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Shopper-Aide receives UK's highest award for volunteers

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Kintyre charity Shopper-Aide has been honoured with the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

The social enterprise is one of 18 organisations in Scotland to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service which recognises outstanding work by volunteer groups to benefit their communities.

Founded in 2011, Shopper-Aide now has a group of volunteers working throughout Kintyre and Gigha, providing support and services to people aged over 60.

They are involved with shopping; helping in the home; social activities, including 'phone buddies' developed in the last year to keep people connected; driving and keeping Shopper-Aide's vehicles clean; sorting books and jigsaws; helping with crafts; visiting clients; administration; painting of premises; and as board members.

Susan Paterson, Shopper-

Aide director, said: 'This is a huge honour for us and the many volunteers who have helped us over the last 10 years, and particularly for the 64 who have worked throughout the last year helping with the increased number of clients through the Covid crisis.'

'I am delighted Shopper-Aide's work to provide services for older people has been recognised and would like to thank the volunteers and staff they support as well. I am sure our clients would join with me in doing so.'

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service was created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Recipients are announced each year on June 2, the anniversary of the Queen's coronation.

Representatives of Shopper-Aide are expected to receive the award crystal and certificate from Jane MacLeod, Lord-Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, on behalf of the Queen, later this summer.

Dependent on restrictions in place at the time, two of the

charity's volunteers will also attend a garden party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh in July 2022, along with other recipients of this year's award.

Mrs MacLeod said: 'I am delighted that Kintyre-based Shopper-Aide has been recognised in its 10th year of service to the community.'

'Shopper-Aide is a lifeline for older people throughout Kintyre, not only because of practical assistance with shopping and at home, but because of the vital social contact its volunteers bring to people who may otherwise be isolated and alone. For almost 15 months we have come to realise the importance of social interaction.'

Depute Lieutenant for Kintyre Jim Martin added: 'I know of many people in Kintyre who say they simply couldn't do without Shopper-Aide; particularly given the challenges of the last year. They often say that the volunteers deserve a medal – and now they have received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.'

Highlander's triplet surprise



Kintyre farmer David Laing got a huge surprise when one of his Highland cows gave birth to triplets, not only because it is so rare but because he had been told she was carrying twins. For the full story, turn to page 22.

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Careless driving

A 54-year-old man was charged with careless driving after a collision between two motorcycles on the A83 near Tayinloan about 11.30am on Tuesday May 25. Both riders were injured.

Illegal tyres

A 55-year-old woman driver was charged after being stopped for speeding on the A83 near Campbeltown about 5.35pm on Wednesday May 26. The car also reportedly had two tyres with tread depth below the legal limit.

Man assaulted

A 49-year-old man has been charged with assaulting another man in Longrow, Campbeltown, about 5.30pm on Friday May 28.

Offensive weapon

A 38-year-old man has been charged with behaving in an abusive manner on the Isle of Gigha about 1.30pm on Saturday May 29, after smashing windows using a hammer.

Disagreement over caravan lands in court

A disagreement at a Southend caravan park ended in a trial before Sheriff Patrick Hughes at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Wednesday.

The sheriff found 38-year-old Scott Bryan, of 9 Milton Douglas Road, Clydebank, guilty of acting in a threatening or abusive manner towards the owners of the park by shouting and uttering threats and while on bail.

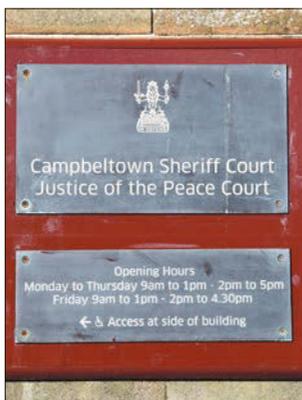
The court heard how events unfolded at Kilmashenachan Caravan Park on August 3 last year in a dispute over the sale and siting of a caravan.

Bryan said he had paid £500 for the caravan, and his partner had witnessed this, but he had not been given a receipt.

They wanted a caravan as her father had one there.

They were to then pay a £500 fee for a site on the park by the beach.

The owner of the site said he had shown a caravan to Bryan, as it might be coming



up for sale. 'It wasn't mine to sell,' he told the court.

In her evidence his wife said: 'There is a waiting list.'

The owners of the site both said they had been on the beach, repairing a gate, when they were approached by Bryan.

'He was very angry. I didn't know what was going to happen. I was shaken up at his anger at me,' said the man.

His wife said: 'He was

marching fast towards us and, as he marched, he started shouting at my husband.'

Both said Bryan had said: 'We had a gentleman's agreement,' but Bryan told the court: 'I have never used that phrase in my life.'

Bryan said he had not been shouting and his father-in-law gave evidence backing him up.

Bryan told the sheriff: 'I was upset I didn't get the pitch but I still had a caravan on the site.'

Bryan's defence agent Phillip Lafferty said, when summing up, that the site owners did not report the matter to the police immediately and that Bryan had remained there for the following week after the incident.

Sheriff Hughes said he found the evidence given by the site owners to be 'honest and reliable' and the case proven.

He deferred sentence until June 24 for reports to be prepared on Bryan.

Sheep and lambs chased by dog near Machrihanish

Police are appealing to dog owners to keep their pets under control at all times after another incident of sheep worrying in Kintyre.

Last Sunday it was reported that a dog was chasing sheep and lambs on the hill near Killypole Loch near Machrihanish.

A police spokesperson said: 'Thankfully, on this occasion, no animals were injured but with lambing season having just finished, the following advice is particularly important but it applies all year round: Dog owners have a responsibility to keep their dogs under control at all times and they should be kept on a close lead when anywhere near livestock.'

'It is particularly important at lambing time for owners to keep dogs well

away from sheep because even just the sight of a dog in the distance can be enough to panic sheep and scare them away from their lambs.

'Sheep – and other livestock – worrying obviously impacts on the animals but there is an emotional and financial impact on the farmer and any witnesses.'

The spokesperson added that it was a criminal offence for dogs to be allowed to attack or chase livestock and for dogs to be 'at large', meaning not on a lead or otherwise under close control, in a field in which there are sheep.

Dog owners can be prosecuted and fined up to £1,000 and can also be held financially liable for damages caused by a dog.

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MSP supports year-round ferry

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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MSP Jackie Baillie will back the petition for a year-round ferry from Campbeltown to Ardrossan when it comes before the Scottish Parliament petitions committee.

South Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly and fellow Argyll First councillor Dougie Philand have already submitted the document calling for a reliable and affordable ferry service. It also requests that fares have road equivalent tariff (RET) applied and it is capable of carrying freight from Kintyre to the east Ayrshire coast.

It was lodged in response to the consistent A83 road closures caused by landslips at the Rest and Be Thankful and the suggested 10-year timescale for a permanent solution.

The full-time ferry request is separate from the seasonal

service between Campbeltown and Ardrossan, which CalMac currently operates and was due to resume yesterday (Thursday) after a delay.

Ms Baillie, MSP for Dumbarton, told the Courier: 'It is vitally important to residents and the local economy that a year-round ferry is able to operate. This would make a huge difference to the ongoing problems that we are experiencing with the A83.'

'While I understand these issues are being addressed, it could be quite a while before they are solved.'

'Another way in and out of Argyll is desperately needed and a year-round ferry from Campbeltown to Ardrossan is a great solution to the connectivity problems in the area.'

'I look forward to backing Argyll First's petition when the Scottish Parliament petitions committee meets.'

Councillor Kelly said: 'We are

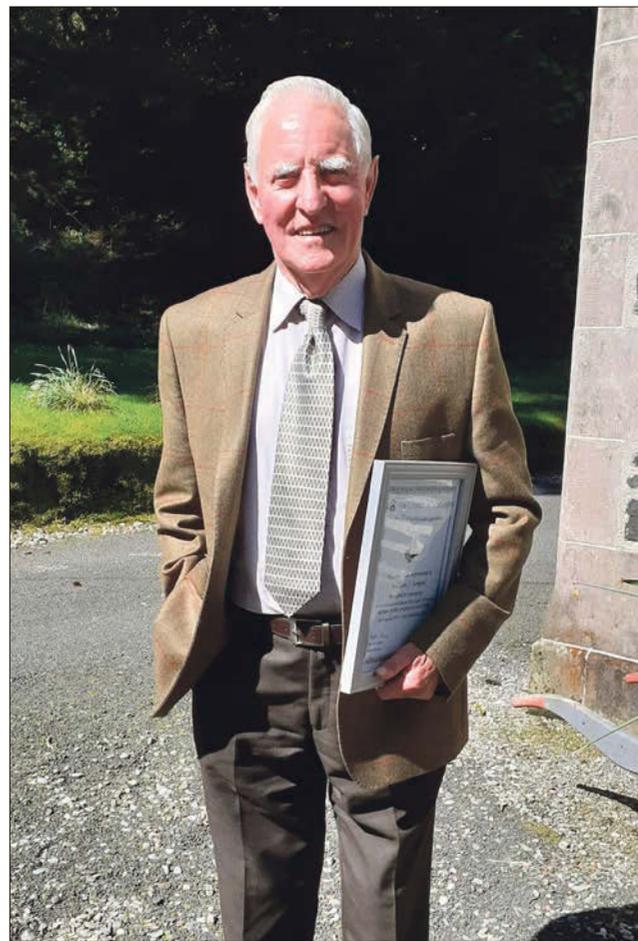
delighted that the long-serving and well-respected MSP Jackie Baillie has agreed to attend the parliamentary petitions committee to speak in support of our petition. It is hoped other MSPs who represent the area will do likewise.'

'Jackie has been a long-time campaigner in the fight for a permanent solution at the Rest and Be Thankful and recognises the issues we have been facing as a community year-on-year and the potential merits of a full-time ferry link.'

'Before launching the petition, we made enquiries with consultants as to the availability of suitable vessels outwith the current CalMac fleet and we are reliably informed that three companies had, at that time, a spare vessel which would meet the needs of the community.'

He added this was the case they would be putting forward to the Scottish Government.

Wum's 50 years of church service



After last Sunday's service at Saddell and Carradale Church, Reverend Steve Fulcher presented William J Semple, better known in the community as Wum, with a certificate to honour nearly 50 years of eldership.

Thirty of these years were as session clerk, which is much appreciated by the congregation.

Wum, although retired, will continue to support the church in any way he can.

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Driver fined after early morning crash

A wind farm security officer's misperception of on-coming vehicle lights on a dark morning led to him crashing into another vehicle, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last Wednesday.

The collision, about half a mile north of Bellochantuy on the A83, happened on September 4 last year at around 6am.

Elhassan Mohammed E Osman, of 9 Paisley Road, Glasgow, was driving a white Mercedes van and was on his way to work. He admitted careless driving.

Both men were taken to hospital but only suffered minor injuries.

'At that point the road is straight and the weather was good with little to no traffic at the time,' said James Dunbar, procurator fiscal depute.

The other driver told police he was travelling between 50-55mph, saw Osman's vehicle approaching and dipped his own car's lights from the main beam.

At around 30 yards apart he realised the van was on his side of the road, not correcting its course; he tried to move into the other lane and braked heavily but failed to avoid the collision.

Osman's defence agent said it was 'puzzling' to understand how the accident happened; Osman, aged 52, was only driving at 35 miles per hour.

'There is a lack of aggravated factors here,' he said, adding: 'Prior to the point of impact there is a slight right-hand bend - about 50 or 60 metres prior to the collision.'

'If the oncoming driver had straddled that bend there could have been a misperception, on a dark morning with bright headlights of the vehicle coming toward him.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes fined Osman £750 plus a victim surcharge of £20 and added six points to his licence. He acknowledged there was a plausible explanation and Osman had helped the other driver after the accident happened.

Cameras keeping an eye on dog fouling

CCTV is being used to stop dog owners from leaving their pet's poo behind in Argyll and Bute.

Nearly 350 offences were recorded between April 2019 and March 2021 but dog warden posts have been slashed by more than 50 per cent under the Argyll and Bute Council's budget for this year.

A senior council officer says there are limited other options available to ensure dog owners clear up after their pets.

The information came to light in a report for the council's environment, development and infrastructure committee at its virtual meeting yesterday, Thursday June 3.

Executive director Kirsty Flanagan said: 'Officers have successfully deployed CCTV at known locations where dog fouling is an issue. This acts as a deterrent and encourages dog owners to pick up their



Signs have also been put up in areas where dog fouling is an issue, including the playpark at Tayinloan.

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dog-walking areas usually results in owners picking up after their dogs and few penalty notices being issued and is therefore a highly effective deterrent.'

Ms Flanagan added that 'limited information' was received from the public regarding offending and where it was a written witness statement was needed. 'Unfortunately few individuals are prepared to provide written evidence which would be required for the council to progress any dog fouling matter through the courts,' she said. Ms Flanagan added that a 2017 proposal to 'name and shame' irresponsible owners was a non-starter due to legal advice.

dog mess and behave responsibly. Argyll and Bute Council environmental wardens currently enforce legislation that allows officers to issue £80 fixed charge notices to people who fail to lift their dog's mess as long as they are observed doing so.

'The penalty was increased

from £40 to £80 in April 2016 by the Scottish Government.

'Enforcement activity is carried out by wardens who are also involved in commercial waste, fly tipping, parking, control of dog notices, litter enforcement and education and pest control.

'Our wardens' presence in

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KRL in urgent search for new board members

Kintyre Recycling Limited (KRL) is urgently seeking new voluntary board members as it tries to protect more than 20 jobs.

The social enterprise company has provided a recycling service in Kintyre for more than 20 years, collecting and sorting more than 700 tonnes of materials each year.

In February, Argyll and Bute Council voted to take the recycling service for Kintyre in-house from October 2021.

KRL, which has worked 'tirelessly' to offer employment and environmental services to the Kintyre community, said the decision took the company 'by surprise' and has 'thrown into doubt' the future of 16 jobs. KRL's directors are currently fighting to ensure that as many as possible of the company's employees are offered new roles within the council as per their rights under UK employment legislation.

The directors told the Courier: 'We employ 21 staff in total, a significant number for any employer in South Kintyre, and many of KRL's employees have barriers to work and find it difficult to get supportive employment in other ways.'

'As part of our long-term efforts to diversify, we are

presently operating a furniture reuse shop in Longrow and offer bicycle repair, servicing and sales from our Glebe Street facility.

'KRL will soon be hiring e-bikes to the public to help encourage bike use to a wider audience and improve the service offered to locals and visitors.'

'As well as this, we will be expanding our range of woodcraft items produced from locally-sourced wood waste, such as whisky barrel staves.'

'To promote and support these expanding services, we are urgently seeking new voluntary board members who are able and willing to lend their time to ensuring KRL continues to provide environmental and employment benefits to the Kintyre community at this challenging but also very exciting time.'

Anyone interested in sharing their experience to support KRL's aims and help protect the employment of people with barriers to work, or who would like to learn more about the part-time voluntary posts, should contact the following: Malcolm McMillan, director, 07852 956 645; Ian Fawcett, director, 07749 388 088; or Amanda Thorburn, KRL manager, 01586 553858 or admin.krl@btconnect.com

Council considers joint waste strategy

Argyll and Bute Council could join forces with as many as four other local authorities to secure a permanent energy-efficient solution for waste disposal.

The council would work with neighbouring West Dunbartonshire for major disposal of rubbish from Helensburgh and Lomond.

Inverclyde Council and South and East Ayrshire Councils could also be involved in the project to develop a long-term waste solution, which is expected to take around 18 months.

The details of the scheme were in a report due to go before Argyll and Bute Council's environment, development and infrastructure committee at its virtual meeting yes-

terday (Thursday). Council executive director Kirsty Flanagan said: 'To support the development of the long-term joint procurement, an interim procurement with West Dunbartonshire covering residual/bulky waste from Helensburgh and Lomond and waste from the islands was proposed.'

Tender
'Operating under the authority of a pre-existing minute of agreement, officers prepared a procurement strategy and tender pack.'

'The tender was released to the market for a six-week period in February 2021. Evaluations of the responses took place in March.'

'A consensus relating to the technical and commercial

Overflowing bins after bank holiday

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An influx of visitors during the bank holiday weekend resulted in overflowing bins in many of Kintyre's tourist hotspots.

There were also reports of human excrement in the sand dunes at Westport beach where there are currently no toilets.

With an expected increase in 'staycations' this year, many outraged residents have called on South Kintyre's councillors and Argyll and Bute Council officials to act to prevent this being repeated.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'The council is taking a wide range of action to encourage people to enjoy Argyll responsibly and secure the much-needed benefits of tourism for the local economy.'

'For example, we re-opened toilets across Kintyre in April and have ordered portaloos for Westport car park.'

'From this weekend, we will provide more litter bins at the car park and empty them three times rather than the usual twice per week.'

'We will also provide additional patrols at these popular locations.'

Councillor John Armour said: 'I thank council officers for responding to this awful situation so quickly and for acting in a positive manner. I hope this will all be in place as soon as possible and we do not

see a repeat of last weekend's scenes.'

'Please, if the bins in car parks are full, take your rubbish home with you or to the amenity site at the Roding rather than leave it lying beside bins.'

He added that he intended to highlight the issues at Westport and other Kintyre beauty spots at a virtual meeting of the council's environment, development and infrastructure committee yesterday (Thursday).

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'The council should have been proactive and had a plan in place to provide adequate facilities to accommodate the anticipated influx of tourists.'

'It has been well documented that this is going to be an exceptional year for staycations.'

'If we are going to encourage people to come to the area, it is



Bins were overflowing in many tourist hotspots including Tayinloan, at the Gigha ferry car park, after the bank holiday weekend.

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litter being quickly cleared, often by staff giving up their days off; the same staff who were some of the first to return to work during lockdown.'

The council spokesperson added: 'Public co-operation is important in avoiding problems.'

'If you can, please take your litter home or to a recycling centre and plan ahead for comfort breaks.'

'We are encouraging everyone who visits Argyll's attractions to have a great time and be a great visitor - see www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/abplace-2visit for information.'

vitaly important the necessary infrastructure is in place.'

Councillor Rory Colville added: 'The large influx of visitors over the holiday weekend resulted in overflowing bins and street litter across Argyll and Bute, meaning extra resources being used resulting in the vast majority of excess

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Some of the dancers who are taking on the Highland hike.

Dancers warm up for Highland hike

Several young dancers are warming up to take on a Highland hike fundraiser, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Inspired by the national Kiltwalk charity, the seven and eight-year-old Highland dancers will walk five kilometres in their kilts to boost the campaign to buy a piece of play equipment at Jock's Adventure Playground.

Campbeltown mum-of-two Iona MacLean kickstarted the project to buy a swing-set with an adapted seat with straps on one side and a wheelchair accessible swing on the other in April.

It is to be installed at the council-owned playpark, which currently has just one wheelchair accessible item.

Iona was inspired by her own experiences when taking her children, seven-year-old Esmie and four-year-old

Lyle, who has autism, to playparks in Campbeltown and surrounding villages where she noticed the lack of equipment for children with less ability.

Councillor Donald Kelly secured a pledge of £10,000 from wind energy company ScottishPower Renewables, dependent on the community being able to raise the balance for the £25,000 equipment.

The campaign to raise the remaining £15,000 has just hit the £5,000 mark.

While this is an incredible amount, the dancers – including Iona's daughter Esmie – are hoping to add to the fund to help raise the remaining £10,000.

At 2.30pm on Sunday June 13, they will set off from Aqualibrium to complete a 5K route across Campbeltown.

They expect to reach the

finish line at the Lorne and Lowland Church car park at about 3.45pm, where they will dance a Highland fling to end their inspiring efforts.

The girls' parents say they would love any beeps, waves and cheers to support them on their route and people are welcome to meet them at the finish line to watch them dance.

All the dancers have their own sponsor sheets, but donations can also be made via the campaign's online fundraising page at [gofundme.com/f/inclusive-swing-for-campbeltown-playpark](https://www.gofundme.com/f/inclusive-swing-for-campbeltown-playpark)

Iona thanked everyone who has supported the campaign so far, as well as The Highland Dancer, a Highland dancing clothing brand which has organised a raffle with a £50 prize in support of the campaign.



The pupils mapped out the playground in Rhunahaorine's new outdoor learning pod.



Rhunahaorine Primary School's new outdoor learning pod, built by Auchencorvie Sawmill, was paid for with Pupil Equity Funding from the Scottish Government and has received a thumbs up from the pupils.

Team at Rh

Rhunahaorine Primary School pupils have received a lesson on the benefits of teamwork thanks to a pair of Scout leaders.

As part of Argyll and Bute Council's education policy encouraging outdoor learning, Len Wallace and Jim Smith from Scout Adventures Lochgoilhead recently led pupils on a fun-packed two days.

Rhunahaorine's outdoor learning pod, which arrived the previous night, was put to good use as the rain came down just as the pupils were put to task.

Children mapped out the playground, made maps and navigated to different areas.

Team-building tasks initially proved challenging, perhaps with too many wanting to do things their own way or take charge.

But this was overcome in the



The school's outdoor learning pod, which arrived the previous night, was put to good use during the Scout visit.



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Scout leaders encourage pupils to communicate

gutter pipe challenge when the children eventually worked together to roll a tennis ball down each piece of guttering, taking it to the other side of the playground.

The next day Len and Jim joined the pupils on their weekly outing to a nearby forest.

A highlight of the day was when all the children's school bags made it safely across a river using a homemade pulley system.

The school is planning on building on these skills and the children hope to devise their own pulley system on their next trip to the forest.

The last team task involved constructing a den from natural materials, large enough to fit two pupils inside.

The children worked together to make a construction big

enough for all 10 of them to fit inside. The den was covered with rhododendron leaves to keep out rain and had a flooring of moss for comfort.

During the end-of-the-day reflection, pupil Lochlen Gibbs said he wished Len and Jim could come back another day.

Len said he felt the children's team-building had improved from the day before, as they were communicating much more with each other during their final task.

Head teacher Catriona Brown commented on the professionalism of the Scouts, from the pre-visit correspondence and preparations to their interactions with the children.

She added: 'This was an innovative decision by the education department to inspire quality outdoor learning.'



A highlight for pupils was transporting their school bags across a river using a homemade pulley system.



The pupils built a shelter big enough for them all to fit inside.



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Shopper-Aide heroes

Shopper-Aide's volunteers have received a just reward in the form of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

So many people would be lost without the charity's staff and volunteers, who not only help with practical things like shopping, cleaning and transferring clients to appointments but are there on a personal level.

They offer a listening ear through the 'phone buddy' initiative and provide company through the various social activities which Shopper-Aide organises under normal circumstances.

The last year in particular makes us wonder how we managed before Shopper-Aide or what we would do without it. It doesn't bear thinking about.

Trio of cute cows

One of the joys of being a Courier reporter is getting to go out and about to various interesting jobs.

This week, one of those involved meeting the Highland cow triplets that were born at Killean. Their birth is very rare and their story will no doubt make interesting reading for those in the farming community. But they are also very adorable and we are sure everyone can appreciate that!

Double edged sword

The influx of tourists over the bank holiday weekend inevitably brought an increase in litter. While tourists are welcome in Kintyre, and will provide a much-needed boost to the local economy, we need them to be considerate and respectful. This is true for locals, too.

Town centre improvements looking good

I have just returned to Aberdeen from a visit to my hometown of Campbeltown. What a lovely surprise to see how good the town centre is looking.

There are so many independent shops and they all have something interesting to offer.

I was so pleased to see how the shopfronts have all been painted and look so well-kept.

Congratulations to everyone who has made this possible. You have done a wonderful job.

Kintyre is beautiful and the town centre has caught up with it.

Maureen Hamilton, Aberdeen.

School league table situation is complex

I think it is an over-simplification to point the finger at Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS) as being a possible reason for people not wanting to move to Campbeltown.

As I am sure you are aware, there were no national exams last year and grades were based on teachers' assessments. One might wonder how it could be that CGS dropped roughly 100 places in the league table, while Lochgilphead High School jumped 100 places.

How did the processes compare between the two schools and how could that have been possible? The issue certainly bears looking into.

In addition, it seems like the Courier and local politicians are quick to blame the school and teachers, while ignoring aspects such as local culture, where education sometimes seems to be less valued, where many children seem to be just

biding their time until they can leave at 16 and work on the farm or on the fishing boat or in the local Tesco.

Roughly 95 to 96 per cent of CGS pupils leave for a 'positive destination' but for about a third of those, that destination is employment, rather than higher education or further training.

Pupils who have no intention of seeking higher or further education are not motivated to engage in or work towards higher qualifications.

Teachers cannot force students to take higher classes and higher exams, cannot force students to engage with learning, cannot force parents to engage and to encourage their children to engage academically.

As an example, in the follow-up inspection report last year, the report stated: 'Staff continue to make improvements to the curriculum in the broad general education from S1 to S3.

'The school has increased the range of learner pathways and qualifications that young people can choose in the senior phase.

'Young people in S4 to S6 can now take six courses instead of five.

'Young people can choose from a range of Skills for Work programmes and Foundation Apprenticeships provided by Argyll College and the Argyll and Bute Learning and Development Team, but uptake has been limited.'

As the old saying goes, you can lead a horse to water...

The situation is much more complex than is being presented in your paper and elsewhere and this does a disservice to the school, teachers and school management and by extension to pupils, parents and the community by simply assuming the drop in the league table is due solely to a 'failing' school.

Name and address supplied.

learning and not simply the year the child was assessed.

All years should be considered important, particularly the early years, so that they can achieve highly with determination and effort.

There is an enormous amount of pressure at home to find alternative methods via tutors for homework and purchasing of materials due to non-provisions within the school.

S1 to S3 should be receiving homework in academic subjects and getting it marked to improve study skills.

For the last three years, I have been campaigning within the parent council to ban mobile phones within the school. It has been proved in other Scottish schools that this ban gives best results.

Education leaders should be considering a change in policy across all Scottish state schools.

Teachers will face fierce resistance in the classroom, however, should we not be acting in their best interests?

There would be focus on study, better communication and behaviour issues would disappear.

How welcome would it be to see pupils chatting and laughing with each other instead of heads down scrolling through screens?

Covid has clearly had an impact on education this year but every school is in the same boat.

Everyone is experiencing a global pandemic, but some like to treat it as wrong Covid and not long Covid.

Susan Craig, Campbeltown, parent of third year pupil.

Irresponsible littering should not be tolerated

I have been contacted by many of my constituents from across Islay about the ongoing littering problem at Donald Caskie Square in Bowmore.

Unfortunately this matter has been dragging on for months and I have discussed this at length with Islay Community Council, council colleagues, businesses and the head teacher of Islay High School.

Patience is running out and something needs to be done.

If police had a presence in the square, particularly over the lunch time period, this would help to prevent a lot of the littering that has been taking place.

I have also been getting complaints about Morrison Court in Bowmore.

It goes without saying this is a minority of people who are not bothering to use bins but sadly this is something that affects everyone.

A litter-strewn location looks dirty and unsightly, making it a less pleasant environment for those who live in or use it.

This irresponsible behaviour should not be tolerated.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and the Islands.

Benefits of play for our children

As we approach summer with hopefully fewer

School's league table position must be acknowledged

The publication in the Courier on Friday May 21 with regards the position of Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS) within the league tables came as a sigh of relief for me that someone else was on the same page.

We cannot defend where CGS sits within the factual results. It's the result of a lack of hard work from pupils and staff and the influence from parents.

The Scottish Government publishes an annual breakdown of pupils' attainment for which we have poor results and require inspectorate visits.

The league table cannot be defended but acknowledged.

Leadership of the school and particularly the council would benefit more if they actually illustrated 'yes, there is a problem' and we can fix it. Perhaps benchmark with a performing school close by.

Defending the situation with alternative measures that are perhaps encouraging for certain individuals is not the way forward.

As a parent who wishes to have the option to allow their child to choose further education, we need to start getting the grades to grant entrance.

The results are a summary of many years of

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restrictions, we can start to make plans about how we will spend time with family and friends. Following the challenging year we have experienced, we could all do with a bit more play in our lives.

Play is a hugely important part of childhood and has a host of benefits including improving physical and mental health and well-being.

Throughout this pandemic, children have had to deal with so many difficult challenges. Some have had to stay in unsafe homes and many are living with families who are struggling with health worries and financial issues.

Children have told Childline that they have struggled to cope and their mental health has suffered as a result.

It doesn't matter how people choose to play this Childhood Day (June 11), whether it's organising a sponsored kickabout in the park, a game of cards, a musical get-together or an on-line gaming tournament, we just want as many people as possible playing and raising money to help us keep children safe.

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Paul Cockram, head of fundraising, NSPCC Scotland.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK

This week's photograph was taken by Sandy Workman at High Lossit Farm, Machrihanish, on a sunny day last week.

Sandy, from the Sound of Kintyre, said: 'I took this photograph whilst out running.'

'I do a lot of running. On this occasion I ran from my home to Drumlemble, High Tirfergus and Killypole and was heading back into Machrihanish to go onto the beach when I spotted the photo opportunity.'

'It's a beautiful part of the world down here in Kintyre and I take loads of pictures when I am out and about even although it affects my times.'

Please email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk if you have a photograph you would like to share.



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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday June 3 2011

Creamery concern growing

Where is Tesco? The international supermarket giant has gone ominously quiet about its plans for a new superstore in Campbeltown.

And that's worrying for the Kintyre farming community which has pinned its hopes on a new creamery financed in part by the sale of the old site to Tesco by owners First Milk.

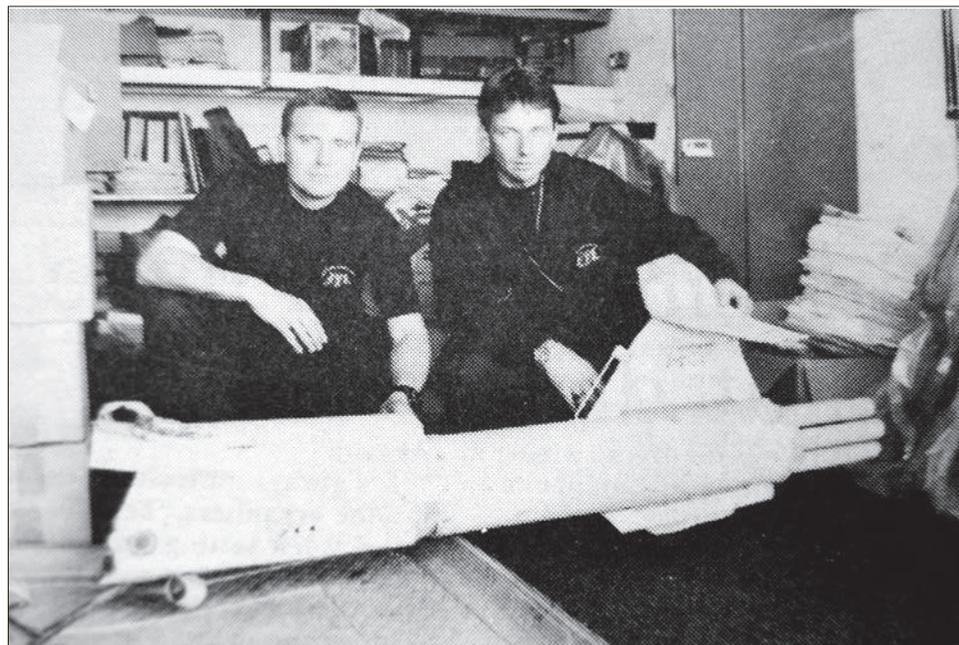
Time is running out. Tesco now has until the beginning of August to sign a section 75 planning agreement with Argyll and Bute Council.

Although a number of the town's traders objected, the majority of people in Campbeltown and around Kintyre were in favour of the new store, which promises to be similar to the one in Oban, with a petrol station.

Councillor Donald Kelly told the monthly meeting of Campbeltown Community Council Argyll and Bute has done everything possible to get the agreement and as yet is still waiting for Tesco to sign. But where is Tesco?

'That's the question everyone wants to know. First Milk can't get any answer, the council can't get any answer,' said Sandy Pirie of Machrihanish Farm, the area's representative of First Milk, the dairy co-operative to which farmers belong and which owns the creamery.

Tesco is not replying to press inquiries either. The company's press officers referred the Courier to its corporate affairs department



and no acknowledgement of telephone calls or emails had been made up to the Courier going to press this week.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday May 31 1996

Lochindaal charity swim

Staff at Mactaggart Leisure Centre Pool on

Islay are planning to celebrate the centre's fifth birthday by swimming Lochindaal.

Allan Campbell, Morgan Hart, Isobel MacLean, Amy Swanson and Neillie Bonnar, are training hard for the 2.25-mile swim on June 29.

As well as the physical aspect of the swim, they also want to prepare mentally.

Training at the moment involves in excess of 100 lengths of the pool, building up to 144 lengths before the swim.

As well as the loch swim, Islay and Jura Community Enterprise, which runs the pool, has arranged a number of fun events and former Olympic swimmer Duncan Goodhew will be joining the celebrations.

The Lochindaal swimmers are hoping for sponsorship to help raise money for a planned creche at the pool.

Community Enterprise convener Janet Berry said: 'We are very proud of our staff.'

'They are all young people born and brought up on Islay when there was no pool in which to learn to swim.'

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday June 3 1971

They must be good...

McIlchere & Sons, the local grocery and cake manufacturing firm, has won a prize for the sales of more cream cakes than any other firm in the west of Scotland.

The prize consists of a fortnight in Palma, Majorca, but owing to the opening of their new cake factory, Mr Campbell McIlchere will be unable to go.

The prize has been given to Mrs McIlchere and her sister Miss Lang.

The two ladies will leave from Glasgow Airport on June 11.

The competition was organised by the Milk Marketing Board.

Old folk's coach tour

In brilliant sunshine, members of the Harmony Hour Club enjoyed a coach tour of West Kintyre on Tuesday night.

Organised by West Coast Motors and the management of Springbank Gospel Hall, the senior citizens really enjoyed themselves.

After the tour two busloads of the over-60s returned to Springbank Gospel Hall and were welcomed by Mr R Miller in the unavoidable absence of Provost William Craig.

In 1996: Bomb disposal experts were called to Campbeltown's Old Quay last week after a fishing boat landed an air-towed gunnery target. The Freedom III brought up the missile-like target south-east of Sanda last Tuesday. It is believed the target was used in an exercise in the Firth of Clyde on May 16. Lieutenant Adrian Dann and Able Seaman Cozy Powell are photographed with the missile after they made it safe for transportation back to their base at Faslane.

Mr Miller introduced an interesting programme featuring community singing and favourite hymns.

Flight Lieutenant Holdsworth read the Scripture lesson.

Supper was served by the Springbank ladies.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday June 4 1921

Argyllshire Education

Authority meeting in Dunoon

[Extracts]

Mr Cameron asked if it was compulsory for a child to attend the physical training class.

It was the habit when training to make the children take off their boots and either drill in their stockings or shoes.

There were many people just now who could not afford shoes for their children.

The chairman said it was part of the school curriculum.

Baillie Campbell said this subject had been discussed many times.

If a child is nervous physically and mentally and unable to stand the drill that child is exempted, as it would be in any other subject.

Mr Cameron then wanted a ruling as to what would happen if a child refused to drill but the authority were unable to give a ruling being of opinion that the matter should be dealt with by the School Management Committee.

It was reported 32 teachers had decided to take advantage of Gaelic classes during the summer vacation.

Travelling expenses would be paid to Glasgow or Inverness.

There were three applications for exemption from the parents of boys who had reached the age of 14 and wished to leave school before the term fixed by the authority. These were all refused.

In connection with the miners' strike, the chairman reported his committee had before them the report of the Campbeltown School Management Committee with regard to the application received by them for the feeding of the children of miners and others in Campbeltown.

Also reports by the School Medical Officer regarding the effect of under-feeding upon the physical condition of children in the Campbeltown District.

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'Gie's back wir haunel' – an inspector's tale

This week's Down Memory Lane feature was written by a now-retired police animal health inspector almost 30 years ago.

Gordon Caskie, from Campbeltown, worked in Paisley when he wrote the article for the June 1992 edition of the Strathclyde Guardian, a magazine for the now-defunct Strathclyde Police force.

It tells of an unfortunate encounter he, a fellow police animal health inspector and a Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland (DOAFS) vet had with a reluctant farmer a decade prior.

Gordon, who retired in 1996, told the Courier: 'When the UK joined The Common Market, Strathclyde Police was advised to employ agricultural-type civilians to enforce the Animal Health Act.

'In 1976, four uniformed animal health inspectors were given that task for the Strathclyde area.

'I worked out of 'K' Division in Paisley.

'As well as policing the rabies and other animal cruelty acts,



The article appeared in the June 1992 edition of the Strathclyde Guardian.

'Ye're no gaun tae dip ma sheep!'

the job included licensing animal movements, attending markets, keeping records of sheep dippings, checking farmers' animal movement records and even the disposal by burning of diseased farm animals and the occasional reports to the procurator fiscal in serious cases.'

The compulsory sheep dipping programme has been completed for another year and whilst rumour in the farming industry has it there will be no more compulsory dipping, we will

DOWN MEMORY LANE

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have to wait for confirmation or otherwise.

On reflection, I recall a dipping incident of about 10 years ago when an elderly hermit-type Ayrshire farmer had flatly refused to comply with the dipping regulations.

For two years he had complained that his sheep did not have 'scab' disease and that he should not be compelled to dip them, but each year after gentle (?) pressure he had complied.

This third year, however, he declared that he would not purchase sheep dip insecticide and would most definitely not make any effort to dip his sheep and, by the expiry date of the compulsory period, he hadn't.

A conference of DOAFS animal health vets and Strathclyde Police animal health inspectors decided action was required to reduce any sheep scab disease risk

by carrying out the dipping themselves.

Consequently, on a bright morning in late November, three hardy individuals – one ministry vet and two police animal health inspectors – arrived at Old Alex's farm to 'swim' his sheep.

After half an hour donning protective clothing and reconnoitering the layout of the dipper, sheep pens, gates, fields and sheep, the 'shepherds' became aware of mutterings in the background. This was our unfriendly farmer Alex. Again, the reasons for our presence were fully explained to Alex but he continued to claim his sheep did not require dipping and assured us that no assistance would be forthcoming from himself.

The dipper was full of last year's – or maybe the year before's – stagnant, foul-smelling, slimy, liquid-like sub-

stance and had to be emptied and refilled with fresh clean water.

Our only source of water was an old well from which the water was raised by means of an antiquated pump, operated by a removable, antiquated, heavy, cast-iron pump handle.

We located this handle and found that it operated the pump most effectively when 'elbow grease' was used with it.

It is a big mistake not to recognise the opposition, but a gross miscalculation to underestimate him – and we suffered for that. Alex surreptitiously removed and secreted the 'handle' and it was some minutes before we realised it had gone and some further time elapsed before we were fully aware of the truth of his muttered 'Ye're no gaun tae dip ma sheep!'

To be continued in next week's Courier.



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I know I have messaged you previously about returning to group and I totally understand that the time and circumstances probably just weren't right for you. Do forgive me for reaching out once again but I just don't want to leave anyone behind who may need my help but may also be worried about returning.

I know that you previously joined my group with an aim in mind – to lose weight and to feel healthier - and, if that's still the case and you were thinking about returning, just know you'll be in great company with absolutely no judgement. Whatever has happened during the last year, the first step back to Slimming World will see you flying again in no time. Now that things are returning to normal, we'll all be thinking about the future and that may include holidays, weddings or many other special occasions and I would just love to help you prepare for that.

The brilliant news is we have a range of options for returning!

- you can return for just the cost of the weekly fee, £5.95 (£5.65 seniors) and carry on from where you left off
- If it would motivate you to achieve awards again, we can set it so that, even if you've previously had awards but have regained some weight, you will get those certificates and shiny stickers all over again as you catch back up!
- You could rejoin and start again from scratch and have a new pack if you need one for just £10.95 (£10.65 seniors)
- A 6 week countdown course comes with no joining fee up to 28th May so just £29.75 (£28.25 seniors) which saves you one weeks fee
- We have an offer coming up on 30th May – 19th June for a 12 week countdown course (£64.50 / £61.50 seniors for starting from scratch or £59.50 / £56.50 seniors for current members – which means 2 free weeks AND you get a fabulous new recipe book 'Fast & Free'

Our groups are super safe with all protective measures in place – this includes strict limits on numbers which means everyone has to book their place in group. If you want to return do get in touch soon to check session times and availability as places are filling fast.

Gillian xx

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Heidbangers head to Carradale course

The sun shone all day when Dunaverty Golf Club's Heidbangers enjoyed an outing to Carradale Golf Club last week.

The group played three rounds, the first two of which were for individual prizes with the third a hidden pairs round.

The individual score of the hidden pairs round was added to the first two to determine who won the trophy.

Neil Brodie and Sandy Watson both scored 19 points in the first round, but Neil took the win by a better last six while Willie Young, on 16, took third prize with a better last six. Round two was another close finish with Neil to the fore again on 18 points from Colin Hanbidge on 17.

Sandy Watson was next on 16 by virtue of a better last



Left: The Heidbangers before teeing off. Above: Last year's winner Sandy Watson, right, presenting Neil Brodie with the trophy.

six. The hidden pairs went to Willie Ralston and Willie Young who scored 33. Second with 30, were Don Hardman and Neil Brodie, and John Marrison and Bill Brannigan

were third with 28. The final round individual scores resulted in a close finish between Neil and Sandy Watson, both scoring 14 points, but with 37 from the first two rounds, Neil

won by two points. The group thanked greenkeeper Robert Strang for keeping the course in excellent condition. Result: 1 Neil Brodie 19+18+14=51; 2 Sandy Watson 19+16+14=49;

3 Willie Young 16+13+15=44. Hidden teams: 1 Willie Ralston and Willie Young 33; 2 Don Hardman and Neil Brodie 30; 3 John Marrison and Bill Brannigan 28.

Action packed Dunaverty

The sun came out last Saturday to make it a pleasant day for Dunaverty Golf Club's annual Texas Scramble.

Each member of 14 three-man teams was permitted to have four drives. With a 15 per cent allowance of their combined handicap, this led to close team scores.

Best of the day was Neil Brodie's team of Don Hardman and Peter Paterson whose score of 59, less a handicap, gave them the winning total on a better inward half of 53.

Result: 1 Neil Brodie, Don Hardman, Peter Paterson 29+30=59-6=53(bih); 2 Robert McGarrie, Daniel Sargent, David McGeachy 29+33=62-9=53; 3 Bobby Dalziel, Kieran McGeachy, Richard Toner 54 (bih); 4 John Marrison, David MacBrayne, Jake MacMillan 29+32=61-7=54.

The club's ladies were also in action on Saturday when 19 ladies took part in the Centenary Trophy competition. An early player home was Linda Brannigan with a score of nett 63. Results: 1 Linda Brannigan nett 63; 2 Elizabeth Marrison nett 64; 3 Margaret MacFarlane nett 66 (bih).

Sheena and Chris take home medals at Glenralloch, Tarbert

Tarbert Golf Club members gathered at Glenralloch last Saturday in glorious conditions, overhead and on the course, to compete for their respective medals.

Sheena Ferguson took the honours in the ladies' event with 58 followed

by Georgie Dickson on 61 and Angela Vernel on 64 (bih). In the gents' section, it was Chris McArthur who romped in with a nett 56 to leave the rest of the field trailing in his wake.

The usual suspects were next: Bruce McLean on 61 and Peter McLean

jnr on 63. Tomorrow (Saturday) the Harbour Gallery gents' open takes place. The club is forever grateful to Stuart Herd for his continued support.

Impressive youngster Connor McCrae headed to Glenbervie Golf Club last Sunday for his first stroke

play event in the Stephen Gallacher Foundation event.

A delighted Connor took third place with 49, only one shot behind the winner on 48. This week, he heads to Machrihanish Golf Club for the first round of the Junior Championship.

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Campbeltown's future tennis stars?



Judy Murray challenged Dalintober Primary School pupils to complete various tasks. 50_c23judymurray01



Tennis coach Judy Murray OBE has written in her Sunday Post column that she 'wouldn't be surprised if the next Jamie or Andy Murray comes from Campbeltown', writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

It comes after the former professional tennis player and mother of Jamie and Sir Andy Murray, two of Scotland's most successful tennis stars, travelled to Kintyre last week to deliver coaching sessions.

Judy was joined by Laura Middleton, a fellow coach and Judy Murray Foundation trustee.

The pair began by hosting two workshops at Dalintober Primary School where additional support needs (ASN) assistant Mairi Campbell works.

Mairi was responsible for the visit after tagging Judy in a Tweet about the school's extra-curricular tennis activities, pupil equity and

opportunities.

In the morning, Judy and Laura led a session with adults including primary and secondary teachers, student sports leaders, Active School staff, volunteers from Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club (CLTC) and parents and grandparents.

In the early afternoon, they coached Dalintober's P4 and ASN pupils alongside children from Glenbarr Primary School.

After school, they headed to CLTC where they worked with members of Dalintober's extra-curricular tennis club.

In the early evening, CLTC's junior members and their parents attend a session together.

A CLTC spokesperson said: 'Judy had lots of tips to encourage parents playing with their children and coached some basic tennis skills.'

'It was tremendous fun, especially when water bombs were involved.'



Judy Murray wrote that seeing the children's faces light up during the classes was 'just a delight'. 50_c23judymurray02



Left: Laura Middleton joined Judy Murray throughout her sessions. 50_c23judymurray03 Right: Laura Middleton described her visit to Campbeltown as 'fabulous'. 50_c23judymurray04

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West Property is celebrating its 10th anniversary - a decade which has taken the company from one person based in Oban to seven-strong team with offices also in Fort William and Tobermory.

What originally began as a letting company - and letting is still the core business - has expanded very successfully into property sales as well.

'West customers were so pleased with our letting service that they began to ask if we would sell for them, or find properties, and this side of the business has grown accordingly,' said Gavin MacKinnon, commercial director.

Amongst the work being done in this 10th anniversary year is a planned revitalisation of the West Property website.

'Digital marketing changes rapidly - incredibly so if you look back over our first 10 years - It is important that companies like us are always at the top of our game online,' Gavin said, 'as important as our online presence is, people are at the heart of West Property's success.'

'We never forget that homes are a family's major investment, whether renting, letting, buying or selling and clients and customers will always value the personal touch and expertise of dealing with knowledgeable, local people.'

West Property deals with long-term lettings of good-quality properties of all sizes and prices. They offer a fully-managed service, matching the right property and the right tenant, taking care of all the legalities and paperwork, including photographic inventories.

The business covers Fort William and Lochaber, the Ardnamurchan Peninsula and inland to Crianlarich; Oban and Lorn, down

through Inveraray to Lochgilhead and as far south as Tarbert, Loch Fyne. The addition of the Tobermory office also means West handles property lettings and sales on the islands of Mull and Iona.

Gavin added: 'Everyone on the team at West Property is local and has roots in their communities. Between us this makes for a thorough knowledge and appreciation of what it means to live in the West Highlands.'

West Property currently employs seven people, however that is set to increase. West is expanding the lettings team, meaning more opportunities for local people. Get in touch if that's of interest!

Over the last 10 years West Property has worked in partnership with locally-based trades people and specialists and developed a network of skilled workers to call on to maintain letting properties as part of its wrap-around service.

'We have built up excellent working relationships with contractors throughout the area,' Gavin said, 'it is all part of the West Property way of doing business.'

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WEST PROPERTY PEOPLE

Emma Robertson, Lettings Team:

Emma grew up on the Isle of Seil and is a former Oban High School pupil; currently she lives in the town.

Sofia Al-Hosani, Lettings Team:

Sofia is another former Oban High School pupil and has always lived in the area. She currently lives in Kilninver.

Rhona Forbes, Financial Controller:

Originates from East Lothian and has lived in Oban for nearly 10 years, Rhona has vast experience within the property industry.

Gavin MacKinnon, Commercial Director:

Lochaber High School former pupil, Gavin is a well-known face in the Fort William and Lochaber business community and he manages the business and the team at West Property.

Lucy Hallett, Sales Agent:

Lucy is based in Oban and lives in the town herself. She is originally from Lochgilphead so she knows Oban, Lorn and Mid Argyll inside out.

Jodi MacLean, Sales Agent:

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The Taste of Place Trails encourage visitors to enjoy food at some of Argyll's stunning viewpoints, like this one overlooking Carradale Bay. Photograph: Raymond Hosie.

People are being encouraged to have 'eat the view' picnics. The above picnic platter was made by The Tobermory Fish Company.

Views so good you can taste the stunning scenery

Argyll and the Islands are stunningly beautiful and the food produced here reflects the quality of the landscape in which it is grown, reared, caught and created, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

So Wild About Argyll's new venture, Taste of Place Trails, is onto a winner from the start.

Food and drink producers are preparing a selection of limited edition 'eat the view' picnics with everything on the menu created from the sights around. Tourists will then be guided to an 'Insta-worthy' viewpoint to savour the sights they are eating.

And what a menu Argyll folk are setting before them: freshly caught seafood, meat, dairy, smoke-house specials, game, foraged wild food and incredible baking and other foods small-batch made with skill. To accompany this are beer, wine and even coffee from roasters in the area and Argyll-grown tea.

The Taste of Place Trails in-

itiative is a partnership led by Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) with support from VisitScotland Growth Fund, Food from Argyll, Argyll and Bute Council and CalMac.

Iain Jurgensen, AITC chairman, said: 'Argyll has built up a strong reputation for top quality food and drink and the Taste of Place Trails have been designed to offer visitors an immersive experience as part of their travels.'

He explained: 'Experiences and the great outdoors are so important to tourists right now whilst we continue to navigate the restrictions and what better way to enjoy it than meeting the producer, hearing their story and enjoying an exceptional view.'

Councillor Robin Currie, leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'Argyll and Bute offers a lot for your eyes and taste buds. We are delighted to be welcoming visitors back again to this stunning part of

Scotland where around every corner you will find the perfect picnic spot.'

David Adams McGilp, regional director for VisitScotland, added the idea combined many of the region's strengths.

'We know that, even pre-pandemic, visitors want a much more immersive experience in the places they go, to create a more meaningful emotional connection and memories.'

'Food and cultural tourism are a key part of this trend and will contribute to the economic recovery from the pandemic.'

The 'eat the view' specials will be available at The Fisherman's Kitchen on Seil, Tobermory Fish, Cakes in a Callbox near Loch Awe, Food from Argyll's Café at the Pier in Oban, The Blairmore Café near Dunoon, Argyll Coffee Roasters near Tighnabruaich, Glenegedale House on Islay and Beinn an Tuirc Distillery and Café in Kintyre to name but a few.

Taste of Place Trails

■ The Seafood Trail: Argyll's Atlantic waters and sea lochs deliver bountiful fresh fish and shellfish and with numerous hotels, bars, restaurants and stalls all with stunning sea views

Argyll has a long tradition of fish smoking. The region is home to more than 10 smokehouses, some with visitor centres where you can watch the process

■ The Vegan Trail: As well as dedicated vegan establishments, many more are offering great vegan food as key dishes on their menus. Cafés, hotels, restaurants and bed and breakfasts across Argyll are constantly adding vegan food to give visitors an exciting choice and will offer great produce and foraged ingredients

■ The Spirits and Beer Trail: Argyll is famed for its single malt whiskies, with 15 distilleries dotting what is known as the 'whisky coast' with 10 on Islay and Jura and two more planned. Campbeltown is a distinct whisky region. The area has some famous, well-established gin distilleries and breweries with exciting new additions

■ The Coffee and Cake Trail: Home-baking is a source of pride at local cafés and tea rooms and competition is fierce.

The area is undergoing a coffee renaissance, with no less than four specialty coffee roasters in the region supplying high-quality coffee to cafés, restaurants and hotels

Did you know that tea is even being grown and blended in Argyll?

■ The Farm Produce Trail: Argyll's hills and pastures provide some of the best meat and game in Scotland including Kintyre, Cowal, Islay, Bute and Mull, where livestock feed on lush, herb-filled pastures.

This prime, quality, slow-grown meat, including salt marsh lamb, features on menus throughout Argyll.

The Argyll hills are also home to many thousands of deer, so venison is another delicacy.

Kintyre, Gigha and Mull are famed for their milk, which is crafted into delicious dairy products, including cheese and ice cream.



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Thought for the Week

As a 'DIYer', I like to learn new skills. Books and YouTube help, but most of my learning has come through conversations, learning from the experience of others and learning by mistakes.

I remember my first attempts at brick-laying. I was concentrating on ensuring the bricks were laid horizontally. I did not think to check the vertical plane.

I may have had a newly purchased spirit level but only referring to one bubble and not the other two was a time costly mistake. Perhaps I should have used a plumbline.

A plumbline was a key tool for all the grand historic buildings we see around the world. A weight on a string with the aid of gravity.

Have you ever thought about the internal plumbline that humans have?

Natural law is experienced in some way by all humans.

Think about it this way: someone who seemingly has no conscience about stealing, feels and knows a great injustice done to them if someone steals from them. Where does truth and justice come from?

In a world awash with relativism where it is taught that there are no absolutes apart from what society and culture dictates, natural law is a God-given plumbline.

The question is, am I willing to listen to that inner voice? The prophet Isaiah spoke about the coming to earth of the Christ as being like a plumbline and a corner stone.

Just as my DIY attempts are better for following a standard datum point, I determined years ago to build my life on the rock that is the message of Christ.

When I'm getting off course, He's the reference point to get me back on track.

Reverend Chris Holden, The Fishermen's Mission.

ISLAY

Whisky auction tops £130,000

A treasure trove of rare whiskies produced by legendary distilleries on Islay have sold at auction for £138,000.

More than 100 buyers from 20 countries bid for the 268 lots contained in Pat's Whisky Collection.

The mystery seller decided to part with his 9,000-bottle library last year through a series of auctions to share his passion for whisky by passing his bottles to new owners.

It was billed by auctioneers as the 'largest private collection of whisky' it had ever put under the hammer.

It also sees £10,000 of the proceeds raised going to Islay-based charities and projects.

The collection was also sold to recognise Islay's annual festival of music and malt, Fèis Ìle, and the incredible bottlings the event has inspired over nearly three decades. The fèis was held virtually this year during the last week of May.

Established almost 30 years ago, the festival usually draws visitors from across the globe to experience the island's community, culture and world-renowned whisky.

The auction saw limited-edition Fèis Ìle expressions from distilleries including Port Ellen, Laphroaig, Bruichladdich and Ardbeg.

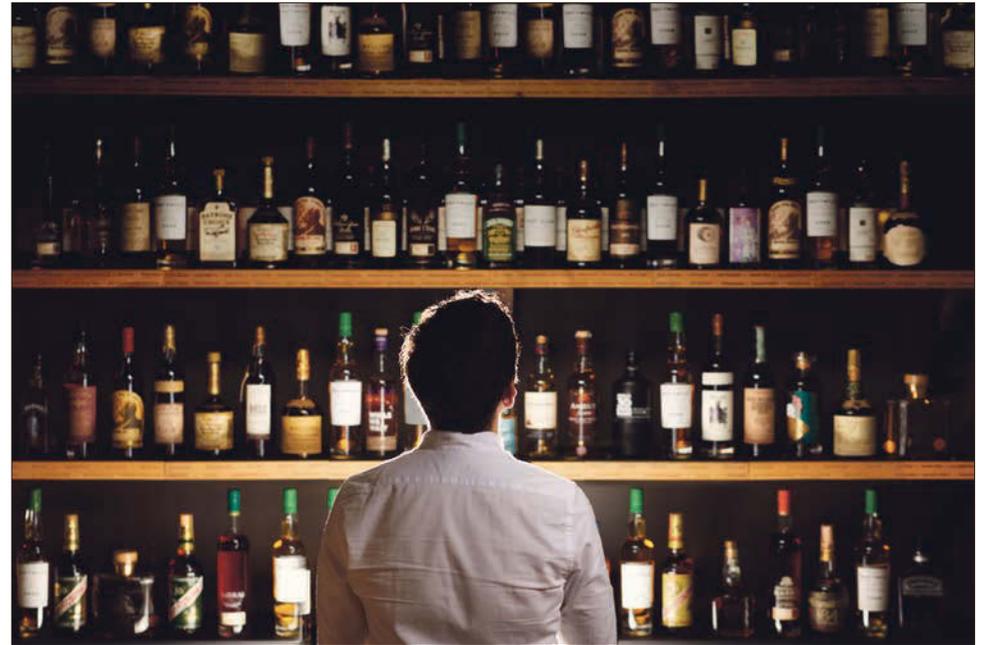
It was conducted by the Perth-based Whisky Auctioneer between Friday May 14 and Monday May 25.

Whiskies included the 1982 single cask Port Ellen, which was hailed as one of the rarest around with only 220 bottles in existence. It sold for £7,000. Also in the collection was a Bowmore malt bottled to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Fèis Ìle.

In 2010, Bowmore released 100 bottles of the limited edition signed 25-year-old. It went for £2,500.

Joe Wilson, Whisky Auctioneer's head of auction content, said: 'Fèis Ìle is an iconic celebration of whisky and Islay culture that draws people back to the island year after year.'

'From Port Ellen to Bowmore and Bruichladdich to Ardbeg, this collection of Fèis Ìle bottlings is without a doubt the largest and most complete we have ever encountered.'



Pat's Whisky Collection is said to be the single biggest private collection of whiskies ever brought to auction.



Some of the whiskies auctioned off as part of the collection.

Mr Wilson said the collection included 'incredibly scarce malts' produced to celebrate the iconic whisky region.

The sale included whisky donated to the Fèis Ìle committee by distilleries in order to raise funds for the island's Islay Wave Project, which focuses on supporting culture, artists and youth.

Fèis Ìle committee chairperson Florence Grey said: 'Fèis Ìle was delighted to be given the bottles in this charity auction from Diageo, plus a signed bottle from the legendary Islay whisky

maker Jim McEwan.

'All the proceeds raised from these bottles will benefit our island community as the funds will kickstart our Islay Wave Project – an ongoing project that will begin after this year's virtual festival. We are very grateful to Whisky Auctioneer for its support in bringing these bottles to auction.'

WEST OF KINTYRE

West Kintyre grants

West Kintyre residents heading to further education or trying to set up their own businesses could benefit from a trust's funds.

West Kintyre Community Council Windfarm Trust is inviting school-leavers going on to university, college or taking on an apprenticeship to apply for a bursary of £1,000 a year.

The trust is also keen to hear from anyone looking to launch a business in the West Kintyre area, who may be eligible for a start-up grant.

For more information and/or an application form, visit www.westkintyrecommunitycouncil.org or email convener Margaret Pratt on margaretpratt@btinternet.com. The closing date for applications is June 30 2021.

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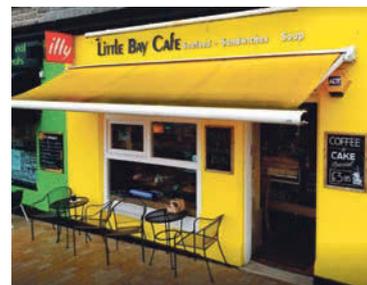
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Highland cow surprises farmer by delivering triplets

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A Kintyre farmer was surprised to learn one of his Highland cows was expecting twins – but he got an even bigger surprise when she safely delivered triplets.

When the pedigree cow, registered as Ceiteag of Stac a Chagair with the Highland Cattle Society, was scanned, her owner David Laing was told she was carrying two calves.

This is not common in Highland cattle, which are a fairly small breed, but it is practically unheard of for a Highlander to deliver three healthy calves from one pregnancy.

But that is what happened



A third calf was a 'wee bonus'.

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about three weeks ago at Killean, where David rents some land.

He explained that after seeing the expected twins safely delivered, he returned to his house in Muasdale for the night.

'The next day I came up and standing there was the mother and two calves,' he said.

'Then I heard this noise and I wondered what it was. I heard it again and two seconds later, a third calf came out of the rushes.

'I got quite a surprise. We were expecting twins but we got a wee bonus.'

The all-female triplets – which have been named Penny, Poppy and Princess by

David's wife Kate – were sired by Lachlan first of Stac a Chair.

David said their mother, a second calver, is managing to feed the trio herself with just a 'wee bit' of assistance.

Born to dam Ceiteag first of Ghiol, sired by Jock of Isle of Bute, the five-year-old cow appeared at Kintyre Agricultural Show when she was two.

In his 30 years of farming, David has never heard of a Highland cow delivering healthy triplets and said he will 'let her off' if the triplets' mother is not in-calf next year.

David originally moved to Kintyre with his family during his childhood.

He worked for some time at Largie before moving to Islay with Kate about 30 years ago.

Kate worked as a geography teacher on the island while David was farm manager at the Royal Society for the Protection of Bird's nature reserve at the Mull of Oa.

When David left that job two years ago, he struggled to find land for his livestock on Islay so he moved them to Kintyre.

The couple now split their time between Islay and Kintyre, so David can keep an eye on his livestock, including his remarkable newest additions.



David Laing was surprised to find his Highland cow had given birth to triplets. 50_c23highlandtriplets02



The mother is doing well, taking care of all three calves on her own. 50_c23highlandtriplets05



Meet Penny, Poppy and Princess, Kintyre's adorable Highland calf triplets. 50_c23highlandtriplets03

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Hopes high for 'normal' agricultural show

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Kintyre Agricultural Society has started planning for its annual show.

A highlight in the Kintyre calendar for more than just the farming community, this year's Kintyre Agricultural Show is scheduled to take place on Friday August 6.

A final decision on what format it will take this year will be made at the end of June. If all restrictions are lifted, it will be as near to normal as possible.

If restrictions are still in place and guidelines allow, it may be possible to hold a livestock and produce show but with no stands, entertainment, dog show and with limited public attendance.

Schedules for entries will be emailed or posted to regular exhibitors and entries in the classes will be restricted to exhibitors resident in Argyll and Bute.

No prize money will be offered this year and only rosettes awarded to class winners. To cut down on travel from outwith the area, all judges will come from within Kintyre Agricultural Society's membership area.

Judges in place from last year from outwith Kintyre will be asked to judge in 2022 instead.

Stewarding the show in whatever format will require extra help this year and anyone who would be willing to help steward is asked to contact the secretary to register their interest.



Kintyre Agricultural Show is a great day out for all the family. This photograph shows John and Jean McLachlan, with their grandson Joshua, and one of their prize-winning sheep. 50_c32kintyreshow45

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A society spokesperson said: 'The society directors appreciate there will be difficulties along the way and know it may end up that restrictions mean the event will not be possible at all, but it was felt it was worth

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love and kindness which
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support for us all. Special
thanks to Ward A at Lorn
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Virtual MOKRUN is a real success

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Just short of 600 adults and children laced up their training shoes over eight days to take part in this year's virtual Mull of Kintyre Half Marathon and 10k Race (MOKRUN).

For adults there was a choice of completing 10 kilometres or a 13.1-mile half-marathon and for the children it was either one mile or five kilometres. And they all took up the challenge with energy and enthusiasm.

The MOKRUN Facebook page was inundated with photographs of runners and walkers completing their race in places as far afield as Jakarta, Luxembourg and Salou.

In Milan, the ever-popular KISS STRONG team completed their run in Busto Gardolfo, raising a few eyebrows, but receiving lots of cheers.

They first took part in MOKRUN in 2018, loved it, and hope to be back in Kintyre competing next year.

There were also photographs

from all over Scotland - Arran, Ayrshire, Glasgow, Arrochar, Garelochhead and North Berwick - as well as a strong Kintyre contingent.

A MOKRUN spokesperson said: 'Although we missed the buzz of a live event, we are delighted so many people got involved in our virtual event. Feedback from competitors has been very positive.'

'There were some fantastic performances in all the categories, with a lot of runners achieving a personal best time.'

'Campbeltown athletes were well represented in all the category placings, with married couple Kenny and Jennifer Campbell the male and female winners of the half-marathon race. A small group of runners from Campbeltown Running Club tried to recreate the competitive atmosphere by setting off at the same time on Saturday morning, allowing the faster runners to pick off the opposition as they went.'

'It was also great to see three members of Achilles International completing the

race for the first time, having been training since before last year's cancelled event under their coach Jake Sanders.

'It's been a pleasure seeing everyone's photographs and we were very happy to see that lots of people kept up the tradition of celebrating with a well-earned Danish pastry at the finish. The spirit of MOKRUN lives on.'

The spokesperson added: 'The MOKRUN committee thanks all our competitors who have supported and stayed with us to take part in the virtual MOKRUN 2021. A special thank you to the staff of Wee Toon Trends for their assistance in distributing T-shirts and medals to participants.'

'All going well, we are very much looking forward to staging a live event next year - on Saturday May 28 for the juniors with the main races on Sunday May 29 2022.'

'Entries will open in January 2022 on EntryCentral and we are hoping to welcome back many of the runners who have told us how much they have

missed coming to our town for this event.'

Any Kintyre runners who have not yet picked up their T-shirt and medal can do so from Wee Toon Trends on Main Street. All others will be posted out.

The committee has asked for patience on delivery time as there are a lot to package up, address and mail out.

Results: Half marathon: Gents: 1 Kenny Campbell; 2 Kieran Cooper; 3 Richard Cooper. Ladies: 1 Jennifer Campbell; 2 Laura McMillan; 3 Morven Glennie. 10k: Gents: 1 Matthew Turner; 2 Kyle Paterson; 3 Stuart McGeachy. Ladies: 1 Emma Morran; 2 Lorraine MacPherson; 3 Rhona Sloss. Children's 5k: Boys: 1 Eoin Quinn; 2 Daniel Semple; 3 Hector Robinson. Girls: 1 Emma Millar; 2 Niamh Quinn; 3 Evie Judge. Children's one mile: Boys: 1 Jude Garcia; 2 Wallace Amaru Amaut Nimmo; 3 Noah Scott. Girls: 1 Hannah McLellan; 2 Cara McFadzean; 3 Sophie Millar.



Friends Taylor, Erika, Maida and Emma enjoying some obligatory MOKRUN Danish pastries after completing their one-mile run on Saddell beach.



The ever-popular KISS STRONG team completed their run in Busto Gardolfo, Italy.



Members of Campbeltown Running Club.



Ewan and Sophie Millar after completing their junior runs.

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