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Coach Colin in the running for prestigious tennis prize

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A Campbeltown man is in with a chance of netting one of the most coveted awards in Scottish tennis.

Professionally qualified tennis coach and Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) licensed referee Colin Hanbidge is one of two people shortlisted in the Official of the Year category at the Tennis Scotland Awards 2021.

This year, the award will celebrate the hard work and commitment of a referee, umpire or court supervisor who has gone above and beyond their role since Covid-19 restrictions were introduced in 2020.

Each year, Colin would typically spend 40 to 50 days refereeing at seven or eight major Scottish tournaments but, in the last year, he was only able to cover the Highland Tennis Championships in Pitlochry and the British Tour Giffnock Open.

Speaking to the Courier



Colin Hanbidge.

this week, Colin, 62, told of the challenges the pandemic presented in delivering these competitions.

He said: 'People had to be able to access these tournaments from all over the UK so that meant clubs had to have tables set out two metres apart, every person coming into the tournament had to sign in online and book a table so they weren't mixing with anyone else and people coming into the clubhouse to report a score had to wear masks. We

had to be very careful and keep reinforcing these measures. It had to be safe. Not many of us managed to deliver any events. It was challenging but it could be done.'

A former housing manager, Colin gave up his job when he was 32 to take on a full-time position with Tennis Scotland, the independent governing body for tennis in Scotland. Before that, as well as playing and winning many major competitions, he volunteered his services as a coach.

Colin calls Prestwick his hometown but he has lived in several areas across the UK and has a long association with Kintyre, where he lived and worked for a time in the 1980s. He has been a member of Machrihanish Golf Club for 36 years.

He recently returned to live in Campbeltown, where he has been coaching youngsters at Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club, something which he also did in the 1980s.

Colin is up against Olwyn

Roy, who he knows well and with whom he has played mixed doubles in the past, in the Official of the Year category.

In total, 27 nominees have been announced across 10 categories, with the eventual winners subsequently securing a place at the LTA British Tennis Awards. Winners of the Tennis Scotland Awards will be announced online on April 23, with a ceremony to be held at a later date.

Blane Dodds, Tennis Scotland chief executive, said: 'The response of the tennis community played a pivotal role in enabling the safe resumption of tennis in 2020. This year, more than ever before, it feels important to acknowledge exceptional contributions which are being made within our sport. The Tennis Scotland Awards provide the perfect platform to celebrate the success stories of the year. Each shortlisted nominee should be very proud of their achievement.'



Special release gin gives new Robert Black helipad fund a lift

The new Robert Black Memorial Helipad, operated by South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT), has been given a £2,144 boost thanks to sales of a limited edition citrus gin from East Kintyre's Beinn an Tuirc Distillers. Last week, distillery director Emma Macalister Hall, centre, met with SKDT manager Eric Spence, left, to present him with a cheque for the total raised. She also gave Lewis Nelson, right, bottle number one, for which he placed the winning £160 bid when it was auctioned.

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Gate damaged

A wooden gate was damaged and demolished in Broomfield, Carradale, between 1.30am and 8.15am on April 9.

Heating oil stolen

Between about 6pm on Monday March 15 and 7am on Saturday April 10, at a house at Ballywilline Farm, Gobragrennan Road, Campbeltown, a quantity of heating oil was stolen.

Drug driving

A motorist was stopped on the A83, near Bellochantuy, at about 12.15pm on Sunday April 11, for allegedly exceeding the speed limit. The driver, a 38-year-old man, was then arrested for allegedly failing a roadside drug test. Blood was taken for analysis.

Live lobsters theft

Between 4pm on Friday April 2 and 4pm on Saturday April 3, four live lobsters were stolen from a lobster pot hanging from the side of the Quay at Port Askaig, Islay.

Man assaulted

A 28-year-old man was arrested at about 3.25am on Wednesday April 7, at Glenegedale, Islay, for allegedly assaulting another man. He was charged, held for court and a report sent to the procurator fiscal.

Windows smashed

Eight small windows of an outhouse at Laphraoig Distillery, Islay, were smashed between 3pm on Friday April 2 and 3pm on Friday April 9.

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.

Vulnerable residents urged to apply for call-blocking device

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Vulnerable Kintyre residents who are most at risk from scammers and rogue traders are being urged to apply for a free call-blocking device in a campaign by Argyll and Bute Trading Standards and Police Scotland.

The telephone scam prevention initiative comes after an increase in various phone scams being reported since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Argyll and Bute Community Planning has provided funding to procure a number of trueCall call-blocking devices which are now available, free of charge, to eligible Argyll and Bute residents.

In past years, devices have been installed at the homes



of telephone fraud victims in Ardentenny, Dunoon, Innellan, Helensburgh, Oban and Mull.

Janet, a Dunoon resident, said: 'This will make my life so much better as I get pestered by calls all the time and I've been worried about who is calling me now, as they say they are from my bank and other companies where this is just a lie.'

Previously, Argyll and Bute Trading Standards fitted 75 trueCall call-blockers in the homes of vulnerable people. These devices have blocked an estimated 116,951 calls, of which 23,526 will have been scam phone calls; prevented at least 139 scams; and saved vulnerable households an estimated £492,326 in NHS

A representative of Argyll and Bute Trading Standards and PC Laura Evans, right, are encouraging people to apply for a call-blocker.

and health and social care costs. PC Laura Evans of Argyll and Dunbartonshire Policing Division said: 'The most common types of scams at the moment are telephone and internet scams whereby the caller or person emailing pretends to be someone else, for example, someone from your bank, BT, Amazon or Sky.'

'We have a large number of telephone frauds where the caller is told their bank has set up a new account for them and has asked them to transfer their money to this new account. Your bank will never ask you to do this and I would encourage people to simply hang up the

telephone if you think you are being scammed or, if you are concerned about someone else receiving scam calls, consider a call-blocker device.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'Scammers are unscrupulous with the sole intention of identifying and exploiting the most vulnerable in our communities by obtaining people's personal data and to encourage them to give the caller their bank details. This is often achieved by implying that urgent action is required.'

If you are being pestered by nuisance calls or you know a family member or friend that could benefit from having a call-blocker, please contact Argyll and Bute Trading Standards on 01546 605 519 or tradingstandards.office@argyll-bute.gov.uk to apply for a free device.'

Beinn an Tuirc special bottling boosts helipad fund

Sales of a special release Beinn an Tuirc Distillers citrus gin have given the Robert Black Memorial Helipad fund a lift.

The East Kintyre distillery announced the special bottling in March to commemorate the fit-for-purpose helipad, named in honour of Campbeltown paramedic Robert Black who died in May last year after a battle with Covid-19, being completed at the start of this month.

Initially only 99 bottles were available to purchase, with £16 from every bottle sold being

donated to South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT), which has taken on a licence to operate the helipad and is responsible for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the site on behalf of the community. Demand was so high, however, that another 25 bottles were released.

Bottle number one was auctioned off on April 1, the day the helipad was deemed operational, with 100 per cent of the winning £160 bid, placed by Campbeltown man Lewis Nelson, be-

ing donated to SKDT. Beinn an Tuirc Distillers director Emma Macalister Hall met with Lewis and SKDT manager Eric Spence last week, to give Lewis bottle number one and present Eric with a cheque for the £2,144 raised.

Lewis, who had to fight for the bottle after a bidding war broke out, said: 'It's a nice way to support the project — and it's also a good way to get a nice bottle of gin.'

He added that he is actually teetotal so the bottle will serve

as a memento of the occasion. Eric said: 'I'd really like to thank Beinn an Tuirc Distillers — it's a fantastic amount raised. The support we've received from the community and local and national businesses has been amazing.'

Emma added: 'We wanted to support the project because we know the difference it will make to the community. It's fantastic — although we hope we never have to use it.'

The helipad project was led by ambulance technician Stuart McLellan, from Neilston in

East Renfrewshire, after he saw emergency services struggling to airlift patients from the often water-logged field which previously served as a helipad while visiting relatives in Campbeltown in 2018.

The £270,000 facility was fully funded by the HELP Appeal, a charity dedicated to funding NHS hospital helipads, and was built by Kintyre companies McFadyens Contractors and McKinven and Colville, with specialist equipment supplied by FEC Heliports Equipment.

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Shopper-Aide charity raises a cup to 10 years

This month marks 10 years since Campbeltown charity Shopper-Aide was founded.

The charity, based at 47 Longrow, provides support and services including shopping, housekeeping and, under normal circumstances, organising numerous social activities for those in Kintyre aged over 60.

Over the past decade, and during the last year in particular, Shopper-Aide has become a lifeline for many older people.

To mark its tenth anniversary, the charity's founder, Susan Paterson, has written the following piece.

It doesn't seem like 10 years since we were set up and so much has happened. We have staff, more volunteers, moved to larger premises and do much more than shopping.

April is our birthday month where we celebrate on the 8th and 27th, when we became a company and a charity respectively. So many people have been part of these years and there are many memories to look back on, so many people to thank who have supported us in many different ways.

We won awards for helping older people – Herald Society in 2015 and Age Scotland in 2016, raised funds with raffles, walking, running, getting covered in mud, quizzes, bingo, making and selling fairy doors, alpacas, books and eggs. We have celebrated birthdays, weddings, Christmases, Easters and any



Members of Shopper-Aide's Elderberries group during an afternoon of fun and games, above. Right: the charity delivers shopping throughout Kintyre. Pictured are Ian Lawrie, Jim Turner and, at the back, David Lavery with bags ready for the Carradale run. Inset: the mug created to mark Shopper-Aide's tenth anniversary.



day we can. There has been laughter and sadness, fun, hope and joy.

It was 2009 when the seeds were planted at the South Kintyre Fit Communities about the need to develop a shopping service to help older people on discharge from hospital, no longer able to drive or to carry heavy bags.

Since then, we have provided not just a shopping service but a number of social activities and housekeeping throughout Kintyre.

'We have developed the Making Kintyre Dementia Friendly project to help all parts of the community to have an understanding of dementia and how it can be managed.

We have worked with children of all ages, meeting and helping the older generation and look forward to doing so again.

Covid-19 has changed all our lives and we have had to adapt to different ways of keeping in touch and keeping busy. Phone Buddies was set up and we had a monthly virtual tea.

However, our plans – started last year – to celebrate our tenth anniversary with parties have had to be cancelled but we are marking the occasion with a specially made mug by Simon Rochford of Campbeltown Pottery.

Thanks to everyone who has been involved in any way with Shopper-Aide – it



has been and, I hope, will continue to be, a help to the older generations in Kintyre. So here is to the next 10 years.

Have you registered to vote?

If you want to have your say in the upcoming Scottish Parliamentary election, make sure you have registered to vote before the Monday April 19 deadline.

Voting takes place on Thursday May 6. Everyone in Scotland is represented by eight Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSP) – one constituency MSP and seven MSPs for the larger region in which they live.

To take part in this election, you must be registered to vote at an address in Scotland. If you are not sure whether you are registered, you can check with the electoral registration office on 0800 980 0470.

A registration form can be sent out if needed, but the quickest and easiest way to register is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Travel restrictions eased

Travel within Scotland for outdoor socialising, recreation and exercise is permitted, as of today, April 16.

People must continue to 'stay local' for other purposes, such as non-essential shopping, but outdoor meetings in groups of up to six adults from up to six households is also now allowed, with under-12s not counting towards this limit. Socialising in homes is still not permitted.

Restrictions on travel to England and Wales is expected to be lifted on April 26, alongside travel across Scotland for 'leisure, shopping, visiting hospital-ity premises or staying in tourism businesses'.



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OMR alternative 'under investigation'

A temporary alternative to the Old Military Road (OMR) is under investigation to provide a diversion when the new A83 Rest and Be Thankful route is being built, according to a council report.

In addition to ongoing plans to fix the A83 with a proposed permanent solution at Glen Croe, Transport Scotland is investigating creating a temporary alternative route to the OMR while the main road is being constructed.

The OMR is used when the

notorious stretch of the A83 is closed but any alternative to it could take up to 18 months to design, then three to four years to construct, according to a report due to go before a virtual meeting of Argyll and Bute Council yesterday (Thursday April 15).

Five main options for the new replacement route through Glen Croe are also outlined in the report, with construction on that estimated to take between seven and 10 years.

A consultation is running on

those options until Friday May 28.

Council executive director Kirsty Flanagan said in the report: "Transport Scotland is considering alternative interim routes to be used rather than the Old Military Road.

"The purpose of these routes is to provide resilience and divert traffic during the construction of the permanent solution.

"The routes being considered are within land in the ownership of Scottish Ministers.

"It is understood this would effectively replace the Old Military Road and would be constructed to eliminate the steep gradients and hairpin bends that exist on the upper section of the OMR.

"It is also understood this route is being designed to provide more resilience reducing the reliance of the diversion route.

"Whilst the timescale is yet to be finalised, Transport Scotland is anticipating an interim route could be de-

signed within approximately 18 months and constructed within three to four years, depending on the extent of work involved.

"Due to this being a temporary interim solution, normal trunk road design standards will not necessarily apply."

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Robin Currie, the council's leader, has previously called for a permanent solution to problems at the Rest and Be Thankful within the term of the next Scottish Parliament.

Climate hustings for Argyll and Bute MSP candidates

Candidates seeking to represent Argyll and Bute in the Scottish Parliament will take part in a virtual hustings later this month.

Time for Change Argyll and Bute, an Argyll-wide climate action group, has organised a climate-focused hustings on Tuesday April 20, starting at 7.30pm.

A group spokesperson said: "We have invited candidates from the five main parties who are running for election in Argyll and Bute.

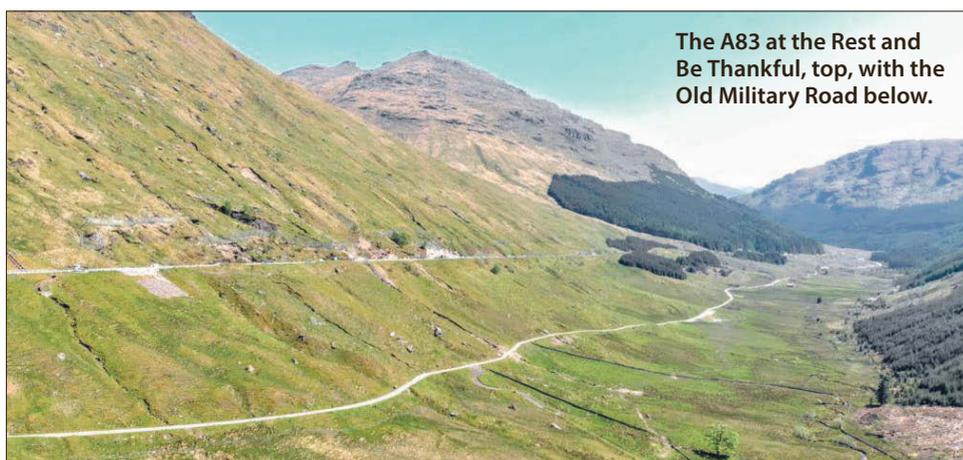
"The candidates are Jenni Minto for the SNP, Alan Reid for the Liberal Democrats, Donald Cameron for the Conservatives, Lewis Whyte for Labour and Ariane Burgess as our regional Green party candidate.

"We hope to ask them four main questions which will challenge them on their parties' plans for climate action and take questions from the audience.

"Ultimately our aim is to have an ongoing dialogue with the successful candidate, as we are looking to build relationships between communities and decision-makers."

The free Argyll and Bute hustings can be viewed online at Eventbrite along with the four questions the candidates will face.

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The A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful, top, with the Old Military Road below.

A83 to remain open 24 hours a day after trial

The A83 trunk road at the Rest and Be Thankful is to remain open 24 hours a day when weather and hillside conditions allow, BEAR Scotland has said.

It follows a successful week-long trial last week that allowed teams to look at what is required to safely operate the A83 overnight and to review its monitoring processes to help identify any concerns on the hillside during poor weather.

The Old Military Road was brought into use as a precaution last Thursday night due to increased heavy rain showers. But the switch was made with 'minimal disruption' to road users, it

said. The OMR will remain on standby as an alternative route through Glen Croe should conditions take a turn for the worse. Eddie Ross, BEAR Scotland's north west representative, said: "After reviewing our processes and monitoring techniques for keeping the A83 operational 24 hours a day, we're content to keep the route open continuously under convoy when weather conditions allow.

"This will allow more reliable journey times for road users and help to minimise disruption while we continue with work to strengthen landslip mitigation measures in place at the Rest."

Health and social care partnership appoints interim chief officer

An interim chief officer for Argyll and Bute's health and social care partnership (HSCP) has been appointed – but the position remains to be filled on a permanent basis.

Fiona Davies, currently mental health lead for NHS Highland, will become interim chief officer of the partnership from Tuesday May 4, replacing Joanna MacDonald.

Interviews for the post on Thursday March 25 failed to find a permanent successor, with the panel deciding not to make an appointment.

The recruitment process will be re-run, but Ms Davies could hold the interim post for up to a year, the HSCP has said.

Ms MacDonald, who was appointed in 2018, has now left to take up a social care role with the Scottish Government. A spokesperson said: "Interviews were carried out to appoint a new chief officer and a number of candidates with a wide range of experience were interviewed by the recruitment panel. The panel has, however, decided not to appoint to the post at this time. This was a difficult decision but they considered it was the right one for the organisation.

"A further recruitment process will be undertaken to recruit a new chief officer on a permanent basis. Until this recruitment process is concluded, it has been agreed an intermediate

term interim chief officer will be appointed for up to one year to provide leadership for the HSCP, progress our ambitious transformation programme and to ensure a continued focus on culture.

"We are therefore delighted to welcome Fiona Davies to the role as interim chief officer. Fiona, who will take up post on May 4, is currently mental health lead for NHS Highland and brings with her a wide range of experience and knowledge and we look forward to welcoming her to Argyll and Bute."

The spokesperson added: "Until Fiona's arrival, George Morrison, deputy chief officer, will lead our experienced senior team ensuring the positive progress that has been made in recent years continues without interruption. We are grateful to him for once again stepping up to provide cover and continuity.

"When Fiona commences in post, George will continue as deputy chief officer and in his critical role of providing leadership of our finance and transformation agenda as we remobilise, recover and redesign."

The HSCP's integration joint board (IJB) is also set to welcome a new chairperson at its next meeting, with Sarah Compton-Bishop replacing Oban North and Lorn councillor Kieron Green.

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Tributes paid to Prince Philip

The Union Flag has been flying at half mast at the head of Campbeltown's Old Quay this week following the death of Prince Philip, aged 99, last Friday.

At about midday on April 9, Buckingham Palace announced the Duke of Edinburgh had passed away peacefully that morning at Windsor Castle.

Argyll and Bute's provost Councillor David Kinniburgh said: 'It is with sadness that we learned about the death of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.'

'The Duke of Edinburgh gave decades of service to Great Britain. He leaves a tremendous legacy through his Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme which has benefited the lives of so many young people. His loss will be felt by many.'

'We send our sincere condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and his family at this sad time.'

Jane MacLeod, Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, said: 'My thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty

the Queen and her family as they mourn the passing of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh – a much-loved husband, father and grandfather, as well as a man who dedicated so many decades of his life to public service.'

'He will be sorely missed and I send my condolences and deepest sympathy to the Royal Family at this very sad time.'

The Duke of Edinburgh's death has prompted many to recall his visits to Campbeltown.

'My thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty the Queen and his family at this time'

In 1958, Prince Philip and his wife, Queen Elizabeth II, stopped at Campbeltown on their way to Balmoral on the Royal Yacht Britannia.

The Royals were welcomed to the town by local dignitaries, including town provost Archibald Keith whose daughter, Maureen Bell, later pre-

sented flowers to the Queen. Mrs Bell, a retired teacher, was 19 years old at the time and remembers the day well – although she missed most of the fanfare surrounding the couple's arrival as she was at the town hall being coached on the proper etiquette for meeting the Queen.

In 1971, the Duke had been to sea on the nuclear submarine HMS Churchill before landing in Campbeltown where he took time to meet members of Campbeltown Sea Cadet Unit and staff at the town's oil fuel depot.

Prince Philip's funeral will take place tomorrow (Saturday), with only 30 mourners present, in line with current government guidance on life events.

The Royal Family has asked that members of the public consider making a donation to a charity instead of leaving floral tributes in his memory.

For those wishing to pay tribute to the Duke of Edinburgh, an online book of condolence is available on the Argyll and Bute Council website.



Above: Prince Philip shakes hands with Provost Archibald Keith during the Royal visit to Campbeltown in 1958.



Above right: The Union Flag has been flying at half mast at the head of Campbeltown's Old Quay following Prince Philip's death.



Right: Prince Philip greeting staff and local figures at Campbeltown's oil fuel depot in 1971. Thomas Mason, who was jetty supervisor and supplied the photograph to the Courier, can be seen in the background, to the left of the prince.



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BUILT IN

Lindsay's 50K walk in memory of dad

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A Kintyre woman is warming up to walk 50 kilometres back and forth across Westport beach in one day in memory of her father.

South Kintyre Active Schools co-ordinator Lindsay Ramsay is taking on the challenge to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of her dad, Bob Owen, who died last year.

She will walk from Westport to Machrihanish Burn and back – a distance of about 10 kilometres – five times on Saturday May 15, on what would have been her dad's 76th birthday weekend.

Lindsay hopes to raise £750 for Macmillan Cancer Support, one of the largest British charities which provides specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer, because of the 'invaluable' service it provides in Kintyre. All money raised will be kept in the area.

She said: 'Unfortunately, the diagnosis for Dad was too late, but I know how crucial the service Macmillan provides within the rural community is for all families.'

'Therefore, my aim is to raise awareness and as much money as possible for Macmillan Cancer Support with all money staying in Argyll and Bute. This money is invaluable in supporting families living with cancer locally.'

Lindsay is inviting as many people as possible to join her – in a socially distanced manner



Lindsay Ramsay is taking on the charity challenge in memory of her dad Bob Owen.



The challenge will see Lindsay walking 50 kilometres back and forth across Westport Beach. 50_c16westport01

– for the full walk or as many or few sections as they like.

It will be an early rise for those wanting to do the first leg, as the walk is set to begin at 5.45am.

The approximate leaving times from Westport for the remaining sections are: 8.15am, 10.45am, 1.15pm and 3.45pm. Further details will be shared nearer the time.

There is no need to sign up. Those wishing to join Lindsay on her walk should just show up at one or all of the starting times. Light refreshments will be provided throughout the day.

Lindsay's sister-in-law Leighann Burns, who has been helping promote the challenge, said: 'This is a great opportunity for people of all ages to get

together to raise money for an invaluable community service.

'It would be lovely to see as many people locally take part on the day, socially distanced of course.'

Donations can be made on the day or via Lindsay's JustGiving page. Search 'Lindsay Ramsay Walk at Westport' on www.justgiving.com

Lindsay is well on her way towards her fundraising target, having already received donations amounting to more than £500 by the time the Courier went to press.

A Macmillan Cancer support spokesperson said: 'At Macmillan, we give people with cancer everything we've got. If you are diagnosed, your worries are our worries. We do whatever it takes. But without your help, we can't support everyone who needs us.'

The charity's Kintyre fundraising group usually holds annual events to raise essential funds but this has not been possible during the Covid-19 pandemic, so Lindsay's challenge will provide a welcome boost.

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 more special, the Courier would like to give a shout-out to everyone celebrating a lockdown birthday, including these birthday

boys and girls. 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.



Kian Green

Kian Green, from Campbeltown, turned four on Sunday April 4. He celebrated his second lockdown birthday in his garden and received a surprise visit from Spiderman.



Ronin Brown

Ronin Brown, from Peninver, will be one tomorrow, Saturday April 17. He will celebrate with his mummy Jo Read, daddy Ian Brown and family, eating birthday cake and playing with his toys.



Betty McNaughton

Betty McNaughton, from Campbeltown, will be 85 on Sunday April 18. She will have a birthday lunch and a bigger celebration with family, who all wish her a very happy birthday, when possible.

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Glen Scotia Distillery's limited edition release ahead of virtual malts festival

One of Campbeltown's three remaining whisky distilleries has revealed its keenly anticipated Campbeltown Malts Festival release for 2021.

Independent distiller Glen Scotia has released a 'very special' 10-year-old limited edition single malt with a Bordeaux red wine cask finish.

The expression has been created under the watchful eye of distillery manager and master distiller Iain McAlister using a series of exclusively unpeated distillations from 2009 to 2011, before being matured in first fill bourbon barrels.

The casks have been vatted together before finishing in hand-selected first fill Bordeaux red wine casks from the Medoc region for five months.

The Glen Scotia Campbeltown Malts Festival 2021 limited edition has been bottled at cask strength and is

non-chilled filtered. With an alcohol by volume (ABV) of 56.1 per cent, the expression offers notes of classic fruits and spices.

On the nose, the scent of crushed red berries can be detected, along with floral notes of rose and violet, heather honey and a maritime breeze.

On the palate there is a honeyed sweetness with vibrant strawberry and apple, toasted vanilla and a hint of lime citrus. The finish is long, with the warming spice of cinnamon and aniseed.

Mr McAlister said: "The release of our Glen Scotia Festival limited editions has become a keenly awaited fixture on our calendar and I'm confident this year's expression won't disappoint.

"The 2021 Campbeltown Malts Festival limited edition perfectly encapsulates Glen Scotia's signature style, taking

influence from its rich history and coastal location, while the deliciously warming flavours from the Bordeaux casks add a unique twist to this exceptional single malt. I'm confident this expression will sit proudly in any whisky lover's collection.'

The annual Campbeltown Malts Festival is a celebration of Scotland's fifth and smallest malt-producing region and its whisky-making heritage. Campbeltown was once home to more than 30 distilleries and has been recognised as the 'whiskiest' place in the world.

The town's three remaining distilleries - Springbank, Glengyle and Glen Scotia - typically welcome thousands of visitors from around the world to the three-day whisky festival, with a day dedicated to each distillery.

Like last year, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the festival will be hosted virtually



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and will take place online from June 7.

Last year, the virtual whisky festival was well received, with Glen Scotia's programme of online festival events attracting more than 10,000 whisky fans from across the world. Mr McAlister added: "The Campbeltown Malts Festival is the highlight of our events



Campbeltown's distilleries typically welcome thousands of visitors during the malts festival which is being held virtually this year for the second year in a row.

calendar and, although we are disappointed the festival can't go ahead in its physical form as we had hoped, we are looking forward to celebrating the whiskiest place in the world once again with our fans across the world as they join us online, whilst raising a dram to Campbeltown.'

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Well done, coach Colin

Tennis coach and referee Colin Hanbidge remained dedicated to the sport he loves during the last, particularly challenging year. Colin did his utmost to make sure competitions could go ahead safely, in circumstances where it would have been so easy to cancel or postpone them instead.

This took an unbelievable amount of hard work behind the scenes which is exactly why his dedication has been recognised through his awards shortlisting.

Well done and good luck, Colin.

A decade of Shopper-Aide

If ever we needed proof of the value of the service Shopper-Aide provides, the Campbeltown charity's response to the Covid-19 pandemic should be more than enough. The organisation provides support and services, including shopping, house-keeping and organising various social activities, for those aged over 60. The charity had built up a large client base over the years but, within two weeks of Covid-19 restrictions being put in place at the beginning of the pandemic, this doubled. Happy 10th birthday, Shopper-Aide – we hope you can celebrate your 9th, 10th and 11th birthdays in one big celebration next year!

Prince Philip's passing

Many people in Kintyre and across the world will have been saddened to learn of Prince Philip's death last week.

Regardless of your opinion on the monarchy, his life-long service and dedication to the institution cannot be denied.

Clarity needed for islands

Open letter to First Minister Nicola Sturgeon. The rest of Scotland has had two updates on the easing of lockdown restrictions, but island communities remain in the dark. This is deeply disappointing.

Following the first announcement on March 16 about plans to exit lockdown, I wrote to the Scottish Government highlighting the questions and concerns of island communities which have been left unsure, uncertain and completely unable to plan for the future – unlike the rest of Scotland. I was able to meet with Aileen Campbell MSP, in her role as Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government, within a few days and set out the need for fairness and clarity for our islands in terms of updates about changes to restrictions. However, even after the second announcement on March 30, there was still no update for our islands. And now, more than a week later and despite updates in the interim about the reopening of schools, they're still waiting – and it's not acceptable.

Like everyone else, islanders are desperate to know when they can reconnect with family and friends. Island businesses are equally frantic to know when and how they can make plans for the weeks ahead. But, unlike everyone else, our islands are at a complete disadvantage. They still don't know what is happening, or when. They deserve better. The Scottish Government needs to respond to our islands' call for clarity and let them, like the rest of the country, start to think and plan ahead.

Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council leader.

Protect your dog from theft

It's no exaggeration to say that when a dog goes missing or is stolen, it is heart-breaking.

Dogs for Good has put together some tips to reduce the likelihood of your dog being taken.

Keeping eyes on your dog is still the best thing you can do to keep him or her safe. Using your phone is a huge distraction and thieves know that.

Is your garden secure? Did you lock the gate? Keep an eye on your dog when they're outside.

Don't leave your dog outside shops. You wouldn't leave your wallet or handbag unattended, so don't leave your dog alone.

Tinted car windows are a relatively cheap way to keep what's in your car less visible to prying eyes.

Where possible, keep your dog away from the side of the road when walking.

If your dog has poor recall, 'social walks', on the lead around your area are fine. Give your dog plenty of opportunities to sniff and look around and they'll feel the benefit.

Look for safer, free-run locations where you've got clear sight of your dog.

Used correctly, extendable leads are a good halfway house between a lead walk and a free run.

Try altering your route and, where practical, the time you walk your dog.

Walk with someone else. Even with the current restrictions, you can still take a walk with someone else as long as you keep a safe distance apart.

Make sure you've got plenty of recent photographs of your dog clearly showing identifiable markings.

Make sure your dog has been chipped and that you keep any changes to your details updated with the database.

If the unthinkable happens and your dog is taken, remember, you are not alone. There are plenty online groups and pages offering guidance and support. DogLost is an excellent char-

ity which provides a free lost and found service. You should also notify police, dog wardens, vets and local rescue centres.

Chris Muldoon, operations officer, Dogs for Good.

A cuppa for dementia care

Tables for Dementia UK's annual cake and tea event, Time for a Cuppa, have been reset.

Dementia UK is the only charity dedicated to supporting the whole family through dementia specialist Admiral Nurses.

The charity's annual fundraising event takes place between May 1 and May 8.

Since its launch, it has raised more than £1 million with the support of fundraisers, Dementia UK staff and celebrities.

One of the highlights of last year's event was celebrity supporters dressing up as much-loved characters to recreate tea party scenes from the world of film. Phyllis Logan was Mary Poppins, music producer Naughty Boy was Jay Gatsby, Emma Barton was Holly Golightly and Jess and Natalya Wright were Alice in Wonderland and the Queen of Hearts.

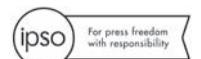
Families with dementia have been adversely affected by lockdown for just over a year now. Care home visiting restrictions, the closure of support and respite services and the resulting social isolation and loneliness have disproportionately affected people living with dementia and their family carers.

Whilst Time for a Cuppa will be slightly different this year, we know dementia support is needed more than ever. We are so grateful to all our fundraisers who will be whipping up treats, enthusiasm, funds and who are giving their time for others – in a socially distanced way of course – in what will be a special and important Time for a Cuppa.

For more information about Time for a Cuppa

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Dr Hilda Hayo, chief Admiral Nurse and Chief Executive Officer of Dementia UK.

Looking out for nature

Now in its 42nd year, the Big Garden Birdwatch is a chance for people of all ages to count the number of birds that visit their garden helping the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) to build up a picture of how they are.

This year, more than a million people across the UK, including more than 78,000 in Scotland, took part, counting 17 million birds.

The event, held over the last weekend in January, revealed the house sparrow held on to its number one spot. But 10 out of the top 20 bird species showed declines in average numbers in Scotland compared to last year. Starlings remained in second place, but numbers were down 14 per cent compared to 2020. Goldfinches saw the greatest decline in Scotland's top 10, falling four places from sixth position last year, with reported numbers 47 per cent fewer than 2020.

I am absolutely delighted with the number of people who have taken part, making it the biggest year ever for RSPB Scotland.

This has generated a massive amount of data which will help our scientists with important conservation work, but it also shows how many of us have turned to nature after what has been a difficult 12 months. We need every voice raised to stand up for nature. The wildlife that brings us so much solace is just a fraction of what should be there.

Big Garden Birdwatch has shown that people across Scotland have a real passion for wildlife. We now need government to take the lead to reverse the decline and restore nature.

Anne McCall, director of RSPB Scotland.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Kintyre has enjoyed some lovely warm weather in recent weeks. Margaret Richardson took this photograph of Carradale's electrical substation last Tuesday, April 6, using her iPhone SE. She said: 'Carradale Substation and road hewn out of the rock – essential work being undertaken 'to enable renewable generation connections'. 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.

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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday April 15 2011

Kintyre schools still on hit list

Clachan Primary School remains on a list of potential school closures after Argyll and Bute Council's pre-consultation process.

An agenda for a meeting on Tuesday at the council's Lochgilphead headquarters shows that all 12 schools where pre-consultation meetings were held have been moved to another stage towards closure.

Other Kintyre primary schools on the list are Rhunahaorine, St Kieran's and Skipness but the closure of these last two has not been contested.

Argyll and Bute councillors will now vote on whether or not to put the Kintyre schools out to formal consultation for closure.

If approved, school amalgamations will be implemented during the Christmas recess this year.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday April 11 1996

Museum may get lottery cash

National Lottery money could be used to pay for more improvements to Campbeltown Museum.

The museum has just closed for around three months to allow improvement work to take place.

The work includes fitting a new heating system, better lighting and secondary glazing.

Now lottery money could pay for further enhancements.

An application had been made to the Heritage

FROM OUR FILES

In 1971: Three stalwarts who keep Campbeltown in touch with the rest of the world daily are pictured here. British European Airways staff, from top to bottom: Mr Ian Taylor; Miss Agnes Morrison and Mr Dugald Fergus, station superintendent.



Lottery Fund to pay for work including colour closed circuit security cameras, smoke alarms and lightning protection.

At the Friends of Campbeltown Museum's annual general meeting at the White Hart Hotel recently, chairman Angus Martin said: 'An application has been submitted recently to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Let us hope it meets with success.'

Mr Martin will continue as the society's chairman and will also serve as its secretary. Peter Morrison remains vice chairman, while Mrs Lily Cregeen stays as the society's treasurer.

Frances Hood, Dr Martin Munro and Duncan McMillan make up the rest of the committee.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday April 15 1971

Yard's success in Eire

Now back at his desk at the offices of Campbeltown Shipyard Limited is yard manager Mr Leslie Howarth.

After a hectic spell in Dublin, where he was representing the yard at the World Fishing Exhibition, Mr Howarth talked this week about

the enthusiastic reception the yard and one of its vessels, Strathyre 2, had been given in Eire.

On show at the exhibition were photographs, including the yard's completion since it opened about two years ago, layouts of the building and the men at work. The Strathyre 2 was berthed at Dublin Quay.

'The response to the boat was very encouraging indeed,' said Mr Howarth.

She made several runs out of Dublin. Aboard her on one occasion was one of Scotland's top skippers, Mr William Campbell of Lossiemouth, master of the MFV Ajax. He says the 53ft steel vessel was equivalent in the area to a 65ft wooden boat. Mr Howarth also had inquiries about 80ft in length.

A design of a conventional type fishing boat has just been completed at the yard. In all, eight definite enquiries were made after fishermen had seen the Strathyre 2 at the quayside.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday April 16 1921

Sparks and flashes

The Orange Lodge Bowling Club is having a social gathering in the Orange Hall on Friday night.



The annual meeting of the Penny Savings Bank will be held in the Coffee Room on Tuesday next at noon.



A call is made for an accession to the ranks of special constables in the town and citizens who are willing to give this form of service in the present emergency should inform Superintendent Paterson of the fact with as little delay as possible.



The weather has been playing evil tricks this weekend.

Over the weekend till Tuesday, the days were quite ideal for seed-time being bright, bracing and dry. A break to rain on Wednesday has been followed by a bitterly cold spell today and the hill-tops are snow clad.



Two dogs were discovered sheep-worrying at Meadows a short time ago. One of them was shot on the spot, with evidence of his guilt all about him. A younger dog escaped and his fate was the subject of a court case on Monday when the owner made a strong effort to save the culprit's life.

The effort did not succeed, the dog's guilt being firmly established. The owner was put under penalty to have him destroyed within a given time.

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Antiquarian society celebrates 100 years

To mark the centenary of Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society, the editor of its biannual journal penned an article about its own history. Angus Martin gave the Courier permission to print the article which appears in the spring 2021 edition of The Kintyre Magazine, which is for sale in The Kintyre Larder. The beginning of the article, entitled A brief history of the Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society in its centenary year, appeared in last week's Courier and is continued below:

Macdonald of Largie, a product of Eton and Oxford, was the author of a three-volume History of France, and Galloway, a distinguished mining engineer and protégé of Lord Kelvin, in 1873 graduated MA at Glasgow University with first class honours in mathematics and natural philosophy, 'a very rare distinction'.

The first field excursion organised by the society, on July 23 1921, was to the forts at Dunskeig, near Clachan, the cairn at Carnmore and the cist and standing stones above Ballochroy and was conducted by A O Curle, director of the National Museum of Antiquities in Edinburgh.

The first lecture, 'Something About Campbeltown Cross', delivered to the society in February 1922 by Colonel Mactaggart, appeared in in-

stalments in the Campbeltown Courier and was subsequently published as a booklet, using the original newspaper type, which set a pattern for the future run of varied society publications.

Some of these booklets, such as the colonel's A Ramble Through the Old Kilkerran Graveyard (1922) and Life in Campbeltown in the 18th Century (1923), remain indispensable to this day.

Since the end of the Second World War, the volume of historical and archaeological papers published by the society has declined markedly, largely owing to the high proportion of lectures which rely on illustrative content and for which there is no formal written record, but also to the depletion of local subjects available for research.

This deficit has, however, in

The spring 2021 edition of The Kintyre Magazine, which also celebrates the society's centenary.



great measure been compensated for by the society's biannual journal, The Kintyre Magazine. The first issue of

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appeared continuously since. After number 23, Mrs Hunter was succeeded by Mr A I B Stewart, who retired in spring 1998, after number 43, and was replaced by the present writer.

The magazine publishes an eclectic mix of articles – history, archaeology, genealogy, natural history, biography, memoir, art, science, place-names, local dialect and more – and the roll of departed contributors includes Eric R Cregeen, Iain Hamilton, F S Mackenna, Andrew McKerral, Hector MacMillan, Angus MacVicar, Naomi Mitchison and Jack G Scott.

In 1970, the scope of the Kintyre Antiquarian Society was extended by the incorporation of 'Natural History' into its title, at the suggestion of Dr J A 'Jack' Gibson, Kilbarchan, a naturalist who was made an honorary member of the

society through his association with Duncan Colville, with whom he collaborated on several studies of Kintyre birds and mammals, including The Breeding Birds of Kintyre (1958) and Atlas of Kintyre Vertebrates (1975).

The society, in its present form, organises monthly lectures from October to March annually, which are held in the Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown, and are open to the public.

The Kintyre Magazine is sold at meetings and in local shops and is also available by subscription and is posted worldwide.

Walks to places of archaeological and historical interest are organised by Mrs Elizabeth Morrison.

Meantime, however, with the exception of the magazine, all society activities remain in a state of suspension.



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Thought for the Week

'Starry, starry night, paint your palette blue and grey' ran the words of a famous song from 1971.

The night sky has fascinated human beings from time immemorial. In our desire to understand it, we have created starry patterns in our minds like the Plough and the Bull, however, the signs of the Zodiac were already known to the Babylonians in 1500 BC so that is not something new.

Today, constellations like Aries, Gemini and others continue to fascinate followers of astronomy and astrology.

One of the most interesting star formations is the Pleiades, better known as the Seven Sisters. Positioned a little to the right of Taurus, they are an unmistakable sight in the winter sky.

Even a modest pair of binoculars will reveal there are many more stars in that cluster than the naked eye can discern. The Pleiades, along with Orion, are even mentioned in the Bible, in the Book of Job, chapter 38.31.

With the aid of binoculars these stars are a truly dazzling sight.

The Bible is a collection of books coming from the pens of many different authors over a long period of time. These books contain fascinating stories, many with moral teaching in them to guide us along the way of life.

Alas, although the Bible has sold millions of copies down the ages, it often remains unread and not consulted.

Just as binoculars can enrich our vision of the 'starry, starry night', so we can enrich our lives by a careful exploration of the Bible and discover what it can teach us so let's look at it more closely and take time to enjoy what it has to offer.

David O McEwan, St Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church, Campbeltown.



Jura Care Centre in Craighouse.

JURA

Respite flat at Craighouse survives HSCP savings cut

Jura's respite flat has been saved from closure, despite concern it is not the best use of public money.

The decision, by a narrow majority, to keep it came down to a casting vote at a virtual meeting of the integration joint board (IJB) of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) on Wednesday March 31 as members determined the coming year's budget and looked at savings options.

A service level agreement for a mental health advocacy service in Argyll and Bute also survived.

Agreement as to whether or not to keep the Jura property open could not be reached when a first vote ended in a draw.

Because of HSCP standing orders, the IJB's chairperson, Oban North and Lorn independent councillor Kieron Green, did not have the casting vote but committee members finally opted to suspend those orders because of the unusual circumstances of the meeting being held online and Councillor Green was able to cast the all-important vote.

Councillor Green came down on the side of Kintyre and the Islands Liberal Democrat councillor Robin Currie, who wanted to keep the Jura respite flat open.

Helensburgh Central Conservative councillor Gary Mulvaney had argued he did not feel it to

be the best use of public money. The meeting was told while it was discussing the issue, there were officials on Jura talking to the community on how respite care could move forward with the island's support helping to bring more money in.

The sum of money that could have been saved was £12,000 a year, the meeting heard.

The flat has been run as a joint project between the HSCP, West Highland Housing Association, which owns the building, and Jura Community Care Group. There was mention the flat had not been used much for the purpose of respite for islanders.

However, a report before IJB members said the lack of consultation over it closing had caused community concern. The meeting was told there had been 'a mix up' over communicating what was happening with islanders.

Councillor Mulvaney said he did not feel the flat merited still being in the budget. 'We should have saved this [the money] a number of years ago,' he said.

Councillor Currie said: 'The flat has been used, not much, but it has been used. Everyone is accepting it could have been advertised better.'

Mid Argyll councillor Sandy Taylor asked for the service level agreement for the advocacy service to be spared from the savings option list as 'a contribution to mental health'.

MID ARGYLL AND ISLAY

Taking five outdoors for mental health and wellbeing

People across Mid Argyll and Islay have had their mental health boosted thanks to the innovative 'Take 5 Challenge' which began in Kintyre.

Inspired by Campbeltown Tesco manager David Brown's personal 5K-a-day challenge in 2020, mental health network ACUMEN, in conjunction with Kintyre Link Club, organised the initiative encouraging more people to 'take five' each day – five minutes of walking, five deep breaths of fresh air or a five-kilometre walk or run – with the aim of boosting wellbeing.

After success in Kintyre, ACUMEN mental health development worker Sarah McFadzean rolled the challenge out across Mid Argyll and



Sarah McFadzean. 25_c38advocacy01_Sarah_McFadzean

Islay, where people are encouraged to support one another in their challenges through a dedicated Facebook group.

Where possible, people have been able to meet in twos and, as restrictions change, it is hoped opportunities for groups to Take 5 together will increase as the initiative moves to Oban, Lorn and the Isles in June.

Sarah said: 'Being involved and enjoying the challenge is as important as the activities themselves.'

'I would like to thank everyone who supported and got involved in Take 5 for their enthusiasm and assistance.'

'We are in the process of developing a Mental Health Forum and Lived Experience Group in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles, the purpose of which will be to gather thoughts on current service provision, listen to others' experiences and inform future planning, along with providing information from a range of services and peer support.'

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Get stuck in and grow your own

April is the month to be getting that vegetable garden organised

April is a busy month for gardeners. There's sowing and planting to be done and it is time to turn your attention to long lost friends including your vegetable patch.

This is a key month for planting vegetables and fruit in the garden and from now until late autumn you will be sowing, planting and harvesting.

Finish off sowing seeds for early lettuces, summer carrots, dwarf peas, summer spinach and broad beans and start sowing beetroots, brassicas – broccoli, cauliflower, sprouts and cabbage – peas, turnips and swede.

You can also plant the first early potatoes, weather dependent.

For beginners, some of the easiest fruits to grow are berries.

Strawberries and blueberries love containers or open ground and both will crop heavily once established.

A simple garden solution for April is to create a vegetable patch.

Mark out the area well, prepare the soil, dig in compost then sow a variety of seeds that will provide you with vegetables all year round.

It's a common misconception that you need a lot of space to grow vegetables but you can still achieve success with container grown plants.

Tomatoes will thrive in pots and grow bags and



can also be grown in the ground. Another plant that loves container life, and being in borders as well, is lavender – and it is the perfect time to

April is the perfect time to plant lavender.

plant it so that you can enjoy it throughout the summer. It's a favourite with gardeners, not just for its beautiful form and fragrance but also because it attracts essential pollinators including bees and butterflies.

It is considered a romantic flower that most gardeners get the urge to plant in their garden sooner or later and can add real value with its scent and shades of purple flowers and silver leaf backdrop.

To successfully grow lavender, it needs to be planted in a warm, well-drained soil with full sun.

It is often planted as an edging plant with roses or grown as an informal hedge.

However, lavender does not like 'wet feet' as it promotes root rot and 'dampness' is often the reason it doesn't perform well.

It's a tough plant though and, once established, only requires regular pruning after flowering has finished in the autumn.

April sees the start of National Gardening Week, from April 26 to May 2, and really kicks off the gardening season.

This month's top tips from the Royal Horticultural Society:

- Tie back climbing and rambling roses.
- Keep an eye out for pests and keep weeds under control.
- Start feeding plants in the garden from now to the end of the summer.
- Sow seeds directly into the soil so they can flower in the summer.
- Sow vegetable seeds directly into prepared beds.
- Plant summer flowering bulbs.
- Sow new lawns or repair bare patches.
- Prune shrubs and trees.
- Apply mulch or manure to flower beds and pots.
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New film put the focus on farming mental health

A new film looking at mental health in the farming community – ‘Unearthing Farming Lives’ – is to be released in late May/early June.

The production, by Pink Sphynx Media, is the brainchild of several organisations in the north east of Scotland: NFU Scotland, Robert Gordon’s University, Samaritans and Aberdeenshire Council.

The film will highlight the hidden mental health issues which exist within the farming and wider agricultural industry to a wide range of audiences.

The target audience includes fellow farmers and their staff as well as the wider agricultural supply sector including vets, bankers, lawyers, accountants and

those supplying agricultural machinery, animal feed, fertiliser, seed and grain.

It is also aimed at universities, colleges, secondary and primary schools and politicians.

Samaritans Aberdeen Director Elaine Mottram said: ‘We are very pleased to be involved in this collaborative venture to raise awareness of the importance of emotional health and wellbeing in the farming community.’

Samaritans are here 24/7 on freephone 116123 for anyone feeling distressed. We urge those who might need us not to wait until they are in a crisis but to call so that we can support them and hopefully help prevent a crisis.’

Search youtu.be/wJwsoBx-WXNg to view the film trailer.

Around the markets

Quality store cattle at Islay sale

United Auctions sold 521 store cattle at Islay Auction Mart on Saturday April 10.

A good offering of quality bred grazing cattle sold well to a strong following of mainland buyers.

Bullocks sold to £1,410 per head for two 662kg AAx from D McGregor, Gartacharra to average £990.33; and to 332p/kg for three 265kg LimX from C McMillan, Tallant to average 255.79p/kg.

Heifers sold to £1,290 for two 520kg LimX from C McMillan, Ardbeg to average £871.86 per head and to 304p/kg for a 303kg CharX from C McMillan, Tallant to average 254.15p/kg.

Leading prices per head
Bullocks – AAx - £1410(2), Gartacharra; £1240(2), £1200, Uiskentuie; £1160(12), Ballimartin; £1160, £1150, Uiskentuie; £1130(9), Craigens; £1100(7), Uiskentuie;

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The low down...From April 26, outdoor hospitality can open till 10pm, with alcohol permitted. Indoor hospitality is permitted without alcohol, closing at 8pm. From May 17, further reopening of hospitality: bars, pubs, restaurants and cafes can stay open until 10.30pm indoors with alcohol permitted and two hour time-limited slots, and until 10pm outdoors with alcohol permitted. Not all hospitality businesses will reopen on April 26 – call ahead to find out what they are planning to do – and get that table booked ASAP!

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First of all, a huge thank-you to all those establishments that kept us supplied with takeaways, discounts for front-line workers, and help for those who hit financial hardship. Secondly, we all appreciate how hard it has been for many in the catering and hospitality industries, so our thanks for all your kind support is emphasised. Now it is our turn to support you.

If there is one thing we have learned during the enforced lockdowns, it is that food plays a very important part in our wellbeing, and not just nutritionally. It is essential for our mental and social wellbeing; sharing food is one of the oldest, most positive and life-affirming gestures that the human races does.

To not be able to go out meet with friends, relax and enjoy good food and company, pop into a café for tea and scones, a cappuccino and a slice of homebaking, enjoy a bit of banter with the staff and a good gossip with our pals has slowly become more and more soul-destroying.

Likewise taking a break from cooking with a bar meal, gathering the family for a Sunday roast dinner at a hotel, or marking one of life's big events with some superb din-

ing have all been so, so missing from our lives. But now it's all coming back and we are all going to want to get out there.

So the message is – book a table. Not just for now, but weeks ahead to be sure of reservations for important events such as birthdays and anniversaries, especially as the coming tourist season looks like it is going to be hectic.

Looking forward to seeing you all our favourite places soon!

PS – A lot of hospitality employees have taken serious financial hits during the last year, so let's all be generous with our tips.



Loch Melfort Hotel

Although Loch Melfort Hotel has been closed for the last five months, they have been busy behind the scenes!

The Restaurant and Lounge have been opened up to increase socially distanced dining, meaning more of their coveted window tables!

The new and improved deck area stretches from the Restaurant all the way to the play park. Providing guests with more outdoor space where the grown-ups can sit and relax while the kids play or visit the goats and cows.

The plant sale area has been expanded to offer even more of Craignish Nursery's

beautiful locally-grown plants. The superb new gift shop right beside the play park sells Scottish gifts, books and maps.

Always striving to minimise harmful effects on the environment, this year a new Biomass Heat Cabin has been installed to supply all the hotel's hot water and heating. Last summer an EV-charging point was installed.

Situated adjacent to the magnificent NTS Arduaine Garden, only half an hour's drive from Oban or at the top of the Sound of Jura for any passing sailors wanting to make use of the moorings – there is something for everyone at Loch Melfort Hotel.

Creagan Inn, Appin

James, Jacqui and the team at Creagan Inn look forward to welcoming customers old and new as we prepare to reopen for 2021.

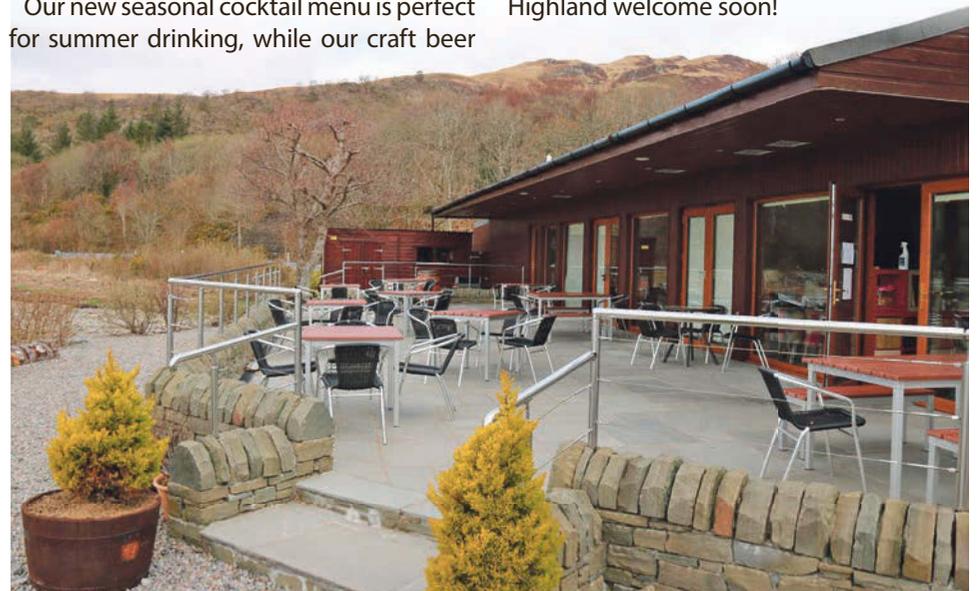
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21/00587/PP	Erection of salt saturator plant	Land West Of Ardrishaig Water Treatment Works, Ardrishaig, Argyll And Bute
21/00594/PP	Repainting of shop front and side elevation	43 Main Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AB
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SMITH – HARDMAN - Terry and Lynda Smith of Southend and John and Pauline Hardman are pleased to announce the engagement of Michael Smith and Heather Hardman on March 20, 2021.

PEARL WEDDING

MCNAB - MITCHELL - Malkie to Catriona on April 19, 1991 at Ardrishaig Parish Church by Rev. Edward Andrews.

DEATHS

ALAMBY - Peacefully at St James's Hospital, Leeds, on April 12, 2021 in her 73rd year, Elizabeth McCallum nee Graham (Bessie), dearly loved mother of Graham and Craig, mother-in-law of Caroline and Natasha and loving sister of Mairi and the late David.

ALDRED - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, on April 3, 2021, Georgina (Georgie) Aldred, née McKerlie in her 73rd year, of Fallas Place, Fauldhouse, Edinburgh and formerly of Lochgilphead. Loving wife to Brain, beloved Mum of the late Samantha, a proud and adored Granny of Natasha, and a much respected mother-in-law and friend to Peter. Dearly loved sister of Phyllis (Angus), sister-in-law of Tommy, and dearly loved Aunt of Adrian. A good friend to many. A private family funeral service was held at Achnabreac Cemetery, Lochgilphead on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Donations can be made in memory of Georgie, to Ataxia UK via www.ataxia.org.uk or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors, 01546 602226.

ALLINGTON - Suddenly at home, 56 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, on March 5, 2021, Eleanor Allington née Stewart, in her 61st year, formerly of Birmingham, dearly loved sister of Christine and Eileen, much loved mum of Emma and Lisa and a loving nan.

GILLESPIE - Malcolm. At home East Calder in his 97th year, formerly of Dalaruan Campbeltown much loved husband of the late Jessie and loving father of Elizabeth Robertson, Lorraine Rankin, Marell Macdonald and loved and respected father-in-law adored grandpa, great grandpa and loved uncle to all his nephews and nieces.

MACVICAR - Angus John (Jock) - Renowned golfing journalist and a legend in his lifetime Jock passed away peacefully in Glasgow Royal Infirmary on April 3, 2021 aged 83. Jock, who was affectionately known as The Doyen, was truly a real gentleman who was admired and hugely respected throughout the world. He will be missed greatly by his journalist colleagues and friends and, indeed, by all who knew him. Funeral Service Private in line with current government guidelines. Jock's funeral will take place on Wednesday April 28. The cortege will leave The Highland Parish Church at 1.00pm. We will travel along Hall Street past The Cross, up Main Street on our way to Southend, we will leave Southend Church at 1.30 p.m. on our way to Keil Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Jock may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

MACVICAR - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital on April 7, 2021, Robbie MacVicar, in his 91st year, of 13 Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead. Beloved Husband of the late Peggy. Much loved Dad of Archie, Donnie, Isabel, Robert, Margaret and David. Adored Papa and great grandfather. A dear father in law, brother and uncle. A private family service will be held today, Friday April 16, 2021, at Achnabreac Cemetery. Funeral cortege will leave from Lochgilphead Parish Church at 11.30am following a route via Manse Brae, Brodie Crescent, Union Street, Argyll Street and Bishopton Road. Please observe social distancing.

WILKIN - Suddenly but peacefully at home, 31c Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, on the March 22, 2021, Andrew Gordon Wilkin (Drew) in his 66th year, much loved father of Gordon and Ross, father-in-law of Lisa, much loved eldest son of Nancy and the late John Alan Wilkin and a loving brother and uncle. Funeral Service Private in line with current government guidelines. Drew's Cremation will take place in Cardross Crematorium on Friday April 16.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

GRANT - The family of Morag Patricia Grant of Lochgilphead Argyll, would like to express our deepest appreciation for everyone's sympathy as we mourned her loss. We would especially like to thank all the carers for their professionalism and attention. With a special mention to Anne Macleod who helped care for Tommy and Morag for over twenty years. We are sorry that Covid prevented a proper service, but really appreciated Rev Ian Miller's sermon and the professional services of Stan Lupton Funeral Directors. To everyone who reached out to us during our time of mourning, we are grateful for your continued support and love during our time of need. Morag will be missed dearly by all who knew her.

SMITH - Doreen, David & Murray would like to Thank All relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy along with all the phone calls ,cards and flowers after the passing of Stewart. Thank you to all nurses and care team staff that helped Stewart stay at home also to all the staff of both Donald MacDonald Funeral Director and Caladh Funeral service. Thank You Very Much To All.

IN MEMORIAM

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Sunday 18th April
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In an alteration to last week's advert and due to the funeral of The Duke of Edinburgh. The Ordination service of Mrs Dorothy Wallace is now taking place in Inveraray Church on **Sunday 18th April 2021 at 11.30 am.** Those wishing to attend should please telephone Mrs Alison Hay on 01546 886 213 to reserve a place. Unfortunately, attendance is limited due to Covid restrictions. Masks must be worn. The service which was to have taken place in Lochgair on the 18th will now take place on **Sunday 25th.** Charity No: SC016665

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Bob's brilliant Masters debut

Masters debutant Bob MacIntyre was in dreamland last weekend after a 12th place finish secured him a spot in next year's tournament.

With his parents Dougie and Carol watching from the galleries, Bob signed off on the 18th green with one final, momentous birdie to finish with a level par 72 and guarantee a return visit to the Augusta National in 2022.

Speaking to Sky Sports after his round Bob said: 'I have played great for my first year and tried to manage my way around a golf course that I have never seen and only played on computer games with my pals, so it is completely different being here in the battle.'

He later reflected on his birdie putt on the final hole: 'The buzz I got when I holed that putt and then to have gone in and seen the scores and where I've finished, it's just everything you want as a kid and we've done it.'

The 24-year-old had to dig deep on Sunday after a shaky start saw him three over after six holes, but back-to-back birdies at eight and nine followed by a brilliant two at the notoriously difficult 12th hole got him back on track. A further birdie at 15 meant a top 10 finish was within his grasp before successive bogeys looked to have put paid to his chances of cementing a return visit to Georgia.



Bob's 12th place finish at this year's Masters means he has secured a spot at next year's event.

The left-hander then showed why Sky commentator Butch Harmon - former coach to Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson - announced 'this kid's special' by holing a nerve-shredding 13-foot putt

for birdie at the last. His last hole heroics rounded off a brilliant week's work where Bob followed up an opening 74 with a 70 on Friday to comfortably make the cut. With superstars such as Dustin Johnston and Rory McIlroy falling by the wayside, a second successive round of 70 on Saturday set up his grandstand finish on Sunday. Bob has now competed in all four majors and has yet to miss a cut, with his 12th place at Augusta sitting nicely alongside his sixth place finish at the Open in 2019.

His finishing position was the highest by any Scot this century, overtaking Colin Montgomerie who finished 14th in 2002. It also moves him

into serious contention for a Ryder Cup place later in the year as well as securing him an invite to the RBC Heritage tournament on the PGA tour which starts next week.

Before that the Oban star plans to celebrate his stunning performance with his family.

'I'm going to have a few beers tonight with my family and I'm just going to enjoy it,' said Bob.

'I've got my mum and dad here and the whole team, and I'm sure my two sisters and friends at home will be going mental right now. It's part of what we do. We're a big family. We're a close-knit family and I'm just delighted to be here and competing.'

Four seasons during Fyne Tankard first round

Players taking part in the first round of Tarbert Golf Club's Fyne Tankard last Saturday experienced four seasons in a day.

The course is really taking shape with a positive turnout of members, though there are some still waiting for the cuckoo before making an appearance!

Chris Smyth took the first round lead with a nett 64, followed by Bruce McLean and Graham Prentice on 65.

There are a good number of players within a few strokes of the leader so it will be all to play for in the second round.

The best scratch score on the day went to Iain Macalister on 75. Tomorrow (Saturday), the gents contest the April medal with the ladies' April medal on Sunday. Last Sunday, lady members gathered for the High Handicap Cup which saw Angela Vernel take the honours with a nett 67. Sheena Ferguson was second with 68 and Seona Martin was third on 70. Members are asked to use the SGU booking app when entering competitions.

Deans wins Dunaverty cup

Frost slightly delayed the start of Dunaverty Golf Club's Mersey Police Cup competition but the sun soon shone, resulting in a bright breezy day last Saturday.

John Docherty, playing in the first group, had a fine round of 72 to give him a leading nett score of 64 but in the following group he was displaced by Ryan Deans who produced the best scratch round of the day with a 69. Playing off a nine handicap, this gave Ryan the winning nett score of 59.

Sandy Watson proved once again that age is no barrier to good golf and took the runner-up spot with a nett 62.

Worthy of a mention was 13-year-old Jake MacMillan who finished in seventh place with a nett 66.

He will no doubt be one to watch in the future.

Result: 1 Ryan Deans 68-9=59; 2 Sandy Watson 73-11=62; 3 John Docherty 72-8=64; 4 Robert Coffield 74-9=65 (bih); 5 Alan Goddard 81-16=65; 6 Lee Mathieson 72-6=66 (bih).

Tennis players back on court



Colin Hanbidge coaches brothers Murray and Millar MacKay.

The new tennis season is under way at Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club.

Last week, brothers Murray and Millar MacKay spent time with coach Colin Hanbidge, during a snow flurry.

Although the courts are now open to members, the clubhouse remains closed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

A club spokesperson said: 'We hope to have a busy season with competitions this year. They weren't allowed last year. We introduced a court booking system last year which was a great success. We also hope to run the summer holiday tennis sessions twice weekly for primary pupil members.'

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