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**THE BRIDE GUIDE**

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# Campbeltown drams are tops in Edinburgh

## Capital's Scotch Whisky Experience restores Wee Toon to its rightful place

by **MARK DAVEY**  
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SINCE the start of the year whisky loving tourists have tasted 3,000 dramms of Campbeltown's finest in Edinburgh.

Following a story in *The Campbeltown Courier* last year, Edinburgh's Scotch Whisky Experience (SWE) has restored the Wee Toon to its rightful place as Scotland's fifth whisky region, joining Lowlands, Highlands, Speyside and Islay in the tour company's line-up.

Back in September 2015 *The Courier* reported that three American tourists had visited SWE and discovered that Campbeltown was seen as irrelevant in whisky production.

JoAnn Knox, from San Diego California, said: 'At The Whisky Experience our guide told us there are five whisky producing regions in Scotland.'

'The guide added: 'I am only going to talk about four because the fifth, Campbeltown is shrinking and irrelevant.'

JoAnn's son Chris Knox is a whisky connoisseur and he said the family had decided to visit Campbeltown, after conversations in a whisky shop in Washington DC.

He was surprised to hear the guide put Campbeltown down, although he understood that the industry had shrunk since it heyday,

it still produces some of the best spirit in the world.

The latest addition came about after the SWE secured a partnership with High Street distiller Glen Scotia owned by Loch Lomond Distillers which began deliveries last month.

In less than two months, during the quiet winter season, nearly 100 bottles from Glen Scotia have been consumed.

As well as appearing on the tour, the Glen Scotia, Glen Scotia 15-year-old, and Glen Scotia Victoriana have been added to the menu at Amber Restaurant and Whisky Bar, which has Edinburgh's largest selection of Scotch whiskies.

All three bottles are  
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**Dogs paws for a chip**

**Dogs Trust vets Debbie Caithness and Lisa Scott made sure Kintyre dogs were up to scratch, including nine year old Charlie, ahead of new micro chipping legislation starting in April. For more on this story, see page four. 04\_c09dogstrust01**

### Campbeltown should save its museum

A COMMUNITY group which has long helped Campbeltown Museum stay open believe it cannot save the museum on its own.

The Friends of Campbeltown Museum, chaired by Robert Abernethy, held a meeting last week to discuss plans in the wake of the museum being offered up for community ownership.

Mr Abernethy said: 'The major problem for any community body wishing to take over is that they would have to pay for a curator and all other costs annually, which would require significant funding and fundraising.'

'On our own, the Friends of Campbeltown Museum are not interested in owning the museum unless significant and viable funding becomes available.'

'We understand an important meeting between museum curator Dr Sharon Webb and council officers will take place to look at the feasibility of a community group owning the museum in the future.'

After coming to the conclusion that they could not financially and physically keep the

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Continued from page 1 also available to purchase in the attraction's well-stocked shop, as well as through its on-line outlet.

SWE direct and general manager Susan Morrison said: 'We were pleased to welcome Glen Scotia to our selection of tour whiskies, as it gives visitors the opportunity to learn about another region and helps to further illustrate the diversity of Scotch whisky.'

'The Glen Scotia is a really complex whisky, with rich spicy fruits and an underlying hint

of sea spray and vanilla oak – a perfect combination.'

Ms Morrison added: 'The Glen Scotia has proved popular on the tour and we are confident that all three bottlings will also fare well behind the bar and in our shop.'

### Educating

Located at the top of Edinburgh's famous Royal Mile, the SWE has been educating visitors about Scotland's national drink for more than a quarter of a century, with at least 300,000 people passing through its doors each year.

They were one of six couples taking part in the fourth, and possibly last, of the popular dance events, which have provided fun and entertainment for many over the last few years, as well as raising thousands of pounds for local charities.

## Museum should be saved

Continued from page 1 historic site running, the majority of the group are over 80 years old, they have called on the wider Campbeltown community to pull together to save the museum.

Mr Abernethy added: 'The Friends are not concerned about the immediate future, as we

have been led to believe that closure is not imminent.

'But given its cultural importance and its contribution to tourism, perhaps it is time for the various Campbeltown groups interested in our archaeology and social history to come together to save the museum.'

# Dancers save Argyll Talking Newspapers

A PAIR of dancers with all the right steps have raised £700 and given the volunteers at Argyll Talking Newspapers something to smile about.

About a year ago the charity, which is part of a national network of local Talking Newspapers were facing an uncertain financial future.

Agata Brezinova and partner Chris Hammel raised the cash at December's 'Strictly Lochgilphead' dancing competition.

They were one of six couples taking part in the fourth, and possibly last, of the popular dance events, which have provided fun and entertainment for many over the last few years, as well as raising thousands of pounds for local charities.

Morag Hunter, chairwoman of Argyll Talking Newspapers said:



Volunteers at Argyll Talking Newspapers. c09talkingnews09

'Each week we record all the Argyll local papers onto USB sticks and post these out to people in the county and beyond, who are registered blind or have sight difficulties.'

'We are a small charity

run by volunteers and to receive a donation like this is beyond our wildest expectations.'

'A year or so ago we were heading into financial difficulty, but this past year has seen very generous support from

our listeners, from local businesses and now this amazing support from Agata and Chris, we can not thank them enough.'

'It looks now that the future of Argyll Talking Newspapers is assured for more years ahead.'

## Kintyre turbine builder breezes into new contract

TURBINE builders at Machrihanish have received bumper orders for parts which will spin green energy into the country.

Wind Towers Scotland (WTS) has an order for 100 tower sections from Community Windpower Ltd, which has reconfirmed a memorandum of understanding originally signed in 2013 between the two companies.

The new tower sections for Community Windpower will be used at the approved 12-tur-

bine Sanquhar project in Dumfries and Galloway and at the 15-turbine Sneddon Law project in Ayrshire.

Parts have also been earmarked for the 19-turbine Aikengall IIa extension, in East Lothian, should the extension be given the green light.

### Container ship

After construction in Machrihanish the tower sections will be brought to mainland Scotland by road or container ship through Campbeltown harbour.

Lesley Black, WTS

head of sales, said that the prospects for 2016 were encouraging, adding that the company has increased production capacity and boosted its workforce from 120 to 150.

She said: 'The business plan for 2016/17 and beyond requires production of some 120 towers a year to maintain the current headcount, of which the sale of towers in this agreement for 100 sections signed with Community Windpower plays a very significant part.'

## Police files:

### Resisting arrest

FOLLOWING an incident on Main Street in the early hours of Sunday morning a man was arrested for an alleged breach of the peace.

### Domestic disturbance

A MAN was arrested for a suspected domestic breach of the peace after police were called at 2pm on Monday of last week.

### Anti-social behaviour penalty

A FIXED penalty anti-social behaviour fine was given after a breach of the peace last Sunday.

### Vehicle offences

TWO men were reported to the procurator fiscal for allegedly using their mobile phones while driving on the A83. The separate incidents happened on Tuesday of last week near the Snipefield Industrial Estate.

### No seatbelt

A MAN who was not wearing a seatbelt was stopped on Longrow South on Monday February 15.

Another man was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for the same offence near Hazelburn Business Centre on Thursday last week.

### Defective lights

A DRIVER whose vehicle had defective lights was given a rectification notice on Friday of last week.

### Vehicles damaged

POLICE enquiries are ongoing after two reports of vehicles being damaged and the suspected offenders driving away without stopping.

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## Energy giant looking for lost Argyllshire trainees

A LEADING energy firm is calling for Argyllshire residents to switch on and apply for its apprentice and trainee engineer programmes.

SSE, which has a series of wind farms and power stations across the UK, has seen a decrease in applications from Argyll this year and is calling for motivated, enthusiastic individuals to apply for its

industry leading trainee schemes before the opportunity is lost.

The deadline for the trainee engineers programme is February 28, while the apprenticeship scheme closes on March 3. Charlene Cotter, leader of SSE's recruitment drive, said: 'I would urge anyone who is interested in an exciting career in the energy industry to apply via our careers website.'

# Broadcaster insists sky is the limit for Argyll and Bute

SKY'S chairman and the leader of Argyll and Bute's Economic Forum (ABEF) has laid down actions needed for prosperity.

Nicholas Ferguson CBE, speaking in his role as Chair of ABEF, outlined in a report this week his recommendations for building the economy and reversing population decline through utilising Argyll's key strengths.

He has earmarked improvements in mobile phone signal, to the current top 4G standard, as imperative for progress.

He said: 'We have strong advantages in two of the world's fastest growing industry sectors, namely tourism, and food and drink production.'

## Economy

'We have a strong entrepreneurial tradition and many great small businesses. We have good education and one of the finest environments in which to live. We have an economy of opportunity here to be developed.'

'The situation with mobile phones is concerning. The lack of

provision is beginning to limit the area, as people need information as they go.'

'Ferry timetables, bus timetables, Airbnb, holiday information are all taken from mobile phones and when your phone does not get a signal it makes being in Argyll and Bute more difficult.'

'We want to make it simple for people to be here.'

Policy Lead for Sustainable Economic Growth Councillor Aileen Morton said: 'The regeneration invest-

ments we have made in key towns such as Campbeltown are already delivering benefits.'

Mr Ferguson, who has been chair of Sky plc since 2012 and is a life-long resident of Tighnabruich, believes the private, public and academic sectors must come together to pull Argyll towards prosperity.

He said: 'We need to strengthen our leading sectors, and reduce the barriers to our growth.'

## Stronger links

'Marketing the area should be coordinated across all agencies involved. Schools and businesses must forge stronger links so that young people are aware of careers opportunities on their own doorstep.'

'With strong, positive, joined-up support, Argyll and Bute will thrive.'

Councillor Dick Walsh, Leader of Argyll and Bute Council, added: 'The fact that our region has the backing of a business voice as authoritative as that of Nicholas Ferguson underlines its great potential for economic success.'

## Auchinlee steps back in time at '80's night

STAFF at a Campbeltown care home have pulled out all the stops to ensure that an '80's night rocks.

The event, planned by Auchinlee Care home, is tomorrow (Saturday) in the Masonic Hall, St John Street and the fun starts at 8pm.

A spokesperson said: 'The support we have received from our service users families has been amazing and our wee event has sold 120 tickets.'

## Does Kintyre have any Verdun oaks

TO REMEMBER the 400,000 men who lost their lives at the Battle of Verdun thousands of acorns were sent from the region to Britain.

Nine trees planted from these acorns have been found in England and Wales but none are currently recorded in Scotland.

### No record

Carol Evans, director of the Woodland Trust Scotland said: 'We do not have a record of any in Scotland yet.'

'We are sure there must be many more Verdun Oaks out there and we need help to find them.'

Anyone who knows the location of a Verdun Oak is asked to at verdunoak@woodlandtrust.org.uk



Evie Strath (in the centre) at a party on her 100th birthday in 2013. 20\_c09eviestrath01

## Kintyre's eldest is 103 years young

A RETIRED head teacher who completes two crosswords a day has celebrated her 103rd birthday in Carradale.

Evie Strath, who was born on February 24 1913, marked her milestone on Wednesday, with a party for 22 with singing and music, after completing her daily puzzles with the aid of a Collins dictionary.

### Iced sponge cake

McIlchere the bakers supplied an iced sponge cake and Joy Bidmead, who took Evie into her home in October, made a buffet.

Alex McKinnon played the accordion, there was singing from Margaret Campbell and Janette McKinnon and a Burns' poetry recital by Isabel Williamson.

Miss Strath said: 'My secret to long

life was gardening when I could, now it is to keep my mind active.'

The first person to congratulate Evie was a niece, in her 60s, from Australia who phoned at 8am.

Evie has no other immediate family but has four great nieces and four great nephews.

Speaking to *The Courier*, on Wednesday, Evie recalled being brought up by the light of paraffin lamps and the thrill of first seeing electric light in a chandelier above the classroom when she was a primary school pupil.

Evie added: 'The First World War coloured my childhood with austerity. I did not eat chocolate till the age of eight, there were only boiled sweets in the war. Many tin toys were made in Germany before the war so there were not many in the war years.'

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# Dog owners queue as hundreds of microchips are dished out

by **BEN RAMAGE**

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CAMPBELTOWN of Kintyre residents poches got their paws in line with the law thanks to kind vets from charity Dogs Trust.

Ahead of new legislation which demands every dog be micro chipped, hundreds

of Kintyre residents flocked to Campbeltown Community Centre to get them ready.

Lisa Scott and Debbie Caithness were the roving Dogs Trust vets carefully inserting the chips, experts now hav-

ing been carrying out the procedure throughout Scotland for more than two-and-a-half years.

## Average

Lisa said: 'We have treated at least 200 dogs today, which is very substantial as the average for most centres is around 50.'

'We have chipped more than 26,000 dogs since we began this campaign, from Port William to Shetland.'

'We were here last year, we did two chipping events but they were much quieter. Now that micro chipping will become law owners seem to be a lot keener to get their dogs sorted.'

Lisa, from Norfolk, added that while the work is hard, and the paperwork is mounting ever higher, she would never considering giving it up.

## Relentless

She said: 'It is hard, and relentless, but we would not have lasted this long if we did not enjoy it.'

'It is really important for dogs and their owners, the identification helps at rescue centres massively and means lost dogs can be reunited with their owners so much quicker.'

'It also helps to tackle backyard breeding and irresponsible dog own-

ership, as breeders will be held accountable for their dog forever.'

Dogs Trust receive no government funding, despite campaigning for the new micro chipping legislation which comes into effect on April 6, and the cost of chipping each dog is roughly £5.

Several users thoughtfully donated to the Trust throughout the day after their dogs had been chipped.



Mum Diana Mackenzie and 22-month-old son John waiting for their dogs to be chipped.

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The queue was out of the door when the session began.04\_c09dogstrust05



Eight-year-old Border Collie Alfie behaved excellently while receiving his microchip. 04\_c09dogstrust03

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## Carradale girl reaching for Everest

A KINTYRE student will tread the slopes of the world's highest mountain for charity.

Rose Richmond, 19, currently in her second year at Stirling University is preparing for a fundraising challenge in aid of children's charity Childreach International.

The fundraiser will see Rose, in a team with nine other Stirling students, climb to Everest Base Camp and then further onto the Khumbu icefall and the peak Kala Patthar, at a height of around 5,600m.

Rose said: 'I found out about the challenge at an information meeting that was held at the university.'

'I had not heard of Childreach, but they were looking for university students to take on challenges which is one of their primary ways of raising money.'

'The more I have re-

searched them, the more I have found out about the amazing work they do around the world.'

'We will get to visit a local school in Nepal, where the work they have done has been invaluable in helping the local children.'

### Child rights

The charity works in partnership with local communities in the developing world to help improve children's access to healthcare, education, and child rights and protection.

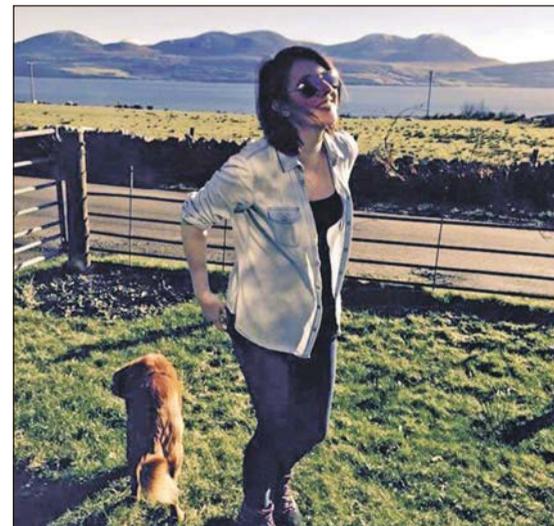
The challenge Rose faces will take place from August 16 to September 9 this summer, with 85 per cent of the total raised between the team passing to Childreach.

Rose said: 'The trek is 22 days up and down, the highest point is the icefall which is where the serious climbers heading for the summit go.'

'I completed a silver Duke of Edinburgh award, and I love hiking already, so this seemed like a great way to combine my love of walking, travelling and raising money for a worthy cause. I am really excited to get out there and I am now trying to drum up support from local businesses in Argyll that want to say that they reached Everest as well

through our team.' Rose, who is studying criminology and sociology, will head to Alaska next year on a Study Abroad programme. She has currently raised £850 towards a total goal of £2895.

Potential sponsors can do so on Rose's fundraising site at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/everestchallenge-rose>.



Rose with the hills of home in the background.

# European debate divides referendum opinion on Campbeltown's Main Street

by **MARK DAVEY**  
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IN LESS than four months Kintyre voters will join millions across the country to have their say on the European Union (EU).

The United Kingdom, under Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath, joined the European Economic Community on January 1, 1973.

Just a year later Labour, led by Harold Wil-

son pledged to hold a referendum on membership. This was held on June 6 1975 when 67 per cent of the voting public choose to remain.

In the 40 years since that vote many leaders have promised another referendum and political parties have been formed to campaign for another public vote.

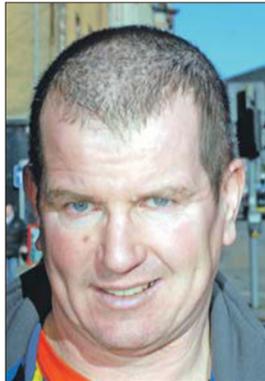
The EU has changed from its original incar-

nation as an economic community to governing most areas of life from its Brussels base.

The European Union Referendum Bill which sets out the framework for the vote to take place has become law.

On Thursday June 23 there will be an in/out referendum which many are hailing as the biggest political decision in decades.

On Tuesday *The Campbeltown Courier* went out on the streets to gauge local opinion.



Building trades worker **Malcolm McCallum**, 50, from Campbeltown said: 'I will be voting out because Britain seems to give more money to Europe than comes out of it.

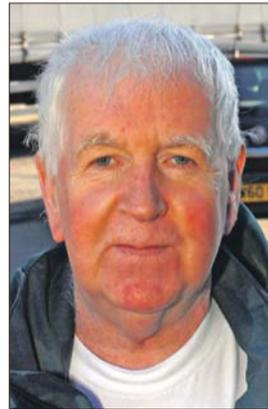
We do not need all the grants and could probably live well on our own. The EU has got its good and bad bits.'

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**Irene Stuart**, 53, from Tarbert said: 'I am undecided because one minute I am very annoyed with Europe and the next I am not. There are pros and cons. I do not think it matters what Scotland does because of our small population compared to rest of the voters. It will depend on how much interest can be stoked up without people becoming weary.'

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Cheese maker **Don McIvor**, 65, from Campbeltown said: 'In the first referendum in 1975 I voted in and my opinion has not changed. We are better being part of a large market instead of being a small country competing against bigger ones. There are an awful lot of faults with the EU but it is better the devil you know.'

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Fashion retailer **Zena Coffield**, 48, from Campbeltown said: 'I will be voting out. We have to make decisions on what Europe wants. We should be making our own decisions on what is best for us. My only worry is what would happen if there was a war.'

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Whisky Macs proprietor **Lewis Nelson**, 20, from Campbeltown said: 'I am undecided because I need to do much more research and I am not a big political thinker.'

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**Norman Gillespie**, 56, from Campbeltown said: 'We should get out of Europe and there might be more jobs available.'

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## Construction firm in the Picture House spotlight

THERE were no stars on the screen when Campbeltown Picture House handed the keys to the firm handling the building's restoration.

Centenary Project Director, David Mayo, made the presentation to George Campbell, the site agent for CorraMore Construction last Saturday morning

Campbeltown Community Business Ltd chairman Jane Mayo said: 'It was a magic moment for us and one eagerly awaited by the Campbeltown community.'

**David Mayo, Centenary Project Director, left, handing over all the keys to George Campbell, Site Agent for CorraMore Construction.**

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## Age and wisdom go hand in hand

KINTYRE'S eldest resident who celebrated her 103rd birthday this week is still bright as a button, although she does admit that her memory is not what it was.

Evie Strath, nearly a third of her way into an 11th decade of life, admits to being slower than she once was but part of that is sifting through so many layers of accumulated information to find just the right bit.

In two, brief hour-long interviews Evie rarely repeated herself which is often a feature of older people's reminiscences. Possibly this was due to her active life during which, as well as plenty of travel, she moved around within her own country.

In her 50s Evie says that she would often associate with people 30 or more years older. She thinks that speaking and being around older people may have been a good preparation for her own advanced years.

Perhaps learning Latin and Greek, in which Evie passed highers, was another preparation as she was able to read the learning of two of the great civilisations through their original texts.

Argyll is not short of older people continuing working beyond normal retirement. Campbeltown has a barber in his 80s who is fond of the saying: 'A man in his 50s is just a boy with men's ideas.'

In Lochgilphead there is an electrical shop owner in his 10th decade - it is never a quick sale and wisdom is doled out with light bulbs.

Unfortunately 21st century society seems to have been slow to recognise the talents of many of its older folk.

Now that people are not forced to retire at 65 maybe the tide is turning but the first minister, at 45, seems depressingly young to have the wisdom to lead a state.

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### Family pet still missing

Sir,  
We have had no news about our chocolate-coloured Labrador Buddy who *The Courier* featured when he went missing two weeks ago.

It is not only strange that he went off at his age after all these years but also that there has been absolutely no sighting of him at all and it seems more and more likely someone has just taken him.

There is no way I can prove it either way and it is just terrible not knowing anything.

I have heard of occasions when dogs turn up weeks later so I can only hope.

**Gilbert McKillop,  
Drumlemble.**

### A Kintyre to Ireland ferry is still needed

Sir,  
In 2007, a press release issued by the SNP stated that Kintyre and related areas had been 'badly let down in the past.'

A vehicle ferry link between Antrim and Kintyre was seen as 'a vital component of future success'.

Despite the assurance that, (if elected) an SNP government would reintroduce such a service, adding that this was 'a pledge from a party that keeps its promises' it has failed to materialize.

Experience of the short-lived summer car ferry service between Campbeltown and Ballycastle, which ran 1997, '98, and '99, suggests that the related islands of Arran and Islay, also benefited from the tourists ar-

iving in Kintyre via this route.

Government officials have blamed financial cutbacks for their failure to keep this promise.

Nevertheless major projects on the east coast, road, rail, tram and new Forth Bridge, have been progressed.

Many millions are now promised to Aberdeen. At the same time a budget under-spend of several hundred million pounds has been reported.

The economy of Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and Islay is already under threat from existing transport problems on the A83. (Rest and be Thankful.)

The promise of a Kintyre / Antrim vehicle ferry service must be finally implemented.

**Ian Y Macintyre,  
Tarbert.**

### Potholes blight Islay roads

Sir,  
There are still too many potholes on our Islay roads. Despite the vast sums of tax revenue generated on Islay, our road repairs are still under funded.

This past winter our roads on Islay in some areas have been almost constantly flooded hiding many potholes which further increases the chances of vehicle damage.

Our elected officials both nationally and locally, no matter what their politics, must do more in the fight for better roads on the overlooked tax revenue bread basket that is Islay.

**Alastair Redman,  
Islay.**

### Put children's education before senior staff replacement

Sir,  
The salami slicing of budgets undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Council administration has been hugely damaging.

The alternative budget put forward by the SNP Group would have saved jobs and protected services and in particular it would have seen the retention of the much-valued school library service.

The decision of the current administration to axe that service in its entirety leaves Argyll and Bute without a basic and essential part of its educational infrastructure. It has quite rightly been met with an outcry across the area and further afield.

Last Wednesday I was on Mull where there is a strong campaign getting under way to resist the removal of a school librarian who does change lives by her work. That campaign is being mirrored in other places too.

The same meeting that decided to do away with school librarians agreed to set up a committee to choose a new chief executive.

The cost of that post, including travel and pension, will come to slightly more than the cost of all the school librarians put together.

So the council should put books and children before filling senior management posts. It should create an Acting Chief Executive post, appointing one of the present senior management team, and

then undertake a radical decentralisation of management and delivery, something that the council now claims to be committed to in any case.

That solution would be easy to implement, almost immediate in its effect given that the existing chief executive is leaving in May and would show that Dick Walsh's administration had the correct priorities.

**Michael Russell MSP,  
Argyll and Bute**

### Scottish Government should concentrate on serving the people

Sir,  
The Scottish Government's failure to pay farmers their Common Agricultural Policy payments on time has caused hardship and misery.

The Government's latest idea of lending farmer's money, instead of paying them the money they owe them, is obviously better than nothing, but what a shambles.

Why should hard-pressed farmers have to take out a loan because the Government has failed to pay them on time?

If the SNP concentrated on serving the people of Scotland instead of spending their time plotting how to get another independence referendum, shambles like this would not happen.

I appeal to the Government - get the payments you owe the farmers into their bank accounts as quickly as possible.

**Alan Reid,  
Lib Dem candidate for  
Argyll and Bute.**

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# Kintyre verses on landscape, seascape and ancestry

by MARK DAVEY  
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A *NIGHT of Islands* the latest poetry anthology by a former *Campbeltown Courier* journalist should gather a greater audience.

Angus Martin's collection of nearly 70 poems is the brainchild of its editor John Killick and takes its title, which appears in the poem *Dancers*, from a portfolio of etchings published by Will Maclean in 1991.

In the foreword it is clear the editor hopes to secure a wider appreciation of the 64-year-old's take on what life is like in a 'remote' part of Scotland.

It is Angus' fourth book of poetry and he says the most accessible by a mainstream publisher although there are also five in private circulation.

Angus said: 'I started to write in my ear-

ly teens and was being published by the time I was 16.

'School was not for me. I was no good at sciences and maths and a lot of the classes were painful to go through.

'I joined *The Courier* aged 17 in 1969 and was editing it by 1970 but I was too young and inexperienced to be editing a paper when I was trying to grow up.'

## Poet-postman

For many subsequent years Angus was known as the poet-postman of Campbeltown, combining writing and researching his environment with his work delivering the mail to rural addresses.

'Mr Killick made this selection last year and found a publisher,' added Angus, 'It has encouraged me to write poetry again.'

'It requires an intensity of thought which I do not think you can sustain all the time.

'In the last three months I have written 73 poems about Largiebaan. I try to write one a night, some fail or are rejects. When I look at them with hindsight some will seem good.'

The book has led to a poetry reading in Campbeltown library and two

more, one at the Stanza Festival in St Andrews on March 3 and another at *Tell it Slant* in Glasgow on March 31.

Angus said: 'I am looking forward to these as I have not done much in the way of readings recently.'

Asked to pick one of his favourites from *A Night of Islands*, Angus chooses *The Tiller* reproduced below:

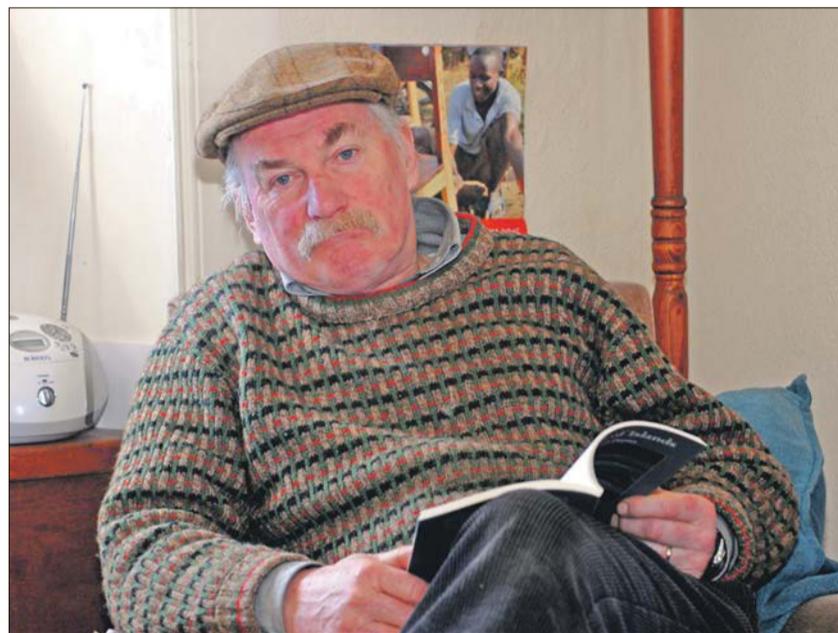
*I am dark and smooth, polished by many hands,  
but the one hand that I loved has gone,  
so let me swing to the rudder's motion,  
moored in the lee, alone.*

*I knew the change of weather by his grip  
and felt his hunter's passion like a tide,  
and the herring scales he rubbed on me  
were jewels that I wore with pride.*

*I pitied him when wind and rain  
pressed him, huddling to steer,  
up against my nakedness,  
the only language we could share.*

*There's not a man in all Kintyre  
will point me to the open sea;  
I'll bear no other master's hand,  
but burn instead - unship me.*

The book is priced at £10.00 and is available in booksellers.



Poet Angus Martin with his latest anthology *A Night of Islands*.

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## Writers' Circle mix murder, mystery and magic

READERS will not need detection skills to find a short anthology just published in Kintyre.

*Murder, Mystery and Magic* is the latest book by the Kintyre Writers' Circle (KWC) which is halfway through its current season

Usually it is on the shelves for Christmas but it missed the deadline this year which the Circle say they will remedy in 2016.

Members are current-

ly busy collecting and judging the entries for this year's competition for writings from primary school pupils.

### Well received

Last year's book was well received and young writers, parents and teachers have entered enthusiastically into the work for this year.

The Kintyre Club has awarded the group a small grant to help defray the cost of printing certificates for the award ceremony on Fri-

day May 13. The current anthology is on sale at £5 per copy.

KWC meets on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month in the Aqualibrium library at 2pm.

A spokesperson said: 'New members are welcome with the injection of ideas they bring.'

Further information and contact details can be found in the library or from Elizabeth.mctaggart@btinternet.com.

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Peninver Players with their host of trophies from the night. 04\_c09dramafestival01

# Peninver hypnotise audience to bag drama crown

by **BEN RAMAGE**  
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PENINVER Players snapped their fingers to grab a spell-binding victory at this year's drama festival.

Their hilarious rendition of Bruce Adam's *When I snap my fingers*, a raucous farce in which hypnotist Sven Gali terrorises a family with his bizarre antics, saw Peninver scoop the 67th Kintyre Argyll District drama festival title.

The group acted its way to the title on its 53rd consecutive performance at the event, beating off strong competition from Accent Players' wonderful rendition of John Reason's *Romance* and Strachur Youth Drama's version of Kendra Thomas's *The Struggles*.

Silvie Taylor, adjudicator for the evening, who travelled to Campbeltown for the first time ever having set out from Dundee at 5am that morning, was torn between Accent and Peninver Players for the top prize, likening the decision to choosing between 'a rose and a perfect corsage.'

Strachur was a shoe-in for the Youth Winners cup, given they were the only youth group competing at this year's abridged event, but they fully merited the award after their competent and powerful performance of a play which looked at the distress and complication of growing up with Dyslexia and Attention Deficit Syndrome.



Youth champions Strachur Youth Drama Club. 04\_c09dramafestival02

Alice MacLellan's composed performance as lead-girl Megan drew strong praise from adjudicator Mrs Taylor.

Accent Players, last year's winners, put on a similarly powerful and emotive show about the three stages of one woman's life; the night before her wedding, the day after her husband's funeral and the day of her death.

Martha Rennie, Maureen Johnstone and Elise Glendinning shone as they portrayed

the same woman and explored the choice she made throwing in her lot with a clerk and soldier, instead of chasing a poet in Barnstaple after the war.

The play combined poignancy and comedic relief well, and featured excellent props and costumes depicting each various period which saw them win the award for best set.

Peninver stole the show with the last performance of the night though, as their hilarious performance based on a hypnotist had the audience in stitches throughout.

John Armour was fantastic as the raunchy, effervescent hypnotist Sven Gali, commanding married couple Iain Ferguson and Janette Hannah through a host of hilarious and embarrassing commands which

they performed terrifically.

Iain Ferguson deservedly won the award for best moment of theatre for his non-stop comedic antics, including acting as a four year old boy and speaking only through songs, while the group also won the award for best comedy performance, wrapping up a hugely successful night.

Peninver will now go on to represent Kintyre and Argyll at the Western Division Final of the Scottish Community Drama Association Festival, which will take place at the Beacon Arts Centre in Greenock on March 17 - 19.

Strachur Youth Drama Club meanwhile progress to the Western Division Youth Final, taking place at The Ryan Centre, Stranraer on March 12.

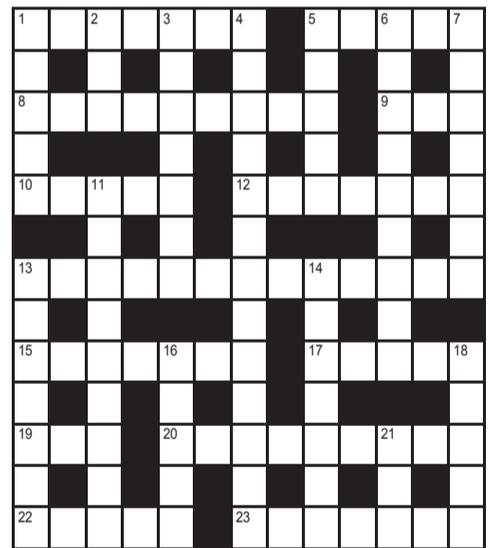


Accent Players won the award for Best Set. 04\_c09dramafestival03



Adjudicator Silvie Taylor. 04\_c09dramafestival04

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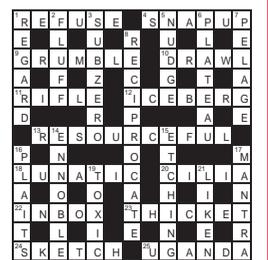
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- 5 Urgency (5)
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- 12 Old Greek money (7)
- 13 One who does a favour (4,9)
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- 20 Old ruler of India (9)
- 22 Back in style (5)
- 23 Sniffer (7)

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- 1 Archaic everytime (5)
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- 3 Goes over essay (7)
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- 7 Bind (7)
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- 13 Sparkle (7)
- 14 Comebacks (7)
- 16 Left between places when dancing? (5)
- 18 Type of alcohol but not to drink! (5)
- 21 Clash (3)

## Last week's solution



TARBERT

# Council pledges £3million to regenerate Tarbert and Mid-Argyll

TARBERT is set to benefit from a council pledge of £3million in the latest budget announcement.

Following the council's other regeneration initiatives in Campbeltown, Rothesay and Helensburgh, as well as the ongoing projects in Oban and Dunoon, this funding will help fund projects in Tarbert and the surrounding Mid-Argyll area.

Robin Currie, Councillor for Kintyre and the Islands, said: 'I am delighted to have supported the Council budget last week which included the provision of £3m to regenerate the Mid Argyll and Tarbert area.

'I am looking forward to working with the peo-

ple of Tarbert so that we can take forward their priorities for the area.

'Along with the allocation of £170k for the improvements to Tarbert sports pitch, this is great news for the area.'

Councillor Donnie MacMillan, vice-chair of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) area committee, said: 'Now this money has been made available we can start developing ideas for projects, likely two or three, which will be able to create jobs and grow the population.

'Involvement of the community will be key in this. We want projects which are matched to what the community wants.'

CARRADALE

# Kintyre SWI converge in Tayinloan

THE KINTYRE Group of the SWI picked Tayinloan Village Hall to host a corners day to share members' knowledge and expertise.

**Demonstrating**

The four 'corners' of knowledge consisted of Tan Black from Whitehouse demonstrating baking, Mary Cameron from Southend teach-

ing Brazilian embroidery, Barbara Bell from Clachan teaching papercraft covering Decoupage and Zentangle, and Enid Williams from Largieside teaching Bargello.

The day was well attended with members from all the institutes enjoying learning new crafts.



Right: Tackling Brazilian embroidery.

Below: Taking a well-earned break.



SWI members enjoyed learning new skills.

SKIPNESS

# Immortal Bard stars in pupils' movie

SKIPNESS Primary School held an eventful Burns lunch last month

which saw pupils and parents come together to enjoy an afternoon full

of entertainment. Parents joined their children for haggis, neeps and tatties, before members of the community came along to witness the pupils' reciting Robert Burns' poems, as well as some they had written themselves.

Pupils also showed a film they had made about Robert Burns' life featuring the bard, his wife, Jean Armour and Robert the Bruce.

The afternoon was rounded off by traditional singing and dancing.

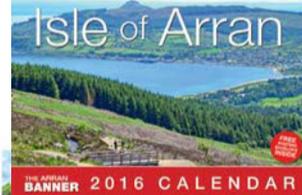


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# Jim Semple takes Holstein breeders stock judging title

JIM SEMPLE's cattle were the pick of the herd at the Holstein breeders stock judging competition.

Held at Machrihanish on Friday February 19, hosted by the Ralston Family at Kilkivan farm,

around 100 competed in the competition.

Judge for the evening Mr Jimmy Barr, Clochkeil Farm, declared Jim Semple winner of the Gents' title and the overall points title, while Joan Pirie took the La-

dies' title. The winner of the Young Farmers Cup was Thomas Irwin, while the junior champion honours went to Heather Millar. Chairman Gavin Semple and the committee would like to thank the

hosts John, Anne and Thomas Ralston for providing the venue and for all their work and preparation.

They also wish to thank the event sponsors Semex UK, Cogent and Dairyflow, whose con-



Farmers inspecting the strong line-up.



The judging competition drew a large attendance.

tinued support is very much appreciated, as are all the local businesses who generously donated prizes for the raffle.

Full results: Gents: 1 Jim Semple; 2 Hugh McCorkindale and Robin Barr. Ladies: 1 Joan Pirie; 2 Eliz Irwin; 3 Mary Cameron. Young Farmers: 1 and winner of the Young Farmers Cup; Thomas Irwin; 2 Robin Barr and Daniel MacBrayne. Juniors: 1 Heather Millar; 2 Louise Ralston; 3 Alison Wylie. Cup for most points overall: Jim Semple, Dalbhraddan Farm, Southend.

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## NFU Scotland throws weight behind EU membership

IN THE wake of the EU referendum date being set, NFU Scotland has come out in staunch opposition to breaking the union.

With the historic vote set to take place on the same day as the Highland Show opens its gates, Thursday June 23, the union is also urging those heading to the farming showcase to ensure they have set up a postal vote before setting off to Ingliston.

NFU Scotland believes that, for farm businesses, the overall benefits of staying in the European Union (EU) currently outweigh any advantages businesses would gain from leaving the EU.

The union has repeated the point that first sur-

posed when it gave evidence to the Scottish Parliament's European and External Relations Committee in December 2015.

The union believes that the conditions under which Scottish farmers and crofters would operate in the event of an EU exit are unknown, but now hope that with a referendum date set in stone, clarity can be given on the terms of access to the European and overseas Market and the level of domestic agricultural support to be expected were the UK to vote to leave.

Clare Slipper, NFU Scotland's Parliamentary Officer, said: 'Now that a date is in the diary, we look forward to a constructive and in-

formed debate from both sides.

'Farmers have a long-established appreciation of what EU membership brings in terms of public support through Europe's Common Agricultural Policy and market access for our produce.

'However, the coming weeks must establish what the contingency plans are for Scottish and UK agriculture if we were to leave the EU.

'Farmers would prefer to farm without the financial support they receive from the EU, but the reality is that the marketplace is failing to deliver fair returns and the CAP - set up to deliver food security, environmental and economic benefits - has become

more vital to all European farmers in the current volatile times.'

The union is calling for more detail to help farmers across the country make an informed decision.

Clare continued: 'In the event of 'Brexit', what level of support could farmers and crofters expect domestically?'

'Access to the European single market, which allows tariff-free trade amongst all member states and European trade agreements opened with international partners in recent years are also of great importance to Scotland's food and drink industry, which had an export value of £5.1 billion in 2014.

'For farmers to vote

to leave the European Union, they need to know what the trading arrangements with the rest of Europe would be, such as would Scotland be able to continue to trade tariff-free with Europe or would our lamb, beef and other key farm exports face a tariff barrier? Would access to important overseas markets remain or would the UK have to start over again in negotiations?'

The vote will be held on Thursday June 23, the opening day of the Highland Show at Ingliston and Scotland's biggest food and farming showcase. NFUS are urging anyone attending to consider setting up a postal vote to ensure they do not miss out on the historic ballot.

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# Kintyre school pupils get dramatic about the environment

DALINTOBER and Rhunahaorine primary pupils have taken part in drama workshops with an environmental twist. Zero Waste Heroes, which is funded by Zero Waste Scotland, put on the workshops which were led by Chris An-

netts of KYT CAT (Kintyre Youth Theatre Community Arts' Training).

The classes gave the children the opportunity to reflect on waste and waste reduction and to express their thoughts through the medium of

drama. After two sessions at the schools, the young pupils have been given the opportunity of joining a local Youth Theatre Group to put on a show on similar themes.

Ruth Reid, shared head teacher at Rhunahaorine, said: 'The children really enjoyed their drama workshop. As part of their interdisciplinary learning about Energy Use, they are trying hard to decrease the amount of waste they produce and become 'Zero Waste Heroes'.'

Lesley Ronald, acting depute head Teacher at Dalintober School said: 'Chris Annett worked with pupils from P4-7 who are members of Dalintober's Eco Warriors group.

'He encouraged the children to think about reducing waste through a variety of drama activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed his visits which got them all thinking about, discussing and acting out a range of eco themes.'

Chris is an experienced drama tutor and producer who has worked with youth theatre productions across Scotland.

He is setting up KYT CAT with the support

of the Vital Spark programme to develop his social enterprise idea for youth theatre in to a viable business. The workshops are helping to raise the profile of his work.

He said: 'It is nice to see such energy and enthusiasm from the young people, both for drama and ecological issues.'



Pupils at Rhunahaorine.



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Pupils enjoying the drama classes.

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Castlehill children in the existing playground last November. 04\_c46boot02

## Playground project plans in place

A PRIMARY school has bagged a share of £30,000 thanks to Tesco's Bags of Help funding for Kintyre.

Castlehill Primary has a guaranteed £8,000 and could boost it to £10,000 or £12,000 if it is successful during the in-store voting between February 27 and March 6.

The school plans to use

the funding to develop the school grounds to improve and extend the outdoor learning and play opportunities for all children.

Through a playground project, pupils, staff and the Parent Council will be involved in a plan which will include fixed equipment, recycled installations and new playground markings.

## McGougan clinches cup and helps raise £140 for charity

A CHARITY darts competition saw feathers fly and money raised for Macmillan nurses.

The Alex McKerral trophy, held in Southend on Monday February 22, saw 34 teams enter which helped to raise £140 for Macmillan.

An incredibly high standard of darts included Charles Robertson and Jamie McGougan both hitting three 180s,

with further triple tops notched by Kenny Docherty, Stephen Jordan and Vince Jordan.

Vince also finished one of his games in 15 darts, while some players threw for 13 and 14 dart legs only to just miss out on the double finish.

The final was between Charles Robertson and Jamie McGougan, and after a tight seven legs, Jamie clinched the title.



Cup winner Jamie McGougan (left) with proprietor Lynn Crawford and runner up Charles Robertson.



## Welcome to the first BrideGuide

**Nicky Murphy**  
Sales Director  
The Oban Times

Despite the stresses and financial strains that the current economic climate has brought us in recent years, there is one major life event in which people are still happy to spend money – a wedding. The UK's most popular wedding website [hitched.co.uk](http://hitched.co.uk) surveyed thousands of newlywed couples last year to reveal an industry worth £10 billion. According to Brides Magazine, the average figure for the cost of a UK wedding is a whopping £24,000.

But remember, this is just the average cost, not a target for what you should splash out – many people spend less (or more). Almost a quarter of people surveyed spent less than £5,000 on their wedding. This just goes to show the vast differences in budgets - which means there is no one-size-fits all solution. When it comes down to it, it's a lot of money to spend on a single day, but totally worth the lifetime of memories you'll have from it!

The UK Academy of Wedding and Event Planning have identified some key trends for 2016, so if you're looking for the best way to make sure your wedding day is seriously stylish, they have some great ideas.

Personalisation is becoming more popular as couples realise their wedding is a celebration of their life together. And who can resist the glitz and sparkle of old Hollywood? That glamorous red carpet vibe is finding its way into weddings in 2016. If Hollywood glam is a little too polished for you, you'll love the eclectic décor trend. Seating will take an alternative turn, with ghost chairs and lounge style furniture set to take centre stage. Abundant florals is a trend we love, with green, nature inspired weddings and hanging flower centrepieces- stunning! And finally, great food can make a lovely wedding completely incredible. More and more of us are fond of fine local food nowadays, and providing an amazing culinary experience for your guests at your wedding will be a big thing in 2016.

Many couples will want to do something to make their big day unique, different and memorable for their guests; from personalised stationery to the cutting of the cake, there are thousands of unusual ideas out there to help brides and grooms make their wedding stand out, so peruse our guide and visit the Oban Times Highland Wedding Show to start planning your perfect day!

# THE BRIDEGUIDE

## Argyll and Bute Civil Ceremonies

"It is your day so we do it your way" – this 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 registrar offices or hotels. In the last year for example we have had civil ceremonies held in castles, gardens, yachts, beaches and even people's own homes. Our focus is on making it possible for couples to have the day they are dreaming of. Getting in touch with us 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 to this we are now allowed 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 Island 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 2 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 that are coming from out with 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".

Look for the council's dedicated registration webpage coming out in summer 2016. Meanwhile visit [argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/marriages](http://argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/marriages) for more information and contacts.

## 17th century charm at the Galley of Lorne

Beautifully located on the shore of Loch Craignish in the pretty village of Ardfern lies The Galley of Lorne Inn. The 17th Century former Drover's Inn oozes character and charm and the location the perfect backdrop for stunning wedding photos!



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# The venue

Finding the perfect venue is at the top of any engaged couple's list. With the venue playing a vital role in the success of your day, it's the big decision you really need to get right.

Just like viewing a new property it is easy to become overexcited and fall in love with a place without checking the venue can cater to your requirements, so here, with the help of [hitched.co.uk](http://hitched.co.uk), we answer that age old question - how to choose a wedding venue?

**Location, location, location**  
 'When you're looking for your dream wedding venue, make sure you narrow your search down to a practical range. There's no point falling for a fairytale castle wedding venue if it's not practical for you to plan and your guests to get to.

**• Capacity**  
 If you have a huge family and will need a venue that can host a huge crowd, cross intimate, boutique venues off your list. Likewise, if you fall for a large capacity wedding venue but have a guest list of 20, will you feel lost in the cavernous spaces?

**• Factor in your budget**  
 Find out how much the wedding packages cost and if there's any room for negotiation. If not, cut your losses and move on, as there's nothing worse than falling for something and

finding out it's way out of your price range.

**• Make a list**  
 Have a list of venues you love, but also have a list of your non-negotiables. If you have your heart set on having your favourite rock band play at the reception, check that there aren't sound restrictions. Perhaps you fancy candles everywhere - make sure there aren't rules against open flames.

**• Think food and drink**  
 Are you happy to have in-house caterers and the standard alcohol the venue offers? If you want to bring in external caterers for a speciality meal and you want to provide your own alcohol, make sure you check there aren't fees for this. Some venues don't offer catering at all.

**• Ceremony set up**  
 Do you want a wedding where everything takes place at one venue, or have you thought about a religious service or a register office ceremony? Check what the ceremony options at the venue are. If you are looking to marry somewhere else, consider the distance between the places and how easily you (and your guests) can travel between the two.



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# The dress

Choosing a wedding dress can be one of the most exciting parts of planning a wedding, but it can also be daunting.

Most brides will search online and in magazines to get inspiration when it comes to their wedding dress, to prepare themselves for when they start visiting bridal wear shops. But a recent survey conducted on hitched.co.uk revealed that only 21.7% of brides bought what they'd always dreamed they would be wearing on their wedding day, and over 30% surprised themselves and bought something completely different than what they had in mind.

Finding the perfect dress isn't always easy, so to help make shopping as fun and as easy as possible, here are some tips to help you through the entire process.

• **Before you go:**

Think about your wedding and what kind of dress is appropriate- beach vs ballroom, winter vs summer, etc. Consider your body shape and personal style. Be realistic. Spend some time looking at magazines and wedding blogs before hitting the shops, and clip the styles you like. Then set a budget- the average boutique wedding dress is

over £1000, but there are less expensive alternatives. Don't forget to budget in the shoes and accessories.

• **Trying it on:**

Give yourself plenty of time- it can take up to six months for a dress to be made to order or alterations made, but don't shop more than a year in advance as styles change. Most bridal shops are by appointment so book early. Bring only your mum and one or two friends at most, and leave the kids at home. Also consider high street shops, online or even charity boutiques. Wear appropriate underwear, including a strapless bra, and don't wear makeup so as to protect the dresses. Wear heels a similar height to those you will have for the day. Don't get discouraged, as you may try on dozens of dresses before you find the one! Once you find it, shop around for the best price if possible. When you find your dream dress, hang it carefully in a box and put it away somewhere safe until the big day!

## Trinity Hairdressing

Trinity Hairdressing recently celebrated 11 years in business and is highly regarded as one of the foremost salons in Argyll. Trinity's professional team, fronted by Craig and Linda, offers unique solutions and the latest trends in haircuts, hair colour, care and styling. Whether you are searching for a completely new look or already have a style that you love but want the protect and nurture, look no further. Every bride

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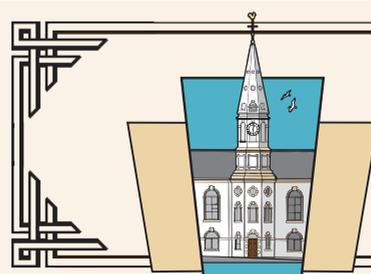
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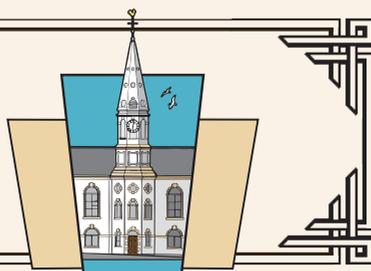


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# Hair and beauty

With the Big Day around the corner, bridal beauty gets high on the agenda as soon as the countdown says four weeks to go!



Being in the spotlight is not optional when it is you who is getting married. The month to the marriage can be quiet demanding so here are a few ideas for the picture-perfect you:

#### Beauty tips for the face and skin:

- Say no to processed foods and focus on staying hydrated at all times.
- Bite into fresh fruits and veggies- being high on fibre they offer antioxidants for the youthful look.
- Start body brushing before bathing to stimulate lymphatic system and exfoliate the skin.
- Salt scrubs from organic products are a great way to getting that glowing skin.
- Deep cleansing facials can be tried for removing blackheads, pimples and toxins. Remember to include neck, elbows, arms etc. in your cleansing routine so that they

don't spoil the show by being in complete contrast to your clean and clear face!

#### Beauty tips for the hair:

- Work on the final cut, colour and style for the pre and post events so that you know the complete look and aren't in for any surprises.
- Keep your tresses neat, get rid of the split ends and treat uneven textures to make the hair look smooth and shiny
- Include hair care as a part of your regime, pamper your hair and invest in quality products while keeping your individual needs in mind.

While taking good care of your hair, face and skin, do make time for regular exercise. Besides being a mood enhancer, it tightens skin and tones muscle.

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# Cakes and flowers

The cake and flowers will play a significant part on any wedding day. They will be a huge focal point, and are a great way to personalise the wedding to match the couple's personalities and interests.

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**CLASSIC DESIGN**

The Little Bespoke Bakery has a small range of classicly-designed Wedding cakes but is making a name for itself with individual consultations to create beautiful bespoke wedding cakes customised to perfectly complement a client's wedding and character.

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# ISLAY

## 'close enough to be far away'

by Chief Reporter Louise Glen

AFTER working for six months solidly and being fairly wrung out I needed a break from work.

People, it seems, now call this cash rich and time poor. I doubt if my husband would agree with the cash rich bit - but you get the idea.

I had been toying with the idea of heading to Paris again. My companion and I had travelled to the city of lights for a number of years.

But after the events of late October it was suddenly not as welcoming as it used to be.

After panicking that I might never take a holiday ever again, there is always something I can find to do at work, a lovely friend took me in hand and suggested a visit to the Isle of Islay.

To the area called The Oa, in fact, and in particular to the lodges at Coillabus.

Whilst I was perfectly happy to go to Islay, as it is close enough to be far away, I was slightly concerned that the weather would impede our enjoyment.

I was wrong, and my friend was absolutely correct when I said I would not be disappointed with the weather or Islay life.

We made our way to Islay on the last CalMac ferry of the day laden down with (completely unnecessary supplies as of course there is everything you could ever want on the island including in-house chef services) - it was very exciting to actually be on the fancy ship Finalaggan.

The relatively new fleet member is like a cruise ship - in fact a smaller version of the QM2 with all her lighting and glass features.

Aboard ship most European nationalities were represented including three German men and a 'flying' Dutchman (he was on a trip for 48 hours to see all Islay island distilleries including Jura).

Our first lesson was this: be nice to the people you meet on a ferry because you will meet them time and

again over the coming days as you play pas de bas around every monument, beautiful beach, distillery and awe inspiring view on the island.

We arrived into Port Ellen in the dark. Very quickly the lights of the village were behind us as we made our short trip to the cottage.

There is nothing like arriving on a new Scottish island - so many opportunities, so many experiences - the smell, the silence the wildlife, the pace of life.

Let me explain, I am not very good at directions.

Correction, I am not good at listening or taking directions - I trusted my companion to be good at that.

But I hadn't actually sent her the directions, and as a busy hotel manager she was also ready for a break from organising other people's lives.

So in spite of seeing the name of the lodges clearly written at the side of the first road we went down, I decided that a wee trip to the end of the road at The Oa sounded all very romantic in the dark.

How right I was. After an amazing and unexpected late night lightshow - otherwise known as the Northern Lights we made our way back to the cottage and began to take up residence.

It was very easy to take the stuff we had dumped in our car earlier that day straight out into an 'antechamber' to be sorted and carted off into our bedrooms.

In all, unpacking of our many belongings took about ten minutes.

Before any length of time, at all, we had shaken off the woes of the world and we were in the hot tub, in the darkness with a near-full moon catching the sparkles in our champagne flutes (plastic of course).

A good night of sleep ensued on a fantastic bed with superb pillows.

I woke up to what I thought was a big bird dancing on the turf ceiling. I was chuffed to bits that wildlife watching was not going to be a problem.

I was thinking this was an eco house to rival all eco houses if an actual Golden Eagle or the resident chuffs dancing on the ceiling - or grass turfed roof, without knowing it was on top of a house.

It wasn't until after a finely scrambled Islay egg, and buttered toast that I saw a reflection of the 'bird'.

It was in fact a very naughty black-faced sheep breaking all the rules about where it should be and having a jolly good time sunbathing on the roof.

I laughed and laughed. And that was when it hit, that moment that always gets you on holiday - I like to call it separation anxiety, the worry of work. I mean how could they possibly cope without me.

Nothing can quell those anxious feelings other than a look at my emails and a check of my phone.

So I allowed myself a good look at my phone while the sauna was heating up. My head was settled - all was well, they were coping.

If I could, I would like to list for you the many, many memories I made in Islay during my mini break. But the best things are not about a check list and ticking them off. The best things are Islay itself. Explored at its best it is about wandering and chatting and be guided by the island weather and the people you come across.

A good starting point for us was a book kept in the house, written by the owner, that provides great information about food deliveries, where to get stuff, taxi companies (for a night out at one of the many lovely places to take of a light refreshment), people to speak to - to buy fish from and every detail including the owners 'full cousin' who is also a masseuse who will come to the house.

When people find out you are staying at The Oa they are interested in asking lots of questions.

When you say you are at The Oa they will make an 'ooohhhh' sound when you say you are at Hester's place.

The second thing people ask is 'Have you been in the hot tub?'

Days on Islay started to melt into one another very quickly, but every moment was savoured.

We walked, talked, hot tubbed, sang (at the top of our voices) listened to Scottish music band Skipinnish and good old Van Morrison on CD, visited every distillery on the island, and even took a trip to Jura.

We visited the post office in Portnahaven, and in Bridgend, The hotel at Port Askaig, watched football and ate a splendid meal in the village pub with a rather enthusiastic Manchester City fan, visited ancient rocks and (by comparison) some modern Neolithic settlements, took photos that show some of the beauty of the island and relaxed.

The lodge was at the centre of everything we did - it wasn't a base, it was the heart of our holiday. It gave us real honest no-problems-what-so-ever surroundings in which we could relax and enjoy the island the sunsets the views, but most of all gave us the opportunity to enjoy ourselves.

What makes the lodges even more exciting for me, was the woman who built them. Hester is not someone who has built a holiday lodge and run away. Following in the tradition of her family, who have worked the land at The Oa for decades, she too is making the land work for her in a very modern way.

Hester's dad was on the land everyday while we were there still working with the sheep and cattle.

There was something very authentic in The Oa experience. So much so that I didn't want to give up hope that I might actually return to Islay to enjoy the same relaxation that I had felt when I was there. Something I hadn't experienced for a long time.

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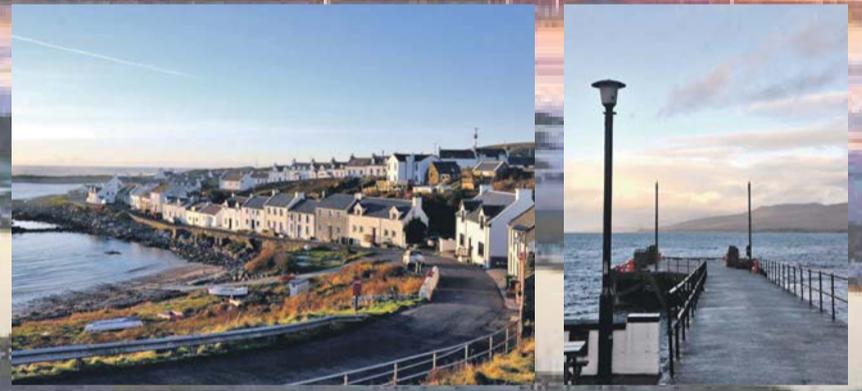
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## Women starting out in property are hardest hit by gender pay gap

Salaries of UK surveying professionals are at the highest in nine years, but the gender pay gap for new entrants now stands at 28.7 per cent, according to the RICS and Macdonald & Company UK Rewards & Attitudes Survey 2016.

### Highlights

- Male property professionals earn on average £7,000 more than female counterparts
- Gender pay gap most prominent among 18-22-year-olds
- Sector salaries up 7.1 per cent overall

### The gender pay gap

Salaries for UK property professionals have continued to rise at an average increase of 7.1 per cent in 2016, according to the latest survey by RICS & Macdonald & Company.

However, the gender pay gap continues with male property professionals earning £7,000 pa more on average than female counterparts (£57,509 versus £45,689). While this gap has closed slightly, from 27.0 per cent last year to 25.9 per cent in 2016, the discrepancy is evident across all age groups and is most acute for those aged between 18-22, where the difference in av-

erage salary is 28.7 per cent.

### Competition for talent

Competition for talent continues with the average salary increase awarded to respondents who moved employer in the last year reached 16.2 per cent, while the average increase received by respondents under 30 jumped by 12 per cent.

Bonuses awarded to entry level candidates jumped by 79 per cent this year and employees at this level are also most likely to move job. Of those who indicated they are likely to look to change roles this year, 35 per cent are relatively inexperienced, compared to 19 per cent last year.

The fact that 64 per cent of respondents reported a rise in salary will offer cold comfort to the many women in the sector, especially those at entry level, who are once again confronted with a significant gender pay gap. The industry must urgently take action to create a more balanced workforce that attracts the best talent if it wants to remain competitive.

We can achieve this by introducing inclusive working practices such as flexible work-

ing. These are key to employee engagement, and in an increasingly competitive market, employers cannot afford to create working environments that only serve the needs of a small majority of the workforce.

We've launched an Inclusive Employer Quality Mark, which asks employers to put inclusivity at the heart of what they do, and aims to support them in sharing best practice, and we would urge all firms to put their money where their mouth is by signing up. Until there is a true commitment to change within the sector, we will continue to see results like these and the subsequent drift of talent away from our sector.

*RICS Equalities Manager  
Justine Wallis-Leggett*

### A regional focus

Looking at the picture across the UK, those working in greater London continue to earn, on average, the most (£65,050) and command a premium of 20.8 per cent over the South East and 52.2 per cent over Ireland. The majority of the rest of the UK have indicated only a slight growth in average annual salaries, with the greatest growth seen in

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
16/00467/PPP	Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse.	Land South East of Whinbank Carsaig Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/03322/PP	Erection of single storey rear extension.	19 Kilmartin Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RN	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/00407/PP	Installation of wall mounted gas pipe	Flat 2/2 26D Burnside Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6JE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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I was absolutely thrilled to have it and, from my aunt, I heard the story that went with it.

I heard from my aunt how excited my mum was. Evidently she tried on several items of clothing before settling for a lovely black skirt and a white blouse.

My dad was very smart in, what was known in those days, as a sports jacket and flannels.

I think they looked a very handsome couple indeed.

My grandfather however, insisted that my aunt go along on this date to act as chaperone.

They evidently had a wonderful evening and this led to 58 years of a very happy marriage.

I love to look at this photograph and wish I could talk to them both about it.

However I have my wonderful memories and these bring both tears and laughter as I look back on their life journey together.

I remember all the precious times the three of us shared over the years with family, friends and an amazing assortment of animals.

I wonder how the disciples felt as they looked back on their precious time with Jesus.

They would have no photograph by which to remember him, no video clips or voice recordings to treasure.

Maybe this was why Jesus used so much symbolism.

His friends would remember him in the breaking of bread, in the pouring of wine, in the washing of feet, in the telling of stories.

They would remember his laughter as they sat round a kitchen table: they would remember his anger at injustice: they would remember his touch of healing, and they would remember his call to follow him.

I wonder what your mind memories are of Jesus?

## From our files:

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

March 1 1991

#### Recession in miniature

THE RECESSION in international airline traffic is reflected even in the model aircraft industry of KV Wooster at Campbeltown, where nine workers were made redundant last week.

Their biggest customer, British Airways, representing more than a quarter of the factory's output at 140,000 models a year sold in-flight has notified a drastic cut in this year's order.

BA is axing its staff by 5,000 and other airlines are expected to cut their services too, which may further hit the model airliner trade.

Wooster's have had to cut their workforce from 40 to 31 in all departments:

administration, moulding, welding, printing, packing and storing.

General manager Pat Winterton said: 'The workers were selected for redundancy not by length of service but on performance and attitude.'

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

March 3 1966

#### First phase of 1966 home building plan passed

THE FIRST phase of Campbeltown Town Council's 1966 house-building programme - under which they plan to build around 60 houses this year - has been given the go-ahead by the Scottish Development Department.

Housing convener Councillor George McMillan announced at the monthly meeting of his Committee on Monday night that work had

started within the last week on the 'pocket site' housing redevelopment scheme at Smith Drive - the first of several to be undertaken by the Council in these gap sites.

Messrs Crudens have been awarded the contract for the Smith Drive scheme, which consists of the erection of nine two apartment cottage-type houses at a cost of £22,000.

They will also be the first Council houses to be fitted with Baxi fires. This follows a plea by Dean of Guild Daniel McKinven that these fires should be provided to encourage council tenants to burn Argyll coal.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

February 26 1916

#### Financing the war

The day is long past for

arguing the justice of our cause, or for urging persistence through all tests and trials to the bitter end of the struggle upon which we are engaged.

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## Clydesdale Bank to reward community

THE CLYDESDALE Bank is searching for community projects in Argyll and Bute worthy of sharing in a £75,000 prize.

The Clydesdale Bank Spirit of the Community Awards 2016 is now open for applications, with the bank set to make donations to recognise and support community projects that go the

extra mile. Registered charities and not for profit organisations are invited to enter under one of three categories: projects which help people to have a healthy relationship with money, projects which help people to improve their local environment and projects which help people into employment.

The awards are open to a range of initiatives across the third sector which can demonstrate support for the local community.

Five projects will be selected in each of the three categories and all 15 winners will be awarded £5,000.

The closing date for applications is Friday April 8 and the winners

will be announced in the summer of 2016.

To enter, visit [www.cbonline.co.uk/](http://www.cbonline.co.uk/)

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge'. (Proverbs 23:12).

**BIRTHS**



**TOMLINSON**

Stephen and Jenny (Shaw) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of James Alexander, on February 11, 2016. A brother for Skye, a fourth grandchild for Wendy and Ron Shaw, Smailholm and a seventh grandchild for Betty and David Tomlinson, Lochgilphead. Many thanks to the staff of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

**DEATHS**

**CHRISTIE** - Suddenly at home, Upper Ballywilline, Campbeltown, on February 21, 2016, Colin Caldwell Christie, in his 65th year, dearly beloved husband of Florence Millar, much loved father of Cameron and Johanne, father-in-law of David and dear papa of Luke, Noah and Naomi. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, February 27 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

**GILLIES** - On February 17, 2016, peacefully at Ardfenaig Care Home, Ardrishaig, Jean Gillies, née Wilson, former nursing auxiliary at Mid Argyll Hospital, in her 88th year, beloved wife of the late Coll Gillies, much loved mother of Colin, Billy and the late Sally, a dearly loved mother-in-law, nanny and great nanny. Funeral service was held at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on February 24, interment thereafter at Achabreac Cemetery. With grateful thanks to Ardfenaig Care Home staff for all the kind care and attention received, also to Rev David Carruthers for a fitting and comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to the Grey Gull Inn for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations for Ardfenaig raised £202.

**HOLDEN** - On February 19, 2016, peacefully at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Robert (Bobby) Holden, in his 86th year, beloved husband of Margaret and the late Jean, much loved father of Iain, David and Robert and a dearly loved grandfather. Funeral service at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Monday, February 29 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Achabreac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

**MARTIN** - Peacefully, at the home of her daughter, Lucmar, Stewarton, on February 16, 2016, Elizabeth McCormick (Betty), 25 Castleacres, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Peter Martin, much loved mother of Janet,

mother-in-law of Andrew and a dearly loved granny of Lucy and Mary. Funeral private.

**SINCLAIR** - On February 15, 2016, suddenly at home, Donald Sinclair, in his 67th year, beloved husband of the late Pat Sinclair, much loved father of Fiona and Donnie, dearly loved grandpa of Caitlin, Jack and Greg and dear brother of Mary. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, (today) Friday, February 26 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Fishermen's Mission.

**SMITH** - Peacefully at home in Annan, Dumfriesshire on February 12, 2016, Doctor Archibald Brian Smith, formerly of Tarbert, aged seventy years, beloved husband of Rona, father and grandfather. Funeral service was held at St Andrew's Church, Annan, on February 19, interment thereafter at Annan Cemetery.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BLACK** - The family of the late Katharine (Kate) Black would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful flowers and messages following her passing away. Special thanks to Rev P Wallace for a fine church service and to Mr Gardiner for the lovely music. Particular thanks to Sandy Martin for the beautiful flowers. Similarly to Kenneth and staff at T A Blair Funerals and to Flora and the staff at the Ardshiel Hotel for their friendly, thoughtful and professional support and service. Thank you also to the Argyll and Bute aged support community service team members who were a great help in the years prior and to Mandy Galbraith and Jenny Dosser who cared for her so closely. Finally, thank you to everyone who came to pay their respects at the church and at the graveside, she would have been happy to see you. A retiral collection on behalf of Dementia Research raised a total of £1,330.

**DEANS** - The family of the late Archie Deans would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following their sad loss. Special thanks to the paramedics, the police and to doctors Toledo and Villalba for their help and kindness. Thanks also to Rev William Crossan for a comforting service, to Alasdair and Kenneth for their help and professional service, to the Ardshiel Hotel for their excellent purvey and to all those who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection on behalf of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality, amounted to £385.

**GALLOWAY** - Ella, Elma and Sandra would like to express their sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy by way of cards, telephone calls and flowers received in the recent sad loss of Bill and for their attendance at Achnaba. Special thanks to the staff at Lynn of Lorne Care Home for care and attention shown to Bill during his stay there and the devoted, loving care shown to Bill during his last few days; to Rev Jeff McCormick and Norman Nicolson for their contribution to the service of celebration and

thanksgiving held at Achnaba and to Mr Chris Holden at the graveside at Campbeltown. Grateful thanks to Kenneth Blair, Campbeltown for his sensitive and efficient handling of funeral arrangements at North Connel and Campbeltown. Thanks to the Lochnell Hotel, North Connel and The Ardshiel, Campbeltown for providing us with lovely lunches. The family also thank everyone who very generously donated £400 to Alzheimer Scotland.

**MCMILLAN** - Joyce and Ishbel, nieces of the late Mary McMillan, would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement. Grateful thanks also to carers, doctors and nursing staff involved in caring for Aunt Mary in recent years and in particular during her final days in hospital. The care and support given to us by Rev Wallace and Rev McIntyre was much appreciated, as was the thoughtful service and tribute. Thanks to Alasdair Blair and Son for arranging a professional, stress free funeral and to the Ardshiel Hotel for afternoon tea. Lastly, to everyone for the retiral collection which raised £409.40 for the Firefighters Charity and RNLI.

**SCOTT** - The family of the late Sandra Scott (née Jackson) would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kindness, support and words of comfort during this difficult time. Our thanks also to Matthew Ramsay for conducting a lovely and fitting service, to Marjory for her organ accompaniment, to The Larder for their beautiful floral arrangements, to the staff of The Tarbert Hotel for catering and bar services and to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their caring attention. Special thanks to Marleen Jackson and the staff of the Glenaray Ward for their loving care, which was greatly appreciated in our final days together. The retiral collection raised £445.48 for The Scottish Association for Mental Health, which will be gratefully received.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**BROWN** - Janet Nicolson MacLean, died February 28, 2011.

Your life was a blessing Your memory a treasure You are loved beyond words And missed beyond measure. - The Brown family, at home and away.

**BROWN** - In loving memory of Janet Nicolson MacLean, died February 28, 2011. Remembering you is easy, I do it every day, It's the heartache of losing you, That never goes away. - Love from Peter Marshall.

**CLARK** - Treasured memories of our dearly loved dad and grandpa, John, who died February 24, 1977. Also our dearly loved mum and gran, Margaret (Peggy), who died March 29, 1993. Always in our thoughts. - Ian, Janette and family, home and away.

**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.

**MACTAVISH** - In loving memory of our father, Douglas, who died February 27, 2001. Always in our thoughts.

- Malcolm and Ross. **MACVICAR** - In loving memory of my dear wife Teena (Christina MacInnes), died March 1, 2007.

They say in time you do forget To some that may be true But no morning dawns, no night returns Without a thought of you.

- Johnnie. For a loving mother and nana. You left us happy memories Your love is still our guide And though we cannot see you You're always at our side. - Catherine, John, John, Niall and Michael. **MORRANS** - Sarah Soudan, died February 24, 1999. Forever in our thoughts. - The family.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

A Service will be held on Friday 4th MARCH at 7.00pm In St Kieran's Roman Catholic Church, Campbeltown

This year's theme - "Receive children, Receive Me" Written by Christians in Cuba ALL WELCOME

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

Sunday 28th February 2016 11.00am Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch SPEAKER: George Stewart 'Let us go on'

Thursday 3rd March 2016 7.30pm Prayer, Word and Sharing

Saturday 5th March 2016 9.15 for 9.30am Prayer Gathering All Welcome to all services

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002 Sunday 28 February Bellanoch Church Prayer meeting 10:30 am Morning Worship 11:30 am Saturday 27 February CAFE CONNECT 10:30 am Achnamara Hall

Monday 29 February Tayvallich Church Prayer meeting 10:30 am All welcome Enquiries 01546 606926 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs



**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

Sunday 28th February 2016 11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE to be held in the Church Hall Rev. Hilda Smith All Welcome Coffee Morning Saturday 27th February 10am - 12 noon Every Tuesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

"It is good to sing praises to our God" Sunday 28th February Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am Achahoish at 12:30pm

**Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome**

Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)

Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist & Coffee St Columba's, Paltalloch, (SC031391)

1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Holy Communion 3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong Father Simon Mackenzie 01546 602315

**KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Meeting to be held on Friday 4th December at 7.30pm in the Free Church, Campbeltown Panel Night - "Any Questions" Questions can be submitted before or at the door on the 4th December Panel members - Mrs Felicity Kelly, Pastor Chris Holden, Rev Jeremy Middleton & Rev Findlay McKenzie Tea/coffee served after meeting Everyone most welcome.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Sunday 28th February 2016 Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**

Charity No. SC016097 Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am Glenaray and Inveraray Charity No. SC016665 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am All Welcome

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND** Sunday 28th February 2016 Skipness Service 10.00am Mr John Morrison Tarbert Service 11.30am Kilberry Service 2pm Rev. Walter Ritchie For all church enquiries and pastoral care Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735 Everyone very welcome Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622 Skipness SC004280

**lochgilphead baptist church**

All Welcome Pastor Derek Gibson All Welcome Sunday 28th February 2016 Morning Service 11am with communion mainly music Tuesdays at 10.15am Jumpstart Fridays from 10am Scottish Charity SC015187

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**



75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 28 February 2016 11.00am Family Communion Service

Tuesdays 1 March 10am - 12 noon Coffe Morning All welcome

Wednesday 12.30pm at the Free Church Joining in fellowship with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study

Joint churches World Day of Prayer Service 7pm St Kieran's Roman Catholic Church Friday 4th March 2016

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Argyll Street, Campbeltown St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown Scottish Charity No SC023277 Sunday 28th February Third Sunday of Lent Holy Communion 10.45am

Details of services are on the church door. Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion



George Street, Campbeltown Sunday 28th February 11.15am Worship Service Rev Jeremy Middleton 2.00pm Explorers Club for all Primary School children Wednesday 2nd March 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer Saturday 5th March 9.00am Prayer Breakfast All Welcome www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

Sunday 28th February 2016 Morning Worship Ford 10.00am Mr David Logue All welcome Annual Stated Meeting Tuesday 22nd March, 7.30 pm Kilmartin Church Hall The operation of the Unitary Constitution will be the major item on the agenda. SCO 02121

*Highland Parish Church*



SCO02493 Sunday 28th February 2016 The service will be conducted by Rev W Crossan and will be held in the Church at 11.15am

The Annual Stated Meeting will be held in the church on Sunday 20th March after the morning service.

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SCO11686

Sunday 28th February Service 11.15am Next Generation Triple C Creche Rev P Wallace

Monday 29th February Guild Concert Church Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 1st March Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys 6.00pm Junior Section 7.15pm Church Hall

Thursday 3rd March Choir 7.30pm Friday 4th March Lunch Club 12.00 noon



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Tuesday 12.15pm Lunch Club 1.30pm Home League

Wednesday 7.00 pm Make and Munch Craft Group

Thursday 7.30pm Bible Study All welcome



Sunday Service 11.00 am with Sunday School followed by refreshments Pastor Chris Holden mainly music 10.00 - 11.30 am every Thursday (term time only) Registration required We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk



LOCHGILPHEAD Holy Mass Sunday 10am ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN Saturday 5pm Fr. David Connor 01546 602380 All Welcome (SCO02876)

# Walkers are the winners of Kintyre Way's picnic places waybench

RUNNERS in May's Ultra Marathon on the Kintyre Way should not have time to stop at a picnic bench unveiled this week.

Thanks to the Coastal Communities Fund, Kintyre Way trainee, Thomas Gallagher of Campbeltown and the Route Manager Aidan Keogh are making sure the Way is in tip-top form for a busy 2016 season.

As part of that preparation it is planned to have 16 picnic benches

in place by Easter. On Monday, the latest at Lussa Loch, on the Carradale to Campbeltown section was dedicated.

Buildbase, on the Snipefield Industrial Estate, sponsored this bench, providing all the timber and fixing materials, after the original Forestry Commission one in the same area went 'missing' last year.

Marketing Manager Andrea McShannon said: 'Variety is the key ingredient on this section of the Kintyre Way

with easy walking on good surfaces. Beginning at Carradale beautiful woodland paths lead around the rocky coastline to Torrisdale and then over to neighbouring Saddell Glen with wonderful views out to sea.

'From Saddell forestry tracks take walkers over the hills to the beautiful Lussa Loch, following the west shore the route travels southwards to Campbeltown.'

As a further improvement Mr Keogh and Mr

Gallagher will build - subject to planning permission and site seven, three-sided shelters at about the halfway point on each section. These are designed to enable groups of up to five to picnic under cover during inclement weather.

The shelters measure 2.4m wide, 1.2m deep and 2m tall with exterior weather boarding and a bench inside and it is hoped they will be sited at viewpoints along the route.

## Feedback

Andrea McShannon said; 'The shelters are something that walkers have asked for in their feedback about the Kintyre Way.

'The Kintyre Way team is constantly improving the route's 100-mile length making sure it is clearly marked and accessible.'

In a further bid to improve public access to the trail it is proposed to make sections accessible to horse riders, cyclists and the disabled.

To build public awareness of the Kintyre Way, its marketing will be linked to five other Ar-



Left Kintyre Way's Thomas Gallagher and far right its marketing and PR officer Andrea McShannon with Buildbase customer service apprentice Rachel MacPhail and assistant branch manager Corrinna Armour at the site of the bench by Lussa Loch. 25\_c09kintyreway02



Thomas Gallagher making a bench in the workshop at Hazelburn Business Park. 25\_c09kintyreway01

gyll trails: The Cowal Way; Three Lochs Way; Argyll Sea Kayak Trail; West Highland Way and West Island Way. The collective group has formed the 'Argyll and

Isles Great Trails.' Next month the group will take a stand at the Scottish Cycling, Running and Outdoor Pursuits Show in Glasgow.

The Kintyre Way an-

nual general meeting is at Campbeltown Heritage Centre on Tuesday March 8 at 7pm and the public are invited for an informative evening with light refreshment.

## SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils v Alba Thistle, postponed; Oban Saints no game; Premier Division One - Kilbowie Union 0, Dunoon 1; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v FC Clydebank, postponed; Jimmy Marshall Cup, 2nd round - Lochgilphead Red Star 2, Finnart 4; Coronation Cup, 1st round - Dunoon Athletic 1, East Kilbride YM 5.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils v Shawlands FP; Premier Division One - Dunoon v Ferguslie Star; Kings Park Rangers v Lochgilphead Red Star; Jimmy Marshall Cup, 2nd round - East Kilbride v Oban Saints; St Joseph's FP v Tarbert.

## Young track and field stars will be jumping for indoor athletics

THE BATON will pass to Campbeltown Grammar School for the Kintyre Area competition in the Argyll series of sports hall athletics.

The event will be held on Saturday March 5 and competitors will need to enter on the day from 12.30pm with the action kicking off at

1pm. This is the third of four local area competitions in Argyll this winter with successful boys and girls qualifying to take part in the Argyll



In last year's competition Owen Reid in the Under 9s' standing long jump. 20\_c12athletics01



Eilidh Anderson clears the bar in the girls u-15 high jump in 2015. 20\_c12athletics02

nal to be held at Atlantis Leisure, Oban on Sunday March 20.

The Campbeltown round caters for six age groups starting from under seven-years-old up to under 17 with seven different running, jump-

ing and throwing events. Everyone taking part will receive a medal and trophies will be awarded to the overall winners in each age group.

## Entry fee

An entry fee of £2 per competitor will be lev-

ied and £5 for families of three or more.

Organisers say that it is an ideal opportunity for youngsters to come and try athletics for the first time, taking part indoors in a warm and dry environment.

# Grammar pupils pair up to win badminton championships

TWO CAMPBELTOWN students contested and won all three events they entered at a hugely successful competition for the school. Nicole Thomson and Neil Littleton emerged as three-time winners,

including in the Mixed Doubles in which they paired up to take the title. The annual Argyll and Bute Secondary School Badminton Championships, which also serves as the Scottish Schools



The whole Campbeltown Grammar School team which travelled to Oban.



Neil Littleton and Nicole Thomson enjoyed a hugely successful day.

Qualifying Competition, took place at Atlantis Leisure Centre in Oban last month. Despite a depleted team due to prevailing illnesses which hit several local schools, the students who managed the trip enjoyed a largely successful day. In an all-Campbeltown final, Nicole won

the Girls' Singles, beating Susan Shaw, while Neil also won the Boys Singles, securing the title against Conor Adams of Dunoon. In the Girls' Doubles it was another all-Campbeltown final when Nicole teamed up with Rhona O'May to narrowly defeat Nicola McKerral and Susan

Shaw in a hotly contested match. In the Boys final, Neil partnered Alasdair Ferguson to claim the title from Conor Adams and William Goan of Dunoon. Lastly, to round off their award-winning day, Neil and Nicole emerged victorious in the Mixed Doubles,

with Neil securing his third victory over Conor Adams who partnered Lauren Keith from Dunoon. In the U-14 Boys' Doubles event, Fraser MacBrayne and Gregor Campbell were runners-up to Alan Mollins and Andrew Tyre from Dunoon, a solid result for the young players.

## Kintyre golf clubs blend together for whisky tour

A HOST of Argyll golf clubs have come together to help produce a golf and whisky experience sure to tantalise the taste buds. Machrihanish, Machrihanish Dunes, Dunaverity and Shiskine on the Isle of Arran are all part of the annual Golf and Whisky Galore Tournament.

Held from May 29 to June 3 this summer, the tournament offers four rounds of golf on the various links courses as well as three distillery tours and tastings, at Glen Scotia, Springbank and the Isle of Arran.

The format will be a 72-hole stableford competition which will be open to men and women, with maximum handicaps set at 24 for men and 36 for women. There will be daily prizes at each course and overall prizes for the week.

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**Dunaverty  
golfers beat cold  
strong winds**

A NET 69 was enough to hook the February medal at Dunaverty Golf Club.

Players faced tough conditions and winner Hayden Chambers proved equal to the challenge as he returned a creditable net 69 to finish one point ahead of Grant Edmondson, John McDowall and Ian Docherty.

Chambers had the best scratch score of 74. CSS for the day was 65.

Results: 1 Hayden Chambers 74-5-69, 2 Grant Edmondson 82-12-70(bih), 3 John McDowall 83-13-70(bih), 4 Ian Docherty 82-12-70, 5 Mark Eagers 82-9-73, 6 Campbell McCallum 78-4-74.

**Dunaverty and  
Machrihanish  
lotto rollovers**

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday February 21.

The winning numbers were 3, 6 and 14. The next draw is on Sunday March 6 with a jackpot of £900.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Muneroy Stores and Burnside Bar.

There were also no winners of the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery.

The winning numbers were 6, 9 and 7, and the new jackpot of £300 will be drawn on February, 29.

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Callum McKillop continued his fine goalscoring form for the U14's with a brace.

# Last gasp goal ends U-14s unbeaten run

ALL GOOD things must come to an end, and so it was for Campbeltown Pupils U-14's whose stunning 10-game unbeaten run ended in dra-



Elliot Gemmill gave the young Pupils the lead in the second half.

**Dumbarton United Yellows 4**  
**Campbeltown Pupils 3**  
DFDL Under 14 League

matic and cruel fashion.

The Pupils had hauled themselves back into the game having been 2-0 down at half time, and led 3-2 with just five minutes to go before Dumbarton Yellows equalised and then notched a devastating winner in injury time.

The U14's travelled to Helensburgh to play the hastily arranged fixture against Dumbarton United Yellows on the 3G pitch at Hermitage Academy, after Oban Saints were unable to travel to Campbeltown.

Determined to play after last week's disappointing no-show when Drumchapel United failed to arrive in Campbeltown, the Pupils struggled to get going after the journey up

in the wet and windy conditions and suffered a poor and sluggish first half performance. They trailed 2-0 by half time.

Wholesale changes at the interval brought a much higher tempo and within 10 minutes the Pupils had a goal back, Calum McKillop turning well before volleying into the roof of the net.

**First time finish**

The visitors were on top now and minutes later their only cross of the game brought them level, again McKillop with a first-time finish for his brace.

Dumbarton began to reassert their first half dominance shortly after the leveller, but on the break a great through ball to Elliott Gemmill

saw him slot the ball home from 18 yards into the bottom corner, putting the Pupils into the lead for the first time in the game.

After a break in play for an injury, the game became increasingly fragmented and poor defending brought the Yellows level when they were gifted a tap in at the far post with just five minutes to go.

Buoyed by their late leveller, Dumbarton poured forward and, thanks to further poor Pupils' defending, a Yellows striker found him-

self free in the six-yard box to tap home for a heartbreaking last gasp winner.

It was a devastating end for the young Pupils side, who showed real grit and determination in the second-half to draw level and then take the lead, but unfortunately their first-half showing cost them their unbeaten run against one of the favourites for the league.

Next week the young side travel to the Hermitage Academy again, this time to face Ardencaple, their fourth away game in a row.

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