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# World's top pipers in 'musical tour de force'

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth wrote the foreword to the book

By a Courier reporter  
EX-CAMPBELTOWN 'piper to the stars' Lorne Cousin jetted in from New York to join four of the world's foremost pipers at the launch of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Collection of Pipe Music.

Her Majesty The Queen wrote the foreword to the book: 'In my 70th year as Colonel-in-Chief, I know that this unique and timeless collection of bagpipe music, composed by members of the regiment, will be enjoyed by pipers of all ages, abilities, nationalities and generations.'

'It is both a legacy and a celebration, telling stories of shared experiences, thoughts of home and of some of the characters who were proud to call themselves Argylls.'

Mr Cousin, the American brand ambassador for The Balvenie whisky, returned to Campbeltown for Christmas and spoke to the Courier last week about the end of the summer event, in Glasgow.

Mr Cousin, who was brought up in Campbeltown and became known as the 'Scottish piper to the stars' and has performed with Madonna, was not the only Kintyre piper at the launch.



The world's foremost five pipers: From left: Lorne Cousin, Angus MacColl, William McCallum, Stuart Liddell, Alasdair Henderson.

Also invited by Major Gordon Rowan, a piper of note himself from Tiree and the director of army bagpipe music, were William McCallum, Campbeltown; Stuart Liddell, Inveraray; Angus MacColl, Benderloch and Alasdair Henderson, Dunoon.

All of the pipers, as well as being native to Argyll, had family connections with the regiment.

Mr McCallum's grandfather, the late Pipe Major Ronald McCallum was Pipe Major of the 8th Argylls.

Pipe Major Ronald McCallum and Hugh McCallum both served in the regiment from whom Mr McCallum took lessons.

Mr Cousin was taught by the late Pipe Major Tony Wilson, Scots Guards and Mr Cousin's uncle, Hugh MacGillivray, Connell served in the regiment, 8th Argylls, in North Africa.

Mr Cousin's mother, Anne, hails from Southend and a copy of the 1933 edition of the Argyll's Collection was gifted to Lorne by

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# 'Musical tour de force'

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Colonel Hamish Taylor of Southend a number of years ago.

Col Taylor is the 'Young Hamish' of the tune of the same name played at the recital which is included in both collections.

Mr Cousin and Mr McCallum both played tunes with Kintyre Connections.

## Hills of Argyll

Mr Cousin played: Archie MacMillan, Donald Campbell MacNeal of Ugadale, Bengullion, Young Hamish, Highland Mary, The Mull of Oa, Loch Ruan and The Hills of Argyll.

Mr McCallum played: Mrs Jean McShannon and Duncan McMillan, P/M Ronald McCallum, Kirstie McCallman's Favourite and The Angler.

The Argyll's collection includes tunes by Willie Lawrie, John MacLellan DCM, John MacColl and Kintyre composers George MacIntyre, John MacKenzie, Ronnie MacShannon, Pipe Major Ronald MacCallum and Ronnie Fleming.

The master of ceremonies for the launch event was Commander John Wilson, Po-

lice Scotland, another champion piper and cousin of Pipe Major Tony Wilson.

Commander Wilson's Uncle Archie and father Willie also served with distinction in the regiment.

## Reviewed

Pipesdrums.com reviewed the book and wrote: 'The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders Pipe Music Collection is a musical tour de force.'

The book can be purchased online at: [www.facebook.com/argyllsutherlandcollection/](http://www.facebook.com/argyllsutherlandcollection/) or at the National Piping Centre, Glasgow.

# Police files

## Loch death

CAMPBELTOWN inshore lifeboat was scrambled last Friday at about 10am after reports of a man in the water.

Police, ambulance and the coastguard attended and a 89-year-old man was pulled from the water.

The man was taken to Campbeltown hospital but could not be revived and died.

Police said there were no suspicious circumstances and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

As the *Courier* went to press the man had not been named.

## Assault

FOLLOWING police inquiries, a 35-year-old man was reported to the procurator fiscal for assault.

The man was detained at 10am last Friday after an attack and disorderly behaviour, which was reported the previous day,

in Craigowan Park, Campbeltown.

## Warning

A MAN aged 49, who was arrested after a disturbance at about 2am last Wednesday in Main Street, Campbeltown, was released following the issuing of a recorded police warning.

# In brief



Campbeltown Old Pals enjoy their festive lunch.

## Old Pals celebrate

TWO dozen Campbeltown Old Pals, sponsored by Age Scotland, enjoyed festive fare during their final meeting of the year in Campbeltown's Royal Hotel.

An Old Pals spokesman said: 'We had a lovely meal which topped off a great year of interesting meet-

ings and talks as well as visits to Carradale, Gigha, Tayinloan and Glen Scotia for the Road to Drumlehan exhibition.

'Thanks to the Royal Hotel for its hospitality all year, Age Scotland for its financial help, A Thousand Voices, Alex McKinven, David MacArthur and Iain Johnston for their help with the trips and organisation.'

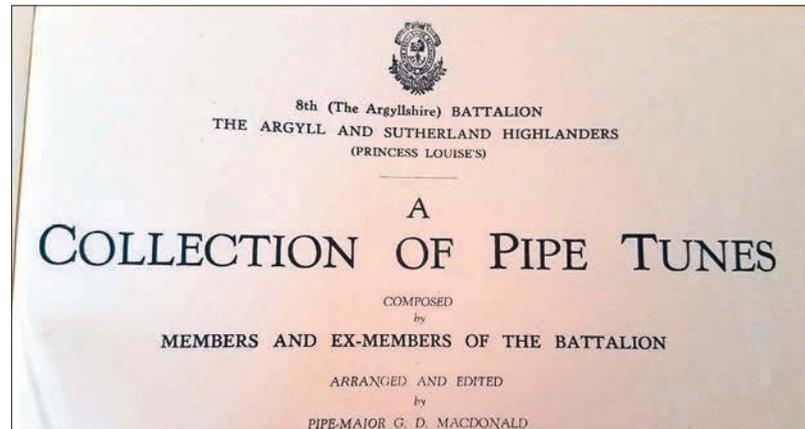
## Sea cadets on crest of a wave

DESPITE being one of Britain's remotest units, Campbeltown Sea Cadets still managed to achieve some amazing feats this year. Staff taught more than 350 modules and cadets achieved 74 qualifications including basic seamanship, basic navigation, basic first aid, powerboat-

ing, dinghy sailing, advanced sailing, windsurfing, CVQO BTEC, mountain biking and adventure training.

There were also 207 training days at national, area and district level and cadets supported 12 local events.

Cadets have an average of 63 hours of boating, including offshore, where 10 cadet voyages were undertaken.



The front page of the 1933 work.

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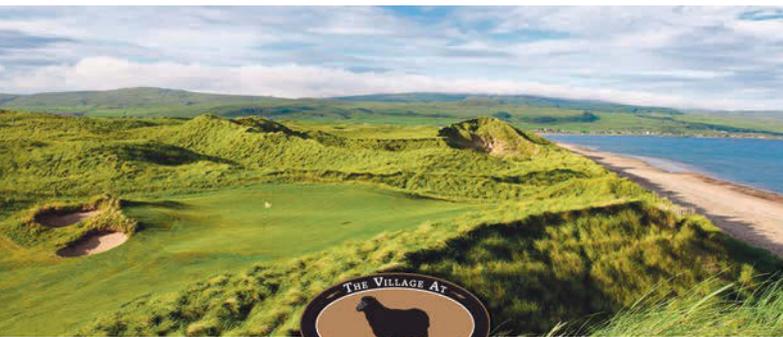
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## No winners in Hogmanay lotto draw

THE draw for Dunaverly's three-number lotto took place on New Year's Eve. The winning numbers were: 3, 6 and 12, but there were no winners.

The next draw is on January 13 for a jackpot of £200. Tickets are available from the club steward, committee members, Munero Tearoom and the Burnside Bar.

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Dalintober Beach Regeneration Group chairman Jamie McLean. 25\_c522018dip01



# Dippers help Seasports project race on

**Mark Davey**  
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HIS VOICE cracking with emotion, the chairman of Dalintober Beach Regeneration Group spoke about half a decade's achievements on New Year's Day.

At Campbeltown Sailing Club Jamie McLean said that when 12 people took to the water, in 2014, he had no idea how the scheme would escalate.

### Escalated

Speaking about an hour after 38 swimmers took part in the fifth annual Dip for Dosh, Mr McLean said: 'I did not know where it was going to go but it has escalated into a much bigger venture involving the sailing club.

'The beach group was formed from a crowd of girls brought up in the area who learned to swim there when there was no swimming pool.' Mr McLean added: 'It is a struggle for me as I have to remain sober the night before.'

### Worry

'I worry - I do not know who is going in the water. It is great to see people bringing others in who can see what we are doing.'

Later he added that the Kintyre Seasports project has united disparate groups in Campbeltown who in the past may never have mixed and praised the *Courier's* role.

Mr McLean added: 'I would also like to thank the RNLI volunteers, paramedic Calum Lawson and all the people

who have turned up to support the event.'

Seasports chairman Campbell Fox said that the eBay auction of Sir Paul McCartney merchandise, which finished, just after 9am, on New Year's Day, had raised £8,235 from an original valuation of £185.

Mr Fox added: 'The Seasports project would never have got this far without the Dalintober Beach Regeneration Group.'

### Energised

'There are 15 organisations signed up to seasports and we need to get all of these groups energised for 2018.'

'Including today's money the project is up to about £44,000.'

For further pictures and more on this story see page 28.

## News in brief . . . news in brief . . .

### Charities granted £7,000

A PAIR of Campbeltown charities' funds have been boosted by the Corra Foundation's Henry Duncan grants.

Kintyre Link Club has been awarded a grant of £2,000 towards its running costs and Shopper-Aide Ltd awarded £5,000 towards the salary of its part-time team leader.

The fund was formerly the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland and changed its name last August.

Brendan O'Hara MP said: 'Many of the Henry Duncan grants go on staff and running costs, meaning they are a lifeline for local char-

ities in this tough financial climate.'

### Pilates people raise cash

LEONE Shaw Tulloch's LST Pilates clients put their hands in their pockets and gave £837 for a Lochgilphead and Campbeltown charity to share.

A delighted Joan Stewart at Campbeltown's Shopper Aide said: 'Thank you Leone and everyone at LST who donated to our Christmas present fund - £521.'

Claire Cameron from the MS Centre Lochgilphead said: 'Thank you so much to Leone and her wonderful pilates ladies for

this kind donation of £316. We will be using it towards some of our Christmas events.'

### Kennacraig's gold star

A TRIO of Argyll and Bute ports has tied up with awards from Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB).

Recently KSB accredited CalMac Ferries Ltd and Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) with 26 awards acknowledging both companies' commitment to improving environmental quality.

Kennacraig struck gold and Portavadie and Clonaig were awarded silver status.

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# News review of 2017

## January:

### One in a million bovine baby

WITH the chances of a cow giving birth to healthy triplets estimated to be one in a million, the Kerr family of Baleggreggan Farm, Campbeltown, was stunned to discover that one of its cattle had delivered three bouncing baby bovines in January.



The calves are named after farmers Sharon and Graham Kerr's own three children, Caryn, Robert and Murray, seen here with the beasts. 25\_c01triplets01

## February:

### Young musician of the year

A GRAMMAR school musician who first tinkled the ivories aged five was named Most Promising Young Musician of the Year in February.



Emma Bannatyne, 17, pictured with Rotary club chairman Alastair Cousin, collected the trophy, a monetary prize and framed certificate at a packed special Rotary Club of Campbeltown concert in Lorne and Lowland hall. 25\_c07musician12

## March:

### Pals honoured by Scottish Golf

A PAIR of Kintyre's greatest golfing legends and Dunaverty ambassadors received national recognition for their lifetime achievements, as reported in March.

Dunaverty duo, Scotland's greatest ever women's amateur player Belle Robertson, and golf writer Jock MacVic-ar, both received awards at the 2017 Scottish Golf Awards, in recognition of their long-serving efforts on and off the course.

## April:

### Auchinlee jobs saved for one year

IN A LAST minute £291,000 deal, in April, it was announced that Auchinlee care home had been saved until March 2018.

Auchinlee Action Group chairman John Titterton cautiously welcomed the news as he said that ultimately Auchinlee staff will be looking for work.

## May:

### Kintyre's rescue heroes save surfer

SEARCHERS including Campbeltown lifeboat crews and coastguards worked day and night to locate a surfer who disappeared off Westport beach.

The rescue of Matthew Bryce from Airdrie, 13 miles out in the North Channel by a coastguard helicopter at 7.30pm on Monday night after 32 hours in the sea made headlines around the world.

## June:

### Mascot keeps joggers 'moo-ving'

SUPPORT from the unveiled MOKRUN mascot proved motivational to the sprinters at the junior races in June, as two course records were smashed.

MOK Coo was designed by Castlehill primary pupil Eoin Quinn, seven.



MOK Coo with Eoin. 20\_c22juniorok01

## July:

### Hickory golf comes to Kintyre

MACHRIHANISH Golf Club welcomed golfers from across America and Europe in July at an opening ceremony for the 10th biannual Hickory Grail competition.

The Hickory Grail, the oldest international hickory match in golf, where players are only allowed to use 90-year-old or older hickory-shafted clubs and gentlemen dress in keeping, such as in plus-fours and ties, with long skirts for the ladies, is competed by a team from the USA and a European team.

## August:

### Kintyre Show's spectacular sheep

THE 2017 Highland Show female champion in the traditional Bluefaced Leicester sheep section was crowned the champion of champions at the Kintyre Agricultural Show in August.



Jean McLachlan's gimmer, shown by her husband John, was the judges' choice for the top accolade at the 151st annual show, and can be seen with the couple and their grandson Joshua. 50\_c32kintyreshow45

## September:

### U13s league success kicks off

SEVEN years of training through Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association paid off for Campbeltown Pupils Youth Under 13s (2005s), as they thrashed Summerston Boys Club in a 16-goal extravaganza in their first ever 11-a-side league match.

## October:

### Nineties and noughties fundraiser

A FUNDRAISER tapped into the music and culture of the past two decades as she collected nearly £4,000 for charity in October.



Cheryl Brown, 28, one of five sisters and two brothers, had no trouble selling out her '90s and '00s house and club night which transformed Campbeltown town hall with revellers wearing an array of outfits. 25\_c43partynight13

## November:

### Mull of Kintyre - 40 years on

THE ANNIVERSARY of the iconic Christmas number one created a mini media storm in November, as the Big Issue sent a team to make a Christmas special feature and the BBC produced a radio programme.

STV video journalist Clare McNeill filmed and interviewed surviving band members John Brown and Ian McKerrall, as well as Alastair Cousin, of the Linda McCartney Kintyre Memorial Trust, and Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative director Niall Macalister Hall about tourists on the McCartney trail.

## December:

### Brass is the 'best in Scotland'

CAMPBELTOWN Brass scaled the heights at the Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships in December, retaining its under 12 and under 14 titles.

Two bands were entered into the 12-and-under preparatory section, winners Campbeltown Brass juniors and Campbeltown Brass beginners, which won the silver award, while the 14-and-under band Campbeltown Brass intermediate, competing in the novice section, was also victorious.



Campbeltown Brass champions celebrate.

# Seafront signs explore heritage

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A PROJECT to improve Campbeltown's seafront is on the crest of a wave after erecting a trio of boards interpreting the area's history.

Two years ago, Campbeltown Community Council (CCC) chairman Alan Baker was inspired by an existing information board opposite the Burnet building.

Mr Baker said: 'My inspiration was seeing how many people looked at the board on the Hall Street pavement.'

Another CCC member, Catherine Dobbie, took on the scheme's administration and fundraising. It was expanded to include seating, picnic benches, two seagull-proof litter bins and a dog poo bag dispenser for Quarry Green.

Ms Dobbie said that seeing the state of the benches on Quarry Green was a big motivation.

An application was made to



Those involved in the project are, from left, Liz Kennedy, Darren Kelly of McFadyens Contractors, community council chairman Alan Baker and Catherine Dobbie. 25\_c51heritagesigns01

Tesco Bags of Help for funds, from the 5p levy on carrier bags, and the project was awarded £12,000.

Gordon Allen and his team

from Wee Toon Environmental Solutions made eight new picnic benches and refurbished five old benches between the ferry terminal and former paddling pool.

In addition, three recycled picnic benches and a further three seating benches were purchased through Argyll and Bute Council with the assistance of Paul Mar-

tin. Ironically, the material used to make these benches includes recycled plastic bags.

The interpretation boards were commissioned to depict different aspects of Campbeltown's heritage with research by Ms Dobbie and Liz Kennedy. In part they used The Campbeltown Book published by the former Civic Society.

Ms Dobbie said: 'Thanks are due to Maureen Bell and Iain McAlister of Glen Scotia. Both supplied old photographs and postcards of Campbeltown.'

'The signs were created with Stewart Twynham of Weare-brandfire Services and huge help from Gordon Bennie of Argyll Signs.'

'Many thanks are due to Darren Kelly and his team from McFadyens Contractors for installing the signs free of charge.'

Mr Kelly said: 'We fully commend CCC. The boards are very informative for locals and tourists alike.'



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## Editorial

### All aboard Seasports inclusive project

Sir Paul McCartney, not just anybody, is helping Kintyre Seasports Project which wants to reach out to all in its bid to build a centre of excellence.

On Monday, the merchandise Sir Paul donated to the project, which was first valued by a recognised auction house at £185, sold for 44 times more – £8,235.

The all-inclusive nature of the project, which has raised £44,000 and needs about £2 million, was highlighted at Campbeltown Sailing Club (CSC) after Monday's fifth Dalintober Dip for Dosh.

Speaking during the social event following the dip, Jamie McLean was clearly highly emotional about the plans. He emphasised how in the past there was a sense of us and them about the club.

CSC has broadened its appeal to welcome the canoeists and paddleboarders. In addition, last summer, members ran a great value beginners' dinghy sailing course which has helped to buoy up membership.

Seasports Project leader Campbell Fox and Mr McLean said that barriers have been broken down as it has become apparent inclusivity is the best way to attract funding.

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### Searching questions for RBS

Sir,  
By closing these 62 branches, the Royal Bank of Scotland is riding roughshod over the very people who are paying for their jobs.

They are ignoring the concerns which have been raised by their customers and by politicians alike.

Banks are the hub of many small communities and with the Highlands and Islands lagging behind the rest of Scotland in broadband technology, this is an outrageous stance for the bank to take.

Some towns and villages in the Highlands and Islands will be left without a bank at all with businesses having nowhere to bank their cash and pensioners having nowhere to access their pension payments.

It cannot be outwith the wit of bank bosses to get their heads together and come up with an agreement to keep one bank branch open in every town and village between them.

To say online facilities are available as an alternative is simply not true in many areas of the Highlands and Islands.

They say their contract with the Post Office provides another option for customers wishing to carry out simple banking transactions.

Post Offices are closing down hand-over-fist in the Highlands and Islands too, so that cannot be used as a justifiable excuse.

Do all the mobile banks provide disabled access? I will be asking them that.

They say they will extend mobile facilities across the Highlands and Islands.

How many times will these mobile facilities visit Barra or Beaulieu each week where there will be no banking facilities. I will be asking them that too.

In terms of their response on how these closures will affect their staff in these branches, they say they will do all they can to avoid

## Highland dancers' super silverware

TROPHIES collected during a successful season's competition have given Kintyre dancers a staggering silverware collection.



Dancers are from back row left: Cara McFadzean, Errin Green, Erin Binnie, Linzi Cameron, Jane Scott, Sarah Campbell, Alison Wylie and Chloe Anderson. Middle row from left: Lisa McKellar, Tiffany Norris, Eva Soudan, Niamh Quinn, Erin Ralston, Ella McGeachy, Sophie Galbraith, Freya Borthwick, Lauren Scott, Hannah Millar, Ciara Wallace, Emma Millar and Solana McMurchy. Front row from left: Iona McGrory, Lucy McFadzean, Haley McSparran, Fallon Dunlop, Erin McCrae, Taylor McMillan, Eleya McEachran, Korri McMillan, Kayla Grumoli, Maisie Graham, Rona McLean, Ayla Campbell and Hannah Gilchrist. 25\_c51mccorkindale01

compulsory redundancies.

I say if they can offer staff in Barra an alternative job without having to leave the island, they will be doing very well indeed.

This is an outrageous stance for this bank, which is largely owned by us, to take.

**Rhoda Grant,  
MSP,  
Highlands and Islands.**

### Access to nature

Sir,  
Scotland is world-renowned for its incredible landscapes and varied wildlife: earlier this year, the readers of Rough Guide voted ours the most beautiful country in the world.

But it's important to remember our stunning vistas do so much more than simply bring us joy.

Nature-based tourism benefits our economy, and nature benefits each of us personally: research shows access to green spaces improves our health and well-being.

At Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), we have long extolled the benefits we all get from the natural environment as well as the need

to create better places for nature.

Over the past year, we have worked on a number of high-profile initiatives to help connect people with nature and protect our wildlife and habitats.

We continue to lead the development of the National Cycling and Walking Network to encourage people to enjoy the countryside and to help bring more tourists to Scotland.

To help improve Scotland's carbon stores, we restored 400ha of peatlands under the Peatland Action programme. These areas are also home to many of our well-known plants and animals.

We are implementing the Scottish Government's Green Infrastructure initiative, part of the European Regional Development Fund programme, with a reopening of the Community Engagement Fund in early 2018 – and are working with a range of partners to help improve the quality, quantity and accessibility of green spaces in Scotland's towns and cities.

We are delivering a Scot-

land-wide scheme, spearheaded by our Argyll office, to manage the impact of sea eagles on agriculture, specifically in relation to hill sheep farms.

We will continue to work on these projects in the coming year.

Looking ahead, the Scottish Government has designated 2018 the Year of Young People.

It's so important to provide our young people with access to nature.

Research shows childhood access to green space can reduce the risk of anxiety and depression as adults.

Early and continuing contact with nature also helps develop and maintain a sense of stewardship and an interest in looking after our natural assets.

That's why we've just launched the Future Routes fund to encourage youth across the country to share ideas that will help young people engage with nature.

Working with Young Scot, we will help to develop their ideas and bring them to life in the coming year.

As the new year begins, many of us will be making

New Year's resolutions.

At SNH, ours are always to ensure everyone in Scotland has continued access to green places and that our natural habitats and wildlife are valued and looked after.

What are your goals for engaging with nature this year?

You can find ideas for getting involved with nature in your community and your local nature reserve on our new website nature.scot.

Have a happy and healthy New Year.

**Mike Cantlay,  
Chairman,  
Scottish Natural  
Heritage,  
Inverness.**

## Young fire fighters wanted

Sir,  
Campbeltown Young Fire Fighters (CYFF) is recruiting for the term of 2018.

CYFF looks for youths aged between 12 and 16 and they can apply via the Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/CampbeltownYFFs/](http://www.facebook.com/CampbeltownYFFs/) or by asking a YFF for an application form.

**Kelly McSparran,  
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## Cinema advertising

Sir,  
I have had a couple of lovely Campbeltown Picture House visits, finding it a comfortable and pleasurable aesthetic experience.

However, I have found the Pearl and Dean advertisements totally unrelated to Campbeltown, car manufacturers like Volkswagen and Ford feature but are unavailable in Campbeltown.

Sainsbury shopping is unavailable – especially home delivery, I tried.

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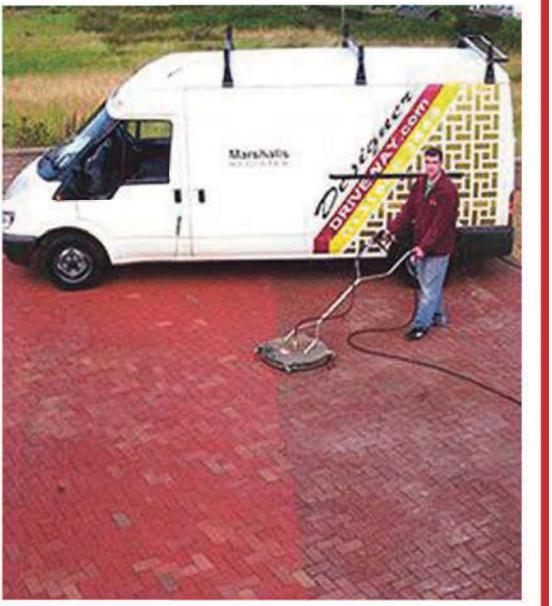


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# Soprano set to en-trance at Kintyre Music Club

A SOPRANO and clarinetist will raise the roof at Lorne and Lowland old hall next Friday.

Kintyre Music Club's first concert of the new year features well known Scottish musicians soprano Frances Cooper and clarinetist Joanna Nicholson. They will perform their programme, *Turning the Elements*.

In the show they explore the theme of nature and people's place in it by combining their own arrangements of traditional Scottish song and poetry with sublime 20th century Scottish song.

At the heart of their performance are two suites of song written especially for them in 2015 by composers Rebecca Rowe and Stuart Murray Mitchell.

## Commissioned

The pair was commissioned to produce two trios of settings for new poetry from award-winning Scottish poets Jane McKie and Stewart Sanderson.

Their music will be complemented by a backdrop of inspiring photography.

Frances was born in Inverness and began her singing studies at



Clarinetist Joanna Nicholson and soprano Frances Cooper.

the North East of Scotland Music School in Aberdeen with Raimund Herinx, continuing in London with the late Johanna Peters.

She was a member of the early music ensemble *Fires of Love*

for 17 years, singing in festivals and for music societies all around the country, with three critically acclaimed recordings on the Delphian Records label.

She is also well known to music club

audiences as part of the trio *Triplicity*.

Solo performances, and ensemble work with *Cappella Nova* and *Dunedin Consort*, have taken her to concert halls all around the UK and broadcasts on

BBC radio and television.

Joanna held an exhibition scholarship at the Royal College of Music, London, where she was the winner of numerous prizes.

## Freelance

Since graduating she has pursued a lively freelance career performing, broadcasting and recording with many of the UK's finest orchestras and ensembles.

Joanna features as a soloist – notably on bass clarinet with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra at the London Proms, and with the Scottish En-

semble, performing the *Finzi Clarinet Concerto*.

She has been invited to play chamber music in venues including the Purcell Room and New York's Lincoln Center.

Her compositions include the score for the dance work *In Situ*, which won a *Herald Angel* at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and several musical stories for primary school children, which are performed by her group *Sonsie Music*.

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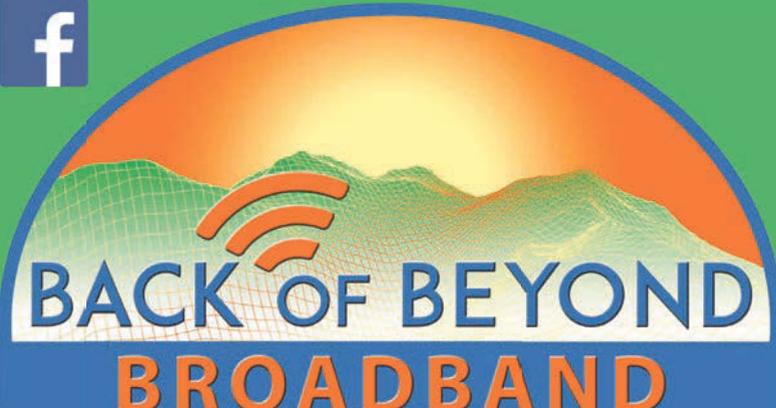
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# Leisure review 2017

As 2018 gets underway, the *Courier* takes a look back at some of the top photographs from last year's leisure pages.



In a never-to-be-repeated show, some of rock's giants hammered out numbers at Campbeltown Bowling Club, at a special Stars In Their Eyes fundraiser for James McCorkindale's School of Dancing. Is this Kirsteen Anderson or is it Beyoncé? 25\_c12stars11



Pink sparkly tiger, Eva McKinven and Cara McKinven, with rainbow face paint, Rosie Paterson was a ballerina and Jack Barr joined the girls at a Wee Toon Tumblers frozen weekend. 25\_c28tumblers06



Chrissy Barnacle displayed some candid and unique song writing at the tenth annual Kintyre Songwriters' Festival. 20\_c18songwriters03



Revellers packed the Victoria Hall and danced the night away after the success of the Campbeltown Highland Games. This shot includes ladies' heavy events winner, Susan Gilchrist, who was also in the winning ladies' tug of war team, as well as her husband Andy Gilchrist, and Archie Johnston who were in the winning men's tug of war team. 20\_c20ceillidh10



As members of Campbeltown Flower Club put their green fingers to the test to display some of the things they love most, Karen Kendrick stands beside her boot scootin' line dancing display. 20\_c24flowers01



Lynn Wilson, Neil Mathieson, Donna McMillan, Richard Mathieson and Lynn McKay had fun at Gigha Music Festival. 20\_c27gigha09



Dancers pack the floor for Heron Valley at the 25th annual Mull of Kintyre Music Festival. 25\_c34mokfestceillidh14



Comedy hypnotist Richard Roberts puts participants under his spell at an event in Campbeltown's St John's 141st lodge. 50\_c39hypnotist04

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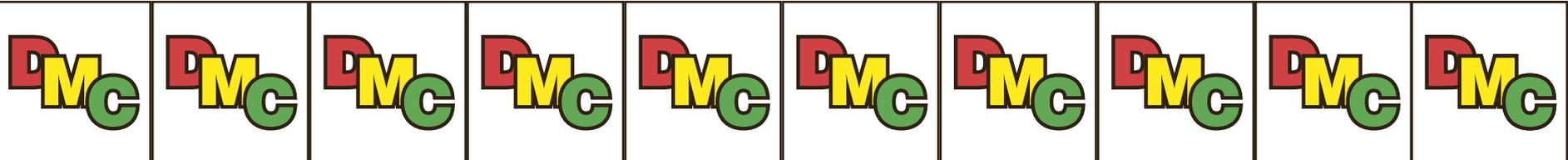
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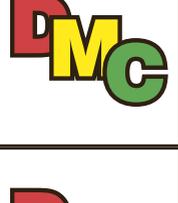
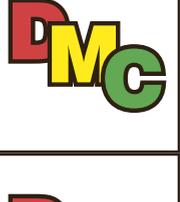
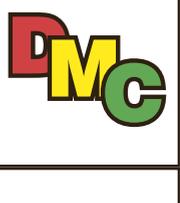


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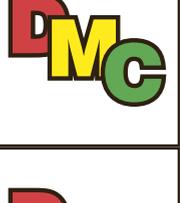


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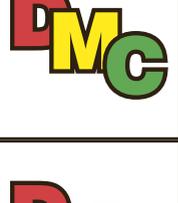
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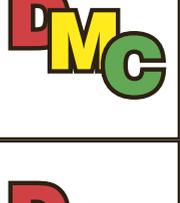
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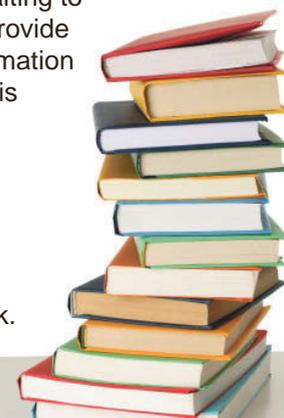
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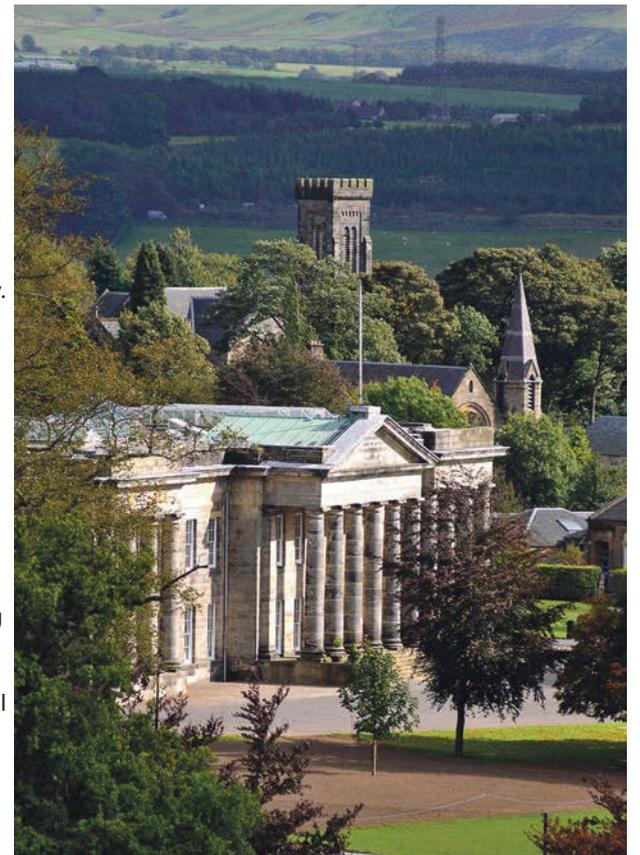
As Dollar prepares to launch its bicentenary year in June 2018, it remains one of Scotland's best performing independent schools, highly regarded by parents.

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# Districts review 2017

THE COURIER takes a look back at some of the most memorable moments throughout Kintyre in 2017.

## CARRADALE



Dodgy sheriff Alan Walker tried to take the golf club whisky before he had won the treasure hunt at Carradale's harbour day in. He is pictured with Lorna Campbell, left and Gillian Kitson. 25\_c30harbourday08

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Skeletons, mummies and scary creatures gathered at Clachan's combined Hallowe'en and bonfire celebration. 25\_c45clachanbonfire02

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Gigha's boathouse bay was lined with spectators to catch a glimpse of the Gigha Raft Race. 50\_c31gigha15

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Kenny McLellan took part in the fun Killegruer caravan and campsite's fun day. 25\_c29killegruer06

Glenbarr War Memorial chairman Colour Sergeant Robbie Semple and piper Calum O'Hanlon stand at the foot of the centaph as Glenbarr remembered the district's war dead. 50\_c46glenbarr01

## CARRADALE



Hundreds of spectators run along the riverbank as Carradale celebrated the 'last ever' duck race. 50\_c39duckrace07



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# Brexit, co-operation and public support is crucial

THE SUPPORT of governments and the public will be crucial factors if Scotland is to prosper in the post-Brexit era, writes *NFU Scotland vice president Martin Kennedy*.

As part of the union's work on identifying the best Brexit options for Scottish farming and crofting, I joined fellow board member Angus MacFadyen and deputy director of policy Andrew Bauer on a study trip to Norway to examine the much-discussed 'Norwegian model'.

It was clear to all that Norwegian agriculture is recognised and supported by its government and the vast majority of the public.

And although Nor-

way is only around 50 per cent self-sufficient in food, farming is a business that is on an upward trajectory. The reason for this is twofold.

Firstly, relative to Scottish farmers, Norwegian costs are high. However, what they receive in terms of price for their product plus how they are supported makes up the difference and more.

Secondly, the general public in Norway is connected to agriculture compared to the relative disconnect we have here. That leads to a real appreciation of what agriculture is doing, not only by way of providing a high-quality product but by recognising farmers as essential

players in looking after the environment. This explains why they have no need for extra environmental measures as they feel agriculture in Norway is already doing a pretty good job.

Although Norway is not a member of the EU, it is a member of the European Economic Area agreement and, as such, pays a subscription to trade with EU member states.

This has some caveats attached. They must take on board a fair percentage of the regulation that is commonly agreed throughout Europe, but non-membership of the EU also has its advantages when it comes to their own agricultural policy and support.

Co-operation is key,

and the regulation structure which has kept farm sizes the same for generations has helped this process. Virtually all product prices are set, to a degree, by the co-ops.

Arable cropping receives an area-based support and some of this cropping takes place on some really challenging land. They still have milk quotas for the dairy industry, which is well supported, and also receive a headage payment. Not bad considering the milk price is currently 57p per litre.

Most herds are milked by robots and a 40-cow dairy herd, which is quite large by Norwegian standards, can deliver a good living.

The beef and sheep sectors are also well supported, both by way of headage payments and a grazing management payment paid on an area basis. It doesn't end there, as there is also support for the actual kilos of meat produced.

If you have 300 ewes or more you are deemed to be a pretty big sheep farmer. One young farmer we visited had just over 300 ewes and had just invested £300,000 in a new slatted sheep shed. He did receive a grant, as he was a young



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farmer, but £1,000 per ewe investment is still truly amazing.

As there is considerable support delivered on either a production basis or indeed by way of a headage payment, it begs the question of how the Norwegians get around World Trade Organisation regulation when it is paying everything on acreage and headage? The answer puts things into perspective.

According to the Norwegians, it is not a production or headage payment. It is an environmental and cultural sustainability payment, but delivered through area and headage.

Surely this only goes to show that where there's a will, there's a way.

## Christmas livestock market round-up . . . Christmas livestock market round-up . . .

STIRLING United Auctions (Thursday December 28, 2017) sold 4,661 prime sheep comprising 3,288 lambs selling to an average of 190.5ppk and 1,373 ewes and rams.

Lambs (3,288) Errol Enterprises (Tex) £114; Doune Farms (BTex) £110; Drummie (X) £100; Southfield (Suff) £98; Shanry (X) £97; Westwood (Chev) £95; Eastmill (BF) £92.

Lambs (3,288) Berrydyke (BTex) £229p; West Lethams (Tex) £228p; East Bracklinn (X) £213p; Merrihill (Suff) £203p; Ardachearnmor (Chev) £201p; Easter Craigduckie (Char) £192p; Eastmill (BF) £188p.

Ewes (1,373) Hill of Errol & West Carse (Tex) £140; West Carse (Suff) £114; Hill of Errol (Chev/Mule) £104.50; Ardoch & Threeland (HB) £100; West Lundie (BTex) £97; Stacks (BFL) £91; Broadshian (Char) £90; Easter Greenhill (X) £87; Flass (Mule) £85; Longcarse (BF) £50.

Rams - Wester Coldrain (Tex) £90; Wester Coldrain (X) £80.50; Loanhead of Duchally (Chev) £80; Netherurd (Suff) £77.

Stirling, United Auctions (Wednesday December 20, 2017) sold 61 store cattle and 112 cast cows and forward cattle, also sold 984 store and feeding sheep.

Bullocks (19) averaged 189.63p to 247.30ppk for a 372kg LimX from Lurgan and to £990 for 554kg CHX from Longfaugh.

B&W bullocks (18) averaged 131.16p to 134.70ppk for a 501kg HFX from Nether Pratis, and to £675 for a 501kg HFX from Nether Pratis.

Heifers (24) averaged 190.86p to 232.80ppk for a 232kg SimX from Townhead, and to £940 for a 492kg SimX from Lochlands.

Cast cows (90) averaged 125.36p to 183.90ppk for a LimX from Scrogton and to £1530 for a CHX from Lesliepark.

Dairy cows (22) averaged 85.36p and to 103.30ppk for a HFX from Carneil, and to £835 for a HFX from Carneil.

Bullocks: 250-300kgs- Townhead £595, Townhead 214.00p; 301-350kgs- Lochelbank £620, 183.40p; 351-400kgs- Lurgan £920, 247.30p; 401-450kgs- Mid Wellwood £980, Lurgan 219.20p; 451-500kgs- Longfaugh £990, 200.00p; 501-

50kgs- Longfaugh, 167.30p; 551-600kgs - Longfaugh £990, 178.70p.

Heifers: Up to 250kgs- Townhead £540, 230.80p; 301-350kg- Townhead £660, 208.90p; 351-400kgs- Townhead £770, Lurgan 209.90p; 401-450kgs- Lurgan £870, 201.40p; 451-500kgs- Lochlands £940, 191.10p; 501-550kgs- Balnabroich £900, 172.40p.

OTM Cows: £ per head - Lesliepark (CH) £1530; Upper Auchenlay (Cont) £1390; Easter Clunie (Sim) £1210; Macmerry (AA) £1210; Hillend (Lim) £1190; Balnabroich (BS) £1030.

PPK- Scrogton (Lim) 183.90p; Lesliepark (CH) 173.79p; Graystale (AA) 151.00p; Upper Auchenlay (Cont) 150.80p; Braendand (Sim) 145.60p; Braendand (BS) 134.30p.

OTM Bulls: £ per head- Barns of Airlie (Lim) £1390; Hillhead (CH) £1,130; Burnside of Balhaldie (AA) £1,170.

PPK- Hillhead (CH) 196.90p; Barns of Airlie (Lim) 110.10p; Burnside of Balhaldie (AA) 99.00p.

United Auctions also sold 984 store lambs and feeding sheep.

Leading Prices: Millhouse (Tex) £69; Skelmorlie (TexX) £60; Linnwain (BF) £60.

Stirling, Caledonian Marts (Wednesday December 20, 2017) sold 102 store cattle and suckled calves, 37 breeding cattle, 250 store lambs and feeding ewes, and 58 cast cows and bulls.

Bullocks averaged 202p per kg, selling to 252p for Limousins from I O Warren, Coull, Islay and to £1,040 from East Kerse, Lochwinnoch.

Heifers averaged 188p per kg selling to 197p again for Limousins from East Kerse and to £960 from the same beast.

Bullocks per head- £990 Ardgate, £960 Ardgate, £950 Cameron Farm, £940 Coull (Islay).

Bullocks per kilo- 244p & 242p Coull (Islay), 240p Coull (Islay).

Heifers per head- £950 & £940 East Kerse, £900 & £880 East Kerse.

Heifers per kilo- 192p Lowe Dalkeith, 190p & 188p East Kerse.

Also forward were 37 breeding cattle comprising of in-calf cows and in-calf heifers.

Topping the sale at £1,220 was a Shorthorn X

heifer in-calf from Auchyle, Port of Menteith.

Other leading prices: £1020 & £1000 Auchyle, £980 Auchyle, £900 Crawtree Farming, £880 Lowe Dalkeith.

Included in the sale were 58 cast cows and bulls.

With a smaller show forward and a very large demand due to the Christmas trade, all cows would be dearer on the week.

Beef cows averaged 125p selling to 178p from Pendreich, Bridge of Allan and to £1,150 from Balacalva, Islay.

Bulls and overage males sold to 163p from Balquharrage, Lennoxton and to £1,400 from the same home.

Other leading prices:

Beef cows per head: £1,140, £1,120 & £1,060 Balaclava (Islay), £1,040 (Twice) Pendreich, £1,040 Harvieston.

Beef cows per kg: 165p Pendreich, 153p, 152p, 149p & 148p Balaclava (Islay), 146p Eorabus, 143p Shankhead.

Also forward were 250 store and feeding sheep.

Lambs sold to a top price of £53 for a pen of Suffolk from Couston Farming Co, Colintnaive.

Other leading lamb prices: Texel £49 Roseberry Estate, Texel X £46 Ardchonnell Farms, BF £41 Ardchonnell Farms, Cross £40 Couston Farming Co.

Feeding ewes sold to £69 for a pen of Texels from Roseberry Estate, South Queensferry.

The next prime cattle, cast cow and bull sale and calves and stirks sale was due on Thursday January 4.

United Auctions in Stirling (Thursday December 21, 2017) sold 5,344 prime sheep comprising 4,159 lambs selling to an average of 175.1ppk and 1185 ewes and rams.

Lambs (4,159) Coilavoulin (BTex) £108; Errol Enterprises (Tex) £98; Claysyke (Suff) £91.50; South Flanders (Char) £90; Kynachan (X) £86; Little Raith (Mule) £82.50; Killlearn Home (Chev) £81.

Lambs (4,159) Coilavoulin (BTex) 245p; Luckenburn (Tex) 214p; Craggan (X) 190p; Craggan (Chev) 195p; Ancaster (Suff) 194p; Pitkevny (Mule) 190p; Balmyre (Char) 190p.

Ewes (1,185) Humeston (Tex) £122; West Lun-

die (BTex) £116; Shannocher (Chev) £113; Shannocher (Suff) £97; Meadowbank (Mule) £84; West Lethams (X) £73; Glenhead (BF) £57.

Rams- South Ballaird (Con) £95; Murieston (Chev) £70.

United Auctions in Stirling (Wednesday December 21, 2017) sold 61 store cattle and 112 cast cows and forward cattle, also sold 984 store and feeding sheep.

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Cast Cows (90) - averaged 125.36p to 183.90ppk for a LimX from Scrogton and to £1,530 for a CHX from Lesliepark.

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OTM Cows: £ per head - Lesliepark (CH) £1,530; Upper Auchenlay (Cont) £1,390; Easter Clunie (Sim) £1,210; Macmerry (AA) £1,210; Hillend (Lim) £1,190; Balnabroich (BS) £1,030.

PPK- Scrogton (Lim) 183.90p; Lesliepark (CH) 173.79p; Graystale (AA) 151.00p; Upper Auchenlay (Cont) 150.80p; Braendand (Sim) 145.60p; Braendand (BS) 134.30p. OTM Bulls: £ per head- Barns of Aldie (Lim) £1,390; Hillhead (CH)

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PPK- Hillhead (CH) 196.90p; Burns of Aldie (Lim) 110.10p; Burnside of Balhaldie (AA) 99.00p.

United Auctions also sold 984 store lambs and feeding sheep.

Leading Prices: Millhouse (Tex) £69.00; Skelmorlie (TexX) £60.00; Linnwain (BF) £60.00.

Caledonian Marts Ltd (Tuesday December 26, 2017) sold 3,113 prime lambs, ewes and tups.

The market finished off 2017 with a bang, with the biggest show and best average of the season, with 2,702 lambs averaging 189.1ppk (+14.1p on the week), with 605 (45.6kg+) averaging £89.78 (+£4.74 on the week).

Top price of the day was shared by Doune Farms, and DS & RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill for a 52kg Beltex at £105, and a 52kg Suff at £105 respectively.

Top price per kg went to J & D McNicol, Whitecross for a cracking 43kg Beltex at 230ppkg.

Leading prices:

Lambs pounds per head: - Beltex £104 Cultburn, - Texel £103 Kinneil Mill, Beltex X £103 Meikle Seggie, Texel X £102 Linkshead, Cont £100 Braco Castle, Suff £98 Linkshead, Suff X £96 Leyden, Mule £84 Meikle Seggie, BF £75 Plean Cottage

Lambs per kilo:- Beltex X 227p Braco Castle, Beltex 225p West Lundie, Texel X 217p South Flanders, Texel 212p Meikle Seggie, Suff X 207p Fullerton, Suff 200p Annfield, Mule 174p Coullhill, BF 177p St Mungo's,

Also forward were 353 cast ewes and tups. Export ewes averaged £42.94.

Heavy ewes averaged £66.21 A smaller show of ewes forward resulted in trade maintaining recent rates.

Top price of the day went to J & D McNicol, Whitecross for a pair of Texels making £119.

Other leading prices: Texel - £116, £113 & £108 Ballinloan, £106 Over Finlary, £102 Wester Keadowrie, Suff - £98 Whinnethall, £80 West Kirkton, Chev - £88 Ballinloan, £86 Isle Cottage, Cross - £85 Kilt, £79 Craighall, Blackface - £54 Coullhill, £46 West Kirkton, £43 Linkshead, Tups - £92 Wester Whitefield (BFL), £78 Greystone Cottage (Zwartble).



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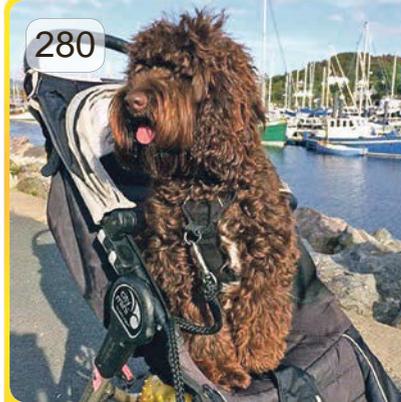
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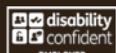
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'Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!' (Romans 11:33).

**BIRTHS**

**CLARK** - Stephen and Ammie (Fleming) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Matilda Clark, on November 12, 2017. First grandchild for both Mark and Amanda Fleming, and Pat and Anne Clark. Sincere thanks to midwives at Mid Argyll and all staff at Royal Alexandra Hospital.

**RUBY WEDDINGS**



**MCCALLUM - MCSHANNON**

On January 6, 1978 at the Highland Parish Church, by the late Rev C M Henderson, Raymond to Elizabeth. Kelmscott, Campbeltown.

**DEATHS**

**MACCALLUM** - Peacefully at home, 115 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, on January 1, 2018, Neil Scally MacCallum, in his 94th year, beloved husband of Elizabeth Galbraith (Betty), much loved dad of Elise and Mary, father-in-law of Sandy and Graham, loving granda of Iona, Lorna, Lindsay and Kirsty and great granda of Finlay

and Lucy. Service in the Highland Parish Church, on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Highland Parish Church and the Community Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

**MASON** - Peacefully, at Monklands Hospital, Airdrie, on December 28, 2017, Rachel Mary Galbraith, in her 74th year, Arran Drive, Cumbernauld, dearly beloved wife of the late William Mason (Billy), much loved mum of Ross and Eric, and mother-in-law of Paulene. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 2.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

**MCFARLANE** - On December 24, 2017, suddenly but peacefully, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, Jenny McFarlane, née Archer, in her 96th year, beloved wife of the late Angus McFarlane, much loved mother of John, Margaret and the late Joe and a dearly loved sister, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother, sadly missed by all. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on Saturday, January 6, at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Cancer Research UK.

**MCKERRAL** - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on December 27, 2017, Donald McKerral, in his 95th year, 10 Drumore Gardens, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Fiona McCallum, much loved brother of Jamie and a loving uncle.

**MCMASTER** - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on December 30, 2017, Flora McIlchere Scally McMaster (Fiona), in her 78th year, 8 Castleacres, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Alex and Flora McMaster and a loving and much loved aunt. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Alzheimer Scotland.

**VAN POECKE** - At the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 1, 2018, Michael Andrew Van Poecke, in his 36th year, 96 Longrow, Campbeltown, beloved son of Rob and Linda, stepson of Dominique, much loved brother of Christopher and loving uncle to Gabriella and Amelia. Service in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cancer Research UK.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**MCAULAY** - The family of the late Neil McAulay would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to all who helped care for Neil, allowing him to remain in his home. Special thanks to Rev William Crossan for a comforting service and to Kenny and Rhys Blair for their professional services. Finally, our thanks to all who came to pay their respects.

**PAUL** - Ann would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and especially the support of friends received following the sad loss of her mum, Jean. Sincere thanks to the Lochgilphead doctors, district nurses, ambulance staff and staff at Glenarary Ward for their care of Mum. Thanks also to Rev C Acklam for his comforting service and Roddy McDonald of Donald McDonald Funeral Directors for his guidance and efficient service.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**DURNIN** - In loving memory of my dear sister, Joan. Loved and remembered today and always. - Lorraine xxx

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**MCLEAN** - Agnes, Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2008. Our dearest Nana, ten years have passed but we will miss you forever.

- Love you, Senga, Sean and Millie, and Maureen, Eddie and family xxx. Precious memories of our dear mum. - Forever in our hearts, Rene, Flora and Carolin xxx

**MCMILLAN** - In loving memory of my dear husband, William (Bill), who died January 5, 2000. The years pass by, but memories stay, Loved and remembered every day.

- From his wife, Mary and sons, Robert and Laurence. Also remembering a loving son and brother, Dickie Brown, who died January 19, 2017. Always in our thoughts.

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**Thursday**  
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Enjoy life to the full with Jesus  
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Inverlussa Church 11.30am  
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Followed by a light lunch  
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**Sunday 7th January 2018**  
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Charity No. SC016097  
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am  
**Glenarary and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
**Morning service**  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
Preacher: Margaret Sinclair  
ALL WELCOME

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
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### TEN YEARS AGO

**Friday January 4, 2008**

#### First to wed in Burnet

A NEW chapter has been written for the old Campbeltown Library.

The A-listed building on Hall Street, designed by John James Burnet in a Scots Renaissance style in 1896, is now being used as offices by Argyll and Bute Council and on Friday played host to its first civil wedding.

Two wedding suites have been created along with offices and on Friday John Lamont and Nichola Martin were married by Linsay MacPhail, assistant registrar (pictured far right).

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

**Friday January 8, 1993**

#### Hospital heralds new era for Campbeltown

MONDAY heralds a new start for the people of Campbeltown with the transfer of the first patients to Campbeltown's long-awaited new hospital.

The quiet echoing corridors of the hospital, waiting to serve the needs of the community, are more reminiscent of a luxurious hotel with wall to wall carpets and tasteful decor.

Due to be officially opened in March, hopefully by a member of the royal family, Campbeltown Hospital will welcome patients from January 11, when the Cottage Hospital patients and nursing staff will transfer to their new quarters, followed by the Calton Maternity Unit on January 12 and the Witchburn and Calton care of the elderly hospitals over the next two days.

Hospital employees are rightly proud of the building and its facilities, from the office staff and the porters to the



After the ceremony, Elizabeth Kelly, far left, presented the couple, centre, with a bottle of champagne on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council.

nurses and doctors, who have been working in less than ideal conditions for many years.

For Dr Roddy Jackson, the senior partner in the local group practice, this month is a personal triumph.

He said: 'I was promised a new hospital when I came here 20 years ago. We have struggled long and hard, but it's been worth waiting for.'

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

**Thursday January 4, 1968**

#### Great effort by board

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Aimed at the English market, the campaign will run until the spring.

The drive is the first of its kind to be enjoyed by any area of Scotland.

A new range of coloured brochures and pamphlets has been produced to support the advertisements.

The board has brought in temporary staff especially to cope with the inquiries which the campaign is expected to engender.

'The whole exercise has been mounted by the board and will be run from its Inverness offices,' the spokesman added.

'It is one of the steps we are taking to put the Highlands on a basis comparable with that of its international tourist competitors.'

Throughout its preparations for the campaign the board has received assistance and advice from the Scottish Tourist Board and local tourist associations.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

**Saturday January 5, 1918**

#### Good Templar new year concert

THE ST. KIARAN Lodge of Good Templars organised a variety concert for New Year's Night in the Templar Hall in place of the time-honoured annual festival, and the departure was such a success that we believe the venture is likely to be repeated in future years.

The hall was packed with an enthusiastic audience, whose anticipations of a most enjoyable evening were fully realised.

Bro. A. McLean, C.T., presided and at the outset made some appropriate remarks, in which he welcomed the large audience, whose presence betokened that they were in sympathy with the aims and objects of the lodge and invited all to rally to the standard in the fight against intemperance and personally identify themselves with the life and work of St. Kiaran's.

A splendid variety programme was submitted and was admirably sustained by the respective artistes, who one and all earned the heartiest plaudits of a most appreciative house.

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



'LIFE is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved,' said Winnie the Pooh.

I just love the wisdom in these wonderfully enchanting stories.

I think I gain more from them now as an adult than I did as a child.

There are profound truths tucked away amidst the honey pots of life.

Endings and beginnings play a big part in our lives and at the start of a new year we often look backwards and forwards with both nostalgia and anticipation.

Life is indeed a journey, and sometimes it's just like the A83 – full of potholes! There are hazards that rock us out of our comfort zone and we struggle to get back on the road again.

At other times, we look forward to good times – family weddings planned for the year ahead, holidays to anticipate, good things in store – like Pooh's honey which sweeten the days.

Life is a journey but sometimes we can make it into a problem-solving exercise.

We angst over things that might never happen; we try to work out solutions which are impossible; we waste precious time worrying.

Life is for living in the here and now and we should grasp it while we can.

This new year will bring its joys and sorrows as every year does because it is a journey.

We are blessed if we have friends who walk beside us on our journey who will sing with us when we're happy and who will weep with us when we're sad, and who will rescue us from the potholes.

May God go ahead of you this year and bless you with love and with friends as you journey through this year.

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



New Year loony dookers take to the sea at Torrisdale.

# Torrisdale dookers plunge into 2018

NEW ZEALANDERS spending the festive season in Kintyre joined a group of wild swimmers for an impromptu loony dook at Torrisdale on New Year's Day.

While the McKinlay family's homeland down under enjoyed summer temperatures of between 20°C and 30°C, it was much

closer to freezing on Kintyre's wintry east coast.

Relatives of the Macalister Halls, the visitors stayed at the family's Torrisdale Castle home, and joined several others in the chilly aquatic adventure on January 1.

Emma Macalister Hall is part of the Carradale Wild Swimmers

group which took the plunge at 2pm, with members inviting friends and family to join in.

Mrs Macalister Hall said: 'I was stunned to see a massive turnout on the beach!'

Around 17 swimmers took to the water, ranging in age from Mrs Macalister Hall's seven-year-old Zoe to

84-year-old Ray Lee, who recently moved to the area.

Carradale Wild Swimmers group has enjoyed a year of twice-weekly outdoor swims. Members were motivated to form the club after joining charity swimmer Kirsty Black in one of her daily December dips in 2016.

# Wind batters Dunaverty's New Year competition

Heavy rain and strong winds affected the scores in Dunaverty Golf Club's New Year competition.

The elements combined to keep scores on the high side in the first competition of 2018, as players tried to add to their Christmas competition total to get a combined score for both events.

John Marrison, winner of the Christmas

competition, Danny Halliday and Robert Irvine were the main contenders for the combined score but it was John who prevailed to edge Danny out by two shots.

David MacBrayne continued with his recent good form to win the New Year event by five shots and the captain's prize of a bottle of Highland Park whisky.

Results – New Year

competition: 1 David MacBrayne 76-12=64, 2 Bill Brannigan 81-12=69, 3 Sandy Watson 79-9=70 (bih), 4 Donald Brown 94-24=70, 5 Robert Irvine 80-9=71 (bih), 6 John Marrison 89-18=71 (bih).

Christmas and New Year combined net score: 1 John Marrison 71=71=142, 2 Danny Halliday 73=71=144, 3 Robert Irvine 76=71=147, 4 Donald Brown 82=70=152.



Left to right: David MacBrayne, club captain John McDowall and John Marrison.

## SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £1550

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

Raymond Gosling  
Tormhor  
Carradale

Mr J Martin  
Mill Road  
Campbeltown

### All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

### Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

### Competition Rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time.

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Name .....

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..... Tel No. ....

I enclose £1 for 10 crosses (tick box)  The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 10, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish. No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules. How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen. Ten crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. Crosses must not overlap Send to 'Spot the Ball' Competition, Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE

**Please tape your £1 coin here (if posting)**

# SPORT



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Dippers head for the depths down the slip at Dalintober as a result of the high tides. Photo by Campbell Fox.

## Dippers descend at Dalintober



Alison Fox and Morag McLean were all smiles.



Michael Foreman barbecued the sausages.

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A PAIR of octopuses, a lobster, two bananas, a cockerel and possibly a pharaoh took the plunge at the fifth Dalintober Dip for Dosh.

In addition, a large contingent wore traditional swimming gear, including bikinis, as they splashed round the bay formed by the old quay.

Piper Ian McKerral played tunes including *Campbeltown Loch* and *Mull of Kintyre* to encourage dippers into the water.

High spring tides meant there was no beach for the traditional run into the surf. Bathers entered down the slip and many chose to jump into the water.

Numbers were slightly down on 2017, which was attributed to flu that has caused many to suffer a prolonged infection.

None of this seemed to bother the large crowd of spectators, in cool but dry conditions, who filmed and photographed the event from North Shore Street.

Later a party atmosphere developed as swimmers tucked into a buffet lunch, including barbecued sausages, largely provided by members of the Dalintober Beach Regeneration Group and Campbeltown Sailing Club.

As the *Courier* went to press the total raised at the event was still to be finalised.

In fancy dress for the big dip in aid of charity were Jamie McLean, Catriona Semple and Dawn Miller.



The *Courier* team were 'cyclist' Mark Davey and a pair of octopuses in Hannah O'Hanlon and Rebecca Harvey.  
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Photo by Warren Harvey.



Greig Walker and Campbell Fox manned the rescue boat.

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