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Earth moves for residents after quake hits twice

EARTHQUAKE tremors left people around Tarbert and on the Isle of Gigha feeling a little shaky this week.

A seismic alert by the British Geological Survey (BGS) confirmed the hamlet of Ormsary near Lochgilphead was the epicentre of two quakes in just three days.

The earthquakes, which peaked at a 2.6 magnitude, came from eight kilometres below ground but were four billion times smaller than the 2011 quake in Japan. Tremors were felt as far away as Tarbert on both occasions, but online posts on Gigha Noticeboard's Facebook page reported rumblings from the first quake had also reached the usually tranquil island.

David Irving on Gigha posted: 'If anyone was curious about that loud rumbling

noise, it was a small earthquake or tremor. Confirmed on the British Geological Survey site. I was up at the north end. It was fairly loud, with just a tiny tremor.'

Jacqueline Morris Currie felt it too at North Ardmish House on the island but said it was 'not huge'.

Another Gigha resident, Hazel Smethurst, heard it and 'wondered what it was', and Neil Anderson, who was in the Tarbert area, posted: 'It was over this way. British Geological Survey said 2.6. Also small aftershock.'

The BGS website recorded the first quake happening on Sunday April 29 at 6.19pm, followed by the second one on May 1 at 6.15am.

On All Things Tarbert public Facebook group, people reported windows shaking

and the rumblings also got a mention on Everything Clachan Facebook page.

But BGS earthquake expert Glenn Ford said there is no need to panic because two quakes happened so close together.

'They were unusual in that they were felt by the general public as most that size go completely unnoticed. But in this area's case there are no big motorways or urban noise to cover it up.'

'We've had much larger ones elsewhere in built-up areas that have completely bypassed the public.'

'It's slightly unusual that there were two of the same size happening within a couple of days in that part of the world, but it comes down to how the energy has been released - sometimes it's like a stuttering effect. The

area around Ormsary and Tarbert is not sitting on one particular fault, the whole of the UK is criss-crossed by fault-lines. There's nothing for people to worry about, they can sleep safe!'

The BGS has record of around 300 earthquakes over the past 40 years happening within 50kms of Ormsary - a previous one in November 2017 was also of 2.6 magnitude.

Worldwide there are about 100,000 a year that are the same size as the Ormsary ones.

One earthquake within 50kms of Ormsary, back in 1797, measured 3.8 magnitude. A much larger one in 1880 reached a magnitude of 5.2 and was felt all over Scotland.

Anyone who experienced either of this week's quakes can fill in 'I felt it' report at bgs.ac.uk

Sun shines on music festival



Festival organisers Niall Gemmill and Raymond Gosling.

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THE TINY fishing village of Carradale now has its own first-class music festival, thanks to possibly two of the youngest festival organisers in the country.

Niall Gemmill and Raymond

Gosling, both 18 and members of traditional band Rhuvaal, organised the event to bring a taste of west coast music to the east Kintyre village. For a full report of the festival, see pages 16 and 17.

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Knife possession

A 28-YEAR-old man who was found to be in possession of a knife at about 4.25pm on Tuesday April 24 in Mill Street, Campbeltown, and resisted arrested, was charged with the offence.

Abusive behaviour

A 26-YEAR-old man was arrested and charged after behaving in an abusive manner at about 5.20pm on Tuesday April 24 in Kirk Street, Campbeltown.

Woman assaulted

AT ABOUT 8.30pm on Wednesday April 25, a 25-year-old man behaved in an abusive manner and assaulted a woman.

The man will be charged on completion of police inquiries.

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Avril gets health care hero award

HOSPITAL worker Avril Coffield has been hailed a health care hero.

Ms Coffield, who is a health care assistant at Campbeltown Hospital, was one of the winners at the annual Health and Social Care Partnership's Excellence Awards last week.

Tina Watt, HSCP local area manager, said Ms Coffield had dedicated her life to caring for others.

'I am delighted to see Avril recognised. She is a valuable member of our team who is loved by colleagues and the people she looks after,' she said.

The awards honour the exceptional health and social staff working for the HSCP who have performed over and above expectations and attracted nominations from colleagues and members of the public.

Liz Higgins, lead nurse for Argyll and Bute HSCP, said: 'Health and social care staff across Argyll and Bute are providing a first class service to their communities every day and we feel it is important that they are recognised for their hard work and dedication to our patients and service users.'



Campbeltown Hospital health care assistant Avril Coffield received an excellence award for dedication to her job.

Council begs ministers to avoid care cuts

ARGYLL'S health and social care board is taking a begging bowl to Holyrood as it faces a £2.4 million budget gap this year.

The Health and Social Care Partnership's (HSCP) most controversial cost-saving proposals, to cut council-run care homes, day care and learning disability centres, were rejected by the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) last month, following public outrage when the plans were leaked.

For people who work within and use these services, redesign means closure and more than 400 potential job losses.

The IJB has until its meeting on Wednesday May 30 at Kilmory to plan another solution.

But council leader Aileen Morton told Argyll and Bute Council's full meeting last Thursday there is no more money.

She said: 'The HSCP faces a tough combination of challenges. To meet them, the HSCP needs more than the support of the council and NHS. It also needs the support of the Scottish Government.'

Councillor Morton is therefore writing to Cabinet Secretary for Health Shona Robison MSP to outline its 'unique position' and 'to highlight that budget pressures are preventing the time-scales needed for community-driven transformation and to ask the Scottish Government to consider reassessing the funding levels provided for health and social care in Argyll and Bute'.

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Gigha fails to form community council

GIGHA is one of a dozen community councils in Argyll and Bute that have been unable to form after the elections on April 26 because there were not enough candidates.

Nominations for new community councillors closed on March 22. Argyll and Bute papers revealed there were only two contested elections – one in Jura and one in Kilniver and Kilmelford.

Forty-two community councils were formed by uncontested elections, including Kintyre and Mid Argyll, Colonsay, Craignish and Islay.

However, there are 12 community councils that cannot be formed due to insufficient nominations being received – less

than 50 per cent of the maximum membership level. Gigha was one of them, the others were Ardrishaig, Oban, Seil and Easdale, Dunbeg, Lismore, Cove and Kilcreggan, Rosneath and Clynder, Cardross, Ardentiny, Sandbank and Bute.

'We have 20 per cent of community councils that would not be operational,' Councillor George Freeman

told last Thursday's council meeting in Kilmory Castle. 'Thirty per cent of community council places would be vacant.'

The report added: 'In most cases we are one or two short but there are four community councils where we need three, four or five candidates to be nominated. We're looking at a timetable for a by-election to fill these.'



Gigha has not been able to form a new community council after the election in April.

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New school will get results, says council education boss

STUDENTS at Campbeltown's 'new super school' will get the results they need – but miracles don't happen overnight, says Argyll and Bute education chief Yvonne McNeilly.

Last week's *Campbeltown Courier* reported an Education Scotland inspection of the town's grammar school found it could do better.

The inspection, just before the school's move to new premises in February, praised some initiatives but also identified some weaknesses, including the level of challenges pitched to students often being too low.

Councillor McNeilly, the council's policy lead for education, told last week's full council meeting that she was

'confident' the authority's education service was now seeing progress to make improvements happen and sustain them.

'I am confident the team will be moving forward to deliver the results young people need in Campbeltown. We are moving on. It is being monitored. We have a new school. It is super,' she said.

But Councillor Lorna Douglas blasted her reassurances.

'It is condescending to say "we are moving forward"', she said, adding that "failing" schools in Argyll and Bute seemed to go undetected, or unsupported, until there was a crisis.

'It takes an Education Scotland report to bring things to a head,'



The new Campbeltown Grammar School, which opened in February.

she told the meeting and added: 'I cannot understand how this is allowed to happen.'

Councillor McNeilly replied: 'We have

been making progress. Things are not perfect. We are moving forward. We have two excellent heads of service. Things will be

driven forward. Miracles will not happen overnight. We have a terrific central education team. I am confident we have the skills

in the team that will drive and move forward.'

In a report for the full council, she said a big focus for the authori-

ty's education service had been an action plan after the inspection of education authorities visit to it in September 2017.

Councillor McNeilly said an updated education report since then found the authority had made some important improvements in achieving positive outcomes for its children and young people and that education staff recognised that they needed to continue working together effectively to make sure those improvements were sustained.

The authority's visits to schools are now more regular, well-planned and have 'an agreed purpose, ensuring that key local and national priorities are considered'.

Hotel hit by 16 cancellations is ferry disruption casualty

CALMAC'S timetable disruption is hitting Campbeltown's tourist trade with one hotel suffering 16 cancellations from guests due to stay one week, a councillor has warned.

Councillor Donald Kelly was among Argyll and Bute councillors who rounded on CalMac at last Thursday's full council meeting, with hoteliers across the region reporting many cancellations during this busy festival period.

The repaired MV Clansman ferry should be back this week but timetable disruption looks likely to continue until May 23.

Campbeltown's summer service to Ardrossan is set to be delayed by a month, meaning visitors cannot use it to enjoy Kintyre's biggest events, including the Kintyre Way Ultra, the Kintyre Songwriters' Festival, Campbeltown Malts Festival and MOK Run.

Councillor Kelly said: 'It's

sending out wrong signals to tourists and businesses. It's definitely impacting the area hard.'

There are fears visitors' plans to head to Islay tomorrow (Friday May 4) for a memorial service, in the presence of Princess Anne, marking the sinking of the SS Tuscania and HMS Otranto will also be affected.

CalMac said it is 'working round the clock to ease disruption'.

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Newsman entertains at Rotary's charter dinner

A BBC Scotland correspondent, originally from the Wee Toon, gave the Rotary Club of Campbeltown an insight into his work.

Jamie McIvor was guest speaker at the Rotary Club's Charter Dinner on Friday April 20 at the Argyll Arms hotel.

Pat Healey, vice president of Inner Wheel, Campbeltown, gave a toast to the Rotary Club and Rotary president Margaret Bakes replied.

Margaret reviewed her presidential year, thanking members for their hard work which had enabled the club to donate more than £13,000 to local causes and international organisations.

She reported that the club had successfully nominated Rhona O'May to Rotary District for the Euroscola programme.

Rhona was part of a larger group of young people from Scotland who attended the European Parliament in Strasbourg in February.

The Rotary Club has had four candidates accepted over the past five years at this annual event.

Jamie gave an informative talk outlining his career progression.

He recounted his education at Campbeltown Grammar School, reporting foundations at the *Courier*, experience with many newspapers and local radio before



Rotary president elect John McDowell, Pat Healey, vice president Inner Wheel, Jamie McIvor, and Rotary president Margaret Bakes.

commencing work at BBC Scotland and progressing to his current

position of education and local government correspondent for BBC

Scotland. Jamie outlined a typical day in the newsroom and gave

some amusing anecdotes of his experiences over the years.

He illustrated that viewers' comments are taken seriously with an example where a viewer had complained that local weather forecasters in Glasgow constantly obscured the west coast of Scotland and Kintyre in particular during the daily forecasts.

On investigation the BBC agreed that the complaint was justified, resulting in forecasters now standing further to the left of the map!

After a short question-and-answer session, community service convenor, Andrew Ronald, gave the vote of thanks, and a toast to Rotary International rounded off the evening.

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Dalintober primary strikes gold

DALINTOBER schoolchildren demonstrated award-winning ways at their sports ceremony recently.

Enthusiastically performing the song 'Get your body moving' to open the event on Thursday April 26, the pupils from P1 to P7 set the tone for the happy occasion.

Lindsay Ramsay from Live Argyll's Active Schools congratulated staff and pupils on achieving the gold award, thanking them for their hard work and commitment.

Special thanks were

expressed to former pupils Ryan Shields and Calum Ellis who had assisted with the scheme as P7 pupils and had demonstrated to the younger children a good example of leadership and commitment.

Lorna Jackson from Sports Scotland presented the school with the gold School Sport award.

She explained that while the scheme is open to schools in all of Scotland, not all achieve the gold standard: 'You are now a gold school and should



At the awards from left: Gillian McMillan, Ryan Shields, Lorna Jackson from Sport Scotland, Dylan Arkell, Lindsay Ramsay - Active Schools, Mrs McSparran, Emma Woods, Barry Colville, Niamh McSparran and Calum Ellis. 25_c17dalintober01

all be very proud of your achievement,' she said.

The award considers school pupils' sporting activity including PE classes, after school clubs and participation in sporting activities and competitions outside of school.

Mrs Jackson commended teacher, Mrs McSparran, and all who had worked so hard on participating in sporting activities and in compiling the

evidence for the application.

Also present were parents' council members Gillian McMillan, Emma Woods and Barry Colville.



Left and right former P7s who helped to run the scheme were: Calum Ellis and Ryan Shields with P1 Niamh McSparran and P7 Dylan Arkell. 25_c17dalintober02

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Campbeltown salute as 'Chris Walks the UK'

Words and pictures by Joan Crooks

CHRISTIAN LEWIS is walking the coast of the UK to raise awareness and funds for SSAFA, the armed forces charity, and said a 'massive thanks' to the people of Campbeltown.

Wet and windy Kintyre did not dampen Chris's spirits or resolve as he said that the Campbeltownians' generosity and warm welcome had more than compensated for the inclement weather.

Chris said: 'Thanks to all the amazing people who have and who are supporting me.'

'The response in Scotland's towns and villages has been overwhelming. Folk stop to greet me along the road and offers of accommodation and food have sustained me throughout my journey here.'

Chris said that he loves the open air so he prefers to sleep in his tent when possible, but he was thoroughly soaked when he and

his faithful dog, Jet, approached Campbeltown.

He put out a social media request for a shed to sleep in and received so many offers of accommodation that he was not able to reply to them all.

Chris began his trek on August 1, 2017, at Llangennith beach in South Wales, with £10 in his pocket and two days of rations. He is walking clockwise around the UK and Northern Ireland, and has, to date, raised more than £6,700 of his £100,000 target.

He said: 'I intend to reach my target and if I haven't by the time my journey finishes, I will get on my bike and do it all again.'

'SSAFA, and in particular David Singeltary, has helped me and my daughter, Caitlin, so much that I want to do this for them and especially for David.'

'This has been a steep learning curve,' said Chris. 'Although I served in the Para-

chute Regiment and later became an adventure training instructor, I wasn't well enough equipped for my journey.

'For example, my tent was not adequate for the conditions I encountered.

'Very kind people in Portstewart, Northern Ireland, recognised this and raised money for a superb new one.'

He continued: 'My previous training and work experience has been invaluable.

'I know how to survive in wet weather and how to dry out my kit, but I have also learned so much along the way and the generosity of so many has provided me with everything I have needed.'

Chris maintains a very positive attitude and says he refuses to become stressed by the enormity of the task.

He explained: 'I plan for the next two days and no more, and carry emergency supplies for four days in case I sustain an injury and cannot continue.'

'On leaving a location, I will know where



Chris Lewis and Jet on Hall Street. 25_c18chrislewissafa12



Morven MacLean and daughter Siobhan with Chris and Jet. 25_c18chrislewissafa05



Café Bluebell staff with Chris and Jet are from left: Gemma McGarrie, Eileen McInnes, Meggie Robertson and Eve Gaughan. 25_c18chrislewissafa05

his intention to do so.

He confided that being shy, he finds the social interaction required to increase awareness of SSAFA and to raise funds difficult, but works hard to achieve his aim.

His shyness was clear at Cafe Bluebell, as patrons gave donations while he sipped the cafe's generous complimentary coffee. Afterwards, he determinedly set out around the town on a PR exercise.

He emphasised that raising awareness and raising funds are vital to his task.

'All too often the people who need help most won't seek it,' he said, adding: 'SSAFA came to me. Someone must have told them about me. I needed help but I didn't have to ask.'

'There are many more like me and the charity needs money to be able to help them too.'

More information about SSAFA and Chris's walk is available at <https://www.facebook.com/chriswalksuk> and donations can be made via <https://www.chriswalks.com/>.

the next shop is where I can buy food and how long it will take me to get there.

'That dictates what I need to carry for both Jet and me.'

'I don't pack for comfort – just what I need for us both to survive. I have no time frame for completion.'

'I do take rest breaks but try to keep them short to keep motivated. It will take as long as it takes. That's how I prevent feeling stressed.'

Chris revealed that he is a shy person who likes solitude but isn't prone to feeling lonely.

He said: 'Texts and social media messages encourage me and I use my mobile phone to contact my family. I ensure that my daughter, Caitlin, always knows where I am.'

Chris explained that Caitlin, a university student in Bournemouth, had encouraged him to do the walk,

knowing how much SSAFA means to him.

'She intends to come and walk with me in her university holidays too,' he said.

Others have previously completed the UK coastal walk, but Chris believes that no one else has included all the islands and it is

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Editorial

Well done boys – it's a hit!

CONGRATULATIONS to pals and performers Raymond Gosling and Niall Gemmill who were behind Carradale's first-ever music festival last weekend.

The lads put in plenty of hard slog over a number of months to get the two-day event up and running.

Considering it stemmed from a ceilidh the boys – who are both founding members of trad folk band Rhuvaa – organised last year, the debut festival was polished, professional and proved to be popular.

Their hardwork and efforts paid off and now the festival is set to become an annual event.

It was also great to see that their motivation inspired other young locals to get involved too – they can all share the pride.

To get big names like Trail West and Heron Valley for the first festival and to draw in such a big crowd was pretty impressive.

It has certainly put stunning Carradale on Argyll's festival map and if this year's event is anything to go by, word will get round and it can only get bigger and better.

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CalMac is 'fully committed' to Campbeltown service

Sir,
I'm sure it will be disappointing to everyone in the town that due to the knock-on effects of a repair overrun, we have had to postpone the start of the summer service from Ardrossan to Campbeltown.

The MV Clansman's propulsion system has had to be sent to Denmark for repair resulting in the fleet being one major vessel down.

In these circumstances we do not have a back-up vessel to continue to deliver the scheduled timetable.

First and foremost I would like to apologise for this.

Staff are working around the clock to get a normal service back up and running as quickly as possible and we are confident we can do this by May 23.

But we are currently in a position where we had no option but to radically overhaul the timetable to keep the most sailings open to the greatest number of people.

I know many people in Campbeltown will feel unduly impacted by this decision, but communities are feeling the pain of this disruption across our network.

We have had to defer the Mallaig Lochboisdale crossing, reduce services to Islay and Arran, and the Mallaig Armadale route has also been affected.

Unfortunately, we are facing a highly regrettable situation that we need to manage as best we can with the vessels we have.

The reality of this being we just do not have enough vessels to run a full timetable when one becomes unavailable due to a technical issue.

Under the circumstances, the timetable arrangements we have now put in place for the period of disruption are the best options we have available.

Down memory lane



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THE COURIER'S 'down memory lane' photograph of White Hart Hotel waitresses two weeks ago stirred up many memories of the building's happier times.

Courier reader Rita Lawson worked as a waitress in the hotel, alongside her friends, in the 1950s when it was owned by Mrs Dallas, who ran the hotel with her daughter and son-in-law.

Mrs Lawson shared a photograph, taken in 1950 or 1951, showing chambermaid Helen McKerral with waitresses, Rita McSporrnan, Mary Cunningham and Lizzie Grahame.

'Those were all our maiden names, as none of us were married then,' Mrs Lawson said.

'We were all on duty that night, waiting for coach tours arriving from Yorkshire.



From left, Helen, Rita, Mary and Lizzie worked in the White Hart Hotel in the 1950s.

'It was always a very busy hotel and I have very happy memories from our time there.'

Unfortunately, this does leave Campbeltown at a disadvantage which, again, I can only apologise for, but I hope local people can at least understand the difficult position we currently find ourselves in.

We remain fully committed to the Campbeltown service as soon as we have a full fleet complement again.

Robbie Drummond,
Managing director,
CalMac Ferries Ltd.

Local authorities need to tackle loneliness

Sir,
Loneliness is a major issue in society and affects everyone from all walks of life regardless of age or ability.

That's why we're pleased the Scottish Government is looking at the development of a new approach to tackling the issues of loneliness and social isolation, something we have first-hand experience of and how it affects many of the people we support in Scotland.

Following a recent survey of more than 150 service users of our homecare services in Stirling, Falkirk, Perth and Kinross, and Angus, which focused solely on loneliness and social isolation, it was revealed that the

loneliest people receive far fewer visitors each week.

While this is hardly surprising, we did find that those who either lived with family or had family close by were less at risk of loneliness and the negative health impacts associated.

Our research also highlighted that respondents, in most cases, simply wanted a chat over a cuppa with someone their own age.

Social interactions are something the vast majority of us take for granted as we all lead such busy lives, but for someone who is alone, watching time go by very slowly, it is incredibly painful for them to sit at home day after day with no communication from the outside world.

Charities such as Sue Ryder regularly arrange social events for our service users and their families but if, as a nation, we are serious about tackling loneliness as a public health issue then we need to be resourcing our local authorities to put in place services or to commission them from the third sector to ensure that no one feels alone and isolated in Scotland.

Pamela Mackenzie,
Director of Neurological Services and Scotland,
Sue Ryder,
Stirling.

Inheritance tax is a 'Marmite' tax

Sir,
The report that inheritance tax (IHT) should be scrapped and replaced with another system by think tank, Resolution Foundation, demonstrates how it is a 'Marmite' tax.

Those who like it see it as a way of redistributing wealth, whereas those who hate it view it as an additional tax paid on assets on which they have already paid income tax, or perhaps previously paid IHT when it was inherited.

During the tax year which has just ended in April 2018, the government collected just over £5.2bn of IHT, an increase of seven per cent from the previous year.

Looking back to the depths of the recession in 2009/10 the IHT raised was just under £2.4bn.

The IHT collected has more than doubled in the last eight years and is well in excess of the previous high point, £3.8bn, in 2007/08.

One of the undoubted reasons for the increased IHT paid has been the freezing of the nil rate band, the first part of an estate on which there is no IHT.

It has been fixed at £325,000 since 2009 and is scheduled not to change until 2020.

However as house prices continue to rise, even with the introduction of the residence nil rate band, the amount of IHT payable by even modest estates will continue to increase unless action is taken to increase the nil rate band.

As with all taxes careful planning can pay dividends but as the wealth gap appears to be increasing there is bound to be political tension between those who wish to see IHT, or a replacement for it, address and redistribute the wealth gap and those who believe that an individual should be free to pass their wealth on as they think fit, with minimum state intervention either by way taxation or restrictions on the ability to direct who receives their estate.

With the Office of Tax Simplification reviewing IHT, the next few years are therefore going to be interesting in the wealth tax arena.

John McArthur,
Head of tax,
Gillespie Macandrew,
Edinburgh.

Make May purple for stroke

Sir,
I am inviting all your readers to join the Stroke Association's 'Make May Purple for Stroke' month and to go purple for pounds.

The charity does amazing work helping stroke survivors regain their independence and needs our help.

Whether you don some purple clothing with your colleagues at work, hold a purple bake sale or even get a purple rinse, it is all about showing your commitment to the cause while having some fun at the same time.

For event information www.stroke.org.uk/make-maypurple.

Carol Smillie,
Stroke Association.

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Campbeltown pupil is festival regional winner

AN S2 ART student from Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS) brushed off 4,600 competitors in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe poster contest

to be crowned the Argyll and Bute regional winner.

Erin Soudan received a letter of congratulations and an invitation to a prize-giving cele-

bration on May 21, after the arts festival invited school children from across Scotland to design an official poster for the festival, which is celebrating

its 70th anniversary this year.

Erin was one of five Campbeltown Grammar School students who were shortlisted for the festival's exhibition in Edinburgh, with Ben Davies, Heather Millar, Casey Mackenzie and Amy Lowrie also being recognised.

Art teacher Peter Lewis said: 'The school had particular success this year and it was good to see the pupils' hard work pay off.'

Pupils were treated to a visit last week from Annie Ferguson, former Glasgow School



Annie Ferguson, front centre, is pictured with the pupils who took part and some of their designs. From the back left, they are: Elsie McArthur, Jennifer McMurphy, Jasmine Kolibska, Brodie MacLaren, Sonny Scott and Elliot Gemmill, and front row, from left: Ashley McAulay, Denise Megson, Jade Graham and Hope Strang.



Ben Davies, Heather Millar, Erin Soudan, Casey Mackenzie and Amy Lowrie were shortlisted in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe poster competition.

of Art textiles tutor, who ran a workshop to create ideas for an art installation in the

new Grammar School. Funded by a bequest from Moira Gemmill, the pupils creat-

ed fabric designs that will be developed into a stained-glass design for the school library.

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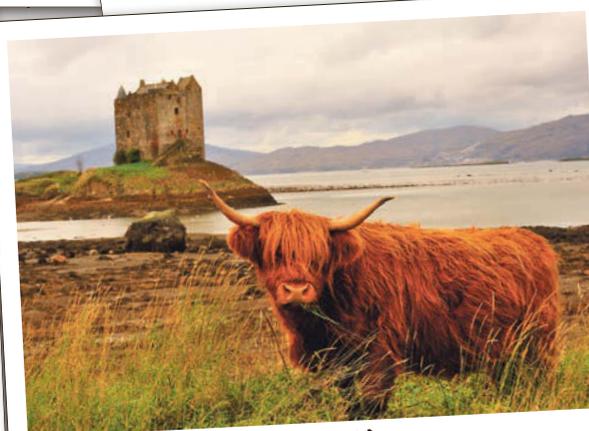
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There is a vibrancy about this place.

Kathie Griffiths

Senior reporter, The Oban Times

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Why I love Argyll



Kathie Griffiths
Senior reporter, The Oban Times

Uprooting to Argyll was a box on my bucket list just waiting to be ticked.

The call of the big sky, open spaces, towering mountains, thick forests and – ah! – the freezing wild sea and lochs that make my teeth chatter. It captivated me.

Whenever I packed up my humble camper to set off back to Yorkshire after a few snatched blissful days here, my heart would break. It always felt as though I'd forgotten something, left something behind. I tell friends and new colleagues it was 'a golden buzzer moment' when I saw The Oban Times job advertised. Tons of glittering confetti fell from the sky, there were no 'what if's', no niggles – it was 100 per cent what I wanted and where I wanted to be. I knew it.



Calum Ross
Chair of AITC, board member of VisitScotland and owner of Loch Melfort Hotel

Having travelled most of the world before settling here I can honestly say it's the most amazing place in the world to live and work. And even if I wasn't doing what I do now, I would still want to live here.

Argyll has so many special places and for me, Mull has to be one of my favourites. We holiday there every year – eight years now and every time we find something new to do or visit. Favourite thing with the family? A long walk through amazing countryside to a stunning, often secluded, white sand beach! Great seafood restaurants and bars to relax in in the evening. What could be better?



Eve Macfarlane
AITC web editor and Westcoasting

Eight years ago I decided to leave my urban ways behind and go in search of something wilder. I'm lucky because my family had a holiday cottage on Loch Fyne, so that's where I went. It was small, damp and run down, but I loved it. Over the years I've renovated the house, built a career in writing and started a family. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. What do I love about Argyll? The raw beauty, the space, the opportunity to get lost, the seasons, the way that the weather shapes life, the battered coastline, the bountiful sea. Argyll has a romantic glint in its eye and, if you're someone who hankers after wild spaces, it's bound to seduce you.

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Kintyre talents raise cash for brass

SOME of Kintyre's most talented dancers and instrumentalists took to the stage in Peninver Village Hall to help get Campbeltown Brass to the finals of a national competition.

Packed

The performers, including pipers, drummers, Highland dancers and brass, wind and string instrumentalists, took it in turns to display their skills in front of a packed audience, as tea, coffee and cakes were served.

The event was so well attended that more tables had to be

assembled to cater for all the guests. As well as the entry price, baking and bottle stalls, and merchandise for sale boosted the total raised on the day to more than £800.

A spokesperson from the band said: 'Thank you so much for all your support. It was a tremendous turnout, especially on such a sunny day.'

'Thank you to all the performers, helpers and Peninver Village Hall committee but most all the audience.'

The talent show was part of the band's 'road to Cheltenham' fundraising campaign to get

them to the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain, to be held at the city's Centaur building in September, where they will represent Scotland.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara recently met the senior and junior band to congratulate them on their success.

Standard

They played pieces, including American Trilogy and Highland Cathedral, and Mr O'Hara, as a former brass band member himself, was amazed at the standard of playing.



Brendan O'Hara with members of Campbeltown Brass.

Photo by Kevin McGlynn.



There were dancers as well as musicians on stage.

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MP gives real-life lesson in modern studies

ON A RECENT visit to Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara dropped into the new Grammar School to talk to senior modern studies pupils about his life and work as a member of parliament.

He had a breakfast meeting with the school pupil council, which is made up of students from S1 to S6, to hear their thoughts and feelings about the new school.

Mr O'Hara also spoke to pupils who had prepared a graduation breakfast for senior students receiving certificates for their hard work over the year.



MP Brendan O'Hara chats to pupils about their concerns.

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Mr O'Hara has a word with the students who prepared a graduation breakfast.



Mr O'Hara met senior pupils and staff.



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The Wind in the Willows, U

5.30pm / Encore screening, recorded live at the London Palladium

SATURDAY 12 MAY

Singalong Moana, PG / 12 noon

Blazing Saddles, 12A / 12.15pm

Toni Erdmann, 15 / 2.30pm

SUNDAY 13 MAY

Hunt for the Wilderpeople, 12A / 1pm

Divine Order, 12A / 2pm

Part of Glasgow Film Festival on tour

That Sinking Feeling, 12 / 6.45pm

I, Daniel Blake, 15 / 6.45pm

Walk Like A Panther, 12A / 9.30pm

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LIVE EVENTS

FRIDAY 11 MAY

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Retro Gaming in Screen 2 / 11pm

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Bunkered! Big Screen Comedy from the Archives / 3pm

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I, Fillum Star - Dave Johns / 8pm

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SUNDAY 13 MAY

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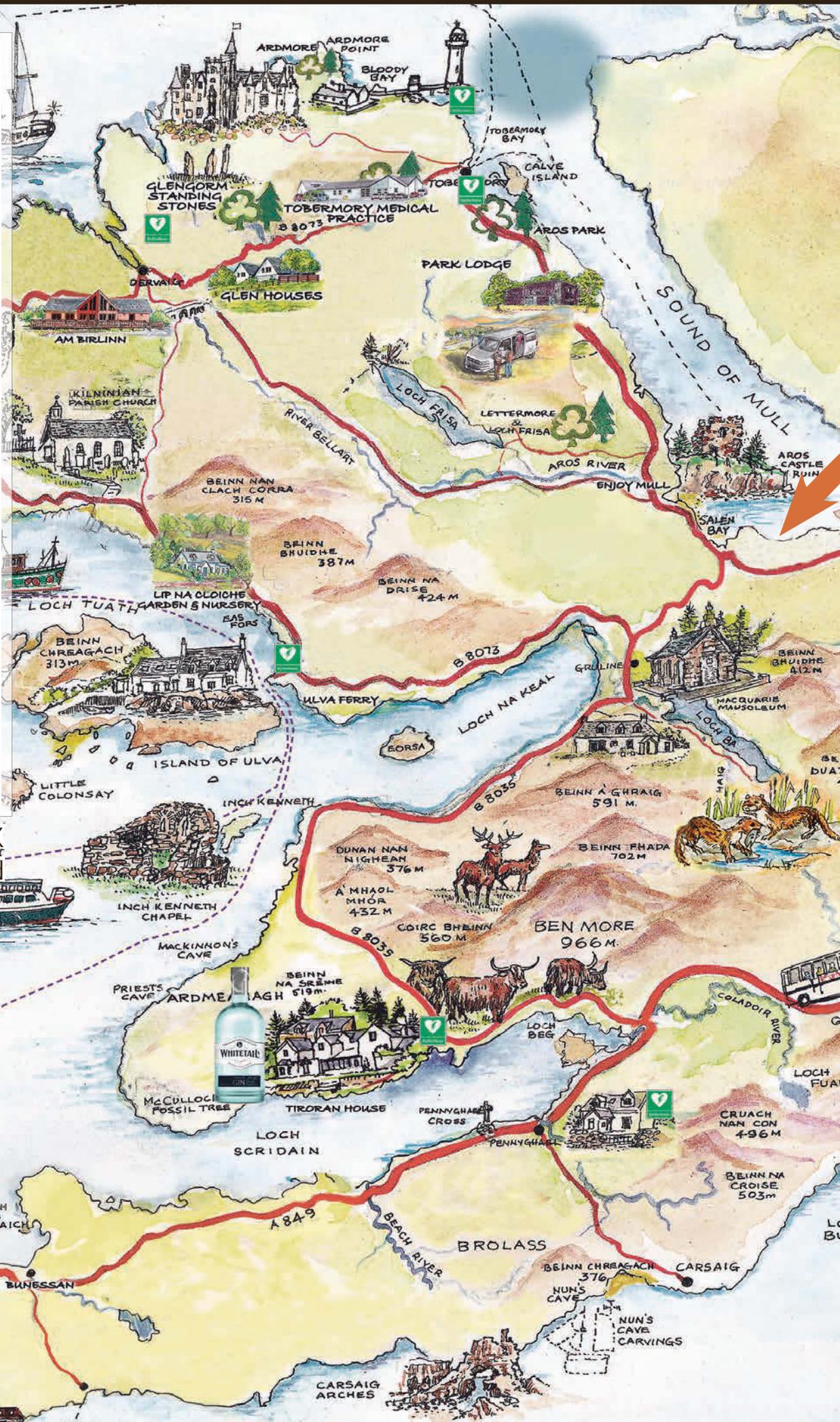
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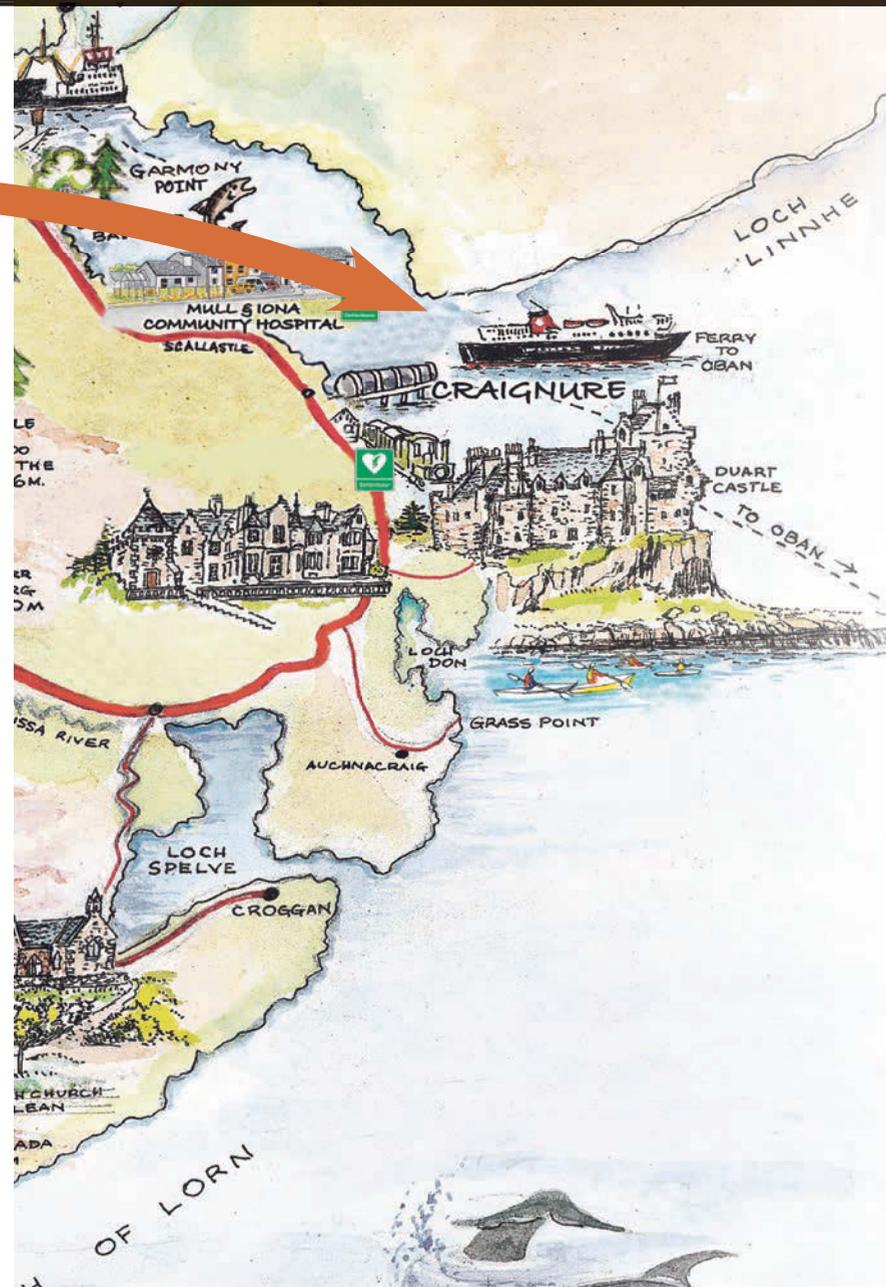
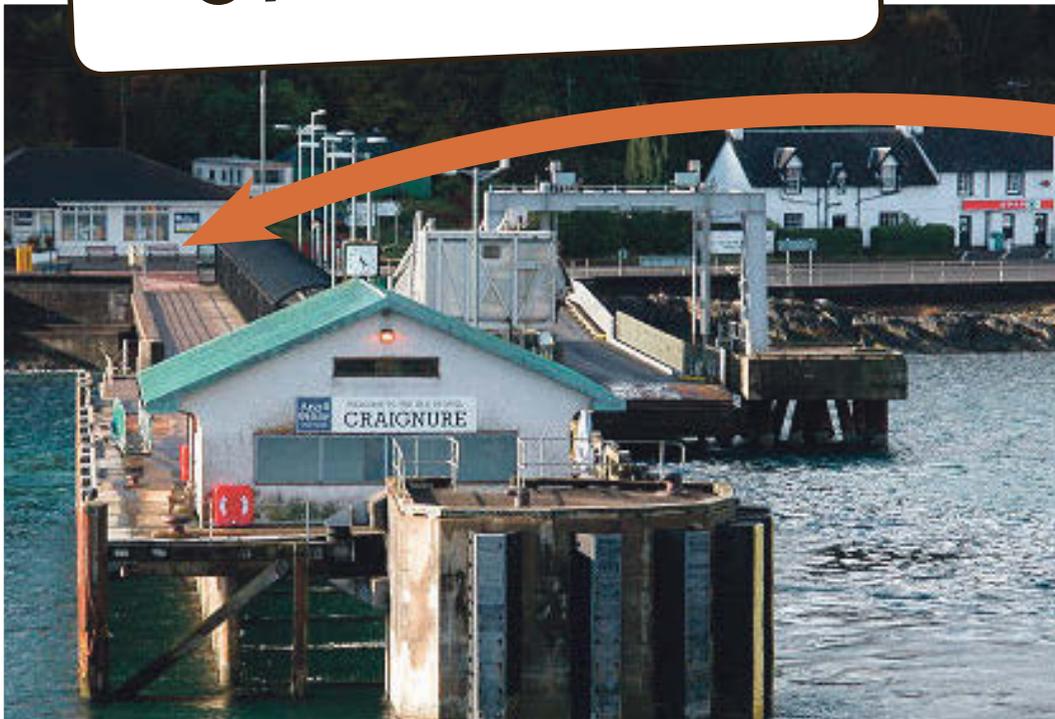
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Carradale Music Festival



Rhona Lee, Melissa Chambers and Lizzie Bell getting some fresh air in the gazebo.
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Heron Valley's lead singer, Abigail Pryde.
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Emma Barbour with the event's MC, Linsey Cairns.
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Festival-goers getting into the spirit of the event.
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Hannah O'Hanlon
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

KINTYRE'S music festival season kicked off with a bang last weekend as the sun shone on Carradale's new traditional extravaganza.

Motivated by the success of a ceilidh they organised last year, Raymond Gosling and Niall Gemmill, both 18, saw the opportunity for an annual event in the village hall.

The boys, who are both founding members of Rhuvaal, which performed at last year's ceilidh, worked tirelessly for months to bring Carradale Music Festival to fruition this year.

The two-day event was headlined by Heron Valley on Saturday night, supported by The Hur, Ceol An Aire and Gunna Sound, with Trail West topping the bill on Sunday, after performances by the Lorne MacDougall trio and Matt Mcallister.

Local talents, including Western Sound, Hope Strang, Hannah Black and Under Smoke, were showcased in the afternoons.

The favourable weather allowed festival-goers to enjoy the marquee and benches outside the hall, with stalls from CGS4Gambia and Paterson's Bakery.

Raymond said: 'Traditional music festivals on the west coast of Scotland are soaring, and we decided we could host our own.

'We choose bands and artists we

thought would go down well and who are making a big impact on the festival scene at the moment.'

Having performed at Gig in the Goil and MOKFest with Rhuvaal, Raymond and Niall, both from east Kintyre, had an idea of what organising a festival would involve, but got in touch with other festival directors for advice on running a larger event.

When plans began to take shape, they formed a small committee to give them the extra help and guidance they needed.

Ten volunteers were taken on to help keep the festival weekend running smoothly.

Niall said: 'Many of them were young locals. We thought they would relish the opportunity to help at the first ever Carradale Music Festival and maybe one day be part of the organising team.'

Raymond added: 'Platinum Bar Hire provided a great service for the festival-goers and Lara's Gourmet Grill, from Glasgow, supplied a brilliant range of top quality food throughout the weekend.'

Both Raymond and Niall are overwhelmed with all the positive feedback they have received and are extremely happy with the festival's first year.

They said: 'The Carradale Music Festival team would like to thank all who attended and supported the fes-

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Saturday night's headliners, Heron Valley. 50_c18carradalemusicfestival03



Dorothy and Gilbert Carter, of Lara's Gourmet Grill, provided catering. 50_c18carradalemusicfestival01



Proud mums: Louise Mackay, left, whose son, Darren, performed with Western Sound, and right, Raymond Gosling's mum, Maryann. 50_c18carradalemusicfestival06



Carradale character Neeni was a volunteer at the event. 50_c18carradalemusicfestival07

Dancers packed the floor on Saturday night. 50_c18carradalemusicfestival10_dancing

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Crafting group's tribute to a 'brave' member

A CRAFTING group has paid tribute to one of its members who passed away in March, aged 43.

Mary Blackburn McMillan, who had type-one diabetes, was an 'inspirational and motivated' member of the Nimble Fingers Craft Group.

Mary first joined the group, which meets in Campbeltown Hospital, during one of her many admissions.

Not only did Mary benefit from the recreational event, the group was also greatly inspired by her positive manner and her wish to help others by giving something back in return for the care and dedication she received from the diabetic unit and all care staff.

This inspired Nimble Fingers to do some fundraising for the diabetic unit, as there are several members who

either have diabetes or have close family or friends with the condition.

Mary was delighted and played a very active part in the event.



Mary Blackburn McMillan

Visiting members of the group also contributed and a plethora of snowmen in all shapes and forms were created.

A snowman quilt was

donated by a member of the group and raffled at Hair by Iona.

Snowmen were sold at the Co-op, Kintyre Crafters events and in the hospital.

£1,000 was raised and the group planned that Mary should present the cheque to diabetic nurse Judy Sample as it was Mary's idea that had started the ball rolling.

Unfortunately, Mary was unable to present the cheque as she passed away on March 22.

A spokesperson from Nimble Fingers said: 'Mary will never be forgotten and her enthusiasm and zest for life is the driving force that has encouraged Nimble Fingers to keep going with raising funds for diabetes in our local area.'

'This year we will have a winter wonderland in memory of that truly inspiring lady.'

Pebble artist thinks Wee Toon rocks

AN ANONYMOUS artist is spreading joy to strangers by painting rocks with pretty pictures and happy sentiments, hiding them in and around Campbeltown.

Many of the town's eagle-eyed youngsters have already spotted them hiding in bushes and tucked into nooks



The rocks can be found all round the town.

and crannies, and shared their finds on the Facebook page, Campbeltown Rocks.

The artist behind the page told the *Courier*: 'I have been told about it working in other towns and thought it would be a great thing for Campbeltown.'

'I loved the idea and thought it would be fun. The best bit is seeing the photos on the page when people find the rocks.'

Each piece of art is unique and has a message on the back inviting the finder to share a photo on the Facebook page.

The mysterious maestro said people can choose what to do with the rocks – they can take them home,



Campbeltown Rocks aims to make strangers smile.

hide them again for someone else to find, or paint and hide their own to help to spread the joy.

Already several have been posted online which the original artist does not recognise: 'It looks like lots of

people are going to get involved. I think there will be lots appearing all round Kintyre shortly.'

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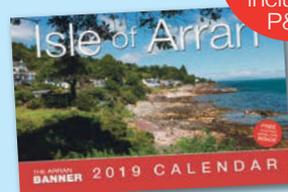
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Grammar girls' Goatfell expedition

ADVENTUROUS students from Campbeltown Grammar School climbed Arran's highest peak in training for the expedition aspect of their bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DOE) training.

Ten girls made the overseas trip last Friday and camped in Lochranza before climbing 2,866ft high Goatfell mountain, along with teachers Frank Chinn, Katherine Hardman and Matthew Osbourne, classroom assistant Jimmy McCallum, and DOE representative Matthew Newman on Saturday.

Their weekly training has taken them all round Kintyre, to Caradale, Saddell, Glenramskill and the Inneans but their final



The girls were happy to make it to the summit of Goatfell. 50_c18dukeofedinburgh03

training walk was the more challenging Arran peak.

The youngsters enjoyed lovely, sunny weather for the climb and got clear views of much of Arran from the top.

The expedition element is one of four components of the DOE, the others being volunteering, skills and activities.

The youngsters attend regular after school sessions and have car-

ried out first aid training in Southend.

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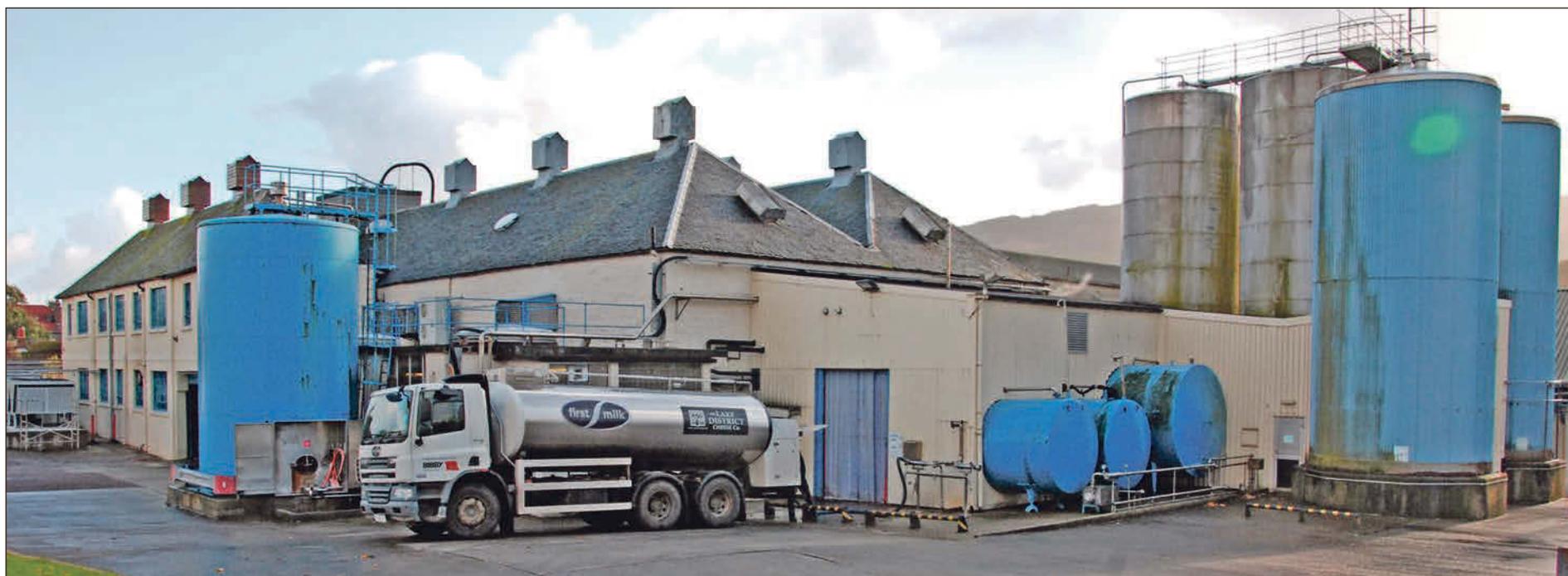


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Creamery workers need answers, demands MSP

WORKERS at a Campbeltown creamery deserve answers from bosses of a dairy firm which is selling up, says local MSP Donald Cameron.

The Highlands and Islands MSP is worried about what will happen to First Milk workers if a buyer is not found.

The firm, one of the UK's largest dairy co-operatives, also

plans to sell its creamery on Arran so it can focus on developing its creameries in the Lake District and in Haverfordwest instead.

Mr Cameron has written to First Milk's chief executive, Shelagh Hancock, to raise concerns.

He also wants to know why First Milk has decided not to invest in the two sites

any longer, if bosses believe the businesses could still prosper under new ownership.

First Milk revealed its plans after a business review found the Campbeltown and Arran sites were no longer 'a strategic fit' for First Milk.

The MSP has also asked the firm's boss if setting up a partnership between several key

stakeholders instead, including public sector involvement, has been considered.

'While this news is clearly unwelcome for the local dairy sector in Argyll, and especially in Kintyre, it will not come as a surprise to those who have dealt with First Milk over several years,' he said.

And he added: 'I have written to First Milk to

ask them what the specific reasons are for this announcement and why it feels that even though there is clear demand for the goods produced in this area, it does not see this as viable for its business. In any case, workers deserve clear answers from First Milk which I hope to pursue.'

Ms Hancock said a review had identified

there was 'undoubtedly a market for the premium Mull of Kintyre and Isle of Arran brands' but said capturing the opportunities would require significant investment.

'We are confident that with the right focus and investment under new ownership the businesses would prosper. Campbeltown and Arran creameries will

continue to run as normal during this sale process and we will be working closely with prospective buyers to ensure a smooth transition.

'We appreciate this will affect some of our colleagues but we hope that under new ownership the sites will thrive, offering good employment prospects for the future.'

NFUS issues statement on supermarket merger

NFU SCOTLAND has outlined its position in regard to the proposed merger of Asda and Sainsbury's.

NFUS chief executive Scott Walker said: 'If allowed to proceed, this merger will concentrate a lot of retailer power into the hands of one company.'

'In a statement from the retailers on the merger, it was made clear a primary objective will be to lower prices

by 'around 10 per cent on many of the products customers buy regularly'. That will set alarm bells ringing, not just for primary producers, but for other parts of the supply chain.

'If the merger goes ahead, there is an opportunity here for potentially the biggest player in the UK's retail sector to put in place a system of responsible sourcing and to end the spectre of unfair

trading practices (UTPs) by supermarkets that blights the sector by delivering a fair share of risk and reward back to the farm gate.

'NFU Scotland's Shelfwatch work in 2017 and 2018, where secret shoppers looked at supermarket offerings of lamb, pork and bacon, showed Asda and Sainsbury's could be doing much more to support the primary producers.'

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Church chicks raise cash

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Volunteers knitted Easter chicks in various colours and designs and

sold them with a chocolate egg hidden inside.

This year, £672.20 was raised.

A spokesperson said: 'Thanks to all outlets that sold them and a particular thanks to all who bought and enjoyed them.'



The Easter chicks came in various designs.

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The pilgrims were joined on the shore by Kintyre residents. 50_c16rosaryonthecoast03

Rosary on the coast lands in Dunaverty

A COACH-LOAD of Catholic pilgrims on their way to Dunaverty to take part in the national 'Rosary on the Coast' event on Sunday began their prayers early after their satellite navigation system took them on a detour.

The group from Cumbernauld arrived in Campbeltown earlier in the day and after mass in St Kieran's RC church and refreshments in the

Argyll Hotel they set off for Southend for the highlight of their journey, a prayer on Dunaverty beach.

Instead of taking the usual B842 route, they took the Dalsmeran road, delaying their anticipated 3pm arrival and losing part of the coach's exhaust in the process.

Thankfully they were able to begin their prayers on the coach and continue on the beach when they got there.

Dunaverty was the group's chosen destination because of St Columba's missionary work there in the sixth-century, as well as the bloody history of the fort at Dunaverty, the massacre in 1647 and subsequent devastating plague.

Dunaverty offered a contrast between the

life-giving good news of the Gospel brought by Columba and the death brought by human war.

The 30 pilgrims, ranging in age from nine to 80, were welcomed in Southend by Church of Scotland minister Steve Fulcher, who thanked them for visiting his parish.

The group's leader, Eddie McGarvey, said: 'It was wonderful that the minister was there to welcome us with three of his parishioners.'

'I grew up in the east end of Glasgow and you wouldn't have seen that sort of integration there.'

He thanked Father Tony Wood, of St Keiran's RC church, who joined them on the beach, for arranging mass for them on their arrival as they

had not had a chance on the journey.

Mr McGarvey continued: 'Everyone who travelled to Kintyre is on a high and still talking about it.'

'As well as joining more than 50,000 people who took part in 'Rosary on the Coast' events all over the UK, it was nice to join those of a different faith at Dunaverty as the whole idea of the event is to bring faith, life and peace.'



Father Tony Wood joined in with the prayer. 50_c16rosaryonthecoast02



Rev Steve Fulcher welcomed the group to Southend. 50_c16rosaryonthecoast01

LEARSIDE

Mystery of the model boat deepens

A CAMPBELTOWN fisherman has provided more information about the mystery model ship found at the Learside, but questions still remain.

Last week, the *Courier* reported that seven-year-old Isla Cannon and her friend Ben Howath, 13, discovered a large wooden steamship model, broken in two, more than 500m apart, near South Water off the Learside Road.

Isla appealed for the boat's owner, or anyone who knew more about it, to get in touch.

Campbeltown man Brian Cook contacted the *Courier* to say he believes he saw it one

evening late last summer, being pushed out to sea.

Mr Cook was fishing at the mouth of the Connieglen Water, which runs into the sea

near Southend, when he saw a man walk down to the beach with a model boat which matches the colour and shape of last week's discovery.

'It was quite emotional,' Mr Cook said. 'He walked along to the rocks, placed the boat into the sea, and stood and watched until it disappeared into the dark night.'

'I thought at the time that the boat must have had some sort of sentimental value. It was very poignant.'

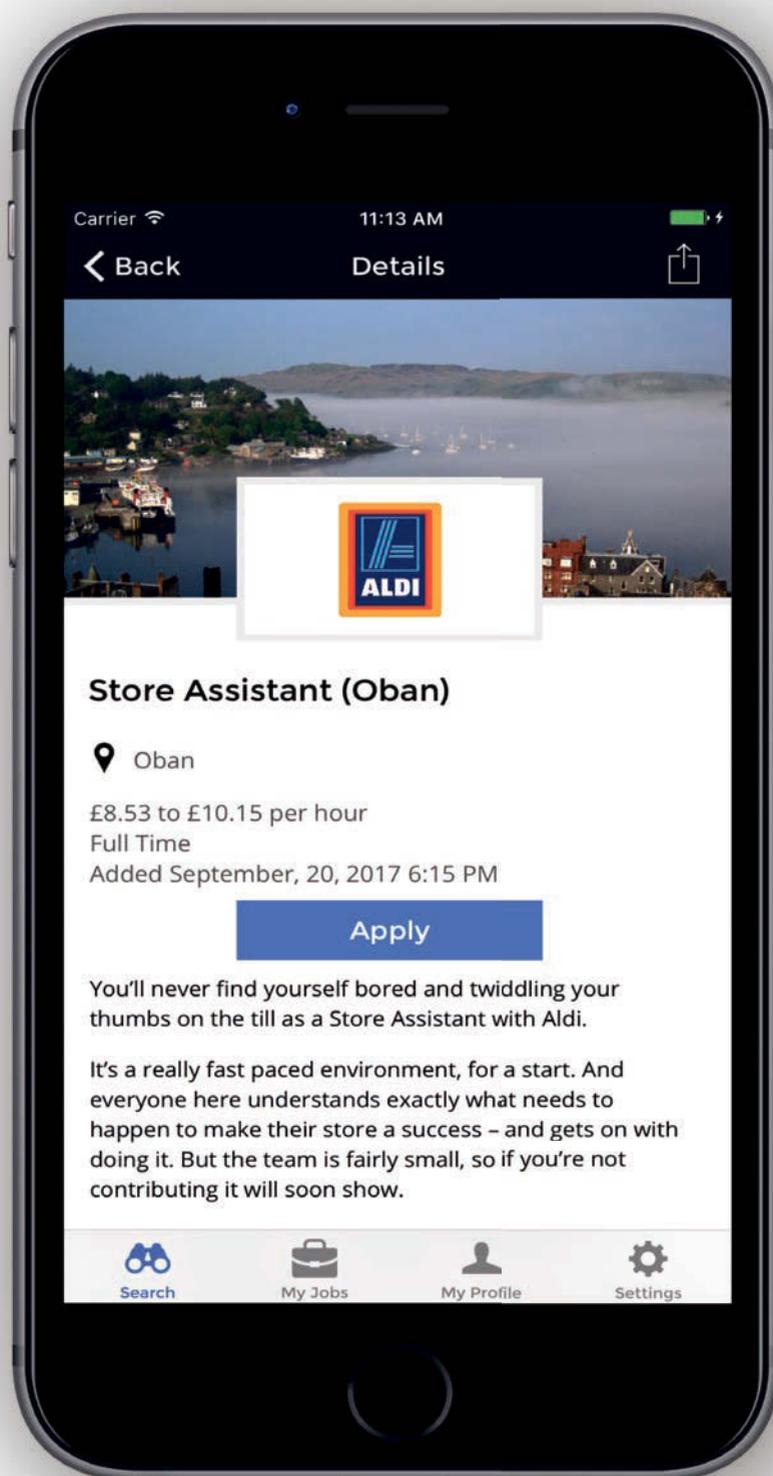
Mr Cook didn't recognise the man and believes he may have been a visitor to the area.

The boat headed out from the shore, before veering left towards the Learside, giving Mr Cook even more reason to believe this is the same boat.



Brian Cook recognised the distinctive shape and colour of the boat, held in this picture by Isla Cannon.

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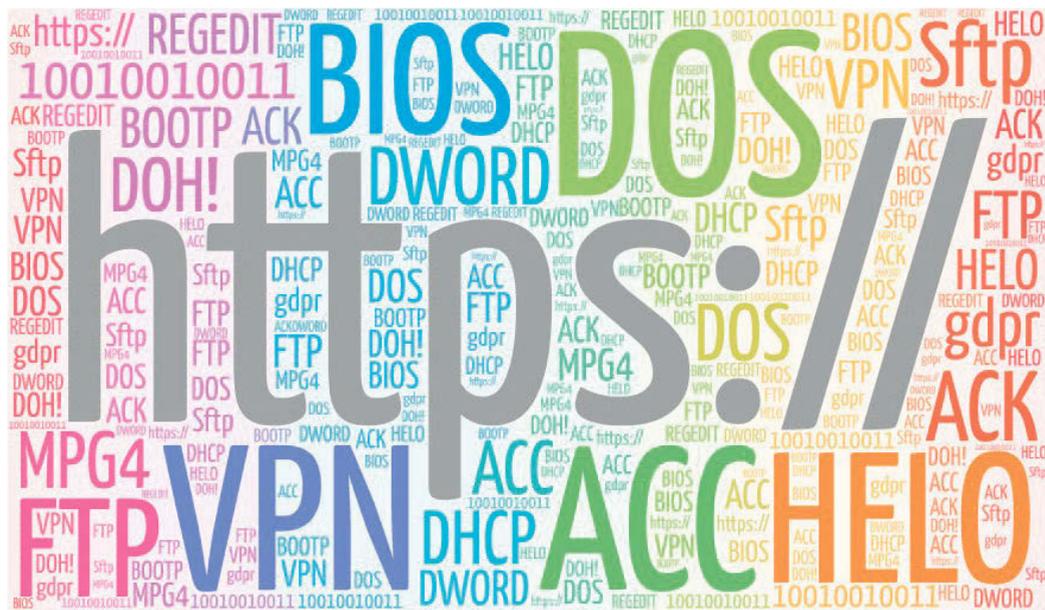
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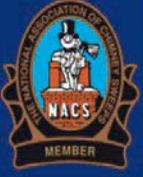
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TEN YEARS AGO Friday May 2, 2008 In Linda's garden

MULL of Kintyre Pipe Band Championships received a welcomed boost to funds this week, thanks to money from the Co-operative Group.

Katherine McIntyre, area representative for the Co-operative, presented a cheque of £500 to Finlay Wylie and Moyra Paterson from the Mull of Kintyre Pipe Band Championships committee in the Linda McCartney Garden.

Mr Wylie thanked the Co-op on behalf of the championships.

He said: 'We would like to thank the Co-op for their support of the championships and we hope it will continue. We are very grateful for this money.'



Finlay Wylie, Katherine McIntyre and Moyra Paterson at the presentation.

Many events have been sponsored by local businesses, and Robin Barr, secretary of Kintyre and District Breeders' Club, said the response had been 'overwhelming'.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday May 7, 1993 Cattle breeders' invasion boost for Campbeltown

AYRSHIRE cattle breeders from all over the UK will be in Campbeltown next week for the Ayrshire Cattle Society's first annual conference in Kintyre.

The 200 delegates will travel throughout Kintyre to view some of the district's top-flight Ayrshire herds.

Visiting farmers and their wives will virtually take over the 'wee toon' as all seven of the main hotels are needed to accommodate the numbers participating in the event, which will take place from May 11-14.

Delegates will visit no fewer than 11 dairy farms in the area and will take part in a conference sale with selected heifers, from all over Scotland, up for auction.

FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday May 2, 1968 'Gift shop' will help worldwide relief work

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday May 4, 1918 A well-earned holiday

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Mr Sillars is a native of Killean and Kilchenzie Parish, and was in school at Bellochantuy.

He is now commodore engineer of the Allan Line, which of course is absorbed in the Canadian-Pacific, and has served that company for 40 years, being chief engineer for the past 35 of that period.

Of his long life at sea, he has told some of his experiences by fire and water, and could tell a good many more.

It is almost a platitude to say that into the past three years have been crowded many adventures and even tragedies. Mr Sillars has had his share of these.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THERE was a great atmosphere on the bus to Glasgow as passengers greeted each other in the warmth of a beautiful Argyll morning.

We chatted with Nancy and Davy and Gordon, and enjoyed the brief conversations with others we knew.

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The trees are really greening up due to the most welcome sunshine and the blossom trees are daring to show a bit of colour.

We all dispersed at Glasgow and went our separate ways, each to deal with our own business.

The day went well and it was a great novelty to eat outside in the April sunshine and enjoy a glass of wine, as we didn't need to worry about driving home.

At the bus station, we met up again with Gordon and Davy and exchanged the stories of our city break.

Alison and Neil were seeing off a friend and realised they knew half the people on the bus, so the farewells became a bit of fun for us all.

The banter with Charlie the driver made the journey go quickly and soon we were coming over the brae at Ronachan. That's when I feel I'm 'home'.

The sun was setting over the paps of Jura and bathed all of Kintyre in a beautiful rosy glow as the sea birds drifted homeward lazily to find their rest.

I thought of my home town, which I love dearly and am always glad to visit, but as we left the crowds and the noise and the traffic, I felt again a deep sense of something beyond myself in Argyll.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



GILMOUR

Calum and Sarah are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Evie Grace, on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. First granddaughter for Robert and Josie Shaw, and Christine and Angus Gilmour.

DEATHS

MCMILLAN - On April 27, 2018, suddenly at home, Archie McMillan, in his 72nd year, beloved son of the late Archie and Annie McMillan, much loved father of Fergus, dearly loved brother of Flora and Anne Marie, and a dear uncle of Catriona and great uncle of Cleo. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Wednesday, May 9 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the Fishermen's Mission.

ROSS - Peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on April 24, 2018, with her family by her side, Jean Ross, in her 86th year, of Vailla, Kilduskland Road, Ardrishaig and formerly of Stonefield, Tarbert, loving wife of the late Leonard Ross and much loved mother of Kenneth and James. Also a dearly loved sister and mother-in-law. A private service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BENNETT - The family of the late Richard Bennett (Mucker Roy) would like to thank the countless people for the support, cards and flowers received following the sudden death of Roy. Special thanks to James Stevenson and Mark Wasson (paramedics), to Dr Lazarus and nursing staff at Campbeltown Hospital, to Rhys and Kenneth Blair for doing everything they could to support the family and giving Roy the send-off he received. Thanks also to the Argyll Hotel for the tea, to Mr Willie Crossan

for such a warm service, to Archie Mathieson and drivers for the use of the taxis, and to Campbeltown police officers for stopping the traffic, with heartfelt thanks to the officers for blue-lighting Roy up Longrow. The retiral collection raised £1,381.50 for the Fishermen's Mission and Children's Cancer Trust (Brain Tumour).

CARMICHAEL - Donald, Bruce and Morven would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits, cards and flowers received following the very sad loss of Christina. Grateful thanks to all staff at the Macmillan Ward, Oban and Lochgilphead hospitals, and also to Collette Morgan, for their care and kindness to Christina. Our thanks are also extended to Rev Cliff Acklam and John L Morrison OBE for a personal and comforting service, and to Roddy, Fiona, Cammy and Neil of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for

a caring and efficient service. Finally, our thanks to all who attended the church and graveside and who joined the family back at Tayvallich Village Hall to pay their respects and celebrate Christina's life, especially those who travelled a distance. The retiral collection raised over £1,800, which will be split between Marie Curie, Macmillan Nurses, and Oban and Lochgilphead hospitals.

MACLEOD - The family of the late Renee Macleod would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and support following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to staff at Campbeltown Hospital, community nurses, Carr Gomm carers and Vicky and Isobel. Thanks also to Rev William Crossan for his comforting service, to David Gardiner for organ music, to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professional services, and to the Ardsheil Hotel for catering. Finally, sincere thanks to all who paid their respects at church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAM

MACMILLAN - Precious memories of Jenny, who passed away on May 2, 2017.

In our heart you will always stay.
- Don and Shona, and all the family.

MITCHELL - In loving memory of a loving husband, father and grandfather, Robert, died May 3, 2012. Also our beautiful granddaughter, daughter, sister and niece, Amelia Hope, April 8 - May 5, 2010; and a loving son, brother and uncle, Robert, tragically killed June 1, 1987, aged 16.

Our loved ones may be out of sight,

But they're never out of mind,
For they are cherished in the hearts,

Of the ones they left behind.

- From all the family, at home and away.

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CHURCH NOTICES



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

6th May 2018 Sunday Worship

Ford Church 10am
Mr Jim Malcolm

Thurs 10th May

Messy Church Living Stones, Kilmartin 4pm - 6pm
All welcome
SCO 02121

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Sunday 6th May 2018

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Skipness Service 10.00am
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Sunday 6th May 2018

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service
Lochgair Church 10.00am

Glenaray and Inveraray

Charity No. SC016665
Morning service
Inveraray Church 11.30am

Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 6th May 11.00 am

Communion Service
Visiting Speaker - Deans Buchanan with Sunday school followed by refreshments

The Ark
Baby and Toddler Group
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Ardrishaig at 11:00am

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3rd Sunday of the month
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Mr Jim Malcolm

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Company Section

New Hall
Thursday 10th May

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Friday 11th May

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The Gigha Challenge will take a break next year



Competitors at the start of this year's Gigha Challenge.

ORGANISERS of the Gigha Challenge have decided to take a break for 2019.

Despite the 5km event being well-attended the team behind it has announced plans to take next year off so they can rethink the challenge's future after more than a decade.

Residents and visitors to the island ran, walked and cycled round the route in sizzling temperatures making it the 'hottest' challenge to date.

This year there was a change of route away from the main road and through Achamore Gardens, which was a winner with competitors.

Campbeltown Youth Group members took

on the role of marshalls for the day to keep everyone heading in the right direction.

'We would like to thank those who helped us on the day and in the lead up to this event by giving time, donations and delicious cakes and goodies for after,' said Morven Beagan, one of the event's organisers.

Donations for teas and coffees and cakes raised £148 for the village hall.

'We decided to take a break for next year so we can have a think about how we can move the event forward and shake it up a bit,' said Mrs Beagan.

Results: 11-mile run male: 1 Alisdair O'May 1.21, 2 Mark Gormley 1.43, 3 Gor-

don West 2.03. 11-mile run female: 1 Lorraine MacDonald 1.37, 2 Hanna Myachykova 1.43, 3 Margaret Sinclair 1.51.

5k run male: 1 Samuel Davis 23.14, 2 David Spy 23.39, 3 Watson Peat 26.20. 5k run female: 1 Cara Gorman 22.19, 2 Abbey Peat 24, 3 Eilidh Peat 24.3.

11-mile walk: 1 Keith McVeigh, 2 Maggie Wilkieson, 3 Laura Todd. 5k Walk: 1 Amy Clark, 2 Emily Irving-were, 3 Sharon Clark.

11-mile cycle: 1 David Smart, 2 Anne Smart, 3 Tristan Holmes. 5k Cycle: 1 Ross Davidson, 2 Lily Davidson, 3 Jacky Davidson

Equine class: Lee Bastow and Daisy, Michelle Bannatyne and Dessie.

Calum McLean takes first silverware of the season

PLEASANT overhead conditions greeted the players for the second round of the Fyne Tankard on Saturday April 21 at Glenralloch.

Calum McLean started the day with a four-stroke lead and added another solid round to give him a total of 128 net. With the target set, the afternoon players knew what they had to beat but, despite some valiant efforts, Calum ran out a comfortable winner by seven shots

to take the first silverware of the season.

Next best net scores on the day were from Malcolm McAlpine on 69 and Eric McDougal on 70. Best scratch scores were from Bruce Macnab on 72, Iain Macalister on 73 and Chris Smyth on 77.

Nancy Glen Open

There was no gents' competition last Saturday but on this Saturday, May 5, the TT100 Nancy Glen Open takes place for both ladies and gents. Tee

times are still available in the 8am-9am ballot and some from 2.20-3pm. Anyone wanting to play should call the clubhouse on 01880-820565.

The club will also be auctioning four-balls at Pollok, Murcar, Fortrose and Rosemarkie, Barassie, Hilton Park, West Kilbride and the Carrick and there will also be a three-ball on offer at the Renaissance Club. To make a bid, contact Bruce MacNab on 07799504790.



Tarbert Golf Club.



Pictured with their trophies are Dougal Young, John Mason, David Armour, Donald Anderson and John Cameron.

Bowling club celebrates with prize-giving

LORNE and Lowland Church Men's Bowling Club has celebrated its end of season dinner and prize-giving event at Campbeltown's Argyll Arms Hotel.

The Reverend William Crossan presented the N L McMillan Cup to John Cameron, the

Norman Keith Cup to David Armour, the Knox Cup to Donald Anderson and John Cameron, the Willie Hughes Cup to Dougal McKendrick, and the Triples Shield to Donald Anderson, John Mason and Dougal Young.

The Jim McPhee Cup went to

David Armour and the President's prize-winners were Donald Anderson and John Cameron.

The indoor bowling season will resume in the church hall in September when all new members will be made very welcome.

Pupils perform at Oban festival

OBAN and District Sunday League football hosted their third annual football festival last Saturday at Mossfield Stadium and the 3G pitch at Oban High School.

A large crowd at both

venues were treated to some fantastic entertainment from all the 40 teams taking part across the 2006 to 2009 age groups, with around 400 children playing on the day.

The Oban teams at

each age group were joined by teams from Lochnell FC and a large number of travelling teams from Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Dunoon, Glasgow, Dumbarton, Helensburgh, Clydebank, Paisley, Blairgowrie, Edinburgh and Fort William.

In the 2006 age group, the Ryan MacPhail Memorial Fund Trophy was won by Blairgowrie, beating Fort William in a close final, scoring with almost the last kick of the game in extra time, having drawn 0-0 in normal time.

The junior sections of the festival for the 2010 to 2012 age groups, which unfortunately had to be called off last week due to pitch conditions, will

be rescheduled with the date yet to be confirmed.

The organising committee would like to thank the large number of volunteers who helped make the day a huge success. They would also like to thank all those who

kindly provided event sponsorship: Gleaner Oils for sponsoring the medals, RA Clement Associates Chartered Accountants, Argyll Knotweed Control, Fuiran Property, Lidl, Tesco and the Oban Inn. Also a big thanks to the council ground staff.



The Pupils' 2009s with their coaches Robert Judge, Archie Johnston and Neil McSporryan.



The Pupils' 2006 team at the football festival.



Charles Robertson, Natalie Mathieson, who is Agnes Goddard's daughter, and Sammy-Jo Shields at the darts fundraiser in Kilbrannan.

Darts night scores funds success for cancer charity

A MIXED doubles darts contest in Kilbrannan has raised £360 for charity.

The Agnes Goddard Memorial event on April 27 attracted a good turnout.

Organisers will now donate the proceeds to the Mairi Semple Fund for cancer relief and research.

After some hard-fought games, the winners were Charles Robertson and Sammy-Jo Shields. The runners-up were Alan Rodgers and Lizzy Kilpatrick.

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Pupils perform at
Oban festival

Good 'home' win for young Pupils

DFDL Under-13 League
Campbeltown Pupils 5
Broomhill SC 0

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils 2005s played their first competitive game in more than a month on Sunday when they met Glasgow side Broomhill Sports Club in their DFDL League Cup Quarter Final tie.

The game was played in Lochgilphead to make sure the tie went ahead and it was a perfect opportunity for the Mid Argyll boys who play for Campbeltown to play at 'home'.

The Glasgow side has vastly improved since the two sides met in their league tie in Campbeltown back in September and the Pupils knew they had a tough fixture ahead of them following their 4-0 away win to Broomhill in December.

Although the local youngsters dominated much of the early play, there were signs of the lengthy lay off as the

Pupils struggled to find any rhythm.

Early chances fell to Phillips and Danson but to no avail. It took to the 25th minute before the Ardhsiel Hotel-sponsored side took the lead. Calum McAllister made a fine run down the right wing before sending in a low cross, which rather fortunately for the Pupils, took a wicked deflection off the Broomhill defender into his own goal.

Advancing

Ryan Shields made it 2-0 just before the half when he kept his cool following a fine through ball from Scott Graham to slip the ball past the advancing keeper.

The second half continued in the same vein as the first with the Campbeltown side dominating play and Broomhill continuing to battle away.

In the 45th minute Calum Ellis made it 3-0 with the goal of the game as he burst



Ryan Shields scoring the fifth goal – cheekily looking the other way while he side foots the ball home!

through the defence before unleashing an unstoppable shot high in to the net.

Ellis scored his 33rd goal of the season shortly after, from close range, as he moved from the midfield to his more familiar role up front.

Broomhill continued to compete and had a couple of chances but the back four of Campbell, Arkell, Reid and Graham (and lat-

er Semple) were in no mood to concede a goal.

The fifth and final goal of the game came from a good move involving Pater-son and Danson who played Shields in for the young forward to claim his 29th goal of the season. Special mention to goalkeepers Finlay Kerr and Scott Oman for keeping a clean sheet.

Campbeltown Pupils

Youth 2005s now progress to the League Cup semi-final where they will meet Glasgow side Summerston in what will be an extremely tough away fixture. This tie is scheduled for Sunday, May 20.

There is no game this weekend for the Pupils but they will play their final league game on May 13 when they travel to play Dumbar-ton Riverside.



Calum McAllister chasing the ball in the Campbeltown Pupils 2005s against Broomhill Sports Club 2005s.



Captain John Marrison presenting main prize to Lee Mathieson.

Captain turns down his own prize

DUNAVERTY members turning out for their spring meeting had the opportunity to win a prize supplied by incoming captain John Marrison.

This event, the first major club event of the season, was also the first qualifying round for the Lepthenstrath Trophy with the top eight scratch players going forward.

Early starters James Williamson and David MacBrayne, enjoying very calm conditions, posted nett 66s, with Mark Eagers one behind but they were overshadowed by captain John Marrison, with his best game of the year, coming in with an excellent nett 60.

With the wind rising slightly in the afternoon Lee Mathieson produced

the best scratch score of the day with a 67 to give him a nett 63. John Marrison, although having the winning score, declared himself ineligible for his own prize of an American Golf voucher and this went to Lee.

As no player could win both handicap and scratch prizes, the scratch prize of a bottle of Glen Scotia whisky was won by Duncan Watson III. There was a two's competition and seven players shared in this.

Results: 1 John Marrison 76-16=60, 2 Lee Mathieson 67-4=63, 3 Robert Coffield 75-10=65, 4 David MacBrayne 78-12=66(bih), 5 James Williamson 82-16=66, 6 Mark Eagers 77-10=67.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division – Oban Saints v East Kilbride Rolls Royce, postponed; Premier Division Two – Lochgilphead Red Star 6, Duncanrig 1; Tarbert v Paisley, postponed; Jimmy Marshall Cup, third round – Campbeltown Pupils v Houston, postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division – Oban Saints v Goldenhill; Premier Division Two – Carlton YM v Lochgilphead Red Star; Tarbert no game; Jimmy Marshall Cup, third round, Campbeltown Pupils v Houston.

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