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Jobs boost as planners back wrasse hatchery

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THE ECONOMY trumped the environment as a controversial Machrihanish fish farm gained planning consent – despite more than 60 objections.

On Wednesday more than 100 supporters were vindicated when Marine Harvest's

20,000 square metre wrasse hatchery, on a Machrihanish green-field site, was unanimously approved by Argyll and Bute's planning committee.

Wrasse are a so-called 'cleaner species' which eat sea lice. These parasites plague salmon in sea farms around the world.



The planning committee in Victoria Hall. 25_c03planning01



Planning committee members at the existing facility in Machrihanish on Wednesday morning. 25_c03planning02

Before the meeting, held from 10.30am in Victoria Hall, councillors were given a short tour of the area and the proposed site, facing Uisead beach, north of the Gauldrons.

Prior to the decision, a pre-determination hearing was held, at the direction of planning officers, due to the 'extent of third party representation received'.

Marine Harvest managing director Ben Hadfield welcomed the decision and said: 'We are delighted that the

council has supported this project, which will allow for an increase in the production of wrasse to tackle the challenge of sea lice.

'This project will create a number of jobs and help support a fragile rural economy.' Save the Gauldrons (STG) protesters, led by Sound of Kintyre-based Bob Miller, vowed to continue the battle to preserve the coastal environment.

Before the committee vote, he raised the

possibility of STG campaigners making a community buyout of the threatened area to preserve it forever.

Following the meeting, Mr Miller said: 'The development can only proceed if the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Marine Scotland approve the Controlled Activities Regulations. These will provide a number of further hurdles.'

In its approval, Argyll and Bute Council's full Planning, Protective

Services and Licensing Committee found that Marine Harvest's application was an exceptional case and did meet the Area Capacity Evaluation criteria.

Speaking earlier, Councillor Donald Kelly said that it was the first time for at least 17 years that a full planning meeting had been held in Campbeltown.

Mr Kelly added: 'I have been a councillor for 17 years and I have never received so many letters, phone

calls and emails from the community in support of an application.

'This facility will put Argyll and Bute firmly on the map for a cleaner, greener way to deal with sea lice.'

Lyle Gillespie, who works for McFadyens, spoke about the need for Kintyre jobs and told the meeting: 'McFadyens sponsored me to train as a quantity surveyor.'

'Projects like these provide employment opportunities and are vital to the area.'

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Were seals washed up in Carradale shot?

A FEW CARADALE villagers are up in arms after two seals they suspect had been shot were washed up on the coast.

A pup was found on the rocks on Shore Road with what a man, who does not want to be identified, claims was a catastrophic abdomen wound.

He said: 'I'm told by a local hunter and gun owner it is suggestive of a high-velocity rifle shot.'

An adult seal was found on Port Righ beach the same day with a single hole in the head which the same man and a woman claim is due to it being shot.

A post on Carradale Bay Holiday Park's social media page said:

'I came across the distressing sight while out enjoying a walk.

'Thank goodness I had no children with me as I cannot get the vision out of my mind. I hate to think what impact it would have had to a child.

'I have the photos but wouldn't dream of sharing as they are awful.

'Sad times and not what our tourists would like to find.'

Legal

It is legal for salmon farms to shoot seals, providing they have the correct licence, issued by Marine Scotland, but is a practice which disturbs many people.

Marine Harvest (MH), which employs people across Kin-

tyre, operates the salmon farm in Kilbrannan Sound north of Carradale and admitted shooting a seal on January 7.

MH business support manager Steve Bracken said: 'One grey seal was shot at our Carradale farm on January 7 following repeated seal attacks in December and January.

'We have seal deterrence measures in place at the farm, but they had not prevented the seal attacks and more than 3,000 fish had been killed.

'We followed all the appropriate regulations governing the shooting of seals.

'As required by law, we have notified the Scottish Government of the shooting.

'We always regret having to resort to shooting a seal but in some cases it is unavoidable to protect our salmon.'

Mr Bracken added shooting was heard in the area on January 8. The shot mammal was a grey seal. The one

at Port Righ beach appears to be a common seal, so it may have been shot by someone else.

Another member of the public, who did not want to be identified, claimed the Port Righ seal had not been shot and the hole in its head

was caused by gulls pecking at its eye after it was washed up.

Marine Scotland officer, Reid Anderson, based in Campbeltown, said anyone who suspects a seal has been shot should report it to his office on 03002 448690.

POLICE FILES

Assault charge

A MAN, 52, has been charged with assault after an incident in Burnbank Street, Campbeltown.

Police attended the incident at 10.10pm on Tuesday January 9 and detained the man after he assaulted another man and a woman.

Collision

A BMW and a Suzuki collided at 5.55pm last Friday on Kinloch Road, Campbeltown.

One of the drivers, a 52-year-old man, was found to be disqualified from driving. He was charged with that offence and careless driving.

Drugs found

POLICE found cannabis after stopping a car at 12.40pm on Monday in Kilkerran Park, Campbeltown.

A 33-year-old man and a 23-year-old woman were charged with possessing the drug and a report was sent to the procurator fiscal.

Witness appeal

A MAN and woman approached another woman and made threats at 12.50pm on Wednesday January 10, in Kinloch Road, Campbeltown.

Police are investigating and appealing for witnesses or information.

Pole damaged

SOMETIME between Monday January 1 and Thursday January 4, a BT telegraph pole on an access road near Torrisdale Castle, was damaged.

Police are investigating and are appealing for witnesses or information. Contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



The rubble and plastic dumped on the dunes.

Reader's dismay over Dunaverty flytipping

A READER was so appalled by flytipping on the dunes at scenic Dunaverty beach he sent a picture to the *Courier*.

In response to the image, Councillor John Armour said: 'I'm really disappointed to see this and would urge everyone to make use of the Roding Recycling site in Campbeltown to dump waste.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'This area is

private land and it is the responsibility of the owner or occupier to act.

'We will make sure they are notified and work with them to identify the offender.

'The fixed penalty notice for fly tipping is £200. If it is not paid, prosecution could result in a fine of up to £40,000.'

Fly tipping should be reported to the council on 01546 605514.

Wedding bells for Billy and Yvonne

BILLY Irving, a Campbeltown-educated pirate hunter and his fiancée Yvonne MacHugh will tie the knot in March.

Billy was freed from four years of 'hell' in an Indian jail

after weapons charges were quashed by an appeal judge before Christmas.

Yvonne, 29, who campaigned tirelessly for Billy's release, said she was 'beyond excit-

ed' to finally wed the 37-year-old ex-soldier, from Connel, on March 24 in Paisley. After the announcement the couple, who have a son, William, 2, were swamped with good wishes.

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Rock band aids a brave ‘wee warrior’

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ROCK band The Twisted Melons will raise the roof at Campbeltown town hall in support of a poorly toddler.

Tomorrow (Saturday) night’s benefit gig, organised by his Campbeltonian granny Zandra Mcgougan, for two-year-old Harris Mcgougan, from Dunbeg, Oban will also feature Matt McAllister, Jamie G and Stevie Gorman.

Harris, who was diagnosed with leukaemia a few months after his second birthday, has been unable to return home since starting treatment at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow last July.

Harris stays at the CLIC Sargent home, Marion’s House, between hospital admissions and his mother has been with him constantly.

Zandra loves to spend time with him, visiting as often as she can.

Zandra said: ‘Harris is the most loving,



Harris with Marshall from Paw Patrol.

caring two-year-old. On his good days, he walks past the nurses’ station and makes them laugh with his antics.

‘He loves to play hide and seek, and pout in the mirror to see his beautiful wee face.

His favourite thing is his iPad and he loves dancing.

‘Harris is the bravest wee boy I know.

‘With everything he is going through, he still smiles every day.’

He celebrated Christ-

mas at Marion’s House with family members visiting.

Harris requires a further block of chemotherapy but at present is in isolation due to having contracted the flu virus.

His family hopes that he will be able to return home in April or May but he will continue to need treatment for a further two years.

Zandra refers to Harris as ‘our wee warrior’ and in December he was treated to a hospital visit from the Glasgow Warriors rugby squad. At the start of 2018 Campbeltown’s own Wee Warriors held a charity evening in his honour, raising £200.

There is a grand raffle at Saturday’s charity event and tickets can be bought at Snips, Bliss, the Ailsa bar and the Feathers Inn.

Prizes include a £100 voucher for Randall Robertson tattoo, four hours of driving lessons with Martin Brown, vouchers for the Craigard hotel and

various shops in Campbeltown, plus bottles of whisky, wine and vodka, and hair products and make-up.

A few remaining tickets for the concert, at which the musicians are performing free of charge, will be available at the event.



Harris Mcgougan.

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Is the writing on the wall at the Wee Toon's toilets?

News from Campbeltown Community Council

Road crossings

AN OFFICIAL from Transport Scotland (TS) discovered how tricky it is to cross the A83 in Campbeltown when he met Argyll First councillor Donald Kelly.

A meeting of Campbeltown Community Council heard, last Tuesday, that TS official George Fiddes was stuck on one side of the beige surfaced crossing for some moments while the rest of the group were opposite him.

Mr Kelly said: 'The current unofficial crossing points are unsafe. Hopefully as a result of this meeting we will see a new designated crossing installed.'

Mr Fiddes left the town convinced of the need for a lights-controlled crossing in the area of the Aqualibrium.

Members also discussed the possibility of a flashing 30mph sign, at the entrance to Campbeltown near Gobagrennan Road on the A83, to remind drivers of the speed limit.

School demolition

MEMBERS were informed that when the new grammar school opens and the old one is demolished, parking will be restricted at the school.

It was reported that staff and pupils were to be encouraged to car share and that there would be restrictions on school parking in Hutcheon, Limecraigs and Woodlands Roads.

There was a suggestion that there might be parking in Campbeltown with a bus link to the school.

Campbeltown residents give their thoughts

ARGYLL and Bute council's proposal to close the public toilets may save a pretty penny but has met strong opposition.

Campbeltown faces losing facilities on Bolgam Street and Hall Street in an attempt to cut costs.

Courier reporter Aimée Atlanta went on the streets to test the water and find out peoples' reactions:

George McMillan, 87, newsagent owner in Campbeltown said: 'It is sheer vandalism. Everyone needs access to a public toilet - it's a basic human right.

'Especially older

people like myself. It's an absolute disgrace even thinking about getting rid of them.'



Mary Motherwell

Mary Motherwell, 71, retired, from Campbeltown, said: 'When I'm out with my youngest grandson we'll have to go all the way back home to use the toilet.

'I use a shopping trolley and I wouldn't be able to fit that into small cafes and pubs just to use the loo.'

Gabor Pozsgai, 34, a Campbeltown bartender, said: 'It's ridiculous. It's not fair on pubs and restaurants being encouraged to open the doors for every-

one. Also, at licensed premises people under 18 can't legally come in without an adult so I don't know how that will work.'

George Harrison, 54, a garage manager in Campbeltown, said: 'Tourists aren't going to be able to use a public toilet when they're here; that's going to drive them away.

'I also think it will encourage anti-social behaviour. What's everyone going to do, pee on the streets?'

Mum, **Tricia Woodford**, 37 from Campbeltown, said: 'I think



George Harrison

'People with certain disabilities who need access to toilets when they're out will suffer. They'll end up too scared to leave the house, in case they have an accident or perhaps issues with a catheter, for example.

'It's shocking.'

However, not everyone is sad to see the public toilets lock their doors forever as mum, **Morgan MacLean**, 32, from Campbeltown said: 'I couldn't care really. The toilets are unclean. I would never take my daughter in them anyway.



Gabor Pozsgai

it's really bad, especially for young children and elderly people.

'There won't be anywhere else for them to use the toilet. People are going to end up peeing in closes... more than usual.'

Frances Coats, 56, a bed and breakfast owner in Campbeltown, said: 'It's affecting the most vulnerable in society.



Frances Coats



Tricia Woodford and her daughter

'I guess it's difficult for tourists so if we want tourists here we should keep them clean.'

Councillor Roddy McCuish, policy lead for roads and amenity services, said: 'We can work with communities to keep these toilets open. If anybody can come up with ideas to save jobs and services, I would be delighted to hear from them.'

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George McMillan

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JONES - RAMSAY

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A terrific day for both families.

Red Cross to sell its Campbeltown base

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MANY voluntary groups which use Campbeltown's Red Cross hall may need to make emergency changes if there is a quick sale of the premises.

The British Red Cross has a board outside its Lochgilphead hall and, although an agent has not been appointed, also hopes to sell its Campbeltown, Kirk Street base.

Lochgilphead's hall at 17a Union Street has been listed, at £45,000, with Freeman MacLeod in Glasgow.

The building, in a primarily residential area, is described as a detached single storey building currently in use as a meeting hall with ancillary office accommodation.

Marie Hayes, the Red Cross national director for independent living and crisis response in Scotland said: 'We have been looking at the suitability and viability of the halls in both towns and made the decision to sell the properties.'

'While the hall in Campbeltown has been well used as a community and fundraising resource for many years, a number of factors make it no longer fit for purpose for the services that Red Cross provides.'

'Leaving the buildings does not mean services in the area will end.'

'The Red Cross has had a long notable history in Kintyre and we are proud of the effort delivered by our volunteers.'

'We intend to continue to deliver our emergency response, mobility aids, and renal support services using a smaller, more cost effective location and we are looking for a new site in Lochgilphead to manage our services across Argyll.'

'We are also working with our volunteers in Campbeltown to identify space in the community to base their activities.'

'The Red Cross aims to help people in crisis both in the UK and overseas.'

'To do this well we



Campbeltown's Red Cross hall. 25_c03redcross01

need to ensure we spend our money wisely and buy or lease buildings that enable us to deliver our services in a cost efficient manner.

'We realise that making changes to our buildings can be unsettling for our service users, staff and volunteers who have been meeting and providing a service from both locations for many years.'

'Their work to provide help to people in crisis has been incredible, and we have been careful to communicate this change as sensitively as possible and thank them for everything they have done.'

'We look forward to continuing to provide our vital services to people in Argyll.'

'We will be relocating our services and looking for a smaller location in Lochgilphead to base our services once the buildings are sold.'

The Guides hall in Lochend Street also used by voluntary groups is also on the market. See page 16 for more details.

Jeremy Kyle couple sentenced

A COUPLE who featured on the Jeremy Kyle show were sentenced in separate hearings at Campbeltown sheriff court.

Louise Green divided on her former partner Richard Arthur Frank Butler and kissed him during the TV show on November 6.

She described a swinging lifestyle and said: 'We are completely and utterly in love.'

The pair rented a flat at A1 Albert Place, Burnbank Street, where, 11 days after the show, they fell apart in an abusive row with both ending up in custody.

On Wednesday, Green, 31, of 5 Church Street, Ferryhill, Durham, was fined £500. She pleaded guilty to one charge of assaulting a police officer by spitting in their face.

Green had intervened as officers struggled to arrest Butler, 29.

On Thursday, Butler, of 23 Johnson Avenue, Gillingham, Kent pleaded guilty to an assault charge and further charges of breaching bail by returning to the Campbeltown flat without a police escort.

Butler was ordered to carry out 100 hours of unpaid work in Kent.

Speeding motorist begs to keep licence

JP MARGARET McDowall showed leniency to a Campbeltown man who appeared before her in court.

Steven Andrew McPherson, 48, of 83 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to driving his car at 44 miles per hour, exceeding the 30 miles per hour speed limit on the A83 at Gobagrennan Road, Campbeltown, on September 24 last year.

McPherson, who already had nine penalty points on his licence, begged Mrs McDowall not to add more as he

could be disqualified under the totting-up system.

Mrs McDowall said: 'Mr McPherson, everybody knows that is where the police pick you up [for speeding] - it's the worst bit on the whole road.'

McPherson argued that he needed his licence to attend hospital appointments in Lochgilphead on a monthly basis.

Fining him £300, Mrs McDowall said: 'I will leave you sitting at nine points, Mr McPherson, but please don't be back in this

court for a speeding offence because I will take your licence next time.'

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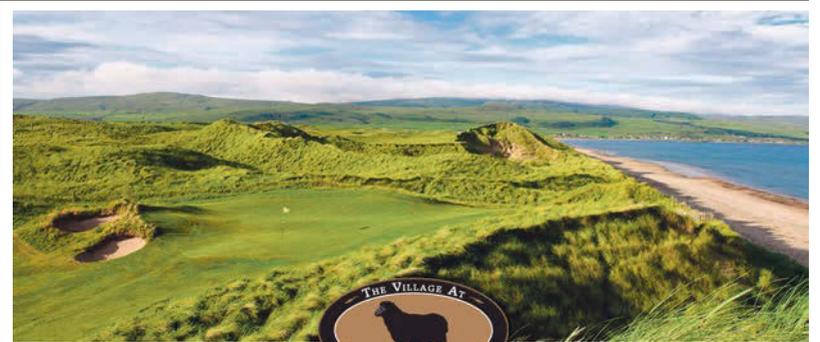
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Editorial

A very fragile landscape and economy

Planners meeting in Campbeltown on Wednesday were faced with a difficult decision.

Both Argyll and Bute's economy and its environment are fragile. The fish hatchery at Machrihanish will undoubtedly bring work but will it wreck the environment?

On the A887 road to Skye, from the Great Glen, at Glenmoriston, Marine Harvest has just replaced a salmon smolt hatchery with a state-of-the-art production unit, including a visitor viewing gallery.

Perhaps it would be possible for the firm to add something similar at Machrihanish. The firm's application already pledges to create Fessenden interpretation boards.

Let's hope the building of the hatchery does not affect visitor numbers.

Much was made of the destruction of the natural environment. Birds and wildlife are adaptable and many birds of prey are to be seen at the roadside stalking prey from telegraph wires.

Any development inevitably impacts on the environment but Kintyre has a long history of industry, including coal mining, ship building, cheese production and whisky, much of which brings tourists to the area.

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Disregard and indifference shown by Openreach

Sir,
 From December 27 to the late evening on the January 4, the people of Islay and Jura were once again shown complete disregard and indifference by the various internet providers and BT Openreach.

Non-existent or practically non-existent internet service along with members of customer service teams that constantly denied that we even had any line issues have played a huge part in heavily damaging what was left of our internet providers' reputations.

With so many households that did not have fiber-optic connections being offline for so long, appropriate compensation must be paid out to my constituents.

In future we need much more joined-up thinking by the internet providers when monitoring line faults.

Far too many times call handlers have been trying to process multiple complaints, on an individual basis, rather than attempting to understand the problem facing the internet service for Islay and Jura wide.

As your local councillor, I will continue to press Openreach and our internet providers to dramatically improve their service and pay out compensation to customers.

A quality internet service is an essential part of living in the modern world, not a needless luxury.

Councillor Alastair Redman Save the public conveniences

Sir,
 Argyll and Bute Council, in its annual exercise of making what they call their policy savings, lists 32 options to save in excess of £1.8m.

I was a member of the council for 22 years. It was always the tactics of the ad-

Down memory lane



THE 'WONDER of Woolies' is becoming a distant memory since the stores closed nearly a decade ago.

Many people with happy memories of the Campbeltown branch, have commented on a photograph of a Woolworths' night out posted on Facebook group Old Campbeltown and surrounding area.

The picture was first posted in early November and excited little comment. When reposted a month later, 16 people responded including:

Ray Speed: 'My mum was a supervisor in Woolies from 1965 ish until 1969. I can't see her in the photo so I think this

must have been earlier than 1965.'

Margaret Rose Macbrayne: 'I also remember a Linda Speed who worked at the record counter.

'I was so envious...I wanted to play all the records. I started on the Pet Food Counter. Happy days and memories.'

Elizabeth McMillan: 'I think it is about 1963/64.'

□ In last week's Down memory lane, the Courier stated that Mary Smith's maiden name was Semple. In fact the wedding invitation was sent by Miss Smith's parents: Mr and Mrs Mathieson to a Mr and Mrs Semple.

ministration to nominate 'unthinkable' options and withdraw them days before the budget meeting in response to public outrage.

On reviewing the current proposals, one which is totally unthinkable, unacceptable and which would devastate the tourist industry in Argyll and Bute is the proposal to close 36 of the 57 public toilets.

Scotland is increasingly becoming a global tourist destination, and questions are being asked on how the current infrastructure can cope with the burgeoning demand.

A move like this is completely wrong-headed and would lead to Argyll and Bute being considered a 'no-go' area for many tour operators and their customers.

All 36 councillors should consider this when mak-

ing their budget decisions - do not close these toilets and remove infrastructure that is key to supporting our tourism industry.

**Robert Macintyre,
 Serpentine Road,
 Rothesay,
 Isle of Bute.**

Rotary Christmas post thanks

Sir,
 Just before Christmas, Rotarians had a busy time sorting and delivering the annual Campbeltown Christmas post.

Although this is a huge amount of work, it enables the club to continue the work of helping others locally, nationally and internationally.

The total amount of money raised was considerably less than in 2016, but on the whole this year, peo-

ple sent fewer cards. It was still a worth-while exercise from a Rotary point of view and although some expenses need to be deducted, it leaves a substantial amount for the club funds, and members would like to thank the public for their continued support.

Thanks are also due to the non-Rotarians who helped and without whom the task would have been much greater.

One or two of these need to be named, for their help was substantial. They are Maureen Mathieson, Stewart McMillan, Brian McClement and Ian Ronald.

Help was also given by other non-Rotarians, and by the shop-keepers who allowed posting boxes to be left on their premises namely Wallpaper Shop, McGeachy Butchers, Keiths Newsagents, Ral-

ston Road Store, Machrihanish Golf Club Pro Shop, Tayinloan Shop, Glenbarr Shop and Muneroy Stores, Southend. Thank you all.

**Rotary Club of
 Campbeltown
 spokesperson.**

Newspaper price

Sir,
 A brief comment concerning the price of my favourite local newspaper increasing to 90 pence per week.

Is this value for money? In old money, as many Courier readers will remember, it is a whopping 18 shillings.

In the January 5 issue there were 28 pages but only 12 gave any local news worthy of mention.

I am a great supporter of the local paper but surely rather than an increase in price a reduction would be more appropriate.

Is the paper value for money? I will let Courier readers decide.

**Keith Abendroth,
 6 Loch View Avenue,
 Campbeltown.**

Boys' Brigade show

Sir,
 An exhibition of photos and information relating to 130 years of the Boys' Brigade in Campbeltown is on display in the town library.

The show is on view until the end of January. Campbeltown Boys' Brigade hopes all ex-BB members and the public will visit and see what the organisation has given to Campbeltown boys during those years.

**Alister Nimmo,
 1st Campbeltown
 Boys Brigade.**

Christmas brought alive

Sir,
 The children of Southend school did themselves, the school, their parents and the community proud.

Christmas came alive with their wonderful nativity play.

Well done all of you.
**Mrs E Semple,
 St Columba's Way,
 Southend.**

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April's 'Gintyre' is the perfect spring tonic

Mark Davey

editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

DISTILLER Beinn an Tuirc is convinced its three-day gin festival offers a complete cocktail of events.

Gintyre, jointly organised by Kintyre Gin, the Town Hall and Explore Campbeltown, will fill the town with the clink of glasses from Friday April 20

to Sunday April 22. Beinn an Tuirc chief Niall Macalister Hall said: 'We recently went live on social media with Kintyre's very own gin festival which

it is hoped will promote and benefit the area as a whole.

'The weekend is scheduled to include a food pairing dinner at the Ardshiel on the Friday night, a gin festival at the Town Hall on Saturday afternoon with a variety of gin producers present, followed in the evening with a live band, an open day at Beinn an Tuirc Distillery and a gin-themed film at Campbeltown Picture House on Sunday.

'The idea is to spread the event across Kintyre and Gigha, and include as many other establishments and businesses as possible.'



Neil Macalister Hall, Su Black and Eilidh Maxwell with their German Muller still. 25_c22kintyregin01.jpg

News from Campbeltown Community Council

Community funding deadline

COMMUNITY council member Lesley Black confirmed that she would be making an application for £2,500 from Argyll and Bute's Supporting Communities Fund programme to pay for more seagull-proof bins.

Applications to the fund close next Monday and groups can apply for a maximum of £2,500 per project or event.

For more information about the fund call the council's community development officer Antonia Baird on 01546 604270 or email communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Police report

POLICE constables Chris Bain and Connor MacAuley gave the crime figures for the month since December's meeting.

There were six tickets for traffic offences, one formal recorded police warning, and one anti-social behaviour order.

Reports were made to the procurator fiscal as follows: two for drug possession, seven for breach of the peace, four assaults, one drink driving, one speeding, one mobile phone use in a vehicle, one theft by house breaking and two assaults on police.

In total there were 110 incidents recorded by the police.

Social media

FOR the first time, the community council is online with a Facebook page at Campbeltown Community Council.

One of the first posts was a link to HIJOBS.net which has a vacancy listed for an apprentice with the Oil and Pipelines Agency.

"LAST BALL IN THE HALL"
Friday 2nd February Starts 7.30pm
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Win tickets to the Scottish Caravan, Motorhome and Holiday Home Show



SCOTLAND'S largest exhibition is making its welcome return to Glasgow from February 8 to 11.

The Scottish Caravan, Motorhome and Holiday Home Show,

which is once again sponsored by one of Scotland's leading motorhome dealers, BC Motorhomes, will take over the entire SEC in Glasgow for another year to wel-

come more than 200 exhibitors and outdoor experts across the four-day period.

To celebrate the return of the much loved exhibition, we've teamed up with the

show to offer readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the ultimate outdoor extravaganza.

With the exhibition set to be bigger than ever in 2018 – with an even larger family camping area, more accessories and hundreds of models, layouts and specifications all in one place – it's the perfect destination to find out more about holidaying at home.

Visitors to the show will be able to have first sight of the brand



new models for 2018 as well as a variety of holiday homes from luxury lodges to eco pods.

With brands including Airstream, Swift, Elddis, Lunar, Bailey, Coachman, Roll-

er Team and Rapido, there is guaranteed to be something to suit all needs and budgets.

Back by popular demand, visitors will also be able to purchase the 'must have' tents and accessories for their outdoor adventures at the Accessory Superstore.

Also on show will be marine products including jet skis and dinghies, as well as other marine accessories.

If that wasn't enough, visitors will be able to wander through the Holiday Park Village where staff will be on hand to provide advice and offer suggestions to make sure their caravanning experience is the best it can be.

In addition, a number of clubs and associations will be there to help you pick out your next destination, while free caravan towing or motorcaravan manoeuvring sessions are on offer from the Caravan and Motorhome Club.

Tickets on sale now. Book yours and find out more about this year's exhibition at www.caravan-showscotland.com

To be in with a chance of winning the

tickets, simply answer the following question: What dates are the Scottish Caravan, Motorhome and Holiday Home Show on?

Send your answer to Scottish Caravan Show competition, Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Main Street, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE.

Terms and conditions.

This competition is open to all adults over 18. All entries must include the name and contact details of the entrant. Entries will not be considered if they do not have all information specified.

Winners will be chosen at random and the editor's decision is final.

The prize is one pair of tickets to the Scottish Caravan, Motorhome and Holiday Home Show 2018.

Prize is valid for one day entry only and can be used on any one day between Thursday February 8 and Sunday February 11, 2018.

This prize has no cash alternative, is non-refundable and non-exchangeable.

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Historic hall offered for bargain price

Mark Davey
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THE *COURIER* understands an offer for Kinloch hall, known in Campbeltown as the 'Guides hall', has been made and is being considered.

The Lochend Street, B-listed building, designed by Victorian Glasgow-based architect Henry Edward Clifford, was put on the market, at offers over £59,000, with solicitors and estate agents Stewart Balfour Sutherland (SBS) late last year.

Girlguiding Scotland's county commissioner for Argyll and Bute Christine Lawrence confirmed on Monday that an offer had been made.

Mrs Lawrence added that another agent had been appointed to consider the offer and that it had not been accepted or a closing date set.

In recent years, the hall has been refurbished to a modern standard including central heating, a fitted kitchen with two large ovens, hob and three sinks. There are two separate disabled

access toilets on the ground floor.

The main hall has a high vaulted ceiling, triple lancet windows and a hard wood floor, there are two further rooms.

The upper floor has a further toilet and another bright and airy room.

Mrs Lawrence said: 'It is an old building costing an awful lot of money to run.

'There are heating and damp problems and whoever buys it will have work to do.

'Guiding is very healthy in many are-

as of Argyll and Bute including Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig, Dunoon and Oban but in Campbeltown it is hard to attract adult volunteers.

'There have been expressions of interest from further away but I was told by the Campbeltown committee in December that an offer had been made and they wanted to accept it.'

The *Courier* understands that Girlguiding Scotland holds the title deed after the organisation bought the hall in 1979, partly



Kinloch hall known as the Guides hall.

using a grant of £3,000 from the government.

Mrs Lawrence added: 'Girlguiding has appointed another agent to consider the offer. It will be better if the hall is sold.'

Kinloch hall is used by many Campbel-

town groups including Kintyre Brownies and Guides.

It has been the base for Campbeltown Community Church's 50 members for the past six years and the pastor, Chris Holden, said the group would

be keen to work with any future purchaser.

A spin off from the Community Church, Mainly Music, which runs in the hall on Thursday evenings, has proved very popular and currently has a waiting list.

Tenement survey - £50 prize

A BRICKS and mortar survey on tenements is offering a shopping voucher for answers.

Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) wants to find

out how owners manage common repairs and what matters most to them, including demand for a professional factoring service and regular gutter cleaning. The survey, not open

to tenants, is available at <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/campbeltown-repairs> and owners who complete the survey will be entered into a draw for a £50 voucher for the

store of their choice.

In recent years, several prominent tenement buildings have been repaired, with owners committing to maintain their properties.

Safeguard

There is no funding to assist with repairs for most tenements and owners must work together on regular maintenance and repairs to safeguard their properties.

Owners have been encouraged to form owners' associations and over 20 active associations now operate in Campbeltown town centre.

For further information telephone 01546 604 171, or email press@argyll-bute.gov.uk



Taking photographs of on-going CARS work above McLean Place, Campbeltown. 25_c03cars01

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Choosing a nursery?

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children with well-planned and exciting experiences. Children regularly visit Kilmory Woods for Forest School activities enabling them to learn about the environment and develop a range of skills. The Pre-5 Unit has close links with Primary 1 thus offering an enhanced transition process into Primary education.



Registration week for free early learning and childcare is coming up in March. Here are some things worth considering when choosing a nursery.

Speak to your friends, relatives, colleagues and look in local press. These are generally trusted sources for recommendations.

See what The Care Inspectorate, independent regulators of care services in Scotland, says about local facilities. Their website www.careinspectorate.com allows you to search all the services in a town or postcode area. You'll find:

- * Service and provider details - who, what and where.
- * Conditions of Registration - opening times and maximum number of children cared for.
- * Quality Grades - see how a service is performing. Care Inspectors during unannounced visits look at four themes, care and support, environment, staffing, leadership and management.

- * Inspections - full inspection reports are available.
- * Complaints / Enforcements

Armed with the above information, contact those nurseries on your shortlist. You should be offered an information pack that conditions some or all of the following:

- * The aim of the nursery
- * Background on the nursery
- * Opening times
- * Numbers of children cared for
- * Inspection grades
- * How they will involve you and your child in the service
- * Information on Pre-Birth to Three / Curriculum for Excellence (Scottish Government policy)
- * A typical day at the nursery
- * Fees and payment terms

You will want to visit possible nurseries. Do not be afraid to take a list of questions on your visit. Similar to viewing a house, you should get a feel about the nursery as soon as you walk in.

Things to consider:

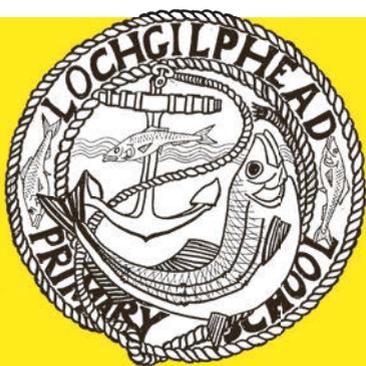
- * Is the entrance safe and secure?

- * Is the entrance area welcoming, with displays of children's work, parent notice boards and staff photographs.

- * Are you asked to sign in? The member of staff who shows you around should be knowledgeable and put you at ease.

As part of your visit, you should expect:

- * To view all playrooms, regardless of the age of your child.
- * To be welcomed by all staff as you enter playrooms and a nice touch is when staff speak to your child, showing their genuine interest.
- * Playrooms to be calm, but not quiet - children should be engaged in a variety of learning opportunities including imaginative play, arts and crafts and physical play.
- * To view evidence of children's involvement such as art work and photographs.
- * The nursery and all resources to be visibly clean.



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- * To be shown children's toilets, nappy changing areas and outdoor play areas - again these should be clean.
- * To speak to a member of the management team.
- * To see evidence of the curriculum in practice - planning and information documents displayed.

Argyll & Bute Council:

Children born between March 1, 2015 and February 29, 2016 are eligible for free Early Learning and Childcare from August 2018. Registration week will take place week beginning Monday March 5, 2018.

Information leaflets will be available from early learning and childcare providers at the time of registration and parents can obtain further guidance from the Early Years helpline (01369 708503), Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon, PA23 8AJ

Campbeltown Nursery Centre - supporting a successful transition to Primary School

Campbeltown Nursery Centre offers free quality early learning and childcare for all children from 3 years until they commence primary school. The Centre benefits from hosting Meadows Under Fives within the building which enables children to access all day care as they can attend sessions at both, along with the lunch club if required. Campbeltown Nursery

Centre follows Curriculum for Excellence and offers a range of fun learning activities which supports children's holistic development. The nursery has an excellent outdoor provision which enables children to participate in a range of fun outdoor learning opportunities through recourses such as the mud kitchen and the bug hotel. Campbeltown Nursery Centre works hard

to ensure a successful transition takes place from Nursery to Primary School, regardless of school choice. Although Campbeltown Nursery Centre works in very close partnership with Castlehill Primary School they also work well with all local primary schools to support successful transitions to school meaning parents can make their decisions on school at a later date. Campbeltown Nursery Centre uses various toolkits to track, monitor and plan for children's learning and has recently revamped their PE Programme which incorporates opportunities for children to participate in a range of sports such as football, swimming, gymnastics and golf. Registration Week at Campbeltown Nursery takes place week commencing Monday 20th February. Parents and Carers are welcome to pop in anytime throughout the week to complete a registration form or for a look round and to find out more information.



If your child turns three between 1st March 2018 and 28th Feb 2019 you are invited to register them for their FREE Early Learning and Childcare Place at Campbeltown Nursery Centre.

You can choose to register your child for 5 FREE weekly sessions. Either a morning or an afternoon space, or a combination of both if preferred.

Morning Sessions: Monday to Friday; 8:50am until 12noon

Afternoon Sessions: Monday to Friday; 12:30pm until 3:40pm.

- We work in close partnership with Meadows Under Fives to provide quality all day care.
- A lunch club is available for children to attend prior to their afternoon nursery space or following their morning space.

If you have any questions or would like further information with regards registering your child at Campbeltown Nursery Centre please contact **Mrs Fiona Graham** at **Campbeltown Nursery Centre** on **01586 552397** or by e-mailing fiona.graham2@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

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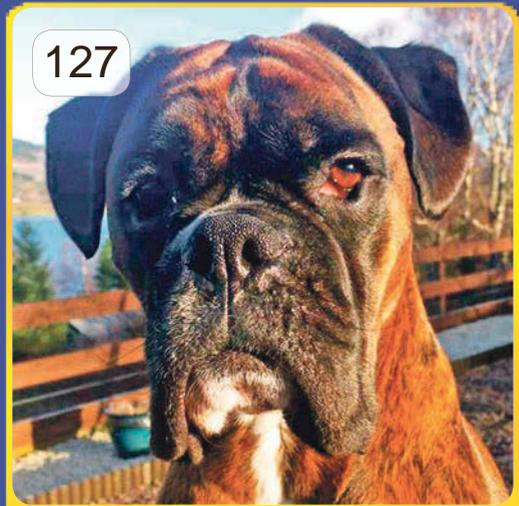
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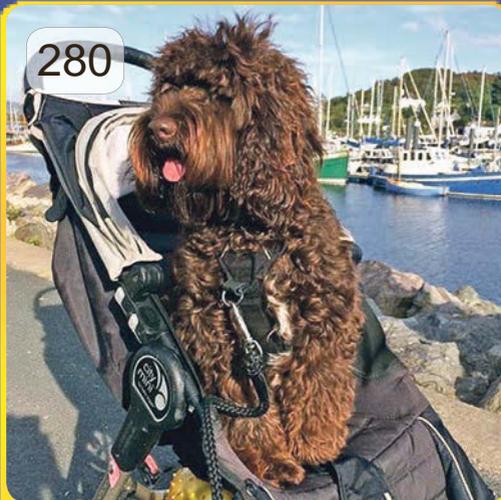
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Time to vote for your WINNER!

It seems that readers all agree that a pet is not just for Christmas. Despite being preoccupied with all-things festive you continued to vote in your thousands before, during and after Santa's big day, and we are now in a position to reveal the top 10 pets in the race to become Pet Idol. Our staff are worn out counting the votes, but we are nearly ready to crown our champion. Voting for the winner is now open and you have until 10am on Monday 22nd January to get your votes to us. We will then announce our winner on Thursday 25th/Friday 26th January. Go on, give it one last push for your favourite furball and get voting.

Votes must be received by 10am, Monday 22nd January.

You can vote for as many pets as many times as you like. Only one pet can be voted for on each voting form. Just make sure you use the number quoted on the pet's photograph when voting. Photocopied coupons will not be accepted. One coupon counts as one vote. We will also accept multiple vote coupons in one envelope.

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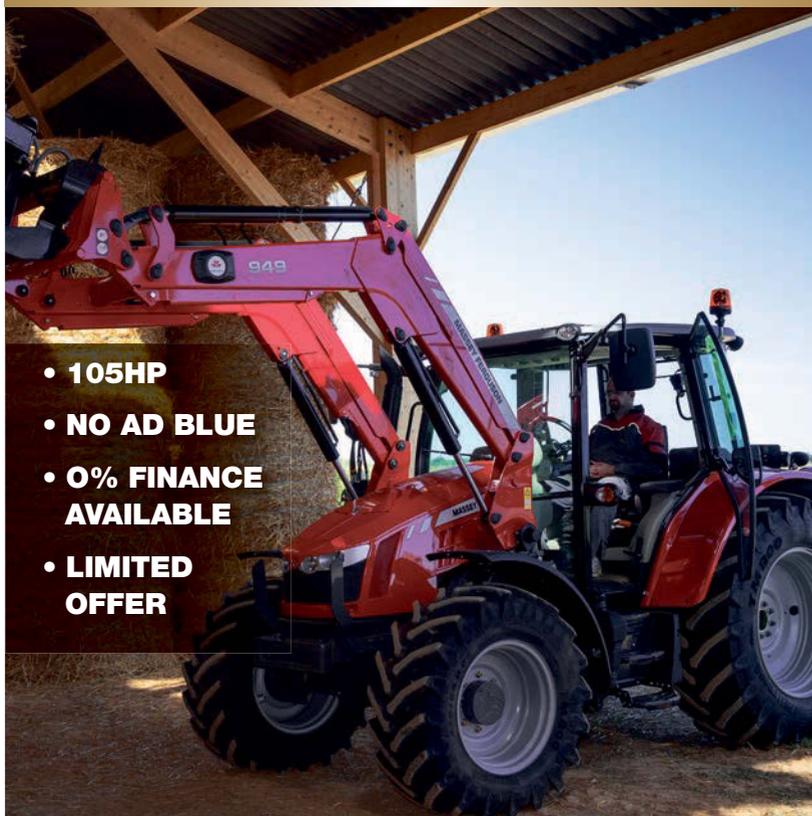
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1. Support local farmers

Farmers are a tight-knit group and can rely on one another for support. Becoming an active member of the farming community, whether it's becoming a vendor at a farmers' market or making a presentation on behalf of farmers, can bring the community together and show that it is stronger than ever.

2. Embrace technology/innovation

Technology is becoming an integral part of the agricultural landscape. With hundreds of apps, the growing popularity of drones and other innovations that have yet to be introduced, embracing the new technologies can be a way to stay ahead of the game and ensure you have all the tools necessary for a successful farming operation.

3. Evaluate the future

A new year means new beginnings, opinions and outlooks. Use the start of 2018 to evaluate the future of the farm. How long do you want to keep running the farm? How involved do any children want to be? Does a succession plan need to be designed? Taking time to answer these questions can help you prepare for the immediate and distant future.

4. Set aside down time

Being in the fields can be very time consuming, physically, and mentally draining. Nobody will argue that the work needs to be done, but it is important to give your body and mind time to relax and recover. Take the beginning of 2018 to possibly create a schedule as to when you'll take some time for yourself and your family.

5. Attend farm shows

Farm shows can be a great way to network, take in round-table discussions and see the latest innovations in agricultural technology.

6. Engage with the general public

Consumers are more conscious about where their food comes from and have many questions about it. Taking the time to engage with the public through social media or other avenues can open the lines of communication and help consumers understand their food is being produced safely and with the health of the environment in mind.

7. Increase the commitment to safety

Almost as important as the crops, machinery and livestock is the safety of the people who work to have a successful operation. Use the new year to take an inventory of the safety measures on your farm and decide if any more steps need to be taken. An extra light on a barn or a small section of fence can go a long way in keeping everyone and every animal on the farm safe.

8. Try something new

Whether it is changing your stock or utilising another form of technology, use the beginning of a new year to research experimenting on the farm. Some things may work, some things may not; but you won't know for sure unless you try.

9. Become an 'advocate'

Make 2018 the year to use social media platforms and other means to become an advocate and tell the real stories behind agriculture.

10. Be active on social media

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
17/03268/MIN	Continued mineral extraction and increase in extent of land to be worked as a hard rock quarry (part retrospective)	Achnaba Quarry Achnaba Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RY	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/03118/PP	Erection of boathouse	Land At Port A' Ghuail East Of West Barfad Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
17/03066/PP	Erection of telecommunications equipment compound with 17.5 metre high lattice tower with associated works and removal of existing 15 metre high mast	Mast North East Of Auchavae Claonaig Skipness Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
17/03195/PP	Erection of 700 metres of 1.8 metres high deer fence	Land South West Of Asknish House Lochgair Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8SB	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/03192/PP	Change of use from existing annexe accommodation to self-catering unit.	Rockbank Glenburn Road Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA30 8EU	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/03162/PP	Change of use of former schoolhouse to provide extension to adjacent primary school	The Schoolhouse Tayvallich Primary School Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8PW	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/03252/MFF	Re-equipment and enlargement of shellfish farm to comprise; 9 long lines and 533 trestles.	Seacroft Oysters And Shellfish Farm Clachan Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6XN	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert

Written comments can be made to the above address or submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> 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 at all Area Offices, Council Libraries and on the Council's website.

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Event Invitation:
The Condition of Fish, Shellfish and Seabed Habitats of the Clyde

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- Fri 26th January, 17:00 hrs, Anchor Hotel, Tarbert, Loch Fyne
- Sat 27th January, 12:30 hrs, Lauriston Hotel, Ardrossan, Ayrshire (allows time to travel by ferry from the Isle of Arran)

To register online for the events go to:
Tarbert: – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-on-the-condition-of-seabed-habitats-fish-and-shellfish-in-the-clyde-tickets-41873135676>
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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (MAIN STREET, CAMPBELTOWN) (NO STOPPING EXCEPT TAXIS) ORDER 2018

Following a review of available parking places for taxis within Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute Council proposes to make a traffic regulation order to formalise the existing parking places for taxis. The proposal is to have two permanent parking areas designated for taxis. They will be located on Main Street at the following locations 1) on the north-west side adjacent to the Town Hall and 2) on the south-east side between Shore Street and Old Quay Head, adjacent to the Factory Shop.

Full details together with a plan and a statement of reasons for proposing to make this traffic regulation order can be inspected by logging on to the Council's website at <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/our-roads-regulations-and-limits> or viewed during normal office hours at:-

(i) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Burnet Building, St John Street, Campbeltown;
 (ii) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Any person wishing to object to the proposals should send details of the grounds for objection in writing providing their name and address, to the Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT, by 10th February 2018. Letters of objection will be replied to after the closing date of the period for objections.

Jim Smith, Head of Roads & Amenity Services, 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD

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Applications to: Chairperson Alan Baker, Ailsa House, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, PA28 6JL.

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RIONNAIG NA MARA

- Detached House
- 4 Bedrooms/1 Bathroom/1 Shower Room
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- Walk-In Condition
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- EPC Rating: C76

OIRO £245,000

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KINTORE, OBAN

- Spacious Detached House
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Closing Date	Interviews
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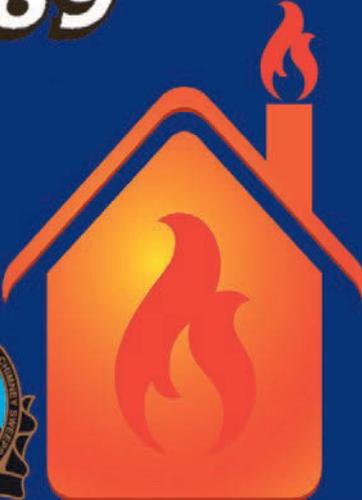
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TEN YEARS AGO Friday 18 January, 2008 The great cycle mystery

WHEN Colin Stalker became proprietor of The Cycle Shop in Longrow, Campbeltown, he little thought that he would have to turn into a detective.

He has the mystery of the unclaimed bikes to solve, as along with the shop and stock came 14 unclaimed bikes left there to be repaired.

Colin reckons that there must be bikes to a value of £1,000 lying unclaimed.

'I'll only be able to keep them for three months before I have to dispose of them as I've new stock coming into the shop,' he said.

So far he has been able to track down the owners of four of them.

Colin is well known in the local cycling world, being a member of the Kintyre Cycle Club. The club helps the Forestry Commission keep the Beinn Ghulean mountain bike track in good repair and new members are always welcome.



Colin Stalker with some of the unclaimed bikes.

ger worker Peter Wilson, 19, were alerted when 20-year-old James Wilson, an apprentice electrician, stumbled across thick black smoke belching through a door at 3am last Wednesday.

'I only got out of bed to go to the toilet, and I saw the thick smoke coming through a door. My immediate reaction was simply to get everyone out of there - I didn't dare open that door.'

Mary was left reeling by the blaze. It took her several days to even venture back into her blackened home.

FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday 18 January, 1968 New grammar school damaged by hurricane

£3,000-WORTH of damage was caused at Campbeltown's new grammar school, still under construction, when a hurricane swept Kintyre at 104 mph early on Monday morning.

Gusts reaching 120 mph completely demolished brick walls, ripped off the felt covering of the music room roof, reduced the workmen's canteen to a tangled mess of metal and wood and blew the roofs off several other sheds at the site.

Many roofs were de-slatted in the Ralston Road area and several garden sheds were blown away. Television aerials also suffered damage.

At Mafeking Place, a glass roof caved in. Nearby, at Eaglesome's shop, a plate-glass window was smashed to pieces.

It was the same story at the Calton housing scheme, with many slates becoming dislodged, windows being blown in and sheds being wrecked.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday January 19, 1917 Sunday gamblers caught

AT THE Police Court on Wednesday Bailie Campbell had before him five lads all charged with having assembled at the Old Quay at about mid-day on Sunday, December 30, for the purpose of playing cards for money.

All pleaded guilty. It appeared that the lads had been hidden behind some hering boxes and had a small boy posted as a look-out to warn them of the approach of the police.

The police, however, had circumvented the look-out and came upon the boys in the act of playing and when money was passing between them.

The Bailie gave the accused a severe lecture on the heinousness of their offence and each was fined 20s or 10 days imprisonment. They were allowed a week to pay the fines.

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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



THIS WEEK I had one of the most wonderful surprises ever.

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Well, last Friday Paddington came to our house, and brought with him unexpected kindness and a gift which I will treasure forever.

The gift was from someone I didn't really know, but who said how much she enjoyed reading 'Thought' and especially the 'Thoughts' about Paddington and Winnie the Pooh.

There is much wisdom their authors give us through these delightful characters and they bring a freshness into life.

In an age where there is much that makes us feel sad or despondent or depressed, it is a joy to dip into the land of escapism for a time.

Yet in many ways it is not escapism - it is truism.

For I do believe there is more goodness in the world than evil: I do believe people would rather do a good turn than a bad one.

So surely it is good to immerse ourselves in things that make us feel uplifted and then share the goodness which is within us and around us.

One of Paddington's quotes says: 'I think I may paint a family portrait today... That is, if I have enough paint left for all the smiles.' If only we could borrow Paddington's paint box and bring more smiles into this wonderful world.

So to my friend who made me smile with her gift of kindness, I hope you know how much you brightened up my day.

'Paddington has a habit of bringing people closer together,' his author said.

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"When I said, 'My foot is slipping,' your love, O Lord, supported me' (Psalm 94:18).

ENGAGEMENTS



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Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on December 28, 2017, of Mark David, eldest son of David and Wilma McCormick, Campbeltown, to Caitlin Jane, eldest daughter of Martin Holmes and the late Dr Christine Begg, Shetland.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Peacefully at home, North Muasdale Farm, Muasdale, on January 16, 2018, Francis Danks (Frank), in his 81st year, dearly beloved husband of Isa, much loved father of Ann, Mary, Joan and Catherine, father-in-law of Harold and Darryl, and loving grandfather of Imogen and Calum. Funeral service will take place in Ireland.

CAMPBELL - On January 9, 2018, suddenly, at the home of his partner Lynn, in Glasgow, Iain Gillespie Campbell, Cherry Tree Cottage, Furnace, in his 69th year, much loved brother of Andrea, brother-in-law of Stuart and dear uncle of Alexander and Iain. Funeral service at Cumlodden Parish Church, on Wednesday, January 24 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Killeven Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired to Cumlodden Church.

CAMPBELL - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Nursing Home, Campbeltown, on January 10, 2018, Marion Mary Campbell, aged 71 years, late of 10 Dunadd View, Kilmichael Glassary, Lochgilphead, and formerly of Barra, cherished partner of Malcolm MacKenzie, beloved daughter of the late Duncan and Annie Campbell, much loved sister of Peggy, Neil, James, and the late Flora, Lena, Chrissie Ann and Chrissie Mary, and a dear aunt and cousin to all the family. Funeral service will be held at The Church of Our Lady Star of the

Sea, Barra, on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 11.00am, thereafter to Vatersay Cemetery. Sadly missed.

DUNLOP - On January 11, 2018, peacefully at home, after a short illness, Margaret W Dunlop, née Wintrup, in her 94th year, beloved wife of the late Geoffrey E S Dunlop, much loved and respected mother of John, Jan and Lindsay, mother-in-law to Sarah, and dearly loved grandma of Donald and Alexander. Funeral service at St Brendan's Church, Skipness, (today) Friday, January 19 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Skipness Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired to Tarbert Nursing Aid and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

HOUGHTON - (Née Gilchrist). Suddenly at home, on Monday, January 8, 2018, Muriel, aged 82 years, much loved wife of David, beloved mother of Linda and the late Michael and mother-in-law to Hugh. Dearly loved grandma of Isla and cherished sister of Catriona and Bobby. Funeral service, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited, at Langbank Parish Church, on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 1.30pm, thereafter to Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar. Family flowers only.

JOHNSTONE - Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on January 12, 2018, Sarah Johnstone (Morag), in her 80th year, 34 Cara View, Tayinloan, beloved wife of the late Donald Johnstone (Donnie), much loved mum of Catherine, Rosemary, Janice, Neil, Donald and Sarah, and a loving granny, great granny and great great granny.

MACKILLIGIN - RAN, (Sandy), peacefully, at home in Ardfarn, on January 14, 2018. Loved and respected by his families and many friends. Burial at Kilvaree at 12.00 noon, followed by a celebration of his life, at Craignish Village Hall, on Friday, January 26, 2018.

MCLEAN - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on January 6, 2018, Carolin Boyce, in her 72nd year, formerly of Ciaran Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Stuart McLean, much loved mum of Michael, mother-in-law of Jacqui and a loving gran and great gran.

PANTHER - Suddenly, but peacefully at his home, 3 Ardcastle View, Lochgair, on January 11, 2018, Nigel Gilbert Panther, in his 84th year, beloved husband of Janet, dearly loved father of Angela and Robert and loving grandfather of Fiona. A much respected father-in-law of Mohamed and Denise, brother of Angela and a good neighbour and dear friend. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 12.15pm. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

STEWART - Peacefully on January 15, 2018, in Basildon Hospital, Essex, Betty, aged 90 years, beloved wife of the late Donald Stewart, formerly of Braeface, Bellanoch, loving mother of Jim and Andrew and the late Rae and Brian and a much loved gran and great granny.

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SHAW - The family of the late Willie Shaw would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Campbeltown police, ambulance staff and doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital for all their kind attention. Thanks also to Rev Catriona Hood for her support and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional handling of all arrangements, Tarbert Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside and kindly donated £505, to St Brendan's Church Skipness.

SHUTTLEWORTH - The family of the late Donald would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy following their recent loss. Sincere thanks to carers, Reverend Robert Macleod for his comforting service, and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professionalism. Special thanks to Claire for her wonderful care and dearest friends who visited regularly.

IN MEMORIAMs

BROWN - In loving memory of Richard (Dickie), died January 19, 2017. Always in our thoughts. - Stella and families, home and away.

MUIR - Treasured memories of a dear mum, granny, great granny and great great granny, Bessie, died January 22, 2011. Forever in our thoughts. - Love, Jean, Jessie and family.

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 21st January 2018
Skipness Service 10am
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mr James McLellan
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Sunday 21st January 2018
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
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Rev. C Acklam
Tues 23rd January
Kirk Session 7.30pm
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Fri 19th January
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Saturday 20th January
Achnamara Hall 10.30am
Café Connect
Monday 22nd January
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Father Simon Mackenzie
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Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
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Dogged determination wins the day for U13s

DFDL Under 13 League

Kilbowie Union 3
Campbeltown Pupils 4

AFTER a six-week break Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005s returned in an enthralling encounter away to Kilbowie Union West.

Played in blus-

tery conditions on the Clydebank High School 3G the young West Dunbartonshire side found themselves 3-0 to the good after just more than 20 minutes.

To take the lead in the first five minutes, Kilbowie fired in three

successive goals to leave the Pupils shell shocked.

Scott Oman in the Pupils goal had no chance against two fine, long-range efforts and one from close range following poor defensive cover from a corner kick.

For the second time this season the Pupils found themselves 3-0 down with a mountain to climb.

The long bus journey and lack of match fitness could be used as an excuse but the simple truth was Kilbowie wanted it more and deserved their lead.

The never-give-up attitude of the Pupils spurred them on to believe they could somehow still make a comeback.

On the 30th minute, an attacking run by Calum McAllister on the right wing re-

sulted in his cross taking a wicked deflection off a Kilbowie defender in to his own goal to make it 3-1.

With their tails up the Pupils pushed on and form striker Calum Ellis made it 3-2 on the stroke of half time.

A superb through ball from Owen Reid gave Ellis a one-on-one chance with the Kilbowie goalkeeper and he coolly took the opportunity to score his first goal of 2018.

Buoyed by their first half finish and playing with a strong wind behind them the Ardshiel Hotel and Restaurant-sponsored Kintyre side pushed for the equaliser.

Ryan Shields was unlucky on a couple of occasions before his strike partner Ellis pulled it level. Cutting in from the right Ellis struck an unstoppable

shot to make it 3-3. Game on!

Kilbowie still posed a threat on the counter attack with their big, strong forward in fine form but the Pupils defence of Arkell, Pater-son, Reid and Graham thwarted any attempts.

Half time substitute goal keeper Finlay Kerr was called in to action in one attack and made a fine save from a one-on-one situation.

The Pupils sought the winner with midfielders Andrew Semple, Kyle Danson and Pupils captain Ryan Harding in outstanding form. With 10 minutes left the visitors took the lead.

As the Pupils pushed forward down the left through Stuart Phillips the ball broke back to Lorne Paterson. As the ball bounced Paterson sent a looping

STANDINGS						
POS		P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005's	11	9	0	2	27
2	Summerston BC 2005's	10	9	0	1	27
3	Oban Saints Youth 2005's	7	7	0	0	21
4	Dumbarton Riverside 2005's	10	6	1	3	19
5	Ardencaple FC 2005's	13	6	0	7	18
6	Kilbowie Union West 2005's	10	4	1	5	13
7	Dunoon YFL 2005's	9	2	0	7	6
8	Broomhill Sports Club 2005's	8	2	0	6	6
9	Greenock United 2005's	8	1	1	6	4
10	Helensburgh FC 2005's	10	0	1	9	1

DETAIL

The league table.

high shot into the top corner.

A thrilling end to the game ensued as both sides continued to play great football.

Kilbowie were unlucky not to equalise in the dying minutes as they launched attack after attack in search of an equaliser. It was not to be and Campbeltown Pupils youth took all three points to remain equal top of the league.

Huge credit to the youngsters from Clydebank for their part in a fantastic ad-

vert for youth football – a great bunch of players led by equally cracking coaches and parents.

Despite their disappointment they welcomed the Campbeltown players and coaches after the match for fantastic hospitality.

The 2005s now have a two-week break – the planned fixture against Argyll rivals Oban Saints for this Sunday is postponed to later in the season as Oban play in the next round of the Scottish Cup.



U13 captain Ryan Harding earlier this season.

Oban Saints march past young Pupils

DFDL Under 16 League

Campbeltown Pupils 1
Oban Saints 9

THE PUPILS U16s suffered defeat against an older and stronger Oban Saints U17s side when they clashed on Campbeltown's all weather pitch.

Sunday's match was always going to be tough for the Camp-

beltown side as they played an Oban team at least a year older, with most of the Pupils either 14 or 15 years old.

Oban had the wind advantage in the first half and although they had a lot of the play, the young Pupils held their own for good spells of the game.

The Pupils saw themselves 5-0 down at half

time, unlucky not to get on the score sheet, with some very good chances saved by Ferguson in the visitors' goal.

Too strong

In the end, the Saints were too strong, due to the physical and age difference and finished with an 9-1 victory.

Elliot Gemmill was the Pupils' scorer, with

a lovely strike from outside the box into the roof of the net, beating the Oban keeper.

Although it was a convincing win for Oban, the Pupils can take pride in the way they played, and if they play with the same spirit in the rest of the league campaign there should be some decent results ahead of them.



A Pupils goal is thwarted by the Saints' keeper.

Calum McKillop in action on Sunday.



Father and son are champions

A FARMING father and son pair rolled to success in Tayinloan Village Hall's annual carpet bowls contest.

Andrew Ronald Sr and Jr, from East Laggan, beat the opposition to take the title and winners' shield in the fund-raising competition.

Twenty pairs competed across three nights last week and it came down to Stuart Currie and John McCallum versus Andrew Sr and Andrew Jr, and Robert Todd and Gavin McLachlan versus Duncan Johnstone and Robert Currie in the semi-finals.

The father and son team was successful, alongside Largiesiders Duncan Johnstone and Robert Currie, who fought it out in the final.

'Aye, I'll let you off.'



Robert Currie, left, and Duncan Johnstone, right, flank the winners, Andrew Ronald Sr and Jr, centre, holding the shield. 50_c03bowl503

said Andrew Sr after his son insisted on attempting a tricky manoeuvre against his recommendations and the Ronalds won 8-7.

The competition raised more than £300 which will go towards the hall committee's funds.

Dunaverty lottery

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lotto draw on Sunday.

The winning numbers were 2, 8 and 18.

The next draw will be on January 28 for a jackpot of £300.

Tickets are available from the club steward, committee members, Muneroy tearoom and the Burnside bar.



From left: Jamie McGougan, Carol Green and Greg Scally.

Kilbrannan's darts victory

HALF-A-DOZEN 180s were just some of the great darts at the Jimmy Taylor Memorial doubles match.

Monday's final, in the Fiddlers, was between the Kilbrannan A pair of Jamie McGougan and Greg Scally and the Burnside's Charles Robertson and Gavin McLachlan.

A darts spokesperson said: 'What a final it was with both pairs playing great darts and taking the match to the last leg, the Kilbrannan pair retained the trophy they won last year.'

Donating

'Thanks to Carol and Jim Green for donating the bottle prizes and providing the venue.

'Also to Leighanne for running about to find the light for the board after it was mislaid.'

During the match Jamie McGougan hit three 180s, Gavin McLachlan a pair of 180s, Alan Glen a single, Charles Robertson 177 and 171 and Robert Graham had a finish of 120.

Highland Games to swing into town

CAMPBELTOWN is to host another high-land heavyweight competition this year. The 2018 Campbeltown Highland Games, featuring music, dancing and more, will be held on September 22.



Fiona Irwin watches the winning mixed tug o' war team at last year's games. 20_c20highlandgames31

There will be the traditional heavyweight games, including the caber toss and tug o' war, as well as more athletic competitions, some Courier-sponsored, including 100m, 200m races and fun races.

Anybody who fancies having a go this year should make sure the date is in their diary.



Archie Johnston gave the caber toss a go at last year's event. 20_c20highlandgames14

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Kilbrannan's
darts victory

Windy weather winners Neilston nobble Pupils

SAFL Premier One

Campbeltown Pupils 0
Neilston 3

WITHOUT a win in the last four fixtures, the McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils must be wondering why fine early season form has deserted them.

The simple truth is no-one is immune from the ravages of the great game of football. They must redouble their efforts in search of points to get this season back on track.

Thoughts of challenging for the league title seem a long time ago, and with most of the division very evenly matched, the demise in form has given rise to another challenge – keeping away from the lower half dog-fight.

Any hope that home advantage would be the key to victory was blown away in a howling gale of wind and rain, the second fixture on the trot where conditions and fortune would dictate the winner.

To their credit, Neilston adapted much



Keith Mitchell is in control. 50_c03pupils07

better to the atrocious weather, and with control of the ball almost impossible, it was simply down to who wanted it more on the day.

Advantage

On reflection, the away side's decision to secure the advantage of the wind in the first half proved inspirational.

When Thomas McCrory found space to rifle the ball home from

the edge of the box in the 23rd minute, it began to look like a very long day for a strangely subdued home side.

The Pupils found it difficult to get enough controlled possession to carve out a goal threat, but an angled drive from Donald McCallum sent the visiting goalkeeper scrabbling as the ball went agonisingly wide of the far post.

It was a case of clock watching as the Pupils tried to restrict the visitors to a single goal advantage at half time.

A mix up in the centre of defence allowed the experienced John Stimson time and space to cleverly chip Coffield in the home goal and put his side two ahead with 10 minutes of the half remaining.

Turning with the wind at their backs, the home side laid siege to the Neilston goal.

Lack of controlled possession was the home side's downfall as the visitors manfully filled the last third of the park to restrict the number of clear cut chances.

You could say that Neilston fought their way to a much-needed win, however, they even had the temerity to produce the best move of the second half with a jinking run down the left flank which stopped the home side's comeback in its tracks.

With the Pupils guilty of losing the ball in midfield, George Thomson weaved his way into the box to dink the ball over the stranded goalkeeper to give his side an unsailable advantage.

Try as they might, the home side never looked likely to turn their non-stop pressure into goals, but when they did break through they found a very capable goalkeeper who was hell-bent on keeping a clean sheet.

The Pupils will look



Above: Aerial action as both teams fight for possession. 50_c03pupils06



Left: John McCallum weaves past a Neilston player last Saturday. 50_c03pupils02

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to put this one behind them, and, after a seven-week break from football can definitely put this latest defeat down to being ring rusty.

Nevertheless they must look to find form soon when they travel away to meet Port Glasgow tomorrow (Saturday January 20).