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Kintyre Red Cross is fatally wounded

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IN 1912 eminent cancer specialist Sir George Beatson, who hailed from Campbeltown, spoke at the inaugural meeting of Kintyre's Red Cross committee. Last Friday members held the branch's final event.

Members, including Ailsa Stewart, 103, who joined the Red Cross in 1936, remained upbeat during an afternoon tea at the charity's hall, in Kirk Street, which is due to be sold by the international humanitarian organisation's Scottish branch.

It is one of more than 60 halls which, earlier this year, the charity said it will sell as it concentrates on other ways of raising money.

Hall Street's Red Cross shop will remain in operation as it is managed from Glasgow.

Members, many of whom have volunteered for decades, helped at local disasters such as the RAF Chinook helicopter crash on Mull of Kintyre in 1994, and the great snow of April 2013, in addition to holding disaster relief events for people around the globe.

Centre organiser Anne Cousin, originally from Southend, joined the charity in 1964 while a student in Edinburgh.

Mrs Cousin said: 'We, as a group, are saddened at the closure of the Red Cross hall.'

'The hall was an integral part of our fund-

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Kintyre Red Cross committee members past and present from back left: Alison Eynon, Mary Macalister Hall, Elizabeth Irwin, Marion Warnock, Ilene Shaw, Helen Steel, Jessie MacDougall, Jane Mayo, Jenny Graham, Diane Roberts, Carol Abernethy and Margo Turner. Middle row: Inez Ronald, Ismay Duncan, Mary Cameron, Margaret McKendrick, Kathleen Martin, Anne Cousin, Margaret Nimmo and Ruth Maxwell Macdonald. Front row: Christine Roper, Mary Sinclair, Jean Armour, Ailsa Stewart, Isobel Campbell, Margaret Taylor and Irene Millar. 25_c16redcross01



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Tarbert top Cardross in five-goal thriller

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TARBERT welcomed Cardross to Cil Andreis for a crucial 'six-pointer' last Saturday.

The away side arrived late and claimed to have broken down en route so were unable to field a full team.

Tarbert still had a job to do as they looked to open a gap between themselves and the bottom club in the league.

Frustrated

The opening 20 minutes of the match left the home side frustrated as a number of careless final balls and

missed chances kept the game level at 0-0.

Captain Talbot stepped up soon after, to drive a shot low into the corner from the edge of the box and ease some of the tension that Tarbert had been feeling.

Further chances came and went in the first half with the away keeper producing a couple of fine saves to deny MacKinnon and Campbell.

MacKinnon was not to be denied his goal though, as he doubled Tarbert's advantage going into half-time by coolly rounding the keeper and slotting home.

The second half followed in a similar vein to the first, with Tarbert totally in command without really slipping out of first gear.

Evaded

Further goals followed from Scott, with a free kick that somehow evaded the away keeper, MacKay and MacKinnon, as Tarbert cruised through the second half.

There was even time for captain Talbot to put his name forward for miss of the season with a penalty that the keeper saved well.

It wasn't a game that will live long in the memory but Tar-



Tarbert's Nikki MacDougall in action earlier in the season.

bert claimed the crucial three points they

MacBraynes on the beat for police cup

THE MACBRAYNES continued their winning ways at Dunaverty Golf Club with no fewer than three of them featuring in the top six in the club's Mersey Police Cup.

Campbell MacBrayne, deadly on the dartboard, showed that he is no slouch at golf either when he posted an excellent scratch 76 in cold, blustery weather, for a net 68 to lead the way.

The next four players, including his son Scott, also had net 68s and places were decided on better inward halves.

Last man out, Campbell's brother David MacBrayne, conquered the conditions and came in with a net 65 to take top spot and the cup.

CSS for the day was 66 and SSS 66.

Ross Sinclair had the best scratch score of 73.

Results: 1 David MacBrayne 77-12=65, 2 Campbell MacBrayne 76-8=68(bih), 3 Alex Arkell 41-13=68(bih), 4 Ross Sinclair 73-5=68(bih), 5 Scott MacBrayne 78-10=68(bih), 6 Malcolm Ronald 86-18=68.

POLICE FILES

Vehicle damaged

THE wing mirror of a blue Honda Jazz car was damaged between 3pm and 1.15pm on Friday April 13 in High Street, Campbeltown.

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

Abusive behaviour

A 27-YEAR-old woman who behaved in an abusive manner in Burnside Street, Campbeltown, at about 1.20pm last Sunday, was arrested and later issued with a £40 fixed penalty ticket.

Drugs bust

A MAN who travelled from Glasgow in the midday bus, on Tuesday, was stopped and searched by police at about 3.10pm on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead.

The 46-year-old was found to be in possession of cannabis and cocaine, and was charged with the offences.

Body of woman washes up near Campbeltown

A BODY which washed up five miles south of Campbeltown is believed to be a missing woman from Troon.

Formal identification is yet to take place but police believe the body of the woman, which was found on the shore at about 12.30pm on Monday, at Johnston's Point, is Carole Rennie.

Ms Rennie, 48, vanished after leaving her home in Welbeck Crescent, Troon, on Tuesday, April 10.

Police have said that a post-mortem examination will be carried out and the death is not being treated as suspicious.

A report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

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Cinema's world premiere of Chaplin comedy

A PREVIOUSLY unseen film, of a meeting between comedy greats Charlie Chaplin and Sir Harry Lauder, will premiere in Campbeltown.

The eight-minute skit filmed in 1918, just five years after Campbeltown Picture House first opened, will be the jewel in the crown of the restored cinema's Scotland Comedy Film Festival (SCOFF) next month.

SCOFF's first edition will run across the weekend of May 11-13.

Chaplin

The film sees Lauder join Chaplin in a couple of skits, including a mimicry of each other's well-known gait.

The film was made to promote a fundraising project Lauder had set up for soldiers injured during the First World War in memory of his son.

Other films to be screened in Bunkered! include classic Chic Murray visual gags, Stanley Baxter and Jimmy Logan being serious, and Rikki Fulton and Jack Milroy's brilliant Francie and Jo-



Douglas Fairbanks, Sir Harry Lauder, Sir Charlie Chaplin, Sydney Chaplin (Charlie's brother).

Credit © Roy Export Company Limited

sie act. Bunkered! has been curated by Shona Thomson from 'A Kind of Seeing' who said: 'Scotland has an international reputation for its much-loved comedians and you can see it in the on-screen warmth between Sir Harry Lauder and Charlie Chaplin. 'It's so exciting to be able to bring this selection of films from the collections of the National Library of Scotland, BFI National Archive, STV and The Chaplin Office/Roy Export SAS back to the big screen in the glorious Campbeltown Picture House.'

Ailsa MacKenzie, SCOFF programmer, said: 'We are delight-

forming his acclaimed one-man show, *I, Fil-lum Star*.

Meanwhile in *Spontaneous Potter*, The Spontaneous Players will present an entirely new improvised Harry Potter comedy play, based on an audience suggestion of a title. The Potter adventure will be magically created on the spot - with live musical accompaniment.

Workshops

Further screenings at SCOFF include *Singalong Moana*, *Blazing Saddles*, *The Man in the White Suit*, *Bill Forsyth's That Sinking Feeling*, international hit *Toni Erdmann*, and more, along with a screening of musical *Wind in the Willows* starring Rufus Hound. Free events include animation and comedy workshops and drop-in screenings.

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ed that we have been given the opportunity to screen the famous Lauder-Chaplin film.

'Even more exciting, we will have live musical performance complementing the footage performed in the Picture House by acclaimed singer, BBC presenter and Lauder expert Jamie MacDougall, with Scottish Opera's Head of Music Derek Clark on piano.'

The live programme for SCOFF is headlined by Dave Johns, stand-up comic, writer and star of award-winning *I, Daniel Blake*, taking part in a special Desert Island Films event with Paul Sneddon (aka Vladimir McTavish) and per-



Members of Campbeltown Community Council presented a bouquet and shopping voucher to Cathy Duncan. 25_c15campbeltowncc01

Community Council stalwart retires

A MEMBER of Campbeltown Community Council (CCC), known for standing her ground, has retired after more than 30 years' service.

Cathy Duncan once said that her inspiration for working on the Community Council was another stalwart of the town, Nancy Smith, who is memorialised on a bench in the Linda McCartney garden.

During her emo-

tional final meeting, CCC secretary, Alasdair MacPhail, said: 'I would like to take the time to thank a member who is retiring after many years of loyal service to the people of Campbeltown.'

Dedicated

'Cathy Duncan, who is standing down, has been a dedicated member in one way or the other for three decades.

'Cathy's unwavering commitment to

the Community Council and the local community is well documented throughout the years and includes the fantastic senior citizens' concert held every year.

'We would like to thank you for your hard work and commitment, and following your retirement the Community Council will be a different place.

'You will be much missed Cathy.'

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Tarbert families' thanks as fishermen laid to rest

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THREE months after the Nancy Glen sank in Loch Fyne, two fishermen lost in the tragedy have been returned to their loved ones.

Skipper Duncan MacDougall, aged 46, and crewman Przemek Krawczyk, 38, went down when the Tarbert fishing boat capsized, then sank, despite the efforts of many different seafarers and rescue agencies who came to her aid. A third crewman, 34-year-old John Miller, was rescued from the loch by a fish farm boat.

A campaign began almost immediately to recover the vessel from its resting place, 140 metres down, off Barmore Island. A fund-

raising campaign – with the slogan Bring our Boys Home – garnered donations from people from across Scotland and further afield, but it was only when the Scottish Government pledged support that the campaign gathered real pace.

Home

After weeks of preparation, on the morning of April 12, Nancy Glen was recovered from Loch Fyne. Both men were found to be on board, and this week they returned home to Tarbert.

The funeral of Duncan MacDougall was held on Wednesday April 18, and a service will be held for Przemek tomorrow (Saturday April 21) at Tarbert Parish Church.



The Nancy Glen.

Central to the campaign to bring the boys home was the Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA), under the chairmanship of Tarbert man Kenny MacNab. The association this week thanked the agencies involved in

the operation to bring the fishermen home.

A statement read: 'No matter how large or small your role or contribution was, we valued it. There are simply too many names and organisations to list, however please be assured of our eternal gratitude to you all.'

'We would like to thank the public for the immense show of support – it has been hum-

bling beyond words to experience the heartfelt solidarity and generosity on such a local, national and international level.'

After a complex operation to raise the vessel, the CFA added: 'Our special and continued thanks go to the Scottish Government, in particular the first minister of Scotland, the deputy first minister and cabinet secretary Fergus Ewing for

their compassion, direct leadership and real presence throughout.

'We are particularly grateful that Scottish ministers agreed to fund the cost of the recovery operation, allowing fundraised monies to go directly to the families affected by this tragedy.'

Support

'We also thank our local elected representatives, Michael Russell MSP and Brendan O'Hara MP, Councillor Ann Horn, Councillor Robin Currie and Councillor Jamie MacGrigor, for their involvement, and the UK Government for its words of support.'

Through the CFA, Duncan MacDougall's family thanked everyone who helped bring Duncan and Przemek back home, recognising the 'incredible efforts, skill and generosity of the public and the professionals involved, and give their

unconditional thanks to all who did their best to help'.

They also thanked the local community of Tarbert and many communities nationally and internationally who proved to be a 'tower of strength' at a difficult time.

Przemek's wife Gosia said: 'It is impossible to put into words the effect the loss of Przemek has had on our family.'

'On behalf of my family, thank you very much for the support, help, prayers coming from all over Scotland and the world.'

'I would particularly like to thank the community of Tarbert and the surrounding area for their enormous help, extreme support and kind words each day for the past 12 weeks.'

'There are no words we could return which would express our gratitude.'

Housing works restoration revamps Burnbank flats

The main route into Campbeltown is looking much brighter after a housing facelift worth almost £400,000.

A joint project between private home owners and Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) has seen 18 properties at Kinloch Road/Burnbank Place, contained in three blocks, receive roof renewals, external wall insulation, cavity wall extraction and associated works.

Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of ACHA, which owns 11 of the properties, told the *Courier* that the value of the contract is

£397,134.85, excluding VAT. Argyll First councillor Donald Kelly said: 'I would like to congratulate ACHA, council officers and the owners and occupiers of this building for coming together and agreeing a way forward.'

'The improvement is stunning and adds to the work already carried out at the other end of Kinloch Road.'

Mr MacGregor said: 'Our plans are about more than bricks and mortar. The association's investment plans of £24.5 million will support jobs, apprentices and the supply chain in Argyll and Bute.'



The renovated properties at Kinloch Road/Burnbank Place. 50_c16achaimprovements01

New tennis clubhouse

RACQUET sports fans can get their first glimpse of Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club's new pavilion at the end of the month.

Members of the public are invited to play, for free, on Sunday April 29, from 1pm to 4pm at the St John Street club.

For more, including photographs, see the back page.

Home help delayed

LAST week the *Courier* promised to print a follow-up story about the home help service.

Due to the events of the past week, that will run in next week's *Courier*, out on April 27.

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Kintyre's junior piping championship

JUNIOR piping champions from Glasgow and Edinburgh took top honours at the Kintyre Piping Society junior championship.

At the Ardshiel and Seafield Hotels, last Saturday, the overall under-15 champion was Bobby Allen (Glasgow) who won the PM Ronald MacCallum MBE Shield and the Royal Scottish Pipers' Society Bronze Star.

The 15-17 overall champion was Brodie Watson-Massey (Edinburgh) and he won the McCallum Memorial Cup and the PM John D. Burgess Medal.

A spokesperson said: 'The Society would like to thank Flora, Marion and the staff of the hotels for all their help on the day.

'Thanks also to all who helped run the competition, the judges Alasdair Henderson, Fiona Mitchell, Julie Blue and Hamish Colville.

Tuning the pipes were John Brown and Ian McKerral and the hard working committee. To all the young chanter players and pipers whose excellent performances entertained the audiences throughout the day.

'To Pipedreams, Mc-

Callum Bagpipes, the College of Piping and the National Piping Centre for donating prizes for the competitions and finally to all who donated prizes for the raffle.'

Full results were as follows:
The Royal Celtic Society Cup: Chanter 10 and under: 1 Aiden Brodie, 2 Evie Judge, 3 Mark Robertson, 4 Grace McTaggart, 5 Rio Arkell, 6 Hannah Millar.
The Pipe Major J. M. MacKenzie Cup: Chanter 11 - 14: 1 Drew McLellan, 2 Ewan O'May, 3 Erin Cameron.
The Dugald McShannon Cup: March on bagpipes, novice: 1 Amy Lowrie, 2 Isla Campbell, 3 Christina McTaggart.
The George C. Halbert Shield: March under 15: 1 Bobby Allen, 2 Joshua Reilly, 3 Andrew Renton.
The Archibald Johnston Memorial Cup: Strathspey and reel under 15: 1 Bobby Allen, 2 Joshua Reilly, 3 Murray O'May.
The Argyllshire Gathering Trophy: Piobaireachd ground only:

1 Matthew McKerral, 2 Murray O'May, 3 Andrew Renton, 4 Gregor Campbell.
The Dr Flora MacAulay Cup, Piobaireachd under 15: 1 Bobby Allen, 2 Joshua Reilly.
The Margaret McCallum Memorial Cup: Two x 2/4 marches under 15: 1 Bobby Allen, 2 Murray O'May, 3 Joshua Reilly.
The Campbell McGougan Trophy slow air under 15: 1 Bobby Allen, 2 Andrew Renton, 3 Gregor Campbell.
Kintyre Piping Society Trophy: March 15 to 17: 1 Jamie Niall Campbell, 2 Ross Conner, 3 Brodie Watson-Massey.
The Charles Bowen Cup: Strathspey and reel 15 to 17: 1 Brodie Watson-Massey, 2 Ross Conner, 3 Jamie Niall Campbell.
The Pipe Major Willie Wilson Cup: Hornpipe and jig 15-17: 1 Brodie Watson-Massey, 2 Ross Conner, 3 Jamie Niall Campbell.
The Campbell Challenge Cup: Piobaireachd 15-17: 1 Brodie Watson-Massey, 2 Jamie Niall Campbell, 3 Luke Kennedy.
The Hector MacNeill M.A.Cup: Two x 2/4 marches 15-17: 1 Jamie Niall Campbell, 2 Ross Conner, 3 Brodie Watson-Massey.
The Netta McGougan Memorial Trophy MSR 15-17: judges' choice: 1 Luke Kennedy, 2 Brodie Watson-Massey, 3 Tomas Young.
Overalls and special trophies: Youngest competitor: Rio Arkell, Campbeltown. Best local in event: The Margaret Anderson Memorial Trophy: 1 Aiden Brodie. The John Sinclair Memorial Trophy: 2 Drew McLellan, The Murdo MacLeod M.A. Memo-



Pipers from left: Bobby Allen, Luke Kennedy, Ross Conner, Jamie Niall Campbell, Brodie Watson-Massey Andrew Renton and Matthew McKerral.

rial Trophy: 3 Amy Lowrie. The George Cathcart Shield for best local in events four and five: Andrew Renton. The Dugald Stewart Memorial Cup for best local in events 10 and 11: Ross Conner. The Islay Trophy presented to the girl with most points: Hazel Whyte, Larkhall. The Friends of Ireland Trophy for the most promising competitor not in the

prize list in events one and two: Ciara Wallace. The Pipe Major Ronald MacCallum MBE Shield and the Royal Scottish Pipers Society Bronze Star, presented to the junior champion: Bobby Allen - Glasgow. The McCallum Memorial Cup and the Pipe Major John D. Burgess Medal presented to the senior champion: Brodie Watson-Massey, Edinburgh.



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Editorial

Adding insult to injury

A WEEK ago the *Courier* fired a metaphorical shot across the bows of a Campbeltown 'dreadnought'.

The message appears to have gone unheeded, as this week the 'dreadnought' went into battle, with all guns blazing and added insult to injury.

No-one likes to find out they are second best. Last night, at Campbeltown Picture House, a light hearted drama documentary, about the cinema's restoration, *The Wee Pictures*, was shown to a select, invited audience at the formal opening.

Hopefully, this will not be its only screening in Campbeltown.

It is rare to see a period black-and-white film on the big screen and, as part of *Gintyre*, on Sunday, Campbeltown Picture House is showing wartime drama *Casablanca* for the bargain adult price of £5 - (for standard shows a ticket is £8).

At the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers' coffee morning, last Saturday, an elderly lady said she had not been to the cinema as she did not like to go alone and would really like to see *Casablanca*. That request was sorted on the spot.

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Down memory lane

RESIDENTS and visitors to Campbeltown often comment on the run-down state of the White Hart Hotel, which sits forlornly at the top of the Main Street.

The hotel has lain empty since its last tenant closed its doors three years ago, in April 2015.

Many people remember it in its heyday, including Amelia Segre, who shared a photo of her mother, Bunty, and aunt, Margaret, with two other ladies who were all waitresses in the hotel 'many moons ago'.

The photograph, on Facebook

page Old Campbeltown and surrounding area, stirred up many memories of people who had worked in and visited the hotel.

Ailsa De Haas-McGeachy wrote: 'Those were the days, they were a great crowd. Bunty was always special.'

First pint

Mike Stanford said: 'Remember the White Hart well, my first pint in the public bar aged 16.'

Morag Barber added: 'I had my wedding dinner and reception in there nearly 41 years ago. Loved it. Can still remember it well.'



Four White Hart's waitresses 'many moons ago'.

Campbeltonians split on UK decision to bomb Syria

Words and pictures by Hannah O'Hanlon

The people of Campbeltown are unsure whether or not they support the British Government's decision to launch bomb and missile strikes on Syria last Saturday.

The joint action with France and the USA was in response to a suspected chemical attack in the Syrian town of Douma, by pres-



Catherine Dobbie.



Jason McCallum.

ident Bashar al-Assad's regime, an attack the Syrian government denies.

A military facility, where it is believed stockpiles of materials used to make chemical weapons were located, was the target.

In a statement, the Ministry of Defence said that the facility was thought to be located 'some distance' from known concentrations of civilian habitation, and that scientific analysis was applied to minimise the risk of contamination to the surrounding area.

The British Government carried out the air strikes without a parliamentary debate or MPs' approval.

Although the UK does not require the assent of parliament to



Barry Wilkinson.

carry out military action, votes on the UK's involvement in conflicts have been held since the 2003 Iraq war.

The *Courier* took to the streets of Campbeltown to ask people if they agreed with the military move, and if they thought the decision should have been voted on by parliament first.

The responses, detailed below, were mixed.

Catherine Dobbie, 62, a retired teacher, said: 'I don't think action should have been taken before a parliamentary vote and I don't feel we should be at Mr Trump's beck and call.'

Social enterprise director **Jason McCallum**, 40, said: 'I feel



George McMillan.

a lot of effort needs to be made at home before we try to sort out other countries' problems. Britain seems to think it needs to stand by the United States no matter what but there's a lot going on here that needs to be dealt with first.'

74-year-old retired decorator, **Barry Wilkinson**, said: 'I'm a Christian so I don't get involved in politics at all. I believe peace won't come through man because, if you look at our track record, we've never succeeded in the past.'

Newsagent **George McMillan**, 87, said: 'I think action needed to be taken but it should have gone to a parliamentary vote first.'

Retired **Margaret Lewis**, 73, from Loch



Margaret Lewis.

Sween, whose boat was berthed in Campbeltown during the winter, said: 'I'm fine with the action in Syria and, in all the circumstances, I don't think it needed to be put to a vote.'

Elizabeth Kelly, who is retired, said: 'I agree with the action and I think we were right to carry it out without a vote because Theresa May is the prime minister and I think she has the right to make these decisions.'

39-year-old **Tom Lamb**, who recently moved with his family to Tayinloan from Reading, said: 'Do I agree with the action? Yes and no. We don't interfere in everyone's conflicts, so how do we pick and choose? And it should have gone to

a parliamentary vote, as people shouldn't just make decisions on their own.'



Elizabeth Kelly.

Funeral director **Rhys Blair**, 25, said: 'Our government is always quick to 'help out' the victims of genocide in countries where there is oil. They are not so interested when there is nothing in it for themselves - if Syria had no oil Trump and May would do nothing.'



Rhys Blair.



Tom Lamb.

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The view from Westminster: Brendan O'Hara MP

THERE has only been one item on the Westminster agenda this week and that has been the decision by the Conservative prime minister, Theresa May, to join the USA and France in bombing raids on Syria, without consulting MPs.

Immediately after last week's alleged chemical weapons attack by the Assad regime on the people of Douma, president Donald Trump tweeted the Syrian dictator and his Russian allies that 'nice, new and smart' missiles were headed their way.

At that point, I believe it was incumbent on the prime minister to immediately recall parliament from its Easter recess to seek a mandate for a course of action that could po-

tentially have put the UK and its armed forces at the centre of what was an already chaotic, bloody and destructive war.

She chose not to and I think that was a fundamental error of judgement on her part.

Her argument seems to centre on the fact that decisive action was required and that time was of the essence.

Our armed forces were not in imminent danger of attack.

The prime minister had plenty of time to either recall parliament or, if she wanted, wait until MPs returned to Westminster on Monday.

Her unseemly haste to sanction air-strikes smacks to me of a desperation to curry favour with Donald

Trump rather than seek a mandate from parliament – a practice that has become customary in recent decades.

It is difficult to be certain how the vote would have gone had MPs been allowed a say but I can confirm that I and my SNP colleagues would not have supported this action.

Let me be absolutely clear: the SNP unequivocally condemns the use of any chemical weapons and they must never be normalised as a weapon of war.

They are barbaric and those who use them should be branded as the war criminal that they are.

But as the foreign secretary said on Sunday, these air-strikes were never intended to overthrow the Assad



Brendan O'Hara

regime, and nor were they designed to bring closer a peaceful solution to this awful war.

This was in reality, 'gesture bombing' – essentially dropping bombs on a country without any clear strategic plan to secure a long-lasting and just peace for the beleaguered people of Syria. In following Mr Trump into this conflict, Mrs May risked escalating an already extremely complex and dangerous situation.

Syria needs people to help find a path to peace. It certainly does not need another bel-

Letters extra:

Carradale path wrecked

Sir, Congratulations to the Argyll and Bute road engineers who have transformed a delightful little bramble-lined footpath, which wended from the village to Carradale Village Hall, into an urban motorway – complete with a concrete bridge.

How can one grudge

the odd £700, to replace a pot-hole-wrecked wheel and tyre, when we know that our money is really being spent on such an essential and environmentally friendly project.

Whoever conceived and designed this should at least be made to replant the brambles.

Trish Hurst,
Carradale.

Argyll Bowling Club EGM

Sir, I see that the notice for the Argyll Bowling Club said Friday April 24 for the EGM.

I should have written Friday April 27 at 7.30pm but I am surprised the error was not picked up before printing.

Joyce Oxborrow,
Campbeltown.

MSP sees opportunity in creamery sale

ARGYLL and Bute MSP Michael Russell has said there may be an 'opportunity for local, collective ownership' in response to the news that First Milk intends to sell its Campbeltown creamery.

Mr Russell, who said that the plans had caused 'considerable concern' in Kintyre, commented: 'At the depth of the milk price crisis two years ago, local milk producers investigated the possibility of a community co-operative buy-out but were not given any encourage-

ment by the then First Milk management.

'Now, however, a new management has decided it wants to sell.

'That might present an opportunity for local, collective ownership but it is bound also to create an atmosphere of insecurity.'

On Tuesday, Mr Russell spoke to the chief executive of First Milk, and he has also been in touch with the cabinet secretary for rural affairs.

For more, see page nine.

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Bellochantuy bulbs bloom

ENTRIES to Bellochantuy bulb show exceeded expectations and bulbs in particular bloomed, despite the weather conditions.

The competition was ably judged by Helen Steel and Jessie Main from Largieside SWI, and Jane Griffiths from the Clachan group.

There were competitions not only for those with green fingers, but also for those who enjoy knitting, photography, art and baking.

There were many entries for each class and members enjoyed tea and biscuits while inspecting them.

Results: Best in floral classes: five trumpet daffodils, entered by Libby Kerr. Best overall exhibit: cross stitch entered by Linda Bryce. Bulb and flower

arrangements: Five trumpet daffodils: gold: Libby Kerr. Bowl of spring bulbs: gold: Patricia Fair, Linda Bryce; red: Joan Grady, Karen Kendrick, Libby Kerr. Bowl of three hyacinths: silver: Karen Kendrick. Bowl of narcissi: gold: Janet Hamilton. Flowering pot plant: gold: Lois Fell; silver: Nettie Semple, Barbara Young; red: Karen Kendrick. Foliage pot plant: gold: Angie Smith; silver: Nettie Semple; red: Patricia Fair; blue: Karen Kendrick. Large flower arrangement: red: Karen Kendrick. Small flower arrangement: gold: Karen Kendrick; silver: Diane Roberts; red: Lois Fell. Knitting: pram cover: gold: Lois Fell. Crochet: any item: gold: Linda Bryce; silver: Lois Fell; red: Libby Kerr. Embroidery: cross stitch: gold: Linda Bryce; silver: Lois Fell; red: Elaine Hemmings; blue: Judith Macrae

and Libby Kerr. Evening bag: gold: Linda Bryce; silver: Patricia Fair. Sewing: appliqué wall hanging: gold: Patricia Fair. Photography: transport: gold: Diane Roberts; silver: Joan Grady and Margaret McKinnon. Morning mist: silver: Lois Fell. Design: dress fabric, hand: gold: Libby Kerr. Celebration poster, PC: gold: Lois Fell. Art: animal in any medium: gold: Linda Bryce; silver: Libby Kerr. Baking: Fatless sponge: silver: Diane Roberts; red: Joan Grady. Two soda scones: gold: Nettie Semple; silver: Joan Grady; green: Diane Roberts. Three sausage rolls: gold: Libby Kerr; red: Diane Roberts. Three Shrewsbury biscuits: gold: Lois Fell; silver: Margaret McKinnon; red: Barbara Young; blue: Libby Kerr and Janet Hamilton. Confectionery: rum and raisin fudge: gold: Lois Fell.

KILLEAN AND KILKENZIE



These chatters' empty plates speak volumes about the quality of baking. 50_c16coffeechat03

Guild proves natters matter

THE SUN shone as west Kintyre residents and visitors made their way to A'Chleit for coffee and a chat last week.

The relaxed afternoon, organised by Killean and Kilchenzie Guild, in the church hall, welcomed parishioners as well as

those who don't attend church, including several visitors to the local camp site, to enjoy a cuppa and a blether.

Guild members brought their signature bakes, which people helped themselves to as tea and coffee was served.

Guild leader, Pat



Margaret Morrison and Marion McDonald with some of the ladies' signature bakes. 50_c16coffeechat01

Rawson, said: 'Normally on Wednesdays there is a lunch club in Tayinloan but it's cancelled during school holidays, so we host this event as a way of having a wee get together.'

With fresh, spring flowers on each table, an array of home-baking to choose from and glorious sun shining in the windows, it must have been a delightful afternoon for all.



Ruth Maxwell Macdonald and Enid Williams enjoy a blether. 50_c16coffeechat02

CARRADALE

Glasgow architect's manse restored

A COURIER reader has praised the restoration of an iconic Carradale building designed by one of Glasgow's leading Victorian architects.

The nine-month restoration, by Sloan Builders and Bowman Stewart, Architects, of the former manse, designed by Henry Edward Clifford, included repointing the chimneys, roofwork, plumbing, re-wiring and insulation.

It is unlikely that Clifford, whose grave is in Kilkerran cemetery, would have thought under-floor heating necessary in a manse. The co-owners of Carradales guest house have added that feature.

The manse was built before Kiloran church which Clifford completed in 1887.

Clifford practiced as an architect in Glasgow from 1877 and trained under John Burnet. His best known buildings, outside of Kintyre, were Perth town hall and extensions to Glasgow's Victoria Infirmary.

At the time Campbeltown, was booming, with whisky distilling at its peak. Clifford was appointed to the Campbeltown Burgh school board and designed a large number of other buildings including Auchinlee, Craigard and St Kieran's Episcopal church.



The manse, now re-named Carradales, designed by Henry Edward Clifford.



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Campbeltown Creamery turns sour for First Milk

WORKERS at Campbeltown and Arran creameries heard this week that First Milk (FM), a farmer-owned mutual, has put the factories up for sale.

Currently the site employs 26 people but has been 'financially challenged' according to First Milk.

Local dairy farmer Linda McLean said: 'The potential for Campbeltown creamery with its award-winning cheese and provenance is something to be shouted about, rather than any negative headlines which are no help to the local area in the long run.'

An FM spokesperson said: 'We believe new ownership is the best option for these busi-

nesses to grow and become more profitable.'

FM chief executive officer Shelagh Hancock, who was in Campbeltown this week, said: 'Following a review, we have determined our branded consumer-facing businesses in Campbeltown and on Arran are not a strategic fit for First Milk.'

'A sale would enable us to continue with our focus on developing our major creameries in Haverfordwest and the Lake District.' According to a source, who preferred not to be named, bosses told creamery workers that the farmer-owned co-operative is pulling out of Kintyre.

An FM spokesperson



Campbeltown Creamery.
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added that the review identified there is undoubtedly a market for the premium Mull of Kintyre and Isle of Arran brands.

The spokesperson said: 'However, both require significant investment for activity that is not core to our

strategic direction. We are confident that with the right focus and investment under new ownership the businesses would prosper.

'Campbeltown and Arran Creameries will continue to run as normal during this sale process and we will be

working closely with prospective buyers to ensure a smooth transition.

'We appreciate this decision will affect some of our colleagues, but we hope that under new ownership the sites will thrive, offering good

employment prospects for the future.'

The creamery was acquired in 1997 (initially as a JV) and the business was purchased outright in 2007.

The FM spokesperson added: 'In terms of the asking price, our focus is on seeking a

buyer who will invest and provide the right focus.

'Ultimately we want to secure a positive future for the business and so the asking price will be a matter of discussion, based on what a potential buyer is prepared to pay.'

Tallant bullocks top Islay kilo stakes

UNITED Auctions held its second sale of grazing cattle at Islay Auction Mart on Saturday April 14.

A good selection of 571 grazing type cattle sold to a good turnout of mainland buyers. Bullocks sold to average 246.17 pence per kilo or £916.60 per head (+ 4.34 per kilo or £44.07).

Heifers sold to average 235.35 pence per kilo or £790.93 (+ 3.6 per kilo or £13.34 per head). Bullocks from Tallant sold to 297 pence per kilo, whilst Island Farm led the prices per head in this section at £1,180. Heifers sold to 276 pence per kilo, also from Tallant and Coilabus (Carmichael) sold their Heifers to £1,100.

Principal lots and prices
Top prices per head

Bullocks
AAx: £1,110 (5) and £1,090 (5) – Craigens : £1,060 (8) – Ballmartin : £1,040 (5) – Craigens : £1,030 (11) – Octomore : £1,000 – Ballmartin (7), Sunderland (2) and Craigens (7) : £990 (5) – Ballmartin : £980 – Craigens (9) and Tallant : £970 (6) – Craigens : £960 (14) – Octomore : £940 (5) – Craigens.
BRBx: £940 (3) – Sunderland.
CHARx: £1,020 (11) – Craigfad : £1,000 – Craigens : £990 (7) and £980 – Tallant : £970 – Craigens.
LIMx: £1,100 – Island Farm : £1,100 – Octomore : £1,070 – Coilabus (A Carmichael) : £1,060 (2) – Corry : £1,030 – Lossit (5), Octomore and Corry : £1,020 and £1,000 (2) – Lossit : £1,000 (4) – Kilchiaran : £990 (2) – Corry : £980 (8) – Tallant : £980 (9) – Ballmartin : £960 (2) – Octomore : £950 (8) – Ballychattrigan.
SIMx: £1,180 – Island Farm : £990 (4) – Corry.
Heifers
AAx: £980 (10) – Octomore : £950 (2) and £900 (3) – Craigens : £900 (8) – Octomore.
BRBx: £840 (5) – Sunderland.
CHARx: £1,050 – West End : £910 – Tallant.
LIMx: £1,100 and £960 – Coilabus : £950 (5) – Lossit : £940 (2) and £920 (7) – Kilchiaran : £920 – Ballychattrigan : £920 (6) – Lossit : £900 (2) – Corry.

SIMx: £800 (2) – Kilchiaran.
Top prices per kilo
Bullocks
AAx: 297p and 263p (2) – Tallant : 252p (6), 249p (5) and 248p (5) – Craigens : 246p (14) – Octomore : 245p (14), 244p (4), 243p (11) and 242p (5) – Craigens : 242p (7) – Ballmartin : 240p (14) – Craigens.
BRBx: 246p (2) and 243p (7) – Sunderland.
CHARx: 297p (8) – Tallant : 279p (2) – Ballinaby : 268p – Tallant : 265p (3) – Ballinaby : 254p (11) – Craigfad : 252p – Craigens : 247p (3) – Craigfad (3) : 245p – Craigens.
LIMx: 297p (12) – Tallant : 274p – Achnacloch : 273p – Duich : 271p (2) – Lossit : 269p (10) and 268p (5) – Kilbride : 267p (2) – Mansefield : 266p – Lossit : 264p (4) – Tallant : 261p (9) – Ballmartin.
LUINGx: 269p (2) – Duich.
SIMx: 251p (4) – Corry.
Heifers
AAx: 249p (2) – Craigens.
CHARx: 276p (5) and 267p – Mansefield : 265p (6) and 264p (6) – Ballinaby : 260p (3) – Tallant.
LIMx: 276p (3) – Tallant : 267p (7) – Mansefield : 261p (6) – Tallant : 259p (3) – Kilbride : 258p (6) – Lossit.
LUINGx: 254p (4) – Duich.
SIMx: 240p (2) – Kilchiaran Farm.

Commission seeks views on land ownership in Scotland

THE SCOTTISH Land Commission is reviewing issues associated with scale and concentration in land ownership.

The commission points out that Scotland has an unusually concentrated pattern of land ownership compared to other countries. The pattern has remained largely unchanged for decades.

Concern about the effects that this has on rural communities and the wider public interest has long been a central issue in the

land reform debate in Scotland. To help the Scottish Land Commission better understand the issues, it is opening a call for evidence and experience on concentrated land ownership.

People are invited to contribute examples and experience of issues related to concentrated land ownership, both positive and negative.

The call for evidence will be open until Wednesday May 23.

To take part, visit the Scottish Land Com-

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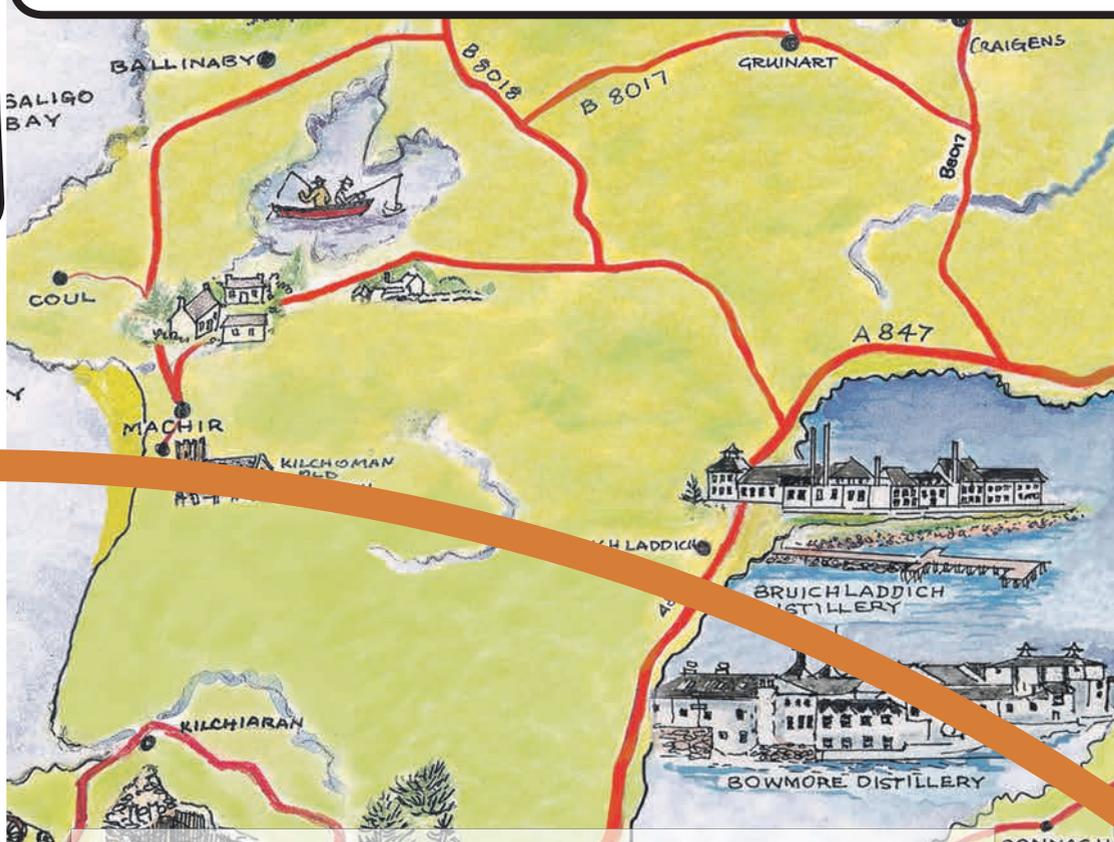


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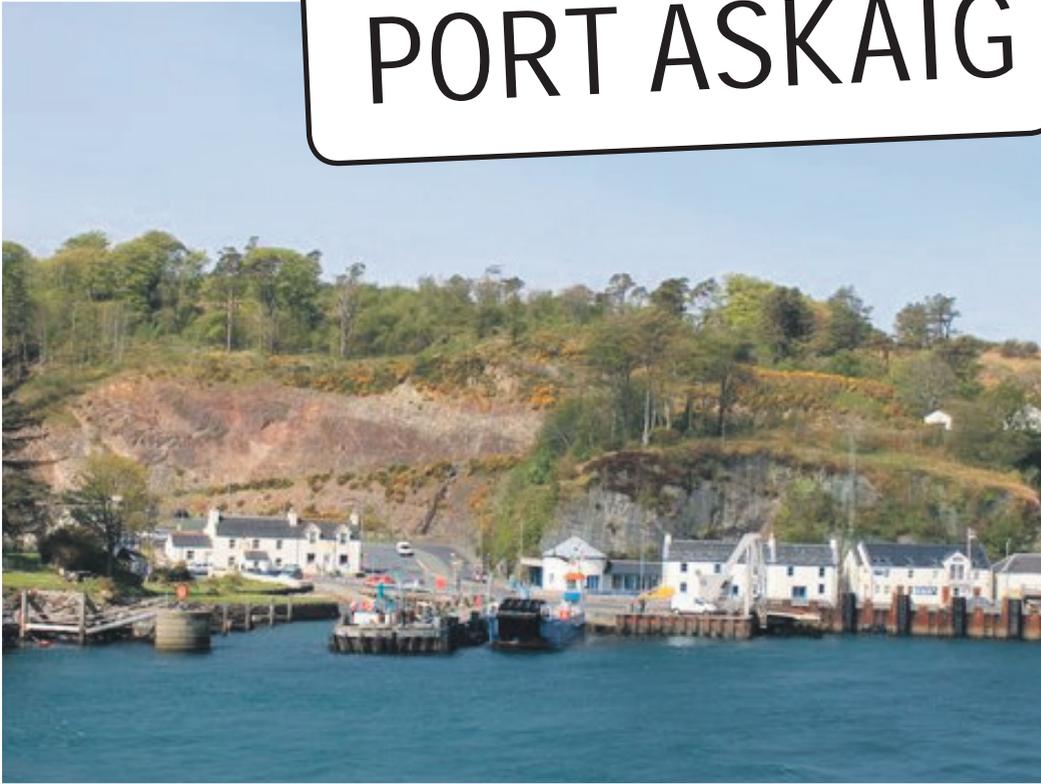
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The journey: A846 links Port Askaig with Port Ellen, passing through Bowmore, the island capital, before ending at Ardbeg. The A847 heads to the west and the B roads 8016-8 take care of most of the rest of an island where the road signs read like a malt lover's dream.

Hopscotch: Port Askaig for Jura and Colonsay and Oban.



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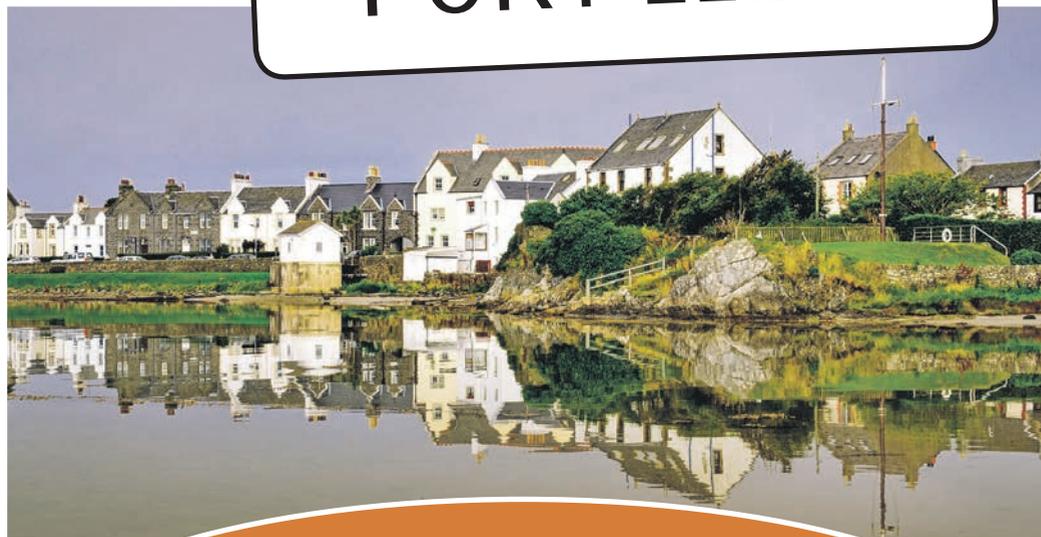
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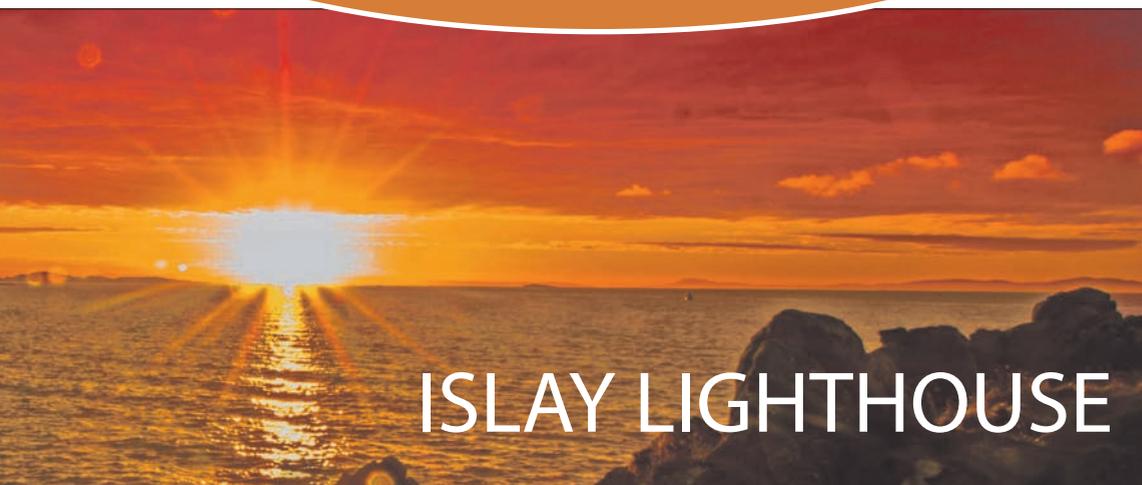


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Kintyre Bridge club's trophy winners



MAESTROS at the card game bridge were presented with trophies in the Ardshiel hotel last week.

Rubber bridge is played all year round on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Campbeltown Town Hall and new players with or without experience are welcomed.

This season's winners from the Kintyre Bridge Club with their trophies are as follows:

The Jackie Wareham trophy



N/S Isobel Grant and Thomas Cameron.
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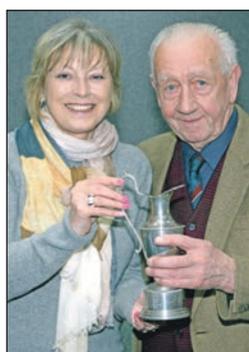


E/W Gloria Cooper and Linda Peacock.
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Ruby Carr trophy



N/S Betty McIntyre and Geoff Bell.
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E/W Cora-Lynn Woolley and James Wilson.
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Police Scotland Youth Volunteers line-up with adult helpers. 25_c16psyv02

Face paints and coffee

CAMPBELTOWN'S Police Scotland Youth Volunteers were stationed in Kirk Street's Red Cross hall for the venue's last coffee morning.

As the hall's role as a prime venue for Campbeltown's coffee mornings comes to an end, it was one of the newest voluntary organisations which filled it, with a good spread of youths, proud mums, dads, relatives and friends.

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers were formed in August last year and is run by PC Karen Cairns.

Saturday's event, which raised

more than £600 for the group's activities, included guess the number of sweets in a jar, face painting, a bottle stall, raffle and home baking, as well as refreshments.

Thanks

Organiser PC Cairns said: 'Thanks to everyone who baked and donated prizes for the raffle and especially to Campbeltown Co-op which donated all the supplies.'

The organisation has a busy summer schedule ahead, including duties at May's MOK Run, the Gigha Challenge at the end of this month and the Carradale Canter.



Delicate flowers were painted on Lileigh Allen's face by Tracy McLaren. 25_c16lileighallen01

From our Facebook: Plastic pollution revolution?

Hannah O'Hanlon
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THE PLASTIC recycling process could be revolutionised as scientists have enhanced a naturally-occurring enzyme which digests some of the most common pollutants.

The enzyme, known as PETase, starts breaking down PET, a strong, commonly-used plastic which takes hundreds of years

to decompose naturally, in days.

It is hoped this will contribute to a reduction in plastic pollution, in particular marine litter.

Last weekend, Surfers Against Sewage representative Christie Middleton organised a spring clean at Westport beach to tackle the current problem.

The *Courier* shared details of the event

on Facebook and received comments from some of our followers with their opinions on marine rubbish.

Paul Humphreys said: 'Litter bins along the beach might help lessen the amount of plastic from being disposed of on the beach.'

Simon Freeman asked: 'And who's going to empty them?'

Paul Humphreys responded: 'How do oth-

er countries fund their beach cleaning. Could the council do a beach run with a bin lorry, I really don't know. It was just a thought, I love that beach.'

Ross McGregor replied: 'Most of the plastic cleaned from the beach is from marine litter which washes in with the tide. The major problem is the amount of single-use plastics used in every-

day life and then discarded.'

Justin Hall said: 'Love the west coast of Scotland and Campbeltown, been going there for last three decades or more to see family etc, best place ever.'

Mary King added: 'Wish I was there to help. I love Westport.'

For more on the beach clean, see the facing page.

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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

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Then there is the whisky . . . our distilleries are legendary. People come from all over the world to visit them, so it is only right that we put out the welcome mat and throw the odd festival or two.

The rise of the book festival is a recent phenomenon, with authors coming from all over and heading to the remotest of locations as people enjoy the written word together.

And all these events take place in some of the most stunning and unspoiled countryside in Europe. You will find countryside festivals taking place this summer and even one for star gazers on the dark-sky designated Isle of Coll.

Special mention has to go this year to Campbeltown and its newly renovated Picture House - one of the oldest in the world - as it holds its first film festival.

This festival guide is just the beginning - our guides to all the Highland games and gatherings and agricultural shows will be published in coming weeks.

So start planning your good times!

Nicky Murphy,
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It's festival

MÒD-FESTIVALS

Get to the heart of the West Highlands with Gaeldom's finest
From Victorian beginnings to today's computer age, An Comunn leads the way

THE bedrock of Gaelic culture in the Highlands has to be An Comunn Gàidhealach.

Founded in Oban in 1891, the organisation has been at the heart of the promoting and keeping alive of Gaelic culture through its teaching, lobbying and the famous network of Mòds.

It has also developed many international links and friendships not only with other Gaelic speaking countries but around the globe.

Apart from being a great social and cultural event, there is a place in the Mòds for everyone from the tiniest tots and beginners in the language to fluent Gaelic speakers.

Competitions include singing, all kinds of music-making through to drama, recitation and the written word.

The 'provincial' Mòds are smaller local events in communities throughout the Highlands and also towns and cities that have Gaelic-speaking populations. They all build towards October and the annual Royal National Mòd - a glorious event lasting for more than a week, full of the finest that Gaeldom has to offer, not to mention some very impressive parties.

Those in the know make their way to Mull for its Mòd only weeks before as many of the top choirs and soloists use this as their final 'warm-up' performances before the big event.

This year the Royal National Mòd takes place in Dunoon, from October 12-20.

The provincial Mòds

Lochaber, 11-12 May

Uist, 25-26 May

Skye, 30 May - 2 June

Harris, 31 May - 1 June

East Kilbride, 1-2 June

Oban, 1-2 June

Sutherland & Caithness (Bettyhill) 2 June

Lewis, 5-8 June

Glasgow, 8-9 June

Perth & Angus (Aberfeldy) 8-9 June

Ardnamurchan, Friday 15 June

Inverness, 15-16 June

Islay, 23 June

Mull 8-9 September

Mòd Loch Aillse

Barra

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Front page image: We Banjo 3 performing at Oban Live 2017

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Fèis-inating!

If you want to discover the future Gaelic stars of tomorrow, look no further than a local Fèis.

COME and visit the world of the fèis where a love of Gaelic arts and performance is celebrated and instilled through a network of tuition and events.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is the National Association of Scottish Gaelic Arts youth tuition festivals.

The organisation was founded in 1988 to expand and support the organisation of local Gaelic arts tuition festivals and develop these community-based festivals throughout Scotland with immersive teaching courses, specialising in traditional music and culture.

You might end up taking part; if not, each fèis usually ends with a concert where the participants showcase all that they have learned.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is currently putting the finishing touches to its programme for this year's Blas – a nine-day celebration each September of the music, language, song and culture of the Highlands, taking place across a number of venues.

Also eagerly awaited are the details of their year's ceilidh trails, cèilodhean air chuairt, which show case the talents of young performers aged 16 to 25 in a professional summer tour in their local area, with the support of their tutors and teams of professional musicians. Check the Fèisean nan Gàidheal website for the final details.

These events give the young musicians incredible experience to help them develop as performers at the same time creating fantastic evenings for everyone to go along and enjoy. The Scottish music scene is packed full of musicians who will tell you they got their first taste of performing in front of live audiences at these events.

Fèis

Fèis Ghallaibh – Thurso High School – April 21

Fèis na h-Òige – Inverness Gaelic Primary School – April 28

Fèis na h-Apaine – Strath of Appin Primary School – April 28

Fèis Thiriodh – Isle of Tiree – 2-6 July

Fèis Tìr an Eòrna – Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath, North Uist – 2-6 July

Fèis Eilean na Hearadh – Tarbert, Isle of Harris – 2-6 July

Fèis Chataibh – Golspie High School – 2-6 July

Fèis na h-Òige – Inverness Gaelic Primary School – 2-6 July

Fèis Eige – Isle of Eigg – 4-6 July

Fèis An Eilein – Isle of Skye – 6 July – 24 August

Fèis Tìr a' Mhurain – Iochdar School - South Uist – 9-13 July

Fèis Bharraigh – Castlebay Community School, Isle of Barra – 9-13 July

Fèis nan Garbh Chrìochan – Acharacle Primary School – 9-13 July

Fèis Gleann Albainn – Fort Augustus – 16-20 July

Fèis Thròndairnis – Staffin Primary School – 23-27 July

Fèis Eilean an Fhraoich – Stornoway, Isle of Lewis – 23-27 July

Fèis an Rubha – Sgoil an Rubha, Isle of Lewis – 30 July-3 August

Fèis Lochabair – Lochaber Gaelic Primary School Caol, Fort William – 6-10 August

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A feast of festivals !

Start planning your good times and come join in the fun

Loch Shiel Spring Festival	various locations	19-22 April
Mull Music Festival	Tobermory, Isle of Mull	19-23 April
Gintyre	Campbeltown	20-22 April
Fiddlers' Rally	Oban	28 April
Carradale Music Festival	Carradale	28-29 April
Colonsay Book Festival	Isle of Colonsay	28-29 April
Colosay Spring Festival	Isle of Colonsay	30 April-20 May
Highlands & Islands Music and Dance Festival	Oban	4-6 May
Kintyre Songwriters' Festival	Campbeltown	4-6 May
Scapa Yoga Fest	Ardkinglas, Loch Fyne	4-6 May
BikeFyne	Loch Fyne Oysters	5 May
Ullapool Book Festival	Ullapool	11-13 May
Coll Bird Festival	Isle of Coll	18-20 May
Scottish Comedy Film Festival	Campbeltown Picture House	11-13 May
Fyne at 40 Food Fair	Loch Fyne Oysters, Cairndow	12-13 May
Gig in the Goil	Lochgoilhead	11-13 May
Campbeltown Malts Festival	Campbeltown	23-25 May
Skye Accordion & Fiddle Festival	Portree, Isle of Skye	24-26 May
Bluebell Music Festival	George Hotel, Inveraray	25-27 May
Islay Festival of Music & Malt	Isles of Islay & Jura	25 May-2 June
Mhòr Festival	Balquidder, Perthshire	25-27 May
Oban Festival of the Sea	Ocean Explorer Centre, Dunbeg	26-27 May
FyneFest	Glen Fyne, Inveraray	1-3 June
Oban Live	Oban	8-9 June
Arran Folk Festival	Brodick, Isle of Arran	8-10 June
Eigg Anniversary Celebrations	Isle of Eigg	9 June
Skye Food & Drink Festival	Portree, Isle of Skye	13-14 June
MidFest Music Festival	Campbeltown	15-16 June
Scottish Rally Championship, Round 4	Dunoon	23 June
Arran Malt & Music Festival	Isle of Arran	29 June-1 July
Gigha Music Festival	Isle of Gigha	29-30 June
Ceòlas Uibhist	South Uist	1-6 July
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull, and other locations	1-7 July
Tarbert Seafood Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	7-8 July
Cantilena Festival	Isle of Islay	8-13 July
Tiree Music Festival	Isle of Tiree	13-15 July
Heb Celt	Stornoway, Isle of Lewis	18-21 July
Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	20-22 July
Bute Studio Tour	Various open studios across Isle of Bute	21-22 July
Tarbert Fair	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	26-28 July
Eilean Dorcha Festival	Benbecula	27-28 July
ButeFest	Isle of Bute	27-29 July
Belladrum	Beaul, Inverness	2-4 August
MOKfest, Mull of Kintyre Music Festival	Campbeltown	8-12 August
Art Map Argyll	Various open studios across mainland Argyll	24-27 August & 1-2 September
Blas	venues still being confirmed	7-15 September
Skye Book Festival & Antiquarian Book Fair	Portree	6-8 September
Best of the West Festival	Inveraray	7-9 September
Ceòl Cholas	Isle of Colonsay	12-16 September
Lagavulin Jazz Festival	Isle of Islay	14-16 September
Tarbert Music Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	14-16 September
Coll Home Coming	Isle of Coll	15-22 September
Hebrides International Film Festival	Lewis, Harris, Uists & Barra	19-22 September
Cowal Open Studios	Various open studios across Cowal Peninsula	21-24 September
Three Lochs Books and Arts Festival	Sunart Centre, Strontian	21-22 September
Jura Music Festival	Isle of Jura	21-23 September
Bookends Festival	Benderloch	22-29 September
Islay Book Festival	Isle of Islay	27-30 September
Loopallu	Ullapool	28-29 September
Callender Jazz & Blues Festival	Callendar	28-30 September
Ullapool Guitar Festival	Ullapool	5-7 October
Coll and the Cosmos	Isle of Coll	6-7 October
CowalFest	Cowal Peninsula	5-12 October
Colonsay Autumn Food & Drink Festival	Isle of Colonsay	10-23 October
Tarbert Book Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	26-28 October
Mallaig Book Festival	Mallaig	9-10 November
Oban Winter Festival	Oban	16-25 November

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Fyne Ales gets ready for biggest FyneFest ever!




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Argyll brewery Fyne Ales have revealed that they are anticipating that this year's FyneFest, their annual, family-friendly festival of beer, food and music, will be the biggest in the event's nine-year history.

This year's festival, taking place at the Fyne Ales brewery estate near Cairndow from 1-3 June, will see almost 3,000 thirsty festival-goers visit scenic Glen Fyne to sample beers from the award-winning host brewery and over forty guest breweries from the UK and Europe.

'The response to FyneFest 2018 has been incredible - we've been blown away by the enthusiasm for this year's event,' commented Fyne Ales MD, Jamie Delap. 'We've increased capacity for this year's festival to meet demand and we're on course to sell out of tickets for the biggest FyneFest ever!'

Several changes have been implemented for the 2018 festival to allow for additional capacity, with a second campervan field available, a super-sized main marquee to house additional seating and dancefloor space, and more staff on hand to pour beer to excited festival attendees. Over 30 guest breweries are already confirmed for FyneFest 2018, with the best of UK brewing set to be showcased at the Argyll event - among the familiar faces including Cloudwater, Magic Rock, Beavertown and Fierce Beer, there are several festival debutants including South coast breweries, Vibrant Forest and Unity, Scotland's Top Out and Natural Selection breweries and Burnt Mill, recently named the UK's best new brewery by popular beer tracking website, Ratebeer.

'It's important to mix up the brewery list each year - not only so festival-goers get to try new beers, but also to give young breweries a platform to reach new people,' offered Iain Smith, FyneFest beer curator. 'Of course, Fyne Ales will have a few new and special releases on offer too!'

FyneFest, runner-up for Best Outdoor Festival at the 2017 SOLA awards, also offers kids activities, tours, talks, tastings, Glen Fyne walks and food from twelve street-food vendors including Loch Fyne Oysters. A full weekend of live music designed to get festival attendees on their feet and dancing is headlined by Glasgow's Colonel Mustard & The Dijon 5 and Brighton's Holy Moly & The Crackers.

Tickets for FyneFest 2018, including discount tickets for those local to the brewery, are on sale now and selling fast. Under-13s and dogs go free, visit www.fynefest.com for all the info and to book!



8th Annual Best of the West Festival

7-9 September 2018

On the 7th, 8th and 9th of September 2018 the gates to the grounds of the iconic Inveraray Castle will open for the 8th annual Best of the West Festival. The festival is now arguably Scotland's finest boutique festival, one where music and food lovers from the world over gather to celebrate the very best in Scottish music, food and drink. The marquees all will be bigger and the beer bars longer for the biggest BOWFest yet.

Music headliners include: Tide Lines and Seven Nations (Friday); Donnie Munro Band, Heron Valley and Dr Hip and the Blues Operation (Saturday) and Skipinnish, Bwani Junction and The Hur (Sunday).

Three days, three stages, 22 Bands, 100+ musicians, six local Celebrity Chefs, one amazing castle, lots of children's activities, no mud and all under canvas.

Whether you're a gourmand who relishes in the intricacies of fine dining, or a

regular foodie excited about tucking into Argyll's local food, the award winning Food from Argyll and friends will be serving regional specialities, you'll definitely enjoy the gastronomic offerings The Best of the West Festival showcases. There will be also the opportunity to discover your favourite west coast malt or gin in the Loch Fyne Whisky Marquee. www.bowfest.co.uk Facebook, Twitter, Instagram: @BOWFestArgyll



On the back of their new album release and UK tour, Tide Lines will close the Friday evening at BOWFest 2018 - It's sure to be fantastic!

Loch Fyne Oysters celebrates 40 years with its Fyne at 40 weekend

In 1978 local landowner Johnny Noble and marine biologist Andy Lane began farming oysters in the clear waters of Loch Fyne and selling them from a shed beside the A83. On the evening of Friday 11 May this year a ceilidh will take place followed by a spectacular fireworks show over the Loch. This will be followed by a special 'Fyne at Forty' weekend festival to mark the company's 40th anniversary.



Early days at the Oyster Bar - Founders Johnny Noble and Andy Lane

competition or practise your navigation with our treasure hunt amidst the fantastic Loch Fyne scenery.

Children can get their faces painted before being entertained with musical activities and grown-ups can unwind with demonstrations from top chefs as well as wine and whisky tastings. There will be great food available, and great music to enjoy in the entertainment beer marquee.

Over the two-day 'Fyne at Forty' event, festival goers will be given access to areas normally closed to the public, such as the oyster sheds where every oyster is graded, purified and hand-checked for freshness before being despatched to customers around the world.

There will be tours of nearby historic Ardkinglas House, and you can test your chef skills in our oyster shucking

On Saturday evening (12 May) join us for an unmissable evening with iconic Scottish duo Hue and Cry. With a limited number of tickets available this is a rare opportunity to enjoy an intimate gig in a truly stunning location at the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar.

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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 privilege 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 was established in 2001 and now attracts audiences from as far afield as Germany and Italy, thanks to the intimate and informal atmosphere of the venues which include some of the island's famous malt whisky distilleries.

The 2018 Festival runs from Sunday 8 July to Friday 13 July. The programme includes music by Vivaldi, Brahms, Bridge and Shostakovich. Some of the works have been chosen to reflect the commemorative events taking place on Islay marking the loss of the SS Tuscania and HMS Otranto during WWI.

Tickets are available from the Celtic Shop, Bowmore from 1st June, or by contacting admin@cantilenafestival.co.uk.

During the last weekend in September on Islay you'll hear the waves on the shore, the wind in the trees and the rustle of pages being turned at the island's annual book festival.

This is one of the first of the literary events launched in the area and its reputation and ability to attract a wide range of authors continues to grow each year.

This year participants will include Bernard MacLaverty, Ian Stephen, Brian Johnstone, Janis MacKay, Chrys Salt, Lin Anderson and Les Wilson and many more.

The programme has a good blend of fiction, maritime tales, local history, crime fiction, poetry, contemporary work plus workshops and children's story times.

The festival will also feature work on the the First World War, which ties in with other events on the island. Islay is hosting one of Scotland's major commemorations for the centenary of the war; every community on the island lost men serving during the conflict and there was the torpedoing of a troopship and a collision at sea off the Islay coast which cost many more lives. Events are being held throughout 2018.

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Over the years the Festival has seen many great performances and this year to celebrate our 25th Anniversary we have a star studded lineup which includes Scottish Music Festival scene favourites

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Also

The Jura Ceilidh Band, Rhuvaal, Pete Smoke and the Roaches, Travelling Jukebox, The Cumbrae Pipers, Ian Douglas story teller and much more!

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Getting to Jura could not be easier. For the very rich: charter a sea plane or pilot your jet into Islay Airport. Super yachts should anchor off-shore and passengers use one of the motor launches; helicopters can be accommodated on the island with advance notice or use Islay Airport.



For the rest of us heading to Jura for the music festival, who aren't yachties, or don't have some handy cousins who own a fishing boat, the secret is to get yourselves to Tayvallich to catch the Jura passenger ferry to Craighouse.

You can arrive at Port Askaig by CalMac ferry or by flying into Islay Airport on a scheduled service and booking a taxi.

CalMac's most frequent sailings are from Kennacraig to Port Askaig or Port Ellen; if you catch the boat for Port Ellen, then it's the bus or a taxi for you.

But once on Jura, whatever your bank balance, whatever the weather and whether you are young or old, a good time is guaranteed. See you there. And don't forget the Jura Hotel offers a camping package.

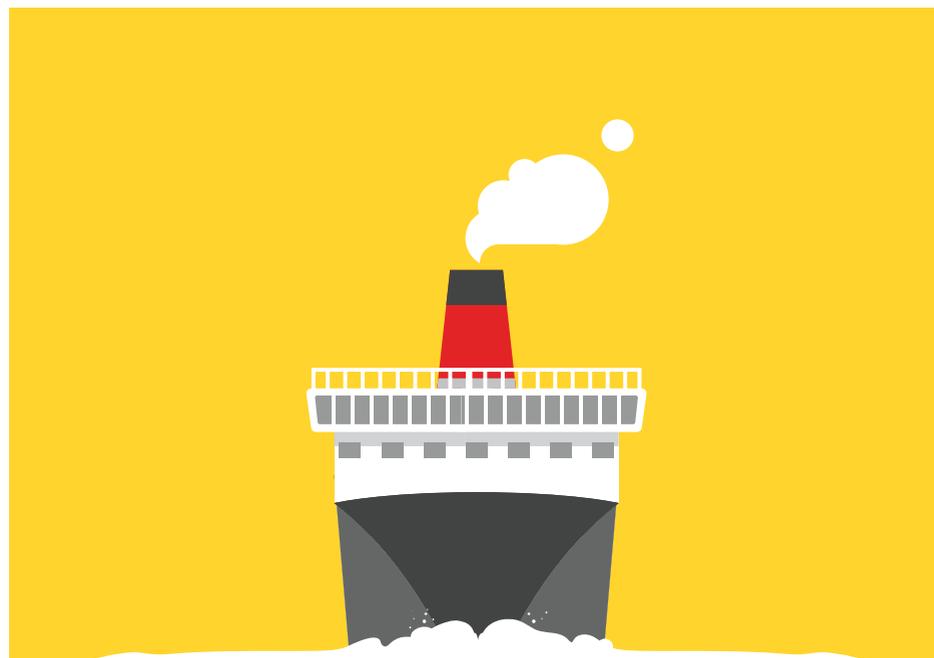
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Mendelssohn on Mull Festival 2018

The Mendelssohn on Mull Festival was founded in 1988 by the revered violinist Leonard Friedman. It celebrates the composer's visit to this part of the world in 1829 with a week of music-making specialising in the chamber music for strings that was so important to him.

The Festival presents a dozen concerts, between Monday July 2nd and Saturday July 7th, in venues all over the Isle of Mull, on Iona and in Oban, but its focus is on training. This year nine gifted musicians who are starting in the profession will collaborate with the world-famous Doric String Quartet in a variety of groupings. Not only are the concerts generally admission free but this year it will be possible to attend open rehearsals, introductory lectures, and an award-winning film about Mendelssohn.

This year is the first of four in



which the Doric Quartet will be Artistic Directors. They visited Mull and Oban last autumn and they are looking forward to inspiring their younger colleagues and making wonderful music at the traditional time of year. They have selected musicians of great promise and the standard of their performances will be

the equivalent of any in the great concert halls of the world. The chance to be present in an unassuming venue on Mull and witness this magic at work is what makes the Mendelssohn on Mull Festival unique.

Details are available on the Festival's website -
www.mendelssohnonmull.com

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The Arran Malt & Music Festival 2018

EVENTS HELD 29TH JUNE - 1ST JULY



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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 29th June to 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 30th June, the Festival starts at 11am and features whisky masterclasses where you have the opportunity to get really involved, chat to 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 and food masterclass, matching some of the

best Arran produce with Single Malts from the distillery. A real gourmet experience! There will also be the chance to taste rarely available limited expressions of The Arran Single Malt Whisky by the dram.

Their annual special Festival Single Cask 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 'Tide Lines' and the official Arran Distillery band 'James and the Staves'. Entry to the festival Saturday 11am – 5pm is free. Masterclass and Saturday evening ceilidh tickets can be purchased from www.arranevents.com.



www.arranwhisky.com



Tarbert – a whole world of festivals!



THE 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 sea, food, music and literature.

The excitement begins May 25-28 with The Scottish Series, Scotland's premier annual yachting regatta. 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 Tarbert Harbour Authority, whose facilities are ever improving, provide a warm welcome for all competitors from the Harbour Master and staff.

The Seafood Festival, which is held in July 7-8, 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, 20-22 July draws beautiful vessels of all kinds from across Scotland and Ireland over 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 14-16, it features a full programme including the popular Fèis for children in the morning and adults in the afternoon plus 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 relaxed vibe and fantastic local seafood in the hotels and restaurants.

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 26th-28th October

Camping is available in the shadow of Robert the Bruce's castle and scenic walks along the Kintyre Way make Tarbert an ideal destination weekend for the whole family, so pack a tent and come along! www.tarbertfestivals.co.uk

And also remember the Tarbert Christmas Fair with crafts stores, Santa's Grotto and the switching on of the village Christmas lights - date to be confirmed.

TARBERT FESTIVALS 2018

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.

Come to Tarbert and experience life on Scotland's west coast - you will be made most welcome.



Scottish Series
25-28 May



Tarbert Seafood Festival
7-8 July



Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival
20-22 July



Tarbert Fair
26-28 July



Tarbert Music Festival
14-16 September



Tarbert Book Festival
26-28 October 2018



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FRI 11 - SUN 13 MAY

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PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

The Wind in the Willows
Encore Screening captured live at the London Palladium

Desert Island Films with Dave Johns and Vladimir McTavish LIVE
Dave Johns shares his top movie moments

The Giant Custard Pie Splat FREE
Everyone is invited to throw a pie or two – check online for details!

Animation & Comedy Workshops FREE, book in advance

Bunkered! Big Screen Comedy from the Archives LIVE
Hand picked vintage Scottish films featuring some of our best-loved comics accompanied by live performance from the BBC's Jamie MacDougall

I, Fillum Star - Dave Johns LIVE
The award-winning star of I, Daniel Blake returns to his stand up roots to share his hilarious rollercoaster ride along the red carpet in his hit one-man show

Spontaneous Potter LIVE
The Spontaneous Players present an entirely new improvised Harry Potter adventure with live musical accompaniment - a magical hit!

Screenings include: **The Man in the White Suit, Walk Like A Panther, Toni Erdmann, That Sinking Feeling, Blazing Saddles, Hunt for the Wilderpeople, The Divine Order (Glasgow Film Festival on Tour) and more.**

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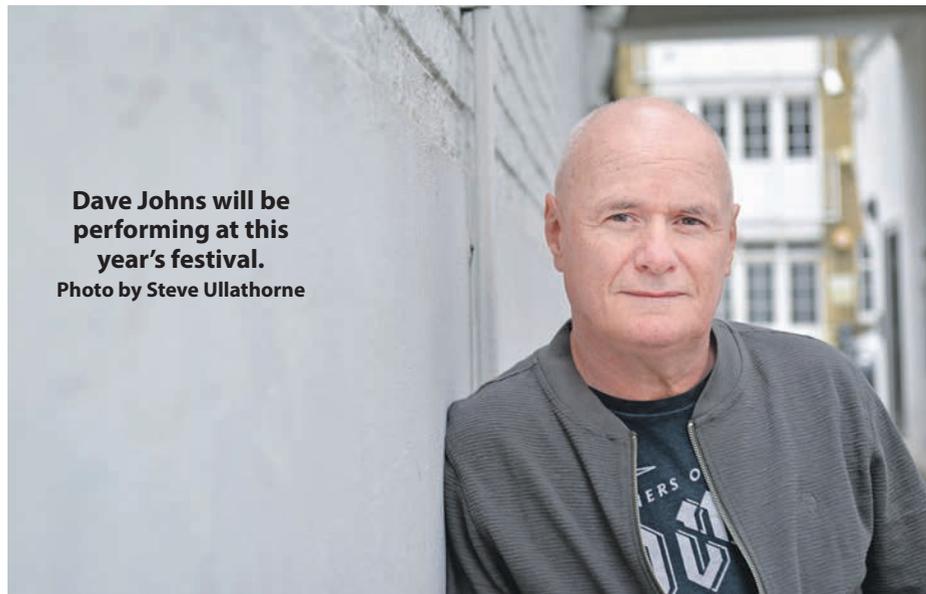
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SCOFF - Scotland's newest and funniest film festival

Dave Johns will be performing at this year's festival.

Photo by Steve Ullathorne



SCOFF, the first edition of Scotland's only comedy film festival, will take place at Campbeltown Picture House from Friday 11th – Sunday 13th May 2018.

The newly restored cinema, with its second screen, café bar and education room will host screenings, live events, workshops, a pop up bar and more during SCOFF.

Dave Johns, stand up comic, writer and star of award-winning I, Daniel Blake will headline the live programme with his hit one man show I, FILLUM STAR about his extraordinary experience in the film world. He'll also share his DESERT ISLAND FILMS with fellow comedian Vladimir McTavish.

BUNKERED! features handpicked films from the archives featuring Scottish comedy favourites from Harry Lauder to Francie & Josie, with live performance from world-class singer, BBC presenter

and Lauder expert, Jamie MacDougall.

A sell-out wherever it goes, **SPONTANEOUS POTTER** will see a brand new adventure magically improvised on the spot with live music.

Two free workshops will help people make their own comic shorts and animations. The first custard pie was thrown on film the same year as the Picture House opened, and organisers are inviting people to join a giant custard pie splat during SCOFF too.

Screenings will include new and vintage comedy, including Singalong Moana, Blazing Saddles, The Man in the White Suit, Bill Forsyth's zero budget debut That Sinking Feeling, international hit Toni Erdmann and more, along with an **ENCORE** screening of musical Wind in the Willows starring Rufus Hound.

Tickets and full info at www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk

Rave Legends to Headline MOK Fest 2018

The 26th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival or MOK Fest as it is more commonly known runs from August 8th – 12th. The Saturday night concerts on Aug 11th promise something for everyone. The MOK Fest welcomes the return of rave legends The Time Frequency (TTF) headlining the Victoria Hall all standing concert with DJ Rankin and Gullion also performing. The Traditional concert the same night in Campbeltown Heritage Centre will headline with Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham who will be supported by young four piece folk band Helca.

The Grouse Ceilidh Band is guaranteed to get everyone dancing at the Festival Ceilidh Night on Aug 10th Campbeltown band Rhuvaal along with 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 concert on Aug 12th will have another great line-up with Eddie Seaman and Luc McNally who will be joined by Darren MacLean, Western Sound, Ciaran Mulholland and Scooter Muse, don't forget to pick up your free sponsors whisky miniature at the door.

The Festival Gaelic Night on Aug 8th features Kim Carnie and Innes White plus many more and the Young Folk Night on Aug 9th promises another great selection of young performers from across Kintyre.

The Festival ends on Aug 12th with Survivors Night which sees the return of Slainte Davaar Allstars to headline plus the debut of Deep Under Gullion. Also performing will be Alex & Archie McAllister, Gilchristians plus a few special surprise acts across the night.

There's also loads of free open air events and music in the hotels and bars around the town.

For further information visit our website at www.mokfest.com or email mokfest@hotmail.co.uk

MULL OF KINTYRE
MUSIC FESTIVAL
08 - 12 AUGUST 2018

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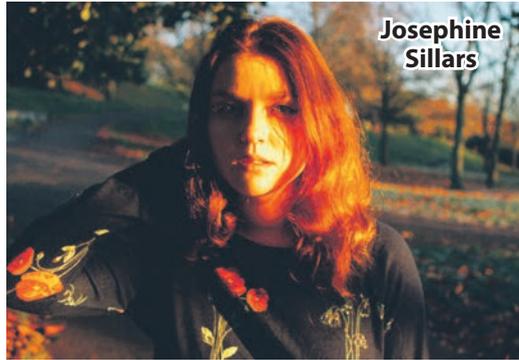
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Woomble, Welsh and hip-hop legend for Kintyre Songwriters Festival



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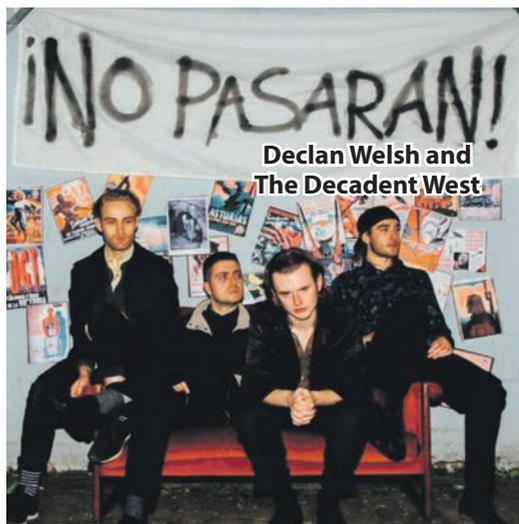
Josephine Sillars



Simmons Is Old



Roddy Woomble



Declan Welsh and The Decadent West



Carly Connor

This year is the 10th anniversary of the Kintyre Songwriters Festival and over the past decade the event has earned a national reputation as the place to see the stars of Scottish music in an intimate setting. This year is no exception and the holiday weekend of 4th-6th of May will see local talent joined by some of the best live performers from across the country. Headliners on Friday night at Whisky Macs are Scottish rock-rap sensations Simmons Is Old. Probably the most respected voice in Scottish hip-hop, frontman Mog has released several critically-acclaimed albums and performed at the opening ceremony of the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Also performing are rising Glasgow new-wave pop-rockers 100 Fables, recent winners of the Hard Rock Cafe European Battle Of The Bands competition. Support comes from local acts including The Twisted Melons, Sleeping With The Enemy and The Dubious Blues Band. Saturday headliners at Campbeltown Town Hall are Declan Welsh and The Decadent West whose politicised pop-punk has seen them compared to The Clash. A star very much on the rise, Declan's new single 'Shiny Toys' has been playlisted by Spotify and the Premier League. Main support comes from Easterhouse's answer to Janis Joplin, the incredible Carly Connor who has toured with Paolo Nutini and performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival. Another guest performer is Rhona MacFarlane, a Royal

Conservatoire graduate who has recently performed at Celtic Connections and on the Janice Fosythe show on BBC Radio Scotland. They are joined by Campbeltown's own Matt MacAllister who will be performing at the festival for the first time since the viral success of his 'Scottish Winds' video, festival favourites Gullion, newcomer George Hackett and many more. Sunday headliner is Idlewild singer Roddy Woomble, returning to Campbeltown for the first time since headlining the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival in 2006. Roddy will be performing an intimate acoustic set suited to the unique songwriters festival atmosphere. Support comes from Josephine Sillars and the Manic Pixie Dreams. Originally from the Highlands, Josephine has toured internationally after a string of sold-out performances at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Sunday also sees the return of the original lineup of local band A New Hope? plus festival favourites The Gilchristians performing the music of festival founder Kenneth Campbell Gilchrist. There will also be some very special guest performers for the 10th anniversary. With over six hours of music each night, plus the famous open stage at Whisky Macs in the afternoon, the festival has something for everyone. More information at www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk

Friday 4th May	Saturday 5th May	Sunday 6th May
SIMMONS IS OLD	DECLAN WELSH AND THE DECADENT WEST	RODDY WOOMBLE
100 FABLES	CARLY CONNOR	JOSEPHINE SILLARS AND THE MANIC PIXIE DREAMS
THE TWISTED MELONS	RHONA MACFARLANE	THE GILCHRISTIANS
GULLION	MATT MACALLISTER	A NEW HOPE?
SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY	GULLION	ACOUSTIC BUTTERFLY
THE DUBIOUS BLUES BAND	ROSS MACINNES BAND	THE TWISTED MELONS
ROSS MACINNES BAND	DEEP JOY	GARETH CROLL
UNDER SMOKE	THOMAS JORDAN	THE DUBIOUS BLUES BAND
THE STRUNTS	THE STRUNTS	DONALD MACNEILL
NATIONS	SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY	DAVID BISSET
Whisky Macs, Campbeltown Doors 7pm Free before 11:30pm, £3 after	COLIN CAMPBELL	SWANFACTORY
	GEORGE HACKETT	CHRIS ANNETTS
	HOPE STRANG	ALAN ANDERSON
	UNDER SMOKE	
	Campbeltown Town Hall Doors 7pm Tickets £17.50	Campbeltown Town Hall Doors 7pm Tickets £17.50
	Tickets available from: A.P. Taylor, Campbeltown Whisky Macs, Campbeltown Campbeltown Town Hall Online at Ticketweb.co.uk	
	Open stage Saturday and Sunday afternoons at Whisky Macs	
	www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk	

The 27th Skye Festival, Fèis an Eilein, takes place between 6 July and 24 August.

A celebration of island culture and performing arts, the popular festival is showcased over two summer months at venues in Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Sleat, and around the Isle of Skye.

Although the festival's roots are firmly planted in the Celtic music tradition, events in theatre, dance, comedy, children's shows, circus, literature and world music are also lined up for summer audiences.

This year's trad events include concerts by Charlie McKerron, Saltfish Forty, Fergie MacDonald, Adam Sutherland, Anzo Lorenzo, Alastair McCulloch, Skip Gorman, Routes Quartet, Mary Ann Kennedy and the Kaela Rowan Band.

Other highlights include concerts by the Scottish Ensemble; the National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland present Rush Hour;

Alasdair Fraser's Mammoth Fiddle Night; Alan Bissett and his hilarious Moira Monologues and a murder mystery evening with three of Scotland's most popular crime writers.

As well as the Fèis, there are many other events and exhibitions around the Island during the months of July and August and the festival atmosphere continues with a number of lively fringe events in Sleat. These include exhibitions of local arts and crafts, cèilidhs, house parties and concerts, charity cafés, as well as folk clubs, Scottish step dance and Gaelic classes, and open music and survival sessions.

For full details of times, venues, local information and to book tickets, pick up a programme from outlets across the Island, contact SEALL on 01471 844207, info@seall.co.uk or visit www.skyefestival.scot



FÈIS AN EILEIN THE SKYE FESTIVAL

6 JULY TO 24 AUGUST 2018

at Sabhal Mor Ostaig Sleat and various venues around Skye

Charlie McKerron | Saltfish Forty | Alasdair Fraser | Fergie MacDonald | Alan Bissett | Adam Sutherland | Anzo Lorenzo | NYJOS | Skip Gorman | Routes Quartet | Mary Ann Kennedy | plus circus, workshops, children's shows, cèilidh dances, house concerts, roadshows, exhibitions, sessions, charity cafés and a lively festival fringe

www.skyefestival.scot

Fèis an Eilein
THE SKYE FESTIVAL



Mhor Festival 2018 welcomes

This May some of Scotland's hottest up and coming stars will take to the stage on the bonnie banks of Loch Voil, some for the very first time.

Taking place between the 25th and 27th of May the regional Thistle Award winning Mhor Festival returns for its seventh year and unfolds in the fields of one of the UK's most renowned hotels, described by Conde Nast Traveller as the 'Daddy Cool of the Trossachs'.

Featuring everything from boat trips to bush craft and paintball to pony rides Mhor Festival is the perfect blend of great food, live performances, outdoor activities and celebrity chefs. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park this one-of-a-kind celebration of all things fun and funky has thousands of visitors coming back year on year.

Euan McPherson of

Shoogle Nifty will be playing with Balquhidder's Callum Convoy, the All Ireland Bodhran Under 18 Champion 2017, Finn Moore and Mike Vass in the first live performance from The Travelling Junipers.

Mhor Festival is proud to be hosting world class DJ Jon sa Trinxha for his Scottish debut, alongside Andy Carol and live music from Ray Harris. They will join up-and-coming home-grown talent, Inverness's Dylan Tierney and Glasgow's 100 Fables, to feature in a folk to funk line-up guaranteed to tickle every type of musical taste bud.

In 2018 Mhor Festival will add to the interactive experience with live talks and demonstrations covering a wide range of topics. Whether you have the itch to stich and want to learn to upholster, or you've always wondered the best way to chop and stack wood, prepare to learn a new skill.



Back by popular demand Disco Yoga will bring some funk to the 16th century farm hotel's front lawn and the raft race will see 'Young at Heart' festival goers descend upon, and sometimes into, the clear waters of Loch Doine. Trapeze taster workshops, silent disco, cake competition and interactive cookery classes will also be returning to this year's festival.

And in typical trend setting style, the Mhor Festival will also be introducing a brand new, interactive app designed to keep festival goers updated and connected with who, what and when.

So, if you can't wait to find out which childhood favourite won the cake competition, or you don't want to miss a minute of the silent disco, make sure you upload Cadence from the app store in time for it going live on 18th May.

And if you are worried about getting online, fear not, thanks to the tireless efforts of Balquhidder Community Broadband, the Mhor Festival will also feature the UK's fastest broadband, so you can use the app's interactive functions to ensure you don't miss any of your favourite acts or activities.

Ceòlas School of Music and Dance

Unbeatable tuition in Gaelic music, dance and language from the best traditional musicians in Scotland and Canada; guided walks, house cèilidhs and village-hall dances in the strongest Gaelic-speaking community in the world; authentic Hebridean culture alive in its heartland.

The Ceòlas summer school is an experience like no other. For a week in July, the Isle of South Uist is alive with an amazing buzz and electricity, Gaelic music, dance, language, a

returning diaspora and over a hundred summer school students of all ages and backgrounds. Experience the essence of Gaeldom – the warm hospitality, the rich heritage and culture, the return home of family.

Thig crìoch air an t-saoghal ach mairidh gaol is ceòl.

Price: £250 (full-price); £175 (Western Isles-rate); £75 (Youth Fee: 14-17 yo); £10 drop-in rate per class (Western Isles).



home-grown talent

Another new addition to the ever-expanding programme is the Glengoyne Supper Club which will take place in the festival's newest venue; the Fire Hut. Join the world renowned whisky experts for a seven-course dinner, cooked over an open fire accompanied by some of the world's most mouth-watering drams. By day the Fire Hut will be home to the Malt Master experience, allowing you to go home with something other than just a sore head.



Tom and Lisa, the Festival founders will be launching their exciting new gins, Dr Osbourne's No. 46 and No. 99 this year, made in conjunction with The Old Curiosity Distillery and featuring botanicals grown and distilled at the Secret Herb Garden, Edinburgh.

To book a room at Monachyle Mhor, camping pitch, day ticket, or a yurt go to www.mhorfestival.net

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Welcome to the Oban Winter Festival!

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oban WINTER FESTIVAL

Award winning festival
returns this year

Friday 16th November - Sunday 25th November

- Parades / Ceilidhs • Markets / Shopping
- Food & Drink / Competitions
- Live Music / Street Parties
- Art Exhibitions / Fireworks



Image by
John Gibb

Back in 2011, a small group of locals decided that the start of winter was a great excuse to have a festival. They organized a Victorian Market to run alongside the Reindeer parade, ice rink, Comedy nights, music workshops for children, cocktails for the grown-ups, and a ceilidh or two – all of which made the festival a great success. News spread quickly and the next year people came from further afield to join the festivities.

Festival action takes place mainly in town and getting from place to place is very easy. Oban is quite compact and walking is a fantastic way to get around. Discover the great shopping, bars and restaurants that make this town tick; take a tour of the local distillery and sample our national drink, or a relaxing coffee in one of our many cafes, soaking up the beautiful view of the bay.

Events vary each day from family favourites like the Reindeer parade and Christmas light switch-on to the ceilidhs and light shows.

There is all manner of accommodation options for your stay here, from apartments in the town centre, to hotels and intimate bed and breakfasts, along with some of the finest food and wine establishments that this town boasts.

Last year, 2017, saw a phenomenal foot-fall of 21,500 people with an estimated economic impact for the town of over £1,900,000. Douglas Scott, Chief Executive of the Scottish Federation of Meat Traders Associations said: 'The Golden Haggis Awards has grown into the most significant, second only to our own Championship which happens every two years.'

- So why not come and join the biggest winter party in the West.



Image by Colin Cooper



Oban Live: Argyll's largest live music event back for third year

There's a new kid on the block that's standing out on Scotland's list of impressive events. We are talking about Oban Live, the biggest open-air live music concert in Argyll. 2018 will be the event's third year, taking place at Mossfield Stadium, Oban, on June 8 and 9, and there's a whopper of a line-up in store too.

Thousands of visitors are expected to flock to Mossfield Stadium to see a stream of incredible acts including Skerryvore, Skipinnish, Blazin' Fiddles, Heron Valley, and Sharon Shannon Band (featuring Michael McGoldrick and Susan O'Neill).

Acoustic folk-rockers Hermitage Green, one of Ireland's hottest bands, are heading over to Oban Live for their first outdoor festival in Scotland. The band has fans across the globe thanks to their captivating and unforgettable live sets. Also heading over from Ireland are the hugely popular folk duo Hudson Taylor. They have recently released their brand new EP 'Feel it again' and are not long back from touring the US having already completed a sold out European and UK tour earlier in the year.

An all-star line-up of 24 top names in the Scottish traditional music industry will also come together in an exclusive collaboration named 'Sons of Argyll'. Performing on Friday June 8, the project will pay homage to late inspirational figures from the region that played a key role in the lives and music of the performers involved.

The collaboration will include musicians from Tide Lines, Skipinnish, Skerryvore, Blazin' Fiddles, Trail West and Gunna Sound, as well as Mòd Gold Medallists, world-class pipers, Oban Gaelic Choir and many more.

Local Oban talent will be hitting the stage too including Chunks, who celebrate their 20th anniversary this year, Oban High School Pipe Band and the winning act of the local Oban Unsigned competition.

All this, plus an entertaining Fringe Programme in the town certainly makes Oban the place to be June 8 and 9, 2018.

More acts still to be announced. For tickets and more details visit www.obanlive.com.



Seventy on stage for the 74th fiddlers' rally



The Oban and Lorne Strathspey & Reel Society members are busy practising for the next Annual Fiddlers' Rally. This will be the 74th consecutive rally since the society started in 1944 under the baton of well known Oban musician, Charlie Hunter. Their current conductor is also a well known Oban musician, Helen Jordan. Guest artists are Paul MacCallum, accompanied by Hamish Menzies, together with Rachel and Emma Deans. Paul is a Mòd Gold Medallist while Rachael and Emma are TV and Mod favourites and will add to the enjoyment of the evening. This year's rally will not only include current members but also fiddlers from several Strathspey & Reel Societies across the length and breadth of Britain; from as far north as Caithness to as far south as Wales There will be a total of 70 musicians on the Corran Halls stage on Saturday, 28th April 2018. The concert will start at 7.30pm and for further information please see our Community Notice Board in this issue.

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Your festival home

Camping out is part of the fun and so is finding a great place to stay off site

THE first and biggest decision has been made: which festival you are going to. Now comes another important one; where are you going to stay?

We should say that there is another important move to make if you are going to the islands: get the ferry booked now! You will be far more certain of the sailing times you want if you go online or pick up the phone and book with CalMac now. www.calmac.co.uk

To camp or not to camp? That is the question.

Once again, the secret is book early. Every location will have a mix of high-end accommodation, down to B&Bs and hostel or backpacker accommodation.

Have you considered making a festival the highlight of a bigger holiday and booking a holiday cottage or other self-catering? That way you get to enjoy the buzz of the build-up to the festival, watching the stage and equipment arrive, hearing the sound checks – it can all add to the festival-going experience.

If you are bringing a caravan or motor home, remember that pitches can fill up fast so once again, book early.

- Camping at a festival is just like ordinary camping, but magnified. Everyone's stories of festivals include having to rescue someone who had never been camping before. Don't let that be you.

- Do practise pitching your tent beforehand and using your kit, even if it is only in the back garden. This will save you a lot of heartache.
- We have weather, lots of it. Sometimes several different weather systems in one day, often within the hour. So your camping equipment should be able to cope with this and so should your clothes: think layers, lots of them.
- There is a reason why people wear wellies at festivals, remember to bring yours. (See above).
- Not only do we have a lot of weather, it has a sense of humour: bring sunscreen and a hat. We kid you not. First-aiders deal with more cases of severe sunburn, dehydration and heatstroke than they do hypothermia, because no one was prepared. Never mind what the national weather forecast says, the islands, sea lochs and mountains create crazy little weather micro-systems.
- Bring water, lots of it to keep hydrated, also non-perishable food. You will want to eat at some of the amazing food trucks but keep the budget balanced with some cheaper meals in between.
- We have midges, lots of them, they are hungry and you look tasty. Bring along midge repellent. Don't say we didn't warn you.
- At 4.30am you will wish you had spent more money on a good quality sleeping bag and sleepmat. You might not be planning on getting much sleep but when you want to, you will want to be warm and cozy.
- You've got the power: because you have remembered to bring batteries and a power bank to recharge your mobile phone.

Security: keep valuables with you but keep your tent unlocked. Sounds crazy but a locked tent says 'we have something worth stealing'. Thefts are rare and all events have good security but it pays to be aware and not leave yourself open to an opportunist thief.

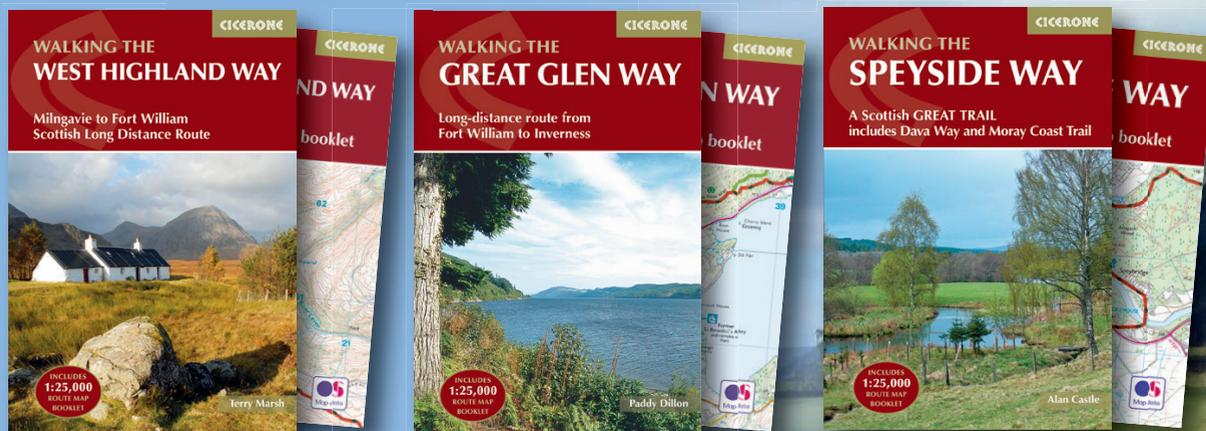


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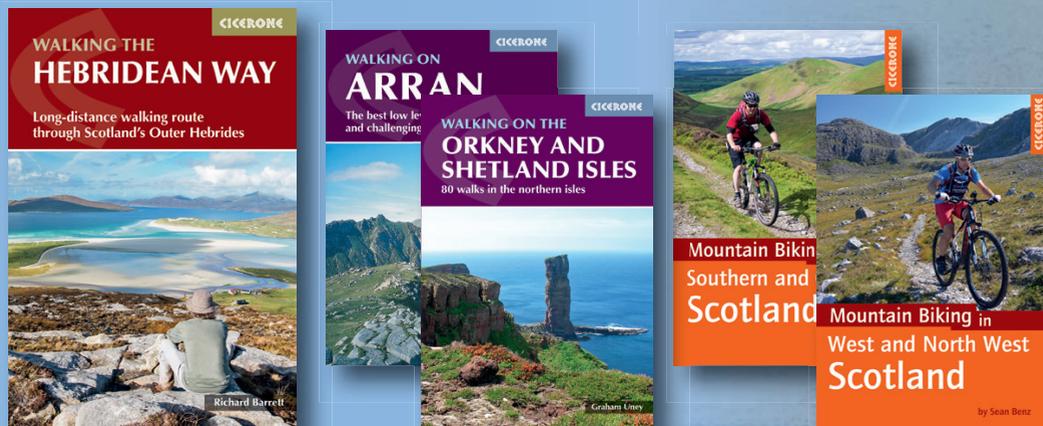


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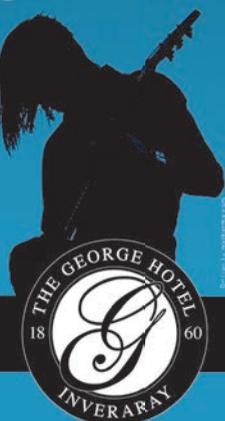
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Family-friendly festivals are a great way for you all to be together having fun

A WELL-RUN, friendly festival is a Godsend for a family holiday. Parents can get to relax, children can run free and be entertained by someone else.

The definition of a good family holiday is that everyone gets the chance to do something they wanted to as well as doing something together they all enjoy and a good festival does just that.

Any parent will tell you getting out of the front door with a small child or toddler is a well-planned campaign, so getting organised for a camping trip or big day out or is just more of the same.

It can be reassuring to know that extra pack of baby wipes or disposable nappies, loo roll or bottled water is tucked away under the seat or the back of the car boot.

Stock up on favourite snacks, kid-sized cartons of juice and smaller bottles of water. You will be surprised how much energy your kids will burn off.

Remember the words of the great Scottish philosopher, Billy Connolly: 'There is no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes.' So bring layers, lots of them and every wee festival goer need their wellies just as much as the grown-ups. Likewise, sunscreen and sun hats.

Hearing safety

Make sure your child goes home with happy festival memories and a fully-working pair of ears.

Action on Hearing Loss says sounds over 80 decibels (dB) can cause hearing loss that may leave your child with permanent damage or ringing in the ears.

Ordinary spoken conversation is 60dB and shouting is 80dB, so if you have to shout to make yourself heard, then your kids should be in ear defenders.

You have got the car seat, the safety gate, the catches on windows and cupboards and your kid is covered in SPF 50+ so make sure they have ear safety as well.

Be an eco-friendly festival goer



- Litter – just say no. The biggest single threat to the environment from a festival will be litter. Don't be the cause of it.
- Make new friends, get an eco-vibe going and help by having a bin bag with you and offering folks the chance to drop their litter in.
- Look out for recycling points around the festival grounds and use them.
- If you take extra batteries for torches and gadgets remember to take them to the right recycling point or take them home to dispose of carefully.
- Reuse plastic drinking bottles or better still invest in your own reusable water bottle.
- Likewise own a reusable coffee cup.
- How about taking along your own plate and giving it to the food truck staff along with your order?
- Remember the 4Ps – only pee, poo, paper and puke should ever go down a toilet.
- When you buy baby wipes to take with you, buy a bag of nappy sacks as well – use them for disposing of the wipes and everything else that isn't going down the loo. (See above).



- Conquer your addiction to plastic drinking straws and cotton buds and as many other types of disposable plastic as you can. You know you can do it, be strong!
- If your cans of drink come with plastic loops keeping them together, then snap open the loops before disposing of them safely. Birds, fish and other wildlife can get caught in them.
- Don't launch sky lanterns – they may say the paper is biodegradable but the wire falls to earth threatening wildlife and farm livestock.

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Walk with the Courier: Beinn Ghuilean

Mark Davey

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CLIMBING a hill or mountain from the north makes an aesthetically pleasing ascent.

North facing slopes tend to have thin soil, short grass, outcrops of rock and, while not so beautiful, little heather.

On Campbeltown's Beinn Ghuilean, once the ridge is reached, the walk up the north spur is on tussocky grass. It is unlike all other approaches which are bedevilled by heather.

That hardy plant is splendid in bloom but ankle twisting on a walk and may harbour a snake.

Although any snake would have to be very insensitive to hang round as a pair of size 12s thunder down.

Beinn Ghuilean's modest 352m (1,154ft) map height does not reveal its spectacular situation on the edge of

the sea. There are great views to Davaar Island and, if the tide is out its dhorlin, across the Kilbrannan Sound to Arran and the loch to Askomil, all aspects of the Wee Toon, the Learside ridges and west across forested land to the Atlantic.

Pulling onto the upper reaches as the 7am spring sun emerges from a cloud bank means an early start is necessary. About 5.30am from Kilkerran road or a bit earlier if walking from the town.

Squeeze

On this approach walk up the side of Kilkerran road cemetery to Knockbay farm, either climb the gate or, if thin enough squeeze between its post and the wall.

A 'haul' road replaces the previous slippery grass and makes for quick contoured progress to a stile and the Crosshill loch dam

which has a slabbed path.

Turning left leads to the stream exiting the loch which is crossed to a path in Beinn Ghuilean forest. This leads to a new gate and cattle-grid at the Tomaig path junction.

Turning left another wide, well engineered, haul road makes height gain rapid but look out for mountain bikers whizzing down.

The gravel track ends abruptly at a short, very boggy avenue between two blocks of pines.

Emerging from the forest, west of Rocky Burn, going diagonally upwards, heather and scrub leads to a wire fence boundary. The angle steepens and the ridge climb begins.

From the lack of a defined track it is clear that few follow this route. This is true of all approaches to the trig point once beyond the forest but the oth-

ers plough through heather.

To make a horseshoe of the walk the summit can be left roughly west, across a boggy plateau to a fence, which is visible if the mist is not down.

Following the fence the route steepens up and leads to a small burn and the wooden seat on a spur of rock overlooking Campbeltown above the haul road.

Runners will traverse the hill quickly but for a reasonably fit person the following should be worn or carried: stout boots, waterproof clothing, hat and gloves, map and compass and the ability to use them, a flask and plenty of goodies for the frequent stops.

The Kintyre South Ordnance Survey Explorer map 1:25,000 is available from Keith's newsagents in Main Street.



The track to Crosshill loch. 25_c16walk03



Christie Middleton with her dog Zak is on the far right of the Courier's photo. 25_c16beachclean01

Beach cleaners comb Westport sands

KINTYRE'S Surf-ers Against Sewage (SAS), led by lifeguard Christie Middleton, organised a sea shore spring clean.

The two-hour effort last Saturday at Westport was part of an SAS nationwide campaign which, this week, saw 600 beaches cleaned.

Ms Middleton, 22, said: 'I would like to say a big thanks to Machrihanish Holi-

day Park which offered free camping to anyone from out of the area taking part.

'Also to Campbeltown Co-op which donated refreshments and

took the collected rubbish away.'

The beach-clean was also supported by the Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute (GRAB).



During the beach-clean Cara MacPherson, 8, whose favourite stories feature Biff, Chip and Kipper found a magic key like theirs and used it to unlock adventures on the dunes.

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Kintyre Red Cross centre organiser's final speech

Words Anne Cousin and photographs Mark Davey

As Kintyre Red Cross committee members contemplated the future, last Friday a team from the Glasgow headquarters had sent a team of door-to-door sales people to the peninsula. They were there to persuade people to give money to British Red Cross by direct debit.

During the afternoon tea, centre organiser Anne Cousin made the following speech:

'Welcome everybody, it is lovely to have you all together and I am so glad so many of you could come.'

'Today is all about getting together and to mark appreciation to you all for all your hard work and commitment to the Kin-

tyre Red Cross over the years.

'As many of you will know the Red Cross in Kintyre was formed in August 1912 after a public meeting at the town hall. The meeting was addressed by the eminent and pioneering surgeon Sir George Beatson, who was brought up in Campbeltown.

'Glasgow's Beatson hospital is named after him and we still have members today who are descended from the founder members.'

'I joined the Red Cross as a student in Edinburgh in 1964, and following being the youth group leader, became a committee member here in 1971. In those days we were based in Kirk Street above the dairy.'

'In 1973 this hall

was advertised for sale at £5,000 and the sale was completed in 1975. Ailsa Stewart was very involved in the fundraising.

'The hall has been under threat a few times down the years and was saved by huge committee efforts, particularly our secretary at the time, Ruth Maxwell Macdonald, and with the assistance of a Campbeltown Area Regeneration Scheme.'

'During our centenary celebrations in 2012 we held an art auction which attracted huge support from artists and other well-known people, including Stella McCartney, Phil Collins, Jolomo and Ewan McGregor.'

'In addition, we held a Victorian afternoon tea in the hall and during that year we raised a phenomenal £15,500.'

'Other hall events have included: disaster hunger lunches, a ball in Victoria hall and supermarket collections.'

'The most notable time when our emergency skills were called on was the Chinook helicopter disaster in 1994. During this time the committee undertook a huge effort to supply food and support. These efforts were much appreciated by the emergency services.'

'As you are the representatives of each area on the peninsula, I would like to convey our thanks to all the volunteers who fundraised in your respective areas.'



Kathleen Martin was presented with a Red Cross rose of peace by Christine Ropper who is a former medical loan officer. 25_c16redcross07

'The most notable collective fund running through the years has been the Red Cross week. This has consistently involved amazing fundraising efforts from: Campbeltown, Carradale, West Road, Southend and Machrihanish areas.'

'Each year we have raised more than £5,000.'

'I would like to heartily congratulate you on this as we have been told that we were the highest fundraisers in the west central Scotland region.'

'As you are the representatives of each area on the peninsula, I would like to convey our thanks to all the volunteers who fundraised in your respective areas.'

'Two notable members of our team who were unable to be here today are Jim and Mary Morrison, our former treasurers. They did a huge amount of work, arranging and counting collections for the area during Red Cross week.'

'They were also a huge support to me and, while on the subject of support, I would like to mention Kathleen Martin, our secretary, and past secretaries, Jennifer McKerral and Ruth Maxwell Macdonald.'

'Kathleen has been a member for 23 years and secretary for nine of those years. She has been a most efficient secretary and has undertaken the task of organising the hall bookings which have



Anne Cousin makes a floral presentation to former secretary Ruth Maxwell Macdonald. 25_c16redcross02

defrayed the running costs of the hall.

'Despite being very busy in the family business, Kathleen still found time to discuss Red Cross matters and give of her time.'

At the end of the month, Kintyre Red Cross committee centre organiser, Anne Cousin, will hand the keys back to British Red Cross as 106 years of service ends.



Jane Mayo and Jean Armour had a blether during the afternoon. 25_c16redcross10



Centre organiser Anne Cousin, left, went round all the tables during the afternoon. 25_c16redcross20



British Red Cross driver Albert Roberts dropped in at the Red cross hall. 25_c16redcross12

Kintyre Red Cross fatally wounded

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raising activities, as well as being a base for medical loan and our emergency response team.

'It was also used by many other organisations and served as a community hall.'

'These are challenging times in the UK and internationally and the needs of people in crisis will remain. The Red Cross movement will continue to need our support.'

During the afternoon, tributes were paid to Anne for her work as centre organiser for 32 years.

Kathleen Martin and Isobel Campbell both made reference to the time and devotion she gave to the Red Cross and the efficient way she led the team of volunteers.

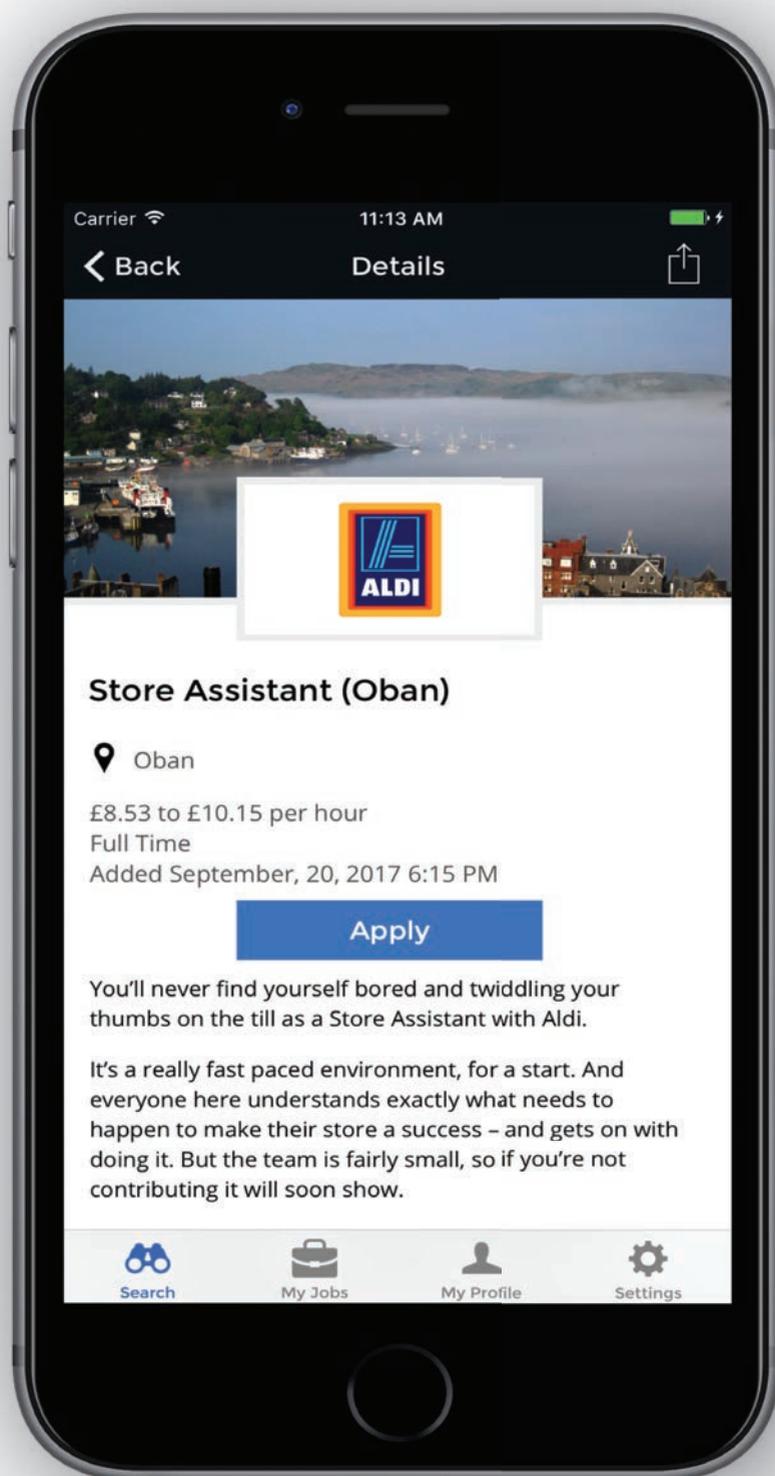
Members' activities through the years included: fundraising, teaching first aid, medical loan, transport, a friendship club, a hospital

refreshments trolley, hand care and a book lending library.

A Scottish Red Cross spokesperson said: 'It is not appropriate for us to publish details of property closures planned for this year.'

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CLOSING DATE: Monday 23rd April 2018

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust
SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICE

1 Full Time/2 Part Time Employees/Self Employed
Fixed Term Contract - Salary/Fee Negotiable

The Trust is seeking the provision of a support service to assist it in achieving its aims and objectives as set out in the constitution. The service can be provided on a direct employment, self employed or consultancy basis. The fixed term contract will last until 31st March 2019.
The service will consist of providing general administrative support to the Board of Directors; assisting the Trust and other community organisations in seeking funding; the preparation of projects; identifying training needs; preparing an asset register and liaising with other organisations both locally and nationally.
If provided on a part time basis then one of the posts can be mainly general administration. Anyone interested in providing this service in whole or in part should email info@tsct.org to arrange an informal chat or to send out an information pack

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Ardrihaig Public Hall
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
to be held within the Hall
Tuesday 24th April 2018, 7.30pm
All residents welcome

A Benefit the Wind has Blown our Way Community Project Grants
Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust will be holding an **Information Evening** on Tuesday April 24 at 7pm Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre, Tarbert. Groups and organisations looking for grant support can come along and find out what you need in order to apply for a Community Benefit Grant

MP SURGERY
Brendan O'Hara MP
Friday 27th April 2018
12.30pm-3.30pm
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brendan.ohara.mp@parliament.uk

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
18/00311/PP	Erection of two self catering chalets, installation of sewage treatment plant with soakaway and formation of vehicular access	Land North East Of Kirnan House Kilmichael Glen Lochgilthead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
18/00844/PP	Renewal of planning permission 15/00348/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse and garage and installation of septic tank)	Land North East Of Home Farm Whitehouse Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
18/00420/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Garden Ground Of Curling Pond Inveraray Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray
18/00842/PP	Installation of 2no replacement doors.	Ardmaleish House Lock 13 Cairnbaan Lochgilthead Argyll And Bute PA31 8SQ	Mid Argyll Area Office
18/00831/LIB	Re-paint render on Main Street and Bolgam Street elevation (1st and 2nd floor)	2 Bolgam Street And 10, 12, 14 Main Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
18/00752/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse (Amendment to planning permission 14/01238/PP) - Alteration to house design and site layout	Billabong Ardlarach Road Ardferrn Lochgilthead Argyll And Bute PA31 8JA	Mid Argyll Area Office
18/00710/PP	Erection of hut for recreational occupation	Land South West Of Shore Cottage Craobh Haven Lochgilthead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
18/00607/PP	Erection of telecommunications equipment compound with 15 metres high lattice mast (overall structure height 16.3 metres to top of antennas) and associated works	Land North West Of Drumalea Farm Kilmichael Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QD	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
18/00737/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land North West Of Rosehill House Glenbarr Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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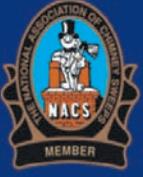
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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO Friday April 11, 2008

Farmers' market says 'cheese'

JACOB Eaton, Jordan Galbraith and Grace Eaton were helping to run the Inverloch Cheese Co. stall at Saturday's Argyll Farmers' Market in Burnside Square, Campbeltown. They had 23 of the company's 30 cheeses on offer on the stall, which is the first time they have been at one of the market's regular monthly meetings.

Southend scarecrows

SCARECROWS took over St Blaas's Hall, Southend, on Sunday to raise funds for Dunaverty Village Hall.

As well as the scarecrows competition, guessing Wurzel's birthday proved popular as well as a treasure hunt.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday April 11, 1993

Sacrilege!

ARCHAEOLOGIST condemns 'deplorable state' of Saddell Abbey and its sacred stones.

Dr Brian Moffat, director of the Soutra Hospital archaeological research project, visited Saddell Abbey when he gave a lecture to Kintyre History Society.

He was aghast at what he found. The Abbey was in 'a most deplorable state of neglect and dereliction,' he said.

Disquiet over air ambulance

ARGYLL and Clyde Health Council is to meet members of Campbeltown Community Council and health professionals next week to discuss concerns about the new air ambulance service.



Liam Graham, aged nine and Jade Graham, five with their Southend scarecrows.

Christine Campbell, secretary of the health council said that health council members were increasingly concerned about the new service which came into effect on April 1.

Concerns were expressed on several issues, especially that the helicopters were inappropriate for the transportation of patients and relatives, and fears were expressed especially for maternity patients.

FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday, April 11, 1968

Councillor urges:

End this vandalism!

COUNCILLOR Harry Moffat on Monday appealed to townsfolk to put an end to the growing vandalism in Campbeltown.

Speaking at the Town Council's monthly meeting, Councillor Moffat said that there wasn't a shelter on the promenade with a complete set of windows and the putting green fence was damaged.

Urged Mr Moffat: 'For goodness' sake let's have some respect for the town.'

Pipers display their new uniforms

LAST year, Campbeltown's Ceannloch Pipe Band lost valuable points for 'ensemble' at the Cowal Games. If these points had not been dropped, the band would probably have won its section.

So disappointed were band officials that they decided: Ceannloch Pipe Band must have a new uniform.

The band committee thought up ways to raise cash. Soon there was enough to purchase a new uniform.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday, April 13, 1918

Kintyre v Drumlemble

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From Private to Major

MAJOR Angus MacPherson, D.C.M., of Monaruadh, Cardross, during the present war has been promoted from Private to the rank of Major.

Major MacPherson is a native of Carradale and is one of four brothers on service. He went to the front in August 1914 with the Scots Guards, and when promoted to Lieutenant was attached to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



There are certain moments which enchant us in our lives and which we know will become indelible memories.

A family wedding on Saturday, on the beach at Crear, presented several: the bride walking down the beach with her father, as the sound of the pipes drifted across a wind-tossed sea; a toddler at the edge of the ocean in her wellies; tears wiped away as vows were exchanged; rose petals thrown as tokens of love over the happy newlyweds; the sun catching the bubbles in glasses raised in the toasts; the spin of tartan as kilts took on a life of their own at the ceilidh – and so much more.

Then there was a moment at the very end when we gathered in a circle as Runrig brought the day to an end with the familiar strains of 'Loch Lomond'.

It began as a small group, and then outstretched hands welcomed everyone to come into the circle.

Each, in turn, invited someone else into the circle until it bulged at the edges.

Everyone was on the floor and laughter and tears became one.

The bride and groom in the centre knew they were literally surrounded by love.

Hands were joined as friends and strangers became one, with one common reason of being together – simply to celebrate love.

If only we could do this more often than just when at a wedding.

It is so easy, and no one is likely to reject the offer of love.

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And may your circle bulge at the edges.

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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



GODDARD

Alan and Ailie are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Louie Alan James, on March 23, 2018 at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. A wee brother for Erin and Elle. Special thanks to Isabel and staff at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.



MCDONALD

On March 18, 2018, to Rebecca (née Welch) and Michael, a beautiful son, Robbie Thomas. Second grandchild for Jackie and Neil (Edinburgh) and sixth grandchild for David and Karen (Ardershaig).

DEATHS

BENNETT - Suddenly but peacefully, on April 14, 2018, Richard Charles Bennett (Mucker Roy), in his 68th year, 1 Mill Park, Southend, dearly beloved husband of Susan Marshall and a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. A service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, today Friday, April 20 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of The Fishermen's Mission and The Children's Cancer Trust.

CARMICHAEL - Peacefully at home, on April 12, 2018, after a courageous fight, Christina Turnbull Carmichael, née Lambie, in her 60th year, of Carlam, Tayvallich, beloved wife of Donald Carmichael, much loved mother of Bruce and Morven, dearly loved daughter of the late Bobby and Jessie Lambie, cherished sister of George and John, dear sister-in-

law of Heather and Norma and an adored aunt to Andrew, Jennifer, Alison, Lauren and David. A good neighbour, dear friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Tayvallich Parish Church, today Friday, April 20 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Carsaig Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Macmillan Nurses, Marie Curie and Oban and Mid Argyll hospitals.

KRAWCZYK - Przemek, aged 38 years, tragically died on January 18, 2018, aboard the fishing boat, Nancy Glen, beloved husband of Gosia, cherished father of Kacper and Mia, and a much respected fisherman and dear friend of many. Funeral service will be held at the Church of Scotland, Tarbert, on April 21, 2018 at 12.00 noon. Flowers - only single white rose please.

MACDOUGALL - Suddenly, on January 18, 2018, near Barmore Island, aboard the fishing boat, Nancy Glen, Duncan Thomas MacDougall, aged 46 years, beloved husband of Dawn, cherished father of John and Campbell, much loved son of John and Margaret (née Aitchison), son-in-law of Alex, Wilma, Moira and Lachie, adored big brother of Alison, brother-in-law of Stephen, Alexander, Mark and David, loved uncle of Ella and Jack, and a much respected work colleague and dear friend of many. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Free Church, on April 18, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HUNTER - The family of the late Myra Hunter, Mealdarroch, Tarbert, wishes to thank the doctors, nurses, ambulance crews, health care assistants, and other staff, of Tarbert Medical Centre and the Mid-Argyll Community Hospital, Lochgilphead, for all their care over recent years. The family wishes to thank also all friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, the Rev Bryce Calder, of St Mary's Parish Church, Motherwell, for a supportive and inspiring service, and the management and staff of Dundas Fyfe Funeral Directors, Airbles Cemetery, and The Moorings Hotel, all Motherwell.

MACBRAYNE - The family of the late Prunella MacBrayne would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received

following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Rev William Crossan for his comforting words and fitting funeral service. Also to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professional arrangements, and the Ardshiel Hotel for their hospitality. A special thanks to staff at Carr Gomm and the community nurses who cared for Pru during the last few years. Finally, sincere thanks to all those who attended the church and graveside services and gave so generously to the collection, which raised £960 for the Kintyre Cancer and Palliative Care and Fishermen's Mission.

TAYLOR - Eve, Tracy, Julie and Amy would like to thank all family and friends for their love, support, cards, letters and flowers at this very sad time. Thanks also to the Reverend Catriona Hood for her very moving and personal tribute to Donald, to David McEwan for the music at the church, which was all very dear to Donald's heart, and to Kenneth Blair for his professionalism and support at a very difficult and emotional time. Thank you to all who attended to pay their respects and helped to raise well over £2,500 for Pancreatic Cancer Scotland.

WALLACE - Jean and family would like to thank all relatives and friends for their messages of sympathy following the recent loss of John. Special thanks to staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their kind and professional care. Thanks also to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their efficient and caring services and the Ardshiel Hotel for their hospitality. Thank you to Rev W Crossan for his fitting and comforting service, and to all who attended the church and graveside. A retiring collection raised £754.52 for the Scottish Association for Mental Health.

IN MEMORIAMS

GILCHRIST - In loving memory of our much loved mother and mother-in-law, Agnes Jane, died April 25, 2017, in her 88th year.

Always in our memory and thoughts.

- George and Bettina.

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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CHURCH NOTICES

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 22nd April
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
Wednesday 25th April
12.00 noon
Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Water of Life Cafe
All Welcome
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Sunday 10 am
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KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meeting to take place on **Friday 27th April** at 7.30pm in Salvation Army Hall, Burnside, Campbeltown
Guest speaker: Mr Derek Maxwell of Slavic Gospel Mission
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday 22nd April
11.00 am
Family Service
Visiting Speaker - George Thomson with Sunday school followed by refreshments
The Ark
Baby and Toddler Group
Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 am (term time only)
Youth Fellowship
Check our Facebook page for details
We meet at the Kinloch Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

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22nd April 2018
Sunday Worship
Glassary 10am
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 22nd April
Easter 4
Holy Communion 10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 22nd April
11.15am Morning Worship
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev W Crossan
Tuesday 24th April
9.45am Tiny Tots
New Hall
Anchor Boys
Junior Section
Church Hall
Company Section
New Hall
Thursday 26th April
Choir
Friday 27th April
Lunch Club
New Hall 12.00 noon

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Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009159
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
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Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Service (Army Kidz)
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00 pm Make & Munch Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
Majors Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

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11.00am
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Thursday 26th April
Bible study
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The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am
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11.30am Bellanoch Church
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Saturday 21 April
10.30am Achnamara Hall
Café Connect
Monday 23 April
10.30am Tayvallich Church
Prayer Time
Tuesday 24 April
7.30pm Tayvallich Church
Kirk Session
Thursday 26 April
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Sunday 22nd April 2018
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Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service
Cumlodden Church 10.00am
Glenaray and Inveraray
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Morning service
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Minister:
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Campbeltown navigates onto the regatta chart

Mark Davey

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COWES regatta early in August is world famous. Following dinghy sailing's revival on the loch, in August last year, the Seasports project aims to get in on the act.



Sailing across Campbeltown loch.

August is where the similarity ends. Campbeltown Sailing Club's Sid Gallagher stressed the event has to be confirmed and that the emphasis will be on fun with none of the megabucks boats and 'pretension' associated

with Cowes. He said that it is hoped to get every section of the community involved.

To support the regatta, which the club hopes to hold on Saturday August 4, a bid for £1,700 has been made with the Argyll and Bute Council's Supporting Communities Fund.

The amounts granted by the fund depend on online votes which may be cast, until April 30, at: <https://abpb.argyll-bute.gov.uk/>

Dalintober Beach Group and Explore Campbeltown have been invited to take part and it is hoped to include dinghy sailing, keel-boat sailing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and other water sport activities.

During the school Easter holidays, at the last minute, Mr Gallagher organised two days of sailing based at CSC.

Mr Gallagher said: 'There was dinghy sailing on Campbeltown Loch last Monday to Wednesday.

Coped well

'Young sailors coped well with fresh winds and learned to sail Wanderer and Pico dinghies.

'They were ably instructed by local instructors Iain Cameron and Guy Nicol.

'Iain's instructor qualification was encouraged and sponsored by CSC, Campbeltown Sea Cadets and Campbeltown Youth Cafe.

'He was pleased to

pass on his knowledge and skills to a new generation of sailors.'

'Guy is currently teaching at Campbeltown Grammar School and is an experienced instructor who has worked at his local sailing club before moving to Kintyre.'

Qualified safety boat operatives Greig Walker and Sun Yee Walker, assisted by Sid Gallagher, provided support on the safety boat.

CSC, as part of the Kintyre Seasports Project, has plans to offer more dinghy sailing opportunities and is keen to introduce old and new members to the fun of dinghy sailing.

Mr Gallagher said: 'I am going to a Royal



A Wayfarer dinghy races away from CSC's slip.

Yachting Association at the beginning of July to run a repeat of last year's successful dinghy sailing courses.'

For further details, see the CSC website: www.campbeltownsc.co.uk

Carradale's Cordiner Cup golf competition

CAROLYN Cordiner played nine holes at Carradale as part of a team of four in the competition for a cup donated by her family.

The event, which had a great turnout, is always thoroughly enjoyed by everyone as the Texas scramble format allows all ages and abilities to take part over the nine holes.

A Carradale Golf Club spokesperson

said: 'The club is very appreciative of the continued generous support by the Cordiner family and we were delighted Carolyn Cordiner was in Carradale to play and present the prizes.

'Thank you to everyone who played, Alan Walker for doing the ballot and for Robert Strang maintaining and preparing the course after a very wet winter.'



The winning team with Carolyn Cordiner, centre.

Players roll out for opening of Stronvaar bowling green

A PLEASANT afternoon welcomed the 41 players who participated in Campbeltown Bowling Club's first match of the 2018 outdoor season.

President Duncan MacInnes welcomed players and spectators to the opening of the Stronvaar green, before asking for a minute's silence for those members who had passed away since last year.

He invited his wife, Maureen, to throw the first jack of the season, after which she was presented with a bouquet by vice-president Dougie Lang's granddaughter, three-year-old Lexi-Louise Lang.

The ensuing president v vice-president match resulted in a 99-78 shot win for the vice-president's team.



Maureen MacInnes throws the first jack of the season.



Maureen MacInnes with Dougie Lang, standing, and Lexi-Louise Lang with Duncan MacInnes.

McLean takes lead in Fyne Tankard

IT WAS an encouraging start to the gents' season at Glenralloch with 21 players taking part in the first round of Tarbert Golf Club's Fyne Tankard.

Calum McLean set the early pace, returning to the clubhouse with a net 63 and a precious magic two at the 12th hole.

Hot on his heels was Peter McLean Jr who returned a net 66, including birdies at the first and 18th.

In joint third place was Malcolm McAlpine, returning to Glenralloch after a long lay-off, who, along with vice-president Eric McDougall, returned a net 67.

Best scratch scores on the day were from Bruce MacNab on 73, Peter McLean Jr on 75 and Iain Macalister on 78.

It is hoped that tem-

peratures will increase and, in turn, give some much-needed growth to the greens.

The second and final round takes place next weekend with all the usual ballot times in operation.

The TT100 Nancy Glen Open is filling up fast and anyone wishing to play should call at the clubhouse or phone 07799 504790 to book their place.

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Sunshine greets Argyll bowlers' green opening



AT WESTPORT beach cleaners were wrapped up to cheat a bitter wind while bowlers sauntered out in the sun to open the season at both of Campbeltown's clubs. An Argyll bowling club spokesperson said: 'It was very close. The president's team beat the vice president's by one shot. 'The green played well and we were blessed with a dry afternoon. A good start to the season.'

Left: It was a family affair when Kayla Grumoli, 7, presented a bouquet to her mum Gloria Grumoli, wife of Argyll Bowling Club's president Shaun Grumoli. 25_c16argyll02

Below: The president's v the vice president's teams line up before the match at Argyll Bowling Club. 25_c16argyll03



Gloria Grumoli opened the season at Argyll Bowling Club. 25_c16argyll01



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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Sunshine greets Argyll bowlers' green opening

Adventure show star to battle ex-Scottish rugby captain

A CYCLING duel between two heavyweights of Scottish sport will light up May's Kintyre Way (KW) Ultra event.

Last year BBC2 *Adventure Show* star, Dougie Vipond, featured the race on his show. This year he's part of it and is determined to beat former Scotland rugby player

and its first professional captain Rob Wainwright.

Entries have closed and so far just 70 other cyclists have signed up to race alongside the pair on a 73-mile leg of the Kintyre Way starting just south of Tarbert at 8.30am on Saturday May 5.

In addition, at the same time, 94 runners will tack-

le the original ultra marathon course starting from Tayinloan at 8.15am.

Top class

Organiser Robbie Semple of ATV Services Scotland, based in Lochgilphead said: 'There is some top-class competition.

'Dougie Vipond will have to get to the finish quickly because he

is presenting the prizes.' Sean McFarlane is one of Scotland's most successful long-distance triathletes and adventure racers. He finished runner up in last year's KW cycle race.

Sean also coached Vipond for the BBC's *Adventure Show* as Dougie took part in the 2016

Braveheart Triathlon. Recently he quizzed Vipond on his decision to take part in the race.

Blown away

Vipond said: 'We filmed the running race at Kintyre last year for the *Adventure Show* and I was blown away by the whole thing.

'From the course, the lo-

cation, the atmosphere. Plus, you've spent the last six months raving about the bike race, so I had to give it a go!

'Finishing is my main target, which frankly is far from guaranteed. It would be good to beat Rob Wainwright but he's handy on the bike so that's unlikely.'

Smashing new pavilion for tennis club

CAMPBELTOWN Lawn Tennis Club (CLTC) has something to make a racquet about. At the end of last year's outdoor sea-

son CLTC's ramshackle pavilion, built in the 1950s, was demolished and during the winter a replacement costing about £66,000 has

sprung up. Initially SportsScotland turned down CLTC's bid for funding but a revised bid gained £23,000.

Tennis Scotland add-

ed £20,000, Tesco Bags of Help £8,000 and further money came from Springbank and MACC.

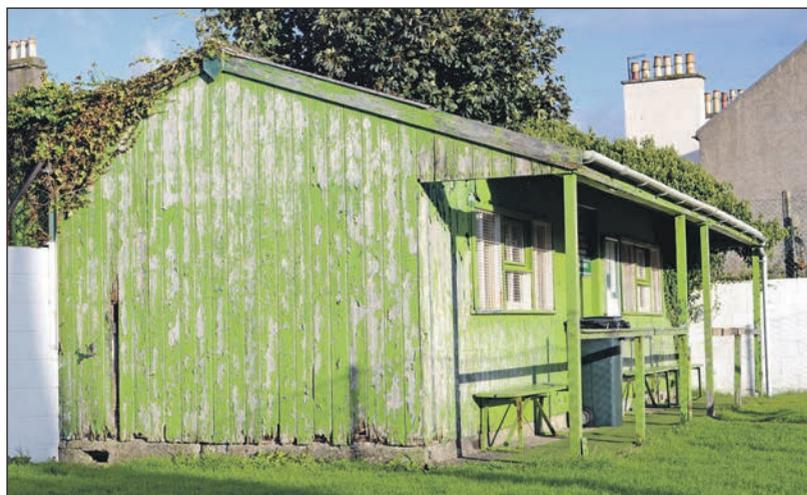
A CLTC spokesperson said: 'Things were going well until it was discovered the old clubhouse had no solid foundations, so work was delayed while new plans were drawn up and quotes received.'

The issue left CLTC with a shortfall of about £6,000 but members are confident of raising the money.

The summer season opened on Monday and for four weeks, on Wednesdays from April 28, at 7pm, for



CLTC's new pavilion. 25_c16tennisclub01



The leaky derelict former pavilion. 25_c42pavilion01

an hour, there will be free coaching for adults. All are welcome and all equipment will be provided.

Tennis for adults is played from 5.30pm on Mondays and 6.30pm on Thursdays throughout the season.

Mini rugby players are freshly fueled

MINI rugby players are raring to scrum thanks to a sponsorship deal with a Campbeltown fuel supplier.

On Sunday, Alan Shaw, of D. McNair and Son Ltd, met the players resplendent in their sponsored tops.

As the *Courier* went to press the club's organiser said they hope to have a mini dalriada at noon tomorrow with Lochgilphead, Islay, Oban and Taynuilt.



Campbeltown mini-rugby players and coaches in their new kit donated by Alan Shaw of D. McNair & Son Ltd. 25_c16minirugby01

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup quarter final – Goldenhill 3, Oban Saints 1, Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division Two – Port Glasgow OBU v Lochgilphead, Red Star, postponed; Tarbert 5, Cardross 0.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division – East Kilbride RR v Oban Saints; Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division Two – Easthall Star v Lochgilphead Red Star; Tarbert v FC Argyll.

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