



Fundraisers

See page three's #bringourboyshome fundraiser for Tarbert's missing fishermen



Burns supper

Yarns were spun at Southend's superlative 61st Burns supper. For more see page 12.



Comedy night

Don't SCOFF. Picture House has a Scottish comedy first. For more see page nine.

Kintyre glass bottles prove plastic is past

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THE movement to reduce plastic waste in the world's oceans could have a new 'poster boy' from Gigha.

A social media post, on the Facebook page Plastic is Rubbish, by Don Dennis of Wee Isle Dairy, about his fresh milk in glass bottles, has been shared 1,400 times since Saturday.

About three years ago, when the milk price collapsed, Mr Dennis and his wife Emma decided to buy a pasteuriser and bottle their own.

In the post, he explains the dairy's decision to use glass bottles instead of plastic.

Mr Dennis wrote: 'The biggest challenge, apart from the finances, was the question of what to put our milk into.

'We really didn't want

to add to the three billion plastic milk bottles the UK uses each year.

'Glass was an obvious choice, but it took us many months of searching to find bottles that were suitable.

'We are happy with our choice, and are finding other dairy farmers in Scotland asking us for advice on how they can switch to glass.

'Blue Planet II made a huge difference. One small dairy farmer in Ayrshire told me last week that he had had 25 customers in just three days ask him if he could switch to glass bottles.'

In addition to the large social media exposure for his whole milk, sales, in Scotland's central belt, have taken off thanks to a delivery collaboration with Waltons of Oban.

Mr Dennis told the *Courier*: 'We bottle on Tuesday and Waltons takes the milk to Edinburgh where we supply three Margiotta stores and a Bruntsfield community greengrocer: Dig In.

'Roger Kelly at Penicuik Stores asked if he could get our milk and I found Waltons went there from the city.

'At first he took three crates, one each of the three sizes we sell, 250ml, 500ml and one litre.

'This has expanded and he is now ordering eight crates of the one-litre bottles and one each of the smaller bottles. His strategy is to price like the supermarkets and make less per bottle to absorb the transportation costs but sell more bottles.

'We have had to buy a larger capacity 400-litre pasteuriser.'



Fairy helper Linda Campbell and fairy-in-waiting Morvern Paisley will bring a touch of magic to Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, which opens at Clachan tonight. 25_c04calamities09

Food standards questioned

A GOVERNMENT agency has raised serious concerns about Argyll and Bute Council's food standards control procedures.

The findings are based on a Food Standards Scotland (FSS) capacity and capability audit from August 29 to 31 last year.

On page 10 of the report, a criticism highlighted in red reads: 'Insufficient Assurance: Controls are not acceptable and have notable weaknesses.'

During the audit, FSS auditors joined officers on two unannounced inspections at high risk catering premises.

A criticism was that officers stuck to a script and lost the 'ability to ask non-scripted questions about a cross contamination issue at a vital time in the intervention process'.

A council spokesperson said: 'We are on target to achieve the improvements highlighted in the audit plan.'

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Power tools taken

A NUMBER of Makita power tools were stolen in Campbeltown from a High Street garden shed.

The theft occurred between 10am last Saturday and 9pm on Monday. Police are investigating and appealing for witnesses.

Vehicle damaged

A WHITE BMW series one car was vandalised in half an hour on Tuesday January 23.

Youths jumped on the car's bonnet between 8pm and 8.30pm. They were filmed on CCTV, within a car park at the rear of Glentorran Place, Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown.

Police are investigating and appealing for witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Careless driving

LAST Friday afternoon at about

2.55pm, police stopped a driver aged 59 on the A83 near Killegruer, Kintyre.

The man was charged with careless driving during an overtaking manoeuvre and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs possession

A TEENAGER found with a small amount of cannabis was given a recorded police warning.

The man aged 19 was searched at 9.30pm last Friday when a car was stopped on Lochend Street, Campbeltown.

Window smashed

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a window was smashed at Food for Thought in Burnside Street, Campbeltown.

The incident happened between 3pm last Saturday and 4.40pm on Sunday.

Anyone with information should call 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

CPH displays its Mercury movie machine

CAMPBELTOWN Picture House put out the red carpet for the return of its historic Mercury arc rectifier (MAR).

Just before Christmas, South Wales-based, award-winning conservation engineer Tim Martin and his partner Nicky Ingram removed the device for restoration to museum display quality.

Mr Martin said it was a fluke that he became involved in the project during his first trip to Kintyre in 2016.

He said: 'We were staying in a Landmark Trust cottage at Saddell when an email came in asking for a quote and we said we would be able to look at it that weekend.'

The conservator of historic metalwork has worked on diverse items including:

17th-century prosthetic limbs, bell systems, windmills, historic locks and holds a licence which lets him fire cannons.

Mr Martin has previously restored MARs for museums in London. Although the Campbeltown one does not work, he has created the illusion of operation with blue LEDs.

The MAR was originally sited in a shed behind the cinema. Its job was to convert high alternating current into the direct current which ran the projector and make it simple to keep the projection speed constant at 25 frames per second.

Today MARs are replaced by solid state semi-conductor rectifiers, such as diodes and thyristors which are much longer lasting and smaller.



Tim Martin and Nicky Ingram with the MAR on display at CPH. 25_c05cphmercury02

A firm named Re-natus has made a special glass display cabinet and the MAR is mounted on a leak-proof bund to ensure no mercury leakage if there was an accident.

Nancy Glen fundraisers

AS THE Clyde Fishermen's Trust Nancy Glen families fundraiser went above £185,000 another two events are planned.

On Saturday February 10, there will

be a charity dance, from 7pm, at Carradale village hall with live music from Matt McAllister and Josie McLean's disco.

Tickets are £7 from Paterson's Bakery, Semple's Garage and

Campbeltown police station.

Next Tuesday there is a coffee evening at Clachan village hall from 7pm to 9pm with a baking table, raffle and children's play corner.

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Children dressed for Burns day at Castlehill school.

Castlehill's 'warm, reekin' rich' day

PUPILS performed the dashing white sergeant on an immortal day to celebrate Robert Burns.

P3 and P3/4 held a Burns bash in their upstairs open area with a baking stall, bric-a-brac and a café where chil-

dren scoffed shortbread and juice.

Visiting

Chanter music and Highland dancing were played to visiting classes while they sat in the café.

In the afternoon, P3 and

P3/4 held a ceilidh in the gym hall and performed the dashing white sergeant and the Canadian barn dance.

The whole school was invited to this fundraiser and £345.98 was raised for school resources.

Stronvaar's top quizzers boost Nancy Glen funds

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IT WAS standing room only as quizzers packed Campbeltown Bowling Club and raised £5,600 for the Nancy Glen Fund.

Last Sunday, about 150 people, split into teams, competed in Helen Gilchrist's quickly assembled quiz at Stronvaar which, together with raffle squares sold at Co-op on Saturday, helped lift the total.

Before Ms Gilchrist set the ball rolling there was a minute's silence.

Quizzers remembered skipper, Duncan MacDougall and his crew member Przemek Krawczyk who were lost when TT100 Nancy Glen capsized, in Loch Fyne, two weeks ago.

As well as the entry fee, there was a raffle



Quizmaster and superstar organiser Helen Gilchrist. 25_c05quiz01



With a background of another primary school poster there was a hectic game of musical chairs. 25_c05quiz02

with a huge selection of prizes and a separate draw for a smart television donated by Co-op.

The *Courier* reporter arrived at the last minute having not previously booked and was told to join the Ailsa Bar team.

Little did he know Heather, Scott and Mhairi are quiz champs, won the event and donated the prize to the fund but declined to be photographed.

There are further events in the pipeline and details will be announced when the venues are formalised.

Writing on Facebook, Ms Gilchrist said: 'This day couldn't have happened without the help of Carole Anne, Louise, Denise, Meggie and all the other helpers. The offers of help were unbelievable and that's why Campbeltown is such a special place.'

'Coming from a place that is surrounded by the sea, we all have the sea in our blood and hearts and I think that's why this terrible tragedy has touched every single person young and old.'

'We send thoughts and love to the families and people of Tarbert and will help in any way we can.'



Helping run the event were from left: Meggie Tar, Carole Anne Shields and Denise Reid, in the background is a poster by Dalintober Primary and Early Learning Centre. 25_c05quiz03

Lighting our boys' way home

'WE ARE all thrilled that the life of John Miller was spared in the tragic sinking of the Nancy Glen,' writes Tarbert's Free Church minister Robert MacLeod.

'We are all saddened that Duncan MacDougall and Przemek Krawczyk remain missing and believed to be in the vessel on the seabed.'

'This has stunned so many. It has also mobilised us in solidarity and sympathy to do what we can to extend support and comfort to the families concerned and to one another.'

'It is instinctive to wish to do something.'

'So much has already been done which demonstrates the remarkable human spirit, locally and beyond.'

But we wait and wait and it would seem as if we have to wait some time yet in the endeavour to bring Duncan and Przemek home.

'Thus the idea was raised and has now become a reality to have a large candle lit on the quay.'

'Tomorrow at 7pm there will be a gathering on the quay beside the Fish Sales building where we will light a single candle which will remain lit until Duncan and Przemek are home.'

'Join Kenny MacNab, Catriona Hood, Mathew Ramsay, myself and others on the quay.'

'We use symbols daily as a visual language and this is one which speaks loudly of our communal loss.'

Westport walk for the Nancy Glen

HAVING learned of the Nancy Glen tragedy, two Drumlemble primary pupils wanted to help.

Mirrin MacLennan and Sophie Bell, both eight, will walk the six miles of a Kintyre beach in a bid to raise funds.

Mum Aileen said: 'Mirrin told me about a poster they made for the quiz in aid of the Nancy Glen, and said she would like to help raise funds. She decided on a sponsored walk from Westport to Machrihanish.'

Aileen used Facebook to invite sponsorship, and Sophie's mum, Amanda Jane, made contact as Sophie wanted to help too.

'It made sense for the girls to team up,' said Amanda, 'They are so caring and I'm proud of them both.' Aileen agreed: 'They are lovely, thoughtful little girls and have already raised more than £700.'

Mirrin's brother Harris, five, and Sophie's sister CJ, six, will join in the walk.

Sponsorship forms are available in Rab's Chippy, Shore Street, and the Ardshiel Hotel.



Sophie and Mirrin.



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News in brief:

Ashes author applauds Twisted Melons' music

LAST week's article, 'Twisted Melons' movie soundtrack success, has brought resounding acclaim for Scottish music from an award-winning writer and director.

Alan Coulson spoke to the *Courier* about his soundtrack search for his newly released movie, *Ashes*, saying: 'There really are some amazing musicians and bands from Scotland. The Twisted Melons are a great example of that talent!'

Ashes, released on Amazon Prime just before New Year, was completed in 2015. It had a highly successful festival run throughout 2016, winning Best International Feature at the Garden State Festival in New Jersey.

Campbeltown Free Church – but not as you know it!

On Sunday afternoon (February 4) over coffee and cakes, Free Church minister, Rodger Crooks will pose the question 'Who is Jesus – mad, bad or God?' in Campbeltown Free Church, George Street, between 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

Church elder, Calum Ferguson said: 'A warm invitation is extended to this informal cafe-style event which will also include a video featuring Scottish rugby international, Euan Murray, describing what Jesus means to him.'

Refreshments and home-baking will be served and the collection will go to the Nancy Glen Fund.



The Solem Quartet.

Quartet's Kintyre concert

THE HIGHLY acclaimed Solem Quartet will play Kintyre Music Club's next concert in Lorne and Lowland church hall.

The group, who are 2016/17 Park Lane Group Artists and 2017/18 Tunnell Trust Artists, will play quartets by Haydn, Thomas Ades and Beethoven, and one by their own violist, Alistair Venart.

Winners of the 2014 Royal Overseas League Ensemble competition, the quartet has broadcast multiple times on BBC Radio 3, including a recent live performance in the BBC Proms.

They completed the junior fellowship in chamber music at the Royal Northern College Music 2015-17, giving concerts and regular coaching to

chamber ensembles.

Since September 2016 they have been quartet in residence at the University of Liverpool and were recently appointed ensemble in residence at Aberystwyth MusicFest.

Lorne and Lowland church hall, Friday February 9 at 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door are £10 with children and students free.

Letters extra:
Wrong headed council cuts

Sir,

On February 22, the Argyll and Bute Council administration of Liberals, Conservatives and some Independent councillors will reveal its 2018/19 budget.

They have considered 32 proposed savings, some sensible while others look, and are, ridiculous, and if carried out would be extremely damaging.

It is evident that the Scottish Government will hand the council the best financial settlement it has had in years, perhaps the best ever.

As a result the council should immediately announce the cancellation of three wrong-headed proposals: Closing 36 of the 57 public toilets – a crazy suggestion that would do irreparable damage to our tourist industry; removing janitors' posts who provide security in our schools; and the cuts to the Citizens' Advice Bureau, an organisation which saves the council approximately £3million per year. Its support should be increased.

The administration should recognise the community's needs when finalising its budget, and remember they are here to serve the people of Argyll and Bute.

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Sexual assault charges: jury's verdict

A MAN walked free from Campbeltown Sheriff Court more than 18 months after facing allegations of sexual assault.

The trial of Adrian Sidor, 32, of 6B Kirk Street, Campbeltown, which started on Monday of last week, ended at 1pm last Thursday. Sidor appeared on indictment before Sheriff Patrick Hughes and a 15-strong jury.

He pleaded not guilty to three charges of sexual assault relating to an incident between January 1 and August 31, 2015, and another on July 2016.

Sidor took the stand as well as five witnesses and the court heard DNA evidence from a forensic scientist.

The jury deliberated for slightly more than two-and-a-half hours before giving its not proven verdict by a majority.

Wrasse hatchery firm cuts 34 jobs

THE aquaculture company which won a planning battle to site a wrasse hatchery at Machrihanish has announced 34 job losses.

Last week Marine Harvest won a planning battle to build a hatchery on a greenfield site at Lossit Point to produce millions of wrasse, the so-called cleaner fish which eat the sea lice plaguing farmed salmon.

A few days later, the redundancies were announced.

Marine Harvest business support manager Steve Bracken, who retires in April, said: 'We have indicated to

staff representatives that we will unfortunately make 34 people redundant.

'We're sorry to have to take this action, but we need to ensure the business is sustainable for the future.

'We are working with the various agencies and will do everything we can to find alternative employment for those who will be losing their jobs.'

Mr Bracken added that, to put the job losses in context, the firm employs 1,200 people in Scotland, including 500 at its added value processing plant in Rosyth.

There are other opportunities available, and Mr Bracken said:



The existing wrasse hatchery. 25_c05wrasse01

'We still have ongoing recruitment for the recently built fish feed plant at Kyleakin on the Isle of Skye.'

He added: 'Almost half the jobs are in processing, which reflects the seasonal nature of work in this particular part of the business.'

'In addition, there will be some redundancies in farming, largely because we will be harvesting fewer fish this year than last.'

'Salmon farming has always involved some fluctuation in employment numbers due to the harvesting cycles, but we will do everything we can to help those who will be leaving the business.'

'I'm sure you'll appreciate that until we've spoken to our colleagues concerned it would be inappropriate to say anything further at this time.'

Gin distiller's keynote speech

CAMPBELTOWN'S historic cinema has rolled out the red carpet for a free business innovation workshop.

Next Wednesday's event, including lunch, aimed at businesses in Kintyre and Gigha, has keynote speeches from Beinn an Tuirc gin distiller Niall Macalister Hall and Campbeltown Picture House manager Ellen Mainwood.

The workshop, organised by HIE, is part of Co-Innovate, a development programme.

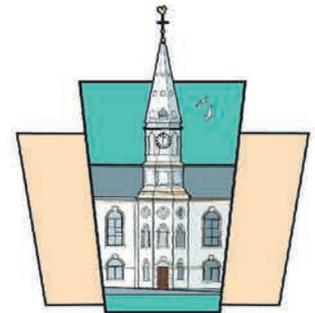
Fiona Fraser, HIE's Co-Innovate programme manager, said: 'Mr Macalister Hall will share his experiences of innovation through the journey of bringing Kintyre gin to market, and Ms Mainwood will describe CPH's recent transformation and ambitious future plans.'

People interested are asked to contact Fiona on 0300 013 4792 or Fiona.fraser@hient.co.uk

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- Wee Toon Warriors Fridays 6pm



Editorial

Offline is just as important

The internet is not part of everyone lives and it is estimated at least a quarter of Kintyre's population don't use social media.

There was a reminder of that this week, when a fundraiser for the Nancy Glen families asked people to share the message with others who are not online.

Mirroring this, South Kintyre Development Trust is running a series of print advertisements in the *Courier* at the same time as launching its re-designed town hall website.

Last Wednesday Explore Campbeltown held a public meeting to explain its new website. Similar to SKDTs, it will include a large events section. Kate Watt gave a presentation and explained to attendees how to fill its paper forms.

To emphasise that many people and organisations rely on the tried and tested methods rather than digital, both Keith's and McKellar's poster boards are full with information about February events.

It was surprising recently to meet four people who have not seen a film at the restored cinema.

One said he uses a computer but has never owned a television and therefore does not see TV advertising.

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Sir,
I was born in Campbeltown 62 years ago and my brother the year before. We were taken to Nottingham as infants and brought up in the care system.

I reunited with my brother, who lives in Crewe, two years ago and we both read our records from which we learned Campbeltown was where my dad lived. His name was Robert Cowan and he was a merchant sea man known for swimming.

Last year my brother and I visited Campbeltown and stayed in Muasdale and it was everything I thought it would be – beautiful, with people who were so kind, friendly and informative.

It was nice to find out about my heritage but I doubt I will ever be able to visit again due to ill health.

That one visit with my brother holds so many memories for me.

I doubt if my dad is still alive but I felt close to him in your beautiful town.

**Ann Atkin,
Nottingham.**

Red Cross hall closure

Sir
I am writing in response to the High Heid Yins' decision to close and sell the Red Cross Hall in Kirk Street.

This is most certainly not what the local committee wants and our arguments have been ignored. The decision had obviously already been made when they came to us for 'consultation'.

The hall is a hub for Kintyre Red Cross activities and is also very well let by other groups and brings in a good income for the Red Cross. This is not good enough for management.

They say that the Red Cross is not in the business of property management and that not enough actual Red Cross activities go on in the hall. They ignore the

Down memory lane



The SSPCA award presentation, from left: David Galbraith, the SSPCA's Inspector James MacLean and Peter McKerral outside Campbeltown sheriff court.

IN THIS column, on January 12, the *Courier* asked for reminiscences of March 1947's great snow.

Reader Sheena Galbraith, from Clydebank, spotted the request and sent a story from the front page of the paper in July 1947, about the award of a Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) bravery award.

It concerned her husband David Galbraith, 85, who was a 15-year-old shepherd in March 1947 and scrambled onto an icy ledge, above a 200-foot cliff, and rescued 20 sheep from certain death.

Mr Galbraith, of 5 Wallace Cottages, Southend, had worked for Peter McKerral of Brunerican since he left school.

fact that a lot of the activities that used to go on there have been taken away from us and centralised in Lochgilphead or elsewhere.

The amount of money raised by rents from local groups easily covers the cost of maintenance, though head office can produce figures which show the opposite. We know our figures are accurate.

So, what will happen to local fundraising activities?

The Red Cross shop will continue as it is, doing amazingly well in a small community.

But for coffee mornings etc, such as in Red Cross week, we will have to hire alternative premises.

All equipment will have to find new homes. I am sure that we will be unable to maintain the large amounts of money that we raise every year.

Campbeltown and Kintyre as a whole has a wonderful population which raises huge amounts of money for different charities.

I think that the 'trustees' who made this decision have made a big mistake.

All very well in a big city where lots of other venues are available, but they are completely out of touch with how things work in a rural area.

After more than 30 years volunteering for the Red Cross, like some others on

Mr McKerral was certain the flock of Blackface sheep would be lost when he spotted them on the icy lip but Mr Galbraith, lassoed 18 and, secured by a rope round the waist, managed to crawl onto the cliff edge and rescue the final two.

High regard

More than a decade later Mr Galbraith joined Dunbartonshire police and served nearly 29 years. He was held in high regard by his superiors and was honoured with the British Empire Medal in 1985.

In addition, he was a golf ace and won the British Police Golf championship four times. Weather permitting he still manages a few holes at Clydebank and District golf course.

the committee, I will be finding a charity which appreciates my efforts.

**Mary Macalister Hall,
Torrisdale Castle.**

Civil engineering student funding

Sir,
Kintyre pupils need not be daunted by the prospect of taking a student loan – if they want to study civil engineering.

Through the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) Scotland a scholarship fund has been set up thanks to a generous donation to the Institution by a retired solicitor based in Govan, Glasgow.

Its aim is to remove the cost of a student loan pre-

venting anyone from studying civil engineering.

Four awards of £4,000 per year for young people aged 21 and under living in Scotland are made to allow them to study in Scotland.

The award is open to full-time or part-time students as well as apprentices or students on day or block release from an employer.

Each successful candidate receives £4,000 per year for a maximum period of four years.

The civil engineering qualification must be recognised by the Institution of Civil Engineers – for example NC, HNC, HND, BSc, BEng, MEng.

Recipients of the award will be expected to commit to a future professional engineering qualification such as EngTech MICE, IEng MICE or CEng MICE.

Young people for whom the cost of student debt is a potential deterrent to a career in civil engineering, and those living in rural areas, are particularly encouraged to apply by April 3, for courses beginning from September.

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**Rory MacLeod,
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Ireland to Kintyre bridge may be a giant causeway

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A LEADING UK architect has paved the way for a Northern Irish-Kintyre bridge.

Speaking to the *Courier*, Professor Alan Dunlop said: 'A bridge to Northern Ireland from the Mull of Kintyre has advantages over the Galloway option.

'Coupling a Kintyre bridge with a series of smaller bridges – for example, from Tarbert to Kilfinan and Dunoon to Greenock – would greatly improve the road journey to the central belt and make the Kintyre site a much more attractive proposal, resulting in regeneration of Kintyre and Argyll towns.

'The significantly

longer bridge from Portpatrick to Larne faces the major problem of the 31-mile long, 200m deep, Beaufort's Dyke.'

Mr Dunlop has previously commented that when Westminster politicians talk about the northern powerhouse, they really just mean the north of England and that a Scottish-Irish bridge would be an investment in what he considers to be the true north.

Michael Russell, Argyll and Bute MSP, said: 'I have been in touch with Professor Dunlop as I have previously spoken very positively about a fixed link between Northern Ireland and Kintyre.

'A bridge, together with better road links



to the central belt, would open up Argyll in a dramatic new way.

'I would be keen to see public bodies investigate the feasibility of such a link.

'Argyll and Bute

Council has recently refused a small amount of funding for a Clyde fixed link feasibility study, even though HIE and Transport Scotland were willing to contribute.'

The distance from Kintyre to Northern Ireland is 14 miles, not dissimilar to the length spanned by Denmark's Øresund bridge.

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Clachan's cocktail masterclass

MEMBERS of Clachan SWI had a ball when they brought in the new year with a cocktail masterclass.

Liz Ball invited members to her home to make and sample a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic cocktails, with the ladies bringing nibbles.

Liz was thanked for making everyone feel welcome, and going to a lot of trouble.

She was given a donation towards her favourite charity, the National Memorial Arboretum, a national site of remembrance which gives its purpose as 'honouring the fallen, recognising service and sacrifice and fostering pride in our country'.

An SWI spokesperson said: 'A great start to 2018 – thank you, Liz!'

Nan Findlay, a Kintyre Care Home character

'GAUN yersel, Nan,' said an 85-year-old former carer as she tucked into a special sponge cake.

It was baked by Anne McPhee to mark 20 years since Nan Findlay went to live at Kintyre Care Home,

in 1998 and, last Friday, became its longest staying resident.

Daughter June Findlay spent the afternoon with her mum on the special occasion which she dedicated to the quality of life in the home.

June said: 'I am so pleased that the nursing home's love and care has helped mum all of these years.

'Nan loves trips out in the car and Frances Hill at Muneroy always keeps a table for her when we go to Southend.'

Chorus

As music played in the background Nan, a mother of six, with 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, launched into the chorus of *Mull of Kintyre* and said how much she loves a pipe band.

Nan was born in Drum-na-Mucklach cottage on the Killean estate and went on to work in elderly care herself at Auchinlee.

As the afternoon drew to a close, Nan said: 'I will be running away with the *Courier* man.'



Nan Findlay marks 20 years at HC-One's Kintyre Care Home with her daughter June Findlay. 25_c05resident01



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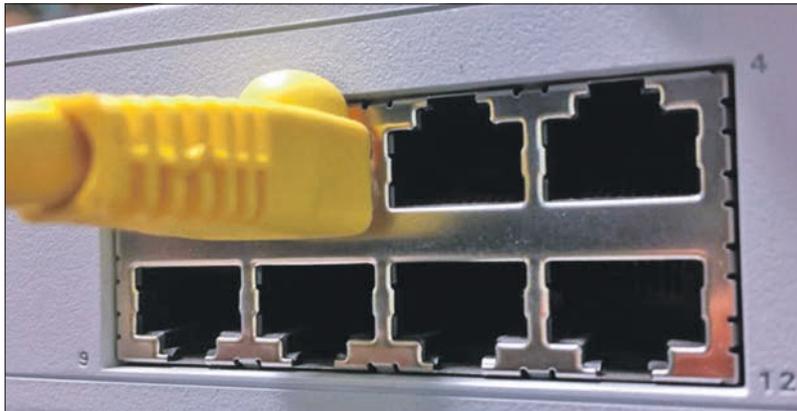
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There are simple actions that will reduce the risk to your business.

you need to be an expert in IT or digital technologies.

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Business Gateway can also offer advice to those not able to come along to a workshop. It might sound obvious, but making sure that all of your software is up to date is vital because updates include the lat-

est security patches from the developer.

Changing your passwords regularly is also important. Instead of using a simple word or number sequence you should create a passphrase by joining three or four unrelated words to form a long single word. You should also include some numbers too to make it harder to guess. Another option is to use password manager software which creates passwords for you and adds another layer of security.

Being aware of the signs of phishing emails is crucial. If the sender's email address looks odd, the content is full of spelling mis-

takes, or it is very personal, then chances are it could be from a suspicious source. Another trick scammers use to try and make their emails look credible is by using the logos of well-known brands.

If an email asks you to click on a link to provide your bank details or other personal information then your alarm bells should be ringing. Securing your customers' data is essential. You should take the time to review individual areas of your business that are customer facing. Are your point of sale stations secure? Are you encrypting customer data? If you take online

payments, is payment card data secure? New regulations on data protection will come into force on May 25, and you should be aware of how they will impact your business. The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) raises the standards of how data is obtained and how it is stored so if you haven't already looked into this, you should start now.

Business Gateway has a range of free downloadable guides on its website, including guides on cyber security and GDPR – www.bgateway.com/business-guides/grow-and-improve/digital-boost-guides

Dunoon business gears up for success

A HUSBAND and wife team are using their own experiences to set up a business leasing and repairing mobility vehicles.

Zero Peden Ltd, based in Dunoon, was launched by Eloise and Craig Peden last year, after the couple realised they could fill a gap in the market and help people with mobility issues get around the town easier.

With support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, the business is now steadily increasing its customer base, with plans to

expand. The idea for Zero Peden came when Eloise, who has spina bifida, wanted to take part in family days out with Craig and their children.

Buying a second-hand mobility scooter Craig, a trained mechanic, repaired and adapted the vehicle to make it more fun and reflect Eloise's personality.

Now, Zero Peden Ltd has a workshop and office at Alexandra Parade and has begun hiring out scooters to locals and visitors to the town.

Eloise said: 'Our own



Eloise and Craig with some of their scooters.

experience with my physical disability allows us to understand what people need. We know what it's like to live with a disability and that's why we want to provide solutions that will ultimately help people

and allow them to have a better standard of living. Business Gateway was a great support and we have benefited from one-to-one advice and the free workshops in the area on different business issues.'

A tasty addition to craft gallery

THE OWNERS of an Arrochar craft gallery have been thrilled by the response to a new venture offering customers the very best of Scottish food and drink.

Mansefield Studios, run by Fiona Campbell and her husband Ali, has been operating for 15 years selling a range of lambswool accessories, textiles, ceramics, jewellery, Harris Tweed homeware and other traditional crafts.

With support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, Fiona decided to expand their offer and last May opened The Larder; selling high qual-

ity Scottish produce including artisan chocolate, condiments, smoked salmon, meats and gin.

Fiona said: 'The gallery presents the work of independent, Scottish craftspeople and makers and we have carried that ethos across to The Larder. We promote local and independent producers as much as possible, benefiting from the exceptional food in Argyll and letting others know all about it.'

'Business Gateway has been a big help to us as we sought to expand the business. We were given growth grant support which

will help the business become a destination and we received one-to-one which helped us with a number of areas including digital and online marketing.'

As well as the gallery and The Larder, Fiona has added in a children's play area, an ice-cream bike and exterior seating.



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SCOFF comedians' Wee Toon caper

Review by Mark Davey

The Scottish Comedy Film Festival (SCOFF) may bring a barrel of laughs to Campbeltown Picture House (CPH).

Animation *Shaun the Sheep* started last Saturday's SCOFF launch event, for its inaugural three days from May 11 to 13, with a showing at 10am hailed by many as the best part of the day.

In the evening, a trio of stand-up comedians, in a great value show, brought adult humour to CPH's first stage performance since the venue re-opened just

before Christmas. Jay Lafferty, Vladimir McTavish and Michael Redmond demonstrated some research as they made wisecracks to a select screen one audience about Kintyre, its characters and connections.

Lafferty took the toughest spot as the warm-up act. She thought marrying a comedian would lead to a bohemian lifestyle, instead she found herself p**s poor in Greenock.

McTavish, a wee-gie who stays in Edinburgh, used some fairly predictable lines about his haircut which he said looked like

someone had p****d in a thistle.

He also had a dig at the capital's crime statistics, saying they were good because the smallest thing was reported.

The best gags came from the final act. Redmond discussed ferry port Ardrossan as he said: 'Who goes to Ardrossan as a destination?'

This somehow led to Archie Bob from Caradale, who provided enough material for five minutes of fun.

It must have been funny as there was plenty of laughter but, on reflection, Friday night in the Argyll topped the bill for my weekend.

If the three had visited Southend's Burns supper the night before, they may have picked up pointers from some seriously funny amateur comics, including Campbell Anderson, who was in the SCOFF audience.

After a short interval, the evening ended with a one-off screening of Armando Iannucci's film *The Death of Sta-*

lin, released last October.

Most of its laughs came in the first 30 minutes with more than an hour of increasingly becoming, as the *Guardian* put it perfectly: 'More bleak than black.'

Shona Thomson ran a SCOFF audience survey which was very positive. 25_c05scoff01



Comic Michael Redmond. 25_c05scoff02

Film 2018 – at Campbeltown Picture House this week

MOVIES having their first run at Campbeltown Picture House this week are *Coco* PG, *Molly's Game* 15 and *Downsizing* 15.

Thee 3D, computer-animated musical fantasy *Coco* introduces the voice of newcomer Anthony Gonzalez as Miguel, who, despite his family's baffling generations-old ban on music, dreams of becoming a musician.

Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colourful Land of the Dead following a mysterious chain of events.

Former Olympic-class skier Molly Bloom ran the world's most exclusive high-stakes poker game for a decade before 17 FBI agents,

wielding automatic weapons, closed her down.

Molly's Game, based on her true story, explores her players, including Hollywood royalty, sports stars, business titans and, finally, unknown to her, the Russian mob.

Her only ally was defence lawyer Charlie Jaffey, who learned that there was much more to Molly than the tabloids' tittle tattle.

Downsizing is about shrinking a couple by science and not swapping the family home for a flat.

It follows a kindly occupational therapist who is shrunk to five inches tall.

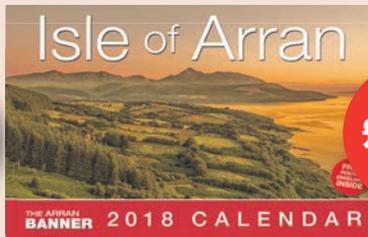
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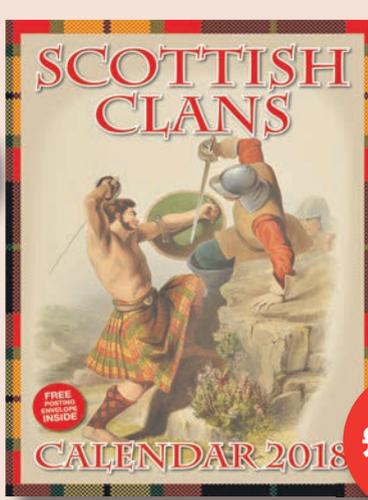
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LARGIESIDE

SWI demo is the icing on the cake

LARGIESIDE SWI members wanted a piece of the action at a cake decoration demonstration.

President Helen Steel welcomed everyone to the group's first meeting of the year and introduced Tan Black, who gave an 'excellent' demonstration of cake decorating.

The ladies exchanged many useful tips and discussed gadgets for rolling and cutting icing at the meeting in Tayinloan Village Hall. A spokesperson said: 'The end result was a stunning five-layer decorated cake, complete with bow.'

'Hostesses for the evening were Denise



Tan Black working on the decorated cake.

McKeown and Enid Williams, who served a wonderful tea.'

The vote of thanks was given by Linda Hutchinson and results of the competitions were as follows.

Home-made Christmas gift: five points Patricia Johnstone, knitted scarf; four points Jessie Main,

knitted mitts; three points Adrienne Bradley, card. A 1lb fruit loaf: five points Jessie Main; four points Helen Steel.

The SWI's next meeting will be the annual quiz night on Thursday February 15, at 7.30pm, to which all are welcome.

CLACHAN

Clachan children catch the Book Bug

A BOOK Bug event at Clachan Primary encouraged pupils, parents and pre-schoolers to participate in Gaelic rhymes, stories and songs.

Last Thursday, Shona Marshall, from Feis an Tairbert, led a fun-filled session which included Rolaidh, Polaidh (Roly Poly), Cuibhlichean a' Bhus (Wheels on the Bus) and Cait a bheil MacNessie? (Where is wee MacNessie?).

The children joined in Shona's activities with obvious enjoyment and parents expressed their appreciation.

One mother, Elizabeth Moller, said: 'I am delighted that Shona has brought Gaelic Book Bug into school as part of the Celtic Connections week.'

The pupil guitar group played and sang Mull of Kintyre, encouraging the audience to join in, and to celebrate Burns day, the group of five pupils performed a dramatised recital of Rattlin Roarin Willie to which the audience responded with rapturous applause.

Lucy Blake, principal, said: 'Attending the Celtic Connections event in Glasgow with pupils



The children with their completed artwork.

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from Tarbert was a terrific start to a wonderful week of Scottish events.'

Mrs Blake explained that pupils had been able to participate in Gaelic language, traditional music, dancing, crafts and baking, receiving expert demonstrations and tuition, including a chanter master class from Kintyre piper and composer Lorne MacDougall.

GLENBARR

Obituaries: Christina McNeill and Ina McDonald

Christina McNeill
April 10 1928 - January 17 2018

Ina McDonald (née Park)
September 22 1928 - January 20 2018

Fiona A Macalister writes: 'Two venerable Glenbarr ladies, who were born within months of each other, have died within a week and I will remember them both with great affection.'

'Ina's family, Park, ran the post office, which was near the telephone kiosk, in a corrugated iron extension of their house.'

'Her father, Johnnie, resembled Grandpa Broon, with his bushy white moustache and flat tweed cap.'

'He delivered the mail by bike, whatever the weather.'

'At New Year time, my father would often find him in the ditch, up the Glen road, and have to pick him and his bicycle up and bundle them onto the cart - we had Clydesdales in those days - and deliver him home.'

'He was succeeded as postman by Ina's brother Lachie, and her sister Sarah married Johnnie Sinclair, whose family ran the shop.'

'Ina was courted by Ian McDonald of Beachmenach, when he was affectionately known as "Mr Lever".'

'He always had stories to tell on his rounds and became the noted antiquarian.'

'They brought their family up at Loup Ferry House, Portachoilan and later in the village of Clachan, eventually moving to Lochgilhead.'

'One time, I remember my brother Angus asking Ina if he could borrow a mail bag which he preceded to bundle me into, tie up tight, carry me down to the Abbey and

empty me out on the kitchen floor. Christina's father was Sandy the roadman, and her grandfather John and great-grandfather Sandy were both estate joiners at the Abbey. Christina studied at Moray House and taught in Campbeltown, then Lochgilhead and at several Edinburgh schools until her retirement.'

'Extraordinarily enough, when I moved back to Edinburgh in the 1980s, I discovered that both Christina McNeill and Catriona McArthur, from Arncliffe, lived in adjacent streets to me.'

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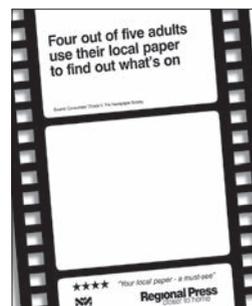
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Farming on the edge but what are the advantages?

'Perhaps we need to sort out the supply chain'

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IT WAS a question that echoed the thoughts of every farmer and crofter in the room.

Argyll is often perceived to have many disadvantages compared to other parts of Scotland and the UK, but what are our farming advantages and how do we make the most of them?

The panellists at an NFU Scotland 'question time' during last month's Argyll and the Islands regional AGM in Tarbert came from a range of different backgrounds.

But the answers they came up with boiled down to three main themes: collaboration, marketing and the environment.

First to tackle the question – posed by regional NFUS chairman John Dickson – was retail market consultant Marion MacCormick, originally from Oban. The former Aldi fresh meat marketeer told the farmers present: 'I am no farming expert but what I do know about is taking product to market.'



We must promote the carbon advantages of West Coast sheep farming. 06_Sheep_ewes01

'There is an interest in Scottish food, and in the provenance of Argyll food and the story you have to tell.'

Marion continued: 'Perhaps we need to sort out the supply chain where there are complaints that money is not reaching primary producers.'

'There are opportunities, and if self-interest could be put to one side and the story was told better, we could do a good job of marketing Scottish lamb.'

Next to offer his thoughts was NFUS president Andrew McCornick.

'We need to be supplying the market with what it wants, not simply producing a commodity and hoping someone will buy it,' he said.

'We also need to get the supply chain working, maybe through some form of collaboration.'

He stressed Argyll's environmental advantages, telling members: 'You guys are environmentalists. We need to sell that, and what we are doing for climate change.'

Self-employed farming consultant Alison Milne, from Fife, focused on the big picture. She talked about the value of community and sense of place.

'At the moment, we are valued based on our economic output, but if you take into account our environmental and social output, we are hugely beneficial to the rest of the Scottish economy.'

John Sleigh of *Farmers' Journal Scotland*, commented: 'Farmers around here produce food where nothing else could be produced. This should be uppermost in folks' minds when they are buying food and want to save the planet.'

He stressed the need to achieve a premium for this through effective marketing.

'We need to tell people, for example, how much carbon is sequestered by your hill lamb in relation to lamb imported from New Zealand. When I pick up my pack of lamb I want to see saturated fat and salt levels but also carbon rating. You guys, with your lovely grass and lack of inputs, are top of the tree when it comes to saving the planet.'

'You probably won't get more from the market by telling folk you deserve it. You're probably going to do something for it, which will be saving the planet.'

'You're just going to have to get better at telling folk how it happens.'



The panel prepares to face Argyll NFUS members. From left to right, Andrew McCornick, Marion MacCormick, John Dickson (chairman), John Sleigh and Alison Milne. 06_a03nfus08



NFUS president Andrew McCornick: 'Argyll farmers are environmentalists'.

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Southend farmer milks a Kintyre Burns bash

Mark Davey

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WHILE ploughing up ideas for his Immortal Memory speech in a bookshop, a Southend farmer was told if he wanted the 'complete works' he'd need to visit a massage parlour too.

David Barbour's opening line was one,

among many, which had Campbeltown's packed Argyll Hotel dining room in fits of laughter, at the 61st Southend Burns Supper last Friday.

Setting the scene for the evening after describing Burns' womanising and charm, Mr Barbour spoke of the bard's familiarity

with farming. Something he explained was missing in many communities today.

Mr Barbour said: 'I was giving an urban SWI a tour round and a member asked why one of the cows had no horns.' He explained various reasons before finishing the explanation with:

'The reason this one has no horns is it's a horse.'

Dunblane specialist, Duncan McCall, gave the night's ultimate performance with his Tam O'Shanter, at a hectic pace, in the round.

Erin Ferguson, the first singer, set a high bar for those who fol-

lowed, including the general company.

Campbell Anderson said that he was pleased to be invited to Southend Burns supper, and retitled the immortal bard for Kintyre as: 'A whorra man', during his speech to The Lassies and concluded: 'His last child was born on the day he died.'

Moyra Jane Paterson started her reply by saying it was only her second ever Burns supper and said she certainly did not do jokes, before saying men have a vocabulary of 7,000 and women 24,000 words.

Mrs Paterson added: 'It shows something wonderful about this country that we have chosen a man of letters to be our national hero, over a warrior.'

In Malcolm Ronald's address to the artistes and chairman, he thanked them for the beautiful night and the Argyll hotel and its staff for the wonderful food.

Mr Ronald said: 'We learned quite a lot from Mr Anderson but Mrs Paterson changed the mood of the moment by managing to find a wee bit of good in the men.'



Piper Donnie McKerral pipes in the haggis.
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Campbell Anderson's 'The Lassies'.
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Erin Ferguson in full flow. 25_05southendburns10



61st Southend Burns Supper chairman Robert Millar.
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Entrants must be 18 or over. Employees of Scottish Field, the competition promoters, and their direct families are ineligible to enter. No purchase necessary. The winner will be first correct entry drawn after closing date. No cash alternative is available. The winner will be informed by telephone. Promoter reserves the right to request post publicity. Indicate if you do not wish to receive further information from promoter. Usual Scottish Field rules apply. Information will be shared with promoters and sponsors.



Duncan McCall during his Tam O'Shanter. 25_05southendburns15

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
17/03134/PP	Erection of agricultural shed	Land North East Of Dalmorain Southend Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6RF	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
17/03290/PP	Erection of replacement lime storage shed	Calliburn Quarry Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6NX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
17/03312/PP	Installation of 121 metre long x 2.2 metre wide pontoon and amendment to condition 2 relative to planning permission 17/02225/PP (exterior finish from Timber Clad to Plastisol Bonded Sheets - painted grey)	Stronachullin Fish Farm Ardrishaig Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
18/00054/PP	Erection of extension to existing pavilion to form match official's facilities	Kintyre Park Pavilion Kintyre Park Limecraigs Road Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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Construction industry unites to reduce unnecessary costs caused by disputes

Six leading institutions, and two of the UK's biggest employers, have launched the Conflict Avoidance Pledge, aiming to put an end to the number of disputes in construction and engineering.

The pledge, created by the Conflict Avoidance Coalition Steering Group – who work to help the industry reduce the costs of conflict, and ensure major infrastructure and property developments are delivered on time and budget – is a voluntary commitment self-assessment open to any organisation or firm regardless of size or location.

The pledge

The pledge is the focal point of a wider campaign, set out by the steering group to drive behaviour change in the way relationships and disputes are managed throughout the construction and engineering sector.

The ambitions of the steering group are to reduce financial

and other costs associated with disputes. This involves promoting cooperation between contracting parties; and helping people and organisations to understand and use conflict management measures, which will ensure projects are delivered on time and on budget.

Over 50 industry bodies have signed the pledge, with a key ambition of the steering group to encourage more organisations to join the coalition.

Benefits

Moving forward, the steering group is developing guidance and toolkits which will inform organisations about the value of conflict avoidance and early intervention techniques, and how to access and use them. These toolkits will be available to all signatories of the Conflict Avoidance Pledge.

For more information about the Conflict Avoidance Pledge and Conflict Avoidance Coalition, please visit www.rics.org/

capledge, or contact Hannah Lambert: t +44 7977 213 282.

The steering group

The steering group is comprised of senior representatives of six leading professional/member bodies and two of the UK's major employers. These organisations are:

- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
- Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) United Kingdom
- Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF)
- Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES)
- Transport for London
- Network Rail

Launch event

The pledge was launched on Monday January 29 at the Institution of Civil Engineers. Guests heard from chief executive of the Specialist Engineering Contractors' (SEC) Group, Rudi Klein, London Transport Commissioner Mike Brown and speakers from Transport for London and Network Rail, who are already using conflict avoidance techniques.

The view from RICS

Too often, employers encourage contractors to submit compliant bids for the best price, while contractors, on the other hand, apply a commercial strategy to win the bid. Both sides then seek to manage contracts to their terms. The result is a recipe for disputes, which is built into contracts before they even start.

On average, the ultimate price of a construction project can come to around 30-40 per

cent higher than the original contract target price. Employers and contractors can all too often end up not focusing their energies on the successful delivery of projects, but on arguing over 20 per cent of the overall costs.

It is only when the industry unites to tackle these all too common issues that we can deliver real change. We look forward to more organisations and companies joining our campaign by signing up to the Pledge and making the running of construction and engineering projects, hopefully across the world, more streamline.

Dr John Fletcher, RICS Product Group Director ADR



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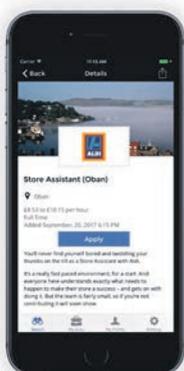
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West Coast **MOTORING TIMES**

SOME ELECTRIC VEHICLES ARE RISING IN VALUE

AS SALES in the electric vehicle (EV) sector continue to surge, analysis from automotive data experts hpi shows that savvy motorists could already be making a profit on a vehicle they bought just 12 months ago.

A combination of factors including the rollout of clean air zones, cheaper running costs, increased charging points, incentives to drive and wider availability from manufacturers has helped pique interest in EVs.

A car bought at one year old could be run for 12 months and 10,000 miles and be sold for more money than its purchase price. A Peugeot Ion appreciated 8.6 per cent adding £425 to its value. The Vauxhall Ampera's average appreciation

is 5.3 per cent or £725 in value and the most popular EV on the market, the Nissan Leaf, has an average appreciation of 4 per cent or £456 on its original.

Hybrids too represent a savvy purchase with the Toyota Yaris Hybrid appreciating on average 2.6 per cent or £292 and the Lexus GS Hybrid average appreciation of 0.7 per cent or £178 on top of purchase price. Over 60,000 new AFVs took to Britain's roads by summer 2017 with no signs of a slowdown. Chris Plumb, Black Book editor at cap hpi, commented: 'Sales continue to soar in the EV market as drivers have weighed up the



benefits of ownership such as greatly reduced motoring costs and other incentives around driving an alternative to petrol or diesel.

'Our latest analysis shows that drivers who buy the right EV can still make money on a sale after running it for a year

and adding 10,000 miles. This will be a major factor in persuading more drivers to go down the EV road. EVs and plug-in hybrids provide a good balance between range and efficiency plus the economic benefits for motorists can be enormous, offering big savings on fuel and tax costs as well as much lower maintenance costs.'

Average Black Book Movement % 1yr10k moving to 2yr20k by Generation (Jan17 to Jan 18)

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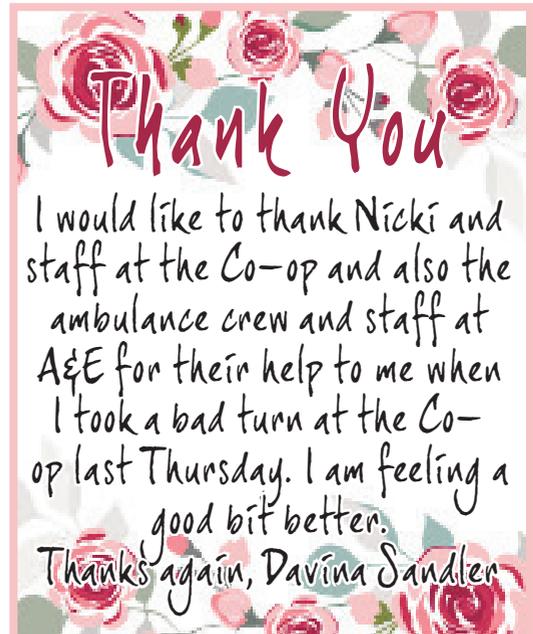
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Thank You I would like to thank Nicki and staff at the Co-op and also the ambulance crew and staff at A&E for their help to me when I took a bad turn at the Co-op last Thursday. I am feeling a good bit better. Thanks again, Davina Sandler



GUESS WHO'S 50 ON 1ST FEBRUARY LOVE FROM MUM XX HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday February 1, 2008 No 'magic wand'

SCOTLAND'S transport minister Stewart Stevenson has admitted that there is no magic wand to solve the problems of the A83 on the Rest and Be Thankful and that money cannot be magically out of nowhere to solve its problems.

He spoke at a public meeting in Lochgilphead Joint Campus to about 50 people about the transport problems.

On the A83 landslide, Mr Stevenson said: 'We couldn't control Mother Nature but we want to understand the whole nature of the hill and it's clear that there are other potential areas of instability. I don't come with answers for that.'

He also said: 'Local councils have not been focused on keeping roads to the standard they used to be, far less the level required for the 21st century.'

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

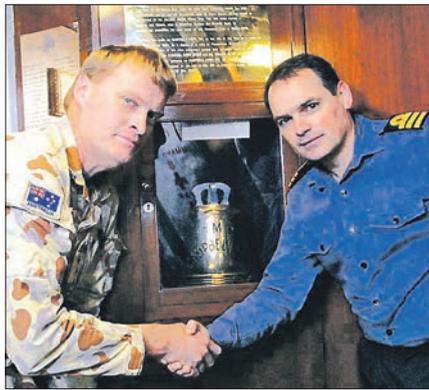
Friday February 5, 1993 Was it a missile?

SPECULATION is circulating that a nuclear missile was the cargo of the Royal Navy truck that crashed near Minard – not harmless practice mines as previously claimed.

The disturbing allegation has been made by a source at RAF Machrihanish stating the missile was loaded at the base before embarking on the ill-fated journey to Rosyth on January 22.

At the time of the accident, the official line was that the truck was transporting practice mines, which posed no danger to the public.

This has since been reiterated at Royal Navy HQ at Pitreavie. The Royal Navy



Also this week Australian soldier Cameron Jamieson from Campbeltown in New South Wales met Carradale's Commander Gordon Abernethy on board HMS Campbeltown in the Persian Gulf. 25_c05files01

vehicle went out of control on a bend, mounted a grass verge into a garden and overturned back onto the A86.

A spokesman at RAF Machrihanish said he was unable to comment on the speculation as it was strictly a Navy matter.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday February 1, 1968 McAllister has good day

ONCE more John McAllister won trophies with his flying homes at Campbeltown Pigeon and Bantam Club's show in the Drill Hall on Saturday.

He won the cup for the best homer, the cup for the best exhibit in the pigeons and had the second best homer.

John is a very keen fancier and has set such a high standard that his rivals must improve if they hope to take trophies from him – otherwise they will be a permanent fixture in John's cabinet.

H. McArthur, another keen fancier, exhibited a fine young red cock to take the prize for the best homer.

The best fancy bird was won by one of the club's young fanciers, J. McFadyen, who has a keen interest in his hobby.

Club officials hope that they will find more younger exhibitors at their next show, as this is what the club is trying to encourage.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday February 2, 1918 Generosity of Old Campbeltonian

MR ARCHD. McKellar of Kilkerran, Australia, an old Dalintober boy, has this year again sent £5 to the headmaster of Dalintober School for purchasing the McKellar prizes annually awarded to scholars of his old school, and for distribution to deserving natives of Dalintober.

This continued proof of Mr McKellar's interest in the home of his boyhood is highly appreciated and speaks well for his kindly and generous spirit.

It may be recalled that Mr McKellar was born on Island Davaar some 80 years ago, and went to Australia when about 10 years of age.

We wish him many more years of health and vigour, and recommend his practical remembrance and kindly action as an example well worthy of imitation.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THERE was a flash of white as this very unusual bird rose up from the little lochan. It had tantalised us for some time and we just couldn't get a proper look at it.

It wasn't a gull or any of our usual Argyll birds and we became more and more intrigued.

Finally Maggie captured it with her binoculars and identified it as a little egret.

Consultation with the bird book confirmed this and we were delighted to have seen this beautiful bird which is a member of the heron family.

He still enchants us with his airborne elegance and then sits comfortably at the top of the tree and watches.

Egrets are not common in Scotland and are usually southern winter visitors.

How fortunate we are in this beautiful part of the world to have such a variety of nature around us.

Argyll is a nature lovers' paradise and is enjoyed by photographers and artists alike.

We were in Glasgow last weekend and enjoyed a lovely time at the theatre, catching up with friends and family, and eating out.

We stayed in a city centre hotel which was very handy and most comfortable.

However when I looked out in the morning all I could see was buildings and traffic and people everywhere – and more buildings.

Noise assaulted my ears and I just couldn't wait to come home.

As I came over Ronachan hill my heart lifted as the peace snuggled into the very depth of my being.

Jura appeared through the mist and once again I gave thanks for the beauty and the wonder of Argyll and the surprises of each day.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

BIRTHS



MCMILLAN

Malcolm and Lynn (née Galbraith) are delighted to announce the early, but safe, arrival of their daughter, Mollie Shiona, on January 13, 2018. First grandchild for Malcolm and Anne, Balloch Cottage, Campbeltown and second grandchild for Danny and Lorna, Carradale. Many thanks to the team at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

MARRIAGES



DUNCAN - BANNERMAN

At Cottiers, Glasgow, on Saturday, January 6, 2018, Neil John Ferguson, son of John and Ismay Duncan, Auchinbreck, Campbeltown, to Marta Colene, daughter of Brent Bannerman and Normajeane MacDonald, Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

DEATHS

GRAHAM - Peacefully, at the Southside Nursing Home, Inverness, on January 26, 2018, Sheena Hunter Cameron, in her 90th year, Dunaverty, Woodland Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Donald Graham, much loved mum of Moira and a loving granny of Andrew, Julie and Charles. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality and the Red Cross, Campbeltown.

HADFIELD - On January 26, 2018, peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Paul John Augustine Hadfield, in his 77th year, beloved partner of Lynda Henderson, much loved father of John Paul and Jane, dear grandfather of Noah and Anna and a much loved and respected member of the local community. Funeral service at Cumlodden Parish Church, on Monday, February 5 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Killeven Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

MACMILLAN - Peacefully, with family at her side, at home, 35 Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead, on January 30, 2018, Ina MacMillan, née Shaw, aged 84 years, beloved wife of the late Davie, much loved mother of Matthew and Kathleen and grandma of David. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, February 8 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to The Nancy Glen (TT100) Fund.

MCINTYRE - Peacefully at home, Caladh-na-Sithe, Glebe Street, Campbeltown, on January 26, 2018, after an illness endured with

quiet acceptance, John Martin McIntyre, in his 85th year, dearly beloved husband to Catherine Brown, for 58 years, much loved father of Frances and Avril, a loving and generous papa of Lauren, Shauna and Ashley and great grandfather of Ethan and Cody. Service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, today Friday, February 2 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully, with her family by her side, at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, on January 18, 2018, Effie Robertson (née McCuaig), in her 83rd year, formerly of Kilmichael Glassary, much loved mother of Jennifer, Eilidh, Eileen and James and a loving grandmother and great grandmother. Service will be held at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dregghorn, Irvine.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

HOUGHTON - David and family would like to thank everyone for all their kind messages of sympathy and support after their sad loss of Muriel. Thanks also to everyone who attended the services at church and the crematorium.

IN MEMORIAM

MACQUARRIE - In loving memory of Neil MacQuarrie, a dear dad, seannair and papa, who died on February 7, 2017. Also Ann, our dear mum and nana, who died April 23, 2003.

Forever in our thoughts. - Love from all the family at home and away.

MCGLYNN - In loving memory of John McGlynn, passed away on January 30, 2012. Sadly missed as a seannair, and by all who loved him.

SOU DEN - In loving memory of a dear dad and granda, Alex, who died February 4, 2007.

This day is remembered and quietly kept.

No words are needed, we will never forget.

- Inserted by his loving daughters, Isobel and Liz, sons-in-law, Martin and John, grandson Graeme and great granddaughter Ava.

WALLACE - In loving memory of Derek, died February 1, 2017.

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- Neil, Claudine, Tyler and Sophie.

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 SC002493
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 Morning Service
 Lochgair Church 10.00am
Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
Morning service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
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 Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell
 ALL WELCOME

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Monday 5th February
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 Church Hall
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 7.30pm New Hall
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 9.45am Tiny Tots New Hall
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 Church Hall
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Carradale buffeted in windy Bellaire battle

Greater Glasgow AFL

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WITH four of Carradale's best defenders out, beating league challengers Bellaire was never going to be an easy ask.

The East Kintyre side seemed stuck in second gear, after a late 3.10pm kick-off in high winds, on the 3G park. The usually reliable Stuart MacBrayne, David Johnstone and Daniel Docherty never seemed able to connect.

One bright moment, for the McFadyens Transport-sponsored side, was an individual effort from Gregor Croll, bringing an 84th minute goal, which saved 'Dale's blushes.

Things could have turned out so differently. After about nine minutes DJ picked up a MacBrayne cross but his shot floated past the post.

After 17 minutes Bellaire gained their first from a penalty and six minutes later made it two. Poor left-side defending allowed the Bellaire right midfielder a lot of time unchallenged.

He smacked a low cross into the back post leaving McMillan no

chance. DJ had another few half chances in the first half but could not make the breakthrough.

The wind made it tough for both sides but Bellaire played the more controlled game as they kept the ball more on the ground.

In the second half Alex McPhee came on to replace the injured Blackstock and made his presence felt by moving the ball on and feeding it out from McMillan.

Unfortunately though he made a slip which cost 'Dale a third goal.

McMillan was out of goal and went down injured leaving the Bellaire number eight an easy shot to loft the ball into the net.

With 13 minutes to go, in the 77th minute Bellaire's left-winger shrugged off MacBrayne and tried his luck with a long range shot which found the target.

That left Croll, six minutes from the end, to salvage some pride for Carradale.

Daniel Docherty had one more chance for 'Dale but it was not to be when the keeper blocked the ball.

The man of the match was Gregor Croll and Wee Toon Sports spon-



Bellaire's goalie struggled in this tussle but Carradale could not get a boot to the loose ball.

sored the match ball.

Because Newshot lost at Lochaber last weekend, if Bellaire win their game in hand they will go top of the league.

A gate collection by Neeni MacDougall raised more than £300 for the Nancy Glen appeal. All donations were matched by Carradale AFC and Bellaire's players added a good contribution.

Carradale are away to Boswell on Saturday.



Bellaire's number eight scored the opening penalty. 25_05carradale02



Stuart MacBrayne had plenty of possession but could not make the breakthrough. 25_05carradale07



Alex McPhee moved the ball out but made an unfortunate slip which let Bellaire score their third. 25_05carradale08



Nonnie Macalister looked pensive on the sidelines. 25_05carradale01

Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup 5th round – East Kilbride Rolls Royce 2, Oban Saints 4; Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils 2, Ferguslie Star 2; Rosehill Star 4, Dunoon 0; Premier Division Two – Lochgilphead Red Star 6, Duntocher 2.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, 6th round – Kilbride Thistle v Oban Saints; Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils v Rutherglen; Premier Division Two – Castlemilk v Lochgilphead Red Star; Tarbert v Easthall Star.

Week 12 darts results

THE BURNSIDE'S Davie Reid played a 14 dart leg, Charlie Robertson hit 180 and Billy McLean made a 112 finish for the Fiddlers.

Full results: Fiddlers 3 Kilbrannan C 5, Kinloch A 1 v Southend 7, Ailsa B 7 Ailsa A 1, Burnside 6 Kilbrannan A 2, Whisky Macs 6 Kinloch B 2.

On Monday the Alex MacKeral trophy starts at 7.45pm in the Argyll Arms, Southend.

Lotto draws

THE DRAW for Dunaverty's three number lotto was made last Sunday.

The winning numbers were 2, 3, and 9. There were no winners. The next draw for a jackpot of £400 will be held on February 11.

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

The winning numbers in the Machrihanish golf club draw on Monday were 6, 7 and 20. There was no winner and the jackpot for the next draw on Monday is £500.

Badminton doubles duo's smashing success

CAMPBELTOWN U14 girls netted some trophies as they dominated the Argyll and Bute badminton championships.

Oban High School hosted this year's event last Tuesday with teams from Campbeltown, Dunoon, Oban, Rothesay and Tobermory competing for honours.

There were five categories; boys' singles, girls' singles, boys' doubles, girls' doubles and mixed doubles across three age groups – U14, U16 and U19.

In the U14 girls' competition, Campbeltown made all the right moves on court.

Jane Scott won the singles and Jennifer McMurchy, also from Campbeltown, was runner-up.

The pair teamed up for the U14 doubles to defeat Nuria Clowes and Anneloes Hutton, from Tobermory, in the final.

Campbeltown's Jennifer and Ewan Dott, with Jane Scott and Scott Oman runners-up.

In the U19 competition, the honours were evenly spread between Oban, Campbeltown and Dunoon.

Singles

Campbeltown's Alasdair Ferguson won the singles, with Jordan McIlkenny, from Dunoon, runner-up.

Craig MacCorquodale, from Oban, who missed out on the U19 final by one point, paired up with Angus Neil to take the U19 boys' doubles prize,



All the winners. 17_T01_All winners

with Jordan McIlkenny and Jason Convery, from Dunoon, runners-up.

In the U19 girls' event, Kirsty MacCorquodale from Oban took the top spot, with Susan Shaw, Campbeltown, runner-up.

Susan paired with Nicola McKeral to win the girls' doubles,

with Kirsty and partner Claire Reid coming second.

The U19 mixed doubles was a great conclusion to the afternoon, with gold going to Oban's Kirsty MacArthur and Craig MacCorquodale, and Alastair Ferguson and Nicola Thomson getting silver.

Other results: U14 boys' singles: 1 Marcus Keith, Dunoon, 2 Morgan Gemmell, Oban. U14 boys' doubles: 1 Morgan Gemmell and Kyle MacDougall, from Oban, won 23-21. 2 Marcus Keith and Nathan Shield, Dunoon.

U16 boys' singles: 1 Alan Mollins,

Dunoon. U16 boys' doubles: 1 Alan Mollins and Andrew Tyre. 2 Fergus Carmichael and Finlay France, Oban. U16 mixed doubles: 1 Alan Mollins and Niamh Evans, Dunoon. 2 Kathryn Lindsay and Ceiron Danks, Dunoon. Girls' U16 singles: 1 Kathryn Lindsay, from

Dunoon. 2 Niamh Evans, Dunoon. Girls' U16 doubles: 1 Kathryn Lindsay and Niamh Evans. 2 Zoe Cook and Katie MacCorquodale, Oban.

The organiser, Oban High PE teacher Denise Gemmell, said: 'The standard of play was very high with in all age groups and events, with some keenly contested games even early on in the competition.'

Fair play

'Sportmanship, enjoyment and fair play were all part of an excellent day of badminton for Argyll and Bute region.'

'A highly competitive day of badminton put a great deal of talent on display from the young sports people of Argyll and Bute.'

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:

Badminton doubles duo's smashing success

McCallum marches in as Pupils battle for a point

SAFL Premier One
Campbeltown Pupils 2
Ferguslie Star 2

A MUCH improved Pupils' performance made a match that really had everything the spectator could wish for; great goals, fantastic saves and end-to-end football throughout the 90 minutes.

The McFadyens-sponsored side regained a sense of urgency and the promotion chasing Ferguslie, with only one defeat to their name this season, were eventually forced to defend desperately to protect what was a well-earned point.

This was an extremely good contest, but having settled quickly to the task the home side drew first blood.

Martin McCallum, returning to the team after a short absence, forged forward down the right flank and sent a dangerous first time ball across the box.

His pinpoint cross was met on the half-volley by Ryan Deans, but the strik-

er's first time shot was well saved, Deans reacted quickest to the loose ball and drove it over the line.

Minutes later, Donald McCallum released the quick silver Sary Rahma in on goal, but the strikers angled shot sped wide of the far post.

Ferguslie played their part in an exciting first half, and a wonderful through ball split the home defence wide open.

As the striker prepared to shoot, Paul Grumoli appeared from nowhere to make as good a saving tackle as you are likely to see anywhere.

It only delayed the equaliser, a terrific strike from a free kick on the edge of the box helping the visitors gain parity as half time loomed.

The home side failed to read the script and, to their credit, returned to the attack with great vigour.

It was the Pupils' turn to gain the advantage of a free kick on the edge of the box, and Martin



A great strike from Donald McCallum. 25_05pupils03

McCallum stepped forward to return the gesture by driving the ball home to give his side a narrow advantage at the break.

Solidly

The Pupils looked more settled in a 4-2-3-1 formation, with the back four of Allan, Robertson, Grumoli and Mitchell, playing solidly throughout.

Liam Renton in a midfield screening role

was most effective, and the return of Kenny Galbraith as substitute for the last twenty minutes was a real plus.

There were no failures in this performance and Donald McCallum had his best game in a Pupils shirt for a number of games.

It seemed destined to end in a draw – although the equaliser came in a strangely cruel way.

Ferguslie broke down the attacking left and a speculative cross-cum-shot was caught by the following wind and ended perfectly in the bottom corner of the net.

Two fantastic saves from the visiting goalkeeper denied the Pupils' victory, first from Scott Souden and from Jamie Burns on the rebound.

Probably the same could be said of Reid Anderson on his return to first team duty, as he too pulled off a great save with minutes left to deny Ferguslie.

Man of the match: Martin McCallum.

The management will be in a happier frame of mind after this performance, but the Pupils are still chasing their first win in six when they meet Rutherglen at home tomorrow. Please see posters for the venue.



Martin McCallum moments before the cross to Ryan Deans. 25_05pupils05



Scott Souden was in the thick of the action. 25_05pupils10



Ryan Deans swoops on the loose ball to hammer it home. 25_05pupils02

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