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Loose moose

Moose crossing the A83? Find out where on page 20.



Ploughing

To find out where these horses are working, see page 19.

Kintyre's rescue heroes save surfer

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SEARCHERS including Campbeltown lifeboat crews and coastguards worked day and night to locate a surfer who disappeared off Westport beach.

The rescue of Matthew Bryce, 22, from Airdrie, 13 miles out in the North Channel, by a coastguard helicopter, at 7.30pm on Monday night, after 32 hours in the sea, made

headlines around the world.

Campbeltown lifeboat manager George Bradley said: 'I got a phone call from one of the crew and you could hear the bounce in his voice when he said, 'We've found him... and he's alive.'

As the winchman plucked Matthew from the sea off Northern Ireland, the Campbeltown lifeboat under coxswain, David Cox, was just one mile away

and later crew members pulled the yellow surfboard from the sea.

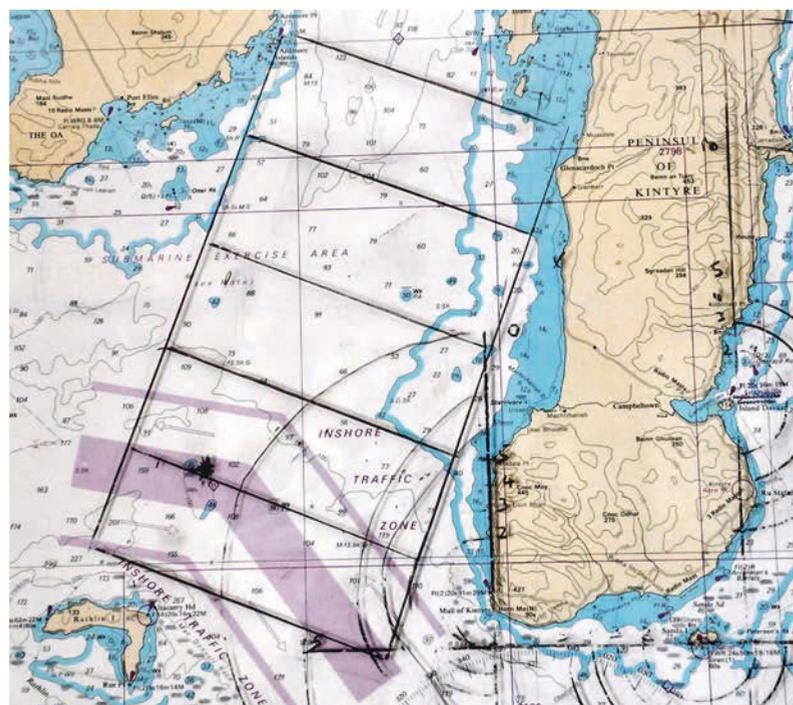
Mr Cox said: 'It was an incredibly large search area, but we were just over a mile away from the casualty when the helicopter found him.'

'The tide was going in a north-westerly direction at about four knots, meaning that every hour, he would have moved four miles.'

'Within an hour or two, he'd have been outside of the search area at the time.'

'We were just sitting off the helicopter when they winched him up, so we went and collected his board from the water.'

Mr Bradley added: 'When we were tasked at around 1.30pm, we launched the smaller inshore lifeboat at Machrihanish to search the shoreline from



The search area gridded off on a map supplied by Campbeltown coxswain David Cox. 20_c18surfer09

there up, while the larger all-weather boat made its way round the Mull searching the coast there.

'They continued

searching in those areas until the coastguard informed us that the search area had been widened.

'The Islay lifeboat

was launched at around 4.00pm.'

Stuart Newlands, Southend Coastguard station officer said:

Continued on page 2

Cocaine possession

POLICE raided a High Street flat last year and found 21.15 grams of cocaine hidden in a salt cellar.

At a trial, on Wednesday at Campbeltown Sheriff court, Charles McArthur Martin's plea of not guilty to possession of cocaine with intent to supply was accepted.

Martin, 48, of 45E High Street, Campbeltown, who defended himself at the trial, fully accepted that the cocaine was in the flat but was adamant that it was for personal use.

A police drugs specialist, called as an expert witness, disputed with Martin that he paid £250 for the quantity found. Martin told the court he had been an addict for 16 years and in that time had met dealers far up the chain of supply and could get better prices.

Fining Martin £600 for possession, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'I am not satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that you had this drug with the intention to supply it to others.'



Matthew's surfboard with Campbeltown lifeboat in the background. 20_c18surfer08

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Vehicles
vandalised

TWO vehicles were damaged in Campbeltown in separate hit-and-run incidents.

Between April 24 and 25, in Mill Street, a white Renault van was damaged when the rear bumper and light unit were struck by a red vehicle which failed to stop.

Between 8pm on Friday April 28 and noon on Saturday April 29, in Longrow, a grey Subaru Outback was scratched along both sides, with the rear bumper and light unit being struck, also by a red vehicle, which failed to stop.

Abusive
behaviour

A 38-YEAR-OLD man was arrested and charged with abusive behaviour on Sunday April 30, after reports of an incident in New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, between April 22 and 24.

Surfer saved after 32 hours at sea

Continued from page one.

'We had 20 officers on foot on beaches in the area gathering information from the public, including other surfers.'

'Four lifeboats were called out: Islay, the inshore and offshore team from Campbeltown and Red Bay. 'It was a strong easterly to south-easterly off shore wind on Sunday and Monday.'

Speaking on Wednesday, Matthew, who is keen to come and speak to the lifeboat crew and Coastguards when he has recovered, said: 'I cannot

thank those enough who rescued and cared for me – they are all heroes.'

'I am so grateful that I am receiving treatment in hospital.'

'For now, I am not facilitating any interviews as I am exhausted. Please respect the privacy of myself and my family at this time as I recover.'

Dawn Petrie at Belfast Coastguard Operations Centre co-ordinated the search and said: 'He was kitted out with all the right clothing including a thick neoprene suit and this must have helped him to survive.'



The helicopter crew winch Matthew aboard. Inset: Matthew Bryce.

Matthew's father, John Bryce, said: 'To get that call from the police last night to say that he was alive was unbelievable – it was better than a lottery win – you just can't describe it.'

'Our family cannot

thank the Coastguard, RNLI volunteers and police officers involved in finding Matthew enough.'



Police cordoned off Westport beach car park. 20_c18surfer01

Volunteers sought to give vulnerable a voice

IF YOU like to help people get their voices heard, advocacy might be for you.

The Campbeltown branch of the Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service (LAAS) is

looking for volunteers to help individuals speak up for themselves.

LAAS wants help to support people who use local health and community services to

make their own choices and ensure that their voices are heard.

The Campbeltown branch has already spent more than 15 years helping people throughout the area get

their views and needs heard by the organisations who make decisions affecting them.

Many current volunteers find advocacy to be a rewarding experience, allowing them to develop their skills, meet new people, and give something back to their community.

To find out more, or apply to become a trained volunteer independent advocate, contact LAAS on 01586 553428 or 07810 823300, or visit their website at www.laas.org.uk.



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Peninver Players pip top spot at festival

Neill Bo Finlayson
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LAUGHTER and drama returned to Ardrishaig at the Argyll Drama Festival's 69th instalment.



Each play offered a particular challenge to the clubs but the productions were very good

Dr Paul Dougall
Adjudicator

ma Festival's 69th instalment.

Peninver Players Drama Club's performance of *Nearly Departed* clinched first place overall, narrowly beating Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club's production of *A Separate Peace* by one mark.

It was decided that Janette Hannah's energetic comic display in *Nearly Departed* just edged out Benderloch's Mike Rowell and earned Peninver the trophy.

Adjudicator Dr Paul Dougall said: 'There was really very little between the two productions, but I had to decide a winner and it came down to the lead performers.'



Peninver Players Drama Club backstage before their performance of *Nearly Departed*. 08_a18dramafest03

Four amateur dramatic clubs from around Argyll took to the Ardrishaig Hall stage for the recent two rip-roar-

ing nights of entertainment.

The audiences basked in the fun and frivolity of live stage produc-

time in Ardrishaig for the drama festival and have been impressed with the standard. Each play offered particular challenges to the clubs but the productions were very good.'

Tribute was paid to the late Agnes Jane Gilchrist who was a drama festival stalwart, having attended every festival for its 69-year existence.

Results: First place overall: Peninver Players Drama Club, Highest marks: Dramatic production: Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club, Comedy production: Peninver Players Drama Club, Acting: Peninver Players Drama Club and Stage setting: Lochgilphead Drama Club

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US band at MOK Fest

A GROUP of American free jazzers jetted in from the USA for MOK Fest's 10th anniversary.

Full Moon Ensemble recorded four discs led by legendary saxophonist Archie Shepp.

Scooter Muse supported the band and has been a regular visitor ever since.

The headline act was Capercaillie and Four Men and a Dog returned due to popular demand.

Ross Kennedy and Alistair McCulloch, Pipe-work, Deuch 'n' Dorus, Wee Toon Tellers and Kintyre Schools Pipe Band also performed at the Victoria Hall concerts.

Family entertainment was provided by Fairly Famous Family and Big Rory.

Campbeltown JP court

Unsafe car

A SPLIT driveshaft rubber boot resulted in a £150 fine and three penalty points for a Campbeltown woman.

Police had inspected Leona McCallum's vehicle on December 17 last year and found the fault in a constant velocity joint.

McCallum of 9B Glebe Street pleaded guilty by letter to a charge of having a vehicle in a dangerous condition.

Speeding ban

PASSING through a police speed trap near Tayinloan at 76mph cost a Glasgow man his licence.

At a trial on Tuesday, Valentine Hope, 65, of 60 Harbury Place, Glasgow, pleaded not guilty to a charge of breaking the speed limit, near Balure Farm, on October 28 last year.

Hope was convicted

and given three points on his licence but on the totting up procedure was banned from driving for six months.

Head-on collision

ABOUT half-a-mile south of Whitehouse, on February 17, two vehicles collided after a Falkirk driver tried to overtake a lorry.

Henry Joseph McCann, 49, of 22 Caudhame Farm Road, Falkirk, pleaded guilty by letter to a charge of driving without due care and attention.

At the scene, McCann told police it was his fault. On Tuesday, before sentencing, the procurator fiscal described the offence as being at the upper end of what would be described as careless driving.

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Helen Bain dazzled in her wedding dress.
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Elaine Cameron stunned the crowd in her gown.
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All the models on the stage. 20_c18wedding17

Kintyre's wonders

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DELIGHTFUL dresses, beautiful brides and heavenly hair wowed the crowd at Explore Campbeltown's 2017 wedding fayre.

The Victoria Hall event attracted more than 25 stall holders, showcasing everything that Kintyre has to offer prospective brides and grooms.

From catering, clothing, candy, hair and make-up, to venues, photographers and favours, there was no shortage of services.

Twice during the three-hour show models sashayed along the catwalk in outfits from the Red Cross shop, Wee Toon Trends and Jean Farmer.

Some of Kintyre's blushing brides, Elaine Cameron, Helen Bain, Louise Millar and Susan Graham, treated

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Gemma Rendall poses for the crowd.
20_c18wedding10



Jan McNair strutting her stuff on the catwalk. 20_c18wedding06





David Allen models a kilt in Springbank Distillery's own tartan. 20_c18wedding16



The girls at Numero Dix Hair Salon cater for all wedding hair desires. 20_c18wedding04

wedding unveiled



Iona Barr kept the audience entertained. 20_c18wedding13



Lewis Nelson at Platinum Bar Hire brings the bar to the party. 20_c18wedding02

spectators to a glimpse of their stunning gowns.

The audience, slightly down in numbers from 2015, also viewed Springbank's very own tartan, modelled by employee David Allen, who escorted the brides to the runway in his kilt.

Proceeds

Nearly £400 of proceeds will be split between Explore Campbeltown's funds and the Campbeltown branch

of Bloodwise Scotland, previously known as Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, the group which first organised a wedding fayre in Campbeltown.

An Explore Campbeltown spokesperson said: 'We would like to thank all the stall holders and businesses which took part in the wedding fayre, members of the public who attended and everyone else who helped to make the day such a success.'



Machrihanish Dunes offers a range of beautiful wedding venues. 20_c18wedding03

The ladies modelling some of the outfits the Red Cross Shop has to offer. 20_c18wedding09



Shannon McCallum walks the runway. 20_c18wedding11

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Editorial

SAILING a yacht from Largs to Portavadie on Saturday, the wind and tide created a washing machine effect up Loch Fyne.

For beginners, it was an exciting trip but on Sunday strong easterlies, expected to gust up to gale force, were enough to keep the boat tied up in the marina.

Those same winds would have blasted Westport beach, which for surfers is good as it helps to build up the wave fronts.

However, the wind combined with Westport's rip tides could prove awkward for anyone swept out to sea, as happened when Matthew Bryce vanished.

Luckily, he was well equipped with wetsuit, gloves and hood which protected him from the worst of the weather.

On Monday during the sail back the wind remained strong. This pushed Matthew further away from Kintyre but the determined rescuers proved to be his saviour.

The message from Southend Coastguard's Stuart Newlands is to tell people when you expect to be out of the water or, better still, surf as a pair.

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Figures challenged

Sir,

I see that Argyll and Bute Council's website has a press release claiming credit for a population increase of 240.

It has been suggested that the 15 families of Syrian refugees taken in on Bute may account for most of that number. The MOD has claimed that having seven submarines in service at Faslane will bring thousands of new personnel and a great boost to the economy.

Almost half are in service already and after years of population reductions there was an increase of 240 last year.

Some of these sailors may have moved home and be counted among the population but most are more likely in service accommodation inside the base and travelling home to their permanent abode elsewhere.

They should not be counted as a benefit to Argyll and Bute.

The truth is that there is an on-going and persistent problem of an ageing population. Many indigenous young people have to move and take accommodation elsewhere to find decent employment which continues the shrinkage of the working age population.

Let's not any longer listen to or believe exaggerated stories about the enormous benefits to Argyll and Bute from the base in Faslane.

The numbers of locals employed within the base is regularly shrinking; it is now a fraction of what it was 10 of 15 years ago and the contractors that run it are seeking to reduce the numbers still further.

The navy no longer moves large numbers to the area but prefers to increase the internal accommodation and have the sailors live there Monday to Friday and travel home at weekends.

**Dougie Blackwood,
Douglas Drive,
East Helensburgh.**

Down memory lane

A group of menswear fashions' finest

FORMER Jaegar board advisor Frank Lomax has given the Courier a treasure trove of pictures from his Campbeltown days.

This week a group of Campbeltown's finest are featured.

Using their maiden names, they are: Debbie Graham, Isobel Robertson, Gillian Kelly, Claire Maguire, Laura Harrison, Lindsay McCallum, Barbara Robertson, Lorraine Andrew and Marianne Kelly.

The Courier welcomes photos which are at least 15 years old for possible inclusion in Down Memory Lane, by post or email to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk.

Be sure to include contact details.



Final word on political spat

Sir,

Further to a letter in last week's Courier. During more than 50 years of political involvement I have always held to the belief that when you have to resort to attacking the man you have already conceded his argument.

I will say no more than that.

**William Crossan,
Campbeltown.**

Birthday wishes for Billy

Sir,

As you all know our son Billy is still on 'holiday' in India. It is his birthday on May 27, if you can spare the time and the cash please send him a birthday card.

This would mean so much to not only Billy but all of the Chennai Six as it lets them know we are still thinking of them.

Many thanks in advance.

Billy's address is: William Irving, Prisoner No. 6150, c/o Office of Superintendent, Central Prison

1, Puzhal, Chennai 600066, India.

**Jim Irving,
Dent,
France.**

Unpaid film extras needed

Sir,

We are a group of teenagers making a feature film called 'Red Snow' which is a spy film.

It will be filmed over the course of 2018 and in summer time we plan on filming in Argyll and Bute. In that scene we need many voluntary extras to take part, 10 to be working for the bad guys and 70 minimum to be hostages.

It will be a great day of filming and we plan to show the film in Argyll and Bute.

Anyone interested should email me for further information.

**Luke Cumming-McMillan,
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millan@gmail.com**

D-Day veterans' tours

Sir,

Thanks for publishing my letter about the search for

all surviving D-Day veterans.

We have found four times more veterans for this year's tours to Normandy than ever before.

This year there are five further trips, which have now started and will run until September.

In addition to the Normandy tours, we also offer D-Day veterans, especially those who are no longer fit to travel to France, the chance to visit the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire on the anniversary of the attack in June.

All remembrance tours are paid for by the Westminster treasury from LIBOR fines, which pay for a veteran, carer and a member of the family to join a tour free of charge.

Normandy veterans - now mostly in their 90s - will get the chance to pay respects to their fallen comrades, perhaps for the last time.

**Nichola Rowlands,
Head of Travel,
Royal British Legion,
199 Borough High
Street,
London.**

National nursing poll on pay

Sir,

When the Scottish government gave nursing staff another real-terms pay cut this month, the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) decided to ask all 270,000 of its members working in the NHS, including members working in NHS Scotland, how they wanted to respond.

The Scottish government's one per cent pay cap is a below-inflation pay award and ignores RCN's evidence on the impact this will have on nursing staff.

The RCN Council voted to launch a poll of all RCN members working in the NHS.

It gives nursing staff across Scotland a stronger voice and a direct way to decide what action the RCN takes.

Nursing staff are beyond disappointed by six years of real-term pay cuts. In the same period, the pressure in the NHS has reached unprecedented levels, nursing staff are being asked to do more with less, and morale is at an all-time low.

In the online poll, RCN members have a chance to vote for action short of a strike - such as not working unpaid overtime - or even taking the historical decision to take strike action.

The wellbeing of patients is the top priority of every nurse and healthcare support worker and, rightly, governments have praised their dedication and skill.

But warm words don't pay the bills and too many are struggling to make ends meet.

We now find ourselves in an unexpected general election and the RCN will use the collective voice of UK nursing to remind all parties how damaging the real terms pay cut has been to nursing staff and the impact this has on patient care.

**Michael Brown,
Elsbeth Caithness,
RCN Scotland.**

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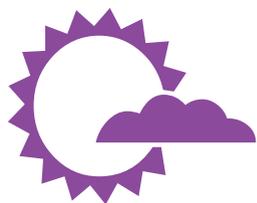
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NEWS In Brief

China conference cancelled

A TRADE summit scheduled for Campbeltown in June has been cancelled due to the general election.

It is hoped that the one-day conference, involving the China British Business Council, due to take place on June 22, will be reconvened following the election.

Drug driving

ROADSIDE testing to reveal drug-using motorists will be rolled out in Scotland.

The Scottish government is discussing the operational requirements with Police Scotland, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal service including how roadside testing can be put in place by 2019.

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Brave 'Dale battler's astronomical aurora adventure

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A CARRADALE woman would love to take her terminally ill husband on a dream trip to see the northern lights.

Eleanor Trott, 37, has set up a JustGiving page to raise £5,000 to take her husband Michael, 35, to Iceland to see the Aurora Borealis.

Michael, who has had surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy since being diagnosed with bowel cancer six years ago, learned in December that the disease was terminal and that he

would have to receive palliative chemotherapy for the rest of his life.

Describing themselves as 'aurora geeks' the couple have the light show as their bedroom wallpaper, and have already travelled to see the northern lights in Oban.

Disappointed

Michael said: 'The conditions were perfect, the aurora watch was on red alert. We went to a pitch-black beach, but were a little disappointed only to see a faint glow on the horizon.'

Eleanor's friends per-

suaded her to set up the fund-raising page to help realise Michael's dream of travelling to Scandinavia to see the show in full spectacular fashion.

Eleanor said: 'It felt a bit weird, asking people for money.'

'We hummed and hawed for about six months but after our experience in Oban we realised that even under the best circumstances possible, we will never experience it the way we want here, so I set the page up.'

The trip they hope to take is a three-day cruise which finishes in Iceland's capital Reykjavik.

Michael said: 'My parents always had boats when I was young. We travelled to Holland, France and Belgium, places like that.'

'It would be nice to be on a boat again.'

By the time they had the money for the deposit, the trip had already sold out so now they're on a waiting list.

'We hope there will be a cancellation and we get to go this year, but we might need to look at travelling with a different company,'



Eleanor and Michael Trott, with Fiona Irwin, and Shadow and Thunder.
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Eleanor said.

The couple, who have a nine-year-old son, James, met after they both moved to Carradale, where their parents live.

Eleanor did an internet search to find friends in the area and Michael popped up.

The first time they met was in the Beatson Cancer Centre where Michael had received treatment.

As the couple sat in a quiet room on the ward, with some 'old ladies' and Michael's mum, Michael's face appeared on the television screen, on the BBC programme Landward, in a segment about Carradale's

bikes and buggies for hire.

Eleanor said: 'It was a surreal way to meet someone for the first time.'

Their friendship quickly blossomed into romance and they married on July 8 2015.

Upon hearing of the pair's aurora plans, friend Fiona Irwin decided to carry out another of her popular Dancing in the Dark sessions, donating all proceeds to their Just-Giving page.

Fiona said: 'I was scrolling through my Facebook feed and Eleanor and Michael's fund-raising page popped up and I thought, what can I do

to help?'

She has provisionally organised the event for June 30.

Eleanor said: 'We are so grateful to Fiona for her help.'

Fiona added: 'I love doing things for a good cause.'

As Michael goes through six months of chemotherapy, with breaks in between, he won't be able to attend the class, but has said he will be dancing in the house with the couple's border collie, Shadow, and new puppy, Thunder.

To find out more or donate visit <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chickenboandtheboy>.

New support centre

A KINTYRE company is inviting up-and-coming businesses to try out its new support centre.

Kintyre's newest business initiative, Keeping It Local (KIL), will hold an open day in the old Krisp Print building at Burnbank Place building next Friday.

In a two month project, the empty property has been refurbished and converted into a business centre. It offers dedicated spaces for traders to operate from, with kitchen and toilet facilities, fibre-optic broadband, and printing/copying facilities. The open day is on Friday May 12 between 10am and 8pm. From Monday May 15, the centre will be open 9am to 5pm every day.

Red Cross week

VOLUNTEERS will pour piping hot refreshments everyday, from Tuesday, next week at the Red Cross Centre Kirk St between 10am to 12pm.

The events mark Red Cross week in Kintyre and start with a morning hosted by the charity's Carradale workers, followed by: Wednesday: Campbeltown branch, Thursday: West Road, Friday: Southend and Saturday: Machrihanish.

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Silvers Marine Scottish Series – all set for exciting racing and great fun - both on and off the water!

TARBERT will welcome the Silvers Marine Scottish Series fleet for the annual racing regatta on Loch Fyne between May 26 and 29 2017.

The event encompasses first class racing in a spectacular setting and has become an iconic regatta attracting not just competitors but visitors to Tarbert. The local community enjoys one of its busiest weekends of the year – both in the village and also at Portavadie marina across from Tarbert. For many it's a 'must do' weekend in the UK racing and social calendar.

The 43rd event is organised by Clyde Cruising Club (CCC) and the title sponsor is Silvers Marine. Racing is offered over a mix of classes –

spinnaker to non-spinnaker classes, sailing a mix of round the buoys Olympic courses to passage racing and a white sail cruise in company from Largs. The event offers something for everyone from highly competitive racing to family and cruiser classes with the inshore race on Sunday proving a popular addition.

Tarbert Harbour Authority

Tarbert Harbour Authority (THA) hosts the fleet for the duration of the event at Tarbert and looks forward to welcoming everyone as well as hoping for fair winds and sunshine for racing.

The THA team

has a rough berthing plan to adhere to on a first-come, first-served basis. The latest pontoon addition has expanded the berthing area and is now described as 'second to none'. The proposed new toilet and shower block should be completed for next year.

Portavadie Marina

Across the water from Tarbert, Portavadie Marina also welcomes competing yachts for which a regatta rate of £20 is offered. Marina Manager Craig Cochran said: 'Most of the accommodation is taken by yacht racing teams and we are open for business in our restaurants and café at our Leisure Club.'

As well as being a Five Gold Anchors accredited marina Portavadie is a first class resort destination in itself with infinity pool,

spa and a range of shoreside accommodation and leisure facilities.

The Racing

The event format is a mixture of Olympic style and coastal races.

All spinnaker classes race on Loch Fyne on day 1.

The opening passage race from Largs for white sail, family class and cruisers is on Friday May 27. Saturday sees a passage race from Tarbert towards Otter Spit and return to Tarbert, which is not part of the series. Sunday features the Inch Passage Race and racing continues in Loch Fyne till Monday May 29. The overall regatta prize-giving is on Monday night at the marquee.

A Bangor to Tarbert feeder race starts at 8pm on Wednesday May 24. This year Irish interest in the event appears to have been re-kindled with a rise in entries from across the water.

Classes range from high tech IRC racers to those sailing CYCA handicaps, both spinnaker and restricted sail.

IRC Championship

New for 2017 is the IRC Scottish Championship which will be embedded in the Silvers Marine Scottish Series for the first time.

Event chairman David Denholm explained: 'It makes sense as

the number of competitors at the Scottish Series is considerably in excess of the numbers that have turned out for the weekend championships. We are very grateful to the Mudhook Yacht Club for allowing the MacIver Salver to remain the trophy for the competition'. David added the IRC fleet within the entry list was now sitting at more than 35 boats and could be even higher with late entries. 'This probably moves it to one of the larger IRC championships within the UK,' he said.

RC35

A new initiative for the RC35 class is formed out of the Scottish Series Class 2 to improve the competitive sailing in that band of IRC yachts and will see it a mainstay of this year's event alongside a revived Sigma 33 fleet, the One Design fleet and the strong 707 class. All classes are currently boasting around a dozen entries.

'Everything is shaping up well for an exciting race series over the end of May Bank Holiday weekend,' enthuses David.

'Entries are up on last year and we have substantial sponsorship, not only from headline supporter Silvers Marine, which also provides its barge and marks but prizes from Marlow Ropes, Knox anchors, a youth sponsorship boost from Hempel Paints and six mark buoys from Crewsaver.'

He added: 'It is again a privilege to link the Crewsaver brand with our One Design fleets which last year saw this racetrack provide some of the closest racing especially in the Hunter 707s. Indeed it was from this class the overall Scottish Series winner emerged.

'For 2017 we hope the same competitive spirit and expertise will again be displayed.'

Luke Patience may also be appearing again at Tarbert in a 707 and the class association is also making a boat available for a Glasgow University students' entry.

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David added: 'We are hoping for a substantial enlargement of the White Sail fleet through the Scottish Marine Tourism Alliance to interest from Sailing and Cruising Scotland, the Facebook-based group.'

On the startline

Class IRC 1

Former several-times, overall-series winner Jonathan Anderson races his new Ker 39 Inis Mor against the famous Howison partnership with their 'well kent' Local Hero. Rod Stuart and Bill Ram's Corby 37.2 Aurora will also be hot contenders in this class alongside the J122 Black Jack of Kip with Phil Moyes at the helm. Jay Colville from East Down Yacht Club brings his First 40, Forty Licks as well as the Mackays in their Farr 30 Wild Haggis. Possible late entries include Steve Cowie's Zephyr and Jamie McGarry's Eala of Rhu and both would also be to the fore in this class.

Class IRC2 / RC 35s

Competition should be very hot with the new RC 35 interest. The two Corby 33s Jacob V11 and Banshee of John Stamp and Charlie Frize race this class as seasoned and experienced campaigners giving close one design racing. And there are three J109s pitching up - Pat Kelly's Storm, the Irish contingent with Chimaera and Jim Dervin's No Worries. Add in three First 36.7s the Aitken's Animal, Jeffery and Scutt's Carmen 11 and Altair from Cove, the Balmforth's Tangaroo and Rob McConnell's Fools Gold and there are some seriously good sailors in this class. Triple Elf, the First 35 of Christine Murray, is also always up there as is the Thomsons' Sloop John T, this year racing

against another Swan 40 Can Can IV, of the Thoms. Craig Latimer's new Wildebeest is a Ker 32 which promises great things. A previous class winner Craig's boats are always well sailed as is Neil Sandford's Now or Never 3.

Class IRC 3

Trastada, the Andrieu half tonner of Angus and Challis, returns as does Lambay Rules with Stephen Quinn of Howth Yacht Club. The J92s of Peter Doig from East Antrim and Nicholas Marshal's Satisfaction will also have fellow J92 Samurai J of Cove Sailing Club in close competition. Also battling it out will be the two half-tonner's Harmony and Kingone, always to the fore. Murray MacDonald is campaigning his Sonar for 'Autism on the Water' and the familiar names of the Kent's Farr e Nuff, Phoenix, Edgy and John Reekie's Blue Jay from Bassenthwaite SC should all add interest to the mix. The Swan 36 of Chris Frost may just upset the placings if the wind is up.

CYCA 4

Long time Scottish Series campaigner Brian Robertson is on home ground with Celtic Spirit, his X332 and Alan Moore's Dehler 34 Delinquent is also a familiar boat in this class. The Grand Soleil 34 of Bilsland and Campbell will no doubt be the strong contender to win the class but John Corson's Salamander and Boyd Tunnock's Lemerac will hope to give the Arran boys a run for their money. Keith Salters from Royal Ulster with Grey Goose and First Edition with Cameron Still, the GK 34 Strike 3 of Mark Taylor and Maria Beattie from Prestwick add to the mix.

A class with the Morrison's Enigma, the Elan 333 Delta Blue of Wallace and Cuthbertson and John Mill's Elan

31 Vamp should be really interesting to watch. And always in the top placings and several times class winner, Valhalla of Ashton the kenspeckle Swan 36 of Alan Dunnett will be sailing to win again as well.

CYCA 5

An open class with six entries to date. Experienced Alastair Pugh with his Contessa 32 Marisca is back again and Alistair Gay takes on the class with his lovely Nicholson 35 Orwell Lass. Colin Wood's Nic 30 from Largs is another of the classics as well as the Colvic UFO of Oliver Epsom that will have to work with Richard Doig's Sirius from East Antrim Boat Club and Ravel's Bolero of Kenny Macdonald. Slowest boat in the class is David Williamson's Westerly Tiger. This will be a close class to call.

White Sail Fleet

CYCA Class 8

This class has the widest range of handicaps to contend from 5.25 to 22.95. Owen McManus of Campbeltown Sailing Club sails his X332 Jochr and he will face stalwart Ian Nicolson's Maxi 1000 St Bridget. CCC commodore Clive Reeves also lines up with his Maxi 1000 Lyrebird. Royal Ulster YC is represented by John Moorehead in his Swan 40 Margarita and Angus Cartwright races his big 47.7 Golden Fox. The Sigma 33 of Stewart Shearer and Elan Impression of Reid and Wilkie and the Oceanis, Whimbrell, like the previous contenders are all quick boats and will have to be some way ahead to keep clear on handicap of the Frigate 27 and Jaguar 25 at the slow end of the fleet.

CYCA Class 9

This class start from Largs and will comprise 'non series' competitors who will take part in the passage racing. Anna Mae from Loch Sunart with Dorothy and Stewart Ritchie at the helm are long time SS campaigners. Marjorie Grant's beautiful McGruer sloop Kelana is entered as is the Moody 31 of the Devonalds of Delting Boat Club and Joe Magee's Albin Cumulus Torranan. Garth and Erica Wilson will be serious contenders for this with their Moody 336 Shearwater.

Sigma one-designs

There has been something of a Sigma 33 revival with 11 of these one-designs lining up for the starting gun. As ever the top three of Donald McLaren and his team on Sigmatic, Leaky Roof 2 of Harper and Robertson and James Miller's Mayrise will be hard to beat.

Sonata one-designs

Old School with Ross MacNish at the helm will have new competition this year with Brian Wiseman of Craignish Boat Club entering Virtuoso with Guy Neville at the helm. Mark Taylor's Saraband and Wicked Wookie will all be vying for top placings in what's again, a highly competitive fleet.

VX / J70 and Hunter 70s

2016 Scottish Series Winners overall Dara O'Malley and the 707 Seaword, return to defend their title. The team faces strong competition from More T Vicar of Carl Allen from Port Edgar, a previous class winner and Stewart Robertson's crew on Cacciatore, 707 Scottish Champions have to rank as a favourite. Glasgow University SC team race Big Boys' Toys with a boat given by the class association. David Smith's Rammie from Aberdeen is also a strong contender and Kieran McAllister returns with Wishful Thinking from Lough Swilly Sailing Club. The strength of this class on the east coast should show through with Neil McLure's Blue Funk, Mad Rafiki, from Helensburgh Sailing Club form the west coast contingent.

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The social scene

The social scene is as important as the on-the-water activity. The focus is the marquee by the Tarbert pontoons. Clyde Cruising Club is organising Icebreaker parties this year to kick-start events and welcome competitors on Thursday night. There will be a bar and a hog roast. A similar event will be held at Largs Yacht Haven for the white sail fleet. A small donation will be asked for to support the CCC Seamanship and Pilotage Trust charity. The Tarbert marquee provides a meeting point and social venue where everyone can enjoy drinks and catch up on the day's action on the water. Saturday night welcomes The Eliot Murray Band with free entry to the event. The traditional and spectacular fireworks on Saturday are this year being funded by Tarbert Enterprise Company (TEC) and Tarbert Harbour Authority (THA). TEC receives support from Argyll and Bute Council and THA. John Hardie of TEC, which takes the lead in organising shoreside attractions, said: 'We welcome both competitors and visitors to this fantastic event. Everyone recognises its importance to the village. The regatta is so well run on the water with top class racing and this is pointed up by the entry list from far and wide. Ashore it's also great fun with a buzz about the village that is always associated with the Scottish Series weekend.' Tarbert's hotels, restaurants and other accommodation providers are geared up to offer a selection of the best of hospitality and food for all. John added: 'The Silvers Marine Scottish Series provides the best food, drink and boating for an unforgettable experience both on and off the water.'

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Buried spirit on Arran?

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You never know what a search into your family history might find.

Ten months ago James Hamilton, erstwhile weel-kent face of the Stornoway to Ullapool CalMac ferry and Tarbert's Corner House bistro, embarked on a new venture – the West Coast Whisky shop on Harbour Street, as the last stop for whisky lovers before they board the ferry to Islay at Kennacraig.

It was while hunting for secret love children of a family 'rogue', who disappeared in Africa a century ago, that James happened upon the court papers of an earlier Arran ancestor and 'businessman'.

Like James, Daniel Cook also embarked on a career in the whisky trade, but, unlike James, on the wrong side of the law, and he left a 200-year-old mystery leading right up to the door of the Isle of Arran's new distillery.

James' voyage of discovery began by trying to please his mother. Catherine Hamilton (nee Stewart) is 88, still on Arran and 'as sharp as a tack'. Her great-grandfather John Stewart was 'a bit of a rogue', to put it mildly.

John, an 'errant' blacksmith at Lamlash smiddy, left his wife Mary and five children, with another baby on the way, to start a new life in South Africa in 1902, sending back no word or money for many years, and possibly fathering relatives for James to track down. 'I wanted to find out some answers for mum,' he said, 'as to where this old b*****d was.'

John's granddaughter Georgia, less than charitably, continued the story in a document discovered by James: 'John Stewart decided to emigrate to South



James Hamilton is convinced there may be a buried cask waiting to be discovered on Arran.
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Africa, hoping to become rich but leaving his wife and children destitute in Arran. We understand he promised that once he was established, he would send money so that they could all join him. 'However, this never materialised, leaving another deserted family to struggle on as best they could. As he had been an unfaithful and errant husband in Arran, grandmother doubted that he would change his ways in South Africa.' True to form, John is listed on the Aberdeen Line steamship from London to Port Natal on May 28, 1902, as a 31-year-old 'single' male.

Back on Arran, Georgia continued: 'The thought of being deserted with small children in a country where [my grandmother] had neither friends or relatives made her think that it would be a much safer option to remain in Arran where she was surrounded by both. However, as no money was ever sent, she never had the opportunity to make a decision to go or stay.

'My grandmother then had to earn money by working in the fields for the various farmers and when she worked on root crops, the two babies, including my mother, were

left wrapped up in blankets in clean potato creels at the end of the drills.'

One son, Jimmy, 11 years old when his father disappeared to South Africa, worked on the baker's delivery van to earn some money. 'Each day the baker would give him a slice of iced gingerbread to take home and this he divided in two, giving the two babies half each,' Georgia wrote. 'Naturally my mother always thought Jimmy was the kindest person in this world.'

Eventually, after 10 years of nothing, John was guilt-tripped into sending some loot by his sons, who traced him to Vereeniging, a district of Johannesburg, where he was working as a foreman. 'I was going to put an advert in the local newspaper,' James said, 'to ask if anyone had Scottish ancestry. If Georgia had ever got hold of him in South Africa, he would not have had any more kids. She would have sorted him out with a large hammer.'

Then, while rifling through the drawers of family documents, James found papers detailing the trial in Inveraray of another relative, Daniel Cook, an illicit distiller accused of the 'heinous' crime of 'assaulting, beating

and violently maltreating' Brodick customs officer James McGregor, on the highway between Lagg and Benecargan, Arran, in March 1807.

McGregor caught Cook driving a horse and cart containing 'two' casks, McGregor suspected, of 'smuggled or contraband aquavitae'. McGregor 'required him to stop', but, 'instead of doing so, Cook violently seized McGregor by the collar and threatened to knock him down with a bludgeon'.

When McGregor expressed his intention to seize the casks and carry them off, 'Cook again violently laid hold of MacGregor, and after attempting to throw him upon the ground, struck his right leg so violently with one of his feet, as to break or fracture the leg about three inches below the knee. McGregor was forced to abandon his seizure, and Cook instantly drove off with his horse and cart.'

As a warning for eternity, the crown advocate argued Cook 'ought to be punished to deter others from committing like crimes in all time coming'. Twelve witnesses were cited to give evidence against him, at a cost of £41 and four shillings, worth approximately £1,400 today.

Cook, however, gave the 'it wiznae me' defence, declaring he was at his brother's house three-quarters of a mile away, with his cart laid up in a loft. Painting a wholesome picture, he added that he and Daniel Murphy, another farmer at Benecargan, had 'ploughed together on the said day and wrought as long as they could see, with the day light, to turn a furrow'.

Eventually Cook was exonerated, because 'the exciseman had no-

one to corroborate his story'. James reported: 'I think he was just unlucky. There were illicit stills right through Arran and Kintyre. But Cook left us a tantalising mystery: that there were not two casks of

whisky, but three, secreted in haste after the incident.

'My mum always tells me they buried three casks in the peat, but they only recovered two, so it was said there is a hidden cask,

maturing,' James recounted. 'This took place on the south end of Arran, where they are building the new distillery. It's right at the entrance.'

The distillery at Lagg is due to open in 2018.

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THE Glasgow Phoenix Choir is a busy mixed-voice choir of 120-plus singers performing up to 40 concerts per year from major concert halls to cathedrals and remote island venues.

The choir continues the legacy of its illustrious predecessor the Glasgow Orpheus Choir 1901-1951 and this year the Phoenix celebrates 116 years of choral Excellence. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Co-op Funeralcare, the GPC is now able to participate in an increasing

number of concerts in aid of many worthwhile causes.

Under its conductor, Marilyn J Smith MBE, and accompanist and depute conductor, Cameron Murdoch, the choir performs a wide range of music from choral standards to new music and often featuring delightful solo performances by choir members.

Its concerts in Argyllshire this month support a number of charities and the intention is to return to a number of the venues in the future to add to its praised series of postcard

CD recordings which raise much needed funds for these buildings or organisations. Venues already supported include the Italian Chapel in Orkney, St Andrew's Cathedral in Glasgow to support St Andrew's Hospice Airdrie and Iona Abbey, which is visited on this tour. Join the choir at a series of memorable concerts and performances – all welcome.

The organisers would like to thank Co-op Funeralcare who sponsor the choir and make it all possible.

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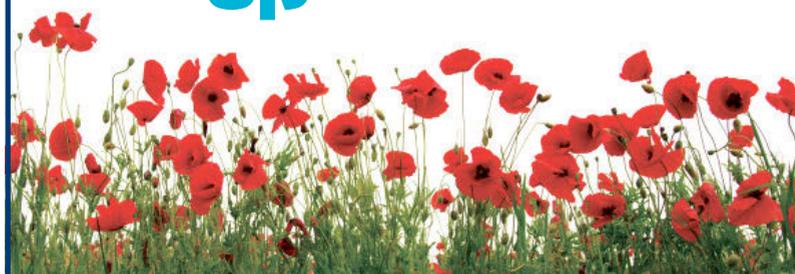
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TAYINLOAN

Moose crossing the West Road?

HAS A Swedish-style Tayinloan in response 'moose crossing' road sign been erected near collisions?



The unusual sign was spotted last week, nailed to a tree at the side of the A83.

In March, two drivers hit cows on the Tayinloan straight.

The incidents were reported to the police, and it is unclear if it was the same cow or two different beasts.

The unusual road sign near Tayinloan.
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CARRADALE

Campbeltown band trail east for ceilidh

A GROUP of young musicians trailed east to Carradale to support well-known traditional Scottish band Trail West at a village ceilidh.

Campbeltown-based Rhuvaal took to the village hall stage after Alec McKinnon kicked off the evening, before the award-winning Hebridean foursome made their appearance.

A large audience turned up to support the west coast talent last Friday, in what was Trail West's first visit to Carradale.

Rhuvaal, who describe themselves as 'a lively, young traditional Scottish band', consists of Arran McAlister on vocals and guitar, Raymond Gosling on drums and percussion, and Ni-



Rhuvaal lit up the stage at the Carradale ceilidh. Photo by Imogen O'Hanlon, 13.

all Gemmill, Kimberly Campbell and Stuart O'May on bagpipes and whistles.

A spokesperson for the band said: 'We had a brilliant night at the Carradale Ceilidh along with Alec McK-

innon and Trail West, it was great to see so many people turn up for it.

'We would like thank Robert Strang, Jean Campbell, Mary Semple, and the hall committee for helping at

the event, and everyone who donated a raffle prize.'

Rhuvaal are heading to Gig in the Goil today (Friday) and have been shortlisted to perform at ButeFest this year.

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CLACHAN

Children's trip to capital coliseum

CHILDREN from Clachan primary school trouped to Edinburgh to see a professional production of the pantomime they performed at Christmas.

The recent showing of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in the Edinburgh Playhouse was described as 'very in-

teresting' as it allowed the children to see the differences between their own performance and the professional one.

Head teacher Lucy Blake said: 'Clachan primary had a full house and fantastic reviews for their Joseph, and we are all still singing the songs.

'Visiting the huge



Clachan primary school at the Edinburgh Playhouse.

Playhouse theatre many people it takes to showed us just how put on a show.'

KINTYRE

Kintyre stays connected despite BT telephone box cull

EVERY pay phone in Kintyre will remain connected despite BT's plan to scrap one in five across Scotland.

Telecommunications company BT recently announced the plan due to a 90 per cent drop in usage over the last 10 years.

However, as one of only two planning authorities in Scotland, Argyll and Bute will lose none of its 46

boxes, alongside Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park which will retain all 18 of its phones.

Every other authority faces losses, with 10 losing every box in their jurisdiction.

There are plans for 111 booths to be adapted and communities in this position should look to Clachan for inspiration.

Clachan primary school has turned



The old post office in Clachan has a unique porch.

the village's disused is now a house, has a phone box into their unique, old-fashioned 'littlest library' and the red phone box as a porch.

Brews for Peru

CAMPBELTOWN'S churches joined forces to raise funds for flood-hit Peru.

The Scottish Bible Society (SBS), supported by all of the town's churches, held a coffee morning last Saturday in the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall, with a baking stall and table top sale.

The £530.87 raised at the event will support the Peruvian Bible Society's Bread of Life programme, which gives children

a good quality, filling meal before or after school, sometimes their only meal of the day.

According to SBS, two out of three children in Peru live in poverty, with 25 per cent of all children suffering from malnutrition.

To make matters worse, the country has experienced 10 times the usual rainfall this year, and floods have killed more than

100 people so far, with many more left homeless.

The Peruvian Bible Society last year provided more than 5,000 children with food, spiritual guidance and safety, and after the floods, support is appreciated more than ever.

The ladies behind the scenes who kept the tea and coffee flowing.

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Liz Kennedy and canon Keith Pagan behind the baking stall. 20_c18biblesociety01

A decade of superb songwriting success

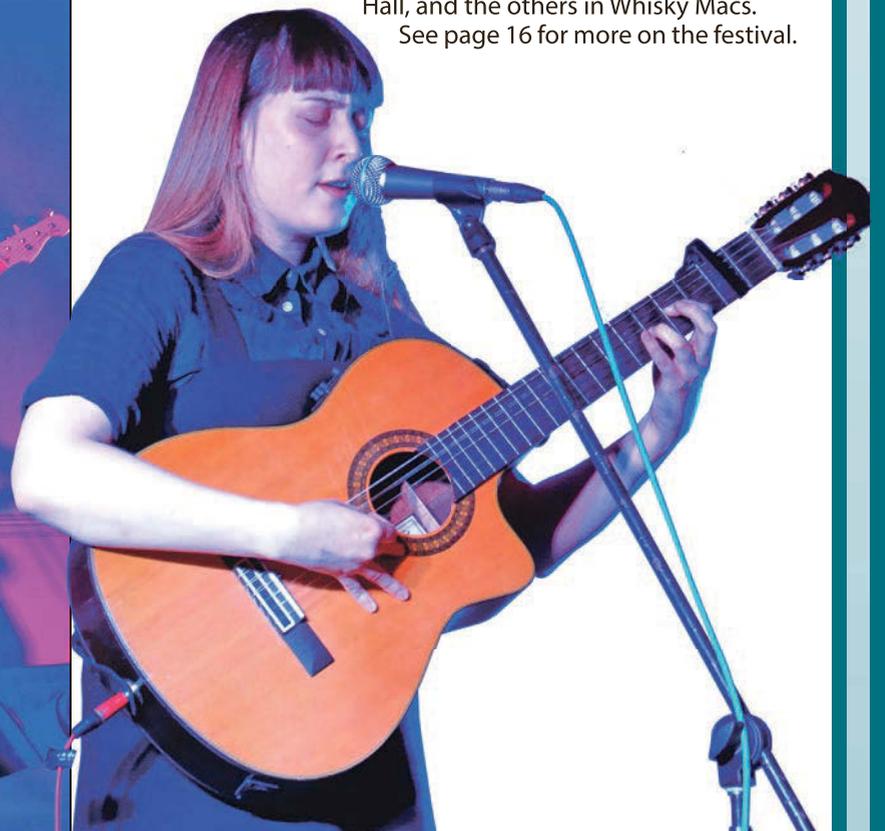


The Shift got the town hall crowd going. 20_c18songwriters04

SOME OF Kintyre's best song writers took to the stage last weekend alongside several of the top emerging musical acts in the country for Campbeltown's 10th song writing celebration.

The annual Kintyre Songwriters' Festival had a new venue this year, with the main events taking place in Campbeltown Town Hall, and the others in Whisky Macs.

See page 16 for more on the festival.



Chrissy Barnacle displayed some candid and unique song writing on Saturday night. 20_c18songwriters03

Festival's fine display of musical magic



Paul Johnson kept the crowd entertained at Whisky Macs' open stage on Saturday afternoon. 20_c18songwriters02

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THE TENTH annual Kintyre Songwriters' Festival (KSF) brought an astounding array of musical talent to Campbeltown.

The festival weekend kicked off with a rocking night of live music in Whisky Macs on Friday.

Iain McIntyre and his band got the pub crowd going with an explosive collection of rock songs.

Throughout Saturday, KSF's open mic session kept Whisky Macs' punters entertained with a selection of creations and classics from anyone

who had the courage to give it a go.

In an innovative move, some of the performances were live-streamed on Whisky Macs' Facebook page, allowing those who couldn't make it along to the pub to still enjoy the festival fever.

Idea

During the afternoon, Paul Johnson performed touching song Angel Fishing, and afterwards said: 'That song was written by a man called Kenneth Campbell Gilchrist, whose idea it was to have such a thing as a songwriters' festival in the first



Iain McIntyre rocked Whisky Macs' stage on Friday night.

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place, so we play his songs because they deserve to be heard, and because they're deadly.'

Saturday night performer Chrissy Barnacle left a lasting impression on the town hall audience with her frank and humorous self-penned alt-folk songs on topics ranging from her difficult love life to cannibal rats on a cruise ship.

Also on Saturday night, The Shift played an energetic set which got the crowd pumped up and ready for Glasgow group, Pronto Mama.

The beatnik six-piece enthralled the audience with their soulful and passionate

performance on stage. At times, one of the members played the trombone and keyboard at the same time, which had folk talking all weekend.

The musical talent which Kintyre produces, and draws in, is astounding and the KSF organisers should be proud of the weekend's display.



Pronto Mama put on an explosive performance. 20_c18songwriters05



A member of Pronto Mama amazed the audience with his multi-tasking, playing the trombone and the keyboard simultaneously. 20_c18songwriters06

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SOUTH WORTH Europe

Dram-atic showing in former whisky capital of the world

CAMPBELTOWN audiences will be among the first in the UK to get a chance to watch the rebooted version of the classic movie Whisky Galore!

The remake will feature in the Victoria Hall's final monthly showings on Saturday May 6 and Sunday May 7, before the refurbished picture house reopens.

It offers a fresh take on the classic comedy inspired by true events, with a newly added subplot.

When a stranded ship washes up on nearby rocks, the villagers of the tiny Scottish island of Todday are desperate to plunder the on-board cargo of whisky, particularly since their island is perilously close to being without booze due to wartime prohibitions.

The pompous Captain Wagget (Eddie Izzard) is keen to thwart all attempts to liberate the amber nectar, while local hero Macroon (Gregor Fisher) leads ingenious endeavours to befuddle the military's efforts.

A wry and charming delight, the cast also includes Kevin Guthrie and James Cosmo.

Also for the more grown-up audience, Viceroy's House takes us on an historic tour of what is now the official home of India's president.

Set in 1947, as the 300 years of British rule in India are coming to an end, Viceroy's House sees Lord Mountbatten (Hugh Bonneville), assume

As the political elite - Nehru, Jinnah and Gandhi - converged on the House to wrangle over the birth of independent India, conflict erupted.

And in the background, a pair of young lovers find themselves caught up in the seismic end of Empire, in conflict with the Mountbat-

King Kong is revered by the locals as a god - but where there's a god, there's a devil!

The iconic ape roars back onto the screen in this spectacular epic starring Tom Hiddleston, Brie Larson, Samuel L. Jackson, John Goodman and John C. Reilly.

The weekend also includes family fun



Tim Templeton and his brother, the Boss Baby, on a secret mission.

the post of the last Viceroy, charged with handing India back to its people.

Upstairs in Viceroy's House lived Mountbatten, his wife (Gillian Anderson) and daughter (Lily Travers); downstairs lived their 500 Hindu, Muslim and Sikh servants.

tens and with their own communities.

In another movie remake, Kong: Skull Island tells the story of a group of scientists who venture to a remote uncharted Pacific Island, but its natural beauty harbours some terrifying secrets.

with Smurfs: Lost Village, which sees the return of the beloved blue creatures in an all-new adventure.

A mysterious map sets Smurfette (Demi Lovato) and her friends on a thrilling race through the Forbidden Forest to find a mysterious lost village.

Embarking on a roller coaster journey full of action and danger, with the evil wizard Gargamel hot on their tail, the Smurfs are on a course that leads to the discovery of the biggest secret in Smurf history!

Also for the children, Dreamworks' The Boss Baby is a suit-wearing, briefcase-carrying baby business tycoon, voiced by Alec Baldwin.

When Tim Templeton's new baby brother arrives, he wasn't expecting to team up with him for a secret



Gregor Fisher stars as Macroon in the classic movie remake, Whisky Galore!

mission to thwart the evil Puppy Co.

Tim and the Boss Baby must put a stop to their wicked schemes to steal all the love in the world in this original animated comedy from the director of Madagascar.

Finally, an animated Disney classic gets a sumptuous live-action reboot, sure to be enjoyed by both youngsters and grown ups, as Emma Watson and Dan Stevens star as the Beauty and the Beast.

The tale as old as time is the story of Belle, spirited, intelligent and beautiful, who is taken prisoner by a beast and held in his castle.

She gradually begins to befriend the castle's enchanted staff - Cogsworth the clock, Lumiere the candlestick and Mrs Potts the teapot.

Slowly she begins to look past her captor's monstrous appearance, falling for the kind-hearted prince he once was.

An all-star cast including Ewan McGregor, Ian McKellen, Emma Thompson, Kevin Kline and Josh Gad brings this magical remake to the screen.

For more information, visit www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk.



King Kong roars back onto the big screen.

Campbeltown Picture House at the Victoria Hall Sat 6 & Sun 7 May



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Beauty and the Beast (PG) Sat 6, 4.30pm / 129 mins
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Kong: Skull Island (12A) Sat 6, 7.30pm / 118 mins
Epic adventure starring Tom Hiddlestone, Brie Larson, Samuel L. Jackson, John Goodman - and the greatest incarnation of King Kong yet!

The Boss Baby (U) Sun 7, 1pm / 97 mins
Dreamworks' hilarious family animation about a walking, talking baby business tycoon (voiced by Alec Baldwin) on a secret mission.

Viceroy's House (12A) Sun 7, 3.30pm / 106 mins
Hugh Bonneville stars as Lord Mountbatten, the last Viceroy, charged with handing India back to its people amongst political wrangling and huge change.

Whisky Galore (PG) Sun 7, 6pm / 98 mins
New take on the classic comedy with a terrific cast including Gregor Fisher as local hero Macroon and Eddie Izzard as the Captain determined to thwart the islanders' thirst for the good stuff!

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Emma Watson and Dan Stevens star as the Beauty and the Beast.

Old Pals' dig up fifty years

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CAMPBELTOWN'S Old Pals dug out their best mining anecdotes for their visit to a colliery exhibition.

More than 35 members visited Jan Nimmo's Road to Drumleman exhibition

at Glen Scotia's Old Kiln to mark the 50th anniversary of the closure of Machrihanish's Argyll Colliery.

Some of the Old Pals who worked in the coal mine shared stories of life in the pits. George McMillan worked in the mine



The Old Pals enjoy the Road to Drumleman exhibition. 20_c18oldpals02

from 1952 until 1966, the year before it was shut down.

Mr McMillan said: 'I left because I knew the mine was likely to close. I borrowed a bit of money and bought a chip shop where the

Golden Ocean is now.' Old Pal Willie Durance was an electrician at Argyll Colliery from 1956 until its closure in 1967.

Alex McKinven, Old Pals secretary, also worked at the colliery

from 1959 to 1961 as a surface worker.

'This exhibition is great,' said Mr McKinven, 'I bumped into my old next-door neighbour, Raymond Morris, who I haven't seen for over 50 years.

'His father, Bill, got me my job at the pit.'

Raymond travelled from Kingussie especially to visit the exhibition.

An Old Pals spokesperson said: 'We'd like to thank Iain Johnston

for organising today's visit.

'Thanks also to Age Scotland, Third Sector Interface, Ian MacVicar for transport, Glen Scotia Distillery for hosting us, South Kintyre Development Trust for providing us with seats, and, of course, Jan Nimmo for running the exhibition.'



Willie Durance, left, with his portrait, top, and Alex McKinven, right, with his sketch, below. 20_c18oldpals03



George McMillan below Jan Nimmo's pencil drawing of him at the exhibition. 20_c18oldpals01

Whisky galore at Campbeltown malts festival

A CELEBRATION of Campbeltown's legendary whisky brands is set to get the town tipsy.

Campbeltown's three historic distilleries, Springbank, Glengyle and Glen Scotia, will team up to host the fourth annual Campbeltown Malts Festival at the end of May, in celebration of the region's whisky heritage.

Honour

It will also honour the 175th anniversary of Cadenhead's,

Scotland's oldest independent bottler and a sister company of Springbank.

The three-day festival will feature different events each day, with a Glen Scotia open day on Wednesday May 24, Springbank's on Thursday May 26, and Friday May 26 dedicated to Mitchell's Glengyle distillery and Cadenhead's independent bottler.

The open days will feature

tours, tastings, stalls and special bottlings, as well as much more.

On the Thursday evening, from 7pm to 11pm, Springbank will have live music from the Wee Toon Tellers and a licensed bar in the distillery's malt barns.

Culminate

In honour of Cadenhead's, the Thursday will culminate in a special dinner in Campbeltown Town Hall.

A Springbank spokesperson

said: 'If anyone is interested in getting involved in our open day, whether it's having a stall to sell your products, selling food, providing music or entertainment, then please get in touch to secure your space.'

'We do not charge a stall holder fee for this event so it is completely free and all profits made will be yours.'

Festival organisers are also keen for all local businesses to

get involved by putting on their own events over the festival week.

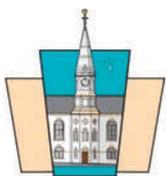
Great addition

The spokesperson added: 'Anything from a whisky dinner in your restaurant to live music in your pub and everything in between would be a great addition.'

'Ideas don't necessarily have to be whisky related - the more variety, the better.'

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Horsepower ploughs up Kintyre fields' furrows

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A KINTYRE farmer has inadvertently unearthed people's curiosity in ancient agriculture.

Stephen Jones, 54, from South Muasdale Farm, is finishing ploughing his fields beside the A83 with an old-fashioned plough pulled by two horses, after his tractor plough broke.

This drew the attention of several passers-by who pulled over to watch him at work, and take photos and videos.

Kenny Mitchell shared a video on Facebook of Mr Jones ploughing, and com-

mented: 'Something you don't see often nowadays.'

On his first day working big Gypsy Cobs Joe, 7, and Finn, 15, Mr Jones managed to plough almost half an acre in just a few hours, on 'very stony ground'.

There are five horses at South Muasdale, including two youngsters which are full brothers bred from Mr Jones's Clydesdale cross, Joice, by a Suffolk Punch stallion, which are being broken in for work this summer.

Mr Jones said: 'There is a surprising amount of horses being used for working now, both in woods for timber extraction and on small-



The old-fashioned set-up which has attracted people's attention.

er farms, as well as for a hobby, so there is a demand for well-schooled, working horses which we have tapped into.

'I am ploughing this field using the horses to get them going again as they have had a six-month holiday while I relocated back to Kintyre.'

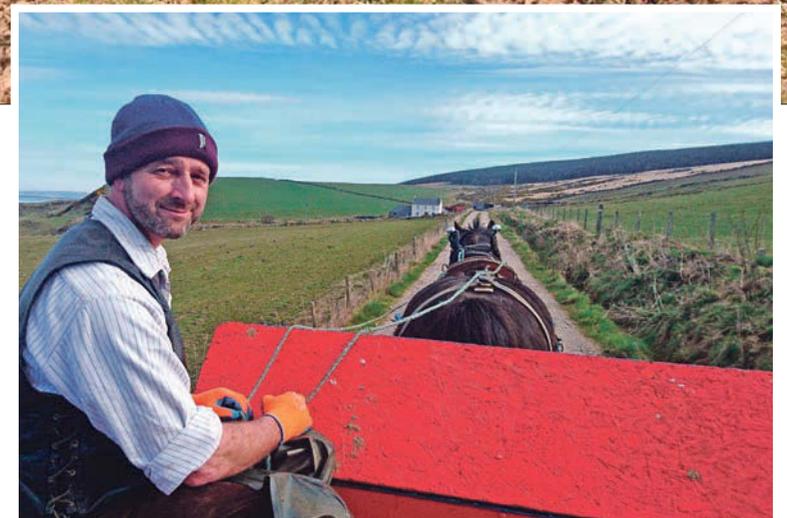
Originally Mr Jones was only going to plough a few acres but the field turned out to be so stony that it broke his reversible tractor plough so he is using the horses to do the rest.

'I would have picked a different field if I had known, as it's hard going when you don't know where the stones are hiding,' Mr Jones added.

'As the plough hits a buried stone it causes it to dig in, which tips it forward and causes the handles to hit you as it lifts!'

'Ploughing with the horses isn't really economical these days but on many jobs they are cheaper to use than tractors, especially on smaller farms.'

'Last year in Nor-



Mr Jones heading back to the farm house after feeding his cattle.

folk, we made over 80 acres of hay and used the horses to do most of the turning and rowing up using a team of three pulling a 16-foot tedder.

'Neil MacPhail has

been a great help with the horses, lending me a good heavy plough made by Ransomes of Ipswich...and also persuaded me to provide a field for the Largside ploughing match

in late July this year.'

The current field is going to be sown with barley, for feeding South Muasdale's cattle and horses this winter, and will be under sown with grass.



One of the large stones that Mr Jones has uncovered while ploughing.



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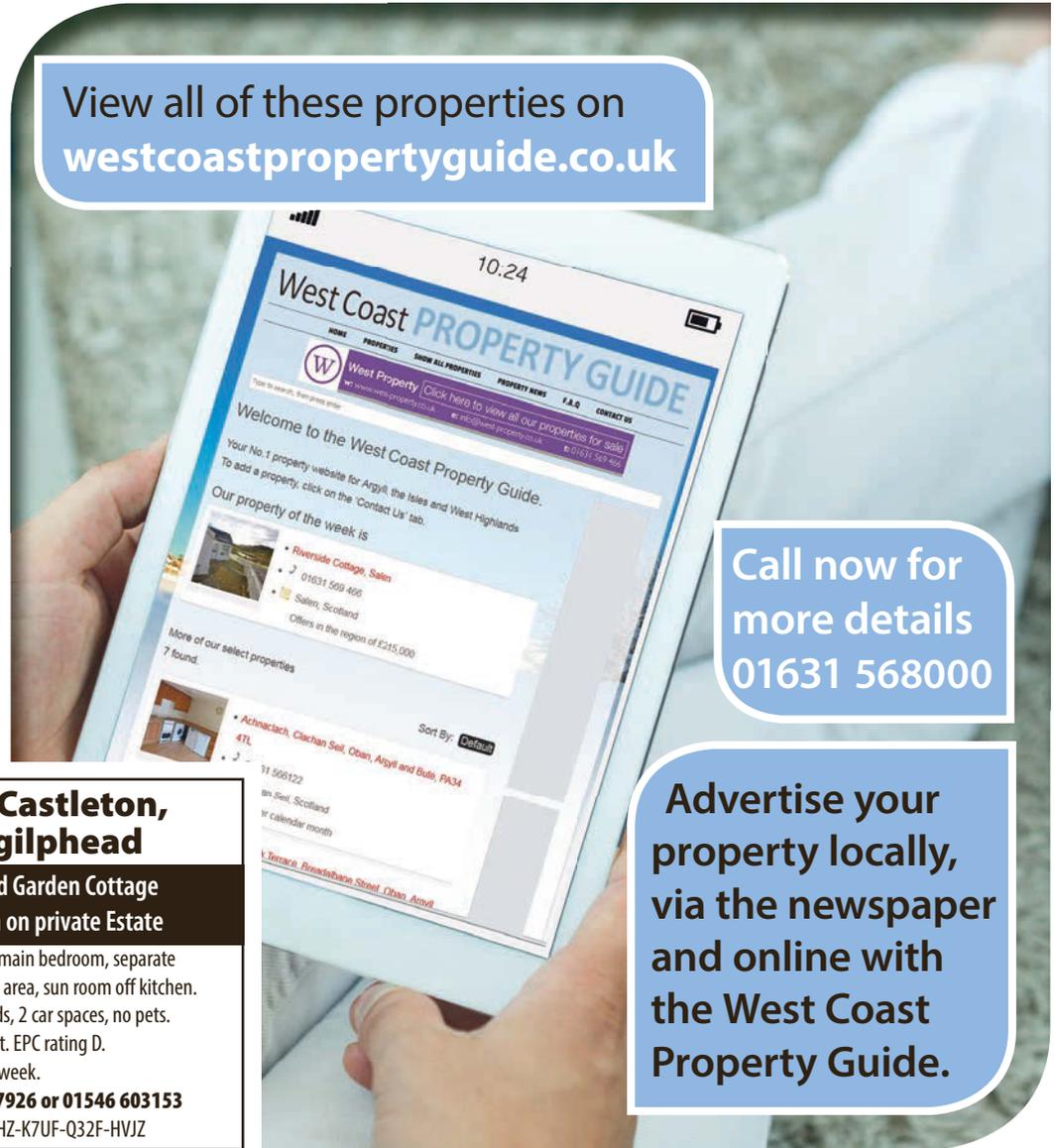
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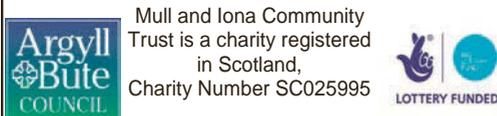
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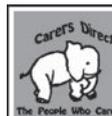
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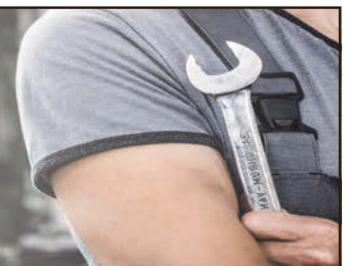


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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO FRIDAY MAY 4 2007

All aboard the whisky bus

TWO OF Campbeltown's oldest companies have joined forces to bring a new and very eye-catching attraction to the town this summer.

The Springbank Open Top Tour of Campbeltown is a joint venture between Springbank Distillers and West Coast Motors and brings the town its first open top bus tour.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO FRIDAY MAY 8 1992

Tension mounts on God's island

EVERY member of staff working on the Gigha Estate has been laid off - the island's estate manager has just announced.

Mr George Hall told the Courier on Tuesday that letters had gone out from Mr Potier giving notice to six people, including two full-time and one part-time gardener, general workers and a joiner - all of them living in tied cottages.

And he said one gardener had left earlier because of uncertainty over the island's future.

He said: 'I am the only employee left and I daresay I may be laid off eventually. I just keep going.'

He said he understood the gardeners, who look after the famous Achamore Gardens, had been offered reemployment through Savills, the agents dealing with the sale and had been given the chance to rent their homes.

Since the island went up for sale at the end of March, rumours have been flying about - and a few weeks ago Kirsty Alley was among those said to be interested.



Springbank and West Coast Motors staff with the town's first open top tour bus.

FIFTY YEARS AGO THURSDAY MAY 11 1967

Crazy daisy

A RARE horticultural find has been made in a Campbeltown garden.

While mowing his lawn, a local man came across a three-headed daisy.

Not three flowers growing from a common stem, but a three-in-one stem and flower.

It can clearly be seen in photographs that the triple stem is quite flat.

The finder, who prefers to remain anonymous, took the daisy to experts, who had this to say: 'This plant shows the phenomenon known as fasciation,

which is the coalescing of stems on a plant.

'Fasciation is fairly common, particularly in the daisy and hyacinth families. It arises due to some environment effect and is not inherited. Seed from the daisy, therefore, would be no more liable to show fasciation than seed from any other daisy plant.'

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO SATURDAY MAY 5 1917

May day

THE SCHOOL children were granted the customary holiday on Tuesday, the 1st of May.

The weather was of a most summer-like description, and large bands of the young folks hied themselves to the country, where they had a full day's healthy enjoyment.

The old-time May Day dish of curds and cream was much sought after as usual, but does not seem to have been so generally available as formerly.

Death of former sheriff of Argyll

THE DEATH took place in Edinburgh on Thursday of last week of Mr James Ferguson KC of Kinmundy, Sheriff of Forfarshire.

Mr Ferguson was the eldest and only surviving son of Mr William Ferguson, of Kinmundy, Aberdeenshire.

He was born in 1857, and was educated at Edinburgh University.

He was called to the Bar in 1879, and in 1888 was appointed an extra advocate-depute on the Glasgow Circuit, and in 1892 he became advocate-depute.

He was appointed when the Unionist party came into power three years later, and was senior advocate-depute from November, 1896, till his appointment as Sheriff of Argyllshire two years later.



Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE WERE at a most interesting course on helping to understand and relate to people with dementia. This was led by Professor June Andrews, and she was an inspiration.

June helped us to understand the confusion and fear that people with dementia experience.

She invited us to consider ways in which we could help, and understand the fear and confusion that people with dementia experience every single day. June enabled us to catch a glimpse of the mental anguish suffered by so many with this distressing condition.

There was much to absorb and much which gave hope.

One of the things that impressed me most was when June told us about a new venture in dealing with people who turn day into night and who are unsettled and anxious as night falls.

She said that in care homes night staff are encouraged to wear pyjamas or onesies.

This makes the residents feel secure when they are told it is night time and that they should get into their own night wear.

If they are restless in the night, they meet people who are dressed for bed and are gently told, 'Ssh - people are sleeping'.

Instead of a uniform they meet someone just like themselves, ready for bed. How much gentler and kinder than to engage in confrontation.

We know that the problem of dementia is increasing and has a devastating effect, not only on the person affected, but on the whole family.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31).

DEATHS

GILCHRIST - On April 25, 2017, peacefully, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, Agnes Jane, in her 88th year, much loved mother of George, dear mother-in-law of Bettina, dearly loved sister of Flora, and the late Greta and Betty, and a dear aunt of Peter. A good neighbour and friend of many. Funeral service was held at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on May 2, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery. With special thanks to doctors and staff at Lochgilphead Medical Centre, Beatson Glasgow and Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Grey Gull Inn for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The sum of £500 was raised for the Beatson Cancer Charity.

MACINTYRE - At Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, after a long illness, on April 27, 2017,

Billy MacIntyre, in his 55th year, of Cruachan, Middle Balado, Kinross, dearly beloved husband of Irene, devoted dad of Fraser, beloved son of Janet and William MacIntyre, 64 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, much loved brother of Janice and a loving uncle. A cremation service will be held in the Dunfermline Crematorium, on Wednesday, May 10 at 2.00pm. A memorial service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, May 15 at 2.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Headway.

MACMILLAN - Suddenly but peacefully, at home, Shalom, Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown, with her family by her side, on May 2, 2017, Jenny Ferguson Mitchell, in her 82nd year, dearly beloved wife of Donald MacMillan, much loved mother of Shona and the late Robert, loving granny of Rebecca and Rhiannon and great granny of Jennifer, Millie and Bobby. Service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, today Friday, May 5 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery, Southend. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection

will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

MCARTHUR - Peacefully, at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, on April 29, 2017, Duncan McArthur, aged 68 years, of Robert Burns Drive, Edinburgh, formerly of Lochgilphead and Newcastle, much loved brother of Susan and the late Peter and Archie. A dear brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service private, by request.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

YOUNG - Christine, Gemma and Laura would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sad loss of Robert. Many thanks to family, friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers, food parcels and kind messages with stories of an amazing character. Special thanks to all the nurses involved for their kind care and attention. A very special thanks to Rev Roderick Campbell for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, handling of all arrangements and attention to detail, organist, Ethel MacCallum, and piper, Ian Campbell, for their playing and choice of music, The Scottish

Heather Shop for beautiful floral tributes, The George Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The sum of £1,255 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

IN MEMORIAM

MARSHALL - In loving memory of my darling daughter, Kellyann, died May 10, 1979, aged 6 days. May the winds of Heaven blow gently, And whisper for you to hear, That I still love and miss you, Always wishing you were here.

- Inserted by Mum, Southend.

MCCALLUM - Treasured memories of our mum, Tessa (Scally), died May 7, 2007, and dad, Archie (Caddy), died January 6, 1993. Remembering every day.

- Maureen, Robert, John and family.

MITCHELL - In loving memory of a beloved husband, father and grandfather, Robert, died May 3, 2012 and a beloved granddaughter, daughter, sister and niece, Amelia Hope, died May 5, 2010, aged 27 days. Three little words, "forget me not", Don't seem much but mean a lot, Just a memory fond and true, To show, we are thinking of both of you.

- Isobel, Stephen, Andrew, Paul, Anthea and family.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 7th May 2017
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service
in Lochgair Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
All welcome

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 7th May 2017
Communion Services
Skipness Service
10am
Tarbert and Kilberry
Service 11.30am
Rev Walter Ritchie
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
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"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"
Services in
Achahoish at 9:45am
Ardrishaig at 11:00am

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
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Saturday 6pm
(except the 1st Saturday of the month)

HOLY MASS

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Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 7 May
Tayvallich Church 10am
Morning Worship
Rev. C. Acklam
Saturday 6 May
Achnamara Hall
Café Connect 10.30am
Quilting Talk 12.45pm
Dr Chrystine Livingston
Monday 8 May
Tayvallich Church
Prayer Time 10.30am
Thursday 11 May
Messy Church
Tayvallich Hall 4 - 6pm
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
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Sunday 7th May
Easter 4
Morning Prayer followed by Theological Reflection 10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
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George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 7th May
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
Wednesday 10th May
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745



Communion Service
7th May 2017
11.00 am
Visiting Speaker - Fiona Merriweather with Sunday School followed by refreshments
Church AGM
10th May 2017
7.30pm Ardsheil Hotel
Mainly Music
10.00 - 11.30 am
every Thursday (term time only)
Registration required
Pastor Chris Holden
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk



KILMARTIN
Sunday 7th May
Service at 11 a.m
Speaker this week - Graham McLean
"Oaks of Righteousness - The Planting of The Lord"
Light meal to follow
ALL WELCOME
www.livingstoneschristiancentre.com
SC001752

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church
Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sunday 7th May
11.00am
Service of Healing with Prayers for the Sick.
St Columba's, Pottalloch (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
6.00pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

Highland Parish Church

SC002493
Sunday 7 May 2017
Sacrament of Holy Communion
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15am
Please note that the service is in the church and not Kirk Street Hall
All Welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 7th May
Sacrament of Holy Communion 11.15am
Kirk Session meet 10.55am
Creche Holiday Club for P1-P7
Sacrament of Holy Communion 2.30pm
Rev P Wallace
Tuesday 9th May
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Friday 12th May
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6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
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1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
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Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
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CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

7th May 2017
Worship Service
Kilmartin 11.45am
Rev. C R Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

Pupils gain no quarter in Saints' slick slaughter

Campbeltown Pupils U15s 1
Oban Saints U15s 5

YOUNG Oban Saints crossed Argyll and gave Campbeltown Pupils Youths a lesson in possession play.

The all-weather pitch home derby, on Wednesday of last week, left legions of fans bitterly disappointed with the Oban team running out deserved winners.

Oban took the game to the hosts from the start.

Some good possession football created a few chances which were missed, before, midway through the half and after some neat passes, the Oban winger was allowed to dribble into the box unchallenged and put the away team in front.

The home team had a couple of chances with a Souden header from a corner going wide and, with their best move of the half, Lang was denied only by the keeper's legs.

At half time it was still

all to play for and the Pupils team started better and scored the equaliser.

Good passing between Colville and MacBrayne saw him play in Lang on the left, who fired home a left foot shot into the far corner.

Just as it looked like the home team were right back in the game they found themselves behind almost from kick-off.

The Oban forward was played in and held off the Pupils defender to fire Oban back in front from the edge of the box.

The home team's heads went down after this and the away team continued to dominate. It was no surprise when they scored again when the Oban midfielder dribbled past three players and shot home into the net.

The score line was added to with a header from a corner at the far post for Oban's fourth and in the last minute a free kick from the edge of the box was

clinically put into the top corner for the goal of the match.

Oban gained a comfortable win and have a great chance to win the league at the expense of the Campbeltown team who must now rely on results elsewhere with five games left to play.

Campbeltown Pupils U15s 3
Drumchapel U15s 0

IN COMPLETE contrast to the game against Oban Saints four days earlier, Pupils performed perfectly to grab three points.

Drumchapel came hunting for the points to take them level with the Campbeltown side but it was the home team whose good performance won the day.

Playing with the strong wind behind them, the Pupils dominated the first half as Drumchapel struggled to get out of their home half.

Only some poor finishing and some good saves kept the score down as



Oban Saints had many corners in the first half and are seen here challenging in the Pupils' goalmouth. 25_c18u15pupils04

Lang, Colville, Souden and Brown all missed good chances.

A MacBrayne corner was headed into the roof of the net by Litster who showed the forwards how it should be done. The young team continued to press forward and a great move saw Lang chopped down on the edge of the box.

Despite MacBrayne running in to fire home the loose ball, the whistle had already gone but

MacBrayne was not to be denied, as he rifled home the freekick into the far corner.

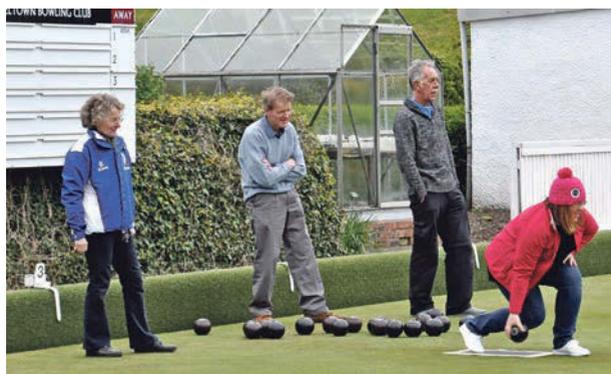
The Pupils team really needed more goals with the wind advantage and Lamont duly obliged as the ball was cleared to the edge of the box and he volleyed a great shot, with his left foot, in off the post to make it 3-0 at half time.

Playing into the wind the Pupils continued to dominate despite the conditions

and had a few early chances which should have made sure of the result but they couldn't convert.

The home team defended well when they had to and restricted the away side to a couple of long range shots and free kicks which the Pupils keeper saved well.

They continued to have chances but couldn't add to their tally and the match finished 3-0 to the Pupils team to keep their slight hopes alive in the league.



Beginner Louise Mackay rolls a bowl-. 20_c18bowl01

Bowls beginners

THE SUN helped to draw lots of novice bowlers to Stronvaar green last Sunday.

Campbeltown Bowling Club invited anyone who wanted to give the grass sport a go to head to the clubhouse last weekend.

Sun shining

Saturday's dull weather may have deterred some from attending, but with the sun shining on Sunday, 24 people of all ages turned up to try their hand at the

sport, keeping the coaches occupied for two hours.

Beginner Louise Mackay, who has signed up at the club, said: 'My new year's resolution was to learn to bowl, and this is my first time trying it.'

A CBC spokesperson said: 'We're trying to get more children involved as well. We've been in talks with Active Schools for around two years so we're hoping to have something organised soon.'

Big hitter Harvey wins at Dunaverty

STRONG winds hampered golfers at Dunaverty's season starter spring meeting.

Despite playing few rounds this year, Raymond Harvey outshone the field by recording a superb scratch 75 to give him a winning nett 58, five shots clear of runner-up Malcolm Ronald.

The match, sponsored by incoming captain John McDowall, attracted a field of 35 members.

It was also the first round qualifier for the Lephenth Trophy with the top eight scratch players hoping to consolidate their places in the next round on May 27.

First man out Sandy Watson posted an excellent scratch 74 to set a handicap target of nett 64.

Malcolm Ronald, enjoying a return to golf, shaved Sandy's score by one stroke to lead on 63.

Duncan Watson III led the morning scratch players with a 71.

Lee Mathieson matched Duncan Watson's scratch score but a better inward half ensured him the scratch prize of a bottle of whisky and a dozen Srixon golf balls and the Lorne medal.

At the presentation captain John McDowall thanked green keepers David Scullion and Willy MacMillan for the impeccable condition of the course and club steward Will Anderson for his catering and also the participants.

Handicap Result: 1 Raymond Harvey 75-17-58, 2 Malcolm Ronald 88-25-63, 3 Sandy Watson 74-10-64, 4 John Marrison 82-17-65, 5 Lee Mathieson 71-5-66, 6 Duncan Watson III 71-4-67, Scratch Result, 1 Lee Mathieson

71(bih) 2 Duncan Watson III 71, 3 Sandy Watson 74(bih).

1st Round Lephenth qualifiers; 1 Lee Mathieson 71, 2 Duncan Watson III 71, 3 Sandy Watson 74, 4 Ross Sinclair 74, 5 Raymond Harvey 75, 6 Donald Taylor 76, 7 Robert Irvine 77, 8 Harry MacLean 77.

CSS for the day was 65.



Captain John McDowall presents Raymond Harvey with his prize.

Young putters

DUNAVERTY golf club is putting effort into attracting golf stars of the future.

Junior golf lessons start on Friday May 12 from 4pm - 5.30pm. Any child aged from eight upwards is welcome.

Consent forms to be completed, by an adult, at the first session, along with payment of £10.

Anyone requiring further information should contact Ailie MacBrayne on 01586 830 619 or Florence Chrystie 01586 553489.

Islay golf

ISLAY golf club results: Summer league played Wednesday April 26 1 S Johnston 42, 2 G Hyslop 39, 3 A Gillespie 38. C.S.S. 39 Pts. (69).

The Laddie played last Sunday 1 A Woodman 37, 2 A MacLean 36, 3 L Gairns 35. CSS 36 Pts (72).



Marjorie Leighton and Leone Shaw-Tulloch.

Monster climbs on Loch Ness cycle

WHILE waiting at Athens airport departures a Campbeltown cyclist decided to saddle up for the Étape Loch Ness.

Once back in Kintyre Marjorie Leighton spoke about the plan to cycle the 'tough' 66-mile route with pilates teacher Leone Shaw-Tulloch.

It is a closed road route along the A82 from Inverness and the Kintyre pair had to get up at 4.45am for a 6.35am start.

Marjorie said: 'We first became saddle sore in training back in

January. We cycled the Learside to Southend a few times to gain practise for steep hills.

'The king of the mountains climb out of Fort Augustus is 4.8 miles. It was longer and steeper than anything we had done in training.

'Our main aim was to stay ahead of the sweeper van which follows the tail of the ride.

'It was an awesome and very well run ride - roll-on next year.'

The pair raised about £1,300 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Cordiner cup champions

MANY golfers swung into Carradale golf club in a bid to win the annual Cordiner Cup competition.

A great Easter weekend of sport saw winners: Ranald Rixson, Anne Fergusson, Holly Davis and Duncan Munro lift the trophy.

A club spokesperson said: 'The club is appreciative of the continued support by the Cordiner family.'

Dr Carolyn Cordiner, who presented the cup, said: 'The Cordiners have always enjoyed their family holidays in Carradale, particularly at Easter.

'The Texas scramble has been their favourite competition as it allows all ages, genders and golfing abilities to participate.

'We are delight-

ed that it continues to be well supported by home and holiday families, and hope it will be similarly en-

joyed by generations to come.'

Runners up: Jamie Campbell, Julie Allen, Izzy Anderson

and Stuart Walker. Third: Paul Davis, Sharon Glass, Lorna Neilson and Sandy Galbraith.



Ranald Rixson, Anne Fergusson, Carolyn Cordiner, who presented the cup, Holly Davis and Duncan Munro.

First round leader wins Fyne tankard

GLORIOUS weather greeted golfers playing the final round of the Fyne Tankard at Glenralloch.

First round leader Bruce MacNab added another 69-5 for a nett 64 and an overall total of 128 which was good enough for victory.

Malcolm McAlpine was second on 132 and Keith Blair a further shot back on 133.

Islay golf club results

HUNTER trophy, played Wednesday April 19: 1 I.Farrell 41 points (pts), 2 K.MacDonald 40 and 3 D.Muir 38. CSS 70.

Higginbotham trophy played Sunday April 23: 1 C.Holyoake 45 pts, 2 D.Muir 40, 3 S. Johnston 37.

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Cordiner cup
champions

Pupils edged out in a hard-fought match

St Joseph's FP 3
Campbeltown Pupils 1

By John McCallum
CAMPBELTOWN Pupils were outgunned - but not outclassed - last Saturday in their 3-1 loss to newly crowned SAFL Premier champions St Joseph's.

It means the Kintyre Park side need three wins from their final trio of matches to ensure their SAFL premier survival for a fourth consecutive season.

The McFadyens-sponsored Pupils battled hard in Duntocher but could not prevent their hosts taking three points, and the SAFL title.

After an encouraging opening 15 minutes there was disappointment for the visitors.

A St Joseph's striker latched onto a flick-on header to deftly loop the ball into the net away from the grasp of keeper Craig Lamont.

However, the Pupils persevered and were

soon rewarded with an equaliser. Ellis Robertson played a long ball forward which was only cleared by the St Joseph's defence as far as John McCallum.

Making his first appearance since early September after working in Portugal, McCallum controlled the ball and looped in a half-volley from 25 yards out, beyond the reach of the St Joseph's keeper.

With this lift, the Pupils matched their hosts in an open contest and deservedly went in at half time on 1-1.

There was huge disappointment for the visitors only 10 minutes into the second half as a quick two-goal salvo from St Joseph's, who only needed a draw to seal the title, threatened to put the match beyond the Pupils.

It was a mixture of the ridiculous and the sublime as centre back Paul Grumoli attempted to clear a low cross from the right flank,

but miskicked due to a freak bounce from the parched grass pitch, which was followed by a precise right-footed finish into Lamont's bottom left-hand corner from 12 yards out, to make it 2-1.

Still fresh from going behind, the Pupils failed to clear their heads - and their lines - and a misplaced lateral pass which exposed the defence created a two-on-one situation, and veteran St Joe's striker Ryan Halpin rolled the ball into an empty net.

Stunned at falling two goals behind, the Feathers Inn-sponsored Pupils withstood waves of attack from their now emboldened hosts, but as the game wore on the visitors competed well.

With only 11 players in the squad, some carrying knocks from the previous game, it proved difficult for the Pupils to take control of the game and carve out meaningful chances.

Despite the match



Goal scorer John McCallum in action before leaving for sunnier climes.
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finishing 3-1, leaving the Pupils need-

ing maximum points from their last three matches, such a showing should be encouragement ahead of tomorrow's (Saturday) must-win clash with Motherwell Thistle, kick off 2pm.

The venue is expected to be Kintyre Park.

Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Shawlands FP 1, Oban Saints 6; St Joseph's FP 3, Campbeltown Pupils 1; Jimmy Marshall Cup quarter-final - Dunon 7, East Kilbride 2; Hall Cup, first round - Houston 2, Lochgilhead Red Star 5; Tarbert 0, Arkleston 4.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils v Motherwell Thistle; Oban Saints v Goldenhill; Premier 1 - Rutherglen v Dunoon; Premier 2A - Houston v Lochgilhead Red Star; Premier 2B - Tarbert v Duntocher.

Machrihanish lottery results

THE WINNING numbers in Machrihanish golf club's three number lottery draw were 6, 8 and 18.

There were no winners.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £800, is May 8.



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Church bowlers ring in the changing season



John Cameron, John Newlands, John Mason and Dougald Young, with their trophies. Missing from the photo are Robert Young and Dougald McKendrick.

LORNE and Lowland Church men's indoor bowlers rolled down to the Argyll hotel for an end-of-season prize giving.

Following the dinner, the president, David Armour, introduced Reverend Philip Wallace who presented the prizes as follows:

N L McMillan cup, Norman Keith cup and Willie Hughes

cup: John Cameron.

Knox cup: John Newlands and John Mason.

Triples shield: John Mason, Dougald McKendrick and John Newlands.

Mixed pairs: Robert Young and Margaret Smith.

Jim McPhee cup: Dougald Young.

President's prize: John Newlands and John Mason.

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