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# £26m Grammar school is 'absolutely amazing'



CGS staff and pupils are photographed in the sports' hall on their first day at the new school.  
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'THIS is a historic day for all of us in the school and the whole community of south Kintyre.'

So started the speech of acting head teacher, Catherine Cameron, on Wednesday morning, as

she welcomed pupils and staff to Campbeltown's state-of-the-art school.

'Not many people have the privilege of entering a new school for the first time - this

day will remain with you for the rest of your lives.'

Many pupils took their first look round the £26 million building on Wednesday, and as they filed into the hall at 9am,

pipied by Jacques Huysamer and Fraser MacBrayne, the comments ranged from: 'Oh wow', to 'It's absolutely amazing'.

The school, with the capacity for up to 500 pupils, took near-

ly two years to complete, with the old building yet to be demolished to make way for a car park and 3G sports pitch.

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# 21st-century school is an educational masterpiece

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WEDNESDAY heralded the end of one era and the beginning of a new one, as Kintyre pupils went to school in a new building.

After years of learning in one of the worst school buildings in the country, which was completed in June 1969 with a life expectancy of 40 years, the children are now at one

of the most advanced.

Acting head teacher Catherine Cameron told the pupils at a welcoming assembly: 'I want you to enjoy your new school – enjoy it, take care of it, be proud of it and be proud of yourselves.'

'This is Campbeltown Grammar School and we have a lot of which to be proud.'

Morrison Construction was behind the £26 million project, carried out by Argyll and Bute Council in partnership with Hub North Scotland Ltd and the Scottish Futures Trust through the Scottish Government's schools for the future programme.

Morrison Construction project director Jeff Hedley, said:

'Campbeltown Grammar School is the second of four education facilities we will deliver for Argyll and Bute Council and Hub North Scotland.'

'Last November, pupils and teachers moved into Kirn School, Oban High School is the next facility due to be completed this spring and excellent progress is being made on the site of Dunoon Primary.'

Work began on the new school in summer 2016 and was completed on schedule, with the children leaving the old building before the February break, and returning to the new one. Ms Cameron told the pupils that the school is a place for everyone. 'This is a place where you should all feel you belong, regardless of social background, gender, sexual orientation ... we want to celebrate diversity.'

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said: 'Today is a very special day for the young people of Kintyre.'

'This wonderful new



The atrium area with classrooms and galleries above. 25\_c08cgsnewschool04

school will enable pupils to realise their full potential and enjoy a learning experience where they can succeed.

'Our vision is that together we will realise ambition, excellence and equality for all.'

BBC Scotland education correspondent, Jamie McIvor was a student at Campbeltown Grammar School from 1983 to 1989.

Speaking to the *Courier* on Tuesday, Mr McIvor said: 'I'm so happy for the current pupils and staff that they now have an attractive, modern building at long last.'

'I have many happy memories of Campbeltown Grammar School

in the 1980s but even then the building was in a bad condition.'

'While I was there, the music block was closed for about two years for safety. In our French class, the roof leaked constantly.'

'I know how teachers and staff tried their best to make the building as attractive as possible but there was only so much they could do – especially when there were some serious problems to confront.'

'A modern and attractive building can make a huge difference to a child's enjoyment of school and their education itself. I really hope the youngsters make the most of it.'

House captains Leah

McGuigan and Christina McFadyen thanked the collaboration of agencies involved, including schools development project manager Michael Casey, Morrison Construction and Argyll and Bute Council, and presented Mr Casey with a gift.

Ms Cameron concluded the assembly: 'Campbeltown Grammar School has a tradition of being a key part of the community.'

'Pupils and staff of Campbeltown, throughout Argyll and Bute, are known for being warm, open, friendly and welcoming. We want to bring that to our new school and add to it.'



Acting head Catherine Cameron speaking to the school. 25\_c08cgswholeschool02

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## POLICE FILES with Sergeant Iain MacNicol

### Public urination

A 21-YEAR-OLD man was issued with a recorded police warning at about 2.05am last Saturday, for urinating in Longrow, Campbeltown.

### Drunk driver

A 22-YEAR-OLD man was arrested and charged for driving a car in Millknowe, Campbeltown, at about 2.15am last Saturday, while under the influence of alcohol.

### Abusive behaviour

FOLLOWING a report of a man behaving in an abusive manner towards a woman in a house in New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, at

about 8am last Saturday, a 31-year-old was arrested, and charged with abusive behaviour.

### Window smashed

A WINDOW at a flat in Hillside Road, Campbeltown, was smashed sometime between 9.45pm and 9.55pm last Saturday.

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

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### Car driver charged

PEOPLE in a quiet residential Campbeltown street saw a van smash into a parked car and roll onto its roof.

No one was injured, last Friday, when the Vauxhall Astra van ploughed into an Audi A6 in Davaar Avenue, at about 12.25pm, coming to rest on the pavement, metres from people's homes.

The 28-year-old male driver, who was able to get out of the vehicle with his passenger, was charged with careless driving.

# Potty white lines cross A83 pothole

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PEOPLE have real road rage at the 'genuinely dangerous' A83 from Campbeltown to Tarbet.

Large areas of car-



A white line painted across a pothole at Muasdale on Tuesday afternoon.

riageway are littered with potholes which are often impossible to avoid and if entered at even moderate speeds in the dark may break springs and shred tyres.

A recently announced resurfacing scheme, priced at £0.6 million, will attempt to provide a smooth surface from Inveraray to Whitehouse but for 30 miles south it is just temporary patching.

To compound the misery on Tuesday afternoon, a white-lining truck was spotted by a *Courier* reader in Muasdale. As Ali-

son Clements watched, it even painted across a deep pothole on the road's crown.

Commenting on the A83 Facebook page, Sandy McKinnen wrote: 'Absolute joke! Just seen them painting lines over about 20m of potholes at the end of the windfarm road on Patchan straight, actually unbelievable.'

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland said: 'We contacted our contractor for a full explanation.'

'We had instructed our contractor to carry out 600m of white lin-

ing on the A83 through Campbeltown between Dalaruan Street and Aqualibrium Avenue.

'As the work did not require use of all of the material that had been prepared, the contractor located a section of road in need of refreshment and used the remainder of the material here.

'The material needs to be fully used up in the machine as it will solidify if left.'

'The additional lining the contractor carried out in Muasdale was not instructed by BEAR and was carried out entirely at the



The white lining machine at work in Muasdale.

contractor's own cost. There is no additional cost to the public purse.

'A temporary repair is also set to be completed to the pothole in Muasdale.'

Earlier in the week,

the *Courier* reporter was on a mission to photograph A83 potholes. Near Whitehouse, a BEAR Scotland pick-up pulled up and stopped.

One of three crew, all employees of the com-

pany, said: 'Are you taking some photos of the state of the road?'

'Well, if you had come tomorrow, your story would be ruined because we have just come to fix the potholes ... temporarily.'

## Council printing service undercuts businesses

AS ARGYLL and Bute council set its budget yesterday details emerged of how it undercuts local printing businesses.

The council's printroom service can produce 100 business cards for £7.50, according to a quote obtained by the *Courier*.

The same product bought online, from national supplier MOO, would cost £26.38 and it is a similar price, within a few pence, to the Wyvex Media-owned Krisp Print in

Campbeltown. Last week, George Graham, Wyvex group finance director, told *The Oban Times*, which it owns, along with the *Campbeltown Courier*: 'It is absolutely deplorable that the council has entered into commercial competition against its own ratepayers.'

'The printing industry has been experiencing an exceptionally challenging time nationwide in recent years and, given the already tough trading conditions in Argyll, this

move by the council could possibly endanger the jobs of some of the very people it should serve. Being based in Kilmory means it is in direct competition to our own print business in Campbeltown.'

A council spokesperson said: 'We can't comment on other businesses' charges.'

'Our focus is on providing a reasonably priced service, with equipment used also for council business, such as printing benefits and creditors cheques. We've been

working alongside other similar local businesses for a number of years already.

'Sometimes customers come to us, sometimes they prefer another printer depending on requirements. The income we raise supports the council services on which local businesses and people depend.'

There is one bit of hope for the commercial trade: it took nearly four days to obtain a simple quote for prices from the council.

## Fighting scaffolders fined

A SCAFFOLDER hit his pal with a hammer and he responded with a baseball bat in an Esplanade fight.

John Gillespie, 36, of 7 Birgidale Terrace, and Colin Campbell, 40, of Flat 3/1, Raithburn Avenue, both in Castlemilk, Glasgow, admitted a charge of engaging in a stand-up fight on November 7 last year.

After hearing that the pair's long friendship has ended, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'This is an extremely distressing matter for any member of the public to have seen.'

'Your £400 fine each is a direct alternative to imprisonment.' He added that any failure to pay would result in jail.


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# Not a lotta Costa for reality TV star

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A COUPLE with a dog named Ceilidh led a BBC film crew on a merry dance for BBC daytime show *Getaway for Winter*.

Greer and Keith Abendroth, from Campbeltown, and their dogs Venture and Ceilidh star in the BBC 1 afternoon show at 3.45pm next Friday March 2.

This final episode of a 15-part series, narrated by Gloria Hunniford, follows Keith and Greer as they work out how to spend the winter in the sunshine for the same money as it costs to live at home.

By swapping sleet

and snow for sand and heat, the premise is that the sun-seekers will change their lives by renting a piece of paradise abroad.

## Mysterious

Greer, 72, drew the short straw and remained at the couple's Loch View Avenue home while Keith, 75, jetted off to Fuengirola with a pair of cameramen and a pocketful of free euros to meet mysterious Iranian, Spanish property specialist, Ali from Norwich.

Back in Kilkerran Road, Greer was filmed walking the dogs and going about her daily life by Laura Kingwell, of Friel Kean Productions,

who had a working holiday based at the Craigard hotel.

Keith said: 'We received an email from a website named Be On Screen asking for people looking to get away in the winter.'

## Technical

'Majella McNeaney from the production company wanted to do a video interview for selection and, my being very technical, I had to get my mate Duncan Lowrie to help set it up.'

'We told them we had not been away for three years.'

'I flew out on December 17 from Prestwick with cameraman Andy Chambers. Another cameraman, who

was also the Spanish side producer/director, Chris Greenwood, flew in from Manchester.

'It was a nice hotel but a tough schedule of filming, from nine to five each day, during which time I was shown four potential rental properties but none was dog friendly.'

Greer said: 'The biggest problem for us would be getting our dogs there as they would need pet passports costing £200.'

'Practically, we would need to drive and that would take a week, including ferries, so it would not be worthwhile.'

Keith added: 'It was a great trip, experience and a laugh.'



Greer and Keith Abendroth with their dogs Venture and Ceilidh. 25\_c08abendroth01

## Quiz and curry for Nancy Glen fund

PROFESSIONAL quizmaster Helen Gilchrist will keep another Nancy Glen fundraiser running smoothly when she travels up the West Road to put knowledge to the test at a quiz and curry night.

Teams of four will battle it out at the event in Tayinloan hall, organised by residents.

Those who think the brain-teasing first half of the quiz will work up their appetite can tuck into a curry, courtesy of Big Jessie's Tearoom, during the break.

Raffle prizes, including two weekend breaks on Mull, meal vouchers and more, will be up for grabs during the evening.

Tickets for the quiz, which starts at 7.30pm on Thursday March 8, are £3 per person, with optional extras for the curry at £3 per person more, are available from the Courier Centre, Clachan Filling Station, or from Caroline Smith on 01583 441168 or Rebecca Harvey on 01583 441292.



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## Mr and Mrs reveals couples' secrets

AN AUDIENCE laughed fit to burst as a dance teacher recreated TV game shows Mr and Mrs and Strictly Come Dancing.

There was not a seat to spare as a capaci-

ty crowd experienced a fun-filled Saturday night under the spell of compère James McCorkindale.

The Mr and Mrs format followed the TV show with one half of

each couple answering three questions while their partner sat alongside wearing earmuffs. The partner had to guess the answers.

Winners were Peter and Sheila-anne McCallum who correctly guessed the answers to questions such as: 'Sheila-anne, what does Peter prefer - Y fronts, boxers or going commando?'

In the Strictly competition, Willie and Kirsteen Ross's samba in beach wear blew away the opposition.



Isla Binnie left is oblivious as Alex Binnie answers a question from James McCorkindale, right. 25\_c08mrandmrs01

## Elders' four decades of church service

A PAIR of Highland Parish Church stalwarts have between them notched up 80 years of faithful work.

At a recent service, the Reverend William Crossan presented long-service certificates to elders Andrew Ronald and Jim McKinven.

The certificates were signed by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Reverend Dr Derek Browning, in recognition of their 40 years' service to the church.

Mr Crossan paid tribute to their diligent and faithful work in the Kirk Session, and wished them well in their continuing work and witness.



Andrew Ronald, Reverend William Crossan and Jim McKinven at the presentation.

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**Victoria McLachlan and Agnes McKerral were on waitress duty.** 25\_c08sarmycoffee01

## Pancakes pull in pennies

PIPING hot pancakes smothered in jam helped Campbeltown Salvation Army raise £205.54.

The Army's Jim Rae-side said: 'This was our first coffee morning since November last year and as it was the only event in Campbeltown on Saturday morning we had a good turnout.'

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# Tribute song may be the sound of Kintyre

## The track will be released on iTunes with the title '#TT100 Bring Our Boys Back Home' on March 5

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A HOST of Tarbert musicians and song writers have banded together to produce a single dedicated to the Nancy Glen campaign.

The track will be released on iTunes with the title '#TT100 Bring Our Boys Back Home' on March 5. It was recorded at Tarbert's Templar Hall recently across a weekend.

Written and produced

by Silvio Gigante and Simon Greatbach, the song will consist of classic pop riffs with a Scottish twist.

Performers include the Loch Fyne Pipe Band, Tarbert Academy choir and local singer Beatrice Catherine.

The song will also be mastered by Grammy award winner David Donaldson.

Producer Silvio Gigante said: 'It's real-

ly great to meet some nice people who are selfless in their manner, time and words. I have really been as happy as can be doing music.

'We have support from Deacon Blue, Alec Salmond and Argyll FM.

'To obtain a CD it will be necessary to have proof of purchase as a download from iTunes or Spotify.'



**Tarbert singer Beatrice Catherine, who went to school with Duncan MacDougall, sings the lead.** 06\_a07nancyglensong03

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## Editorial

### Grammar school's new era

IN THE second decade of the 21st century, Campbeltown has a fine grammar school building completed on schedule.

Pupils entering it for the first time gasped in amazement as they walked through the bright, airy corridors.

Most had not been in its atrium area lit by huge skylights and overlooked by four balcony corridors, more akin to a smart shopping centre. The comments at Wednesday break would have been interesting.

Like a church or a stadium, a school is just the building where an institution carries on the job of education.

Judging by acting head Catherine Cameron's speech, she is certain the building will provide the environment for great teaching.

### Courier letter writer

A PROLIFIC *Courier* letter writer, William Crossan, a former CGS head, discussed last week's editorial, about push and pull in electronic media, with Sid Gallagher, another retired teacher, on Argyll FM. Sid knew the point was a hunt for more letters and apparently discovered a letter could be emailed.

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## Pay for roads with council reserves

Sir,

I have been pressing Transport Scotland and BEAR since the New Year to take forward a much increased programme of repair on the trunk roads in Argyll and Bute.

Work has started on the A83, the A82 and the A85. Transport Scotland did another inspection last week on the A83 and are insisting that BEAR accelerates its work and devotes more resources.

I will continue to monitor that situation but I hope that the worst of the problems will be sorted within a few weeks.

The bulk of the local roads are Argyll and Bute Council's responsibility and I have received many complaints about those roads.

Some, like the main – and only – road on Jura are in such a dreadful state that is leading to concerns from hauliers about the safety of using them.

Others – like the A886 and the A8003 which I use on a regular basis – have patches where the surface has broken up and many potholes.

Drivers avoiding these can cause traffic accidents and in addition essential workers, like carers, are having delays and disruptions to the vital work they do because of damage to their vehicles.

Local road users must report these problems, to the council, whenever they experience them because only when a pothole has been reported and not acted on can individuals claim compensation for damage.

It would be better if the council accepted that the current situation constitutes an emergency, due to severe deterioration caused by adverse weather, first of all extreme wet weather in the summer and autumn and next very cold winter conditions.

It could meet that emergency by dipping into re-

## Down memory lane



Iain McKerral from Meadowburn Place has sent the *Courier* a photograph belonging to his uncle, Peter (Pat) McMillan, of 70 Smith Drive.

It was taken at a football event held in Campbeltown in July 1947. It was a youth club coaching weekend sponsored by Kemsley Newspapers, of which the Daily Record, Sunday Mail and Glasgow Evening News belonged.

The event was coordinated by retired player Jimmy Smith of Rangers, who is not pictured.

Pictured are from the back left: Bobby Hogg (Celtic), George Young (Rangers),

Maurice Candlin (Partick Thistle) and in goal, James 'Jerry' Dawson (Rangers/Scotland).

The boys from left are: ? McEachran, unknown, unknown, Dougie Lang, John Paterson, Charlie McFadyen, Willie Mitchell, Donald McCallum, Peter (Pat) McMillan, Malcolm Watson, David Robertson.

If anyone can put names to the two unknowns email: editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or call at the Courier Centre.

Thanks to Charlie McFadyen for filling in some of the gaps.

serves and establishing a fund for urgent repairs across the area, starting with the worst affected routes like Jura but covering everywhere during the next few months.

The council cannot simply go on saying that its current budgets are constrained.

It has reserves and the reality is that such reserves are, in part, about putting aside resources for times when special circumstances require special measures.

This is one of those times and I have suggested that the council sets up a new fund, with monies from their reserves, immediately.

I will continue to monitor the road situation closely and I would encourage people to report faults and damage quickly until they are fixed.

Community councils are

also getting active in the matter and I am sure councillors want to see improvements made without any further delay.

**Michael Russell,  
MSP Argyll and Bute.**

### Roads spending cut

Sir,

More bad news has been announced for Scotland's infrastructure as road spending has been cut by 20 per cent in the past seven years.

Cosla's recent local government benchmarking framework report stated that road maintenance funding had decreased from £691 million in 2010/11 to £554 million last year.

This is nothing to do with Westminster, Brexit or anything else the SNP likes to point its finger at, the separatists alone have cut

council taxes to the bone.

The government needs to explain why it has decided to do this, and why it thinks motorists don't deserve to drive on good quality surfaces.

As I have said so many times before, we in Scotland deserves better than this government.

**Alastair Redman,  
Portnahaven,  
Islay.**

### A83 is 'genuinely dangerous'

Sir,

I have been driving up and down between Glasgow and Southend on a fairly regular basis for more than 50 years, and, without doubt, I have never seen the A83 in worse condition.

It is in a shocking state some 15 miles short of Inveraray all the way down

to Southend. Not only is it shocking, it is genuinely dangerous, with frequent large potholes and many extremely rough patches.

It is difficult enough during the day. At night it is lethal because you cannot properly see those rough patches until you are virtually upon them.

Inevitably, a number of motorists have experienced tyre blow-outs and other damage. I imagine West Coast Motors, which run regular daily services, will be furious.

The major road works, at Strone Point, just short of Inveraray must be costing a fortune, and by the looks of it, could last for years.

Surely the Scottish government would have been better spending its money on proper maintenance on the A83 and not on this major – but not essential – road works.

When the smoothest stretch of road on the journey is the Moss Road you know the situation is bad, so bad that it is bound to affect much needed tourism.

**Jock MacVicar,  
11 Melrose Gardens,  
Glasgow.**

## Woodlands Music Group's thanks

Sir,

We would like to say a great big thank you to the *Courier* for helping Woodlands Music Group promote and sell its Christmas CD which helped raise £400.

It means such a lot to Woodlands to have the *Courier's* support and we hope you enjoyed our song as much as we did during its recording.

Woodlands plans to use the money to fund further music projects and looks forward to sharing more in the future.

Woodlands would also like to thank all the readers who bought the CD and especially Argyll FM, George MacMillan, Shopper Aide and Yorkshire Building Society.

**Vee Sheldrick,  
Woodlands Music Group.**

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**ZOE was Europe’s best-selling electric vehicle in 2017**

RENAULT has revealed its new 2018 model-year ZOE, featuring the new R110 electric motor, Eu-

rope’s best-selling electric vehicle. This will be the first Renault EV to feature the new 80kW powerplant which combines extra power with even greater driving enjoyment.

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The new R110 motor is the latest in Renault’s electric motor development and production strategy and is further evidence of its expertise as Europe’s number one electric vehicle manufacturer.

The R110 has been created specifically by Renault – an evolution of the R90, developed in just two

years – and is made at the Cléon plant in Normandy having been designed by engineers based at both the Renault Technocentre and Cléon.

In addition to carrying over the R90’s outstanding energy efficiency, the R110 packs a combination of electrical machine – and power electronics-related innovations that have yielded an extra 12kW with no increase in either weight or volume.

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# Movie-goers give Picture Hou

NEARLY two months to the day since Campbeltown Picture House (CPH) re-opened its cinema with an added screen, the *Courier* stepped out to gauge its success on the street.

Out of the sample of 19 people, every-

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one was full of praise and some made suggestions for improvement.

CPH's inaugural Scottish Comedy Film Festival (SCOFF) was given a big thumbs-up.



**'The slushes, popcorn and sweets are great too'**

SCOTT Campbell, 36, a fish farm technician from Campbeltown, was with his son, Kelvin, 5. Kelvin said that he loves going with his dad to the cinema and really enjoyed *Paddington 2*. 'The slushes, popcorn and sweets are great too,' he added. He said that he would love to see more children's films such as *Power Rangers* and *Paw Patrol*.

Dad, Scott, said: 'The Picture House is great for families. I am so glad it is open again.'

**'The cinema looks wonderful and the town has great potential for tourism'**

LINDA and James Corry, visitors from Hertfordshire, said: 'We are very impressed with the improvements to the town since our previous visit some years ago.'

'We regret we do not have time to see a film on this visit but hope to be back.'

James said: 'The cinema looks wonderful and the town has great potential for tourism.'



**'There is a great ran**

LEWIS and Douglas Kenny, aged 13 and 15, from Campbeltown, were enjoying the half term break and said: 'The seats are very comfy



**'A super asset for the town'**

RETIRED couple David, 78, and Chris, 77, MacArthur from Campbeltown said: 'It is just brilliant, just what's needed. A super asset for the town.'

'We love the silver screen showing. It is great value with free tea and coffee too.'

David added he thinks people need to be coaxed back into the habit of going to the cinema.

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**'It's great the way it is. Tango ice blasts would make it even better though'**

BUS DRIVER John Martin, 31, and James McLean, 6, both said: 'The Picture House is brilliant.'

John added: The prices are fair and I can take the children to early shows or we can go to later ones when the children are asleep.

John said: 'It's great the way it is. Tango ice blasts would make it even better though,' he added laughing.



**'Very good with great up-to-date films'**

JAMES Reid, a retired farmer, living in Campbeltown has been a supporter of the Picture House for about 25 years.

He said: 'The newly renovated cinema is very good, with great up-to-date films and latest releases.'

He added he also likes the long opening hours so that he can go at almost any time of day.

DAVID Conley, 20 and Rachel Pirie, 25, both from Campbeltown, are leisure assistants at the Aqualibrium and are both fans of the Picture House.

Rachel said she appreciates the late showings and added: 'It would be great if there was a restaurant deal like they have in Glasgow.'

'I think special deals on films would be good too, like bring a friend for free.'

David said the show times are great and he appreciates the online ticket ordering.

They said that they both enjoyed the recent comedy night adding: 'The venue is great for this type of event.'

'We would love to see more comedy nights'.

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# Use a BAFTA



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and there is a great range of films.' They added that they like the choice of times and enjoy the refreshments. 50\_c08cinema09



'IT'S BEAUTIFUL,' said 80-year-old Mary McDonald from near Tayinloan. 'It is so fresh and comfortable and I love the small screen and the daytime showings. The sound is great too.' 50\_c08cinema10



'I like the comfy seats'

SUPPORT worker Kelly Brown, 34, and Lileigh Allen, 7, from Campbeltown said: 'It's a lovely cinema with a good range of times and a great choice of films.'

Lileigh added: 'I like the comfy seats. I have seen *Coco* three times and liked *Paddington 2* and *Ferdinand* as well.' 50\_c08cinema05



'It has been done up so well. Use it or lose it'

MICHAEL Rennie, 55, an offshore mechanic from Campbeltown said: 'It has been done up so well and everyone should use it. Use it or lose it. A great range of films and the ice-cream is very good.' 50\_c08cinema11



'It is superb, perfect. The cafe is great too'

GEORGE McKay, 70, from Peninver works part-time at Tesco. He said: 'It is absolutely superb, perfect and so comfy. 'You could almost fall asleep. 'The cafe is great too.' 50\_c08cinema12



Campbeltown Picture House's restored 1930s main auditorium.

# Picture House screening backs Nancy Glen fund

CAMPBELTOWN Picture House will host a 'pay-what-you-want' singing-along screening of *The Greatest Showman* on Sunday, in aid of the Nancy Glen fund.

Seats for the 2.30pm screening are filling fast. There is nothing to pay when booking, simply a collection at the door.

Campbeltown Picture House (CPH) is bringing a touch of red carpet glamour to the Wee Toon as BAFTA award-winning movies litter its listings.

Many of CPH's latest movie offerings picked up prizes at the 2018 British Academy of Film and Television Arts awards this week, including *Phantom Thread*, which premieres today.

The movie, which won costume design, stars Daniel Day-Lewis as renowned dressmaker Reynolds

Woodcock in glamorous 1950s, post-war London, who, alongside his sister, played by Lesley Manville, dresses royalty, movie stars, heiresses, socialites, debutants and dames. with the distinct style of the House of Woodcock.

### Fictional

Also opening is *Black Panther*, which sees T'Challa return home to the fictional African nation of Wakanda to take his rightful place as king, after his father's death. Many of the movies which have been shown at the cinema for weeks also picked up BAFTAs.

*Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* picked up five awards: best film, leading actress, supporting actor, outstanding British film and original screenplay.

It stars Frances McDormand as a moth-

er who rents three billboards to call attention to her daughter's unsolved murder.

*The Shape of Water*, which premiered at CPH last week, collected three BAFTA awards: director, original music, and production design.

It tells the tale of Elisa, a mute, isolated woman who works as a cleaning lady in a hidden, high-security government laboratory in 1962 Baltimore.

*Darkest Hour*, which won awards for hair and make-up, and leading actor, stars

Gary Oldman as British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in an inspiring true story beginning at the precipice of the Second World War.

Even Kintyre's youngsters can be treated to award-winning movies, as *Coco*, which won best animated film, is on CPH's listings.

Miguel dreams of becoming a musician, despite his family's generations-old ban on music.

For full listings and times, visit CPH's website.



BAFTA award-winning *Phantom Thread* premieres at CPH today.

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**CLACHAN**

## School's six eco flag success

CLACHAN Primary School has more green flags than pupils, after picking up its sixth eco award.

The pupils and staff were praised by Eco Schools Scotland,

which awards the standards to schools which can prove they are environmentally friendly, for their whole-school effort in using the local environment as a learn-

ing resource, monitoring their progress, sharing their successes, and forming links with helpful groups including the GRAB Trust.

The school's most recent award means that it has had continuing Eco Schools status for 10 years.

The children were encouraged to continue exploring the United Nations' sustainable development goals, and to choose one goal to focus on, alongside their ongoing environmental activities, as they work towards renewing their status in 2020.



Clachan Primary's five pupils with their six green flags.

**LARGIESIDE**

## Trivia to technology tested at Tayinloan

WHAT is Twiggy's real name? In which field sport do the winners move backwards? What word is the technology term 'app' short for?

Such was the variety of questions from quiz-master, Helen Steel, at Largieside SWI's annual quiz in Tayinloan Village Hall last week.

There was a large turnout, despite bad weather, with eight four-member teams competing for the 2018 accolade.

Cheers of delight at correct answers and groans of frustration at incorrect ones showed the seriousness of the



The winning team, Fork Handles: David and Wendy Spy, Adrienne Bradley and Pat Rawson.

contenders at the fun-filled event.

The winners were the Fork Handles: David and Wendy Spy from Tayinloan, Adrienne

Bradley from Rhunahaorine, and Pat Rawson from Muasdale.

But it seemed that 'everyone's a winner' at Largieside SWI, as

all were treated to sandwiches, home-baked cakes and pastries afterwards, and the raffle rewarded almost every team in the hall.

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**EAST KINTYRE**

## Generous guild's Gambia charity gifts

A CAMPBELTOWN Grammar School Gambia charity received a token of an East Kintyre church

guild's appreciation after members received an 'inspiring' talk.

Agnes Stewart, from CGS4Gambia, ex-

plained to Saddell and Carradale church guild that the group teaches the school's senior students about global citizenship through volunteering in Gambia.

Since it was founded in 2013, CGS4Gambia has taken 42 students to the Gambian village Jarrol, and has not only donated countless items to the villagers, but has helped build a nursery and health centre.

A guild spokesperson said: 'We were most impressed by the pro-

jects and building work staff and pupils have supported through their fundraising in several schools in Gambia.'

The guild donated some pencils and books to the charity, to thank Agnes for her presentation.

The church group's next meeting is a talk titled Historical Houses and Families in Carradale, by Christine Ritchie, at 7pm in the village hall, on Thursday February 22, where all proceeds will go to the Nancy Glen fund.



Una Semple, on behalf of the guild, presents Agnes Stewart with the stationery.

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# Clochkeil will welcome nursery sheepdog finals

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YOUNG sheepdogs from across Scotland will flock to Clochkeil farm next weekend.

Shepherds with 45 dogs, aged under two-and-a-half on Octo-

ber 1 last year, from the nation's nine regions, will compete in the Scottish nursery finals, judged by Cairndow's Roddy McDiarmid, on Saturday March 3.

Kintyre Sheepdog

Trials (KSDT) in conjunction with the Arran region is hosting the event, which last came to the area nine years ago.

During the winter months, each region of Scotland tries to run five or six trials for nursery dogs. The best five dogs from each region go forward to the finals.

KSDT's Andrew Ronald said: 'We have shepherds coming from Lochaber to run in our area, which we need for numbers.'

'In the final, Kintyre region will enter three

dogs from Lochaber, one from Arran and Skipness's Alex McCuish.

'As well as the dogs' age regulation, they are not allowed to have won a prize in an open trial in the previous year.'

There will be refreshments, a raffle, a marquee supplied by Kintyre Agricultural Society and, for the first time at a Kintyre trial, a portable disabled toilet supplied by Jim Martin.

To offset the cost of the disabled toilet, Campbeltown Com-



A competitor in the August 2015 KSDT trial. 25\_c35sheepdog06



Sheepdog trialing is thirsty work. 25\_c35sheepdog09

munity Council granted KSDT £300 from its Scottish Hydro Tandy fund.

The evening before the event Scottish Nursery Trials will hold its AGM at the Argyll Hotel. Organ-

isers expect the trial to attract many and that it will fill Kintyre hotels that weekend.

Action opens at 8am on the venue regularly used for the Kintyre trials in August, given courtesy of the Barr

family, on fields immediately opposite Mach Dunes golf club.

Mr Ronald said: 'It is a very dry field because of the sandy soil so cars and vans should have no trouble parking.'

## Caledonian Marts holds successful sale

CALEDONIAN Marts Ltd had forward 411 store and breeding cattle, and 549 store sheepat Stirling on Monday February 19.

Store bullocks averaged 231ppkg selling to 275ppkg from AG & ME Bateman, Langholm, Campbeltown and to £1210 for a 550kg Aberdeen Angus from J Brownlie & Co, Inchgall, Glencraigs.

Store heifers averaged 211ppkg selling to 251ppkg (twice) from H Millar & Son, Glenhead, Falkirk, and A Ferguson, Kinburn, Braco, and to £1290 for a Limousin from R Graham & Son, Airthrey Kerse, Bridge of Allan.

Bulls sold to 230ppkg for a Charolais from Rob McMurrich, Ballater Drive, Plean, and to £1040 from R Clowes, Newhall, Dollar.

Black and white bullocks averaged 143p selling to 166p from M/s Patterson,

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Bullocks per head: £1200 and £1190 East Kerse, £1150 Balcachie, £1120 Inchgall, £1110 and £1100 East Kerse.

Bullocks per kilo: 271p Glenhead, 268p Wester Whin, 265p and 264p Gartnagrenach (Tarbert) 258p offers. Heifers per head: £1230 Middlerigg, £1070 Greenhead, £1010 East Kerse, £1000 Stenhouse, Greenhead, and Low Peninver (Campbeltown).

Heifers per kilo: 248p Kinburn, 243p Turdees, 240p Easterton (Purdon), 237p Glenhead

Breeding cattle: sold to £1650 for a cow with calf at foot from Mid Auchencarroch.

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# Campbeltown minister moves to pastures new

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A CAMPBELTOWN minister with a geography degree will be on the map at Renfrew north parish, on the south side of the Clyde, from early March.

Reverend Philip Wallace has spent 14 years leading the flock at Lorne and Lowland church and prior to accepting the Renfrew north charge preached as sole nominee on January 14.

Rev Wallace said: 'I have enjoyed Campbeltown immensely. It has been a great experience there is such a sense of communi-

ty working with people here and thoughts for all.

'I have also enjoyed working closely with the other churches in south Kintyre.'

Rev Wallace, who was raised as a Christian in England, spent seven years with Hampshire county council as a trading standards officer before studying for the ministry between 1994 and 1998 at Mansfield college, Oxford.

Rev Wallace spoke about how life in the trading standards department led to a re-evaluation of his life.

He said: 'My social conscience was developed by dealing with consumers' problems.

'It made me look at society and the difficulties which people go through. Secondly, I was at church one day half listening to a sermon and thinking of all the things I would try to do if I was a minister.'

After qualifying, Rev Wallace was called to the Presbyterian United Reformed Church, in Brighton, where he spent six years before coming to Campbeltown in 2004.

As well as his ministry, Rev Wallace has



Philip Wallace.

worked with the Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel and the Supporting the Homeless in Kintyre Project. In 2016 he chaired a hustings before the Scottish elections and again last year before the general election.

Rev Wallace said that one of the aspects he has particularly enjoyed has been his involvement with November's Remembrance Sunday services.

He said: 'Remembrance services at both the Commonwealth war graves cemetery and at the cenotaph on the Esplanade help the

community to remember its lost ones.

'Part of the ministry is also helping the community to grieve when there are accidents.

'When preaching sermons I like anything about the love of God and God's interaction with people.'

Although a minister's work is 24/7 and may seem very serious Rev Wallace is a bit of a wolf in sheep's clothing - he motors in a three-litre Jaguar XF, which he has driven for seven years. This Sunday Rev Wallace will preach his final sermon at 11.15am.

## Obituary: Padre Reverend William 'Bill' Henry Greenway Bristow

A TEENAGER who enlisted as a signalman and fought in one of the last naval battles of the Second World War and subsequently became a Church of Scotland minister has passed away.

Reverend Bill Bristow was 18 when he joined the Royal Navy's Motor Torpedo Boat (MTB) 497, based at Lowestoft, and saw action in the English Channel.

Following his wartime service Rev Bristow studied divinity, graduating in 1951 to become assistant minister at St Marchar's Cathedral Aberdeen and subsequently minister at Haugh of Urr Kirkcudbrightshire.

In 1954, the musical minister gifted on piano, organ, bagpipes and violin with an accomplished tenor voice, rejoined the military as an army chaplain, Padre Bristow.

Until 1970 he was

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attached to the Scots guards, Highland Light Infantry (HLI) and Queens Own Cameron Highlanders.

In 1973 he returned to college in Aberdeen and graduated as an English teacher in special education.

In 1960 his late brother Robert Bristow and grandmother Isabella Greenway moved from Coatbridge to Machrihanish, after which Bill's family became familiar visitors at their holiday home in Southend area.

This Kintyre connection led to Rev Bristow taking a teaching post at Campbeltown's 'Meadows School' in 1978. He became the head and retired in 1991.

During his Campbeltown career Rev Bristow helped set up the local riding for the disabled (RDA) and was chairman of Auchinlee care home

committee for many years.

He became hospital chaplain at Campbeltown hospital and subsequently accepted long-term locum positions on the islands of Gigha and Islay.

Rev Bristow was finally forced to retire at age 83 due to advancing Parkinson's disease.

He is survived by his wife Margaret and daughters Wendy, Mairi and grandsons David, Alistair, stepson Craig and great grandchildren Emily and Charlie.

Rev Bristow's funeral was at Southend Parish church on Monday January 29.

The service was conducted by Reverend Steve Fulcher with a representative from the army's chaplaincy department, Padre Stewart Young.

It was very well attended by many



Reverend Bristow in his army days.

friends and familiar faces including piper John McGeachy and the Royal British Legion at the Keil cemetery grave side.

The family wishes to thank all for their very kind donations to Parkinson's UK.

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# Love is in the air with Spring weddings

What better time for love to be in the air than Spring?

It has to be one of the most beautiful and most inspirational times of the year to get married with blossom coming out in bloom and signs of new life starting to show everywhere.

There will be an abundance of beautiful flowers to choose for bouquets and for the bride's hair.

Pretty pinks, yellows and greens from the springtime pastel palette make colour co-ordination for the big

day a dream.

Why not think about using Spring as the theme for your decorative focal points for the ceremony and the celebration afterwards.

Be fantastically floral with your invites and may be even your wedding dress and there is no stopping there - don't forget the cake.

Wedding cakes have moved on from three white tiers, dare to be different. Delightful berries, edible foliage, birds and even woodland creatures in fondant shapes perched on top would make a

show-stopping centre piece.

As we wave goodbye to winter, a hint of better weather breezes and longer days our way opening up possibilities of al-fresco weddings. The chance to party in a marquee or enjoy a beautiful garden or stunning grounds and venues across Argyll.

Anyone planning a wedding in this region is spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing hotels to bring together the special people in their lives for an unforgettable experience. Oban's register

office is also a popular choice for couples.

Gorgeous backdrops are essential for photographs that will grace the pages of the wedding albums or Facebook going global.

Vintage and chintz is still a firm favourite with Spring brides wanting to create a breath-taking wedding.

Regardless of season there is always so much planning to do and with so much to do, making an essential list should be one of a couple's first priorities - after naming the date and sending out save the

date cards.

Top of that all-important list should be budget. Work out the limit, go from there and try to stick to it.

Starting a wedding folder or binder with ideas is a great way to begin. Cut out pictures from magazines, look for colours, snatch ideas from anywhere you can and pop them in your collection to make it unique to you.

Talk to friends and family, search about for venues and make a visit so you are sure of finding the perfect place.

The guest list is often

about compromising so no one is left out but remember it is your wedding day so you should have a say on who you want to share it with you.

Research photographers, bands, florists, and caterers - putting in the hard work now will be well worth the effort and peace of mind later. Make sure all these people know exactly what you are expecting to make sure tying the knot will be one of the best days of your life and one to remember for all the right reasons.



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# Argyll and Bute – civil ceremonies

‘It is your day so we do it your way’

That is the motto of Argyll and Bute registrars who are here to help couples make their special day the unique, magical experience they want. There is a lot more choice and freedom

now for couples getting married. Changes in legislation mean they are no longer limited to traditional venues such as registration offices or churches. In the past year, for example, couples have held civil ceremonies held in castles, gardens, yachts, beaches and their own homes. Our registrars focus is on making it possible for couples to have the day they are dreaming of. Getting in touch as early as possible helps to achieve this.

We encourage the inclusion of music and poetry in our ceremonies – which is not to say couples must have this – but we give couples as much choice as possible so their day is perfect from start to finish. In

addition, we can offer religious content and alternative ceremonies such as handfasting and candle ceremonies which are becoming really popular.

Having the ceremony where the reception is held, such as a hotel, castle or gathering hall, has become a popular trend, but there are several stunning council marriage rooms available throughout Argyll and Bute. These include a new facility in Helensburgh, Castle House in Dunoon, the Linda McCartney Garden in Campbeltown, Mount Pleasant House on the Isle of Bute and a room overlooking picturesque Tobermory Bay on Mull.

Increasingly, couples are going to the

registrar for ceremonies to renew their wedding vows, or a baby naming ceremony. These can even be combined for a special family day. Depending on the venue, council marriage rooms can seat from two to 80 guests. If, however, couples would prefer an intimate ceremony just for themselves, then we can also arrange witnesses for them.

There is no residency requirement to get married in Scotland, but every couple is required to give the registrar in the district they wish to be married at least 28 days’ notice.

We encourage couples to make contact with the registrar early, as different couples

will have different requirements. For example, if you are divorced or a surviving partner, you will need specific documents and there are different rules that apply for couples who are coming from outwith the EU. We take great care to assist couples and make sure that everything is in order and stress-free. Forms are valid for three months, but you can book ceremonies a year or more in advance.

The letters of thanks, emails and wonderful feedback we receive from couples is tremendous and greatly appreciated by registration staff – it is great to hear ‘You gave us the day we always wanted.’

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# Preparing for retirement

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## MAC POOL LOCHGILPHEAD

Provides a focus for the community and is an essential leisure service, contributing to the quality of life for residents and visitors to Mid Argyll. Located in Lochgilphead, next to the Crinan Canal, the community pool services 26,000 admissions annually including pre and post-natal mums, pre-fives, children and adults learning to swim, school swimming, athletes, families and the 50-forward demographic as well as

holidaymakers and visitors to the area. Because swimming is with you all your life, we host classes, activities, challenges and competitions for all age groups. The community facility is unique in Mid Argyll as it is the only leisure facility to operate seven days a week and offers public swimming, fitness classes and swim teaching over an average 11-hour day. MACPool is accessible to people of all ages and

abilities. Swimming is an excellent form of low impact exercise with many health benefits, including weight loss, muscle toning and cardio respiratory improvement. It is also great fun. It is an 'all rounder' when it comes to health and wellbeing. Swimming boosts endorphins that increase feelings of wellbeing, and studies have shown that swimming produces the same relaxation response as yoga.

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"What do you mean my pension is taxable.....!?!?"

This is the sort of "pub-talk financial advice" we sometimes have to respond to from people who believe that when they reach the blissful horizon of retirement they can draw down their state pension and any personal pensions and not worry about paying tax. Disabusing them of this notion sometimes requires the patience of Solomon and the diplomatic skills of Donald Trump who

would simply tweet – "Pensions are taxable – end of". My equally brief reply tweet would be "Not so!" There are several ways in which you can mitigate this position if you plan well in advance. For example income and capital gains from ISA's are not taxable and there are additional tax allowances available on dividend income and on savings income. If you

have investments and can lock in some capital gains each year then there is additional tax relief available. Income tax generally kicks in above the level of the personal allowance (£11,850 from 6 April 2018) but with careful structuring it is theoretically possible through a mixture of pension income, savings income, dividends and capital gains to earn just over £30,000 of taxable income in 2018/19 without incurring any tax – and that is excluding the ability to earn income and realise capital gains tax free through holding ISA's. However, to work towards this will require some very careful planning over a number of years working with both your IFA and your accountant. It goes without saying that it is rarely too early to start on that planning route.

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ally spend in later life by almost £100,000. People in later life like to spend more on holidays with multiple trips abroad as their aspiration. No-one has any desire to cut back on their lifestyle choices in retirement so to help meet the shortfall in their aspirations they will need to increase their after-tax income. The difference in tax payable between £30,000 earned all as pension income and £30,000 structured optimally as noted above could be as much as an eye-watering £3,630 per annum (possibly a little bit less if you live in Scotland). For a retired couple (who could each achieve that saving), that's a very decent overseas holiday and several long weekend European city-breaks each year (with a few cocktails thrown in) – all care of HM Treasury. And just think how refreshing that Pina Colada would taste knowing that Messrs Hammond and MacKay were paying for it!

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But whatever you decide there is one very important factor: money. It is never too early – or in some cases, too late – to get in touch with a financial advisor.

It might be you want to downsize, move closer to family or have them move to live near you. Or you just might want to spend more time living in, and enjoying, the home you have worked all your life

to pay for and now plan some major refurbishments.

Keeping body and mind healthy and active are keys to happiness in retirement and there is a wealth of clubs and courses available across Argyll and Bute – you will be spoilt for choice. If, in the unlikely chance you cannot find what you are looking for, then find some like-minded folk and start your own!

Some people retire and start working to help their families, be they decorating and repairing a younger family member's home or looking after grandchildren. Some grandparents, on the other hand, say 'Not likely' and reach for the cruise brochures.

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When you retire you become a valuable community asset, namely a volunteer with time, work and life experience plus the patience and sense of humour only age can bring. There are so many roles where you can make a difference, get out there!

And always remember the words of American writer Mark Twain: 'Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.'

## SHOPPER AID

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## FROM OUR FILES

### TEN YEARS AGO

Friday February 22, 2008

#### Sergeant says farewell

AFTER 11 years of being involved in the Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel (KCPP), Sergeant William Brian has decided to leave Kintyre.

William came to Campbeltown in 1995 and a year later joined the panel but, owing to work commitments, he will be relocating to East Kilbride with his family.

In Jackton, he will be working as a full-time member of staff at the Strathclyde Police Force training centre.

He became secretary of the KCPP in 1996, and then became heavily involved in working with the new CCTV project, arranging, planning and funding applications when he completed near to 400 forms with Eva MacDonald MBE.

In 2003, Willie stood down as secretary, but remained an active member in the role of CCTV manager.



Sergeant William Brian was presented with a token of gratitude from the Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel for all his hard work.

The bomb disposal team had been called in by the Coastguard.

Members of the public have been warned not to handle such flares, which could cause serious injury. They are around 12 inches long, cylindrical, grey and yellow in colour, and are packed in a foam compound.

Investigators believe they may be coming from barges which were sunk off the coast near Campbeltown during the Second World War.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday February 26, 1993

#### Bomb experts called in beach drama

MACHRIHANISH was the focus of a major safety operation on Monday, after 40 Second World War phosphorus flares were washed up on the shoreline.

A Royal Navy diving team from Faslane travelled to Machrihanish and rendered several canisters safe by setting fire to them.

The Royal Navy could not confirm whether or not the devices, which were old and in poor condition, were of military origin.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

Friday February 22, 1968

#### Peninver – by half a point

PENINVER Players have won their way through to the divisional finals of the Scottish Community Drama Association's 1968 festival.

They beat Campbeltown Youth Club in last week's local round by just half a point.

Nine teams competed in three nights of acting at Campbeltown's Victoria Hall.

At the conclusion of the third night, Mr Archibald Keith, chairman of Kintyre District Drama Association,

introduced Mr James Crampsey, the adjudicator.

Summing up the first night's performances, Mr Crampsey said that the favourites, Dunaverty Players, were a sad reflection on their last year's winning performance.

The play they chose this year, *Profile*, a drama by T C Thomas, had a beautifully smooth opening with good props and superb lighting. However, the Detective Inspector (John Barbour) should have had a hat on to let the audience know he was in someone else's house and not his own.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday February 23, 1918

#### Grammar School Cadet Corps

A PRELIMINARY inspection of this corps was made on Wednesday of last week by the Marquis of Breadalbane, Lord Lieutenant of the County, who was accompanied by His Grace the Duke of Argyll, Major Maclachlan, Commandant of the Argyllshire Volunteer Regiment, Colonel Burnley-Campbell of Ormidale, Major A J M Bennett, Dunoon, secretary of the Argyllshire Territorial Force Association, and captain and adjutant T C Scott; among others present being Lieut-Colonel J N Mactaggart, Sheriff Macmaster Campbell, members of school board etc.

The corps was under the command of Captain R Y Cunningham, rector of the school, who is their trainer, and performed a series of exercises under Captain Scott.

There were 95 lads on parade and they went through the various evolutions smartly and with every credit to themselves and their instructor.

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



HOW often we hear things like, 'It will be a seven-day wonder', or 'Today's news is tomorrow's fish and chip paper'?

Sensational items of news soon lose their appeal as something new hits the headlines.

This is not the case with Jesus of Nazareth, and is one of the things that amazes me about his story.

Here was a man who lived more than 2,000 years ago, only ministered for three years, probably didn't travel more than 30 miles from his home – and yet we are still talking about him.

There are probably more books written about Jesus than any other living person in history.

He lived in an age when there was no media communication, no internet, no emails, tweeting or texts.

He didn't write down anything – unless you count his comments written in sand about not accusing people of wrongdoing unless you are flawless yourself.

He didn't have influence in the politics of the time, but he surely was a thorn in the flesh of corrupt leaders and the smugly satisfied religious elite of his day.

He was a man of the people and he made his mark on everyone he met, and still does today.

At this time of Lent, those of us who are drawn to the Christian faith reflect on the last weeks of Jesus's earthly life.

We walk alongside him and listen again to his teachings through the writings of his earthly companions.

His words, however, reach out to people of all faiths and none, because his teaching is simple and he gave one command only. To love one another.

Easy? Absolutely not, but how else will our hurting, troubled, warring, aching world survive?

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**BIRTHS**



**MACLEAN**

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**DEATHS**

**SMITH** - Duncan, aged eighty years, passed away peacefully, on February 14, 2018 at St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, West Sussex, following a short illness, beloved father of Carol and Tracie, brother of Mary and uncle to Malcolm and Margaret. His loss will be profoundly felt by all.

**TOWNSLEY** - Suddenly at home, Craighill, East Kilbride, on February 1, 2018, Brian Townsley, in his 50th year, dearly beloved son of George and the late Bridget Townsley, much loved brother of George, Marion, Maureen and the late John and Yvonne and a much loved uncle and great uncle.

**WOOD** - Margaret, peacefully on February 14, 2018, at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Margaret, aged 94, wife of the late Harry, much loved mother of Ann, mother-in-law of Hugh and a grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at Greenock Crematorium, on Monday, February 26 at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BRISTOW** - A special thank you to the Southend carers for your professionalism, tenderness and light hearted humour, while caring for my husband, Bill.

**MCALLISTER** - Angus, Martin and Arran would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy after the sad loss of their father and grandfather, Gus. Many thanks to the Rev Wallace for his support and comforting service, to the Ardshiel Hotel for catering, a huge thank you to Campbeltown Hospital staff and home carers for their sensitive and professional help and attention, and to T A Blair for their efficient and caring service to us and Dad. The retiral collection raised £607.74 for Alzheimer Scotland.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**GALBRAITH** - In loving memory of a dear mum and granny, Grace, who passed away on February 22, 2017. Always in our thoughts. - Love from all the family xxx.

**MACKINLAY** - In loving memory of Alex (Snr), loving partner of Nan, much loved father and papa, who died February 24, 2015. Always remembered. Sadly missed.

- Love from all the family.

**MORRANS** - In loving memory of Sarah Soudan, died February 24, 1999.

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 Tarbert Service 11.30am  
 Kilberry Service 2.00pm  
 Rev. Catriona Hood  
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**Monday 26th February**  
 Tarbert Church Hall 2.30pm  
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**Sunday 25th February**  
**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
 Charity No. SC016097  
 Morning Service  
 Cumlodden Church 10.00am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
 Charity No. SC016665  
**Morning service**  
 Inveraray Church 11.30 am  
 Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell  
 ALL WELCOME

**Highland Parish Church**



SC002493  
**Saturday 24 February 2018**  
 Coffee Morning  
 10.00am - 12.00 noon  
 Kirk Street Hall  
 Come along for a coffee and a blether.  
**Sunday 25 February 2018**  
 The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in the church at 11.15am.  
**Monday 26 February 2018**  
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 Followed by a Session Meeting at 8.00pm  
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**Sunday 25th February**  
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 Rev P Wallace  
**Tuesday 27th February**  
 9.45am Tiny Tots  
 New Hall  
 Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
 Junior Section 7.00pm  
 Church Hall  
 Company Section 7.15pm  
 New Hall  
**Wednesday 28th February**  
 Kirk Session Meeting  
 Session Room 7.30pm  
**Thursday 1st March**  
 Choir  
**Friday 2nd March**  
 Lunch Club 12.00 noon

**World Day of Prayer**

A Service will be held on **Friday 2nd March** at 7.00pm in Lorne & Lowland Church (old hall), Campbeltown  
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## Argyll athletics contest lands in Campbeltown

MID ARGYLL Athletic Club's sports hall athletics competition will slide into Campbeltown for the Kintyre heat.

The last of four area events in the series, competitions will be held in Victoria Hall next Sunday, March 4.

Sports include running, jumping and throwing events in small arenas. The indoor setting brings the excitement of track and field events into sports halls, giving youngsters a taste of athletics in a warm, dry atmosphere.

There will be six events for six age groups, from under sevens to under 17s, with age being taken as at September 1, 2017, and an entry fee of £2 per competitor.

Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners and all competitors taking part will receive a medal with ribbon.

Competition starts at 1pm with all entries on the day from 12.30pm.

Winners may qualify for the Argyll final on Sunday March 25, at Atlantis Leisure in Oban.

## Mach lotto results

THERE were no winners in Machrihanish Golf Club's three-number lottery draw on Monday.

The winning numbers were 1, 6 and 18.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £300, will be on February 26.

## SAFL results

SATURDAY'S results: West of Scotland Cup, sixth round – Shortlees 4, Oban Saints 2; Jimmy Marshall Cup, second round – Dunoon v Claremont, postponed; Premier Division One – Rossvale 2, Campbeltown Pupils 1; Premier Division Two – FC Argyle 3, Lochgilhead Red Star 8; Tarbert 4, Duncanrig 2.

# Tennis club's pavilion progress

IT IS not quite game, set and match for Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club's smashing new pavilion and disabled ramp.

The discovery that there were no solid foundations created a funding gap of £12,000 but, despite this, the clubhouse should be completed by Easter, just in time for the outdoor season.

A CLTC spokesperson said: 'Things were going well until it was discovered the old clubhouse had no solid foundations, so work was delayed while new plans were drawn up and quotes received.

'We had raised £60,212 from a number of sources which would have covered the costs but now have to find approxi-



Building works on CLTC's clubhouse.

mately £12,000 more for the extra foundations.'

CLTC will hold a meeting next Wednesday, at 7.30pm in the Ardshiel hotel to dis-

cuss raising the extra funds.

Starting next Tuesday from 2pm to 3pm, in Victoria Hall, there will be weekly adult sessions of

indoor tennis and pickleball at £3 a session to cover the hire of the hall.

Also on Tuesdays there will be tennis coaching for P1

to P3s from 3.45pm to 4.30pm and P4 to P7s from 4.30pm to 5.30pm organised through Active Schools. Bookings at the Aqualibrium.

# Nikki's fab four seals Dookers win

## SAFL Premier Two

Tarbert	4
Duncanrig	2

TARBERT welcomed Duncanrig to Cil Andreis on league duty for what proved to be a highly entertaining game.

Some nice play in the middle followed by a magnificent cross from Allan Blair on the right hand side allowed Nikki MacDougall to slot home his first of the match.



Nikki MacDougall scored all four goals. Here he is in action earlier this season. 25\_c29carradale03

Tarbert had started well, buoyed by their recent home win over third-placed Easthall Star, and soon made it 2-0.

The away side were struggling to get a foothold and Tarbert were eager in the challenges.

With only 15 minutes on the clock, Iain MacKinnon burst clear and fired a shot at goal which was saved but the rebound was tucked away by MacDougall.

The game changed in the next 20 minutes as Duncanrig pressed to get back into the match.

A good chance came and went when their striker somehow missed the target from only three yards. Chris Selfridge saved well from a 25-yard effort but on the half-hour the away side gained their reward.

Good play down the left allowed a cross shot to fizz across the Tarbert goal, the ball rebounded off the far post and straight into the path of the striker for a tap-in finish.

In the last five minutes of the first half, Tarbert had two chances – the first, another fine cross from Andy Guy into the box, MacDougall headed just over the crossbar but

the second was converted.

More good play set MacKinnon away and his unselfish square pass set up MacDougall for his hat-trick and a half-time of 3-1.

The second half was a feisty affair but Tarbert restricted Duncanrig to very few chances from close range although they did have a couple of long-range efforts that were well saved by keeper Selfridge.

Tarbert looked dangerous on the counter-attack every time they broke forward and won a series of corners around the hour mark.

From one of the corners, the ball broke on the right side of the box and an uncertain touch from the defender allowed Blair to nip the ball away and be crudely fouled.

The referee played a good advantage though as the ball flew across the goalmouth and there was the ever present MacDougall to notch his and Tarbert's fourth goal.

Very few chances were allowed to the away side but they did pull one back late on as a lucky ricochet fell to their striker to tap in at the back post.

This proved no more than a consolation though as Tarbert saw the game out to win 4-2 and climb two places in the league table.

Tomorrow Tarbert play Paisley, who sit above them in the table and have only lost three times this season. A tough match awaits but Tarbert will be looking to continue to build the momentum gained in the past few weeks.

## Bowlers' four nights on the mat

ARGYLL Bowling Club's indoor open pairs competition attracted players from Tarbert, Tayinloan and Campbeltown.

Between Tuesday February 6 and Friday February 9 six teams played each night. The semi-finals and final were held on the Friday night.

Kathleen McGougan and Malcolm Maguire lost out to Davie Reid and Gavin A McLachlan; and John McCormick and Shaun Grumoli to Andrew Ronald Snr and Andrew Ronald.

An Argyll Bowling Club spokesperson said: 'The final was won by Davie Reid and Gavin A McLachlan.

'Congratulations to them and commiserations to the two Andrews. Great skills were shown all week and we thank all competitors and supporters.

'Special thanks go to our competition sponsors R and D Transport for their support.'

## Darts results

TREBLE top specialists scoring 180s this week were Gavin McLachlan for the Burnside and Ellis Robertson for Whisky Macs.

Matthew Connely scored 174 for Kilbrannan A, Charles Robertson a 130 finish for the Burnside and Alan Glen a 119 finish for Kilbrannan A.

Full results in week 14 were: Fiddlers 4 Southend 4, Kilbrannan C 3 Ailsa A 5, Kinloch A 1 Kilbrannan A 7, Burnside 6 Whisky Macs 2 and Ailsa B v Kinloch B postponed.

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# Pupils goalie scores: attack came too late

**DFDL Under 16 League**  
**Campbeltown Pupils 2**  
**Oban Saints 3**

THE PUPILS U16s played a close Argyll derby on the all-weather pitch against Argyllshire rivals Oban Saints.

The Campbeltown side hoped to give a better display than the previous meeting in Oban when the Saints were comfortable winners.

The Pupils had a couple of regular players missing but things were balanced a bit when Oban started with 10 men as they were unable to get a full squad together for the game.

The first half saw Oban take the game to the Pupils as they got some good passing to-

gether. Although the Pupils were up against it for spells in the game they were defending pretty well and were mostly able to keep the Oban attack at bay.

The home side had a couple of very good chances to get onto the scoreboard in the first half.

A hotly disputed penalty claim was turned down. An Oban defender put both hand in front of his body and handled the ball.

Referee Neil John MacPhail's view must have been blocked as he waved play on leaving the home side and supporters furious.

The second half saw the Pupils' play improve and they made better passes although not as well as their usual standard.

With the game at 2-0 the Pupils' coaches replaced Archie McKellar in goal and moved him up front to try and get something from the game.

It paid off and, shortly after the change, McKellar found himself through on goal and slotted the ball home nicely to bring the Pupils back into the game.

The goal gave the team a bit of a lift and there seemed to be more confidence in their play but they received a sucker punch as Oban got on the attack.

Striker, Jordan Norman, hit a lovely shot to the keeper's right and Saints regained their two goal cushion.

The Pupils had certainly improved and

saw a bit of luck come their way.

Matthew Lang hit a left foot shot, although it was straight at the keeper, the ball found its way into the goal as the keeper's view must have been blocked and he mistimed the ball to see it roll in.

The goal reinvigorated the Pupils' attack as it seemed they could get something from the game. It was not to be as they ran out of time and the referee blew for full time.



Goalie Archie McKellar scored but on this attempt he was unsuccessful.  
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## Wheelers' top-quality kit samples

PROSPECTIVE members of Kintyre Wheelers Cycle Club are invited to view samples of the club's new kit.

Robbie Semple, who instigated reforming the club at the end of last year, has received a full range of kit from top-quality German kit manufacturers, Owayo. He is inviting anyone interested in viewing them, to get an idea of size and quality, to contact him to arrange a time.

The club has had good turnouts at the last few training days which have covered bicycle parts and construction, preparation of bike and rider.

Members are looking forward to spring and being able to train for upcoming events including Oban Sportive on April 22, the Kintyre Way Ultra on May 5, the Cowal Chase on July 14, and Kilberry Loop Sportive on August 11, in better weather.

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# SPORT



**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
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## Late agony spoils a prime Pupils' away performance

### SAFL Premier One

Rossvale 2  
Campbeltown Pupils 1

HOW the visitors failed to take something from this game remains a mystery.

There's little to choose between most of the sides in Premier Division One, but the McFadyens'-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils will be happy to see the back of a team they have outplayed on two occasions this season, only to finish both encounters with absolutely nothing.

The Pupils were all over the home side for long periods in both halves, only to concede a late goal and the points at the crucial eleventh hour.

The home side's tactics were pretty basic, feeding long balls to two willing runners in hope of a breakthrough. However, they found the Pupils' back four in outstanding form.

Mark Barrett and Keith Mitchell remained unmoved at the heart of defence and fullbacks Allan and

Wylie almost impossible to turn in the wide defensive positions.

The Pupils once more operated a 4-2-3-1 system, tactics that with every game seem to suit the overall make-up of the squad.

Liam Renton and Ryan Deans played as cover in front of the back four. It not only adds defensive quality, but also allows other players the springboard to attack.

Ryan Deans had the first real opportunity of the match, cutting in from the left to see his parting shot cannon off the goalkeeper's legs and run to safety.

Donald McCallum proved the visitors' most creative player, reaching to the dead-ball line on a number of occasions before sending the ball invitingly across goal – but unfortunately, there were no takers for the simple tap-in.

Typically dogged in defence, Rossvale suddenly broke upfield and were rewarded for

their adventure with a goal against the run of play.

Once more it was a nothing ball over the top, but Keith Mitchell was adjudged to have made contact with the forward and the resultant penalty kick was duly dispatched without hesitation.

The home side nearly doubled their lead on the stroke of half-time, a corner kick to the back post being sweetly struck goalwards only to whistle wide of the junction between post and bar.

All to play for in the second half of a closely fought match, the Pupils found early success with Gary Grumoli and Fraser Wylie combing well on the attacking left, but surprisingly the home side seemed entirely happy to defend in dogged fashion and pick up the scraps on the counter-attack.

At last, the breakthrough arrived for the visitors and the architect once more would



Gary Grumoli in action against Rutherglen. Photos: Hannah O'Hanlon.

be McCallum. Tight skills from McCallum released Gary Grumoli in on goal, his parting shot deflecting off a defender into the path of Sary Rahma.

The quicksilver forward reacted first and swept the ball home for a fine and thoroughly deserved equalising goal.

The visitors' happiness turned to misery

in a few minutes, and everything hinged on a free kick lofted aimlessly down the throat of the visitors' defence.

Jamie Burns – deputising in goal for the absent last line of defence – seemed to be unsighted as he came to collect the ball, the leather rebounding agonisingly to the incoming MacMahon who won the match with minutes remaining.

It was really hard on Jamie Burns; normally the club centre half, who came to the side's rescue by volunteering

for duty between the sticks.

He played really well throughout the game and hardly deserved this piece of really bad luck.

The management team is happy with the progress of the new system, adding that the club has played much worse and ended up winning.

Six league matches to go, four away and two at home – so here's to a rollercoaster of a finish.

The Pupils have no match this weekend.



Sary Rahma in action for Campbeltown three weeks ago. 50\_c06pupils04

## 6-3 win as Pupils U13s vanquish Dunoon YFL

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils 2005s netted a session at Rangers Training Centre last Saturday.

The team are in fine form and the session must have given them an extra lift as they scored six against Dunoon YFL the next day

This is the sixth away game in the 2005s' last seven fixtures and represents a fantastic effort by everyone involved with the squad.

Campbeltown Pupils 2005s at Rangers.



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