input from colleagues and a Google survey asking if sexism was a problem in the area, said: 'The more that kind of language becomes acceptable, the more it can develop into physical sexual violence. If you

are not saying to people 'don't say that' there's a build-up effect. They get away with that, so what will their next step be?'

Emily added: 'Language is huge. Often people say things and don't think about it or say it's just a joke but for a survivor or others it can make them feel unsafe.'

'We'd ask as many people as possible to take the time to watch these videos, share them

**'Often people say things and don't think about it or say it's just a joke but for a survivor or others it can make them feel unsafe'**

as widely as they can and think about the language they and others use.'

The videos have also been made available to schools.

In 2020, ABRC recorded helping its 1,000th survivor. There have been more since and during lockdown.

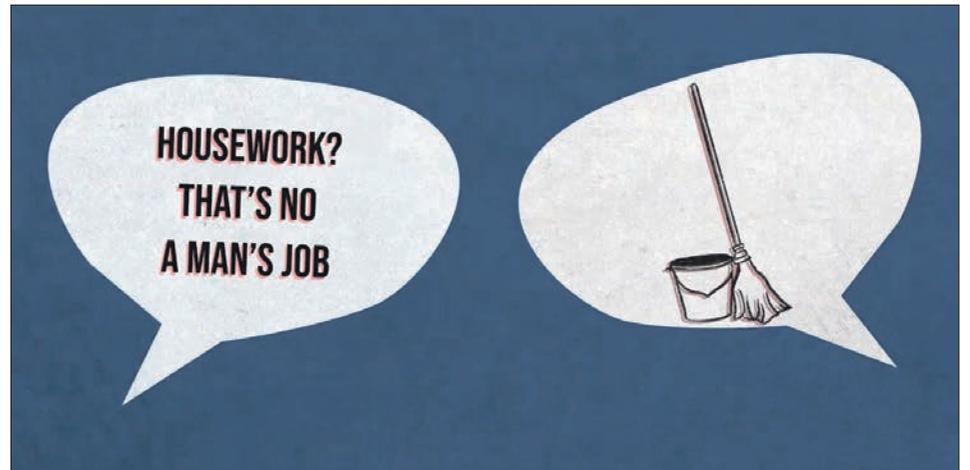
Emily said: 'Argyll and Bute isn't huge in that it doesn't have a massive population, so to have supported 1,000 people is quite a significant number. It's a bitter-sweet celebration. We are all extremely pleased we are here and that 1,000 people have come forward to seek support but at the same time it is sad.'

'There will be more survivors out there in Argyll and Bute who have not reached out and maybe don't know we are here.'

Despite lockdown, ABRC has still been present.

'We've still been here for people. Lockdown changed the way we have been able to help people. There's been lots of Face Time and phone calls. I've never used the word Zoom so much.'

'We are lucky we've had the technology to help us but there



Be as good as your word. Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis has brought out three short videos raising awareness on how language impacts sexual violence.

are problems that come with it. Argyll and Bute doesn't have the best internet signal, especially for people living out in the sticks so it's not a permanent solution.

'It just isn't the same as seeing people in person to

share an emotional burden. We are doing our best but we can't wait to give face-to-face support again.'

ABRC's helpline number is 08001 214685, Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm, or email [support@ab-rc.org.uk](mailto:support@ab-rc.org.uk)



## Vital Campbeltown road repairs included in new work schedule

Vital roadworks in and around Campbeltown have been included in an Argyll and Bute-wide programme.

Auchencorvie to Homeston, £100,000, road reconstruction/edge strengthening; Gobbagreggan Road, £70,000, regulate and overlay, and Crosshill Avenue/Ralston Road, £100,000, inlay, were part of proposals on how to use the additional £2.61m added to the roads reconstruction programme at last month's Argyll and Bute Council budget.

The total value of work planned for 2021/22 is £10m, as reported to the

Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee earlier this month.

Members will review the full updated programme at the committee's next meeting in June.

The 2021/22 roads reconstruction programme includes schemes carried over from the current financial year.

Covid, and the restrictions imposed on construction works, meant no surface dressing was carried out this financial year. However, significant preparatory work was undertaken.

The roads reconstruction

programme aims to arrest the rate of decline and provide an overall improvement in condition. The success of this approach has been demonstrated in recent years through independent evaluation, as outlined in the annual status and options report.

Councillor Rory Colville, policy lead for roads and infrastructure services, said: 'This is a significant investment and recognises the vital role transport and travel will play in Argyll and Bute's post-Covid recovery.'

The overall budget was divided on the basis of the area of the road network.

## Funding secured to fight fuel poverty

Argyll and Bute Council and Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) have secured £1.23m government money to fight fuel poverty.

The funding for Warm Homes Argyll and Bute is from the UK Government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Demonstrator (SHDFD) project and will be managed and delivered by ACHA with support from SSE Energy Solutions, owned by OVO.

This represents a £4.92

million investment in social housing across Argyll and Bute. Along with the grant award, ACHA has committed £3.177 million in match funding in partnership with SSE Energy Solutions which has committed £513,000.

This project will improve the energy efficiency of 130 homes across Argyll and Bute, including on 11 islands.

Leader of Argyll and Bute Council Councillor Robin Currie said: 'In Argyll and

Bute we are firmly committed to tackling fuel poverty and climate change. It was great to support ACHA to access funding for a project that will bring older homes up to modern energy standards in the most cost-effective way, particularly in rural and island communities. That's good for our people and our planet.'

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Many people are cared for in residential homes but care is most often provided in our own homes. We all want to keep our independence and a large part of the care profession is geared towards this.

People of all ages need care, not just the elderly; illness and accidents mean we can all find ourselves needing these valuable services.

Each care package is as individual as the person receiving the care. The first step is to contact the social care department of your local council. There you will be advised about getting the services you need and what you are entitled to so you – or the person you care for – can live at home as independently as possible.

Never forget that a massive amount of care is provided by unpaid, family carers and one growing branch of the care industry is providing respite for them.

The actual referral for care home services often comes from health care professionals such as GPs, district nurses and hospital staff.

The care package will be a blend of a home care worker and social care, health and housing services – general cleaning, heavy housework and gardening, shopping, personal care, meals on wheels or a frozen meal delivery service.

Many people will find that simple adaptations at home like improvements and the provision of equipment will make a massive difference.

## Hospice care

The West Highlands and islands is a huge area with a wide-spread population and hospice care has adapted to support this need.

The Oban, Cowal and Highland hospices work with organisations such as Macmillan and Marie Curie as well as with the NHS to provide in-hospital, at-home, day-care and drop-in palliative care not just cancer patients but anyone with life-limiting illnesses.

These three remarkable organisations are each backed by an army of supporters and volunteers – who are all keen to get back in action as the Covid restrictions ease.

They also support the families of the people they are for; the hospices are there when needed with practical information and support, advice on accessing community services plus advocacy and bereavement support.

## Care as a career

Looking for a job that makes a difference? Then think about the caring profession.

Care workers help vulnerable people to manage their daily activities and to live as independently as possible.

You could be working in a hospice, care home, in people's own homes, or for a charity which provides services.

As well as the frontline staff, there jobs in management, administration, training and assessment, with many specialism for the types of care needed.

Home care workers and assistants' jobs involve working with people of all ages who need care and attention in a variety of roles, including care assistant, support worker and nursing home assistant.

University of Highlands and Islands recognises the need for excellent training for the profession, offering courses, both full and part-time to help people progress within their careers.

One of the first places to start your career in care is here. The caring profession is such a large employment sector that jobs are advertised regularly in our newspapers and HIJOBS our recruitment website.



## The Dochas Carer Centre

*Supporting Unpaid Carers*

**We are still here for you even though the Centre has to remain closed**

We provide a service to unpaid adult carers across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles (MAKI). We have three teams: **Support outreach worker team, Qualified counselling team, Volunteer befriending team**

The Outreach/Support Team are maintaining regular contact with carers via telephone. Our team is providing a listening ear during this challenging time and we have been fortunate to receive additional funding to support carers and those they care for with creative solutions to help with their mental and emotional health while in isolation.

**Please visit our website – [www.dochasfund.org.uk](http://www.dochasfund.org.uk) and Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/dochascentre](https://www.facebook.com/dochascentre) which will be updated regularly with information and advice.**  
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**Contact numbers for the outreach/support team**  
Mid Argyll: 07464 308 418 • Kintyre: 0753 503 6953 • Islay/Jura: 0791 201 5393

### The Volunteer Befriending Team

Our volunteer befriending service called Circle of Friends is continuing to run. Volunteers are maintaining contact with the individuals they are befriending by telephone. Our Co-ordinator, Ryan Taylor, continues to support this service. We are looking for more Telephone Befriending Volunteers. We would love to hear from you if you wish to help, please contact us on 0793 203 9801.

### Dochas Counselling Team

The dedicated Counselling Team are currently offering online and telephone counselling to unpaid carers and their families, those who have been bereaved or those living with a long term or terminal condition. During the Covid-19 crisis, the Team have also set up a telephone support service for anyone feeling anxious or struggling during lockdown.

**For further information or to arrange an appointment, please telephone Alison Whitefield, Lead Counsellor, on 07432 231217 or contact the service via [counselling@dochasfund.org.uk](mailto:counselling@dochasfund.org.uk) or message the Dochas Facebook page.**  
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**MAYDS are still providing support for children, young people and families where we can. Anyone needing advice or help can contact the above at anytime.**

We are providing our child and adolescent counselling services via skype, phone etc., and still open for referrals for any young person feeling isolated or in need of support. Our Young Carers are still being supported by our team across MAKI and again referrals are still being taken.

We have regular information and updates on our facebook page mid Argyll youth development services.

Online support is also available on [www.cool2talk.org](http://www.cool2talk.org).

**Contact 07788900049 or [fiona@mayds.org.uk](mailto:fiona@mayds.org.uk) [lynn@mayds.org.uk](mailto:lynn@mayds.org.uk)**



### Dochas Carer Centre

The Dochas Carer Centre supports unpaid carers. Throughout Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, we work to improve the lives of all unpaid carers who face particular problems due to the rural and remote aspects of this region.

Our staff offer hope, emotional and practical support by providing information, guidance and training for unpaid carers through the maze of available services. All our services are free to unpaid carers. In particular it is worth noting that Dochas provides professional counselling services also offered free of charge. This free service has been invaluable to those whose mental health and general wellbeing has been affected during the last year of lockdown.

Dochas is conscious of the present risk associated meeting people face-to-face and so while the centre remains closed, the staff are continuing to work effectively from home using telephones and holding virtual meetings. Catherine Paterson Chairman of Dochas said: "Everyone at Dochas is looking forward to returning with hope for a new norm that will allow us to continue providing all the services we can to support Unpaid Carers."

### Home-Start Lorn

This is a particularly challenging time for new parents. Can you imagine how it feels to go home with a tiny baby and miss out on all the usual visits from family and friends?

Our volunteers certainly can't replace that, but they can definitely help to reduce the sense of loneliness many parents are feeling at this time.

#### Volunteering with Home-Start Lorn

At Home-Start we are still supporting families. Some of our families are being supported by meeting up and going for walks, some are being contacted digitally – via Facetime or Skype. A volunteer on Mull is even organising Story Telling on the Beach!

### Lochaber Care & Repair

Lochaber Care & Repair is a non-profit making charity offering free, independent advice, support and assistance to help elderly and/or disabled homeowners to repair, adapt or improve their homes so that they can live independently and safely in their own communities. For more information and contact details, please see our advertisement on this page.

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We provide a local respite service for unpaid carers, to enable them to look after a relative/friend/neighbour and to have some time to themselves. Even a brief period of respite can benefit the Unpaid Carer to cope better in their daily lives. This helps to promote and maintain independence and choice for both the Unpaid Carer and the Cared-for.

Crossroads North Argyll is aiming to meet the needs of local Unpaid Carers as earlier as possible in the caring role, so that we can hopefully prevent the Unpaid Carer reaching a crisis stage.

In doing so enabling them to take care of their own health and wellbeing, to carry on in their caring role.

We are also in the initial stages of developing a respite service on the islands of Mull, Tiree and Coll.

**If you, or someone you know, may benefit from some respite, please contact:**

Joan Best, Manager Crossroads North Argyll on 01631 562277 or email Joan at: [joan@crossroadsna.org.uk](mailto:joan@crossroadsna.org.uk)

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# Dog attack bill hailed as 'a big step forward'

Dog owners who allow their pets to chase and attack live-stock now face fines of up to £40,000 – and could be locked up.

Farming union NFU Scotland welcomed the Scottish Parliament's decision to pass the landmark Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Bill and paid tribute to South of Scotland MSP Emma Harper for her hard work over four years in driving through this 'hugely important piece of legislation'.

The new Bill significantly increases the powers of investigation and penalties to tackle the ongoing blight of dog attacks on livestock and dog fouling – two of the biggest issues faced by farmers, crofters and landowners through



irresponsible dog owners. Under the legislation, penalties can extend from imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months to a fine not exceeding £40,000 – or both.

The union also praised cross-party support afforded to the bill by all MSPs which successfully saw it reach stage three approval on

March 24 ahead of the Scottish Parliament going into recess for the Scottish elections in May.

NFU Scotland President Martin Kennedy said: 'With dog attacks on livestock occurring daily, and irresponsible dog ownership persisting, I thank Emma Harper MSP for her tireless efforts in bringing



Far left: Mid Argyll farmers joined union officials, police, vets and council officials to publicise 'Your Dog – Your Responsibility' in 2019.

06\_a26NFUSdogattacks01: Left: Emma Harper MSP in 2018 at Carloonan Farm, Inveraray when she met Argyll stakeholders to discuss the issue of dog attacks on livestock.

forward this landmark Bill to address this.

'As someone who has seen several dog attacks on my sheep in the past, the pain and suffering of animals is dreadful to see.

'The cost to livestock owners is often high, both financially and emotionally, and such attacks are easily avoidable by

dog owners acting responsibly around livestock. The stronger penalties must act as a better deterrent; and when paired with the investigative powers granted by the Bill, the number of prosecutions of those dog owners responsible for allowing livestock attacks to happen must increase.

'This bill sends out a cry-

stal-clear message on this matter.

'NFUS has spent considerable time, effort and resource on this blight over many years.

'Efforts have been focused on awareness raising amongst dog owners of their responsibilities, raising awareness amongst livestock keepers of their rights and lobbying local authorities and Police Scotland to use control mechanisms available to them.

'It was clear that there was a need for legislation, stronger penalties and appropriate compensation to hammer home the responsibility and liability of dog owners who do not exercise their pets responsibly on agricultural land. This bill is a big step forward.'

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**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](http://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](mailto: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**  
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/00333/PP	Erection of steel framed warehouse and formation of parking area	Site 11A, Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8RR
21/00252/LIB	Internal works to listed building and works to the fabric of building to be upgraded as necessary	Lussa Power Station, Peninver, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6QP
21/00263/PP	Installation of two temporary kiosks to serve and prepare food during the duration of the construction works as per Planning Application Ref: 17/02994/PP, formation of a single car parking space, relocation of information point and removal of trees	Kilmartin House, Kilmartin, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8RQ

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**Thank You!**  
**Rhodick**  
Geordie and Betty want to thank everyone for the good wishes, cards and gifts we received on our Golden Wedding anniversary. Special thanks to all the family who help make our day so special. We are truly blessed.  
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Betty Rhodick  
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# 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  
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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  
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**GOLDEN WEDDING**

**MACVICAR - ROSS** - Alasdair to Mary on April 3, 1971 at Colston Parish Church Glasgow. Tigh an Obe, Auchendarroch, Ardrishaig.

**DEATHS**

**KELLY** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on the March 26, 2021, Ethel Mary Kelly, in her 92nd year, 3 Isleview, Machrihanish, a much loved daughter, sister and aunt.

**ROBERTSON** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 31, 2021, Isobel McAulay Morrison, in her 91st year, 2 Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late David Robertson, much loved mother of Charles, David, Annmarie and the late Peter, loving granny and great-granny. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Isobel's funeral will take place on Saturday 3rd April. The cortege will leave the family home at 11.00am after a short prayer, travelling down Longrow, along Aqualibrium Avenue and past the cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Isobel may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

**SERVICE** - Hew, passed away at home, on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Greatly loved by all, he will be hugely missed by family and friends alike. We would like to thank his doctor and the amazing nursing teams for their care throughout his many battles with cancer. A private funeral will be held on April 6. The funeral cortege will leave from Christ Church, Lochgilphead approximately 11.30am en-route to St. Columba's Church, Poltalloch.

**SLOAN** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 23, 2021, Mary Alice Sloan, in her 85th year, Lochview, Whitehouse, dearly beloved mum of Paul, mother-in-law of Zofija, loving granny to Sam and Maddy and a much loved sister and auntie. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Mary's funeral will take place on Tuesday, March 30. The cortege will leave the family home at 11.00am after a short prayer, passing Whitehouse Village Hall

and heading south on the A83 to Killean Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Mary may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Macmillan Nurses at [tributefunds.macmillan.org.uk/1n-Memory/Mary-Sloan](http://tributefunds.macmillan.org.uk/1n-Memory/Mary-Sloan)

**SMITH** - Stewart Victor passed away peacefully on March 28, 2021 at home in MacDonald Terrace with family present. Loving husband to Doreen and father to Murray and David. Private funeral.

**SMITH** - After a short illness, with her family by her side, on March 29, 2021, Jeanette Smith, née Hatton, aged 68 years, of 1 Jubilee Terrace, Lochgilphead. Dearly loved wife of the late Willie Smith. Adored and loving Mum of Lyndsay and Sarah. Proud and doting Gran of Ashleigh, Kirsty and Gregor. Much respected mother-in-law of Innes and Danny. A dear sister of Donald, Mackie and the late Jim and Geordie. A much loved aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and very dear friend to many. A private funeral service will be held on Wednesday April 7, 2021. For those wishing to pay their respects, the funeral cortege will leave from Lochgilphead Parish Church at approx 10.45am, travelling along Bishopton Road en-route to Achnabreac Cemetery. Please observe social distancing.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**GRAHAM** - Iris. A heartfelt thanks to Kenny and his family for all of his patience and guidance through this difficult time also to Iris's friends and colleagues Mhairi Yvonne and staff at the Royal and Paula and the girls from the Ugadale, the show of love and kindness towards Iris will not be forgotten. A special mention goes to Anne, Lorna and Val and all the community nurses who helped me take care of Iris and Maggie from Macmillan nurses who was a guiding light. A special thanks to Debbie who helped cheer her up and brighten up her day and to Linda her best friend from childhood, thank you for the love and kindness. Rab, Louise and Robert.

**KELLY** - Jennifer, Gillian, William and family sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and

the many expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, letters and phone calls received following the sad loss of Tommy. Thank you to all doctors and nurses who cared for Tommy during his short illness. Thank you also to the air ambulance service, the ambulance crew and the Community Nurses. We extend our gratitude to Kenneth Blair and family for their dignified and professional services, McIvor's for the beautiful floral tributes and to Rev. William Crossan for the comforting service before we left home and at the graveside. Finally, we thank everyone who paid their respects to Tommy as the cortege made its way to Kilkerran Cemetery.

**MACARTHUR** - The family of the late Helen MacArthur, would like to thank everyone, for their kind expressions of sympathy and support, following their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Ward J South at Inverclyde Hospital, Ward 1 at Cowal Community Hospital and Cardiac Nurse Lorraine, for all the kind care and devoted attention received. Thanks also to Rev Roderick Campbell for his tribute and comforting service at Glen Shira Cemetery, Inveraray, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services and Piper Stuart Liddell for his appropriate renderings, a final thanks to all who came out to pay their respects as the cortege made its way to Glen Shira.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**LIDDELL** - In loving memory of our dear Mum, Elizabeth, died April 2, 1990.

The world changes from year to year  
Our lives from day to day  
But the love and memory of you shall never fade away.

Loved and remembered every day  
Missed more than words can say.  
- Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine and Brian, Robert and Lesley, Grant and Stephanie.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**



He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:6

Our building is opening again this Sunday. Our Easter Service will be in the church on **Sunday, 4th April 2021 at 11am**

when Bob Craig from Aviemore will Zoom in with the Easter message. If you cannot make it in person, you can still join us online. To join the Zoom service, send your email address to [officespringbankchurch@gmail.com](mailto:officespringbankchurch@gmail.com) and you will be sent a link to Sunday's Zoom meeting.

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3pm Worship  
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**GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH**

Barr Mhor Kilmartin  
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Rev Robert McLeod 11am  
Covid restrictions apply

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George Street, Campbeltown



**Sunday 4th April**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Rodger Crooks  
4.00pm Sunday School (by Zoom)  
7.30pm Youth Group (by Zoom)

**Wednesday 7th April**  
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Rev W Crossan  
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Contact Rev. Lyn Peden 01880820158 for pastoral care  
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**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

**Friday 2nd April Good Friday**  
A Strange Time  
Ardrishaig at 6:30pm  
**Sunday 4th April Easter**  
"they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy"  
Achahoish at 9:45am  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am (Covid19 control measures apply)  
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# Junior rugby club pays tribute to coach John

Campbeltown Junior Rugby Club has paid tribute to its founder, John Forster, who passed away last month.

John, who died peacefully at his home in Southend on March 20, aged 71, will be missed by many in Kintyre, not least by those at the junior rugby club, which gives primary aged children the opportunity to develop the skills required to play rugby in a fun and safe environment.

Club coach and secretary Chris Doxsey told the Courier: 'In losing John, we have lost an excellent coach, a great friend and true gentleman.'

'John was the type of person who would go above and beyond for anyone and gave his heart and soul to the rugby club here in Campbeltown.'

'He had the patience of a saint, especially with the younger children and he brought great enthusiasm during training and match days.'

**'His dedication and commitment to the club was extraordinary, and his boots will be hard to fill'**

**Campbeltown Junior Rugby Club coach Chris Doxsey, back left, has paid tribute to founder John Forster, back right, who died last month. The coaches and players are seen here at the Mid Argyll Dalriada in November 2019.**



'He worked extremely hard behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the organisation and was always striving to raise extra funds to provide the youngsters with the very best.'

'What you saw is what you got with John, and I'm sure

everyone who knew him would agree with that. 'John was a proper family

man, who cared greatly for his loved ones and would always share stories about

his grandchildren. He was very supportive within the community, with all sporting activities, and encouraged the positive impact of sport for young people.

'His passion was rugby and he made a real effort to talk to everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.'

'John will be greatly missed by all the children, coaches and supporters of the club, and also within our community.'

'We hope we can continue to make him proud and work towards fulfilling his vision for the club.'

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'Rest easy, John.'

## Vice-presidents team takes the honours in Tarbert season opener

Tarbert Golf Club's traditional season opener, the presidents versus vice-presidents match, took place at Glenralloch in dry overhead conditions.

The vice-presidents team took the honours in the competition, held on Saturday March 27, with a comprehensive 3.5 points to 0.5 victory.

This weekend sees the ladies' open with the April Stableford on Sunday, followed by a nine-hole Stableford on Thursday April 8.

The gents start on Saturday April 10 with the first round of the Fyne Tankard.

The course has seen a huge amount of work take place over the past six weeks, with a hardy band of dedicated volunteers seeing to a whole host of tasks. This will be of great benefit to the members as the season progresses.

Any new members wishing to join should contact club captain Kenny MacFarlane or secretary John MacNab for details.

## Dunaverty golfers battle weather in monthly medals

A cool brisk wind didn't hamper some good scoring in Dunaverty Golf Club's March medal.

John Docherty and Alan Goddard both returned scores of nett 66 but it was left to the later players to produce a winner in the competition played on Saturday March 20.

Alex Arkell had a great round of 75 to give him a winning nett score of 62. Peter Paterson, one of only two players

in the afternoon session, came in with a fine nett 63 to take the runner-up spot.

Last Saturday (March 27), players were back in action for the club's April medal.

Once again, the weather played a part in keeping scores relatively high – although it was dry, the strong winds made for some interesting decisions regarding club selection.

John Marrison, one of the early starters, posted a nett 66 for the others to chase and it was Neil Brodie who replied with a nett 63 to take the lead.

This held throughout the morning until Lee Mathieson teed off in the afternoon.

He coped well with the conditions and returned the best scratch score of the day with a 68, which gave him a nett 61 and a well-earned victory.

**Results: March medal:** 1 Alex Arkell 75-13=62; 2 Peter Paterson 80-17=63; 3 Don Hardman 78-14=64; 4 Alan Goddard 82-16=66 (bih); 5 John Docherty 74-8=66; 6 Robert Coffield 76-9=67. **April medal:** 1 Lee Mathieson 68-7=61; 2 Neil Brodie 73-10=63 (bih); 3 John Docherty 71-8=63; 4 Sandy Watson 76-11=65 (bih); 5 Don Hardman 79-14=65; 6 John Marrison 81-15=66.



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