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Determination gets David up Ben Nevis in wheelchair

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An amazing display of strength and resilience helped Kintyre man David MacPherson get within 100 metres of the summit of the UK's highest mountain in a specialised wheelchair.

Last Saturday, 45-year-old David, who suffered life-changing injuries in a car accident more than 20 years ago, took on the Ben Nevis challenge in the Joëlette wheelchair.

The special wheelchair was created by social inclusion charity JAPES: Joëlette and People Experiences.

He was joined by his dad, David senior, volunteers from JAPES, members of Lochaber Mountain Rescue team and friends from Kintyre and as far afield as Nottingham and Essex who all helped to lift and pull the wheelchair.

All was going well until disaster struck about half-way up

when a crucial hinge sheared under the strain of the climb and the terrain.

A quick assessment and a repair using cable ties, a piece of threaded rod and a walking pole meant the team was able to continue the climb.

But about 1,245 metres up, the decision was made that it would not be safe to continue to the summit and, after 13 hours on the mountain, the team returned to the bottom.

David senior told the Courier he 'can't put into words' how grateful he is to the volunteers who overcame such adversity to help his son achieve his dream.

He said: 'What a challenge it was! The work the volunteers did... you can't put it into words. You could never repay them.'

'The amount of people who stopped and clapped and took photos too; it was incredible.'

Some climbers who encountered the team offered to help while others were moved to tears by David junior's story.



David MacPherson senior and junior, centre front, with some of the volunteers on the Ben Nevis ascent. Photograph: JAPES.

JAPES founder Nelson Liddle said: 'It was a fantastic event and the most difficult and extreme challenge JAPES has undertaken.'

'To see David senior and David junior approaching the top of Ben Nevis was a proud moment for everyone involved and great reward for

the hard work everyone put in on the day.'

'We owe a great deal of thanks to those who have already supported us on this challenge – those who have sponsored and donated to the cause and those who gave their time, energy and great physical effort to meet

the challenge.' The repaired Joëlette will now only be used for low-level walks and running events.

'We are raising funds to purchase a new Joëlette to allow us to continue to take on the more demanding challenges like the one we faced last weekend,' Nelson added.

'We greatly appreciate any support individuals or organisations can give us. Every contribution takes us nearer our goal of continuing to promote inclusion through participation.'

The online crowdfunding page is available at: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/japes

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Not plain sailing as ferry five weeks late

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The MV Isle of Arran returned to Campbeltown Loch last week as the town's seasonal ferry service resumed after a five-week delay.

The Campbeltown-Ardrossan summer service was scheduled to begin on April 29 but had to be postponed twice to allow vessels to be redeployed across CalMac's routes while the MV Loch Seaforth underwent repairs.

Following successful sea trials, the Loch Seaforth returned to service on Monday May 31.

The Isle of Arran docked at Campbeltown's New Quay at 8.30pm last Thursday, June 3, before returning to Ardrossan at 6.45am the following morning.

Despite only five vehicles and 10 foot passengers disembarking in Campbeltown, some people reported being unable to reserve a ticket on the ferry due to it being 'fully booked'.

Tommy Gore, area operations manager (Clyde) for CalMac, told the Courier: 'Covid restrictions have affected the capacity we can offer to passengers, so the number of spaces available for booking on all of our routes are much lower than usual.'

'We have an emergency medical appointment protocol which caters for individuals who have a medical appointment but are unable to get a vehicle booking.'

'A number of 'turn up and go' spaces are also free for people who need to travel at the last minute.'

During June, July and



The MV Isle of Arran was a welcome visitor to Campbeltown Loch last week. 50_c24isleofarranferry01

August there is a change to the Campbeltown-Ardrossan route timetable.

All sailings on Thursdays and Fridays, in both directions, now include a stop at Brodick on the Isle of Arran.

The Ardrossan departure on Thursdays and Fridays will be at 4.45pm instead of the previous 6.40pm, arriving in Campbeltown at 8.25pm instead of 9.25pm.

The Friday morning sailing is at 6.45am instead of 7.30am. The Sunday service remains unchanged.

Investigations into the break-

down of the Loch Seaforth that led to disruption across the CalMac network are nearing completion.

Early indications are that piston screws may have failed, causing a breakdown of the port engine.

These piston screws should have been replaced when the Loch Seaforth was in dry dock in 2019. A full and independent report has been commissioned from a leading global investigations company to find out why this did not happen.

Subsequent repairs to the

engines should have seen the ferry return to service on May 17 but further and separate damage was caused by the presence of debris in the system when the engines were started up.

This delayed the return to service until May 31 while further remedial work was performed.

Robert Morrison, CalMac's operations director, said: 'We recognise this has been an extremely challenging time for customers and staff and again apologise for the disruptions over the past few weeks.'

Additional bus journeys on 926 Glasgow route

West Coast Motors has added journeys to its Scottish Citylink summer timetable between Campbeltown and Glasgow.

The new timetable marks a return to pre-Covid-19 levels of service on the Scottish Citylink network.

The service, which launched on Monday, coincides with the re-opening of many parts of the leisure and hospitality sector in Scotland with many people gearing up for staycations, trips away and reunions.

There will be two additional journeys on the 926 Campbeltown-Glasgow route: 6.15am Glasgow to Campbeltown and 2.20pm Campbeltown to Glasgow.

Robert Andrew, director of Scottish Citylink, said: 'We're delighted to be able to play our part in helping people enjoy staycations and reunions with the launch of our comprehensive summer



West Coast Motors' 926 Campbeltown-Glasgow bus. 50_c24wcm01

timetable. It's encouraging to be offering pre-pandemic service levels again and I believe public transport will continue to play a crucial role in the country's recovery.

'We thank our customers in advance for their continued role in following our Covid-19 safe travel guidance including wearing face coverings, social distancing and booking in advance wherever possible.'

All services can be booked at www.citylink.co.uk

POLICE FILES

Abusive behaviour

A 31-year-old man was arrested in Lady Mary Row, Campbeltown, at 5.25pm on Saturday June 5 and charged with behaving in an abusive manner and assaulting a woman.

Careless driving

A vehicle was reportedly driven in an anti-social

manner near Ballygrant, Islay, at 8.30pm on Friday May 7. The 27-year-old male driver was traced and issued with an anti-social behaviour warning.

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.



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KRL manager is fearful for staff's future in the autumn

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Kintyre Recycling Limited's (KRL) business manager says she remains concerned for staff jobs after a lack of support from Argyll and Bute Council.

Amanda Thorburn says she can 'no longer remain quiet' on the issues that the social enterprise company is facing since the council's 'disgraceful' decision in February to take recycling services in Kintyre in-house from October.

But a council spokesperson told the Courier it 'wants to do all it can to progress the situation and support KRL as an organisation'.

Ms Thorburn, who said she was speaking on her own behalf and not that of KRL's board of directors, said she had not received support and the human resources advice

she was promised following the decision.

She added that despite councillors' intentions to hold negotiations on TUPE protection – the possibility of maintaining continuity of employment for KRL's staff, many of whom have barriers to work and are 'very vulnerable' – nothing had been put in place.

'There is still nothing in writing from the council to even acknowledge any of this and the majority of meetings have been cancelled,' Ms Thorburn said.

'We have been working so hard to try and keep some of our activities going so we can continue after October.'

'However, if the situation with the council continues the way it is going, then the great fear is we will lose everything and that would break my heart.'

An Argyll and Bute Council



KRL business manager
Amanda Thorburn.

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as much as reasonably possible to support KRL and on ensuring a sustainable recycling service for Kintyre.'

KRL, one of the first recycling groups in Scotland to launch plastic bottle recycling, has had a recycling and kerbside collection contract with the council since 2001. It initially carried out recycling in just the two main housing estates in Campbeltown but this grew over the years to include the whole of Kintyre, including Tarbert.

This expansion allowed KRL to take on employees, including those with barriers to work, some of whom have been with the company for 18 years.

Since 2007, KRL has employed 24 people, bringing

£400,000 to the Kintyre economy and recycling about 700 tonnes a year.

Now, as well as running a furniture re-use shop and a bike project, KRL is developing land at Bengullion Road to site containers and a welfare unit and plans to set up a wood project using staves from local whisky barrels.

The company is awaiting delivery of five e-bikes, with another four mountain e-bikes due to arrive in August, and plans to hire these out over the summer.

Ms Thorburn, who has been involved with the social enterprise since 1999 when it was Campbeltown Waste Watchers, added: 'There has been a lot of changes over the years and I have found myself dealing with all sorts of activities that I did not expect to, which has been challenging but rewarding. The people of

Campbeltown have been so supportive over the past 20 years and I would like to thank them all for their kind words recently.

'We have accepted the recycling will be taken in-house but we may require their support again for us to continue in some form and to be able to provide the jobs and opportunities we have done over the past 20 years.'

She added: 'To all the staff, past and present, thank you so much for all you have put up with and all your hard work.'

'Whatever happens, you have played a part in a social enterprise that served the community for more than 20 years. I am so proud of everyone and the team ethic of supporting one another. We showed that no-one with barriers to work should be written off and told they cannot do this sort of work.'

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Jenni Minto's pledge regarding A83 at the Rest and ferry fleet

New Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni Minto used her maiden speech to Holyrood to back quick improvements to the A83 and underline the importance of reliable ferry services.

During the election campaign, the Islay-based candidate stressed the importance of a permanent solution to the A83 Rest and Be Thankful.

The high-level route through the mountains has been beset with landslips and closures for years with the Old Military Road used as an alternative during bad weather.

As she made her opening vow to the Scottish Parliament last Wednesday, June 2, Ms Minto told ministers, including First Minister Nicola Sturgeon: 'A permanent solution must be found and quickly for the Rest and Be Thankful and we need a reliable, versatile ferry fleet.

'Farmers, fishers, whisky



MSP gives maiden speech at parliament

Jenni Minto MSP during her maiden speech at Holyrood last Wednesday.

distillers, hauliers, small businesses, tourists and residents all depend on being able to travel safely and easily throughout Argyll and Bute.

'I know the minister for transport has brought a new energy to solving these challenges and I look forward to working closely with him to find the solutions.'

Graeme Dey MSP was handed the transport brief following the cabinet reshuffle and Ms Minto said she immediately made contact to discuss the area's twin transport problems.

Mr Dey has now visited the Rest to get an update on the progress and to thank staff for their hard work.

He said: 'Addressing the resilience of the A83 Rest and Be Thankful is one of our top priorities so I was pleased to be able to visit the site and see the project for myself.

'I can assure residents and road users that the situation is being treated with the seriousness and urgency it deserves, with measures to maintain

connectivity on a short, medium and long-term basis being implemented as quickly as possible.

'Hearing first-hand accounts of the geo-technical challenges posed by this section of the road underlines the importance of the project.

'I appreciate that the timescale to develop an alternative route as a long-term solution is frustrating for communities, but we will look to bring forward the programme where we can.

'This is a huge project, so it's vital we follow due process and undertake a thorough assessment of all the options and their potential impacts on the communities.'

Convoy system replaced by traffic lights at Rest

Temporary traffic lights are now in place 24 hours a day on the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Continuous use of traffic lights removes the need for an overnight convoy system, which was in place to escort motorists past the work area during hours of darkness.

Good progress with mitigation measures, alongside reasonable hillside conditions and seasonal settled weather, has meant the convoy system is no longer required.

Weather and hillside conditions will continue to be monitored daily to allow decisions on the safety of road users and workers. Later this month, four nights of surfacing work is planned for two sections of the A83 of more than 300 metres at the Rest and Be Thankful.

The work will take place each night between 7pm and 7am, starting on Sunday June 20.

All overnight road users will be directed to use the Old Military Road diversion route but the A83 will re-open during the daytime.

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Safety concerns over New Quay Sustrans sculpture

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Concerns have been raised about the safety of a sculpture being built near Campbeltown's New Quay.

The feature, currently under construction, is part of a joint project between UK walking and cycling charity Sustrans, Argyll and Bute Council and Edinburgh-based Anna Rhodes Landscape Design.

According to plans submitted to the council in March 2020, the public sculpture, which is replacing an unused boulder water feature, is intended to be a visual marker to welcome visitors arriving into Campbeltown by ferry and to mark the start of Sustrans' 234-mile Caledonia Way cycle route from Campbeltown to Inverness.

The proposal for six weathered steel rings representing whisky cask hoops was said to be 'informed by community workshops and research of Campbeltown's whisky and fishing history'.

The installation is to include

an interpretation trail, featuring quotes gained from community consultation, leading to and through the sculpture.

There is to be two-metre gaps between the rings and the internal height of the highest hoops is to be 2.35 metres, with a one-metre ground width, allowing 'safe human interaction' within the sculpture.

No comments

The planning application was approved in July last year, after receiving no comments either in support or objection.

However, before it has even been fully erected, some Campbeltown residents are fearful that as well as being an 'eyesore', the metal sculpture could pose a health and safety risk if children climb on it.

Many are calling for the plans to be altered to make the sculpture safer and more visually appealing or to be scrapped completely.

Councillor Donald Kelly told the Courier he had been contacted by numerous people who have expressed concerns.

He said: 'This structure in its current form will look like a pile of scrap metal and will

do nothing to enhance the area. I have contacted Sustrans requesting it does not erect this sculpture.

'In my opinion, the amount of money this has cost the public purse would have been better spent on enhancing Jock's Adventure Playground.'

The Courier contacted Sustrans, which receives regular funding from local and national governments, to ask if it would consider altering its plans for the structure in light of the concerns but had not received a response by the time the paper went to press.

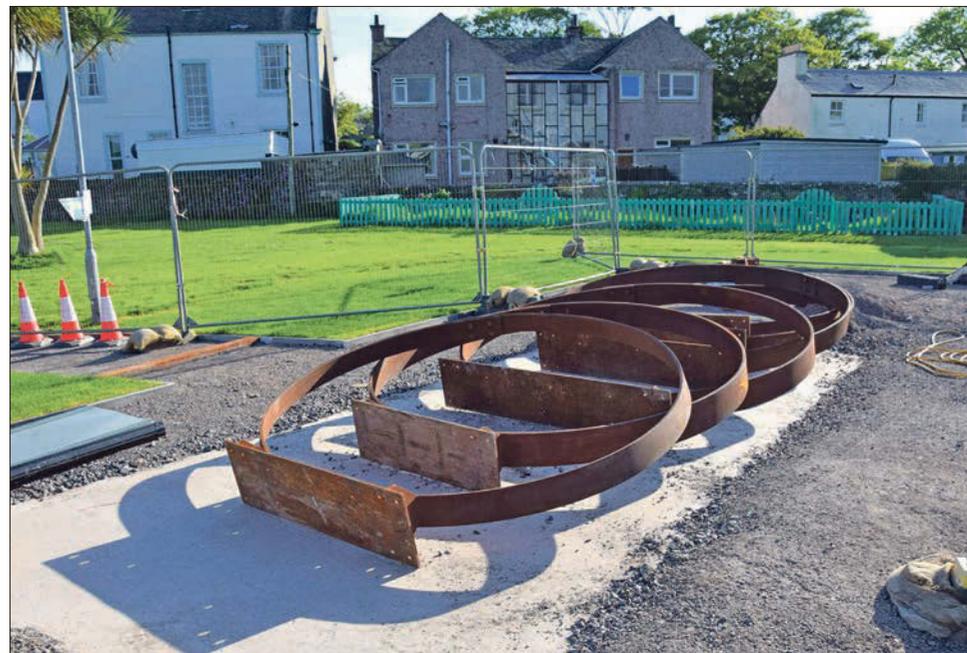
An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'We follow strict national guidelines for processing planning applications.'

Consultation

'All normal processes were followed including a public consultation period, where people could make any objections known, and stakeholder consultation.'

'We received no objections in this case.'

'There were no material reasons under planning legislation to refuse this application.'



The sculpture, which will feature six weathered steel rings representing whisky cask hoops, is currently under construction. 50_c24sculpture01

Caution urged as Argyll moves to level one

With Argyll and Bute now under level one lockdown restrictions, NHS Highland is asking people to continue following guidance on how to limit the spread of Covid-19.

The health board added that people should remain cautious as cases are 'rising rapidly' across Scotland.

Dr Tim Allison, director of public health with NHS Highland, said: 'This has been such a challenging time for everyone but, thanks to how well people have followed the guidance, we are starting to see more freedom as we move to level one, or level zero for most of our island communities.'

'However, Covid has not gone away. We have seen the impact in Glasgow and Moray but more locally, in Fort William, we are dealing with a significant outbreak which has impacted on many people, schools and local businesses.'

Dr Allison is encouraging



everyone to follow the guidelines for the area they are in.

He said: 'Relaxation of some of the restrictions we have been under is to be welcomed. Many of us will have enjoyed meeting up again with family and friends and with the good weather we have been enjoying recently it's much easier for us to meet them outside.'

'Travel across the UK is also something we can now enjoy again but I would appeal for caution from anyone who is travelling, particularly if they are going to an area that has a higher number of cases as this risks bringing infection back to our communities.'

'Is the travel necessary? If you do visit areas that have a high rate of infection, try to limit your contact with others on your return to limit any potential spread.'

'Please continue to follow all the guidelines. Know what symptoms to look out for and, if you do experience symptoms, isolate immediately and seek a PCR test.'

He added: 'We continue to deliver the vaccine programme and I would encourage everyone to come forward for their vaccine when invited.'

'When we have positive cases, our contact tracing helps us limit that spread as much as possible. However, we can't do this on our own. It takes all of us across Highland, Argyll and Bute doing what we can to protect ourselves and others.'

'By continuing with this we will be able to continue to enjoy the freedoms that we now have.'



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RNLI charity cyclist Harry smashes his two targets

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An RNLI fundraiser who suffered a set-back in Kintyre has smashed the two targets he set himself ahead of cycling Great Britain's coastline.

Aspiring endurance and ad-

venture athlete Harry Lidgley completed the almost 4,500-mile cycle in 34 days – eight days quicker than his 42-day target – visiting all 168 lifeboat stations on the UK mainland on the way.

And so far he has raised £1,000 more than his initial £5,000 target, all of which will

be donated to the RNLI, the charity that saves lives at sea.

Hampshire man Harry set off from RNLI headquarters in Poole in the south of England on Saturday May 1 and returned to the coastal town last Thursday, June 3, averaging 120 miles of cycling each day.

He was two weeks and about 1,500 miles into the challenge when a spoke in his wheel near Glenbarr threatened to send him off track.

But he was soon back on the road after Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club chairman and Glenbarr resident Robbie Semple came to his rescue.

Robbie not only gave Harry a spare wheel he happened to have 'in case of emergencies', he also offered him a safe space in his garden to pitch his tent for the night.

Speaking to the Courier this week, Harry said: 'The wheel from Robbie was an

absolute lifesaver – though after all the battering it got on the rough roads around the top of Scotland, I was hardly surprised when another spoke broke near Scarborough on the English east coast.

'The rim was fine this time – luckily – so it was an easy fix to just get a new spoke on it.

'Apart from that, things went smoothly and I somehow made it all the way back to Poole without having a single puncture.'

Satisfaction

Harry said he achieved everything he hoped for during the challenge, adding: 'I got immense satisfaction at completing my circumnavigation, the chance to cycle through some spectacular regions around our coastline and the opportunity to meet many RNLI crew members.'

'Everyone I met was really enthusiastic about my chal-

lenge, which was always a great morale boost.'

He added that the mishap in Kintyre wasn't the only issue he faced during the challenge.

'Of course, it wasn't all plain sailing.

'I had a mix of just about every type of weather condition, enduring hail showers and cold nights in the south west of England, a few washout rainy days in Wales, some very tough headwinds in Scotland and scorching heat back on the English south coast as I neared the finish,' he said.

'On days like these I just had to grit my teeth and do the best I could.

'But these are the really valuable days that build your capacity to endure and your mental resilience, all good training for future events.'

Harry's online fundraising page remains open via www.gblifeboatcycle.com



The aspiring endurance and adventure athlete enjoyed some well-earned treats at the finish line.



Harry Lidgley completed his cycling circumnavigation of the UK mainland in 34 days.

Benefits of Campbeltown's £60 million transformation

A £60 million regeneration programme has transformed Campbeltown town centre into a more vibrant, attractive place to live, work and visit, according to a new report.

As part of the programme, Argyll and Bute Council has completed a £10 million heritage-led programme of works.

Regeneration projects include:

■ £60,000 of shopfront improvement grants awarded to 42 businesses

■ 60 local contractors employed, 10 new businesses

opened and 51 new jobs created

■ £3.2 million building repair grants awarded to 182 individuals

■ £2 million repair and conservation of Campbeltown Town Hall to bring it back under community ownership

■ £3 million restoration of the Campbeltown Picture House

■ 40 training courses and community events delivered and attended by more than 2,000 people

■ A new Discover

Campbeltown app. An evaluation report was commissioned to look at the impact and benefits to the town following completion of projects.

Among the key findings were:

■ 83 per cent of respondents said that several or most of the places they visit in the town are noticeably improved

■ 98 per cent said they would recommend local businesses to family, friends and visitors

■ 90.21 per cent said regeneration projects have improved Campbeltown

■ 90 per cent of businesses noted that the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme and shopfront investment have transformed their business

■ 70 per cent of businesses said they would not have been able to complete projects without funding

■ 14 of the 16 building contractors who responded felt regeneration works had led to follow-on work

Transformed

Councillor Alastair Redman, policy lead for business, regeneration and commercial devel-

opment, said: 'By improving the infrastructure and fabric of the town centre, Campbeltown has totally transformed.'

'We are already seeing the benefits to the local economy including more job opportunities and new businesses opening.'

Collaborative

'This has been a collaborative approach, working with partners, residents and businesses throughout the project.'

'The success of Campbeltown now provides a working model for our other towns as we con-

tinue to invest in Argyll and Bute's future.'

Following extensive investment, Campbeltown won the award for Scotland's most improved place at the 2021 SURF Awards.

Funding of regeneration projects was provided by Argyll and Bute Council, Historic Environment Scotland, Heritage Lottery Fund and Argyll and the Islands LEADER, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the European Regional Development Fund.

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Parliamentary praise for Campbeltown Shopper-Aide award



From left, Rhoda Grant MSP with Susan Paterson and Joan Stewart, Shopper-Aide, during a 2018 visit.

Highlands and Islands MSP Rhoda Grant has submitted a parliamentary motion congratulating Campbeltown charity Shopper-Aide on being honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

Shopper-Aide was one of 241 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the award, which is the highest a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

Mrs Grant visited the charity in the summer of 2018 and learned about its work supporting people in Kintyre aged over 60 by offering shopping services, housekeeping and planning social activities like Elderberries where clients meet for lunch and take part in arts and crafts, quizzes and bingo.

Since then, she has remained supportive of the charity and has given her written support for funding.

Mrs Grant said: "This charity is so deserving of this award and I'm proud of all of the volunteers.

"When I visited them back in 2018, I felt so inspired by the staff and volunteers and their commitment to fighting isolation in Kintyre.

"This charity is truly an asset to the area.

"Isolation is an issue nationally, especially in the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic, but it is particularly concerning in rural areas where resources are limited.

"To see a charitable organisation tackle this issue head-on and for that to be recognised is great to see."

Presbytery's new moderator 'honoured'

The Presbytery of Argyll's new moderator says she is 'deeply honoured' to have been given the role.

Dunoon-born Reverend Janet MacKellar was installed at Kirn and Sandbank Parish Church in Cowal last Tuesday, June 1.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only three members of the Presbytery were present, with all others tuning in online.

Janet's family connections with Argyll go back generations, covering the many parishes of the Argyll Presbytery, including Cowal, Bute, Islay, Jura, Cairnbaan, Craignish, the Ross of Mull and the island of Iona.

The Presbytery of Argyll also includes South Uist where Janet's grandmother was born, so she says Argyll is well and truly in her DNA and she welcomes this opportunity to serve the church.

Reverend Janet MacKellar, the Presbytery of Argyll's new moderator.



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Incredible achievement

David MacPherson's Ben Nevis challenge was an incredible achievement.

It was inspirational, demonstrating what can be achieved with the right equipment and attitude.

After months of preparations, it must have been devastating for the team when part of the wheelchair broke.

However, their quick-thinking in repairing the hinge with bits and pieces they had with them saved the day.

But safety has to come first and the team made the right decision not to continue to the top if there were any doubts about the makeshift repair being able to handle the challenging final section.

David senior told the Courier he didn't think it would be possible to even get as far as they did.

One comment a supporter made of the team's ascent and the subsequent repair on the Joëlette summed up the situation well: 'It says a great deal about the strength and resilience of the team that the Joëlette broke before they did!'

Well done to all those who helped David live his dreams.

Ferry prices could put passengers off

Having waited five weeks for the delayed start of our ferry to Ardrossan, I was excited to plan a trip out of Kintyre.

Since the new timetable has all sailings stopping in Brodick, allowing only four hours in Glasgow, I decided on a trip to Arran.

However the price for this is off-putting. Campbeltown to Brodick – a distance of 20.9 miles – for a car return journey is £81.90, only marginally cheaper than the return fare from Campbeltown to Ardrossan which is £88.50.

Compare this with the return fare from Brodick to Ardrossan at £33.10 for a distance of 14.6 miles.

With the additional stop in Brodick giving a journey time of three hours 40 minutes, I can't see many Kintyre residents using this service.

It seems the CalMac ferry fleet is not fit-for-purpose but it is interesting to note that between 1901 and 1903 the passenger steamer Glen Sannox ran a seasonal service from Ardrossan to Campbeltown which took only two hours 25 minutes!

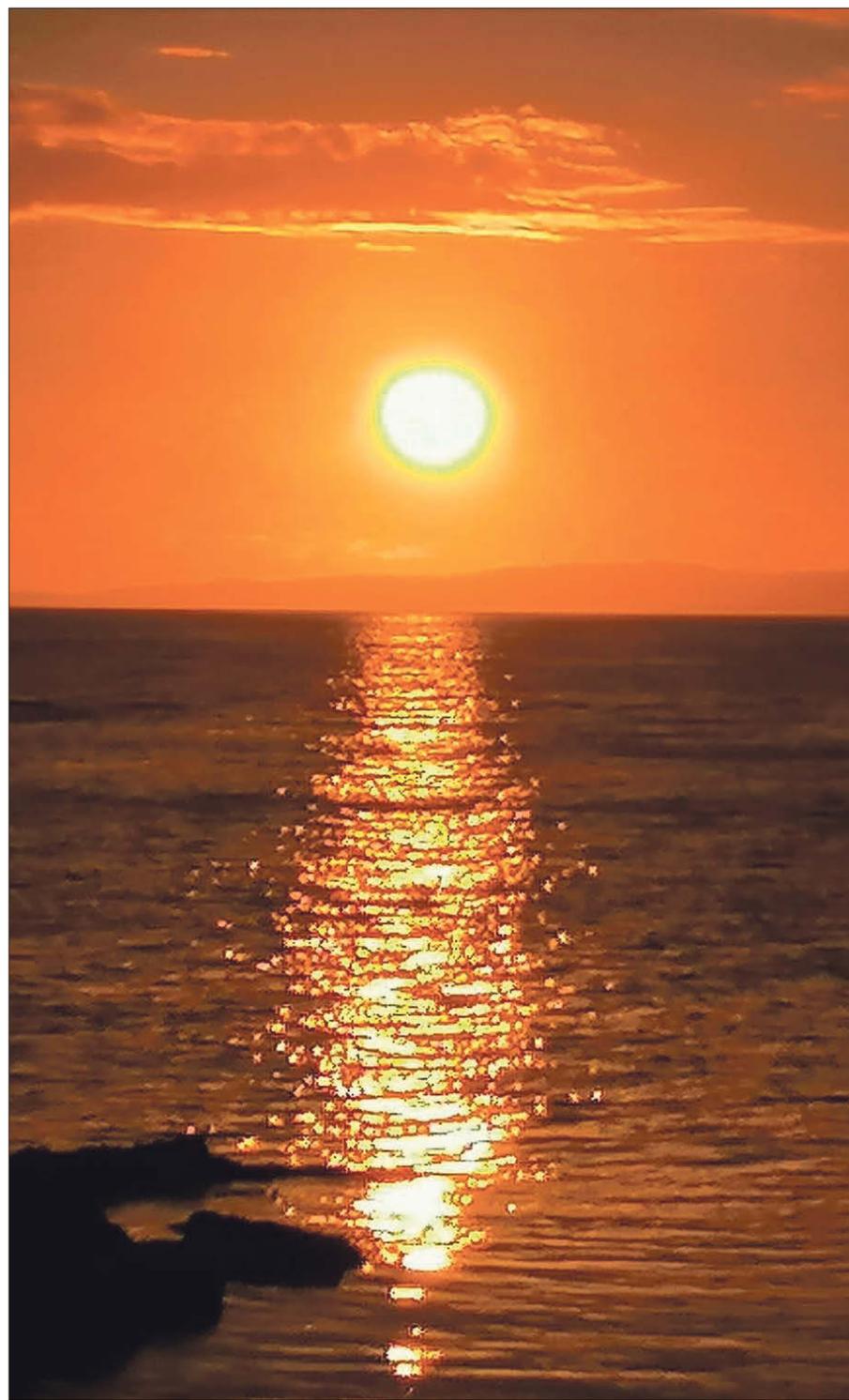
Surely after 120 years we could expect a better service with faster, more efficient ships for the 21st century.

Catherine Dobbie, Campbeltown.

Young people and mental health

Resourcing mental health treatment for young people has never been more important, after new statistics from Public Health Scotland indicated that 161 young people in the NHS Highland area sought treatment between January and

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's stunning sunset shot was submitted by Carradale resident and regular photograph of the week contributor Debra Clarke. Debra took the photograph of the 'liquid gold' sunset during a recent visit to Westport, which she described as 'so beautiful'. 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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March 2021. Sadly, the pandemic and lockdown restrictions have taken a toll on the mental well-being of many young people across the country including here in the Highlands and Islands.

We should remember that the consequences of this can be long-lasting. As the report notes, the majority of adult mental health problems begin in childhood with 50 per cent of mental health problems established by age 14.

This is a reason why my party will continue to push for 10 per cent of the health budget in Scotland to be spent directly on tackling mental health issues.

Although NHS Highland's waiting time track record is better than the Scottish average, with 75.2 per cent people seen within 18 weeks, that is still well below the Scottish Government's target of at least 90 per cent of patients being seen within that timeframe.

It has never been more important to ensure

that young people receive the help they need, when they need it.

Donald Cameron, Highlands and Islands MSP.

Islay hand sanitiser dispenser vandalised

I was out for my evening walk in Port Charlotte recently and sadly came across a vandalised hand sanitiser dispenser which had been attached to the bus shelter across from the Rhinns Medical Centre.

I gathered up the broken parts of the hand sanitiser dispenser and placed them on the bus shelter seat.

This is yet another incident of vandalism that has been happening on Islay recently.

Unfortunately I have had many reports from my constituents of littering, vandalism and gen-

eral anti-social behaviour. This is not typical of our friendly and welcoming island community and must be addressed with a more active police presence.

I have contacted the police about this and have also raised these ongoing issues at a council level.

'Business as usual' is not the right approach to this problem, in my opinion.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and the Islands.



The vandalised hand sanitiser dispenser.

Let's paws plastic

The Scottish SPCA is pledging 500 miles to Keep Scotland Beautiful's Summer Clean.

Keep Scotland Beautiful is asking people to pledge time to pick up litter over the campaign from May 28 until June 20 where one hour equals three miles.

Staff members across the society will be taking part in the Paws on Plastic initiative, alongside Keep Scotland Beautiful's campaign, encouraging people to pick up at least two pieces of litter per dog walk.

Scotland's animal welfare charity received 273 calls to its helpline about animals affected by litter from January to May.

That's almost two incidents every day and a similar figure to the same period in 2020 when there were 265 accounts.

We see first-hand the devastating consequences litter can have on animals. Seals and birds get caught up in fishing line or wire or animals can ingest small pieces of rubbish and choke or die.

The sad thing is these injuries and deaths are entirely avoidable if people just disposed of their rubbish responsibly.

We are proud to be making a difference by taking part in Paws on Plastic for the Keep Scotland Beautiful's Summer Clean.

The Scottish SPCA is dedicated to improving the lives of animals through protecting environments and habitats to ensure Scotland's wildlife can thrive for years to come.

Picking up litter will help people respect their environment and protect animals from the dangers of litter. No matter how small, it has the potential to be hazardous or lethal to pets, wildlife and farm animals.

The public should exercise caution and be careful when picking up litter and we ask that children taking part be accompanied by a responsible adult.

We recommend picking up litter with a dog bag or litter picker to avoid direct contact with any litter and do not pick up anything that could be harmful like glass or sharp objects.

Any syringes found should not be picked up but reported to the local authority emergency waste uplift team informing them of the location of the syringe.

Mike Flynn, Scottish SPCA chief superintendent.

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday June 10 2011

David finally gets to walk to work

History was made last week when a Campbeltonian sailed the biggest Caledonian MacBrayne ship to visit the town into the port.

David Allen brought MV Isle of Arran to dock at the ferry terminal in Campbeltown and said it was the first time he has been able to walk to work since he started with CalMac 20 years ago.

What made this journey more significant is that normally ships over 80 metres need to have a pilot on board to berth.

But Harbour Master Stephen Scally was confident David could do the job himself. The ship normally covers the Kennacraig to Islay route and is in Campbeltown on standby.

She is due to stay in the harbour until June 12 unless called away before then. She will then go back onto the Islay route to cover for MV Hebridean Isles, while she is in dry dock.

David previously sailed into Campbeltown as second mate on the MV Claymore.

He said that the time spent in Campbeltown would give him and his crew time to tidy up MV Isle of Arran and carry out maintenance.

'It is a proud moment taking this ship in to your own town,' said David.

Harbour Master Scally said he couldn't remember anyone bringing a ship of this size into Campbeltown before.



In 2011: Captain David Allen, centre, with Harbour Master Stephen Scally, left, and assistant David Martin. All three used to work on fishing vessels in Campbeltown together.

her all the best in the future. We particularly appreciate her staying on while we tried to find a replacement for her.'

Earlier this week the Post Office was still looking for someone to take over from Mrs Miller.

Anyone interested can contact Post Office Counters Recruitment, 8 Nelson Mandela Place, Glasgow.

RAF housing talks

Argyll and Bute District Council is due to hold talks with the Ministry of Defence and the Scottish Office later this month over the future of around 100 houses at the RAF's former base at Machrihanish. The council has expressed an interest in taking over the houses. Recently, the RAF agreed to lease 400 houses it owns near Elgin to Moray Council.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday June 10 1971

'Wages too much' - so band missed show

Everything went with a swing at Friday's June show organised by Kintyre Agricultural Society but there was one familiar 'swing' missing from the Anderston Park Showfield - the Ceannloch Pipe Band.

And this week the Courier has been inundated with enquiries asking about the band's mysterious non-appearance.

The answer, according to a band official, is simple.

The society refused to pay the wages of band members who would have lost a day's work through being present at the show.

The band, of course, was always a popular attraction on the show day. Band secretary Mr William McCallum, a local butcher, said yesterday that the society felt the wage bill was too high.

It is understood the society would have to pay the band in the region of £40 to cover the pipers' and drummers' expenses.

Added Mr McCallum: 'The band never made any profit from the show, only enough to pay the members' wages.'

Society president Robert Millar, of Auchaleek Farm, said the band's performance last year was not satisfactory at the show because they only played a few tunes.

Mr Millar said that last year the band played quite a selection on the way to the show ground from the steamer, but this was not the responsibility of the society.

He said that at a meeting of the society directors recently, a unanimous decision not to invite the band to the show was made.

He added that the band always received free lunches and free drink on the day of the show.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday June 11 1921

Kintyre live stock show

Editor's note: The following article contains Latin abbreviations no longer in common use: viz, videlicet, meaning 'that is to say'; and inst, instante mense, referring to the current month.

The annual livestock show of the Kintyre Agricultural Society, held in the Showfield, Castleacres, on Friday third inst. proved eminently successful and in respect of drawings and attendance provided an agreeable surprise

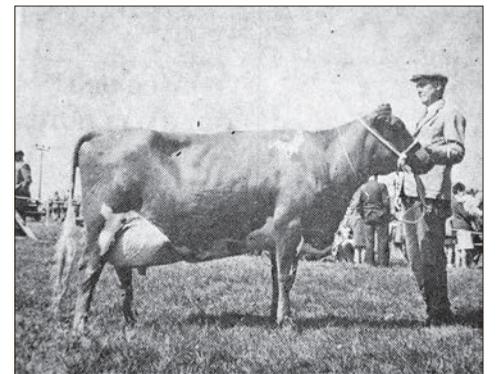
to the directors, who were prepared, looking to the unprecedented conditions prevailing in connection with transport facilities to and from the town, for a decided drop in the gate drawings.

To the happy result which crowned the proceedings of the day there were two main contributing factors, viz., a particularly fine entry in all sections of the show and lively competition in several classes which attracted uncommon interest amongst the general public; and, secondly, weather conditions of a kind that could not have been bettered for an open air event.

The day was one of glorious sunshine and the attraction of the showfield was one that must have been almost irresistible to anyone having even the slightest interest in the great annual agricultural event of the Kintyre peninsula.

Many people travelled far to attend the show. There was a great influx of motorcars to the town and, by good fortune, the Campbeltown and Glasgow Steamboat Company arranged sailings which proved of great convenience to many, especially judges and dealers, who were able to travel by sea on the inward journey on Thursday and return on Saturday morning.

The judging rings were surrounded by eager and interested crowds from the early forenoon, and the keenness displayed in all the events never showed any sign of waning although the time table fell considerably behind towards the afternoon owing to the very big entries in the Clydesdale classes and the uniformly good quality of the stock.



In 1971: Clochkeil farmers J and M Barr once again stole the show at Kintyre Agricultural Society's annual big day out at Anderston Park, Campbeltown. On a day blessed with uninterrupted sunshine, their prizewinning Ayrshire cow won the premier award in the cattle section, the Overhead Ayrshire Championship.

Recipe

Chicken tikka kebabs with pittas and chunky salad

A simple tikka marinade packs tons of flavour into these fab kebabs

Ingredients

- 8 skinless and boneless chicken thighs
- 3 level tbsp tikka curry powder
- 250g fat-free natural Greek-style yogurt
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 4 x 60g wholemeal pitta breads

For the salad:

- 1 cucumber
- 200g radishes
- 3 celery sticks
- 2 little gem lettuces
- 100g fat-free natural Greek-style yogurt

Method

1. Put the chicken in a freezer bag (or a glass or stainless-steel bowl) with the curry powder, yogurt and garlic. Season lightly with salt and stir to combine. Seal the bag or cover the bowl with cling film



and marinate in the fridge for at least 1 hour or overnight if possible.

2. For the salad, put the cucumber, radishes, celery and lettuce in a bowl. Mix together the yogurt and chopped coriander, season to taste, then stir through the salad.
3. Preheat your grill to high. Lift the chicken out of the marinade, letting any excess drain off, then thread onto 4 metal skewers. Place the kebabs on a baking tray lined with foil and grill for 10-12 minutes, turning halfway, or until the chicken is lightly charred and cooked through.

4. Toast the pitta breads. Scatter the coriander sprigs over the chicken skewers and serve with the salad, 1 pitta per person and the lemon wedges for squeezing over.

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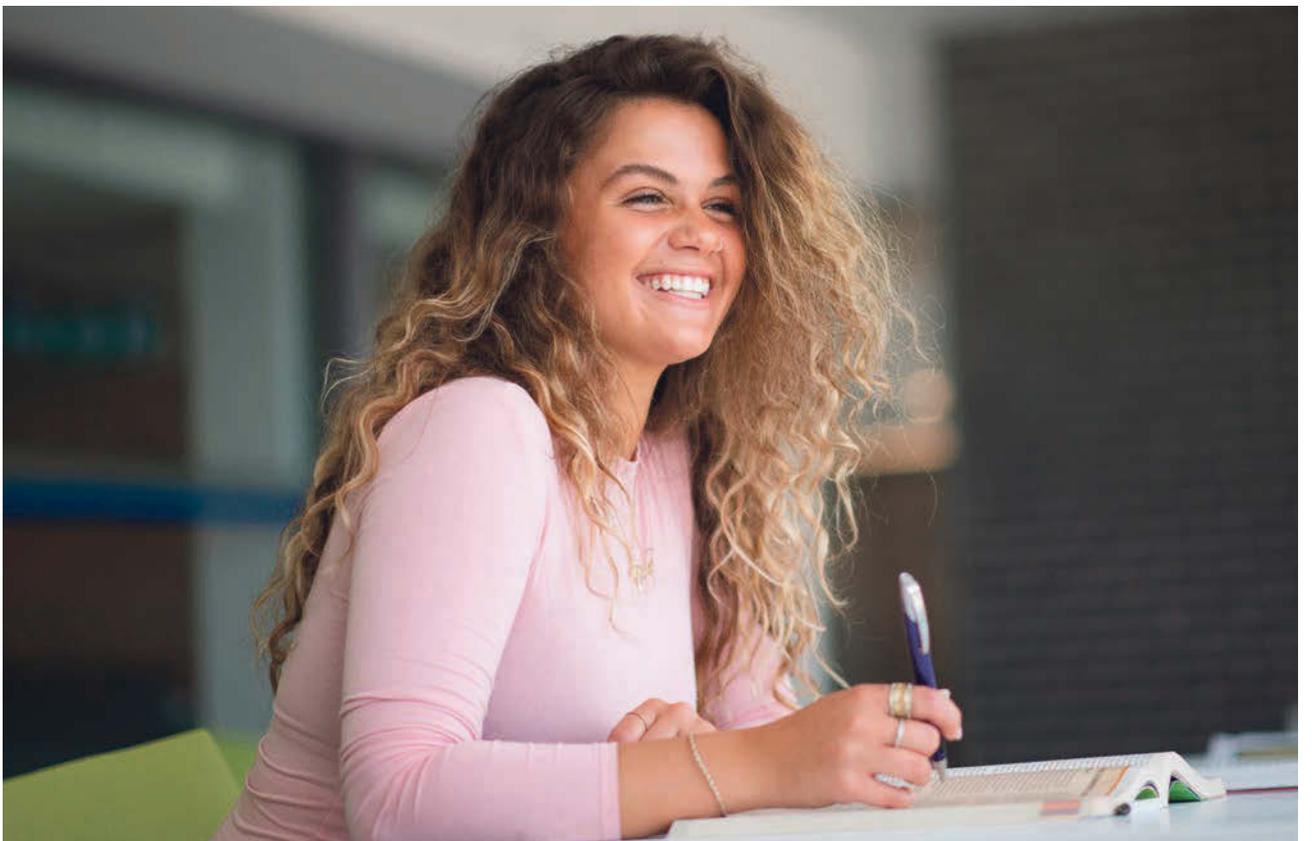
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'Gie's back wir haunel' – continued

In this week's Down Memory Lane, we continue an article written by now-retired police animal health inspector Gordon Caskie in June 1992.

Gordon, from Campbeltown, worked in Paisley when he penned the piece for police magazine the Strathclyde Guardian.

Last week we heard how Gordon, a fellow police animal health inspector and a Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland (DOAFS) vet met with reluctance during a visit to an Ayrshire farmer named Alex.

The trio planned to 'swim' Alex's sheep after he had failed to comply with a compulsory sheep dipping programme.

By last week's conclusion, Alex had 'surreptitiously' removed and hidden the antiquated, cast-iron pump handle required to operate the farm's well and only water source.

'I am going to phone the polis'

Without water, there is no dipping.

Each polite request for the return of the missing handle received the same negative reply: 'There's nae haunel!'

This was a serious setback as the pump was difficult enough to work with the proper handle and there appeared to be few items lying around with which to improvise.

Perhaps Alex would be more

helpful once the sheep were gathered in.

The 'shepherds' walked out round sheep opening some gates and closing others so that they were all set to drive the sheep into the pens close to the dipper.

This was our first sight of the sheep and they appeared to be descendants of the Suffolk and Leicester breed, although Mr Heinz had obviously had an interest in the breed policy.

It was the first time I had seen bales of wool with legs!

Some had an estimated



DOWN MEMORY LANE

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

useful. Whilst the 'shepherds' were intent in gathering the 31 sheep from an outlying field prior to driving them into a smaller field closer to the dipper, Alex was seen approaching the gate.

Good, we thought, he's beginning to see sense and coming back to help us gather the sheep.

It transpired, however, that such a helpful thought was not uppermost in Alex's mind.

He stopped at the gate the sheep were about to be driven through and closed it before running off towards the farm.

The ministry man was closest to the closed gate and, as he opened it and looked towards the farm, he saw that Alex had reached the dipping pens for holding the sheep and was attacking the pens with a hammer in an attempt to destroy them.

The ministry man went towards Alex who, having destroyed one pillar, retreated towards his house, uplifting the bucket and two packets of sheep dip en route.

The ministry man was in hot pursuit.

'Here Alex, that's not your property. You are stealing DOAFS property.'

Alex stopped and considered, then lifted one packet from the bucket and threw it at the official who, with great skill and agility, managed to catch the packet and prevented it landing in the thick mud.

The second packet came through the air and, with a skill normally seen only in test cricket, it was also held.

Now, supremely confident, the ministry man shouted as Alex made off: 'Now our bucket!'

Alex also appeared to possess some cricketing skills and this was his best throw.

A slow motion movie camera would make a better job of recording this piece of action but the outcome was that the bucket, after an irregular journey through the air, made good contact with the ministry man who, now badly off balance, fell headlong face-down into the wet, oozing mud.

He did not appear overjoyed as he slowly resumed the upright position with some mud sliding off him.

To be continued in next week's Courier.

Advertorial

A first for Kintyre – pilates studio opens at MACC

A dream that started nine years ago has finally come true for Leone Shaw Tulloch of LST Pilates.

What began as a desire to share her passion for pilates and its benefits with Kintyre has resulted in the opening of the peninsula's first dedicated pilates studio.

Having practised pilates since the 1990s, starting in a pilates studio in Edinburgh, Leone, who is hypermobile, needed to take control of the alignment of her musculoskeletal system to prevent injury whilst running, cycling and hillwalking.

She was constantly falling over, tore her meniscus and was in pain. Instead of having surgery, a friend suggested working with a pilates studio. Leone began taking weekly mat classes and quickly saw benefits which meant she was soon able to enjoy running, cycling and walking without pain and falling over!

Mat classes are great for general balance and

core strength, whilst working in a studio environment allows Leone and clients to focus on specific areas including:

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- core strength
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The volunteers who took part, with coach Colin Hanbidge, right.

Tennis club volunteers smash leader course

Eight Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club volunteers aced a course on how to teach tennis to children.

On the back of a visit from coach Judy Murray, Lawn Tennis Association referee

and coach Colin Hanbidge delivered the tennis leader course.

Colin shared skills and tips on how to coach tennis to young children in a fun and competitive way.

Colin Hanbidge, six feet and six inches tall, kneels to demonstrate how an eight-year-old should hit a forehand.



Close scoring in May's Am-Am at Machrihanish

More than 120 players took to the course at Machrihanish Golf Club to compete in the club's May Am-Am.

The sun shone throughout the day as 32 teams participated in the recent competition sponsored by Springbank Distillery and Kintyre Hire.

An early score of 51 from Andrew Wallace, Andrew

McCallum, Mitch Graham and Michael McKinlay proved too hard to beat although second place came close with a score of 52, with third, fourth and fifth level on 54.

A club spokesperson said: 'Thank you to all of the hole sponsors for their generous donations. A great day was

had by everyone.' Results: 1: A Wallace, A McCallum, M McKinlay, M Graham; 2: R Tavendale, S H Gillespie, D T Macarthur, J M McPhee; 3: H McMillan, I Watson, D M Stewart, M C Stalker; 4: D Renton, I Reid, P Galbraith, S Dott; 5: I C Johnstone, I MacAlister, D Johnstone, J Rennie.



The winning team of Andrew Wallace, Andrew McCallum, Mitch Graham and Michael McKinlay.

Dreich conditions for Dunaverty's June medal

The conditions were dreich and at times damp when 16 ladies competed for Dunaverty Golf Club's June medal last Saturday.

Lea Brown had an excellent round, finishing with a winning score of nett 59.

Result: 1 Lea Brown nett 59; 2 Katharine Hardman nett 63; 3 Mary Wilson nett 65 (par).

The scratch winner was Ailie MacBrayne with gross 78 (+13) (BIH) and second was Elizabeth Marrison with gross 78 (+13).

A club spokesperson said: 'Thanks to the green-keepers for the excellent condition of the course.'

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Midwives lead mums on MOK walk

Campbeltown midwives past and present led an army of new mums on a march across town during their annual 'MOK walk', writes Hannah O'Hanlon

The outing is organised annually by Campbeltown Hospital's maternity unit to coincide with the Mull of Kintyre 10K and Half Marathon (MOKRUN).

It did not take place last year because of the Covid-19 pandemic and the cancellation of the MOKRUN but this year's event was held last Tuesday, June 1.

All mums who gave birth to babies in the last year were invited to take part, along with members of their families.

They left the hospital and walked to the harbour past Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club before making their way along to the former paddling pool. They returned to the hospital by retracing their steps.

Each year, the MOK walk raises money for a worthy cause via a silver collection.

This year, £165 was donated to the fundraising campaign organised by Campbeltown



mum Iona MacLean to buy a piece of inclusive play equipment for Jock's Adventure Playground.

The midwives thanked all the families who joined them, Denise Macindeor and Campbeltown Co-op for donating goodie bags and Kenny Craig for taking photographs.

Four generations: Midwife Isabel Cook, right, was joined by her mother Margaret Anderson, centre, her daughter Eilidh Girvan and new grand-daughter Ava Girvan, left. All photographs:

Kenny Craig.



Some of the mums and babies who went on the MOK walk.



The MOK walkers set off from Campbeltown Hospital.

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Nicola and Kerr Raeburn, owners of The Wee Kelpie.

DigitalBoost helps to take away Covid stress

The Wee Kelpie, an award-winning fish and chip takeaway shop in Argyll and Bute, has been adapting to Covid-19 restrictions.

Following support from DigitalBoost, the business has created a new website and introduced online ordering.

The fish and chip shop closed at the start of lockdown to ensure the health and safety of the team.

Husband-and-wife team Nicola and Kerr Raeburn approached Business Gateway to identify how they could adapt their business model to re-open in the safest way possible and limit their exposure to the public to reduce the spread of the virus.

Through DigitalBoost, The Wee Kelpie in Helensburgh accessed one-to-one support, including expert advice as

they started building their first website.

Nicola was supported as she went through appointing a web developer, with Business Gateway input to the plan and brief, helping to ensure the website met their business needs.

Nicola said: 'Through DigitalBoost, we were able to access expert, impartial help which was invaluable as we started the process

of building a website. Our DigitalBoost consultant was friendly, knowledgeable and explained things clearly to us, outlining what we needed to do to adapt and launch a new platform.'

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Now, as businesses across Scotland look to the future following months of closure and tight restrictions, the service is building on its programme of free support and resources to provide business owners with relevant advice and guidance when they need it most.

All this is available through the Argyll and Bute office.

It includes national webinars covering key topics including HR, business strategy, marketing on a budget and writing a business plan.

Business owners are also encouraged to reach out to their Business Gateway office online where specialist one-to-one support from an adviser remains available via phone or video.

Through Business Gateway's digital upskilling programme DigitalBoost, businesses also have access to a variety of free

support and resources to help them gain valuable digital skills with more than 660 one-to-one sessions carried out over the past year.

These include webinars, a digital health check, one-to-one support from a digital expert, online tutorials and practical guides on topics including social media, cyber resilience, data analytics, digital marketing strategy and e-commerce.

Vital

Hugh Lightbody, chief officer Business Gateway national unit, said: 'Since this crisis began, Business Gateway has worked tirelessly to provide vital support to businesses across Argyll and Bute, supporting them as they diversify and adapt to the challenges of the pandemic.'

'This has been an immensely difficult period for all business owners.'

'With the focus now firmly on re-opening, Business Gateway will continue to provide critical support to businesses at every stage of their journey, guiding them towards a brighter future.'

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Thought for the Week

Prime Minister Boris Johnson married Carrie Symonds on May 29 in Westminster Cathedral.

Many have asked how this was possible since Boris has been married twice before and the Roman Catholic church does not marry people who have previously tied the knot. Well, Boris did not marry in a Catholic ceremony the previous two occasions so his earlier marriages were not recognised. This might seem harsh, but it is consistent with Roman Catholic teaching.

The Church of Scotland takes a different view on divorce and re-marriage. And that is my point today: Christians, who read the same Bible, sometimes come to different conclusions. Yet we are still Christians.

The church is often compared to a family and families do not always agree. Yet the Bible says we are all God's children (Romans 8:16) and records a prayer of Jesus that His followers be 'one' (John Chapter 17).

The Church of Scotland meeting last week agreed to sign up to an organisation called the Scottish Christian Forum, where Christians of all persuasions around Scotland will meet together and work to improve the lives of people in our nation.

There is plenty to do, with so many suffering the effects of Covid in mental, physical and spiritual health. Christians do so much caring work in Scotland, in drug rehabilitation, food banks and social care. Church people take leading roles in action for climate change and fair trade.

That Church of Scotland meeting also approved the 'St Andrew's Declaration', an agreement to work with the Scottish Episcopal Church in future.

Sometimes the church gets a (deservedly?) bad press, but please remember in your prayers sincere and devout Christian people trying to help others and share the love of Jesus in Scotland, around the world...and even in Kintyre.

Reverend Steve Fulcher, Church of Scotland, Purple Kintyre Team Ministry.

JURA

'Gincredible' US order for Jura distillery

A gin company on Jura is celebrating after landing a massive order from America.

Lussa Gin, based at Inverlussa, has shipped 5,500 specially-made bottles of its 'aromatic' gin to New York.

It will be distributed at retail outlets across 28 US states as the small island-based company takes a major step towards gaining a foothold in the world's largest consumer market.

For a young female-led company based at the end of a 25-mile single-track road on one of Scotland's least-populated islands, it is a remarkable achievement in its young history.

Co-owned by three enterprising neighbours, Claire Fletcher, Georgina Kitching and Alicia MacInnes, Lussa Gin came to life in 2015 with their shared passion for gin and the hope of generating employment for themselves.

Delighted Claire said: 'We are really proud. It is the most significant order we have had so far and provides us with an opportunity to scale-up.'

'It will have a massive impact for us and the timing was really good after the last year.'

'We hope this is the start of a long and natural relationship. There are many people in America who have a special place in their hearts for Scotland and the islands.'

To meet requirements in America, the paperwork side of exporting was 'immense' and required official approval from the US Food and Drug Administration.

Claire thanked Highlands and Islands Enterprise for its support in helping establish its base on the island and said the growing business had also been able to expand and take on three members of staff.

It is now hopeful of talks about providing an order to Canada and said it had received valuable support from Islay-based hauliers B Mundell Limited.

The US order has its origins in an international trade event at Gleneagles in 2019.

Organised by Scotland Food and Drink, which champions the sectors and helps producers find customers, it led to conversations via Zoom to seal the deal.

It all started with a 10-litre still and cultivating



The Lussa Gin team, from left, Georgina Kitching, Alicia MacInnes and Claire Fletcher, and the special USA edition of Lussa Gin.



an aromatic spirit featuring 15 different botanicals all grown on the island.

It is now available online and from specialist independent off-licences, hotels, bars and restaurants.

It has built growing customer loyalty across Scotland and Germany, as well as overcoming the setback of the pandemic.

ISLAY

Pupils' Gaelic film success wins parliamentary praise

Pupils from Islay High School have been praised at the Scottish Parliament after they were short-listed for the FilmG Gaelic Learners Award.

Their success was highlighted in a parliamentary motion submitted by Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron.

He recently became the first Scottish Conservative and Unionist MSP to be formally sworn into the Scottish Parliament taking the oath of office in Gaelic.

Mr Cameron said: 'Islay is one of the heartlands of Gaelic and it is immensely encouraging to see young people, supported by their teachers, producing such a high-quality film project in the medium of Gaelic.'

'The future prospects of the language are vested in the commitment of the next generation of speakers and learners, so well done to all those involved.'

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Alastair Redman, an Islay resident, added: 'There is a lot of island pride in this achievement which underlines how important it is that we should act to sustain Gaelic as a working, living language here on the island.'

'We are all really pleased that the efforts made to create the two films submitted have won such a high degree of recognition.'

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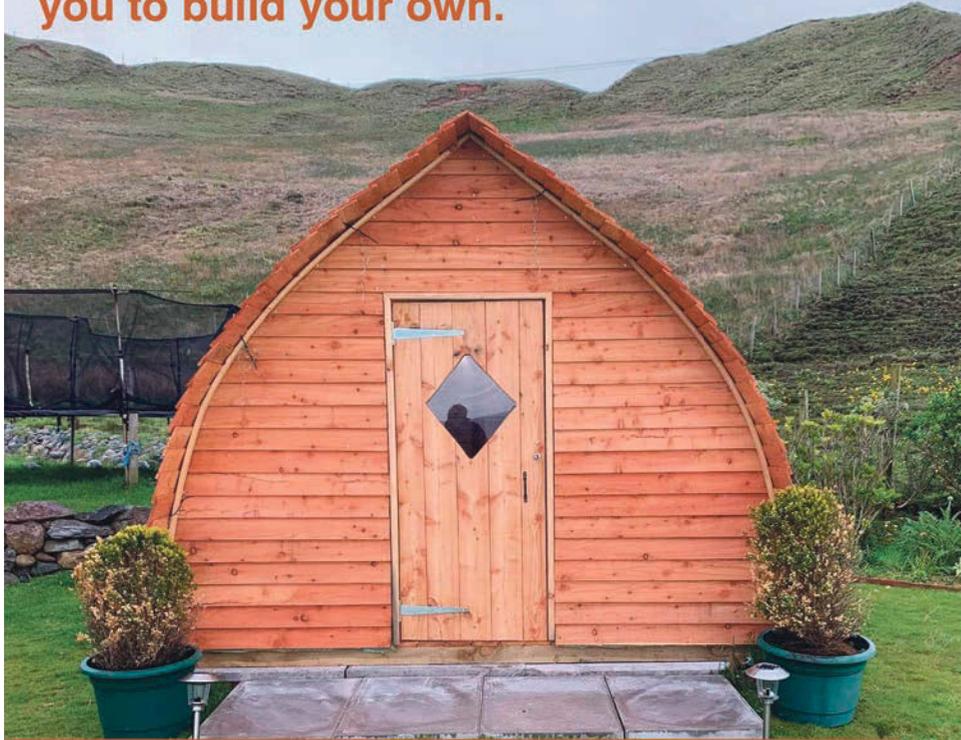
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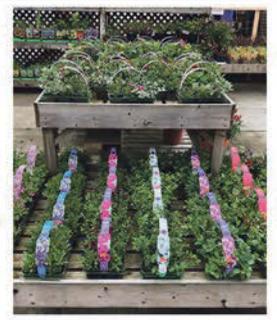
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Then there is climate change: plants that your grandparents would never have thought of growing in that particular spot might well be happy there now. Others have given up the ghost.

We also want to garden with more respect for the environment with well-

sourced plants and products, encourage birds, bees and biodiversity while discouraging deer and rabbits. Who hasn't walked outside and been deeply disappointed by the scene of a devoured garden?

Garden trends

The trend to grow our own, be it on a window sill or vegetable patch, continues. Expect to see more pots, planters and equipment to support this.

We are even more home-centred and extending our living space - not only out into the garden but also for longer. Think folding glass doors onto paved, decked or gravelled surfaces with heat and light well into autumn and milder winter days and bringing the garden indoors with pot plants featuring more as part of our interior design.

We want to enjoy rather than always be working in the garden.

So trends are more towards low maintenance, thoughtful planting. This means careful planning with design, choice of hard landscaping materials and plants.



Think outside the house

Our space and how we use it wisely has become so important – the pandemic has taught us that.

And one way we can get the best use and value for money is to invest in more, or better, buildings in our garden.

It all comes down to budget, but there are so many ways we can add value to our garden space and, in turn, to our property.

The most obvious is to plan the garden 'into' the house, with bi-fold doors, traditional French windows, patios, seating areas, canopies and by some judicious purchases from the ever-increasing range of garden furniture, lighting and heating available to us.

Never forget the humble garden shed. Have you had a look at them recently? Suddenly they are not that humble. They are getting second lives as home offices, hobby dens, reading rooms and chill out zones.

A seriously good, secure shed can also be used to free up space in the home, with the creation of a good shelving and storage system.

Modern families have so many possessions.

Fill a shed in an orderly fashion and suddenly you have an empty attic to convert and you know where everything is - not just some vague idea that it is tucked behind the cold water tank in a black plastic bin bag, slowly gathering more dust.

Likewise, go for a larger garage and have a utility room included. This needs to be done carefully and with suitable electrical appliances in place.

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Watching Scotland is 'fan'tastic



The national team's return to top flight football has

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For Kintyre fans of the Scottish national football team, the path back to a major tournament over the past 23 years has been as long and winding as the roads in and out of the peninsula.

Every other month throughout the 2000s and 2010s, fans made the 280-mile round trip to Hampden Park in Glasgow to watch the national team, whether in high-pressure qualifying games or for mid-week friendly matches under the floodlights.

This week, the Courier hears from some of those fans about the ups and downs of following Scotland during those years and how it feels to see their team preparing to play at this summer's delayed UEFA Euro 2020.

David Paterson, former Campbeltown Boys AFC player and, for almost 20 years, organiser of coach trips to matches, can see the real positives this summer for younger generations, having known the excitement of watching Scotland with his Campbeltown pals in France at their last major tournament, the 1998 World Cup.

He said: 'It's really exciting for the youngsters who have waited so long to see Scotland at a major tournament. Going to France in '98, we never thought it would be another 23 years before the next one came around.'

'I managed to see Scotland play Brazil in the opening match and, with a few of the other boys, we saw Scotland play Morocco in the final

group game. It was a sore one, a 3-0 defeat.'

Back on home soil, the Scotland matchday atmosphere is well-suited to families and some favourite pre-match spots have popped up in Glasgow's southside, including the American Pool Hall on the city's Kilmarnock Road.

David remembers it fondly from the Scotland team's biggest 'nearly' moment, narrowly failing to qualify for Euro 2008.

He said: 'The Euro 2008 qualifiers were fantastic. All the home games were on a Saturday and Scotland won five out of six home games, all on a Saturday, so the bus was full and the atmosphere was brilliant, although with a full bus, you're constantly worried about counting people back on.'

Atmosphere

'There were more than 200 Campbeltonians at that game, and the pool hall, where we went before games, was full of people from Campbeltown; from those who travelled from the town to those who now stay up the road. It was a brilliant atmosphere – sadly ruined by the result.'

'In truth, though, buses were often full for midweek friendlies too, with some of the youngsters then, now going to games with their mates as adults. It's great to see.'

For the grown-ups, there are some now staple watering holes in Glasgow's southside, just a mile or two from Hampden, including The Corona, Church on the Hill and well-known southside nightclub The Shed.

Peninver's Peter McCallum, who was in France with David in 1998, remembers a funny



From left: Campbeltown's Robert McDonald, David Paterson, Tommy Kennedy, James Lafferty, Keir MacIntyre and Arthur Crossan in Paris during France '98.

moment – at least for the travelling Campbeltonians – in the basement of The Corona.

He said: 'A few of us were sitting downstairs in The Corona bar before a game and a fan from elsewhere was playing a snare drum, but didn't look like he really knew what he was doing.'

'Campbell Anderson, a drummer in pipe bands in Campbeltown, asked for a wee shot and started playing perfectly alongside a piper in the pub.'

'The fellow took the drum back from Campbell but he didn't fancy following up that performance and quickly left it to one side.'

For the younger generations, Scotland's big-stage return, on Monday against the Czech Republic, is a new experience.

Stuart Crossan, who plays for

Campbeltown Pupils AFC and has followed Scotland home and away for 20 years, only really identified with Scotland growing up, unusual for a football-mad youngster in the west of Scotland.

He said: 'Growing up not having a club team gave Scotland games a real sense of occasion.'

Coach journeys

'My dad took me up to games and we always loved the coach journeys, the walk to the ground, everything about it.'

'People from the town have travelled to see Scotland play the best teams and sometimes beat them.'

'There have been times when Scotland haven't competed, but they're back to the big stage now and for lots of people I know it's a lifetime first.'

'These are new memories



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Excitement for Kintyre's Tartan Army

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the past – the captain, Andy Robertson, even played at The Meadows at the Campbeltown Soccer Festival. 'So there's hope for any young player, no matter where they start out.'



David Paterson sums up the national mood after World Cup elimination in Saint Etienne, France, June 1998.

Youngsters Garry Macaulay, Glen McMurchy, Lewis Anderson, Lewis McFadyen, Stuart Crossan, Greig Gillespie, Neil McFadyen and Charles Lang at Luss before a match in 2007.



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Taking place next week, the showcase is a first in the UK of its kind.

It will see the best in livestock judging, equestrian, food and drink and rural skills streamed live online from Ingliston showground in Edinburgh.

The showcase was created following the cancellation of the Royal Highland Show

earlier this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thousands are expected to tune in to watch farm animals, witness Scotland's delicious larder and experience the country's vibrant culture including music, traditional crafts and rural skills – all from the comfort of their home.

Access will be free and with four live-streams providing nine hours of action on each of the seven days, the showcase will give the audience an unprecedented view of the finest livestock in Scotland and provide a greater insight into the world of judging than has been possible before.

Hours of on-demand content can also be accessed, with insights not only for the agricultural enthusiast, but for those



who might never have been to the show before.

The showcase will include pre-recorded features on the Scottish championships for bread, dairy and handcrafts alongside sheep shearing, forestry and farriery skills and

a range of presentations and industry talks.

Educational content from the Royal Highland Education Trust will include videos, activities to do at home or in the classroom, a teacher-focused webinar and meeting their

The Royal Highland Showcase will be a platform for the best of rural Scotland.

volunteers. More than 5,000 schoolchildren have already signed up to participate in the showcase directly from their classrooms.

For food lovers there is a host of celebrity chefs lined up to present live cookery demonstrations.

The chefs selected have all featured at previous shows and come from across Scotland, from Aberdeenshire in the north, down to Border country, with a fantastic range of dishes. Chefs include Neil Forbes of Café St Honoré and Craig Wilson, 'The Kilted Chef'.

The Royal Highland Showcase follows detailed planning in collaboration with the Scottish Government, which provided up to £750,000 in support for the event.

RHASS chairman Bill Gray said: 'Our farmers never stopped through the pandemic and neither will we.'

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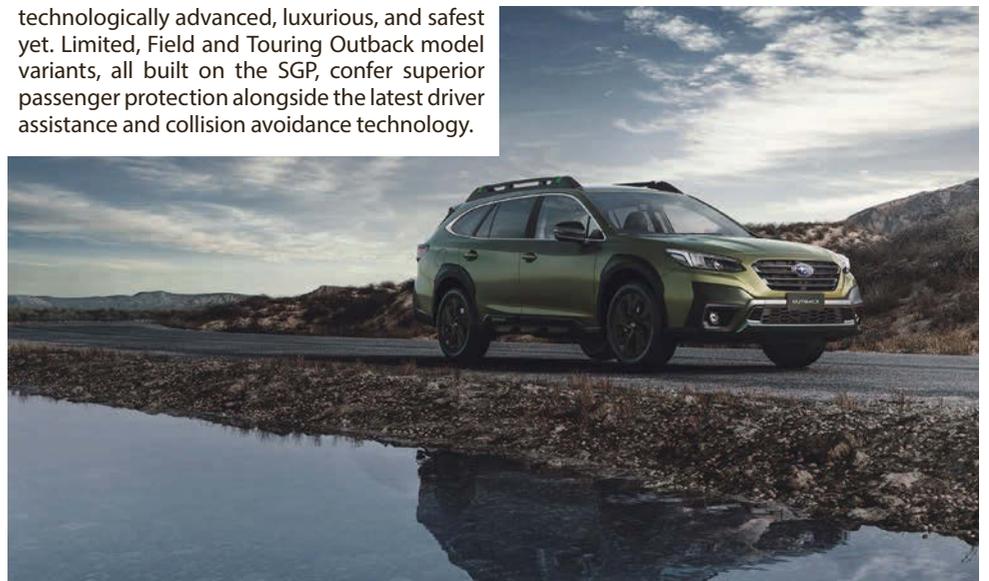
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All-New Isuzu D-Max voted Trade Van Driver's 'Best Workhorse Pick-Up'

The All-New Isuzu D-Max's trophy cabinet is filling up fast as the dependable grafter collects another award. For the ninth year in a row, the D-Max has been named 'Best Workhorse Pick-Up' at the Trade Van Driver awards. Judged by both the magazine's journalists and readers who use pick-up trucks for their businesses, the D-Max was praised for its smart driving features, stronger off-road capabilities and five-star safety.

The All-New Isuzu D-Max is the next-generation workhorse that builds on Isuzu's renowned durability and practicality with an assertive new exterior and interior design, even greater off-road performance and class-leading Advanced Driver Assist Systems (ADAS). The judges explained that the D-Max's new

features and proficiencies made the new model an even more attractive option for trade buyers.

Matthew Eisenegger, editor at Trade Van Driver, commented: "The D-Max has always ticked all the right boxes for tradespeople with its solid reliability and impressive off-road capabilities but the new model combines it with levels of refinement, safety and luxuries previously unseen in the pick-up sector. It's a huge leap forward for Isuzu and a worthy winner for the ninth year running in the view of the judges."

William Brown, Managing Director at Isuzu UK, remarked: "We're extremely proud to be awarded 'Best Workhorse Pick-Up' as it demonstrates the huge appeal that the All-New Isuzu D-Max has within the trades sector. The new

model is built to take on even more demanding work and it's great that this was recognised by the judges."

The accolade marks a flying start for the All-New Isuzu D-Max, which has already been awarded 'Pick-Up of the Year' by 4x4 Magazine and 'Best Pick-Up' at the Business Vans awards. Part of its appeal can be attributed to the comprehensive range of trucks available from the Pick-Up Professionals at Isuzu UK, including three cab types (single, extended and double cab), two layouts (4x2 and 4x4), two transmissions (six-speed manual and six-speed automatic) and four trim levels (Utility, DL20, DL40 and V-Cross).

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Local company leading the way for Peugeot

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Peugeot continues to grow its UK market share in May 2021

Peugeot has continued its strong performance in 2021, increasing its UK new car and van market share year on year to 4.7 per cent, according to the latest registration figures released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT).

Peugeot has also improved its Passenger Car Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) sales mix from last year, jumping from 11.2 per cent in 2020 to 15.5 per cent in the first five months of the year.

May was the first full month of the year when showrooms across the country were open to the public following the gradual easing of Covid-19 restrictions, with Peugeot selling over 8,400 vehicle sales in May, and having sold over 41,000 in the first five months of the year.

Julie David, Managing Director, Peugeot, UK, said: "It's been fantastic to welcome buyers back to our showrooms in May, especially as we continue to grow our product line-up. Our electric range in particular has been very successful with both private and fleet buyers, and I am excited to see what the rest of the year holds."

Peugeot's strong LEV sales mix comes as the brand continues to introduce new electric models to its range, having recently announced the upcoming arrival of the new full electric, e-Boxer van – its largest electric van on sale, with up

to a 139-mile range and 15m3 maximum load volume.

By the end of 2021, Peugeot will be one of the few brands able to offer businesses and buyers a fully electric van across its entire LCV line-up, helping them save on running costs with no compromise in capability. By 2025, Peugeot will offer an electric variant across its entire model line-up.

Peugeot continued the strong performance in May in terms of new cars, with a market share of 3.9 per cent May year to date, which compares to 3.2 per cent year to date May 2020. Peugeot's private car sales now exceed 10,000 for the year, with its popular new models the new 208 and e-208 and 2008 and e-2008 continuing to perform strongly in their respective segments.

Peugeot's showrooms across the UK continue to adhere to strict social distancing and hygiene measures to keep staff and customers safe. Its online portal, the Peugeot Buy Online also continues to operate, giving customers the possibility to configure, view, finance and order their next vehicle entirely online.

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Increased demand for EVs in 2020 contributed

2020 was a year of unexpected challenges and significant change for the automotive industry. Amid many difficulties posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, demand for electric vehicles increased and CO₂ emissions fell further than before. According to data collected by JATO Dynamics in 21 countries across Europe, the volume weighted average CO₂ emissions (NEDC) of vehicles registered in 2020 was 106.7 g/km – 12 per cent lower than the average recorded in 2019.

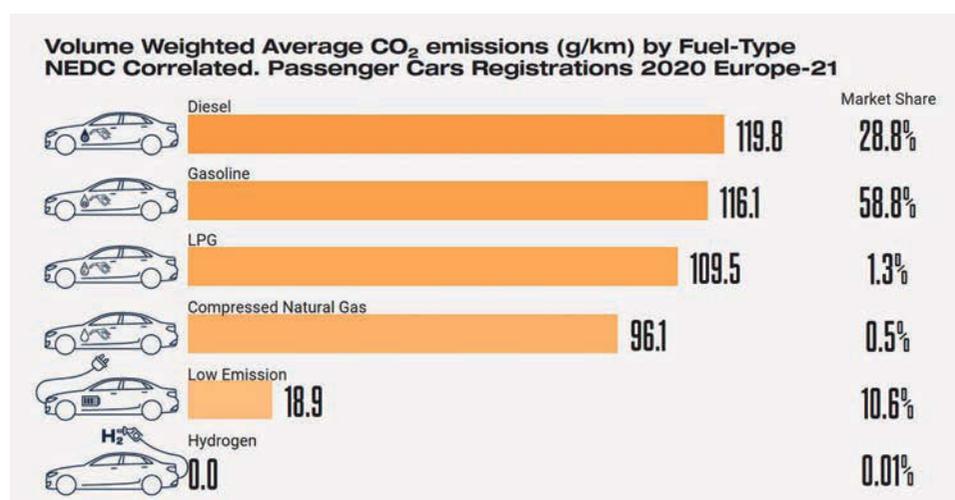
This drop in CO₂ emissions can be attributed to tougher government regulations such as the enforcement of WLTP fuel economy rules and a shift in consumer attitudes in favour of electric vehicles.

Felipe Munoz, JATO's global analyst, said: "Although the industry still needs to do more to meet the European Commission's CO₂ targets, manufacturers have demonstrated significant progress with their range and sales in 2020."

Registrations of pure electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles totalled 1.21 million units last year – 10.6 per cent of the total market. This is an increase from 2019, when volume totalled 466,000 units, accounting for just 3.1 per cent of total registrations.

Push for sustainability heightened by the pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic has supported the growth of EVs across Europe. Focusing on how to bring the automotive market back to full strength, European countries opted to promote



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a green, sustainable recovery, with some governments creating new purchase incentives within their economic-stimulus packages.

This resulted in many consumers moving away from traditional internal combustion engines (ICE) vehicles during the pandemic, instead purchasing low-emissions alternatives. Volume for ICE vehicles fell from 14.7 million units in 2019, to 8.6 million last year – accounting for three in four cars registered in Europe.

This had an immediate effect on emissions levels. Munoz noted: "In a year when millions of potential buyers were not allowed to leave their

homes, it is notable that total average emissions decreased by 15g/km. It signifies a fundamental change to our notion of mobility and a greater appetite for sustainable options."

With lockdown restrictions imposed across Europe and many governments delivering incentives packages for zero and low emissions cars, OEMs have made changes to their offering and marketing in order to entice consumers towards EV and PHEV vehicles.

Six countries posted emissions averages below 100g/km

Six countries posted average emissions below

100g/km – the Netherlands, Denmark, Portugal, Sweden, France and Finland. This also reflects the ranking for countries with the highest registration of EVs, with Sweden (32 per cent) and the Netherlands (25 per cent) topping the list. Finland, Denmark and Portugal occupied the following positions. On the other side of the spectrum, the opposite trend can be seen in Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Poland – all of which registered the highest CO₂ averages and recorded low levels of EV penetration.

SUVs drive sales while posting highest average reduction in emissions

Despite the turbulent economic backdrop, SUVs were a key driver of growth last year, easing the fall in sales across traditional hatchbacks, sedans, MPVs and wagons.

In 2020, the volume of SUV registrations accounted for 40 per cent of all passenger cars, and also posted the best results for average reduction to emissions levels.

According to our data, SUV emissions fell by 16.2g/km between 2019 and 2020 – the biggest decrease among the five mega segments analysed (regular cars, MPVs, sport cars, SUVs and vans). This is, in part, due to the improved range of PHEV and BEV midsize, and large SUVs now available to consumers.

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Munoz stated: "More often than not, SUVs tend to be heavier than hatchbacks and sedans, meaning fuel consumption is higher. That said, they are now the next target on the list for electrification and we will undoubtedly see more progress in the coming months."

So far, the race for electrification has largely been seen across more traditional models. For instance, the Tesla Model 3, Renault Zoe and Volkswagen ID.3 are Europe's top-selling BEVs. There is still great potential within the SUV market and demand is expected to accelerate at an even greater pace when more electrified models are introduced.

Munoz added: "After a year of disruption, there are reasons to be positive and manufactures could rapidly offset the decline in sales by focusing on what consumers are looking for at the moment – zero and low emissions SUVs."

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THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (LOCHGILPHEAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON USE OF ROAD) ORDER 2021

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, temporarily prohibiting traffic on that length of the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road from its junction with Lorne Street, Lochgilphead generally eastwards in Poltalloch Street and Lochnell Street to its junction with Campbell Street, Lochgilphead, a distance of 410 metres or thereby.

The Order, which is required to facilitate a wreath laying ceremony and to enable members of the public to watch this event, will be in operation 12th June until 13th June 2021. It is anticipated the prohibition will be in place for a period of 10 minutes between 10:45hrs and 11:15hrs and will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

The Order does not apply to vehicles being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes or a vehicle being used for facilitating the holding of the relevant event.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

The alternative routes for traffic during the prohibition will be signposted. Detailed descriptions can also be obtained at BEAR Scotland Limited, BEAR House, Inveralmond Road, Inveralmond Industrial Estate, Perth, PH1 3TW.

A copy of the Order and this notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/road-orders/?roadorderregion=1291>

For information about roadworks on motorways and trunk roads visit www.trafficscotland.org

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A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers

Transport Scotland, Buchanan House,
58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF



Argyll and Bute Council

PLANNING

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

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

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/00885/PP	Installation of hardstanding area with fencing and installation of 2 flagpoles (retrospective)	The Grey Gull Inn, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA30 8EU
21/00757/PP	Re-painting of shop front, installation of replacement internal double doors, repairs and painting of external doors and window frames	Loch Fyne Gallery, Harbour Street, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6UD
21/00833/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Land North Of Tormod, Kilmartin, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8RQ

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

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Argyll and Bute Council

Unaudited Annual Accounts for the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Public notice is given in accordance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, that:

(a) A copy of the Unaudited Annual Accounts of Argyll and Bute Council and applicable charities from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 will be available for inspection on the following website: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk from Monday 28th June 2021 to Friday 16th July 2021. Please note that due to the restrictions in place as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic there are no council offices open to the public therefore access to the annual accounts and supporting documentation is limited to the website this year.

(b) Any person interested may object to the annual accounts or to any part of those statements, no later than Monday 19th July 2021, by:

(1) sending their objection in writing, together with a statement of the grounds thereof to John Cornett, Audit Director, Audit Scotland, 4th Floor (South Suite), The Athenaeum Building, 8 Nelson Mandela Place, Glasgow, G2 1BT or by email to johncornett@audit-scotland.gov.uk and;

(2) sending a copy of that objection and statement to the authority and to any officer of the authority who may be concerned, both at Financial Services, Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT.

(c) Any request which Argyll and Bute Council receive in relation to the annual accounts plus any documents provided, will be published on the same website. When it is not possible to provide the information in electronic format the request, together with the statement that the authority will not comply, will also be published in the same place on the website as the inspection notice.

(d) The auditor shall, if requested by the person objecting, the authority, or by any officer of the authority who may be concerned, afford to that person or authority or officer, as the case may be, an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the auditor with respect to that objection; and any such person or officer may so appear and be heard either personally or by a representative.

Pippa Milne
Chief Executive
7 June 2021

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Application

For full job specification, additional information, or to apply for this position, please email:
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Closing Date: Monday 21st June 2021.
No Agencies Please.

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Argyll and Bute Council

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, CAMPBELTOWN) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2021

On Monday the 7th of June 2021, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to wait at any time on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule below.

SCHEDULE – PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME

Length of Road within Campbeltown High Street	Side of road to which restriction applies
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1. From the extended southeast kerbline of Saddle Street, extending in an easterly direction to the extended west kerbline of Princes Street, a distance of 137 metres or thereby. North
2. From the extended east kerbline of Princes Street, extending in an easterly direction to the extended west kerbline of George Street, a distance of 104 metres or thereby. North
3. From the extended east kerbline of George Street, extending in an easterly direction to the extended north west kerbline of North Shore Street, a distance of 84 metres or thereby. South

Exceptions will apply to a vehicle being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes and a vehicle being used for carrying out the works. The restrictions imposed by this Order which are required to allow essential works to be carried out on or near the road will be effective when indicated by signs from 0001 hours on 28th of June 2021 until 23:59 hours on the 28th of July 2021 or until the works are complete, whichever is the earlier. The parking restrictions will be phased to reduce the impact at any one time.

Roads & Infrastructure Services 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilhead PA31 8RD

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ARGYLL AND BUTE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

Unaudited Annual Accounts for the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Public notice is given in accordance with under the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, that:

(a) Copies of the Unaudited Annual Accounts of Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board for the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 will be available for public inspection on the following websites: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk from Thursday 1st July 2021 to Wednesday 21st July 2021. Please note that due to the restrictions in place as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic there are no council offices currently open to the public. Therefore access to the annual accounts and supporting documentation is limited to the website this year.

(b) Any person interested may object to the annual accounts or to any part of those statements, no later than Monday 26th July 2021, by:

(1) sending their objection in writing, together with a statement of the grounds thereof to John Cornett, Audit Director, Audit Scotland, 4th Floor (South Suite), The Athenaeum Building, 8 Nelson Mandela Place, Glasgow, G2 1BT or by email to jcornett@audit-scotland.gov.uk and;

(2) sending a copy of that objection and statement to the authority and to any officer of the authority who may be concerned, both at Head of Finance and Transformation, Kilmory, Lochgilhead, PA31 8RT.

(c) Any request which Argyll and Bute Council receive in relation to the annual accounts plus any documents provided, will be published on the same website. When it is not possible to provide the information in electronic format the request, together with the statement that the authority will not comply, will also be published in the same place on the website as the inspection notice.

(d) The auditor shall, if requested by the person objecting, the authority, or by any officer of the authority who may be concerned, afford to that person or authority or officer, as the case may be, an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the auditor with respect to that objection; and any such person or officer may so appear and be heard either personally or by a representative.

Fiona Davies, Interim Chief Officer, 07 June 2021



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DEATH

BROUGHTON – Rebecca. With great sadness we announce the death of Rebecca Grace Janet Penman at Ayr Hospital on June 1, 2021, aged 27 years. Loving wife of Barry Broughton, mother of Joseph and Rory, loving daughter of Dennis and Margaret Penman, granddaughter of Grace Young and the late Joe and Netta Penman. The family are welcoming donations to the charity Make 2nds Count.

IN MEMORIAM

CLARK – In loving memory our beloved husband and dad Colin, who died June 9, 2014. Forever with us.

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- Charlie and Jen.

PERSONAL NOTICES

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

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The service will be led by Rev. Dorothy Wallace
Please phone 01499302459 to reserve a seat due to restricted numbers. Masks must be worn when attending either church.

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Twelve riders took part in KWCC's time trial. Photograph: Kenny Craig.

Time trial cyclists hit the track at MACC

Members of Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club (KWCC) hit the track at Machrihanish Airport Community Company (MACC) Business Park after a 15-month break from events.

Twelve riders from Kintyre and Mid Argyll lined up to take part in a 10-mile time trial in sunny conditions on Sunday May 30.

A 12 mile per hour south-south-east wind provided a

welcome tailwind for half a lap and a steady headwind for the other.

Riders set off one at a time, with 30-second intervals, on a marked course with the slower riders first and the quicker riders later.

The skill for the quicker riders is to pace themselves for the three laps.

Club chairman Robbie Semple, who recorded the fast-

est time, said: 'It is great for the club to get back out to MACC as it offers a good surface with little traffic.'

'Not all of our riders are here to race hard but simply to enjoy the safe environment created by the sanctioned event.'

The cycling time trials at MACC are in their third year and are run by the club during the summer while mountain biking events and road cycles

are held throughout the year. 'We cater for cyclists of all ages and abilities and tend to focus on off-road events such as those at MACC or local mountain bike trails,' Robbie added.

He thanked Iain McGougan for time-keeping and MACC Business Park for hosting the event, adding that cycling at MACC is not permitted outside sanctioned events.

Look out for details of KWCC's next event in the Courier's sports pages soon.

Results: 1 Robbie Semple, 28.02 minutes; 2 John Anderson, 28.34; 3 Alex Samborek, 30.16; 4 Archie Cook (first time trial), 32.18; 5 Tanya Jackson, 32.27; 6 Brian Linfield, 33.19; 7 Catrina Semple, 36.08; 8 Alexander Semple, 38; 9 Marjorie Leighton, 40.17; 10 Leone Shaw Tulloch, 42.37; 11 Margaret Sinclair, 45.50; 12 Jan McCorkindale, 51.28.

Four-club competition

Players had to get their thinking caps on as they navigated Dunaverty Golf Club's 18 holes using only four clubs during last Saturday's competition.

Some golfers did exceptionally well. One player was seen using his driver as a putter which worked for him.

The top six scores all came from those in the morning session. Donald Brown, Southend, out in the first group, had a fantastic round, using a driver, five iron, nine iron and putter. He reached the turn in 40 strokes and even with three bogies on the inward half, he posted an excellent 36 to finish on an unbeatable nett total of 57.

John Marrison had his best round of the year by carding the lowest scratch score of the day with a 74 and took second place with a nett 60.

Result: 1 Donald Brown, Southend, 76-19=57; 2 John Marrison 74-14=60; 3 Dougie Graham 78-17=61; 4 Bill Brannigan 76-14=62; 5 Graeme McLennan 84-21=63 (bih); 6 Steve Garrett 75-12=63.

Stroke of genius from Robertson

Golfers from Lochgilphead, Inveraray and Old Ranfurly gathered at Glenralloch last Saturday to compete in Tarbert Golf Club's Harbour Gallery Open.

Inveraray's David Robertson, a talented all-round sportsman, was in sparkling form with a level par outward nine of 33 which included two birdies.

His inward nine of 37 gave him a total of 70-11 for nett 59 to take first place.

Tarbert players Iain Macalister, 63 nett, and James Smyth, 64 nett, took second and third places respectively with regular open visitor Peter Boyd taking fourth on 65 bih.

In the scratch section, Craig Barrett had an excellent 68 which included three birdies. Peter McLean Junior was second on 73, with Inveraray's George Morrison third with 78 and Mike McNeill fourth with 80 bih.

The longest drive at the sec-

ond went to Derek Robertson and closest to the pin at the eighth was Scott Robertson.

A Tarbert Golf Club spokesperson said: 'Many thanks to Stuart Herd of the Harbour Gallery for his continued support and to the visitors who travelled to support the event.'

Tomorrow (Saturday), it is the ladies' turn to compete in the West Loch Shores Open. Places are still available and players are asked to book them via the app.



Stuart Herd of the Harbour Gallery, third right, with some of the prizewinners.

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