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# London inquest on Kintyre designer

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A CAMPBELTOWN woman hand-picked by the Queen to modernise Windsor castle was killed at one of London's worst accident blackspots, an inquest jury heard.

Moira Gemmill, 55, was on her way to St James's Palace when she was struck by a Mercedes tipper lorry driven by James Kwatia, near Lambeth Bridge, where it joins Horseferry Road in Westminster, on April 9, 2015.

Kwatia, 42, was cleared of causing her death by dangerous driving earlier this year but last week an inquest into Ms Gemmill's death began at Westminster Coroner's Court.

Assistant coroner Dr Shirley Radcliffe

and the jury heard that plans to improve the blackspot had been rejected by Westminster City Council in 2012.

Council official Rakesh Vaghela said: 'In 2012 there were proposals by Transport for London (TfL) to improve the roundabout and we were in consultations.'

Mr Vaghela explained that the proposals were eventually rejected.

### Stakeholders

'There were a number of key stakeholders involved in those improvements,' he said.

A statement from TfL said: 'There have been 34 incidents on these roads in the past 36 months, 25 of which involved cyclists.'

'It is one of the top 10 collision roads in London and it requires urgent improvement.'

Discussing what measures might be implemented, TfL representative Tim Sharpe said: 'The proposed measures are about trying to control the behaviour of road users.'

Describing the events surrounding Ms Gemmill's 'tragic' death, Dr Radcliffe said: 'Miss Gemmill was crossing Lambeth Bridge and approaching the roundabout.'

'Part of the bridge is a cycle lane which stops shortly before the roundabout, and one lane of traffic filters into two.'

'There is a tendency for vehicles to take sharp turns to the left and she ended up on the vehicle's near side.'

'The concerns about the roundabout were not explored in the court proceedings.'



## Believer's baptismal bathe

AS CHRIST'S resurrection was commemorated round Scotland on Easter Sunday, a Kintyre man was plunged into Kilbrannan Sound and baptised as a Christian. In the photo, Greig Walker and the Reverend Chris Holden of Campbeltown Community Church lift Stuart McTaggart from the sea. For the full story, see page 14. 25\_c16baptism02

The inquest is expected to resume in July, allowing TfL and Westminster City Council to continue consulta-

tions over safety at the roundabout.

Speaking outside court Ms Gemmill's sister, Jennifer

Cormie, said: 'The family is very pleased the inquest is looking at the junction where Moira was killed.'

## Jaeger memories

NOT EVERYONE was glad to see the knitwear firm fold. Full story, page four.

## Television talent spotted

A TOP TV personality stopped off for a bite to eat in Tarbert. Full story, page five.

## Burning ambition

FIVE new recruits with a desire to serve in the fire service join the Campbeltown crew. Full story, page seven.

## Piping performance

THE STRONG breeze failed to silence the Kintyre pipers who marched into Campbeltown's Main Street. Full story, page 13.

## Football frenzy

KINTYRE youngsters with a passion for football are looking forward to a summer season of the beautiful game. Full story, page 26.

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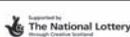
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# Army cadets on signalling course

A **SIGNALLING** course was part of a non-stop weekend of activities when Campbeltown army cadets marched into Lochgilphead.

D (Argyll) Company held its first camp of 2017 at Lochgilphead Cadet Training Centre. Activities were planned to progress their training syllabus and get them ready for annual camp later in the year.

Staff Sergeant Young, A Company, took basic and one-star cadre through their basic signals course, involving both Morse code and the semaphore flag signalling system.

Other cadets had fieldcraft and paintball on the outside training area, while new cadets gained a first taste of shooting and learning drill.

Commandant Colonel Brian Hume visit-

ed during the weekend and made a number of important promotions: Sergeant Major Kenny to AUO Kenny, Staff Sgt Stokoe to Company Sgt Maj, Cadet Staff Sgt Ash to Cadet Company Sgt Maj.

Coy Sgt Maj Ash said: 'The weekend was a fantastic success with all cadets passing their signals assessment and all new cadets enjoying their first weekend away.'



Colonel Brian Hume awarding Alistair Kenny, Campbeltown detachment commander his Acting Under Officer appointment.



Colonel Brian Hume awarding Michael Stokoe, Dunoon detachment commander, his Sgt Major appointment for D (Argyll) Company.



Major Luti of D (Argyll) Company presenting signal awards to cadets.

## Police files:

### Police consultation

IS SCOTTISH policing fit for the future? That is the question Police Scotland hopes the Kintyre community will answer.

Members of the public can find out more and take part at <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2026/>.

A Police Scotland spokesperson said: 'It's important that people from Argyll and other rural areas get to express their views on the proposed policing strategy.'

### Telephone scams

A SPATE of attempted telephone frauds has led to police ringing alarm bells.

Callers, claiming to be from BT or Microsoft, have tried to persuade people to download an app to their computer which can access PayPal or internet banking remotely.

A police spokesperson said: 'No genuine company will

call without first having a fault reported.

'Do not be duped into downloading applications or giving out personal or bank details to pay for an unreported repair.'

### Graffiti arrest

POLICE inquiries into graffiti found sprayed on a wall in Burnside Street on Monday April 10 led to a 17-year-old being charged with the alleged offence.

Police are investigating other similar instances of graffiti in Campbeltown.

Witnesses or anyone with information should call them on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Abusive behaviour

A 55-YEAR-OLD was arrested at about 10pm on Monday April 10, after a report of a man behaving in an abusive manner in a Glebe Street flat.

The man was charged with the alleged offence and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Firearms incident

A MAN was said to be in possession of a firearm in Lochend Street, Campbeltown, at about 9.30pm on Wednesday April 13.

Police carried out inquiries and arrested and charged a 22-year-old man with possession of an imitation firearm the next day.

### Teenage assault

A TEENAGER allegedly assaulted another teenage boy at about 8pm on Saturday April 15, in Burnbank Steet, Campbeltown.

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# May tries to trump tired voters at June election

KINTYRE voters and the electorate round Britain face a general election two years after a convincing Tory win.

News of the June 8 vote was announced on Tuesday morning by Prime Minister Theresa May. The election will see Scottish voters at the polls for the sixth time since September 2014. In South Kintyre, it will be the fifth vote as the three council seats in the May 4 poll are uncontested.

The *Courier* went out on the streets on Wednesday morning to find out if the community is vote weary. Here is what was said:



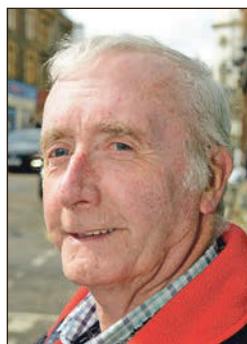
**Brendan O'Hara.** Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara said: 'This is an extraordinary political U-turn on the part of the Tories. It isn't about good governance, it is Theresa May capitalising on the dysfunctional Labour opposition to bolster her hard-right, hard-Brexit agenda.'



**Catherine Wilson.** Catherine Wilson, 51, originally from France and living in Campbeltown, who works at Zero Waste Heroes, said: 'There are not too many polls, just too many in which I, as an EU citizen, cannot take part. This vote is purely for Theresa May's benefit.'



**Charlie McLean.** Charlie McLean, 52, from Campbeltown, proprietor of Callie Catering, said: 'May has had to call a general election because she is not an elected prime minister. The country voted for David Cameron, not Theresa May, but there have been too many polls in too short a time.'



**Richard Cameron.** Former engineer Richard Cameron, 72, from Campbeltown said: 'Theresa May needs the support of parliament and I think she hopes to put wee Nippy's gas at a peep. It did annoy me that we did not get a vote in the local elections.'



**Fiona McArthur.** Country Bumpkin Cakes proprietor Fiona McArthur, 30, from Campbeltown, said: 'I think the election is a good thing because we might end up with somebody else in charge. Hopefully, it will end up for the best.'



**Tommy Kelly.** Retired Campbeltown granddad Tommy Kelly, 73, said: 'May is doing the right thing to try to get a bigger majority although I am undecided about how I will vote.'



## Good Friday walk of witness

A KINTYRE minister was joined by about 30 people at Campbeltown Cross during a symbolic walk of witness on Good Friday.

Rev Stephen Fulcher carries the wooden cross along Main Street to St Kieran Episcopal church.

## Be satnav savvy

LEARNERS will need to gear up as operating a satellite navigation system is included in the driving test.

Changes rolled out last Thursday will be law from December 4 and will see the independent part of the practical increase from 10 to 20 minutes.

Reversing round a corner is gone, to be replaced with getting in and out of a parking bay.

About half of all car drivers have a satnav and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) want new drivers to be trained on their use.

## Apology

THE *Courier* would like to apologise unreservedly to Pavel Seidl, 38, of 50 Longrow, Campbeltown, for stating last week that he pleaded guilty to an assault.

## Lotto results

THERE were no winners of Machrihanish golf club's lottery on April 17. The winning numbers were 4, 15 and 19.

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## Leo Grumoli's Royal café

A DESCENDANT of the Italian café proprietor who ran an establishment known as the 'Low,' was surprised to see it described as Hell's Kitchen in the *Courier* of April 7.

Back in the 1950s there were three Campbeltown Italian cafés the others being the High and Middle.

Ronald Togneri said that the only Hell's Kitchen he had heard of is a neighbourhood on the West Side of Midtown, Manhattan.

## Wrong surname

SOME OF the children, who are now teenagers, pictured in From our Files last week were misidentified, a decade ago, with the surname Holdern.

Hannah and Ben's surname is Holden.

They were celebrating, with their parents, the restoration of Archibald MacKinnon's crucifixion painting which was vandalised in 2006.

## Letters extra:

# Memories of Jaeger excellence

Sir,  
It was with sad disappointment that I read 'Knitwear firm Jaeger folds' in the *Courier* last Friday.

In particular, I disliked the comment by George McMillan that he was 'quite pleased the company had failed' because it had closed the Campbeltown factory and devastated the town.

The current owners of Jaeger are not the same as when the factory was closed in Campbeltown.

Many employees gave the brand lifetimes of service and its closure is not their fault. Current employees, including managers and maybe some directors,

have families like the unfortunate employees from Campbeltown and they will experience the same traumatic situation as anyone losing a job.

Mr McMillan's comment is just a kick in the teeth for them.

The owners continue making money from their other interests.

I have very fond personal memories of Campbeltown and am very proud to have spent many years working there with the people I met through the factory.

In 1977, my boss, Bill McGregor, and I made the first Jaeger visit to the town and met factory owner Douglas Stewart, joint owner of Stewart Brothers

Ltd and of The Clothing Factory, as it was known.

The factory itself was severely rundown and about to be closed.

I was a menswear specialist advising the board if I thought it was possible to make men's suits in Kintyre equal to the very high quality imported Italian suits carrying the Jaeger label.

Jaeger owners, Coats Patons of Glasgow, invested in the firm to have UK factories.

If I had said 'no', we would have just walked away from Campbeltown.

If I said 'yes', it would become my responsibility to develop the factory. I worked in Campbeltown for several months making trial garments before the final decision.

It was frustrating and I will always remember being given a copy of *The Tales of Par Handy* to read.

Being considered a naive Englishman from the south coast, it was intended to explain why I was having difficulty motivating the small group of employees waiting for redundancy from Douglas Stewart.

Despite lots of problems and negatives from buyers, design-



The Jaeger factory in Campbeltown.

ers Duncan Kelly, and subsequently Roger Bates, Luigi Sisti, John Raines and Graeme Pratt followed my early role to perfect and develop the Campbeltown suits.

New machinery and technologies gave Jaeger Campbeltown suits a reputation of being one of the best in the world.

Factory manager Harry Moffett had also invested his time during his previous 25 years in developing young apprentices into an excellent team of tailors who were able to go on to become the supervisors and section managers leading the growing workforce to excellence.

We built and equipped the extension to the original building and later, following my departure and Harry's retirement, Jaeger menswear director Tony Gibbs brought in Don-

ald Hunt as manager with Italian Luigi as designer and together they rebuilt the failing old factory building, completing the planned development.

Paul Vann took over Jaeger Man, including Campbeltown within his responsibilities. Harry Rea became manager, and brought years of technical and management excellence from his previous career in Northern Ireland. There were no persons before or since who were as committed to the success of the Campbeltown factory as Mr Vann and Mr Rea.

They ensured there was never a day when the factory was not fully loaded with production and that the excellent quality standard achieved was maintained.

The menswear business became the star

in the Jaeger portfolio and, as often happens, Paul's success was rewarded by moving him out of the Jaeger business into the sister Viyella ladies-wear retail business. Coats Viyella sold off what was left of the Jaeger business, first closing the remaining factories rather than offering them for sale, all in preparation for the sale and using the usual sad, lame excuses about lower cost imports being the reason.

When I returned to Campbeltown in 2012, I was shocked to see only a concrete base where that superb factory once stood.

Why was it demolished? Did the departing business not want to see it ever used again? Jaeger has sold on its debt and given its assets to a succession of owners who will never know the history of manufacturing in Campbeltown or the other Jaeger factories.

Sadly, the days of building new start-up hi-tech clothing factories in the UK will probably never return.

The people of vision and entrepreneurship seem to have faded away from the clothing industry, making easier money elsewhere.

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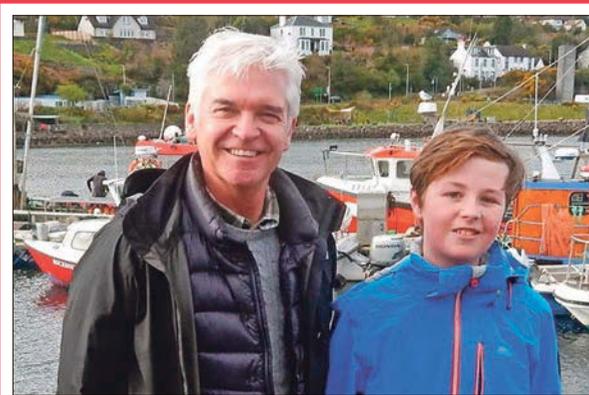
# Poison pen letters man

## 'I reject the evidence of Mr Carson'

A 'SELF-OBSSESSED' Sound of Kintyre man in his late fifties is facing jail for sending poison pen letters to his elderly mum, her then boyfriend and their friends and neighbours in an attempt to split them up. Joseph Carson, 58, last month admitted sending poison pen letters to his mum, her boyfriend and their friends and neighbours, but he had denied sending threatening letters and texts. Recently following a trial at Paisley Sheriff Court, Carson was convicted of sending threatening letters and texts to his mother and her former boyfriend.

He denied they broke the law by being of a threatening or abusive nature which was likely to cause a reasonable person to suffer fear or alarm. Prosecutors claimed he broke Section 39 (1) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 by his poison pen campaign between December 13 and 30, 2014. And, as he convicted Carson, Sheriff Seith Ireland said: 'I found the crown witnesses in this case to be both credible and reliable. 'I reject the evidence of Mr Carson. I did not find him truthful in his evidence. He appeared to be

a self-obsessed individual.' Sheriff Ireland called for background reports ahead of sentencing and adjourned the case. Carson will learn his fate next month and has the threat of a 12-month jail term hanging over his head. He was on a community payback order at the time he was sending some of the letters. Speaking after the verdict, his mother's former boyfriend said: 'I don't think he'll accept the verdict, to be honest. 'I believe this is just the tip of the iceberg. He takes a fact and twists it to fit into his lies.'



Milo Ingram with Phillip Schofield in Tarbert.

## Tarbert boy spots top television talent

A TARBERT boy got a star-studded surprise last week when he bumped into television presenter Phillip Schofield. Milo Ingram, 11, saw Phillip and his wife, Stephanie, leaving the Islay Frigate Hotel in the village after they'd had their lunch. Milo's dad Robbie, 44, said: 'We had to do a double-take when we saw Phillip, but he was more

than happy to chat and let Milo have his picture taken with him. 'They were Islay bound and have since posted some lovely pictures on Snapchat.' The television presenter, 55, who was enjoying a break from filming ITV show *This Morning*, travelled to Islay where he tried his hand at cutting peat to make Laphroaig whisky.

## Motorcycle smash near Kilninver

AN APPEAL for witnesses has been made following a collision between a black Peugeot estate and blue Triumph Tiger motorcycle. The accident happened last Thursday, April 13, at 5pm on the A816, Oban to Lochgilphead road, half a mile north of Oudedam near Kilninver. Police are looking for witnesses to the crash, people who stopped to give assistance or anyone who can comment on the driving habits of either driver to call 101 quoting incident number 2954 and the date it occurred.

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## Editorial

### Quality is always at a premium

KINTYRE has a great reputation for quality products, including cheese, whisky, seafood and wind towers.

At one time that also included tough ships and menswear to match the best in the world. Many still have garments with the Jaeger label in their wardrobes, synonymous with the best designers.

After reading Frank Lomax's letter, on page four, it is hard to see how a once great name in British clothing, dating back more than 100 years, failed, except due to the relentless pursuit of profit without a thought for promotion or the drop in quality.

### Selfless service

THE AMBITION of Campbeltown fire station's young fire-fighters programme has paid dividends.

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### Kintyre detective bestselling novel writer ignored

Sir,

In the editorial, on Friday April 7, about Kintyre writers, and in particular crime writers, there was a notable omission.

Jill McGown, who was born into a Campbeltown fishing family in 1947 and died in 2007, wrote 18 crime novels over a period of 22 years.

Thirteen of these – which form the Lloyd and Hill series – were re-issued a few years ago by Bello, an imprint of Pan Macmillan.

In 1958, the McGown family moved to the steel town of Corby in Northamptonshire, as many local families did around that time.

Her Latin teacher at Corby Grammar School just happened to be Colin Dexter, who later came to prominence as the author of the Inspector Morse crime novels.

For anyone interested in Jill McGown's work, there is a website in her name and there is also an article, 'The Murders of Jill McGown', which was written by her cousin and fellow-author, Moira Burgess, and published in *Kintyre Magazine* No. 76.

**Angus Martin,  
13 Saddell Street,  
Campbeltown.**

### Scotland is one of the world's richest countries

Sir

In my letter published on April 7, I included one piece of data which, in haste, I had not thoroughly checked.

I apologise for this, and assure your readers it was not my intention to mislead.

In other respects, particularly the insistence of Prof Richard Murphy and others that the GERS figures are incapable of telling us anything meaningful about the economy of an independent

Scotland, I stand by what I said. The question boils down to this. Is Scotland too wee and too poor to be an independent country?

In other words, in opposing Scottish independence, is a Westminster government saying: 'Don't go, we want to go on subsidising you?' Logic suggests that if Scotland really was a drain on the UK's finances, England would be only too glad for us to go.

The answer to those questions is given by the international credit rating agency, Fitch, which has made it clear, on March 14, that if Scotland became independent, the UK's current AA rating would likely be downgraded further.

This seems to me to confirm that Scotland is a net contributor to, not a net beneficiary of, the UK economy.

So, far from being too wee and too poor, Scotland is actually one of the richest countries in the world, and undoubtedly has the potential to do even better than we are doing at the present time.

**William Crossan,  
Campbeltown.**

### Cinema trip memories

Sir,

I attended Campbeltown Picture House in 1949 with the Twechar Boys Brigade, and stayed in the church hall. In the harbour we went on a submarine. I think its name was Astute and there was an aircraft carrier in the loch. We had a great holiday.

**Andrew Bell,  
Glasgow.**

### Council candidates can't stop indyref2

Sir,

Social media at the moment is full of examples of leaflets from council candidates from the Scottish branch of the Conservative and Labour parties bearing

one message and one message only.

Typical examples say: 'For a strong voice against a second referendum,' or 'How to vote against the SNP and against a second independence referendum.'

Should these people be allowed to stand for public office if their knowledge is so limited that they think local councils have any say on whether or not there is to be a second referendum? As the Labour Party sinks into oblivion, the Conservative Party seems to seek an ever more right-wing agenda.

The current bunch make Margaret Thatcher seem compassionate. This is all they have to offer: they stand for nothing but they know what they're against. I wish they'd just get on with their day jobs.

**Tony Williams,  
Muasdale.**

### Cut grass left in mounds stinks

Sir,

The grass-cutting season is again upon us and, for the third year in succession, this process leaves the Quarry Green in an absolute mess.

This area has had two cuts and mounds of grass are everywhere, including over the paths.

Long deep gouges have been taken out of the green in front of the railway cutting, but it is the mounds of grass left behind that are the main problem.

Not only are they unsightly, but after a time they begin to rot and to stink.

If the weather is at all damp, as it often is, the cuttings stick to wet shoes and damp dogs and are then dragged into the house.

It is, as I have said before, quite appalling. Go down, please, and take a look today.

Why does this problem persist?

I've never seen anything like this on the Front Green at Lochgilphead, or the grass area in front of the Corran Halls in Oban.

Why Campbeltown? And why does the problem persist?

**Name and address supplied.**

### New councillors may serve on IJBs

Sir,

In two weeks Scotland will be going to the polls to choose local councillors.

More than any other in living memory, this election will impact the health and well being of our communities as this is the first since the integration of health and social care in April 2016.

Elected councillors, who are nominated to Integrated Joint Boards, will be given the power to influence our health and social care system and make vital decisions that affect us all.

One in four people live with an increased risk of diabetes.

The diabetes community is Scotland's largest constituency which is why it is vital that local election candidates understand the wide-reaching impact of the condition.

Diabetes Scotland is reaching out to candidates across Scotland to raise awareness and understanding of diabetes.

Councillors must understand that diabetes not only affects the individual and their family but also NHS Scotland and the economy.

We're calling for people affected by diabetes across Argyll and Bute to contact their local candidates and ask them if they will #Stand4Diabetes.

Before May 4, we have to know if our candidates are committed to ensuring that people living with the condition are supported to live healthy, happy lives.

**Gavin Thomson,  
Diabetes Scotland,  
Glasgow.**

### Third child benefits imbecilic

Sir,

In all my years I have not seen any government policy

as disgusting and disgraceful as this Tory regime's intention to cut benefits to poor families or mothers with a third child unless it can be proved that the third child was conceived as a result of rape. Words escape me.

I do not know how any woman can vote Tory in the face of this abomination.

And is the father of this child, if identified as such, then taken to court and charged?

Disgusting and imbecilic.

**Dave McEwan Hill,  
Dalinlongart,  
Sandbank,  
Argyll.**

### Tarnished village of Tayinloan needs a fix

Sir,

As a resident of Tayinloan, I am concerned about the state of the village.

It is the only village in Kintyre without a bus shelter.

I spoke to an Argyll and Bute councillor about this last year and we are still waiting. We are also waiting for a 40mph speed limit past Tayinloan on the A83 as traffic travels at high speed past the village and it is only a matter of time before a vehicle pulling out onto the main road is hit by someone coming round the bend.

The derelict inn detracts from the appearance of the village and could be a site for vermin to breed.

The village shop looks like it is on the verge of closing, judging by the empty shelves. It is only possible to buy a newspaper if ordered in advance.

The village does not have a decent playground for the children as the equipment needs replacing.

I hope that Argyll and Bute Council will look into these concerns and help to turn Tayinloan into a thriving community.

**Nikki Galbraith,  
Cara View,  
Tayinloan.**

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# Burning ambition to serve in fire service

A GROUP of new recruits has stepped up to the first rung of the ladder at Campbeltown Fire Station.

The five firefighters – Rachel MacPhail, Josh Parr, Ronan Currie, Tom Lee and Craig Paterson – joined the existing crew last month following a two-week residential basic training course held in Oban Community Fire Station.

The recruits will undergo further training in Kintyre until June. They will return to Oban for a further two-week residential course including breathing apparatus

and hot fire training. They will return to the unit for a two-year probationary period before becoming competent firefighters.

A Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) spokesperson said: ‘Campbeltown Fire Station staff are very pleased that three of the current five recruits – Rachel, Josh and Ronan – are ex-young firefighter cadets who have been part of the unit since they were 13.’

Those three have four to five years of experience within Campbeltown young firefighters programme.



The recruits are: Rachel MacPhail, Ronan Currie, Josh Parr, Tom Lee and Craig Paterson.

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Watch manager Ronnie Souden said: ‘The success of the young firefighters programme is paying dividends to the community and further afield.

‘Two of the current

crew – crew commander Kelly McSparran and firefighter Craig Conner – transitioned from young firefighters to operational retained duties.

‘Another young fire-

fighter – Jamie Conley – has joined Highlands and Islands Airport fire service and is serving as a crew commander at Islay Airport as well as retained fire service at Bowmore, Islay.’

Campbeltown young firefighters started in 2008 with retained, past and present serving members and civilian instructors.

Past instructors Paul Souden and Jim Parr played a significant part in the success and development of young firefighters and will be proud to see them becoming operational in Campbeltown’s

retained unit.

The SFRS spokesperson added: ‘We would like to thank all who have given time and effort in the successful development of these young people.

In the young firefighters cadet programme, youngsters learn the same skills as their seniors, including ladder drills, hose drills, pump drills, trauma-first aid training, and road traffic collision action and duties.

They gain a wealth of experience and knowledge within the unit and complete an SQA module: Uniformed and Emergency Services.

## Energy efficiency equity loan advice

A PROJECT officer will heat up discussions on energy efficiency at a Keeping Warm in Older Homes event in Campbeltown town hall.

George Gall will be there next Wednesday, from 7pm to 9.30pm, to explain the HEEPS scheme. It is a Scottish Government-backed equity loan. The loan gives home owners and landlords with properties in Argyll and Bute access to funding to make improvements to the energy efficiency and make repairs to the fabric of the building.

Contact EST on 0808 808 2282 or go to [www.energy-saving-trust.org/scotland/grants-loans/heels/heeps-equity-loan-scheme](http://www.energy-saving-trust.org/scotland/grants-loans/heels/heeps-equity-loan-scheme).

## Argyll College UHI rises above national performance average

Argyll College UHI is preparing to kick off a new academic year with the most exciting and wide-ranging curriculum it has ever offered.

And the 2017/18 prospectus isn’t the only good news for existing and future students. Official statistics show that more Argyll College UHI students than ever before are successfully completing their courses.

The news was welcomed by its Principal, Fraser Durie, who stressed that achieving at college was often a springboard to further education and employment opportunities.

Statistics released by the Scottish Funding Council show the proportion of Further Education (FE) students completing their full-time courses

at Argyll College UHI in 2015/16 has increased by a huge 13.7% over the last three years.

The overall total of 74.9% is now nearly 7% above the national average, putting the college ahead of the pack in terms of successfully supporting its FE students through to the end of their chosen courses.

The statistics also show a 19.6% leap over the last year alone in the corresponding figure for part-time Argyll College UHI students (on courses taking up more than 320 hours), which is now 80.6%. This is 6% above the national average.

At the same time, the College has achieved its target of ensuring that 100% of its full time teaching staff hold teaching qualifications.

‘We’re very pleased with the progress we’ve made over the last few years – particularly as regards the FE course completion rates,’ Principal Fraser Durie said.

‘We believe a significant factor in this success is our network of local learning centres, which enable students to study and achieve, with appropriate support, within their own communities.

‘Successfully completing one of our FE courses is often not an end in itself but a means to progressing on to other courses or employment opportunities. We’re delighted such a high proportion of our students are putting themselves in the position of being able to move onwards and upwards.

‘Our staff work ex-

tremely hard to help all our students reach their full potential, so it’s very rewarding for them when our performance is shown to measure up so positively against the national average. We’ll continue to work hard to further improve in the future.’

Anyone interested in finding out more about Argyll College UHI and the courses it offers should go to [www.argyllcollege.ac.uk](http://www.argyllcollege.ac.uk), email us at [info@argyllcollege.ac.uk](mailto:info@argyllcollege.ac.uk), pick up a prospectus from one of our centres or ring us on 0345 2309969.

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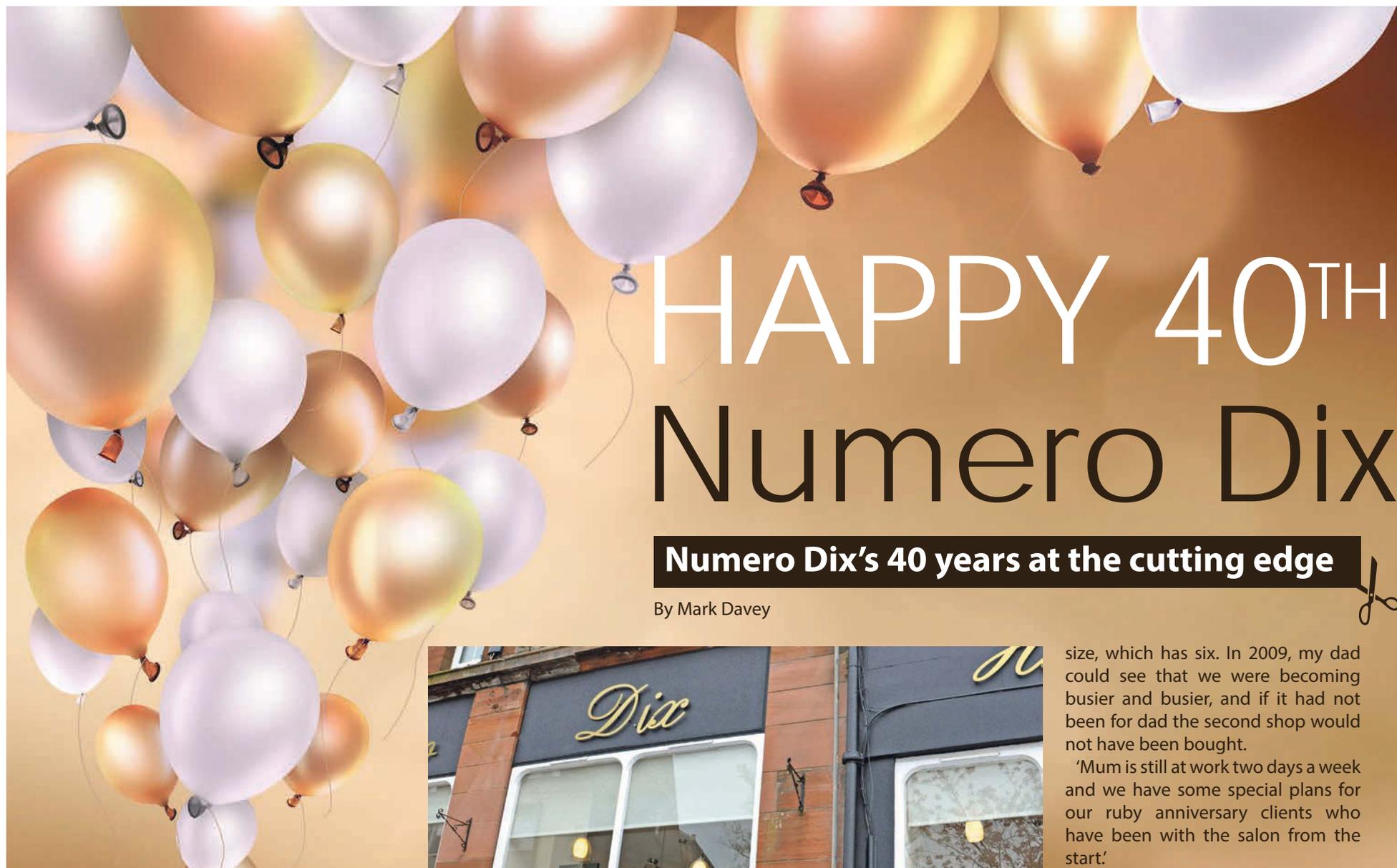


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# HAPPY 40<sup>TH</sup> Numero Dix

## Numero Dix's 40 years at the cutting edge

By Mark Davey



The current Numero Dix Hair Salon team.

BACK in 1976 a pair of hair stylists combed Campbeltown before setting into number 10 Union Street.

Little did Morag McKinven and Moira Watson know it was the start of a hair salon business dynasty that would go on to employ three generations of the same family and train countless Kintyre stylists.

Current proprietor Kerry Dickson, Morag's daughter, said: 'Mum had

been working for Irene's across the road before cutting out on her own with Moira. The pair of them ran Numero Dix as a partnership for 10 years.

'When choosing a name for the salon, mum and Moira were discussing it with a friend. They hit upon the idea of using the French words for the salon's location.

'Back then there were three chairs and the salon was half the current

size, which has six. In 2009, my dad could see that we were becoming busier and busier, and if it had not been for dad the second shop would not have been bought.

'Mum is still at work two days a week and we have some special plans for our ruby anniversary clients who have been with the salon from the start.'

As well as keeping Campbeltown in line with the latest fashions in hair design, Kerry and her team have become top of the class in charity fundraising for Breast Cancer Now, winning a trip to London last year. They currently have more than £1,000 in this year's kitty.

Kerry is well supported by L'Oreal who have donated a steampod for a prize draw and GHD has given its latest limited edition hair stylers.

Numero Dix's team are not only charity prize-winners.

Kerry said: 'The girls have entered the L'Oreal colour trophy three times and made the Scottish final on each occasion, which makes me very proud.'

As well as loyal customers, Numero Dix inspires staff to stay.

Kerry added: 'Mairi McKillop has been with me for nine years, Gayle



The team at McKinven & Colville are delighted to be a part of Numero Dix Hair Salon's journey.

We would like to wish  
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We look forward to the next 40 years and wish Numero Dix Hair Salon a very happy 40th birthday from all the team at L'Oréal Professionnel!



# BIRTHDAY Hair Salon

Durnin seven and Carol Maciver five years. If you are good to your staff, they are good to you.'

Kerry is a keen advocate of the benefits of training. For the past three years she has been part of a popular interactive session at Campbeltown Grammar School on the day when employers speak to pupils.



Kerry receiving her certificate of distinction in advanced master cutting.

Kerry's daughter, Louise Mitchell, has finished her apprenticeship and is fully qualified. The current apprentice is Chloe Murray who started as a Saturday girl while at school and has become full-time.

'Training has been paramount for many years,' said Kerry. 'We have done gents' hair-dressing, many colour and cutting courses and last September I received a distinction after a three-day advanced cutting course with Paul Faultrick and Ross Taylor in Glasgow.'

Last year a week-long intensive business course in Gran Canaria run by beauty specialist, Liz McKeon, had a profound effect on

Kerry. Kerry said: 'It was really full-on starting with an hour's walk at 7am and half an hour's meditation before a full day of learning.'

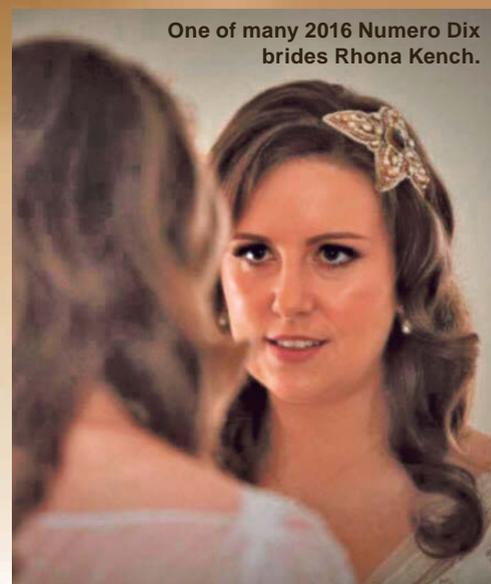
'There were 11 of us, four from Ireland, six from England and myself from Scotland and we have stayed in close contact.'

'The course has helped me step back a bit and really improved the way I run the business day-to-day.'

'We have regular morning team meetings since the course and that has added much encouragement for the girls.'

Kerry laughs off suggestions of a Numero Dix franchise but everything is in place for a further 40 years.

A very happy birthday to Numero Dix Hair Salon.



One of many 2016 Numero Dix brides Rhona Kench.



Kerry Dickson, her daughter Louise Mitchell and her mum Morag McKinven.

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Numero Dix Hair Salon joined the GHD team 4 years ago and since then have immersed themselves in the GHD world. Very quickly Numero Dix soon became a destination salon, stocking all the latest GHD products, from electrical to brushes and have welcomed GHD training and hosted many GHD nights encompassing all the skills and techniques for fabulous hair.

**Happy 40th Birthday  
Numero Dix Hair Salon!**



**BELLOCHANTUY**



Bellochantuy Rural top prize-winners.

## Rural prize-winners rewarded

BELLOCHANTUY Rural members took their hats off to a champion hand crafter at the group's annual general meeting.

Libby Kerr-Liddell won the M M Dean shield for most points overall and the Blackwood trophy for handicraft.

Following the end of year business, the winners were presented with their prizes by president Mrs Elaine Hemmings, after which they enjoyed a supper provided by the committee.

All are welcome to attend the 2017-18 season which will continue to be held in Glenbarr hall and will begin to Monday September 17.

For the full programme and contact details, see the Glenbarr notice board.

Results:  
M M Dean shield for most points overall: 1 Libby Kerr-Liddell, 2 Diane Roberts, 3 Jeanette Brodie; M Dean tray for most points in housewives' competitions: 1 Jeanette Brodie, 2 Karen Kendrick,

3 Joan Grady; B Blackwood trophy for most points in handicraft: 1 Libby Kerr-Liddell, 2 Margaret Campbell, Janet Hamilton, Elaine Hemmings and Jeanette Brodie; M Dean Quach for most points in bulb show: 1 Lois Fell, 2 Libby Kerr-Liddell, 3 Angie Smith and Diane Roberts; Allan rosebowl for best exhibit in bulb show: Joan Grady; silver cup for best plant in bulb show: Angie Smith; prize for most points in the 'fun' competition: Diane Roberts.

**GLENBARR**

# Kintyre reservist's marathon effort for jailed Billy Irving

**Hannah O'Hanlon**  
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AN ARMY reservist from Kintyre will race almost 100 miles in less than two weeks to raise money for jailed ex-paratrooper Billy Irving.

Colour Sergeant Robbie Semple, 46, of the 7th Battalion Royal Regiment of Scotland, from Glenbarr, is training for the 2017 Virgin London marathon and the 73-mile Kintyre Way Ultra mountain bike race.

Robbie, inspired by an *Oban Times* report, plans to raise money through sponsorship for fellow reservist Billy Irving, who was educated in Campbeltown.

Billy is serving a five year sentence in Puzhal Prison, near Chennai, in India, alongside five other ex-servicemen. The Chennai Six, as they have become known, were working on US anti-pirate ship MV Seaman Guard Ohio, which was held under firearms charges in October 2013.

Robbie said: 'I have followed the case of Billy and the other five ex-servicemen over the past few years and had always thought

they would be home soon ... it's all a mistake. However, time is passing and after reading a report by *Oban Times* columnist Angus MacPhail, I decided to use the marathon and ultra-cycle event to raise money to assist Billy, who will hopefully be released soon. He is currently awaiting judgement on an appeal.

'Even when he gets home, he is going to need assistance to adjust back to normal and find employment.'

Although a keen runner, Robbie has never

taken on more than a half-marathon and when he entered the Kintyre Way Ultra cycle race, he had never ridden a bike off road.

'Maybe I am crazy,' Robbie added, 'but when it gets tough I will just think about Billy and his mates and think my pain is only for today, and I can go home to my family at night.'

'I know lots of ex-soldiers who are channelled towards security work as it is their skill set, and no-one does it better.'

'There is a common

bond between jocks.'

Robbie will run the London marathon on April 23 and cycle the Kintyre Way Ultra race on May 6.

Yvonne MacHugh, Billy's fiancée, is organising a peaceful protest for Billy and the Chennai Six at the High Commission of India in London at 7am on Friday June 16.

To sponsor Robbie, visit <https://www.just-giving.com/crowdfunding/robert-semple99milesforBilly>.

For more on the Kintyre Way Ultra see page 27.



Robbie Semple with Billy's fiancée Yvonne MacHugh and brother Jamie Irving.

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## Reuse project saves sad sofas

A PAIR of recycling charities is putting the stuffing back into old furniture.

Kintyre Recycling Ltd (KRL) and Zero Waste Heroes (ZWH) have launched a pilot reuse furniture project.

A spokesperson for the two organisations said: 'We plan to divert household items from landfill, by transforming and upcycling quality donated items, whilst offering employment and skill development opportunities within the community.'

KRL intends to open a retail unit in its new premises at Bengullion

Road. This will sell affordable second-hand furniture and white goods.

The spokesperson added: 'Until the unit opens we are keen to give the public a taste of what could be on offer.'

'For the past couple of months KRL has been accepting and diverting small pieces of furniture and keeping them in a small storage container. Working in partnership with ZWH, which is based in Longrow, we have upcycled some items of furniture.'

'Those items will be on show, available

to buy from Saturday April 22 at the ZWH shop in Longrow.'

For more details, please contact: KRL business manager Amanda Card on 01586 553858 or by email at [admin.krl@bt-connect.com](mailto:admin.krl@bt-connect.com) or ZWH volunteer coordinator Catherine Wilson on 07584032401 or by email at [CWilson@inspiralba.org.uk](mailto:CWilson@inspiralba.org.uk).



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## Be sheep-wise this spring and keep your dog under control

A NEW 'sheep-wise' campaign to warn the public about the consequences of sheep worrying has been launched by the National Sheep Association of Scotland and Quality Meat Scotland.

Scotland's rural organisations are uniting behind the campaign, which also has the support of the Scottish SPCA, Police Scotland, the British Veterinary Association, NFU Scotland, Scottish Land and Estates and Scottish Natural Heritage.

The initiative includes a high-impact, two-minute film aimed at highlighting the devastation, for farmers and dog owners, caused by sheep worrying, with powerful first-hand accounts of sheep worrying from Aberdeenshire farmer John Fyall (who is also chairman of NSA Scotland), Stonehaven vet David McLaren and Gill MacGregor, the Scottish SPCA senior inspector.



Farmer John Fyall and Gill MacGregor, Scottish SPCA senior inspector, who feature in the hard-hitting 'sheep-wise' film.

Narrated by a dog lover, the film also articulates the anguish which dog owners face, along with potential criminal prosecution, if they fail to control their dogs properly in the countryside.

Kathy Peebles, NSA Scotland vice-chairwoman, said: 'For

farmers, as well as lost income, it is heart-breaking to witness horrendous injuries in the sheep they work hard to look after. 'For pregnant ewes, the result of being hounded by dogs can be miscarriage of unborn lambs and for ewes with young lambs at foot the result can be offspring getting sep-

arated from ewes and dying of hypothermia or starvation. The outcome could be a vet putting down a healthy dog, which is distressing for the owner and could easily be avoided by following the countryside access code.'

Carol McLaren, of Quality Meat Scotland, added: 'A key message of the campaign is that sheep worrying is not a dog problem, it is a dog owner problem.'

'Any dog - whatever breed, size or age - has the potential to chase sheep and cause considerable harm but the responsibility lies with owners to keep their dogs under control and out of trouble.'

Inspector Jane Donaldson, Police Scotland's rural crime co-ordinator, added: 'Police Scotland recognises that the worrying of livestock can have devastating consequences for farm animals and has an obvious financial and

emotional impact on farmers and their businesses, particularly during the spring lambing period.'

'The Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime livestock worrying campaign runs from February to May and the advice to dog owners is

to keep your dog under control at all times and avoid going into fields where livestock is grazing. Farmers and those who use the countryside are urged to report all incidents of livestock worrying to police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.'

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## Supermarkets 'slap in face' for Scottish sheep farmers

SCOTTISH sheep farmers are said to be 'appalled and disappointed' at a lack of support from Scottish supermarkets for Scottish lamb.

NFU Scotland sent out secret shoppers over Easter to count packs of chilled lamb in stores the length and breadth of the country. They found that almost all retailers gave people little choice to buy Scottish lamb.

The shelfwatch results show that, despite

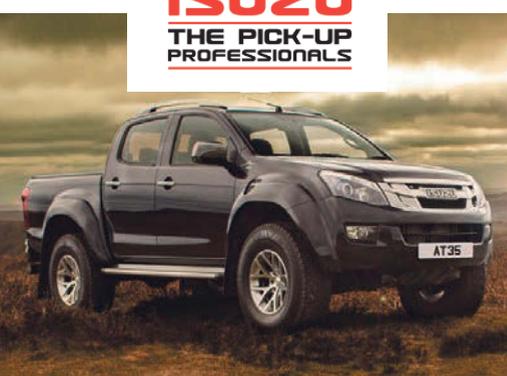
previous commitments by some supermarkets, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, the Co-op, Morrisons, Marks and Spencer and Lidl have all chosen to import huge volumes of New Zealand and Australian lamb, shunning home producers.

The results also show a marked decrease in the amount of Scottish lamb available in previous years, leading to farmers questioning the long-term commitment of supermarkets.

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All Items Subject to Arrival

# Distillery boss goes from strength to strength

**Mark Davey**  
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'THERE is never a dull moment,' says the Campbeltown chief of Glen Scotia distillery.

Iain Mcalister's previous seven years' experience with Scottish Water may have helped – although he is happy to admit that joining a distillery was a steep learning curve.

Even in the nine

years since he took on his role as distillery manager with the High Street firm, there has been a sea change in Campbeltown whisky.

## Tour

Iain's working day starts at about 8am when he makes a tour of the distillery to see the staff, discuss any issues and check the production figures. Last year Glen Sco-

tia created 536,000 litres.

Iain, 49, counts Glen Scotia's Double Cask malt whisky winning at the World Whisky Awards as one of his and parent company, the Loch Lomond Group's greatest achievements.

'The engineering side of Scottish Water helped,' Iain said. 'There is a huge amount to learn and you have to know



Iain Mcalister has been in charge of Glen Scotia Distillery for nine years and has seen a 'sea change'.

every part of the operation in the distillery.

'Creating amazing malts is an art with a lot of science in the background. The product is a testament to the whole team.

'I have no understudy and there are just eight staff, so I tend to be very hands-on. Being the manager is not just about paperwork – the work is mixed and varied.

'The input from Loch Lomond on a day-to-day basis is minimal. They say it takes about 10 years to learn the job so I am not there yet.

## Doldrums

'When I started there were three of us at Glen Scotia which was coming out of the doldrums in whisky terms.

'What you see today is what Loch Lo-

mond's investment has brought to Glen Scotia.'

Iain, who loved history and PE, left Campbeltown Grammar School aged 17 and, as work was scarce, he went on the fishing boats for three years.

He said: 'It was a good start, was character-building and gets a young person into a good working ethos.

'It was a different

world, and things have changed a lot in the 21st century.

'I was 40 when I saw my job advertised in the paper. If I had known about the complexity I might have thought twice.

'Careers in distilling are very rewarding. Whisky is in vogue and it is a global business.

'I would recommend it to any young person.'

## ALlenergy tackles global issue in Argyll

A SMALL Oban-based organisation and member of a network of energy agencies across Europe is doing its bit to ensure all households in Argyll and Bute have access to affordable energy and are not vulnerable to fuel debt.

Established in 1999 by Argyll and Bute Council under the EU 'SAVE' programme, ALlenergy (Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Energy Agency) is dedicated to changing the way energy is used in the region and beyond, and does so by improving public knowledge of, and engagement in, renewable energy and energy efficiency issues and combating fuel poverty.

The aim is that more people take action in their lives to in-

crease energy saving and support renewable energy, so that all households have access to affordable energy and are not vulnerable to fuel debt.

Supporting the local community is a key focus for ALlenergy. It delivers a wide variety of activities that demonstrate this, including support to community renewable energy projects, facilitation of and support for local and regional supply chains, support of local skills development, area-based energy efficiency installation schemes for national and local government, and energy education in schools and communities. Although the work of this organisation covers the county of Argyll and the isles of Bute and Arran, it is combating a global issue. Energy efficien-

cy and energy awareness will mitigate the global climate change, which many predict will lead to massive disruption of the world's populations.

ALlenergy is a member of the Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre (IBioIC), a centre composed of specialists in the industrial biotechnology (IB) sector to help stimulate the growth and success of the IB industry in Scotland.

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# Streetwise pipers' perfect performance

TOURISTS and Campbeltonians filled Main Street and helped Kintyre Schools Pipe Band (KSPB) raise £310.24 during a half-hour show.

A chilly wind last Saturday evening deterred neither the pipers nor the audience at the

band's first performance of the season.

Many children were hoisted onto shoulders to get a better view of the proceedings outside the Argyll Hotel and restored town hall, while police stopped the traffic for half an hour.



**Piper Andrew Renton.**  
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**Lauren McKinnon, a novice juvenile member.**  
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**Tenor drummer Susan Shaw.**  
25\_c17kspb07



**Utter concentration on the faces of these young drummers.** 25\_c17kspb06



**Pipers march onto Main Street at the start of the performance.**  
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## Another chant from pipers

AN ORGANISATIONAL oversight left out some of the top prizes from last week's results of Kintyre Piping Society's 2017 Junior Championships.

Here is a list of those special trophy winners: Youngest competitor: Euan McCartan, Lochgilphead; The Margaret Anderson memorial trophy for best local in event one: William McLean; The John Sinclair memorial trophy for best local in event two: Euan O'May; The Friends of Ireland trophy for the most promising

competitor not in the prize list in events one and two: Drew McLellan; The Murdo MacLeod MA memorial trophy for best local in event three: Andrew Renton; The George Cathcart shield for best local in events four and five: Ross Conner; The Dugald Stewart memorial cup for best local in events 10 and 11: Jamie McKerral; The Islay trophy presented to the girl with most points overall: Hazel Whyte, Larkhall; Dress and Department: Andrew Ferguson, Dollar.



**3A band Pipe Major Julie Blue.** 25\_c17kspb03

# Seattle songstress strums into Kintyre

A NORTH American folk star on her first European tour wowed a tiny Campbeltown audience.

Singer/songwriter Brenda Xu, from Seattle, and her supporting guitarist Kacy Sommers, had already gigged in Reykjavik, Dublin and Glasgow before playing at a Homesong in front of an appreciative audience of just 25 at David and Ineke Fee's Witchburn Road house.

The pair played a free

Campbeltown gig on Sunday afternoon at the Ardshiel before moving to their next major date in London, followed by Rome and Berlin. About two years ago the Fees started holding music gigs in their home in Campbeltown.

This was something David, as a singer/songwriter who has been involved with local events like the Kintyre Songwriters Festival, had wanted to do for a number of years.

David said: 'In America it is not uncommon for quite well known artists to play gigs in people's homes. And it has become more common in Europe.'

For the first gig in their house, David invited an artist he knew from Glasgow and invited a few folk, who he thought might be interested.

People were asked to bring along their own liquid refreshments and during the evening were given the chance to make



Backing guitarist Kacy Sommers and Brenda Xu at David Fee's Homesong in Campbeltown.

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## Coffee morning calamity

A MAN heading for an RNLI coffee morning was rescued by Campbeltown lifeboat



Cameron Leckie, Murray Leckie and Kyle McQuaker about to tuck into Easter goodies from the baking stall. 25\_c16rnli01

operations manager George Bradley.

The man's wife, an RNLI volunteer, had inadvertently taken both sets of car keys, as she headed to the event in the Red Cross hall, leaving him stranded at Bellochan-tuay.

More than £1,200 was raised at the fundraiser which included a stall selling RNLI gifts.

a donation, via the busking box, for the performer.

David added: 'A good night was had by everyone and Homesong gigs, as they are known, have become a nearly monthly occurrence at my house.' David's vision has developed. He believes that Homesong gigs could happen anywhere in Kintyre, Argyll or Scotland.

They are simple to organise and can be particularly beneficial in rural locations with less entertainment.

### Host

Although Campbeltown does not have that issue, it can be the case in outlying areas. David has started trying to find people to host these events in Kintyre and further afield.

There is already an-

other home venue in Campbeltown hosted by Alison McGrory and one in Clachan hosted by Lori Silvan.

Recently David gained support and funding, thanks to Vital Spark and UnLtd to make a video which demonstrates the special qualities of these events and to start a Homesong website at [www.homesong.co.uk](http://www.homesong.co.uk).

'Homesong gives a chance to listen to music in a very different way than at a pub or in bigger gig venues,' added David. 'It's also a great way to get to know more people from your neighbourhood.'

To find out more about Homesong contact David at [contact@homesong.co.uk](mailto:contact@homesong.co.uk) or by phone on 07540 399569.

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## Saltwater soaking sees safety man baptised

**Mark Davey**  
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A CS WIND health and safety manager was literally overwhelmed when a minister baptised him in the sea last Sunday.

Earlier, during an Easter Sunday service in Peninver hall, Rev-

erend Chris Holden told a congregation of nearly 80, that to baptise someone means to overwhelm them with water. It would confirm that earlier this year Stuart McTaggart had professed a new found faith in Christ.

Many relatives of Mr McTaggart attended the service, as well as his best friend from primary and secondary school Brian Robertson who joked he hoped Mr McTaggart had completed a risk assessment for plunging into the sea fully clothed.

At the water's edge Rev Holden read words on baptism from the ninth chapter of the New Testament, Paul's epistle to the Galatians.



Rev Holden addresses the congregation on the beach. 25\_c16baptism01



Greig Walker, Stuart McTaggart and Rev Chris Holden.

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Mr McTaggart is baptised. 25\_c16baptism03

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**WEST COAST FESTIVAL SCENE:** Rich in culture and steeped in history, the stunning scenery of Scotland's west coast creates the perfect backdrop for a whole host of events, festivals and concerts

## Festival Fáilte!

We are delighted to produce our 2017 guide to the many festivals that fill the islands, lochs and glens of the West Highlands and islands with the sound of music and laughter.

The rise of the festival scene in these parts is a remarkable success story. Islands such as Mull, Islay, Colonsay, South Uist and Tiree and mainland venues like Oban, Tarbert, Lochgilphead and Kintyre now play host to thousands of visitors each year. From humble beginnings and a huge amount of hard work by the organisers, these festivals have gained a glowing reputation that reaches far beyond the borders of Scotland. People from both far and near flock to these stunning locations to savour the best that Scottish music, food, drink and culture has to offer while at the same time experiencing the vibrant, informal and friendly atmosphere of a true West Highland gathering, be it in a bar, beach, public hall or playing field.

Our guide also has a practical purpose as it highlights the essential services festival-goers need to make their visit truly memorable. From tips on getting the most out of your festival experience to the things you need to remember for camping along with some great places to eat and drink in the areas in which you are visiting. This publication will prove invaluable so remember to pull it out and keep it somewhere handy to refer back to.

We hope this supplement will whet your appetite for an authentic slice of Highland and island culture and will help make your stay as much fun as we had in producing it.

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# It's festival

## West Coast festival season showcases area's vibrant

**T**HE WEST Coast is bursting with exciting culture. From music to dance, from literature to food and drink, a thriving festival season showcases the 'best of the west.' And if 2016 is anything to go by, 2017 looks to be the best year ever for the festival scene.

Billed as 'the best free festival in the world', the Mull Music Festival April 20-24 sees four days and nights chock full of music in the pubs and hotels of Tobermory. Dubbed a 'literary lock-in', the Colonsay Book Festival, April 29-30 welcomes renowned authors, poets and book lovers for workshops and readings, while the Colonsay Spring Festival looks forward to its fifth year with over 60 events celebrating all things Spring, May 1-21.

Campbeltown hosts two outstanding festivals this season. With a well-earned reputation as 'the friendliest festival in Argyll', the Kintyre Songwriters Festival April 28-30 is a delightful showcase of up-and-coming songwriting talent. May 26 - June 3, the Islay Festival of Music and Malt, or Feis Ile, features a diverse programme of music, dance, Gaelic language and the quintessential Scottish pastimes of golf, bowling and whisky tasting.

Tarbert is ground zero for festivals all season long, with the Scottish Series in May, the Seafood and Boat Festivals in July, and film and music festivals in the autumn.

The Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival held April 28- May 1, is one of Oban's biggest annual events, drawing top talent from all over the world.

Future festival headliners are born at Ceòlas, a summer school for Gaelic music, song and dance on South Uist held in July.

The much-anticipated Oban Live 2017 will feature Skerryvore, Skippinish, Admiral Fallow and national headliners Hue and Cry and Toploader.

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival, July 2-7, is a celebration of classical music at various venues around Mull and Iona. The Tiree Music Festival July 14-16 offers vibrant island culture and fabulous live music.

The Mid Argyll Music and Arts, or MAMA Fest, held in September, is one of the most popular live music events of the season.

Festivals in Scotland are amazing - if it doesn't rain. But even if it does rain, the fun doesn't stop. So make sure to pack a mac and wellies, as well as a change of clothes. And speaking of clothes, always take a warm jumper even if the weather seems warm - you never know when a cool breeze or cloud may appear, plus at night the temperatures drop. Don't let clouds fool you into thinking you don't need sunscreen- rays bounce off clouds and water. A straw hat and sunglasses, along



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with maximum SPF, can prevent a miserable burn. Make sure your camera and phone are charged up, as you won't want to miss a single shot of all the great music, fabulous food and cute kid moments. Tents can be a great way to protect yourself from the elements and provide a quiet place for a rest. But keep in mind you will have to carry all your gear from the car, so don't overload. Fun items such as glow sticks, bubbles and glitter are a great way to jazz up your experience and keep the kids entertained. One of the best parts of any festival is the food, but stock up with your own water and snacks to help get you through the day. Also, it never hurts to carry a bit of toilet roll in case the portable loos run out. And last but certainly not least, don't forget the tickets! There is nothing worse than arriving at a festival just to remember you left them on the kitchen table. Some festivals have print-your-own tickets, so make sure you do this at home in plenty of time.

There is a plethora of small and large festivals on the West Coast leave visitors and locals alike spoiled for choice. Friendly shops and service providers in the area welcome guests and provide everything needed for a relaxing festival experience. There is much on offer, so pack a rucksack and get ready to make festival memories that will last a lifetime!

## Programme of Events 2017

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Mull Music Festival	Tobermory, Isle of Mull	20 - 24 April
Colonsay Book Festival	Isle of Colonsay	29 - 30 April
Colonsay Spring Festival	Isle of Colonsay	1 May - 21 May
Highlands & Islands Music & Dance Festival	Oban	28 April - 1 May
Loch Fyne Food Fair	Loch Fyne Oysters, Cairndow	13 - 14 May
Islay Festival of Music & Malt	Isle of Islay	26 May - 3 June
Oban Festival of the Sea	Oban	26 - 29 May
Oban Live	Oban	2 - 3 June
Skye Accordion & Fiddle Festival	Portree, Isle of Skye	25 - 27 May
Mhor Festival	Perthshire	26 - 28 May
Kintyre Songwriters Festival	Campbeltown	28 - 30 April
FyneFest	Glen Fyne, Inveraray	2 - 4 June
Spirit of Skye Festival	Portree	16 - 17 June
Tee in the Port	Isle of Bute	20 May
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull	2 July - 7 July
Iona Music Festival	Isle of Iona	30 June - 1 July
Tarbert Seafood Festival	Tarbert	1 - 2 July
Cantilena Festival	Isle of Islay	9 - 14 July
Arran Malt & Music Festival	Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza	30 June - 1 July
Tiree Feis	Isle of Tiree	3 - 7 July
Ceolas	South Uist - various concerts	2 - 7 July
Heb Celt	Stornoway, Lewis	19 - 22 July
Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival	Tarbert	14 - 16 July
Howlin' Fling	Isle of Eigg	28 - 29 July
Lomond Folk Festival	Balloch	28 - 30 July
Bute Fest	Isle of Bute	28 - 30 July
Tiree Music Festival	Isle of Tiree	14 - 16 July
Tarbert Fair	Tarbert	26 - 29 July
Belladrum	Beauly, Inverness	3 - 5 August
MOKfest	Campbeltown	16 - 20 August
Loch Lomond Food and Drink Festival	Loch Lomond	2 - 3 September
BLAS festival	Various locations	1 - 9 September
MAMAFest	Lochgilphead	1 - 3 Sept
Lagavulin Jazz Festival	Isle of Islay	15 - 17 Sept
Mull Mod	Isle of Mull	8 - 9 Sept
Best Of The West Festival	Inveraray	8 - 10 Sept
Ceòl Cholas	Isle of Colonsay	September
Tarbert Music Festival	Tarbert	15 - 17 Sept
Jura Music Festival	Isle of Jura	22 - 24 Sept
Loopallu	Ullapool	29 - 30 Sept
CowalFest	Cowal	6 - 15 October
Ullapool Guitar Festival	Ullapool	6 - 8 October
Islay Book Festival	Isle of Islay	29 Sept - 1 Oct
Callander Jazz & Blues Festival	Callander	29 Sept - 1 Oct
Feis na Mara	Mallaig	7 - 9 October
Royal National Mod	Lochaber	13 - 21 October
Tarbert Book Festival	Tarbert	27 - 29 October
Oban Winter Festival	Oban	17 - 26 November
Hogmanay in Oban	Oban	31 December

# UK brewing heavyweights amongst first breweries announced for FyneFest 2017.



**B**EERS from the UK's most critically-acclaimed breweries will be available in Argyll this summer at Fyne Ales' annual FyneFest event.

The June festival, which attracts over 2,000 visitors to Glen Fyne, will feature breweries including Beavertown, Magic Rock, Siren, Buxton, and Manchester's Cloudwater Brewing Co, recently named the fifth best brewery in the world by respected beer scoring website, Ratebeer.

Representing Scotland alongside the festival organisers, established names including Fierce Beer and Edinburgh's Pilot brewery will be on offer; while fellow Scots breweries Out of Town, Up Front and Campervan will be featured alongside other new breweries including Cornwall's Verdant and Cheltenham's Deya Brewing Co. In total, over 160 beers from over 35 breweries from the UK and Europe will be available at the 2017 festival taking place from 2-4 June, with more announcements due in the coming weeks.

The breweries announcement is part of an exciting wave of news about FyneFest 2017, including a range of new beer-centric initiatives within the festival.

"While we're proud of the fact that FyneFest

brings together elements of music festivals and food festivals, beer is the star of the show for the majority of festival-goers," explained Fyne Ales Managing Director, Jamie Delap. "Developing on the success of the Brewers' Bar introduced last year, we're putting even more focus on beer for 2017. We're delighted to announce our first batch of brewery partners, and to introduce three new beer concepts for this year's festival: Brewers Panels, timed special-release tapings and an on-site micro-brew."

The Brewers Panels will see representatives from some of the UK's leading breweries come together to discuss beers of specific styles, while in the Main Bar, a tap will be reserved for rare and exclusive keg beers that will be tapped at specific intervals. Edinburgh's Campervan Brewing will use its mobile pilot brew kit to brew an exclusive collaboration beer in the festival field during the weekend.

Alongside the wide selection of beer on offer, the festival will serve ciders, wines, spirits, and cocktails on site to compliment the eleven local and award-winning food vendors confirmed to attend, including long-time Fyne Ales collaborator, Loch Fyne Oysters. The festivals music line-up, known for its diversity of styles, has been confirmed with local act Dr Hip & The Blues Operation headlining

alongside award-winning ska band Bombskare.

Many of festival-goers favourite features will return, with Fyne Ales promising an improved Walkers Bar for those who decide to venture up the glen, and the return of Scotland's biggest pub quiz on the Saturday afternoon in the Brewery Courtyard. The family-friendly event, which also welcomes dogs, has a full programme of children's entertainment planned to keep little ones amused over the three-day event.

Further details of FyneFest 2017, including ticket information can be found on the FyneFest website. Additional festival announcements are expected soon – festival-goers are encouraged to keep an eye on Fyne Ales on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the latest news.

## BREWERIES ANNOUNCED

- Beavertown Brewery
- Buxton Brewery
- Campervan Brewery
- Cloudwater Brewing Co
- Deya Brewing Co
- Fierce Beer
- Fyne Ales
- Hawkshead Brewery
- Magic Rock Brewing
- Out of Town Brewing
- Pilot
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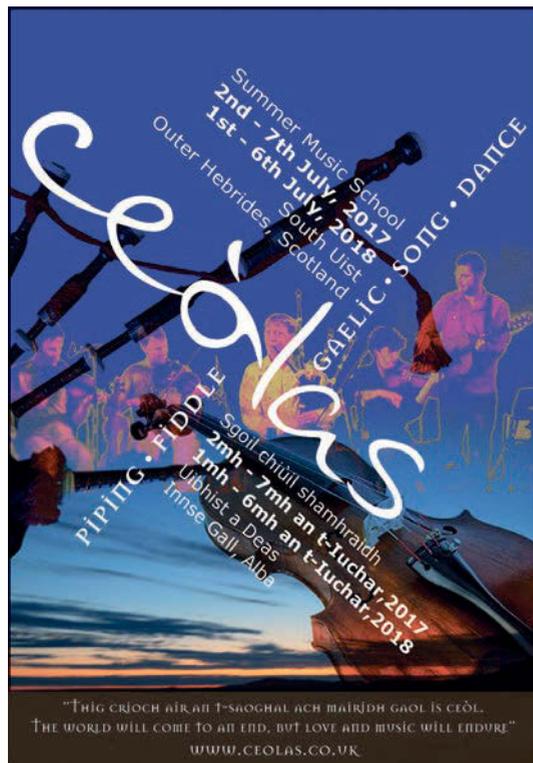
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## Ceolas School of Music and Dance



Award-winning traditional music & dance summer school situated in the Gaelic heartland of South Uist in the first week of July. 2017 tutors: Allan Henderson (Beginner Fiddle); Shelly Campbell – Cape Breton, (Advanced Fiddle); Kenneth MacKenzie – Cape Breton, (Intermediate Fiddle); Eilidh Shaw (Youth Fiddle); Alec Valtos (Gàidhlig); Catriona MacIntyre (Gàidhlig); Catriona Black (Gàidhlig); Ingrid Henderson (Clàrsach); Griogair Labhruidh (Ceòl Mòr/Òrain Phìobaireachd); Fin Moore (Piping for Dance); Ashley MacDonald (Youth Piping); Mary Jane Lamond – Cape Breton (Song); Rachel Walker (Song); Christine Primrose (Song); Sophie Stephenson (Beginner Step-Dance); Frank McConnell (Intermediate Step Dance); Mats Melin (Advanced Step Dance); Seonaidh MacIntyre (Playing for Dancing); Sarah Hoy (Playing for Dancing); Kilphedar Sound (Playing for Dancing); Jamie MacDonald (Playing for Dancing). See [www.ceolas.co.uk](http://www.ceolas.co.uk) for more information.



# Best Of The West Festival

8-10 September 2017  
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The Best of the West Festival of music, art, crafts, food and drink is an 'end of season' showcase held

in the grounds of the magnificent Inveraray Castle from 8-10th September 2017. A celebration of music that shines a light on Argyll as a prominent and world-class dining, drinking and travel destination, this year sees Best of the West expand its offering with the introduction of a Friday night programme.

Music headliners include: Skipinnish and Heron Valley (Friday 8th September); Skerryvore, Blazin' Fiddles and Hunter and the Bear (Saturday 9th September) and Eddi Reader, Tide Lines and Dr Hip & the Blues Operation (Sunday 10th September) with many more bands set to play throughout the weekend.

Masterchef: The Professionals 2016 winner Gary Maclean is all set to cook up a storm at The Best of the West Festival Kitchen on Sunday 10th September 2017. Gary joins a star-studded line-up of celebrity chefs already booked for The Best of the West Festival Kitchen, including: Graeme Cheevers, head chef of Restaurant Martin Wishart, Cameron House Hotel, Loch Lomond and Paul Leonard, head chef at The Isle of Eriska Hotel Restaurant, both Michelin star restaurants.

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## Isle of Jura Music Festival

The 'Isle of Jura Music Festival' Organising Committee is a charitable, unincorporated association. Our purpose, as recorded in our constitution, is to organize and run a Music Festival on the Isle of Jura, provide opportunities for young people to learn/improve their music based skill and help them refine and develop those skills in the future. By bringing in top class musicians every year to perform and run workshops, the instruction and inspiration they provide is invaluable. One of these musicians is Archie Mcallister the fantastic fiddle player. Through our youth education programme we have been able to help through a small annual grant, a number of young people to fulfill their potential and follow their chosen path including music tuition in Small Isles Primary School.

The island has a wealth of musical talent. As well as Pete Smoke and the Roaches, one of the best cover bands on the West Coast, there's RSAMD graduate and fiddle player Simon Moran from Deoch n Dorus; his singer/songwriter brother

Danny Moran, a top traditional musician now based in Dublin; their local partner in 'crime' from 'Cum-A Dol' the excellent accordion player Graham Rozga, the talented local pipers and one of the stalwarts of West Coast style, David MacDonald is an established box player and released two albums with the Jura Ceilidh Band.

One of the many highlights over the years has been when we have been repeatedly nominated in the first Scottish Traditional Music Awards held in Queens Hall Edinburgh in the Best Music Festival category. Celtic Connections won it, but we were up in the top three with them...small things from little acorns grow!

Sponsored by the Isle of Jura Distillery on the Sunday early evening is a stand up concert in the Jura Distillery Cooperage. It is incredibly popular and has featured bands including Skippinish and Wolfstone and Skerryvore. More information on this is available on the website. [www.juramusicfestival.com](http://www.juramusicfestival.com)

## Cantilena Festival on Islay

Cantilena is a week-long festival of classical chamber music on the beautiful and romantic island of Islay. Along with five professional players Cantilena selects gifted students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland to perform and learn alongside musicians who have all worked with Britain's major orchestras. This is a rare and highly sought-after event for these young professionals and Cantilena is the only opportunity for Islay residents and visitors to hear music which ranges from Italian Renaissance to the present day. The festival has been taking place for over twelve years now and attracts audiences from as far afield as Italy and Germany thanks to the intimate and informal atmosphere of the concerts which take place in the Columba Centre in Bowmore and a number of Islay's famous malt whisky



distilleries.

This year's festival is from Sunday 9th to Friday 14th July and also features guest artist Swedish conductor and violinist, Tobias Ringborg, whose previous visits to Scotland have been to conduct acclaimed performances with Scottish Opera. Concerts this year include music by Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn and Strauss. For a more detailed programme and ticket information visit [cantilenafestival.co.uk](http://cantilenafestival.co.uk). The 2017 Cantilena Festival on Islay will be from 9 - 14 July.



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# Mendelssohn on Mull Festival



Founded by renowned violinist Leonard Friedman in 1988, the Mendelssohn on Mull Festival July 2- 7, has become one of Scotland's most brilliant island musical events. Featuring concerts at various venues around Mull, Iona, Oban as well as further afield in Scotland and England, the festival is a chance for promising young professionals develop their skills in the field along with professional mentors. Artists on this year's bill include Leonardo Giovine, Antonia Kesel, Tom Congdon, Fiona Robertson, Christine Anderson, Andre Gaio Pereira, Feargus Egan and Josh Salter.

The repertoire will focus on Mendelssohn's Octet, in a new edition by Richard Jeffcoat, who presents it in its original form, as written by the

16-year-old composer. Other offerings include quartets by Haydn, Dvorak and Shostakovich and a Mozart piano concerto. The concerts are free, and will be held in stunning, intimate venues, such as Iona Abbey, St John's Cathedral, Duart Castle and Creich Church.

With a mission of 'Nurturing a deeper understanding of the art of chamber music for performer and audience alike,' Mendelssohn on Mull is not to be missed by classical music lovers and budding musicians.

The festival is sponsored by Sound Waves, a charity dedicated to the advancement of arts, heritage and culture in Scotland.

For more information and events listing, visit [soundwavesscio.org.uk](http://soundwavesscio.org.uk).

## Oban's first West Coast Whisky Fèis

The resort town of Oban, home to one of Scotland's most venerated distilleries, is to be the location for a new whisky festival celebrating the water of life.

The West Coast Whisky Fèis will take place in July of this year, and is the brainchild of Oban Whisky and Fine Wines, a local retailer of the spirit.

Euan Finlayson, proprietor of Oban Whisky and Fine Wines, said, 'We wanted to create an event that shows off the incredible whiskies that the west coast has to offer. The aim is to offer a range of whiskies and masterclasses that can appeal to newcomers and aficionados alike.'

The main venue for the event will be Skipinnish Cèilidh House and will feature exhibits from every distiller from the Firth of Clyde to the Isle of Lewis. Ticket holders will be given their own dram glass and will be able to take samples from all of the exhibitors who are present. Water will be available to allow people to cleanse their palates between tasting.

In addition, Oban Distillery will be holding masterclasses. These will be based around their

world famous whiskies. Other masterclasses will be available on the day. The other exhibitors will be more than happy to have a chat about their produce as well.

Local food producers will be selling their wares in the Cèilidh House should anyone get a bit peckish after a few drams. There will also

be a nosing competition where attendees can attempt to identify various whiskies by smell alone. The entrant who is closest to being correct will win a bottle of single malt whisky.

There will be a Fèis shop in the Cèilidh House where attendees can pick up a bottle of whichever whiskies took their fancy during their sampling session. Subsidised delivery will be available for people who don't want to have to lug bottles around with them after they leave.

The Cèilidh House will be open from 12pm to 6pm on 22nd of July 2017. There are likely to be other supporting events during the day which will be announced via the event's Twitter and Facebook feeds closer to the time. Samples are included in the event ticket price and masterclasses are available for an additional fee.





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# Arran Malt & Music Festival 2017

Every year, the annual Arran Malt & Music Festival is held in the grounds of the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza. This year it will take place from Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July.

The weekend has become an important date in the calendar for whisky and Arran enthusiasts, bringing together some of the best island food producers, local musicians and bands from the mainland in a celebration of all things Malt and Music!

On Saturday 1st July, the festival starts at 11am and features whisky masterclasses where you have the opportunity to get really involved with the people who make the whisky and hear about their experiences in the industry. This year there will also be the opportunity to take part in a whisky cocktail masterclass with bartenders from the Edinburgh Bon Vivant Bar and the opportunity to purchase rarely available limited expressions of The Arran Single Malt Whisky by the dram.

Their annual special Festival Single Malt Release will be available to purchase on the day – a small batch bottling which is chosen each year by the participants of their Ultimate Masterclass. The festivities are set to continue long into the evening with a celebratory ceilidh led by popular band 'Skippinish'. Entry to the festival Saturday 11am – 5pm is free. Masterclass and Saturday evening ceilidh tickets can be purchased from [www.arranevents.com](http://www.arranevents.com).



## MOK Fest 25 First Bands



The 25th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival or MOK Fest as it is more commonly known runs from August 16th – 20th.

The Saturday night concerts on Aug 19th promise something for everyone with high octane Celtic Dance kings The Peatbog Faeries and Scotland's 9-piece Ska juggernaut Bombskare playing in the Victoria Hall. The Traditional concert the same night in Campbeltown Heritage Centre will feature six piece all female folk band The Shee with singer songwriter Jim Malcolm also on the bill. More acts for the Saturday will be announced shortly.

Herron Valley is guaranteed to get everyone dancing at the Festival Ceilidh Night on Aug 18th. Award winning Gypsy Jazz Swing specialists Rose Room and The Dalriada Connections Band will also perform with Kintyre Schools Pipe Band getting the night started in their usual rousing style.

The Mitchell's Glengyle Dalriada Connections on Aug 20th will have another great line-up with Arty McGlynn & Nollaig Casey, Gillian Frame, Ciaran Mulholland, Scooter Muse, Lorne MacDougall Trio and Rhuvaal already confirmed to play.

News on who will be performing at the Festival Gaelic Night on Aug 16th, Young Folk Night on Aug 17th and Survivors Night on Aug 20th will be released soon.

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# Tarbert – a whole world of festivals!



**T**HE CHARMING fishing village of Tarbert, photographed above by the world renowned, late, great Dennis Hardley, plays host to several festivals this season that celebrate its rich heritage in music, sport, food and literature. The excitement kicks off in May 26-29 with the Silvers Marine Scottish Series.

The Clyde Cruising Club organises this long-running event, in which keen sailors enjoy passage racing and Olympic triangles in Loch Fyne.

This year's programme includes the opening 'Clyde Challenger Race' from Largs for white sail, family class and cruisers.

The laid-back atmosphere and good craic of this event have sailors and non-sailors alike coming back year after year. All visitors, whether into sailing or not, will love the spectacle and everyone is welcome. The upgraded facilities at Tarbert Harbour including the well-stocked chandlery shop provide a warm welcome for competitors.

The Seafood Festival, which is held in July 1-2, gives visitors the opportunity to sample Tarbert's culinary delights. The harbour bustles with food stalls, cookery demonstrations and tastings.

A highlight of the weekend is the crowning of the Seafood Festival Queen and her princesses, who arrive in a flourish by sea and parade through the village led by the Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Live music and kids' activities at this wonderful family-friendly festival.

The Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival, 14-16 July draws beautiful vessels of all kinds from across Scotland and Ireland the weekend, providing a spectacle in the harbour for on-lookers. Visitors enjoy boat tours, stalls, live music, demonstrations and family activities.

Tarbert Fair has been held since 1705 and is one of the oldest fairs in the Highlands. It starts every year on the last Thursday of July (26th-29th) and continues the festivities over the weekend. Originally a cattle fair, it's now about live music, amusements and fairground rides.

One of the longest-running music festivals in Argyll, the Tarbert Music Festival has been celebrating song and food for 28 years.

Held the weekend of September 15-17, it features kids' activities and a full programme of concerts by local talent, turning out everything from rock to reggae to traditional music. Impromptu sessions are encouraged and attract musicians from far and wide. Visitors will enjoy the fantastic local seafood and the relaxed vibe.

This lovely book festival in the pretty fishing village of Tarbert is a cracker. Hear book readings by a selection of authors and meet the people behind the characters. There's lots to enjoy for adults and children across various venues from the 27th-29th October

Camping is available in the shadow of Robert the Bruce's castle and scenic walks along the adjacent Kintyre Trail make Tarbert an ideal destination weekend for the whole family, so pack a tent and come along! [www.tarbertfestivals.co.uk](http://www.tarbertfestivals.co.uk)

## TARBERT FESTIVALS 2017

Tarbert is an enchanting and beautiful fishing village sitting on the west shores of Loch Fyne.

There are several festivals held during the year which encompass Tarbert's fishing heritage and its affinity with the sea.

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**Tarbert Fair**  
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**Tarbert Music Festival**  
15-17 September



**Tarbert Book Festival**  
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# Festival Safety by the Summer Festival Guide

Festivals are a great way to spend a summer weekend. Good bands, good beer, good weather: what's not to like? It is important, though, to keep safe. That's why we're going to use today to look at the various ways in which you can ensure that your weekend goes by without any kind of hitches.

Keep a mobile charger on you. The simple fact is that in 2017, it's virtually impossible to get through the weekend without using your phone for something. (No, not Facebook. For goodness sake, give it a rest for the weekend!). In any busy festival, it's almost guaranteed that at some point you'll probably get separated from your friends. Invest in a mobile charger (i.e. one that's powered by batteries rather than the mains) and stock up on a load of batteries. This way, you'll be able to call your mates and meet

up with each other every time you find yourself getting pushed to the other side of the crowd!

Don't bring your valuables. Repeat after us: 'I do not need to take my iPad to Glastonbury'. Most modern festivals are pretty friendly and, generally speaking, people try and look out for each other. However, it's not a good idea to take a load of expensive gear with you. Cameras are fair enough, but leave the laptops, credit cards, tablets and the like at home. You simply don't need them.

## Be sensible

At even the most orderly festival, there probably will be the odd group of people insisting on being...well, a word we probably can't use here. The best move to make if anything happens that makes you feel remotely uncomfortable is to simply move to a different section of the area (again, keep your phone on you so you can re-meet friends easily). If you're particularly concerned, try and find a security guard (most festivals have them stationed throughout the venue).

## Don't get carried away with moshing and crowd-surfing.

We're not just saying this to be killjoys. It's a simple fact that even the biggest and hardest metalheads get injured in moshpits. Honestly, they do. Don't get the wrong idea: we're not suggesting you start twerking whilst Machine Head are on stage (though that would be sort of hilarious), but don't put yourself at risk unnecessarily. Also, crowd-surfing is even more risky – you're likely to get a bad landing.

## Care for your hearing

If you're a regular gig goer, then the chances are you'll know how loud those speakers can get. Well, at a festival you can multiply that noise by about 500 (the volume is needed to project the sound across the site). What does this mean in practical terms? Well it means that if you get stuck by the speakers, it'll REALLY hurt. As in, 'might cause you permanent damage' hurt. Stock up on ear-plugs: even the cheaper ones will be more than enough to stop even Motorhead from deafening you. Places like Alllearplugs.com have a great range that will meet all budgets and ear sizes.

## Split your cash

As a general rule, it's not a good idea to take all your cards to a festival. Stick to a certain amount of hard cash and one card for absolute emergencies. Always ensure that you split the cash: the chances are that you'll have at least a couple of hundred with you: that way, if some of it goes missing, you'll still have enough in reserve to keep you going.

Voted 'Best Small Festival in Scotland' for a third time in 2016, the Tiree Music Festival returns on the 14th-16th July with platinum selling act Scouting For Girls heading to the remote island as part of their 10 year anniversary tour. This is the 8th TMF and the festival has sold out every year since its formation in 2010. There are now less than 300 tickets remaining for the 2017 festival so book your island festival adventure quick! [www.tireemusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.tireemusicfestival.co.uk)



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As well as non-stop FREE music thanks to the George there is beer, spirits and cocktails flowing to the wee hours. An amazing BBQ is available all day if you get hungry.

The event kicks off on the Friday night with British Country band, 'Ashton Lane'. Their most recent album Nashville Heart received five star reviews and radio support around the UK and Europe. They are followed by headliners 'Into the Ark' who many will recognise as finalists in this years 'The Voice'.

This highly acclaimed newcomer duo from Blackwood in South Wales will be touring the UK & Ireland in May 2017 – this is a great opportunity to hear them live, locally!

Then it's all day music on the Saturday and Sunday. Picks of the bunch are The Badboys and The Camans on Saturday night and The Wild West fancy dress party on the Sunday night featuring Starsky and The Shiverin' Sheiks among many other country and western artists!

Accommodation can be difficult to get over the weekend so book early to avoid disappointment. Visit [www.exploreargyll.co.uk](http://www.exploreargyll.co.uk) and click on the 'stay and eat' link for a list of local accommodation providers. There is often a minibus to ferry visitors to local accommodation at the end of the night.



## Mhor Festival Launches Summer Festival Line-Up

26th - 28th May

Mhor Festival, Scotland's most spectacularly-located, food, drink and music festival, launches their full line-up which includes Lorna McNee, Scottish Chef of the Year and Phil Kay, previous winner of British Comedy Award Best Live Stand Up.

Run by Tom and Lisa Lewis and family, Mhor Festival takes place on the banks of Loch Voil in the Perthshire Highlands during the May Bank Holiday weekend (26th – 28th). The festival is supported by EventScotland, part of VisitScotland's Events Directorate.

For the first year ever, Mhor Fest will be hosting an all star female chef line-up for the coveted Mhor Feast (Friday 26th May). Lorna MacNee, Scottish Chef of the Year will serve up her signature dish, along with a course each from Rosie Healey of Ottolenghi fame; 'The Café Girls' of Café St Honore; Marysia Paskowska of Monachyle Mhor.

A limited number of 100 Feast tickets are available. Previously selling out within days, tickets for the 5-course dinner are only available on a lottery basis.

Across the weekend festivalgoers will be amongst a selection of Scotland's best artisan producers including; L'Art Du Vin wines, Glengoyne Highland Single Malt Scotch whisky and Great Glen Charcuterie.

Tom Lewis, Chef Proprietor of Monachyle Mhor and Co-Founder of Mhor Festival, said:

"Mhor festival is more than a food festival – it's a great party with an excellent line up of our favourite chefs, DJs and musicians. This year we're excited to welcome sell-out recording artist, Ray Harris, Daft Funk and The Federation Of The Disco Pimp, winners of the Sunday Herald Cultural Awards 'Best Live Performance' last year."

New for this year, the Festival will host Cinemor77, a mobile cinema housed in a yurt, equipped with cushions and beanbags for guests to enjoy a selection of independent films on.

A festival for all ages and tastes, along with award-winning chefs and musicians, the line-up includes the traditional raft race, aerial trapeze performances, bread making workshops and baking competitions, circus skills workshop, the omelette challenge, disco yoga, and much much more.

Paul Bush OBE, Director of Events at VisitScotland, said:

"We are delighted to be supporting Mhor Festival, in what promises to be a fantastic family event. Scotland is the perfect stage for events and the team have brought together another strong programme this year. With live music, theatre, children's entertainment, and of course, a great selection of local food and drink on offer, there really is something for everyone to enjoy."

Mhor Festival has been running since 2012 as an addition to the ever-growing 'Mhor' brand. Beginning as a two day event, it has now grown into a three day festival due to its popularity. Over the years, the Lewis' have welcomed chefs including the two Michelin-starred Andrew Fairlie; AA rosette-winning Fred Berkmler; BBC Kitchen Café presenter Neil Forbes, and Roy Brett, award-winning Chef Proprietor of Ondine.

Accommodation options include camping in the festival grounds; 'glamping' in the Mhor Bell Tents; or staying in one of the local hotels and B&B's.

Day tickets are available from £20 for an adult, while a weekend camping pass begins at £75. These can be bought online at [www.mhorfestival.net/booking](http://www.mhorfestival.net/booking). Festival and camping tickets for under 16's are free of charge.

For more information visit [www.mhorfestival.net](http://www.mhorfestival.net)

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# Oban Live - the region's biggest live music event!

A whole stream of talented Scots and Irish artists are lined up to play this year's Oban Live, Argyll's largest music event. The concert, which attracted 7,800 visitors last year, takes place at Mossfield Stadium June 2 and 3. Announcing via live stream on Facebook earlier this year, tradfavourites Mànran, Trail West, and Tide Lines, as well as Toploader and Hue and Cry were the latest additions to the line up.

Daniel Gillespie of Skerryvore and artistic director for Oban Live said: 'We are delighted to announce that Trail West, Mànran and Tide Lines will join us in Oban as not only are they great friends but they are three of the most exciting acts on the Scottish scene today - all bringing their own brand and fusion of west coast music.'

The three bands join an impressive line-up that includes Admiral Fallow,

Roddy Hart and the Lonesome Fire, We Banjo 3, Skipinnish, Skerryvore and the collaboration of Argyll Ceilidh Trail and Ceol an Aire. More big named acts will be added to the list very soon.

Celtic rock group, Skerryvore will also be joined on stage by Oban High School (OHS) Pipe Band. OHS Pipe Major, Angus MacColl, said: 'We are incredibly honoured to be invited to play on stage with the sensational Skerryvore. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young band members to showcase their talents to an audience of thousands, and in their local town, too.'

Daniel added: 'Angus MacColl is a piping legend and a real hero of ours growing up on Tìree learning to play traditional music, so to have him join us on stage in Oban along with his brilliant group of pupils will be a very special collaboration for us.'

Local talents Ceol an Aire and The Argyll Ceilidh Trail will join forces to open the show on Friday June 2. Ewan Macdonald from Ceol an Aire said: 'Having seen how incredible last year's Oban Live was, it is a great privilege to have been invited to open Oban Live 2017. Ceol an Aire was formed following the success of the first Argyll Ceilidh Trail so it is exciting to now be forming a collaboration with the latest line-up seven years on.'

More local talent will be added to the bill as the event team hunt for an unsigned group in an exciting 'battle of the bands' competition. Check the event's website and social media pages for more information.

Tickets to Oban Live 2017 are now on sale. To buy tickets and for the latest line-up announcements, visit [www.obanlive.com](http://www.obanlive.com). Follow the event on Twitter @obanlive and [www.facebook.com/obanlive](http://www.facebook.com/obanlive).



Skerryvore at last year's Oban Live

## Toploader and Hue And Cry to bring new material to Oban Live this June

Noughties household name Toploader and 80s legends Hue And Cry are confirmed for the line-up at this year's Oban Live, June 2 and 3.

The two acts have been added to an already impressive bill at Argyll's largest live music event, at Mossfield Stadium. The event attracted 7,800 visitors last year to Oban. Playing Friday night, June 2, Toploader will perform tracks from their highly

anticipated fourth album *Seeing Stars*, released May 12. Their new single, *Roll With The Punches*, was premiered on Graham Norton's Radio 2 show in February. Classics such as their global hit *Dancing in the Moonlight*, from 2000, are also set to be highlights on the night. Their visit to Oban will be the band's second trip to the West Coast since they headlined Tìree Music Festival in 2012, a gig that saw Skerryvore piper Martin Gillespie join them on stage for a bagpipe solo during *Dancing in the Moonlight*. Meanwhile, Pat and Greg Kane of Hue And Cry are all set for their

evening performance at Oban Live as an eight piece full band on Saturday June 3.

The brothers, who hail from Coatbridge near Glasgow, made a huge impact in the late 80s with hit singles, including *Labour of Love*, and albums *Seduced and Abandoned* and *Remote*. Their Oban Live gig will showcase tracks from their new *Pocketful of Stones* album, due for release this year.

To date, Hue and Cry have sold in excess of two million records worldwide. Martin Gillespie from the Oban Live team and piper for Skerryvore said: 'We



*Hue and Cry*

are thrilled that these two iconic bands have agreed to join us at Oban Live in June and we are excited to hear their new material, as well as performances of their classic songs.

'It will be great to see the Toploader lads again after joining them on stage on Tìree back in 2012 - perhaps something we can do again in June!'

The Oban Live 2017 line-up also includes Skerryvore, Skipinnish, We Banjo 3, Trail West, Manran, Tide Lines, Admiral Fallow, Roddy Hart and the Lonesome Fire,

Ceol an Aire and the Argyll Ceilidh Trail, and Oban High School Pipe Band. Special guests are still to be announced.

This year's festival is supported by EventScotland, and is part of Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

Tickets for Oban Live 2017 are on sale now. For more information and to purchase tickets visit [www.obanlive.com](http://www.obanlive.com) or follow on Twitter @obanlive or Facebook: [www.facebook.com/obanlive](http://www.facebook.com/obanlive).

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# Cowal Highland Gathering 2017

The Cowal Highland Gathering held in Dunoon, Argyll, is the largest, most spectacular Highland games in the world. Nowhere else will you see world-class pipers, dancers and athletes competing on such a scale. It's an unbeatable event for all the family. Just ask the 23,000 visitors who come here every year to soak up the unique, friendly atmosphere and stunning Highland location.

There really is something for everyone, from watching the world championship competitions to running in the 5K fun run. The salute to the Chieftain is one of the highlights. As the sun sets down the Firth of Clyde, the massed pipers and drummers play 'Highland Laddie' in unison. It's an unforgettable experience and a fitting end to this, the most spectacular of Highland games.

The kids will love Artie's Tartan Tails, mountain bike displays, the arts and crafts tent, magic shows, puppet shows, face painting and much more! The ceilidh tent is one of the event's huge highlights and if you want even more of that, be sure to get tickets for the Friday night's Gig at the Gathering.

The headline act this year is four piece band Tide Lines supported by the ever-popular young Argyll band Heron Valley, who have become firm Cowal Gathering favourites. Also playing will be Trongate Rum Riots, a Glasgow nine-piece band who play their own brand of 'turbo sea shanties'.

As usual, the Gig won't simply boast top ceilidh music. It will also feature whisky and gin tasting and street food will be available throughout the evening. But hurry, tickets will sell fast. Gig at the Gathering is held on Friday 25th August with the Cowal Highland Gathering is held on Saturday 26th August.



# Festival Survival Guide for Parents with Children

Kids love music festivals, and nowadays, there is often as much for the wee ones to do as for the grown ups. With a bit of preparation and patience, you can feel free to take the whole family to the festival!

Festival goer Libby Wilkinson has these tips for surviving a festival with children.

Preparation is key – Prior to the festival we took a camping trip to get an idea of what it might be like in a possibly cold and wet field with a baby. If you get the chance, pitch the tent and spend the night. You'll get a taste of what's to come and if all goes well, you might find yourself registering for next year's Glastonbury festival.

Plan ahead – Make a list of everything you'll need, you don't want to find out you've forgotten the rain cover half way to your destination.

Safety first - A first aid kit complete with hand sanitizer is essential. As is a torch and flask for preparing bottles and changing nappies in the middle of the night.

Do some research – Some festivals are more geared toward families than others. Have a look around, check out the site maps and figure out if you'll have a long way to carry all your gear and whether or not it'd be



worth staying in accommodation near-by.

Foodies – If you're bottle feeding take sterilisation tablets to hygienically clean feeding equipment. Breast feeding? First aid tents are great places to discreetly express. Also, festival food can be expensive and in some instances might be too exotic for little pallets, so ensure you have plenty of jars and finger foods to keep tummies happy throughout the day.

Safety first – Most festivals issue security tags for you to write your number on, stick a couple on your children in case they wander off, or write it on their wristbands of course.

Festival must-haves – Ear defenders -If you want to get a bit closer to the stage a pair of giant headphones is a baby's best festival accessory. They're not only practical, but adorable too. Secondly -Fairy lights. Wrapping a string of solar operated twinkly lights around the pram makes you visible during the night and you're therefore less likely to get trampled on by drunken revellers. It also turns your baby's transport into a space-age disco buggy, certain to turn heads!

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## TOP 10 FESTIVAL CAMPING TIPS

### 1. Buy a suitable tent

If there are two of you, don't choose a two-man tent. A two-man tent is perfect for one person, but once you are both inside there will be little room for anything else. Ideally you want space to keep any wet clothes away from your sleeping area. Make sure your tent is waterproof.

### 2. Practice pitching your tent

Before you leave, have a trial run pitching your tent. Make sure you have all the necessary bits and that you know how to set it up quickly. You don't want to spend your time wrestling with your tent in the campsite when you could be enjoying the music.

### 3. Buy a good quality sleeping bag and sleeping mat

You may not plan on doing much sleeping, but when you do, you will be glad you've spent the extra money on a good sleeping bag and sleeping mat.

### 4. Choose your spot

Get there early to have the best picks. You don't want to be too far away from the toilets, but you don't want to be too close either. Choose a spot roughly in the middle and preferably downwind from the toilets. Remember where you have pitched your tent. It might help to tie a coloured ribbon or balloon to the top of your tent so it stands out from the crowd.

### 5. Keep your valuables with you

Most people are trustworthy, however, there are the odd exceptions, so do not leave any valuables in your tent. Money, car keys, tickets, phones and cameras should all be kept with you at all times in an arm wallet, bum bag or small day pack, allowing you to keep your hands free to bust out your best dance moves.

### 6. Do not lock your tent

It might seem like a good idea to lock your tent, but the opposite is true as it says to potential thieves there is something valuable worth stealing in your tent. A small knife will easily cut through the fabric of your tent rendering the lock useless.

### 7. Stock up on essentials

Food and drink can be expensive at festivals and although many won't allow you to bring alcohol in, you should plan to take plenty of water and non-perishable food items with you. If you are planning on cooking, take a small camp stove and frying pan. Do not use an open fire.

### 8. Make friends with your neighbours

You will be living in close quarters, so introduce yourself.

### 9. Bring midge repellent

Let's face it, if you are outdoors in the west of Scotland, the dreaded midge won't be far away. Don't let them ruin your festival experience. Bring a good quality midge repellent with you and test for any potential allergic reactions before you leave. Top this up with a basic first aid kit.

### 10. Bring your wellies

It's Scotland, chances are the rain won't be too far away, even if the sun is splitting the sky. Keep your feet dry with a decent pair of wellies and change your socks regularly.

### Camping essentials checklist

- Tickets
- Money
- Ear plugs
- Torch
- Poncho
- Bin bags
- Wet wipes
- Antibacterial hand gel
- Arm wallet/bum bag
- Portable phone charger
- Midge repellent
- Food
- Water
- Toiletries/first aid
- Sun cream
- Wellies

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# Hats off to all-new MacIntyres of Inveraray

*Advertising feature*  
A FAMILY business is expanding its offering of outdoor and leisure clothing - right in the heart of Argyll.

The Sweeney family took over long-established Dewars Boot Store some nine years ago. The Inveraray business has gone from strength to strength, selling a wide variety of quality outdoor gear and equipment. Brand leaders like Haglofs, Ridgeline of New Zealand, Swannndri, Sealskinz, Target Dry, Guy Cotten and Hoggs of Fife can all be found on the shelves. At the beginning of this month, the

company took a big step as it took over the vacant MacIntyres of Inveraray premises, just a few doors along from Dewars on the main street.

Scott Sweeney explained: 'We are delighted to have taken over MacIntyres of Inveraray. In our opinion this gives us a real opportunity to build on the existing business we have at Dewars Boot Store. Both the stores have been operating for well over 100 years, and we aim to build on the fantastic names that have been part of the town for so long.

'The staff who worked in MacIntyres



**Brendan O'Hara cuts the ribbon to open the new shop.**



**91-year-old Ken Findlay, grandfather of the Sweeney boys, shows Brendan O'Hara the right way to wear a tweed bunnet.**

previously have come on board to run the store under manager Elizabeth Rieves, making sure that the takeover didn't see anyone out of work.'

The family sees this as an opportunity to bring high quality brands to Argyll, such as Dubarry, Barbour and Musto.

Scott added: 'The new store is very much aimed at country and lifestyle clothing and footwear, and we hope to put Inveraray on the map as a real shopping venue.'

Inveraray has seen considerable investment through the

government-funded Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), leaving a number of key buildings looking fresher than they have in years.

'With the investment we have seen in the town through the CARS project, coupled with the investment of time and money from local businesses to build on the accommodation, retail experience and dining in the town, we feel this is an exciting time for Inveraray,' Scott continued.

The new shop was opened by Argyll and Bute MP

Brendan O'Hara, with whisky, Prosecco and home-made tablet to celebrate. The Sweeney family acknowledged the support of Mr O'Hara. Scott continued: 'We'd

like to thank everyone who has supported the business going forward, including our customers, suppliers and the fantastic local tradesmen who worked together to

get us open on time in what was a very tight schedule.'

To find out more about the fantastic range of clothing available, call MacIntyres on 01499 302144.



**Hats off to the new venture as Brendan O'Hara, centre, opens the new MacIntyres of Inveraray premises, with John and Scott Sweeney on the left and right respectively.**



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# Old Pals hold the page for Courier man

A SOCIAL group listened to tall tales in a Campbeltown hotel after a reporter stepped up when the guest speaker did not arrive.

News editor Mark Davey attended

Campbeltown Old Pals expecting to photograph the occasion but ended up giving a talk about life as a journalist.

Another member of the group, Calum Morrison, also spoke and

showed photographs. Mr Davey adapted a talk with pictures from one recently given at Castlehill Primary.

An Old Pals spokesperson said: 'The group really enjoyed the talks and were chatting about them later.

'We would also like to thank the staff of the Royal Hotel for looking after us and Iain Johnston for helping organise the day.

'Our next day out is to visit Jan Nimmo's Road to Drumleman exhibition at Glen Scotia Distillery on April 27.

'All are welcome.'



Members old and new at the Old Pals meeting. 25\_c16oldpals01



Courier news editor Mark Davey entertains Campbeltown Old Pals.

## Nasher set to rock

EX-FRANKIE Goes to Hollywood guitarist Brian 'Nasher' Nash will get a Campbeltown audience popping at the Masonic Recreational Lodge.

Nasher will be supported at the event on Friday April 28 by local artists including Matt Mcallister, Josh Parr and Tracy Middleton.

Doors to the St John Street venue will open at 7.30pm, with music from 8pm-midnight.

Tickets, which are £12, can be purchased from Cadenhead's Whisky Shop.

# A decade of song-writing celebrated

KINTYRE'S annual celebration of song-writing is set to rock Campbeltown for the 10th time.

The Kintyre Songwriters' Festival (KSF), which sees local talent and the best musical entertainers from Scotland and beyond perform original music, returns from Friday April 28 to Sunday April 30.

Incorporating all genres from acoustic ballads to hard rock, the festival's main venue this year be Campbeltown Town Hall, with a late licence until 2am, allowing more acts to perform.

The Friday night will rock Whisky Macs as emerging

Glasgow rock band the Van Ts hit Campbeltown fresh from supporting The Jesus and Mary Chain in Amsterdam.

Support includes local bands Gullion, The Shift, Sleeping With The Enemy, with entry to Whisky Macs free before 11.30pm.

### Hottest

Saturday in the town hall will see a performance from six-piece progressive soul band Pronto Mama, currently the hottest new indie band in Glasgow following their sell-out shows at Celtic Connections and the BBC 6 Music Festival.

They will be playing tracks from their forthcoming

debut album *Any Joy* which will be released on the iconic Electric Honey record label.

Also on Saturday will be the Kintyre debut of the legendary funk warrior Jesse Rae, a singer-songwriter who has worked with Parliament/Funkadelic and wrote several of the top disco tunes of the 1970s such as *Inside Out*.

Jesse's multimedia funk extravaganza is not to be missed.

Acoustic singer-songwriter Chrissy Barnacle brings stunning guitar skills and quirky storytelling alongside well-known locals Thom MacEwan, David

Bisset and Gareth Croll, while newcomers include 14-year-old Hope Strang, Swanfactory and Chris Annetts.

Sunday will be a slightly more laidback affair with top Scottish act Mull Historical Society flying in from London for a special intimate acoustic performance.

### Folk vibes

Donald MacNeill from Colonsay provides island folk vibes and Glasgow-based singer-songwriter Emme Woods brings a gothic Americana that has seen her compared to Lana Del Rey.

Local institution The

Gilchristians will close, and perform songs by festival founder Kenneth Gilchrist, alongside established local acts including The Strunts, Violent Echo and The Twisted Melons and fresh talent like Thomas Jordan and Jenni Martin.

Sunday night will also see the long-awaited return of festival favourites A New Hope.

Tickets for all events are on sale now from the town hall box office, Whisky Macs and [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com), priced at £17.50 in advance.

For more information, visit <http://www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk>.

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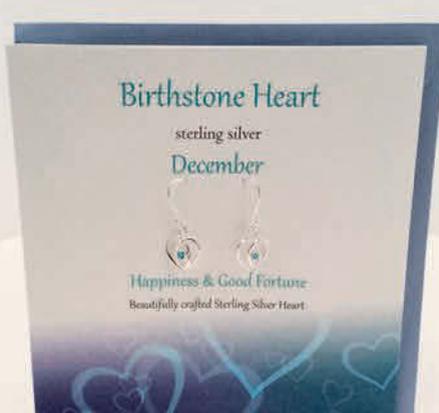
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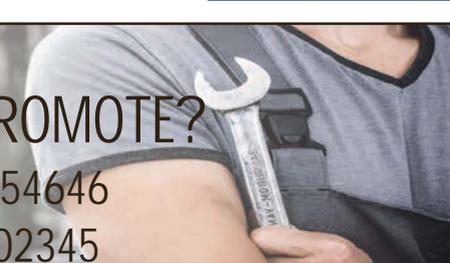
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**Thank You**  
Margaret Milloy would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the beautiful cards, flowers and home baking received after her stay in hospital and since returning home.

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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO FRIDAY APRIL 20, 2007

### Sunshine and smiles for the Princess Royal

HRH the Princess Royal enjoyed a glorious spring afternoon and warm welcome when she visited Gigha on Thursday to open the latest Fyne Homes development on the island.

The princess is seen here talking to Anne Shaw, Viv Oliver, Alasdair McNeill BEM, Malcolm Henderson, Susan Allen and John Pemble, right.



Princess Anne during her walkabout on Gigha. c16files01no

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO FRIDAY APRIL 24, 1992

### Town's ship in tanker rescue

THE captain of HMS Campbeltown has described how the quick action of his crew prevented a serious oil pollution off the west African coast on Sunday night.

The type-22 frigate Campbeltown and Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Gold Rover answered a mayday call sent out by the 269,000-tonne World Hitachi Zosen.

The emergency arose after the Zosen was involved in a collision with a smaller ship which left both vessels blazing and the tanker with a huge hole in her side.

The Zosen was fully laden with Iranian crude oil but by Monday morning almost all of the cargo had been prevented from leaking from the ship.

'The fire was flaming out of the hole in her side in a spectacular conflagration which periodically erupted in huge sheets of flame that could be

seen 20 miles away,' said the Campbeltown's captain Anthony Dymock.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO THURSDAY APRIL 27, 1967

### Fight spoils night out

BAD FEELING between dancers from the two rival towns, Oban and Campbeltown, marred Friday's Miss Oban heat of the Miss Argyll beauty queen contest.

Sporadic fighting broke out in Oban's Corran Halls between the Oban and Campbeltown youths.

More than half of the 40 teenage Campbeltownians who travelled to Oban to attend the dance were involved.

Fortunately, police swooped down on the troublemakers but not before several youths had sustained more or less serious injuries.

When lead singer Kenny Johnson, of the Sceptres, announced that the dance would stop if the fighting did not cease, matters seemed to grow worse.

Girls' screams and shouts of 'I'll get you' added to the red-hot atmosphere.

The strange thing is that nobody

seems to know just how the battles started.

It was mainly a Campbeltown v Oban affair.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO SATURDAY APRIL 21, 1917

### Housebreaking at Askomil

AT THE Sheriff Court on Saturday – before Sheriff Macmaster Campbell – eight boys, whose ages ranged from 12 to 17 years, were charged with burglariously entering, respectively, Ardmore, Belmont and a store for explosives at Askomil.

Certain of the boys were concerned in only one or other of the offences labelled, but one was implicated in all.

They pleaded guilty.

It appeared that from the different places mentioned the accused had taken packs of cards, silver watches, a silver matchbox, flash lamps, explosive detonators, etc.

The boy who pleaded guilty to having been concerned in all three offences, and who was about 15 years old, was described as the ring-leader of the band, though there were other boys among them who were older than he.

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



ONE OF Leo's favourite games is being a sausage roll. Leo is five years old and the game goes something like this: Leo's dad rolls Leo in a blanket, then tucks in the edges of the blanket to keep him secure. Leo is then a 'sausage roll'.

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Sadly, many children can't trust their dads in this way and we grieve for them.

Our father should be someone we can trust and on whom we can always depend.

Some of us, and I include myself in this, have had dads who would have done anything for us, and from whom we learned so much.

My dad and I were politically and religiously poles apart, but I loved him with my whole being, and I knew he loved me beyond measure.

Our heavenly Father loves us unconditionally, regardless of our particular views.

God is the Father in whom we can trust, and on whom we can totally rely.

He is the Father who will hold us and who will have fun with us.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'The Lord ... will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no-one can fathom' (Isaiah 40:28).

**BIRTHS**



**MITCHELL - MACNAB**

Keith and Emma are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful son, Gregor Mitchell, on March 13, 2017. First grandchild for Archie and Christine Mitchell, Campbeltown, and James and Lilian MacNab, Tarbert.

**DEATHS**

**MACLEAN** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 15, 2017, Catherine Violet MacLean, née McGougan, in her 85th year, 26 Rhudal Cottages, Drumlemble, a much loved mum, granny, great granny, sister and aunt. Service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, (today) Friday, April 21 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

**MARTIN** - Peacefully at home, 25b Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, on April 13, 2017, Margaret Begg Sinclair, in her 82nd year, dearly beloved wife of Bobby Martin, much loved mother of David and Lorna, loving granny of Christopher, Claire, Andrew, Stephanie and Kirsty and great granny of Jessica, Erika, Ivy and Ben.

**MUIR** - Peacefully, at Broadford Hospital, Isle of Skye, on April 5, 2017, David, aged 68 years, formerly of 55 Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead. Brother of John and Gordon. Funeral took place on April 12, 2017. Thanks to all who attended.

**STEWART** - On April 17, 2017, peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Teresa (Terry) Stewart, in her 87th year, beloved wife of the late Dougie Stewart, much loved mother of Kenneth and Sheila, dear mother-in-law of Joe, dearly loved granny of Susan, Kelly, Kenneth, Paul, Stewart and Lorraine and a great

grandmother. Funeral Mass at St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, on Monday, April 24 at 10.30am, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Support.

**WATSON** - Suddenly at home, Lachmara, Muasdale, on April 16, 2017, Agnes Smith Watson, in her 71st year, beloved daughter of the late Lachlan and Martha, much loved sister of William and the late Martha and a loving aunt and great aunt. Funeral private.

**YOUNG** - On April 19, 2017, peacefully at home, Robert MacKenzie Young (Snowball), in his 65th year, beloved husband of Christine Wallace, much loved dad of Gemma and Laura, dear father-in-law of Neil and Andrew, adored seair of Max, dearly loved nephew of Cathie. Dearly loved by all his family and friends. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church, on Friday, April 28 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Support.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**DOTT** - The family of the late Charlie Dott wish to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind messages, cards and flowers received during their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Maggie Wilkieson and Alison Sinclair for their kindness and attention to Charlie. Thanks also to Reverend Philip Wallace for his comforting service, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their caring and professional support, and to Stronvaar Bowling Club and Argyll Bakeries for their excellent catering. The retiral collection raised £842.76. for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

**MACKAY** - The family of the late Linda MacKay would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Duncan MacGregor, James and Chris Anne,

Peter McKerral and Co and A M Transport for all their assistance, kindness and consideration shown. Special thanks also to Rev Hilda Smith for her support to the family and for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Fyne Flowers and The Larder for floral tributes, Mhairi Anne for excellent catering, West Coast Motors for kind provision of a coach, and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations of £845 were forwarded to Glasgow Sick Children's Hospital.

**MORANS** - The family of the late Eddie Morans would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent bereavement. Thanks also to all, for flowers, cards, food and home baking. Special thanks to Dr Spink and staff at Tarbert Medical Practice and ambulance personnel, Dr Philips, Dr Helliwell, Sister Linda Anderson and staff at Mid Argyll Hospital for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to special family friends, Euan and Cathanna Smith, Anne MacLachlan and Sandra Mackenzie for all their support and kindness. A very special thanks to Rev Robert MacLeod (a rare gem and a very special man) for his visits to Eddie, both at home and in hospital and for a comforting and uplifting service. Sincere thanks also to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional handling of all arrangements and attention to detail, West Loch Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside, some travelling from USA, Callander, Yorkshire and other distances. Donations for Tarbert Free Church raised £506.50. A devoted brother who will be very sadly missed. This world is not conclusion. A sequel lies beyond.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**MCLEAN** - Daniel Stuart, Promoted to Glory, on April 21, 2013. Precious memories of my loving husband, dad of Michael and Jacqui, and granda, great granda and brother. Much loved and sorely missed. - Carolin and family.

**ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of my dad, Malcolm Robertson, died April 21, 1994. Always in my thoughts. - Your daughter, Kelly-Anne.

**SMITH** - In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Flora J Smith, who died April 19, 2010. Always in our thoughts, Sadly missed. - Inserted by the family, Kilmichael Glassary.



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**Sunday 23rd April**  
11.00am  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
All Welcome  
**Every Tuesday**  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers  
**Every Wednesday**  
10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.  
Drop-In Cafe  
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk  
Lochgilphead  
(Church of Scotland)  
SCO16311

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Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 23 April**  
Tayvallich Church 10 am  
Rev. C. Acklam  
**Saturday 22 April**  
Achnamara Hall 10.30am  
Café Connect  
**Monday 24 April**  
Tayvallich Church 10.30am  
Prayer Time  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
www.northknapdale.org

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 23rd April**  
Service at 11 a.m  
Speaker this week -  
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"Laying hold of our heritage"  
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**23rd April 2017**  
Worship Service  
Ford 11.45am  
Rev. C R Acklam  
All welcome  
SC0 02121

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**Sunday 23rd April 2017**  
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  
**Musical Evening**  
Minard Hall  
Saturday 22nd 7 pm  
All welcome

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 23rd April 2017**  
**Skipness Service 10am**  
Mr John Morrison  
**Tarbert Service 11.30am**  
**Kilberry Service 2pm**  
Mr James McLellan  
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Kintyre Christian Fellowship meeting to be held on  
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Guest speaker:  
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Tea/coffee served after the meeting  
Everyone most welcome.

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George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 23rd April**  
11.15am Worship Service  
4.00pm Service in Lorne  
Campbell Court  
**Wednesday 26th April**  
12.30pm  
Bible Study and Prayer  
2.00pm Water of Life Café  
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www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk  
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday Service**  
11.00 am  
with Sunday School  
followed by refreshments  
**Youth Fellowship**  
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm  
Every Sunday (term time only)  
**Mainly Music**  
10.00 - 11.30 am  
every Thursday (term time only)  
Registration required  
Pastor Chris Holden  
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk  
SCO43322

**Highland Parish Church**

**Sunday 23rd April 2017**  
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15am  
All welcome.



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Easter 2  
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The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

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SCO11686  
**Sunday 23rd April**  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
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Rev P Wallace  
**Tuesday 25th April**  
Tiny Tots 9.45am  
New Hall  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
**Thursday 27th April**  
Choir  
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Lunch Club



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1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.  
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Craft Group  
**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study  
Captains Ben & Ruth  
Russell  
**All welcome**

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 23 April 2017**  
Family Communion Service  
at 11.00am  
Pastor Steve Davies.  
**Wednesday 26 April**  
12.30pm at the Free Church  
Joining with Campbeltown  
Free Church for Prayer and  
Bible Study  
All welcome  
For details, contact the church  
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Church Secretary on  
01586 551237.  
www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
SCO14646



All the Campbeltown players who travelled to Tarbert.

# Young footballers score with coaching sessions



Young P1 player Lewis Shield collects his first football medal.

CAMPBELTOWN and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) kicks off its latest programme of coaching today (Friday April 21).

The 2011 P1 to 2004 S1 age groups' sessions start at 6pm at the Meadows playing fields for 11 weeks with a further session, except for P1s starting on Monday April 24 for 10 weeks.

The full timings are as follows: P1 2011s Friday only 6pm to 7pm, P2 2010s Friday and Monday, P3 2009s and P4 2008s Friday and Monday 6pm to 7.15pm, P5 to S1 2007s to 2004s Friday and Monday 6pm to 7.30pm and girls' section P4 to S1 – 6.30pm to 7.45pm Friday only.

A CDJFA spokesperson said: 'As always, any help is appreciated if anyone is interested in getting involved with coaching.'

'We have a wide range of ages and sessions to cover and are always looking for help. Even if it is just

helping in and out with the goals, this would be great as again it is like a military operation to set up at the Meadows.'

There is a busy spring period with further festivals for various age groups in Oban, Islay, Arran and cul-

minating in Campbeltown on Saturday June 3.

The CDJFA spokesperson added: 'Last Saturday there was a great spectacle with nearly 70 children travelling to Tarbert from Campbeltown to play football. Let's keep this going.'



A handshake from the fun fours.

## No winners at Dunaverty lotto

DUNAVERTY'S three-number lotto was drawn last Sunday and the winning numbers were 7, 10 and 12.

There were no winners. The next draw for a jackpot of £400 will take place on April 30.

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

## All to play for in Tarbert's Fyne Tankard second round

AWFUL showers at a rather blustery Glenralloch hindered golfers in the 8am ballot of the Fyne Tankard first round. Of those four players, last Saturday, Blair and MacTaggart shared the clubhouse lead with net 67s.

The later starters did not have to contend with rain although conditions remained difficult with swirl-

ing wind. Archie Black moved to the front of the leader board with a net 65, Archie was out in level par 33 and was level par for the first three holes of the back nine but unfortunately went out of bounds at both the 13th and 15th holes to see him back in 42.

Malcolm McAlpine joined K Blair K MacTaggart on net 67 with I John-

stone (jnr) and James MacNab (jnr) a shot further back on 68.

Leader after the first round is Bruce MacNab who shot 69-5 for a net 64 and his back nine of 32 included three birdies.

The second and final round takes place tomorrow with seven players still in with a realistic chance of victory.



Calum McAllister in action.

# The race is on

THOSE who want a place in Kintyre Way Ultra (KWU)'s cycling and running events will have to sprint for the last few places.

With just a couple of



The Kintyre Way Ultra logo.

weeks until the race on May 6, almost 100 ultra marathon runners, 13 relay teams and 111 cyclists are signed up, with numbers likely to grow.

2017 sees the tenth anniversary of the 35.5-mile running races this year, with the addition of more than 100 cyclists who will pedal a 73-mile cycle route across the Kintyre Way.

A KWU spokesperson said: 'The cycle event has been hugely popular since its launch in August last year and sold out in unprecedented time, so we opened up another 20 places.'

'We would encourage all interested to sign up quickly as there are limited spaces left.'

The newly-launched cycle race covers varied terrain from for-

est track, grass trails, downhill sections and road, finishing at the 'Ultra Village' in Campbeltown's restored Hazelburn distillery. There will be food, drink, music, sports massages, workshops, activities and a children's fun area awaiting the racers in Campbeltown to keep the event going long into the night.

The spokesperson added: 'We would encourage locals to come along and support the competitors while visiting stalls such as Fyne Ales, Wheels Cycle Centre, sampling a wee dram from Springbank and finding out about our latest distillery Beinn an Tuirc Distillers and their Kintyre Gin.'

Spectators are encouraged to cheer on the runners as they kick off from Tayinloan and the cyclists at their start point at Corranbuie near Tarbert.



Very few places remain available to take part in this year's Kintyre Way Ultra.



C McEachran, S Gilchrist, L Brodie, M MacInnes and R Lafferty. c15bowling01no

## Ladies' bowling battle

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club's ladies' section brought the open carpet bowling season to an end last week when they held their open singles competition in the Stronvaar clubhouse.

Susan Gilchrist defeated Roberta

Lafferty in the semi-final and Maureen MacInnes overcame Catherine McEachran, but it was Susan who was victorious in the final.

The trophy and prizes were presented by lady president Lorraine Brodie.

## Gigha has a challenging day out

ATHLETES needing a pre-MOKRUN boost should make tracks for the Isle of Gigha tomorrow (Saturday).

The 2017 challenge

offers a choice of walking, running or cycling 11 miles or a 5k run.

Walkers are off at 11am, runners 1pm and cyclists 2.30pm with

prize-giving between 3.30pm and 4pm.

It is £10 for adults and £5 for children under 16. For further details, call 07881426616.

## SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £250

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Congratulations to L Philips, Kilmichael Glassary who has won the jackpot of £4400

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# SPORT



## INSIDE THIS WEEK:

The race is on at Kintyre Way Ultra



All teams in the junior football festival at Tarbert. For more on this story, including extras pictures, see page 26.

## Arresting spectacle as Brodie nails police cup

A SCRATCH 34 and scratch 41 on the inward half combined with a handicap of 11 secured Neil Brodie the Mersey Police Cup.

Near galeforce winds and occasional icy showers lashed Dunaverty to give the 28 competitors a tough time last Saturday.

As the morning progressed and the wind grew stronger, Grant Edmondson and Stuart MacBrayne set the pace, both recording net 68s, but Stuart, with a better inward half, took the lead position.

The afternoon players had hopes of the weather abating but instead it got slightly worse.

Neil Brodie, in company with Raymond Harvey, John McDowall and Alex Roxburgh, rose to the challenge.

Lee Mathieson had the best scratch score of 74. CSS for the day was 66.

Results: 1 Neil Brodie 75-11-64, 2 Stuart MacBrayne 78-8-68(bih), 3 Grant Edmondson 81-13-68(better last 6), 4 Bill Brannigan 79-11-68(bih), 5 Sandy Watson 78-10-69 and 6 Danny Halliday 89-19-70(bih).

## Spirited victory

ISLAY Golf Club result: Laphroaig Trophy played Sunday April 16: 1 S.Currie 41 pts. 2 J.Doherty 39. 3 G.Ross 35.

# Close encounters at Dunaverty Am-Am

AN EVERGREEN 52 saw golfers Kevan Gilchrist, Graham Gilchrist, Alan Glendinning and Andrew Robertson return to the top spot.

The popular Dunaverty Am-Am also saw a prodigious 300-yard drive from Lochgilhead's Steven Gilgour to take the gents' longest drive spot prize.

Dunaverty's Ailie MacBrayne smashed her way to the ladies longest drive.

Some 37 teams of four turned out to play the recent contest on a course well prepared by greenkeepers David Scullion and Willy MacMillan.

Competition was very close with the first seven teams being covered by two shots and the minor places being decided on countback.

The strong winds and cool temperature made things diffi-



The winning team: Graham Gilchrist, Kevan Gilchrist, Andrew Robertson and Alan Glendinning.

cult for the early starters but the second team out of Calum MacMillan, Bobby Dalziel, Willy MacMillan and Gavin McLachlan set a target of net 53.

This lead was maintained throughout the morning until the midday team of Donald McNeil, Cristian Ivan, N Bowie and A Mclean slipped into the lead

with the same score but a better inward half.

They were closely followed by Darren Kelly, John Nutt, Johnathon Bruce and Robert Borthwick, also on

53, but now in second place. The weather improved slightly, which perhaps helped the winners come out on top once more after finishing 10th last year.

There were several spot prizes including the best net team score at the par five thirteenth with the ladies and gents longest drives at the seventeenth.

At the presentation, vice-captain John McDowall thanked Kintyre Hire, McFadyens Contractors and the individual sponsors of each hole.

Their sponsorship continues to make this event an outstanding success.

He paid tribute to the new club steward, Will Anderson, and his team, who coped admirably during the day by keeping the competitors watered and fed.

He said he also wanted to thank the committee members for the

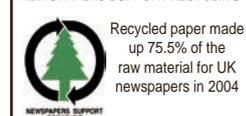
work which they had put in prior to the competition.

Team Results: 1 Kevan Gilchrist, Graham Gilchrist, Andrew Robertson, Alan Glendinning 52, 2 Donald McNeil, N Bowie, A McLean, Cristian Ivan 53 better last six, 3 John Nutt, Johnathon Bruce, Darren Kelly, Robert Borthwick 53 (bih) 4 N Armour, A McPhee, I McCuish, S O'Rourke 53, better last six, 5 Calum MacMillan, Bobby Dalziel, Willy MacMillan, Gavin McLachlan 53, 6 R Coffield, C McGeachy, G McMillan, P McWhirter 54.

Nearest the pin (NTP) at the first in two: Calum MacMillan 5' 10", NTP at the 7th D Logan 33", NTP at the 16th Lee Mathieson 63",

Best net team score at the 13th, Lindsay Garrett, Steve Garret, Harry MacLean, Lee Mathieson.

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