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# Campbeltown artist's London Saatchi show

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A PAINTER inspired by the sea and her father's fishing life has shown works at London's Saatchi gallery.

Dawnne McGeachy, 48, who describes herself as 'high functioning autistic' was one of seven finalists in the Spectrum Art Prize exhibited in the Saatchi gallery at the start of the month.

As a runner-up in the competition, which celebrates the exciting work produced by artists on the autistic spectrum, Ms McGeachy received £1,000 as well as curatorial and ongoing support.

Ms McGeachy lives in Helensburgh with her partner, Twisted Melons front man Stephen Johnson, and cites her father Jackie, 82, who fished

from the age of 14 and former Campbeltown Grammar art teacher, Ronald Togneri, as major influences on her artwork.

'I did not have a particularly easy time in mainstream education and Ronald Togneri really got the best from pupils,' said Ms McGeachy. 'He put a strong emphasis on draughtsmanship and as a teacher had the most impact on me.'

'My brother Jimmy, who is two years older, was also very supportive at school and there is no one prouder of me than him.'

A graduate of Glasgow School of Art (GSA) and the University of Ohio, Ms McGeachy's dramatic paintings of the sea are inspired by her father's career as a fisherman in Campbeltown and

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## Port Ellen's flag-bearing pupils line Pier Road



HRH Princess Anne's official cavalcade swept past flag-waving Islay pupils lining the road in front of Port Ellen Harbour Association. Moments before the Princess Royal arrived, last Friday, for the commemoration of the loss of SS Tuscania and HMS Otranto in 1918, Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara walked along the line of children and questioned them about the 41 state flags, representing the areas of the USA which were home to the servicemen lost in the Tuscania and Otranto tragedies. See pages four, five, seven and 30 for more on WW100 events on Islay. 25\_c19hrhislay92\_MP\_flags

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# Gigha Gallery's superb space and beautiful light

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its affect on her while growing up.

Ms McGeachy said: 'When you are brought up among fisher people, you are very aware of the sea, because it brings in the money, you are acutely aware

of how unpredictable it is and it forms a narrative to your environment.'

After achieving a special admission to GSA, Ms McGeachy graduated with a first and distinction before being highly commend-

ed in her post graduate diploma.

Ms McGeachy said: 'I loved Campbeltown and when I was at GSA I came home every weekend. I was there five years and only spent four weekends in Glasgow.'

Ms McGeachy won a scholarship to America, to take a master of fine art at the University of Ohio in Columbus, where she graduated Phi Kappa Phi, in the top seven per cent of all masters students in the US.

Ms McGeachy added: 'When I came back from America in 1995, I was exhausted.'

After graduation, Ms McGeachy tutored at GSA before embarking on a career in online education, com-

munity development and service design at the Lighthouse, Centre for Architecture, Design and The City in Glasgow before moving on to Skills Development Scotland.

Following a break of 15 years, Ms McGeachy began painting again in 2011, quickly gaining recognition by winning Scotland's biggest art prize in 2013, the Jolomo Bank of Scotland award for landscape painting.

Ms McGeachy said: 'My director at the Lighthouse, Stuart MacDonald OBE, who passed away in 2016, was instrumental in my return to painting. Art is a tough world to navigate your way through and to get traction you



Dawne McGeachy during a recent visit to Campbeltown. 25\_c16dawnmcgeachy-1



Dawne McGeachy's paintings in the Saatchi gallery.

have to be really motivated. I always want to be working in the studio and would close the door rather than exhibit.'

She has exhibited at galleries throughout Scotland, including

Richard Colquhoun Modern Masters Gallery in Aberdeen, Annan Art Gallery in Glasgow, Doubtfire Gallery in Edinburgh, Tatha Gallery in Dundee and the Gigha Gallery on God's Isle off

the coast of Kintyre. Ms McGeachy said: 'When I won the Jolomo award, I was really happy to show with Henri Macaulay at Gigha Gallery, I love the space and it has beautiful light.'

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## Wrestling movie star arm-locked for SCOFF

WRESTLING draws big Kintyre crowds and tonight at 9.30pm in Campbeltown Picture House a group of 1980s Big Daddy wannabes are the stars of Walk like a Panther.

### Secured

Organisers of the inaugural Scottish Comedy Film Festival have secured the film's director and writ-

er Dan Cadan and one of its stars, Dave Johns, to introduce the film.

Walk Like A Panther tells the story of a group of 1980s wrestlers who are forced to don the Lycra one last time when their beloved local pub is threatened with closure.

Johns starred alongside Stephen Graham, Stephen Tompkinson, Jill Halfpenny and Jason Flemyng.

## POLICE FILES

### Unsupervised learner driver

A 24-YEAR-old woman was found to be driving an uninsured car, unsupervised on a provisional licence after she was stopped by police for a routine check at about 3.15pm on Tuesday May 1, on Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown.

The woman was charged with the offences and the car was seized.

## Funny film festival cocktails

SCOFF, the inaugural Scottish Comedy Film Festival at Campbeltown Picture House, will feature a pop-up cocktail bar.

Special SCOFF cocktails will be available on Friday and Saturday nights to compliment the evening's celluloid and live performances.

In addition The Wee Pictures, a 30-minute documentary taking an irreverent look at the cinema's 105-year history, will screen, for free on a drop-in basis, in the education room from noon to 5pm today and noon to 9pm tomorrow.

For a full SCOFF preview see page 22.

## Building society supports ending youth homelessness

CAMPBELTOWN'S Yorkshire Building Society is backing End Youth Homelessness (EYH) Week from May 14 to 20 as part of its partnership with the charity which helps 16- to 25-year-olds.

According to Centrepoint's Youth Homelessness Databank's latest figures, 90 young people in Argyll and Bute received some homelessness support in 2016/17.

Campbell Read, proprietor of Campbeltown's YBS, said: 'We're proud to be backing EYH Week to help highlight the issue in our community and nationally.'

You can help EYH by making a donation at Stewart Balfour and Sutherland, on Longrow South.

# Days numbered for the RBS in Campbeltown

DESPITE last-ditch efforts at Westminster, an era will end on May 29 when Royal Bank of Scotland pulls out of Campbeltown.

Staff at the branch, in common with all at the 52 banks set for closure, were given a choice of redundancy or redeployment.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara said: 'The bank is not listening to customers and businesses.'

In December, the majority taxpayer-owned Royal Bank of Scotland announced the decision to close 62 of its branches in Scotland, including those in Campbeltown, Rothesay and Inveraray.

With pressure from local communities and businesses, RBS conceded to a temporary reprieve to 10 of these branches until the end of 2018 for review.

Mr O'Hara spoke as three senior executives, including chief executive, Ross Mc-



Campbeltown's RBS branch on Castlehill. 25\_C19rbscampbeltown01

Ewan appeared before the Scottish Affairs Committee at Westminster this week.

Mr O'Hara added: 'Over Christmas and New Year, I collected literally thousands of signatures on petitions for each of the three proposed closures in Argyll and Bute; neither RBS nor the UK Government seems to take these concerns seriously.'

'Once again, RBS has shown the contempt in which customers are held.'

'It has failed to listen to the anger and frustration that so many customers, businesses and communities have voiced about these cuts.'

## Depend

'These closure plans - which still mean the loss of dozens of branches across Scotland - will leave many communities without physical banking services, hitting rural areas which greatly depend on them.'

'Quite simply, RBS is failing to consider

its social responsibilities to rural and urban communities and to the long-lasting damage these closures will cause across Scotland.'

'That is why the SNP will try to save these banks and it is time that other parties joined us in that campaign.'

'We must put pressure on the UK Government to work in Scotland's interest, to force this public company to respect the communities that are in danger of being abandoned.'

## Investigation launched into sinking of the Nancy Glen

A CRIMINAL investigation is to be carried out into the sinking of a Tarbert fishing boat in which two men died.

The Nancy Glen sank in Loch Fyne on the evening of January 18 this year, with the loss of skipper Duncan MacDougall and crewman Przemek Krawczyk.

### Campaign

After a widely-supported campaign and with Scottish Government help, the vessel was raised from a depth of 140 metres last month, allowing the remains of Mr MacDougall and Mr Kraw-

czyk to be returned to their families and funerals to be held.

A Crown Office spokesperson said: 'The procurator fiscal has instructed Police Scotland to investigate the circumstances around the deaths of Duncan MacDougall and Przemek Krawczyk in Loch Fyne on 18 January 2018.'

'The families will continue to be kept updated in relation to any significant developments.'

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Tickets are £10 and £8, visit [www.craignish.org.uk](http://www.craignish.org.uk) for booking details or call 01852 500746 for further information. The Craignish Village Hall Arts Programme is supported by Creative Scotland, The Craignish Trust and Argyll & Bute Council.



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Moments before the service, Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute Patrick Stewart is pictured with three naval ships in the background: from left: German Bremen class frigate Lubeck, type 23 frigate HMS Montrose and American destroyer Donald K Ross, hidden is Islay lifeboat Helmut Schroeder of Dunlossit II. 25\_c19HRHIslay23



Moments after the one minute silence. 25\_c19HRHIslay40

# Baby 'Hero' w monument re-

**EXCLUSIVE**  
**By Mark Davey**

The great-great-great-granddaughter of an Islay man, who rescued SS Tuscania sinking victims, witnessed WW100's rededication of the American monument on the Mull of Oa.

Hero Mary Islay Ishqa Mathers-Brooks, aged four months, whose long distant relative, Duncan Campbell BEM, rescued survivors from the Mull cliffs, was silent during the service last Friday.

Tiny Hero was carried across the boggy rocky headland, to the 8am service – conducted by the Royal British Legion of Scotland (RBLs) national padre Karen Campbell – by her parents Imogen Mathers and Oliver Brooks, who, on their first trip to Islay, drove to the island from London.

In February 1918, Duncan Campbell helped save survivors

of the SS Tuscania sinking, in which 200 perished, and sheltered 14 in his Stremnish cottage.

More than four hours before HRH Princess Anne arrived in Port Ellen to lay a wreath at the village's war memorial, a large group assembled in the RSPB car park to make the stiff 25 minute ascent to the Mull's monument.

Photographers and the media packed the hillside next to the memorial as Reverend Campbell conducted the service, in the presence of the Queen's representative, the Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, Patrick Stewart, from Campbeltown, and national RBLs standard bearers.

Rev Campbell welcomed the official representatives and a huge congregation of islanders, then made the following address: 'On behalf of WW100 may

I welcome you to this poignant memorial to all those whose lives were lost in the sinkings of the Otranto and Tuscania.

'In the pitch dark of night, from these hills and this land, from croft and farm, from police station and distillery; Islay people heard the call to serve and to save.

'They delivered the soldiers and sailors from the tumultuous waves; they brought dignity to the dead; sustenance, shelter, food, clothing and care to the living: they made a record of the people: they did what was right.

'And from the sea came those whose service was yet to begin; or whose service was complete in their drowning, as they gave of their best and their all in the war to end all wars.

'Together Islay people, who had waved their own sons away, brought succour to

their mother's sons and forged a bond over the oceans never to be forgotten with the families of those who were on the Otranto and the Tuscania.

'Yesterday, Lord Robertson, the grandson of George McNeill, the Islay police officer in charge that night, laid a wreath at the site of the sinking of the Tuscania.

'And together, we remember the events; all those who lost their lives, as well as the survivors: and all those who cared for them in the aftermath of tragedy. We rededicate this war memorial; a sentinel over the headland, as a reminder of what was and is a part of the story of Islay and America.'

After the service, an American grandson of a survivor, from Seattle, told Rev Campbell: 'This is a most wonderful feeling of pilgrimage.'



The Lord Lieutenant's salute moments after laying a wreath. 25\_c19HRHIslay42



Approaching the American monument. 25\_c19HRHIslay04



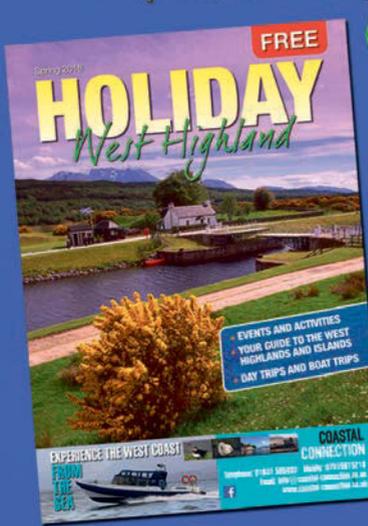
The scene during the service at the American monument. 25\_c19HRHIslay32



The congregation on the windswept misty hillside. 25\_c19HRHIslay27

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# Witnessed Islay dedication



The American monument is just visible in the mist above proud mum and dad Imogen Mathers and Oliver Brooks with Hero Mathers-Brooks, four months. 25\_c19HRHIslay63



Below the monument after the service from left: National standard bearer Jim Davidson, RBLs national chairman Charlie Brown, RBLs national drill instructor Ian Grant with the Stars and Stripes standard, the Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, Patrick Stewart, RBLs national padre Reverend Karen Campbell and Margaret Brown with the national standard. 25\_c19HRHIslay60



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## Editorial

### Comedy film festival pulls out all stops

IN JANUARY a Kintyre funnyman was very impressed with the live comedy on offer at the Scottish Comedy Film Festival's preview. His Facebook post attracted many comments and if that core of people bought tickets for this weekend's events it would be a very good start to the inaugural festival.

The post suggested SCOFF organisers should pull out all the publicity stops and they cannot be faulted.

The *Courier and Advertiser* have featured big advertisements as well as articles, including a Charlie Chaplin world premiere.

In less than two weeks the Malts Festival opens. This week former *Courier* reporter, Springbank marketing director, Randal Watson, has penned a good guide to its events. Hot on the heels of the Malts comes the MOK Run. Last weekend's Kintyre Way ultra marathon opened May's athletic events.

Across from the ultra finish, Campbeltown Pupils fought a good cup match they were unlucky not to win, with stalwarts, Darren McGillvary and Norman Thomson showing the youngsters a few tricks – nailing down tackles and keeping play tight.

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## Distressed by disrespectful treatment of grave

Sir,  
 I am writing about the appalling and disrespectful actions of someone on Mother's Day, knocking down a wall in Kilkerran Cemetery in Campbeltown.

When visiting my late father's grave, I was very distressed to find a collapsed wall with rubble all over the grave and another person's plaque from the wall on the ground.

I contacted Argyll and Bute Council with my concerns and they advised me that no one had reported the wall being knocked down to any staff working at the cemetery.

I was not notified of the damage to my father's grave by a member of staff from the cemetery or Argyll and Bute Council, which is unacceptable as they have records for the family members of the graves.

Who did this to the wall and my father's grave?

Do they not have a conscience to own up and report it?

How would they feel if it was their loved one's grave?

**Jackie Rich,  
 Albyn Avenue,  
 Campbeltown.**

## Superfast broadband needed now

Sir,  
 Scotland still woefully lags behind the rest of the UK on fibre broadband and superfast speed coverage.

Large areas in rural Scotland still experience extremely slow broadband with the digital gap widening between urban and rural Scotland.

The Scottish government was given funding in 2014 by the UK government for phase two rollout but are only now using it for procurement.

It is clear that the UK

## Down memory lane



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A GLASGOW based lay preacher, Stan Paliwoda, who visits Campbeltown on June 3 and 17 will be hoping not to emulate his great-grandfather Duncan McCorkindale.

Mr Paliwoda, an emeritus professor of marketing at Glasgow Caledonian University, said: 'Mr McCorkindale a farmer on East Backs Farm was killed on the farm along with his dog when he was struck by lightning, way back in December 1921.'

'I believe this incident was reported in the *Courier* at the time.'



Government has delivered, while the SNP continue to dither on broadband. It is past time that the SNP got on with the job of ensuring access for our rural communities, instead of offering excuses.

Scotland lags behind England and Wales on provision of superfast speeds above 24 Mbps. 93.7 per cent of premises in Scotland had access to speeds of over 24 Mbps compared to 95.7 per cent in England and 94.6 per cent in Wales.

Six out of the 10 worst constituencies for download speeds are in Scotland. Orkney and Shetland, Ross, Lochaber, Banff and Buchan, Caithness, Skye and Easter Ross, West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine and Argyll and Bute.

Scotland has already benefited by nearly 2.5 times more funding per head for superfast than England.

The culture secretary announced a further £190 million for full fibre networks, due to a lack of progress from the SNP Government.

The Scottish government has taken three years to start procurement for R100 after being allocated funding from the UK Government.

The programme for government promised R100

would be completed by 2012, however Fergus Ewing announced it wouldn't be finished until the end of 2021.

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**Alastair Redman,  
 Portnahaven,  
 Islay.**

## Campbeltown circus performer

Sir,  
 My name is Thomas Courts, and I am a 73-year-old retired butcher from Fife.

Since retiring I have been busy researching the Courts family ancestry.

Through my research I met up with a cousin I did not know about. It was great to meet up with him as he is also researching the family history and we found we had a lot in common and have been helping each other out with family information.

I knew my ancestors had circus connections and I have been enjoying that part of the research.

I was totally surprised and delighted when my cousin gave me a copy of a hand-written history of a gymnast performance that

my great-grandfather John Courts gave in Campbeltown on Saturday October 27, 1877.

The report was taken from your paper of that date. Unfortunately the hand-written account is now badly faded and is barely legible and the name of the circus is also missing.

**Thomas Courts,  
 7 Fleming Way,  
 Burntisland,  
 Fife.**

## Outrageous immigration policies

Sir,  
 The Windrush scandal has lifted the lid on the outrageous immigration policies of this Tory government, where individuals and their families are having their lives turned upside down.

As Home Secretary in 2013, Theresa May remarked that the UK government should 'deport first, and hear appeals later' and we are now witnessing this at first hand.

In Argyll and Bute, I have received a considerable number of queries from constituents, who – out of the blue – are finding themselves classed as 'unlaw-

ful' citizens, despite being raised here and living their whole lives in the UK.

In some circumstances, individuals are being instantly dismissed by their employers although it is blatantly and logically apparent that they are legitimate UK citizens.

The SNP has long campaigned for a fair and humane immigration system.

The current immigration policy of the UK Government is failing Scotland and it is vital that, in addition to UK-wide reforms, immigration powers are devolved to the Scottish parliament to ensure that we can create a fair system for Scotland, its people and the specific needs of our economy.

**Brendan O'Hara,  
 Westminster.**

## Lorne Campbell Court does not provide dementia care

Sir,  
 There was an article in the *Courier* headlined: 'Home Helps' changing care role' and it mentioned that Lorne Campbell Court provides 24-hour dementia care but this is not quite accurate.

It does not provide dementia care but it does provide an extra care housing service for individuals who are living independently but who require additional care and support, especially overnight.

Could you please correct this error in this week's edition.

**David Ritchie,  
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# Islay remembered WW1 tragedies

ISLANDERS, descendants, and dignitaries respectfully remembered First World War soldiers and sailors who lost their lives in two separate 1918 sinkings off Islay.

Last Friday a large crowd, including HRH The Princess Royal, the cabinet secretary for culture, tourism and external affairs, Fiona Hyslop, the Secretary of State for Scotland, David Mundell MP and the United States ambassador to the UK, Robert Wood Johnston gathered at noon, in front of Port Ellen War Memorial on Islay for the main commemorative service to remember the US and British lives lost when SS Tuscania and HMS Otranto sank 100 years ago.

Other dignitaries attending included: the consul general of France in Scotland, the acting ambassador of Germany and the consul general of Germany in Scotland.

Pipers from Islay Pipe Band led a parade into Port Ellen, including children from all the island schools carrying the 41 state flags representing the areas of the USA which were home to the servicemen lost in the Tusca-

nia and Otranto tragedies.

In the closing year of the Great War, as the people of Islay mourned the loss of many of their own fields, they witnessed the war's devastation on their own shores.

Two hundred US soldiers and British crew members were rescued when the SS Tuscania was torpedoed on February 5, 1918. The islanders responded with courage, kindness and sympathy, caring for the rescued and respectfully burying the dead.

A further disaster followed, when on October 6, the HMS Otranto sank with the loss of 500 American and British servicemen.

Again the people of Islay rose to the immense challenge and worked tirelessly to bury the huge number of the dead with dignity, and care for the few who made it to shore alive.

Many lives were saved after heroic rescue missions, not least by the Royal Navy which, on the fateful night of the sinking of SS Tuscania, rescued some 1,800 US servicemen, and in near-hurricane conditions,

the HMS Mounsey pulled alongside the ill-fated Otranto to rescue almost 600 soldiers.

RBL's national chairman, Charlie Brown, said: 'Legion Scotland is proud to once again take a prominent role in remembering those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our freedoms.'

'We stay true to our commitment and the words 'We will remember them' by ensuring that the sacrifice of more than 700 US servicemen and British crew members is never forgotten.'

'We also pay tribute to the bravery and selfless actions of those on board the Royal Navy Destroyer HMS Mounsey who went alongside the SS Tuscania to save over 1,800 US servicemen who otherwise may have perished.'

'It is heartwarming that in times of great tragedy and loss of life, the human spirit of comradeship and sense of belonging joins nations as one in the hope that peace will prevail over the loss of life.'

At the commemoration, Rear Admiral John Weale OBE,



HRH Princess Anne lays a wreath at Port Ellen's war memorial last Friday.

Royal Navy, said:

'It is a great honour to be here as Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland representing the Royal Navy in this, the WW1 100 year.'

'We are gathered on Islay to commemorate all those who lost their lives defending the ideals that have stood the test of time.'

'To remember, not only those who lost their lives but also to remember those lives saved on this island due to the heroic actions of service personnel and islanders.'

'The shared sacrifices and commitments made by both the UK and US Armed Forces are particularly evident here as we commemorate the heroic actions of HMS Mounsey.'

US General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USEUCOM Commander, said: 'During the centennial of US entry into World War I, we

commemorate America's sons and daughters who defended peace; many of them descendants of European immigrants who came to America seeking freedom, opportunity and a better life.'

Chief of the German Navy, Vice Admiral Andreas Krause, said: 'Today we commemorate the 633 sailors of the United States Navy who gave their lives in the service of their country here off the island of Islay. The horrors of the World Wars are still etched in the minds of the people in Europe, and particularly in Germany.'

A ceremony was also conducted, on Thursday May 3, on board Royal Navy patrol boat HMS Raider by Reverend Dr Karen Campbell, National padre of the Royal British Legion Scotland, with Captain Chris Smith RN, and Legion Scot-

land's chairman Charlie Brown, and CEO, Kevin Gray.

Lord George Robertson of Port Ellen, whose grandfather was the police sergeant on the island when both ships sank, laid

a wreath. British warship, HMS Montrose; American, USS Ross; French, FS Andromède and German, FGS Lübeck joined HMS Raider over the wreck of SS Tuscania for the service.



The commemoration service in Port Ellen's Pier Square.

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# Campbeltown Malts Festival

SINGLE malt whisky lovers from all four corners of the globe will descend on Kintyre later this month for the latest edition of the annual Campbeltown Malts Festival.

Starting from a humble one-day event at the town's Glengyle Distillery back in 2009, the Malts Festival has grown hugely in size and style and now includes all three local whisky distilleries - Springbank, Glengyle and Glen Scotia - as well as Beinn An Tuirc Distillery at Torrissdale and Scotland's oldest independent bottler of whisky and other spirits William Cadenhead Ltd.

The four day-long event takes place from Tuesday May 22nd - Friday May 25th and is jam-packed with whisky master-classes, tasting sessions, distillery tours and whisky and spirits-themed dinners, not to mention a free to enter ceilidh at Springbank on Thursday May 24th.

The benefits of the event are felt throughout Kintyre as accommodation, restaurants and bars will all be packed for the duration, contributing hundreds of thousands of pounds to the local economy.

Events kick-off at 1pm on Tuesday, when Beinn An Tuirc holds its Kintyre Gin Open Day, marking its first participation in the event since it's hugely-popular gin hit the market.

Distillery tours, tastings and a pop-up gin bar will be amongst the highlights, whilst visitors will also be able to chat to distiller Su Black and directors Niall and Emma Macalister Hall. With events planned to fit in with the Carradale bus timetable, it's sure to be a perfect way to start the week.

Later that evening Glen Scotia Distillery will be hosting their 2018 whisky dinner, which begins with a drink at Campbeltown Picture House before moving on to the Ardshiel Hotel and its multi-award winning whisky bar.

Whisky celebrity Charles MacLean will be on hand to chat and entertain guests, while over at Springbank Distillery Campbeltown-based independent bottler William Cadenhead Ltd are hosting an informal tasting for their Cadenhead Club members.

Day two sees the focus shift firmly onto whisky. Glen Scotia are hosting free distillery tours and the first of a series of dunnage warehouse tastings with distillery manager Iain McAllister, a rare treat to try some great drams with the man in charge of producing them.

Springbank will be hosting a tasting for their Springbank Society members the same day, followed by a sold-out Malt Barns Whisky Dinner that evening.

Four local restaurants - the Ardshiel, Craigard, Food for Thought and Harbourview Grille are also



A side stall at the Malts open day.

hosting whisky dinners on Wednesday, each of which is bookable through the individual restaurants, space permitting of course.

On Thursday the Springbank Open Day includes tastings and masterclasses all day and a free to enter ceilidh in the evening featuring tunes from popular local band Rhuvaal and Tracy, Josh and David.

Highlights include warehouse tastings with the production team and an interesting introduction to J&A Mitchell Ltd tasting in the early evening.

Cairndow-based brewery Fyne Ales will be on hand throughout the day to provide extra refreshment for those who fancy a beer to go with their whisky. Glen Scotia will also be continuing their tours and dunnage warehouse tastings.

Friday brings the event to a conclusion but it certainly won't be a day of rest. Glengyle Distillery will host most of the action, with a pop up Kilkerran Cocktail Bar sure to provide an interesting twist on the whiskies available.

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A packed 2017 Springbank open day.

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# 2018



## 8th Annual Best of the West Festival



Gnoss at last years festival.



The whisky bar is always busy.

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In its eighth year, Best of the West is arguably Scotland's finest boutique festival, where music and food lovers travel from across the globe to experience the very best in Scottish music, food and drink.

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If you are a fan of Scottish music then you're in for a treat at BOWFest. With performances from the likes of Tide Lines, Seven Nations, Heron Valley, The Camans, Rhuvaal, Gnoss, Katie and Abi, Bar None Community Choir and Skipinnish to name a few, there is something for everyone.

Foodies will be happy to know that they can get tucked into Argyll's best local produce. There is plenty of delicious food and drink to choose from, thanks to the award winning Food from Argyll group and many more.

Have you decided to take the bus and are now ready for a drink or three? Inveraray's George Hotel will be providing different types of beer, as well as a unique cocktail bar.

There will also be many different spirits on offer at the Loch Fyne Whisky marquee, with products from famous distilleries from across Scotland.

The Business Gateway marquee will also showcase art and craft from a few of the most talented artists on the west coast.

There will also be a number of unique stalls at BOWFest, selling products you won't find anywhere else.

Tickets start at £39.50 for weekend tickets and from £14.50 for one day tickets. For more information on pricing, go to [bowfest.co.uk](http://bowfest.co.uk).

but perhaps not too many for those who fancy trying something different - Campbeltown's own Wee Toon Warriors have organised a series of whisky-themed challenges which will test everyone's strength at the end of a busy week and, if nothing else, provide some laughs for those watching and taking part.

Local tourism marketing group Explore Campbeltown will round the week off on a high note on Friday evening with the Campbeltown Malts Festival Closing Dinner in the town hall.

Representatives of all four local companies will present a dram of their choice to accompany a delicious meal, with dinner being followed by Rhuvaal's second performance of the week.

The Campbeltown Malts Festival is a brilliant example of many businesses throughout the town coming together to showcase just some of our many exceptional local products.

The success of the event is testament to the quality of the products and the hard work of the people behind them and the Festival offers some-

thing for everyone, long-term whisky drinker or novice alike.

Tickets for many of the events are available from [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk) and more information can be found at [www.springbank.scot](http://www.springbank.scot), [www.glenscotia.com](http://www.glenscotia.com), [www.kilkerransinglemalt.com](http://www.kilkerransinglemalt.com), [www.kintyregin.com](http://www.kintyregin.com) and [www.explorecampbeltown.com](http://www.explorecampbeltown.com).



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# Kintyre Songwriters Festival Sunday scales

Words and photographs by Mark Davey

The Gilchristian's Kenny Gilchrist guitar tribute resounded round Campbeltown town hall as the *Courier* enjoyed the Kintyre Songwriters Festival (KSF) final night.

The floor exploded with dancing, chanting and clapping in the final act of the 10th Kintyre Songwriters Festival, which started last Friday in Whisky Macs and came to a rocking climax in the early hours of Monday morning.

In total, a dozen acts, starting at about 7.30pm and ranging from solo singers to full bands, had entertained a re-

volving audience who seemed to swirl round the various stars.

Chris Annetts opened the show, telling the audience that he would not have made it to the town hall stage had it not been for the encouragement of David Fee and the experience of playing his Homesong events.

Swanfactory's Lewis Semple dripped battery acid, ate the primary numbers and incorporated reality TV in his dystopian verses.

Newcomer, northerner Judith Jones, now based in Torrisdale, lit up the night with her Gram Parson's tribute: *Butterfly Kisses*, composed during an American roadtrip search for

his grave.

Colonsay's Donald MacNeill said that last year's KSF had introduced him to Dyson Airblade hand dryers and he had begun a mission to photograph them on his travels.

He said his obsession had nearly led to his arrest at Heathrow when he took his camera out in the conveniences.

His daughter Jane joined him on stage to sing choruses and was amazed to hear she might feature in the pages of the *Courier*.

The Dubious Blues Band lifted the tempo a notch before David Bisset, inspired by Bill Bryson, went in search of America's ideal 1950s' small town.

Gareth Croll's 'Walk on the Wild Side' was a great reimagining of the rock classic and began the climb via three, short, sharp numbers from The Twisted Melons, to the night's headliner, the sublime indie rocker Roddy Woomble.

Campbeltown rockers a new hope? prepared the ground for keyboardist songwriter Josephine Sillars and the Manic Pixie Dreams, who played a yet to be released song, *Is it Love?*.

And this left the Gilchristians to tie the night together, ending the show with all the guys who played with the legendary Kenny Gilchrist.

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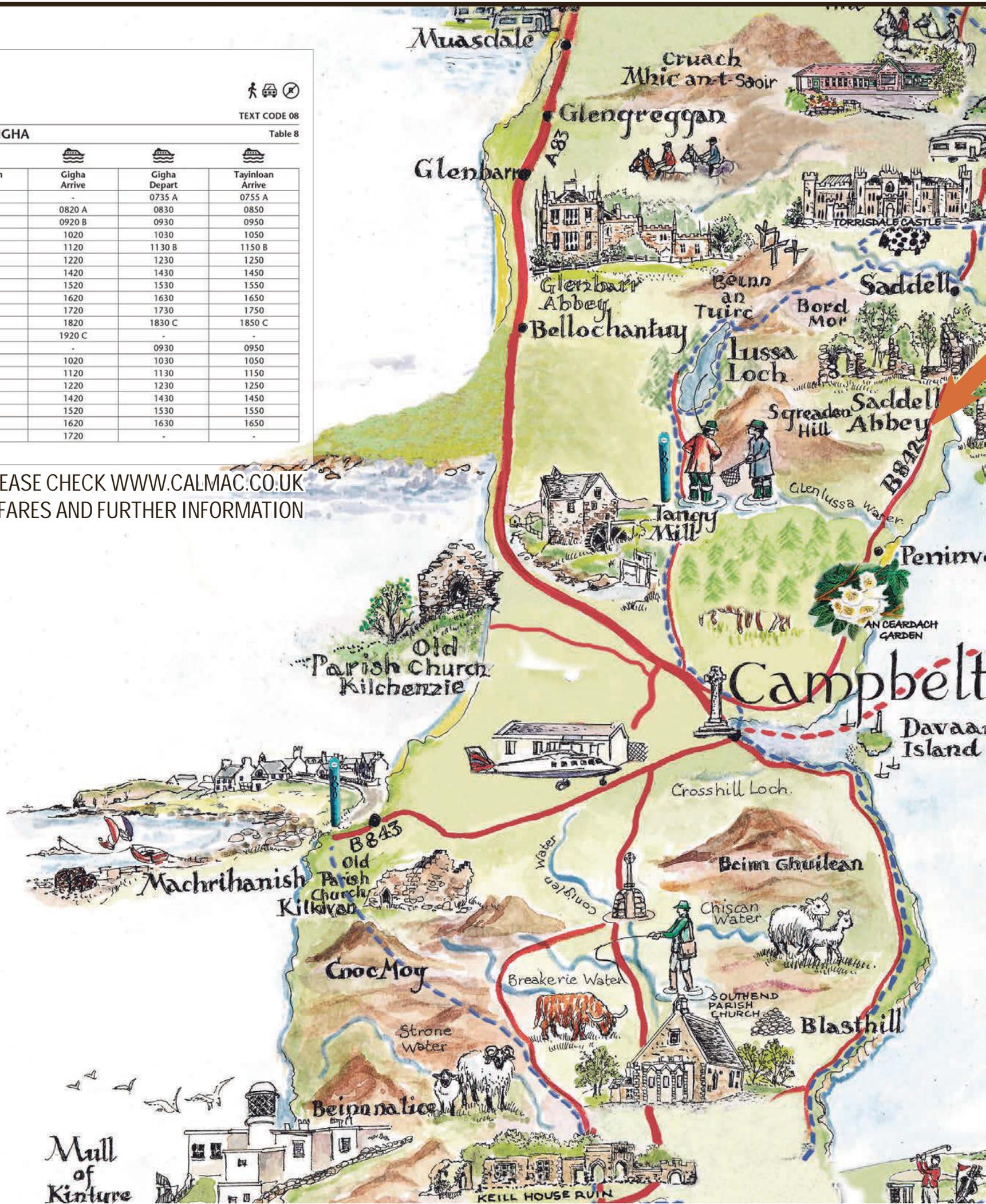
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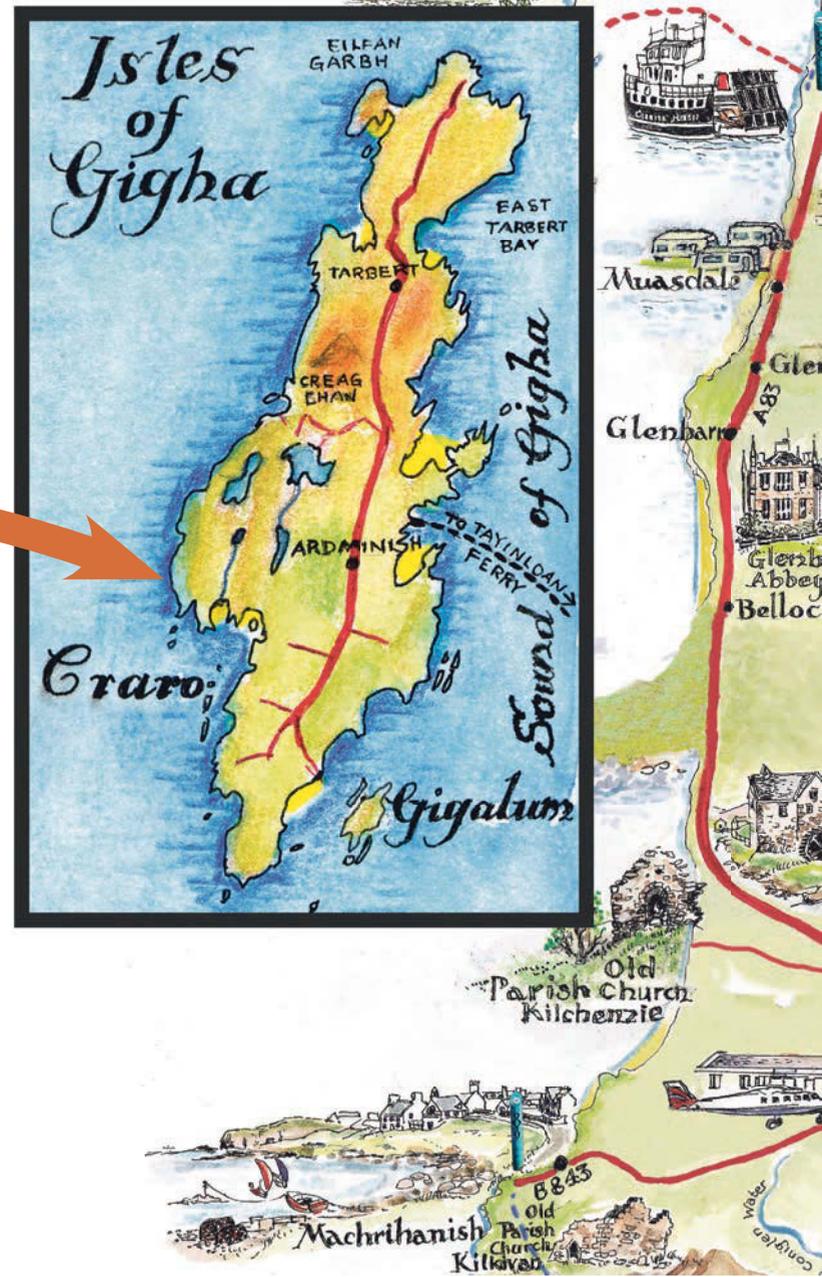
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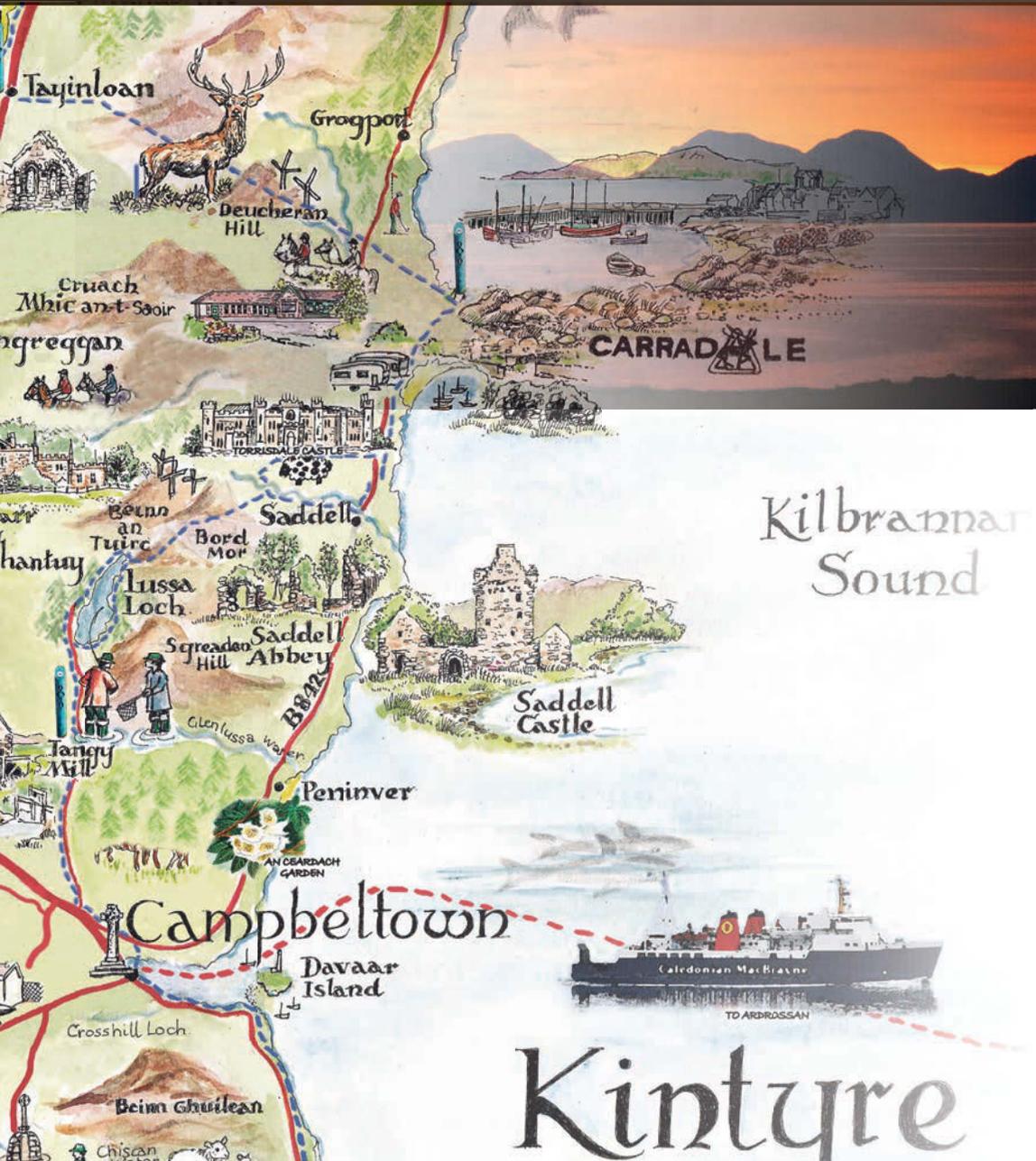
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# From Grammar school to Euroscola, c'était fantastique

**Joan Crooks**

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A CAMPBELTOWN Grammar pupil had the 'experience of a lifetime' at the 2018 Euroscola in Strasbourg.

Rhona O'May, who is taking advanced higher French, was encouraged by her language teacher, Gerri McAnerney, to apply for the prestigious event and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Campbeltown.

Euroscola enables high-school students from the 28 member states to become Members of the European parliament for a day.

They can debate and vote on resolutions and current affairs in the chamber of the European parliament in Strasbourg, while practising language skills and meeting students from other states.

The 27 delegates from across Scotland met for the first time at Glasgow airport for the flight to Amsterdam.

They became acquainted during team building exercises before flying on to Basel.

The following morning they visited the

Council of Europe, followed by a trip across the Pont de L'Europe for lunch in neighbouring Germany.

Rhona said: 'There were so many firsts for me. I had never been on a plane before, or a 'bendy bus' or tram.

'I didn't realise trams went so fast. We had to hold on tight on the ride over the border into Germany.

'We walked back, over the bridge into France and captured the moment on camera. It was an amazing experience.'

That afternoon Rhona took part in a street survey using her French language skills to check Strasbourg residents' knowledge of Scotland.

She said: 'We found that younger folk were more willing to take part in our survey and although most of them thought they knew the location of Scotland, some thought it was between England and Wales.

'Most were able to name some Scottish towns and cities, with Edinburgh as the most popular answer, and



**Rhona O'May, right, at the European Parliament.**

everyone seemed to know that Scotland is famous for tartan and whisky,' she added.

The following day was preparation day for the Euroscola.

The students prepared topics and questions for the parliamentary sessions, and took part in the Strasbourg Challenge, which included filming and editing a piece on a European topic.

Rhona's group topic was tourism and she spoke on camera about Strasbourg Cathedral de Notre-Dame, which is known as one of the most beautiful gothic cathedrals in Europe.

On the day of the main Euroscola event, Edouard Martin MEP spoke in French to the 1,000 students. Delegates who wished could listen via headphones to a simultaneous translation in another European language.

Afterwards, delegates asked previously prepared questions to Monsieur Martin.

Rhona explained: 'We sat in the MEPs' seats with the same technology and pressed a buzzer to signal that we wanted to speak.

But with around 1,000 delegates present, only a few were able to have their questions answered.'

Rhona said: 'I was really impressed with the mature, insightful questions that students asked and I learned so much from the debate.'

Later, the delegates were separated into six groups to focus on different European topics.

Rhona explained: 'My group was tasked with preparing and presenting an address on the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage using the question: "Can we promote the cultural diversity of Europe?"

'We looked at how the cultural sector could be supported and helped to develop its full economic potential, and discussed what activities could be organised to promote intercultural dialogue and further EU international relations.

'We chose a speaker to lead the discussion and to present our findings to the main parliament and answer any questions that arose. It was a daunting task to address such a large gathering in such an important venue, but our speaker, David, was great.'

Rhona continued: 'At the end of each session, we voted electronically using smart cards just as the real MEPs do.

'This was such an amazing opportunity for me,' Rhona said. 'Having participated in this conference, I feel so much more confident and better prepared for university.'

She added: 'We were very aware that this experience will not be available to other UK pupils after Brexit, and that makes me sad.'

On being asked whether she felt that coming from a smaller school in a remote town made it more difficult compared to students from large cities, Rhona replied: 'No. Quite the opposite in fact.

'In Campbeltown everyone speaks to

each other and we talk to the town's visitors, so talking to new people was easier for me.

'In large cities people tend not to speak to those they don't know, so they were much more intimidated by that.'

She continued: 'The whole experience was so exciting for me. It really was a case of 'country comes to town.'

'Everything was bigger and faster, and so much was new for me. I was determined to make the most of every opportunity.

'I loved Strasbourg. The air was so clean, unlike some other big cities with traffic con-

gestion. The city centre just had public transport, push bikes and pedestrians. There was no smog. You could look up and see the stars.

'I went to bed exhausted every night, but could hardly wait to get up and go the next morning, with so many new experiences ahead.'

Rhona explained that a ceilidh was scheduled for the last evening, but instead they sat and talked about how great the week had been.

But the Scots like to dance, so an impromptu ceilidh in Amsterdam airport as they waited for their flight home entertained other travellers, as the Gay Gordons was danced to music from a mobile phone played through a small speaker.

'I keep in touch with some of the other Scottish delegates on social media,' explained Rhona, 'and we plan to meet up again.'

Rhona said thanks to Ms McAnerney for her encouragement, and to the Rotary Club for its financial support.

'They gave me the opportunity of a lifetime,' she said. 'I will never forget it.'



**Scottish delegates at Euroscola 2018, Strasbourg.**

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# Southend SWI celebrates 90 years of Rural success

A YEAR after the centenary celebrations of Scottish Women's Institutes (SWI) across the country, one Kintyre faction is celebrating its 90th birthday.

Southend Rural member Elizabeth Semple says the group is looking back at 90 very successful years with gratitude to the millions of women who, down the years, kept the organisation safe.

Mrs Semple told the *Courier* the aims of the organisation, which was originally named Scottish Women's Rural Institutes (SWRI), include advancing the education and training of its members in home skills, welfare and citizenship.

She said it is also committed to preserving the traditions of rural Scotland and to working for international cooperation and understanding among women.

The original SWRI badge was designed by Glamis institute in 1917 and approved by delegates to the second Annual National Con-

ference in 1919. It is based on the Luckenbooth brooch or Witch Heart, the crown of which usually has five jewels, but the SWRI's design has four, with its initials inset in them.

The organisation's motto 'For home and country' is set within the heart, which Mrs Semple says was used as a love token in Mary, Queen of Scots' time.

She added: 'The badge represents love, friendship and power for good, and the white heart stands for purity.'

'The motto speaks of loyalty to maintaining the high standards we, as a Rural, still maintain today.'

*The Oban Times* headlined a report, on May 7, 1964, of the organisation's Federation Show, held in Campbeltown's Victoria Hall: 'Shield won by Southend for second year running.'

At the time, Southend had 112 members and scored 112 points.

Bellochantuy had 39 members and scored

92 points and Strachur scored 70 points.

The competition was judged by a Miss Nettleworth, who sampled 150 Florence cakes, 200 Dundee cakes and 250 water and walnut loaves, as well as 50 cold, savoury dishes.

Mrs Semple said: 'It was reported she started judging at 9.30am and finished at 2.30pm and was unable to attend the official lunch, which I think wasn't too surprising.'

'She probably missed her dinner as well!'

Mrs Semple says that although the Rural lost some of its identity to 'PR people' when it officially changed from SWRI to SWI, it has come a long way and members still attend as much as ever.

She said: 'At the moment we are in very safe hands and enjoy excellent meetings each month, with at least two of them being masterclass standard.'

The group recently held its AGM in the 'world famous' Muneroy Tearoom

where president Jean



The original SWRI badge design.

Ives recalled the year's successes, including a visit to MACC, talks by Westwards vet Dominic Sharkey and photographer Raymond Hosie, and a fantastic patchwork/quilting demonstration by Marjory McKiven.

The annual bulb show was a taster of the Sou-

thend ladies' crafting talents which was replicated at the Argyll Federation Show held in Hunter Quay in Dunoon.

There were many entries from all over Kintyre and Argyll but Mary Cameron's celebration cake won best item in one of the group entries and

to: 1 Moyra Jane Paterson, 2 Alison Eynon, 3 Fiona Rowland. The prize for most points at the Federation Show went to Jen Ronald.

Voting took place for new committee members as Mairi McBrayne, Christine Jardine and Mary Cameron are all standing down.

They were thanked for all their hard work and commitment over the last three years.

The group will hold a 90th birthday celebration, including a buffet and entertainment, on Monday night at 7.30pm, in Dunaverty Hall, to which all members past and present are welcome.

'Long may the Rural, this grand old lady who has given so much to us all in opportunities we couldn't hope to aspire to without her, continue for many more years,' added Mrs Semple.

'Raise your glasses on Monday, ladies – to the Rural, long may she continue to be our inspiration and hope for the future.'

## MSP supports Kiss Goodbye to MS campaign



Michael Russell with a Kiss Goodbye to MS selfie frame.

ARGYLL and Bute MSP Michael Russell has backed more than 11,000 people afflicted by MS in Scotland through support for the Kiss Goodbye to MS campaign.

Mr Russell said: 'With so many Scots affected by this disease it is great to see the ground-breaking work being undertaken by MS Society Scotland.'

'I would encourage anyone who can to donate to the cause and help bring an end to the pain lived by MS patients day in day out.'

Morna Simpkins, director for MS Society Scotland said: 'On this MS Week we would like to highlight the importance of MS research. For more than 11,000 people in Scotland, living with

MS is a daily reality. This is why the MS Society is driving cutting-edge research into more – and better treatments to ultimately stop MS.'

'By joining a global group of fundraisers and taking part in Kiss Goodbye to MS, your small sacrifice could help us find new treatments for people living with MS and their loved ones.'

MS is an unpredictable condition that is different for everyone. It affects how a person thinks, feels and moves.

For support and information, please contact the helpline on 0808 800 8000 and sign up for the campaign at [www.mssociety.org.uk/kissgoodbyetoMS](http://www.mssociety.org.uk/kissgoodbyetoMS)

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# It's Show Time

## Farming at its finest!

Summer in the West Highlands and Islands means that it is show time for our farmers – so come along and join in the fun and celebrate all their hard work and fine livestock and produce.



CAN you think of any industry other than farming which throws its trade shows open to the general public?

Or to put it the other way round, can you think of any other industry which is such a vital part of community life that everyone turns out in force to support it?

For the general public, it is a great day out; but to the farming community an agricultural show

is way, way more than that.

Farming is almost, in itself, a definition of anti-social hours. Do you get fed-up if you have to work an evening or a weekend now and then? Farming folk would laugh in disbelief; livestock and the weather make sure that farming is never a nine-to-five job. It truly is a way of life.

A show gives people the chance to catch up with old friends and

socialise. There will be plenty of cràic in the tea tent or at the bar, at the show dance in the evening or at the Young Farmers' stall.

One of the joys of an agricultural show is that people have time to stop and catch up with neighbours, friends and other people in the community whom they might not see from one year's show day to the next.

Many people outwith the farming

community are often surprised at how many exhibitions and trade stands there are at agricultural shows, even the smaller ones. So expect to see stalls for organisations, such as the Forestry Commission, SNFU or SNH at shows, or dealerships in farm vehicles and implements – from a four-wheel-drive truck, or a plough, to rotary tedders to silage wagons. There will

also be stalls or agents for feed and fertiliser and agricultural suppliers. Likewise stalls selling country clothing and overalls which everyone can appreciate. Look out, too, for a host of food stalls selling baking, sweets, hot food and often farmers' market stalls selling produce. Each show has its loyal band of tradespeople.

The Royal Highland Show at Ingleston Edinburgh, is

considered the start of the agricultural show season and Dalmally Show here in Argyll is one of the last.

Dalmally is famous for its Highland cattle classes; Kintyre, with its award-winning creamery, has a show where some of the best dairy cattle in Scotland can be seen. Across Argyll and Lochaber the sheep classes, especially the black-face classes, are full of first-class livestock.

Shows usually start in the morning, with competitors arriving early to settle their livestock down and add some finishing touches to the grooming before judging begins. The more public events, dog or pet shows or gymkhana, begin around midday.

The finale of the show is a parade of champions from all the classes, including the presentation of the honour of best in show

# Time



– the overall winner of all the day's events.

Most agricultural shows have a produce or handicraft or 'industry' tent – a marquee full of excellent home-grown fruit and veg and flowers, home-made jams and preserves and crafts, all waiting to be judged. This is open throughout the day, once the judging has been done. Look out for the children's competitions as well –

every show has them, including prizes in the show ring for best young handlers, and events, such as fancy dress and dog with the waggiest tail.

Terrier racing and gun-dog scurries also have classes for people to enter family pets as well as working dogs.

The main show ring will often feature entertainment – whether it is a tug-of-war, a demonstration of chain-saw carving by

foresters, a parade of vintage farm vehicles or the local pipe band. Each year the shows vie with each other to put on the best events; likewise the music at the show dances held afterwards will have some of the West Highlands and islands' leading musicians.

So turn out and support your local show and celebrate all the hard work our farming community does every year.

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Friday 20th July 2018

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Saturday 11th August at Kilmory, Lochgilphead

Showfield Opens at 9am

Main ring attractions

Childrens Activities

Variety of trade stands and food stalls

Gin and Prosecco bar

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## WEST ARDNAMURCHAN SHOW AND SPORTS

Kilchoan, Friday 20 July

This is a well-established show with a reputation for providing a fantastic family day out. The agricultural show starts the day at 9.30am, with the main family events following at 11.30am. The day includes children's races with a road race for seniors and juniors, likewise heavy events and a pet show, produce show and stalls for everyone to enjoy. There is an all-day barbecue, and bar and live music on the field from 5pm onwards with the Votadini Band. All this is in the beautiful Kilchoan setting, making for a memorable day.

## TIREE SHOW

Rural Centre, Crossapol, Friday 20 July

The Isle of Tiree's annual celebration of all things agricultural is a great social gathering. In the show rings you will see cattle, sheep, and Clydesdales along with a poultry show and pet shows alongside the horse show. Away from the rings there are a home industries tent and crafts and side stalls.

This year's main attractions are chainsaw craft, Highland dancing, and an intriguing-sounding toddler tractor race.

The show dance at Tiree is legendary and this year the music at An Talla will be provided by Dùn Mhor Ceilidh Band.

## BUNESSAN SHOW

Bunessan School Ground, Friday 3 August

The first of the Isle of Mull's two agricultural shows, this might be one of the smaller shows but it has a big heart; it has a reputation as being one of the friendliest shows around.

The show committee describe the event as a 'traditional show' with a full schedule of livestock classes plus plenty more for people to enjoy at the showground alongside the village primary school, especially lots of children's competitions with home-baking, preserves and gardening classes.

The day also ends in the traditional way, with a show dance in the village hall, this year with Trail West, starting at 9pm.

## KINTYRE AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Anderston Park, Campbeltown, Friday 3 August

Kintyre is home of the famous Mull of Kintyre Cheddar, so expect to see some of the finest dairy cattle in the show ring, along with beef cattle, sheep and Clydesdales.

Kintyre Show always has a good selection of stalls and action from the Kintyre Young Farmers. There will be a parade of old tractors and a great dog show.

This year, the main show ring entertainment will be provided by 'Dangerous Steve' – how else would you describe a man who juggles chainsaws?

A day not to be missed.

## LORN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Common Grazings, Tralee Bay, Saturday 4 August

The Common Grazings land is a phenomenal beach venue for a show which draws its crowd from the farming community and people from miles around. The morning is given over to stock judging. The event is also home to the Oban Poultry Show. There is a traditional home industries tent, dog show, terrier racing and plenty of equestrian events. If you want more horse power, look out for the vintage tractors. With Highland dancing competitions and pipe band the show committee has to be congratulated on creating a day out with such a wide appeal for everyone.

## SALEN SHOW

Glenaros Showfield, Thursday 9 August

Mull and Morvern Agricultural Society hosts the annual Salen Show at the Glenaros Showfield; one of two shows held on the island.

At the cattle and sheep classes you can see entries from all over the island and from farms on the mainland. There is always a fine selection of Highland cattle on show. At the horse show you will see everything from cheeky little Shetlands through to show jumpers and Highland Ponies to thoroughbreds.

The dog show accepts entries on the day and competition is always fierce!

The handicraft and produce tent is always well supported and so are the horticultural classes.

The day ends with a barbecue, rounding off a really great day out at a traditional and welcoming show.

## Dalmally Agricultural Show

Saturday 1st September 2018

The Mart Park, Dalmally

Gates open 9am

Highland Cattle, Main Ring Attractions, Trade Stands. Something for all the Family!

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Women's right to vote the judges will all be female!



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## MID-ARGYLL SHOW

Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Saturday 11 August

The Mid-Argyll Agricultural Show is a major event with hundreds of exhibitors entering competitions in baking, produce, crafts, flowers and vegetables, as well as the dog and livestock classes.

Fergus Lyon and Cairiona MacLeod will be presidents for this the 121st Mid-Argyll Agricultural, supported by Vice President David Renwick.

This year's show will boast a gin and prosecco bar to enjoy while watching the judging of cattle, sheep, dogs, horses, ponies and poultry competitions. Other regular attractions are the display of vintage tractors and the pets section together with terrier racing competitions.

After the success of last year's gun dog scurry this competition will once again take place from 11am onwards. Entries taken on the day and open to all breeds.

## SUNART & DISTRICT SHOW

Strontian showfield, Saturday 11 August

The judging of the livestock classes at the Sunart and District Agricultural Society Show starts at 9.30am but the family fun lasts all day.

There are classes for sheep, cattle, poultry and a dog show, and this year will see the return of the horse show. For the younger members of the family, Bubble the clown will be on hand to provide entertainment, and there will be a licensed ceilidh for all the family starting at 9pm.

Show day is a big event for the Sunart community and well supported by holiday makers. A great day out for everyone with a wonderful, welcoming family atmosphere.

## APPIN SHOW

Tynribbie Croft, Appin, Saturday 18 August

On the shore of Loch Linnhe with the iconic Castle Stalker in the background, Appin Show truly has a fantastic location.

This is the show's 61st year and support continues to grow for the event. Farmers from the Isle of Lismore come over to enter livestock in the show alongside farms in and around Appin. Classes include sheep, cattle, including Highlanders, Clydesdale horses, and a dog show. There is a handicraft and floral art and garden produce section along with a poultry show. Given its location, the show is able to stage its own hill race alongside children's games and races and Highland dancing. This is a show with the emphasis on a good time for all the family.

## DALMALLY AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Saturday 1 September

Dalmally Show traditionally brings the show season to a close, and does so in style.

The hard-working show committee describes the show as 'a celebration of our rural community', and rightly so.

Over the years Dalmally has built up a formidable reputation with its Highland cattle classes, probably only second in the land to the Royal Highland Show.

These are alongside the other classes for commercial beef cattle, black face sheep, and poultry, and competitions for dogs, baking, preserves, horticulture, painting, and much more. With the village shinty ground alongside the show, Dalmally also stages a junior shinty tournament. Add to all this an excellent mix of stalls and exhibitors and you have a show with a formidable reputation which all makes for a great day out.

## THE BLACK ISLE SHOW

Thursday 2 August

There is a preview night on August 1 and the main event is August 2.

The Black Isle Show is back and as the north's biggest farming event, this year's event will have monster appeal.

It's a fun-filled day for all the family and with thousands of animals from livestock to pets, a craft and food hall, speciality bars and beer tents and a funfair, there is something for everyone.

A highlight this year will be monster trucks Big Pete and the Grim Reaper which will take to the main arena to wow the crowds, while music lovers can toe tap to music from the Dolly Parton Experience, just one of the musical offerings available in the bar. There will be the traditional Black Isle Show events, too, including the ever-popular livestock parade, while history will come alive in the vintage tractor show. The Flower Show will as usual be blooming marvellous and will display plants, fruit and veg, floral art and junior projects.

Also, don't forget those dancing sheep...

The event is also a showcase for local food and drink producers with a huge variety of culinary delights on offer including hog roasts, burgers, pizza and crepes while our craft hall will provide the best of Scottish craft and hand-made goods.

## Kintyre Agricultural Show



Friday 3rd August 2018

Anderston Park,  
Campbeltown  
Gates Open 8am

Dairy & Beef Cattle, Sheep, Clydesdales, Horses & Ponies. Old Tractors & Dogs  
Main ring attraction 'Dangerous Steve'

Entry: Adults £6.00, Children £3,  
Family Tickets £12.00  
Free Parking

## Sunart & District Agricultural Society Show & Family Fun Day Out



Saturday 11th August 2018

Strontian Showfield  
Judging Commences 9.30am

Sheep, Cattle, Poultry and Dog Show  
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return of the Horse show and so much more  
**Including Bubbles the Clown!**

Adults: £ 5, Child: £2  
Family: £12, Concession: £3

Family licensed ceilidh from 9pm onwards

## 61st Annual Appin Agricultural Show

Saturday 18th August 2018

Tynribbie Croft, Appin

Judging Starts 10am

Sheep, Cattle, Highland Cattle, Dog show, Clydesdale  
Horse Display, Childrens' Games / Races, Handcrafts, Floral Art, Flowers and Veg, Highland Dancing,  
Vintage Engines, Hill race and poultry section.  
**PLUS Lots More!**

Entry: Adults £ 5.00, Children & Conc £3  
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## Lorn Agricultural Show

Saturday 4th August, 2018

Common Grazing's Tralee,  
Benderloch

Showfield opens 9.00am

Amazing venue on the beach at Tralee,  
All the usual attractions + many more



at  
Lorn Agricultural Show

## BUNESSAN SHOW

Friday 3rd August 2018

Bunessan School Ground  
Gates open 9.30am

Traditional Highland and Island Agricultural Show  
Entry: Adult £4.00, Conc £2.00, Car Parking £2.00

Licensed Dance to follow in Village Hall

Trail West Band 9pm



# Scottish Comedy Film Festival

FILM premieres, workshops and star live performances are nothing to joke about in Campbeltown this weekend.

The inaugural Scottish Comedy Film Festival (SCOFF) opens today produced by the Picture House with screen stars, vintage comedy, shorts and features, free workshops and a brand new Harry Potter event.

SCOFF celebrates the grand tradition of film comedy and making audiences laugh since the first public film screening held by the Lumière Brothers in 1895.

A fabulous line-up with something for everyone of all ages awaits – and all are invited to share the laughter.

The full programme is as follows:

Today Friday May 11: The Man in the White Suit, U, 3pm/£6, is a superb Ealing comedy from Scottish director Alexander Macken-

drick (The Ladykillers, Whisky Galore!) starring Alec Guinness as a chemist dreaming of creating a fabric that never gets dirty.

The Wind in the Willows, U, 5.30pm/£10, £8 in a live encore screening is the much loved adventures of Ratty, Mole, Badger and Toad recorded live at the London Palladium.

Live on stage, Dave Johns (I, Daniel Blake) shares his top movie moments with his old mate and fellow stand-up comedian Vladimir McTavish in Desert Island Films 7.30pm/£10, £8.

Headliner Dave Johns returns later on Friday night in spandex for wrestling comic movie Walk Like A Panther, 12A, 9.30pm/£6. For more on this performance see page three.

The Retro Gaming and Quiz at 11pm in screen two is a sell-out. Players will stay up late and play classic video games on the big screen – Pac Man,



Vladimir McTavish and Dave Johns who appear at SCOFF.

Donkey Kong, Space Invaders and more.

Saturday May 12: free workshops by film-maker Alasdair Satchel. Each workshop lasts approximately two hours.

Suitable for age 8+, though under-12s must be accompanied by an adult. Email scoff@campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk to book in advance.

Animation for all, 10am: let your imagination go wild and make the impossible appear by the magic of animation.

Comedy, 4.30pm: What makes you laugh? What do you find funny in film? Have fun creating short comedy films.

Campbeltown loves a singalong and action-packed Disney adventure, Moana, PG, noon/£6, is a corker with tunes to belt out.

One of Dave Johns Desert Island Films Blazing Saddles, 12A, 12.15pm/£6, combines slapstick and satire.

Matinee Toni Erdmann, 15, 2.30pm/£6, a multi-award-winning study of a father-

daughter relationship is 'a humane, hilarious triumph'.

Bunkered! big screen comedy from the archives at 3pm/£10, £8 is a very special showing of hand-picked vintage Scottish films featuring some of the nation's best-loved comics Stanley Baxter, Jimmy Logan, Chic Murray, Rikki Fulton and Jack Milroy's brilliant Francie and Josie.

Bunkered! includes a rare public screening of the moment when Sir Harry Lauder met Charlie Chaplin in Hol-

lywood. Dave Johns returns to his stand-up roots for I, Fillum Star at 8pm, £15.

Sunday May 13: Hunt for the Wilderpeople 12A, 1pm/£6 stars Sam Neill in what the Guardian calls 'a big-hearted picture full of small, understated moments of magic'.

Divine Order, 12A, 2pm/£8, £7, £6, is a new release and part of the Glasgow Film Festival on tour.

Live event Spontaneous Potter at 4.30pm, £10 £8 suitable, for all aged 7+.

Bill Forsyth's zero budget directorial debut is brought to the big screen in a new HD transfer with the original Glaswegian dialect track restored in That Sinking Feeling, 12, 6.45pm, £6.

Four hapless pals spend their time hanging around rainy parks and dingy cafés. Their world is about to change when one of them hatches a plan to make them all rich.

Saturday night head-

liner Dave Johns returns in Ken Loach's I, Daniel Blake, 15, 7.15pm, £6, a gripping human tale about Britain's welfare state.

Wrestling movie Walk Like A Panther 12A, 9.30pm, £6, wraps on the festival in a bear hug.

See www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk for full listings.

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# Fantastic line-up announced for 26th MOK Fest

THE MULL of Kintyre Music Festival or MOK Fest celebrates its 26th year with yet another great line-up of bands and musicians.

The event which will be held a week earlier than usual from August 8-12 promises a selection of music that crosses many genres and offers something for everyone – acts include The Time Frequency (TTF), Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham, The Grouse Ceilidh Band, Kim Carnie and Innes White, Eddie Seaman and Luc McNally and Slainte Davaar Allstars.

The Victoria hall concert on Saturday August 11 sees the return of rave legends The Time Frequency (TTF), who blew away the audience when they first appeared at the event in 2016.

Since then they have released a new CD, are selling out shows across Scotland and they have just had record ticket sales for their show in Braehead Arena in June.

Joining them will be DJ Rankin as part of his *I am a Raver* tour and local act Gullion.

Headlining the traditional concert in Campbeltown Heritage Centre on the same night are festival favourites Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham who will per-



**Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham.**

form in the centre for the first time.

The duo are embarking on their 31st year of working together and have established themselves as the epitome of excellence in the world of traditional music.

They will be joined by Hecla, a young four-piece band who present beautiful, crisp and energetic arrangements of traditional Gaelic songs and instrumentals and have performed in showcases at Celtic Connections, Piping Live, on Celtic Music Radio. Arthur Johnstone will MC the concert.

On Friday August 10 The Grouse Ceilidh Band make their debut at the Festival Ceilidh Night.

The band are one of the UK's finest ceilidh bands with years of experience. They will be joined by local band Rhuvaal who have been making a great name for themselves over the past couple of

years playing at various festivals and concerts across Argyll.

The Dalriada Connections Band, featuring students and tutors from Campbeltown Grammar School alongside a core group of musicians, open the concert sets.

Davie Robertson will MC the evening, starts with a rousing performance by the Kintyre



**Kim Carnie and Innes White.** Photograph: AB Cassidy.

Schools Pipe Band.

This year's Gaelic concert in Ceol Campbeltown, Seafield on Wednesday August 8 will headline with Gaelic singer Kim Carnie who will be accompanied by Innes White.

Joining them will be Iain MacPherson and a host of local artists, with Christine Macintyre as Bean-an-Tigh.

The Dalriada Connections Concert in Campbeltown Heritage Centre on Sunday August 12 will again be sponsored by Mitchell's Glengyle Distillery.

This popular Pan-Celtic concert headlines with Eddie Seaman and Luc McNally (pipes, whistle, vocals, guitar) and

Gaelic singer Darren Maclean, Pippa Reid Forester on clarsach as well as Ciaran Mulholland from Northern Ireland, Scooter Muse from USA, local band Western Sound, and the usual mixture of local and visiting musicians.

The legendary Survivors' Night later that evening will feature the return of Campbeltown super-group Slainte Davaar Allstars, Deep Under Gullion (DUG), The Gilchristians, Alex and Archie McAllister, we.R.soul and Session A83. Davie Robertson will again step up as MC.

Firm festival favourite, The Young Folk Night starts the events in the Heritage Centre



MULL OF KINTYRE  
**MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
08 – 12 AUGUST 2018

**WED 08**  
Tickets: £10  
Doors: 7:00PM

**Gaelic Concert | Ceol, Seafield Hotel**  
Grand Ceilidh with great tunes from Kim Carnie & Innes White, Iain MacPherson & many more

**THU 09**  
Tickets: £7  
Doors: 7:00PM

**Young Folk Night | Heritage Centre**  
This hugely popular event features some of Kintyre's finest young musical talent.

**FRI 10**  
Tickets: £18 / £9  
Doors: 7:30PM

**Festival Ceilidh | The Victoria Hall**  
Join in the Friday night Ceilidh fun with the Grouse Ceilidh Band, Rhuvaal, Dalriada Connections Band, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band & Davie Robertson (MC).

**SAT 11**  
Donations  
From: 1:00PM

**The Festival Club | Kirk Street Hall**  
The Festival Club is into its 2nd year with Western Sound fronting a massive music session plus much more.

**SAT 11**  
Tickets: £20  
Doors: 7:00PM

**Traditional Concert | Heritage Centre**  
This all-seated concert headlines with Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham, Hecla and Arthur Johnstone (MC).

**SAT 11**  
Tickets: £30  
Doors: 9:30PM

**Headline Concert | The Victoria Hall**  
This year's headline entertainment sees the return of rave legends The Time Frequency (TTF) with support from DJ Rankin and local band Gullion.

**SUN 12**  
Tickets: £12  
Doors: 1:30PM

**Dalriada Connections | Heritage Centre**  
**A Mitchell's Glengyle Sponsored event.**  
Eddie Seaman & Luc McNally, Darren Maclean, Pippa Reid-Foster, Western Sound, Ciaran Mulholland, plus many more local and visiting artists (includes sponsors miniature).

**SUN 12**  
Tickets: £22  
Doors: 7:30PM

**Survivors Night | The Victoria Hall**  
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# HIGHLAND GAMES

## All the world loves Highland games

### HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND HIGHLAND GAMES

Saturday June 2

The Helensburgh and Lomond Games are unique in that the event is linked to two clans, the Colquhoun and the MacAuley, whose chiefs alternate the duties of chieftain of the games.

Traditional competitions such as the dancing and athletics are on show along with the 'heavy' events like tossing the caber.

The spectators can join in by competing in events for old and young alike at the games, which are held at Helensburgh Rugby Club grounds. The origin of today's games can be traced back to 1889.

### LORNE HIGHLAND GAMES

Sunday June 24

Mossfield Park, Oban is home to Lorne Highland Games, a great, fun-filled day for all the family to enjoy, which has become as popular with tourists as it has with locals. So much so that this is known as 'The People's Games'.

As you would expect, the day has all that you would want from a Scottish Highland games, including caber tossing, hammer throwing and tug-o-war. Plus, the location enables the games to add a hill race to its events.

You can take part in the track and field events or just relax and enjoy the Highland dancing competitions or pipe band displays.

There will be afternoon teas, stalls to browse and this games event boasts its own dog show.

### KENMORE HIGHLAND GAMES

Wednesday July 4

The Kenmore Highland Games known locally as 'the friendly games' is organised by the Kenmore and District Sports Association and was started in 1972.

As well as all the traditional events, including Highland dancing, 'heavy' competitions, piping, and track events, the games has its very own 'Throwing the Tirinie Stone', an almost spherical stone found on Tirinie Farm, Kenmore, weighing 101lbs. Come and join this small community enjoy its big day out.

### INVERARAY HIGHLAND GAMES

Tuesday July 17

This is one of the big days in the Highland Games calendar, held in the shadow of Inveraray Castle at Winton Park. It features the world caber tossing championship, so expect to hear accents from all over the globe.

His Grace the Duke of Argyll leads the parade to the games field through the Royal Burgh with Inveraray and District Pipe Band playing – this has to be one of the most iconic scenes in Highland life. There is also cycling and wrestling included in the packed programme. There's so much going on and the day begins at 9am to include it all.

### MULL HIGHLAND GAMES

Thursday July 19

As venues go, they don't come more spectacular than Erray Park, Tobermory. The games take place with the Sound of Mull and the hills of Ardnamurchan as the backdrop.

Events held include heavyweights, light field events

and Highland dancing and the park is also a great place to begin – and end – a hill race with the pipe band playing and spectators cheering the runners home.

Mull games always has a great atmosphere and that extends to the trip there are back on the ferry. Make sure you get your tickets booked in advance as the boats are always packed on games day.

### TAYNUILT GAMES

Saturday July 21

Taynuilt Games will play host this year to a gathering of the Clan MacIntyre, with clansmen and women from all over the world attending. But then Taynuilt has always had a reputation for being a friendly games, and welcoming foreign tourists from far and wide. The games also has some great events for all to join in, from climbing the greasy pole to throwing the Nant Stone, a huge boulder taken from the bed of the nearby river.

The march through the village to the games field is always a wonderful sight.

### SOUTHEND HIGHLAND GAMES

Saturday July 21

There are bigger Highland games with larger crowds but is there another Highland games where people have this much fun or visitors are made to feel so welcome?

The tiny village of Southend, down on the tip of the Kintyre peninsula, holds its games in the afternoon into the evening.

There are all the traditional field events, piping and dancing and their own tossing the tyre competition. Southend always places an emphasis on children's events.

# CALENDAR 2018

## Come and join in the fun of a games day

WHAT do the tiny village of Southend, Kintyre, (population 490) and Las Vegas (population two million) have in common?

Both host their own annual Highland games. Along with whisky and tartan, Highland culture's other great export is a good old-fashioned games day.

When earthquakes ravaged New Zealand in 2011 the people of Hororata started their own Highland games to help the town get back on its feet and raise everyone's spirits.

In a world where people rely on satellites and internet for entertainment there is no greater compliment than the fact that all over the globe people turn out to enjoy our Highland culture, be it dancing, piping, tossing the caber, throwing the hammer and wearing the kilt.

And just like us, here in the West Highlands and Islands, all over the world there are dancers and pipers rehearsing, athletes in training, heavy athletes working out in the gym - all getting ready for their big

day with volunteers arranging and organising the event.

Highland games evolved from clan gatherings to find the strongest warriors for the battles, the swiftest runners as messengers and the best dancers and pipers to entertain the clan chiefs and their guests.

So turn out and support the games this summer and enjoy a tradition that stretches back through the centuries and which, as it goes forward, has travelled to all points of the compass.





## THE LORNE HIGHLAND GAMES

**MOSSFIELD PARK, OBAN**

**Sunday 24th June from 11am**  
Heavy events, track and field, Highland Dancing,  
Piping, Dog Show, Craft & Produce Tent,  
fun events and much more.

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**Adults £7 - Child £5 - Family £20**  
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### Mull Highland Games

**Thursday 19th July 2018 10.30am**  
**Erray Park, Tobermory**

- Solo Piping - Highland Dancing -  
Heavy and Light Track  
and Field Events  
Scottish Light Field Jumps  
Championship

A great day out for all the family  
Refreshments available on the field.

Contact: Florence Kirsop  
Tel: 01688 302001



### Inveraray Highland Games

Winterton Park, Castle Grounds  
**Tuesday 17th July 2018**  
Local and Open Events from 9.00 am

**SOLO PIPING** (Local and Open)  
**HIGHLAND DANCING** (Local and Open)  
**HEAVY, FIELD & TRACK EVENTS**  
(Local and Open)  
incl. **WORLD CABER  
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Games  
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**ARGYLLSHIRE GATHERING  
OBAN GAMES**

Thursday August 23

The Argyllshire Gathering held in Oban is one of the grandest Highland games in Scotland.

The day before the gathering one of the top piobaireach, piping, events is held; if you've won the gold or silver medal at Oban then you are among world's piping elite.

The march to the games field has a pipe band made up of the competitors and is traditionally led by His Grace the Duke of Argyll. The Oban Ball is held the night before the games at the Argyllshire Gathering Hall.

On games day there is a full list of field events at Mossfield Park including a schools' shinty tournament and a hill race.

**GLENGARRY HIGHLAND GAMES**

Saturday July 7

There are two Glengarry Highland Games; the one here in Scotland is held at the village shinty club playing field.

The other at Maxville, Ontario, has grown into one of the largest in the world, with 50 pipe bands taking part, as one of the competition venues for the American Pipe Band Championships.

Though the original is now in the shadow of the Canadian games, the spirit remains the same - a great day out for all the family with piping, dancing, track and field events with stalls to browse, food, and plenty of activities and races for children to take part in.

**MORVERN GAMES & GALA WEEK**

runs from Friday July 13 to Sunday July 22

During the week there is something for the entire family, including a float parade, children's sports, highland games, live music, duck race, clay pigeon shoot, open water swim, darts competition, pool competition, indoor bowls, Lochaline sand mine tour, table tennis tournament, dog agility, children's cook day, allotment open day, herbal walk, church exhibition and teas, producers market, race night, heritage walk, bingo, quiz night, highland hustle, yoga, Drimnin cinema night, charity dinner at Whitehouse Restaurant, auction night for MS, Big Morvern Run, regatta, fishing competition, crab catching, shinty, survivors dance-beach party and lots more...

Morvern Games & Gala Week was reinstated in 1987 after a period of abeyance.

A highlight in the Morvern calendar, it is an opportunity for local organisations to hold events throughout the week with the support and assistance of the Games and Gala Week committee.

The week starts with the Morvern Highland Games held on the second Saturday after the first Monday in July.

This date is to coincide with Glasgow Fair with the intention of attracting the diaspora home for the holidays and enjoy the events throughout the week.

There will be a mini bus meeting the ferry from Mull

and also picking up around the village. This should reduce traffic at the field and save people the long walk up the hill.

Follow Morvern Games on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**CAMPBELTOWN  
HIGHLAND GAMES**

Saturday September 22

Campbeltown Highland Games will be held on September 22, taking place on the Hospital Field at Limecraigs, Campbeltown.

It will include a host of events, including athletics, heavy events, tug-o-war and family friendly fun events! Glen Scotia Distillery are sponsoring a Ceilidh Tent that will have live music and free drams! There will also be a fun fair, stalls and attractions for all the family. Highland dancing, Piping and Drum Major displays will take place throughout the day.



**GLENGARRY HIGHLAND GAMES**  
 Saturday 7th July  
 at the Shinty Pitch, Invergarry  
 Gates Open 9.30am  
 Dancing Commences 10am  
 Games Officially opened 1pm  
 Lochaber Pipe Band, Kintail Birds of Prey,  
 Heavy Events, Highland Dancing,  
 Kiddies Races, Pet Show, Hill Race, Tug O'War, Flat Races, Mini  
 Highland Games, Stalls, Sideshows and much more.



The Argyllshire Gathering  
**OBAN GAMES**  
**Mossfield Park, Oban.**  
**THURSDAY 23rd AUGUST 2018**  
 March to Games Field leaves Station Square at 10.30am  
**Oban High School Pipe Band 12pm from Station Square**  
**HIGHLAND DANCING – TRACK & FIELD EVENTS –**  
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 Tug O' War – Fun Races – Heritage Tent  
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**WEDNESDAY 22ND AUGUST 2018**  
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 LIGHT MUSIC: March, Strathspey & Reel (Former Winners)

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 Tickets available at park & Oban Tourist Centre

**SOUTHEND HIGHLAND GAMES**  
**Saturday 21st July 2018**  
**5.30pm for 6.00pm**  
**Southend Playing Field**  
 Under 16 half mile race.  
 Come and enjoy - traditional highland dancing competitions, Piping, Junior and Senior sports with all the traditional heavyweight games. Full Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will play at 5.45pm and again during the evening. Beat the goalie.  
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 Kenmore Sports Field  
**4th July 2018**  
 5.30pm – 9.30pm  
 Heavy Events, Track Events, Highland Dancing, Hill Race, Children's Races  
**Contact: Sarah Kelly**  
**Tel: 01887 830281**  
**or mobile**  
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Have you ever wondered why most of the Highland games in Argyll are held in the last two weeks of July? It is so that they coincide with the Glasgow Fair. So many people left to seek work in the big city, and the only time they could make what was a long and expensive journey home was during the annual holiday.



**MORVERN  
HIGHLAND GAMES**

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**Helensburgh & Lomond  
Highland Games**  
**Saturday 2nd June 2018**

**Rugby Grounds, Rhu Road Higher, Helensburgh G84 8JZ - 10:00am**  
**Novice & Professional Heavyweights & Highland Dancing - 12 Noon**  
**Opening Parade & Ceremony by Games Chieftain**  
**Chieftain, Sir Malcolm Colquhoun of Luss - 12:30 pm**

**Open Heavyweights, Senior and Youth Foot Races, Solo Piping, Highland Dancing, Hill Race included are – Scottish 22lb Shot Put, British 90m and Scottish 200m foot races.**  
**Over £7000 prize money Many family attractions, Trade / food stalls – Beer tent**  
**Free shuttle bus service from Pier car park to Games**

**TAYNUILT  
HIGHLAND  
GAMES**  
**Saturday  
21st July 2018  
from 11am**

**1pm march from  
Taynuilt Hotel to the  
sports field  
led by Oban Pipe Band**

**Highland Dancing,  
Piping, Heavy Events,  
Athletics and  
Junior events, Hill Race  
World MacIntyre Gathering**



**CAMPBELTOWN  
HIGHLAND GAMES**

**Saturday 22nd September  
1pm - 6pm**  
**Hospital Field at Limecraigs,  
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We will also be showcasing selected entries in our newspapers, magazines and websites throughout the year.

What makes a place special is often the most personal of things. It doesn't have to be sunset over Oban bay – it might be walking your dog on the beach, a plate of langoustines, sipping a cold beer in your



Argyll offers pure escapism

**Bonnie Wood**  
AITC development agent  
for Islay and Jura

local pub or a day out with the family – it is your memory or special moment that counts. Go on, share it with the world.

**Your chance to win a once in a lifetime prize**

While it is wonderful to show the world why Argyll is THE place to be, wouldn't it be nice if you had the chance to win a fantastic prize? Well, why not take the next step and enter your content into our #myargyll competition? Once you have shared your content via social media, visit [www.myargyll.co.uk/](http://www.myargyll.co.uk/) competition, follow the instructions and upload your content. All entries will then be judged by an independent panel of experts and a winner will be announced later in the summer. The closing date for entries is Monday June 11, 2018, so don't delay.

# Why I love Argyll



## Bonnie Wood

AITC development agent for Islay and Jura

Having always holidayed on Scottish islands, we jumped at the chance to move here from Norfolk when a dream job came for my husband with the RSPB. We haven't looked back since.

Islay gives us everything we could hope for in bringing up our young family – beautiful beaches, stunning scenery and an incredibly friendly community. How many people in the country can look out of their window and see a soaring golden eagle most days? It's a very special place. Argyll offers pure escapism – so many hidden places to explore and discover.



## Susan Windram

Editor, The Oban Times

After moving to Argyll two years ago for work, I've never looked back. I'd spent many a holiday in Argyll and the Isles, and always said I'd love to work here, never thinking it would actually happen. But now it has, I love it.

Some of my favourite moments so far have been sunny days on Luig or down at Machrihanish beach, hopping on a ferry to Mull, enjoying waffles at Oban Chocolate Company while looking out towards Kerrera, catching a lucky glimpse of an otter feeding in Loch Melfort, or raising a glass on the Hill of the Angels on Iona to toast a friend's 50th.

I'm looking forward to many more.



## Mark Beaumont

Athlete, broadcaster and ambassador

If you stop anywhere in Argyll and the Isles to meet a local business owner, you'll quickly get a sense of what a close and connected community it is. While spread out by road and sea, it is connected in spirit and history. Some of my fondest memories while exploring Argyll are my conversations with those who call it home.

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ISLAY

## Councillor Redman's teacake contribution to T in the Church

IN A NOD to Scotland's T in the Park music festival, Islay residents are swapping Tennants for tea to raise funds for Portnahaven Parish Church.

Last year the fund-raisers raised more

than £6,900 through their T in the Church events and are working hard to beat that record this year.

To help the cause, one Kintyre and the Islands councillor donated a quantity of Tunnock's

Teacakes at the latest meeting.

Councillor Alastair Redman said: 'It was great to catch up with my constituents from Portnahaven, Port Wemyss and across the Rinns of Islay at T in the Church.

'The hard-working team of volunteers has been raising thousands of pounds for improvements, repairs and maintenance of the Portnahaven Parish Church.

'My donation of Tunnock's Teacakes was very well received indeed.'

Cllr Redman thanked the T in the Church volunteers for all of their hard work.



Councillor Alastair Redman donated a quantity of Tunnock's Teacakes.



Islay pupils and adults paraded through Port Ellen last Friday. 25\_c19HRHIslay86

## Island pupils joined salute to First World War heroes

ISLAY and Jura's school pupils joined in with the international remembrance of islanders' heroic and inspiring actions during the First World War.

In the lead up to the centenary of the sinking of the SS Tuscania and the HMS Otranto, where more than 700 servicemen were killed, pupils from Islay High School and all of Islay and Jura's primary schools worked on a joint project as part of the 'WW100 Islay' commemorations.

During the sinking of the two boats, the people of Islay came together to retrieve the dead and injured from the sea, care for the survivors and respectfully bury the dead.

The commemorations remember their actions and also pay tribute to the many men from Islay and Jura who died in the conflict.

Pupils have been talking about events, writing about artifacts,

researching census records, creating art and poetry and even imagining themselves back in that time, writing letters as if from serving soldiers.

Visits to the Islay museum and war memorials helped the children to better understand the tragic impact of the war and the heroic actions of local people.

Teacher Jo Clark, of Port Ellen Primary School, said: 'The children at all of the schools have worked very hard on this project, carrying out research and using that information and their imaginations to create wonderful works of art.

'We have been very fortunate to work with the local museum and the National Museum of Scotland on this project, and have also had excellent input from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Museum.

'Jenni Minto and Stu-



Pupils are marshalled into position with their 41 flags. 25\_c19HRHIslay96

art Graham from the Islay museum visited our school and gave a brilliant presentation on the sinking of the Otranto and Tuscania, which was invaluable for the pupils.'

The children's artworks were used as part of last Friday's remembrance event, attended by HRH The Princess Royal and other high-profile guests.

Pupils from all the schools paraded carrying flags representing the 41 American states which lost people in the sinkings, some of which they helped make for the Islay Quilters.

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, policy lead for education, added: 'With the overall theme of the WW100 commemorations being remembrance, reflection and reconciliation, it was important that we involved all of the young people on Islay and Jura and

ensured that they understood the history of the war and how it reached far beyond the battlefields.

'They have taken to this project with such enthusiasm and have produced some truly excellent work.

'Credit must go to the teachers and all of the museum staff and local people who helped bring this project to life and give the pupils a learning experience that they are unlikely to ever forget.'

Kintyre and the Islands councillor, Alastair Redman, from Islay, was 'honoured' to attend the events, and said: 'It is so important that we never forget the sacrifice of these young men who died, so that we may continue to enjoy the freedoms we so often take for granted.'

For more on the remembrance events, see pages four, five and seven.



Islay pupils wait for HRH Princess Anne by the Islay hotel, Port Ellen. 25\_c19HRHIslay71

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## First Milk has 'no plans' to leave Glasgow headquarters

FIRST Milk is not planning to give up its Glasgow headquarters, despite the announcement that it will sell all its Scottish creameries.

At the moment, the dairy cooperative has five sites in Britain, creameries in Camp-

beltown and Arran, which it will put up for sale, the Lake District and Haverfordwest, as well as its head office in Glasgow.

Speculation arose this week that the company may leave its Scottish headquarters to

move closer to the factories it will retain south of the border.

The *Courier* contacted the company to query this and a spokesperson said: 'I can confirm that we have no plans to move our head office

from its current location near Glasgow Airport.' The *Courier* also asked if it wouldn't make more sense, logistically, to have the head office closer to the English sites but the spokesperson declined to answer the question.

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# 'Horrible ascents and wonderful descents'



**Mark Davey and Hannah O'Hanlon**  
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'EVERY horrible ascent is rewarded with a wonderful descent,' said last Saturday's winner of the Kintyre Way Ultra bike race.

Calum Simpson,

from Broxburn, competing in the event for the first time, polished off the 73-mile route in six hours 28 minutes.

At the finish Calum said: 'It's awesome and I'd love to do it again.' There was drama in the finishing miles of

the sportive cycle race, run for the first time this year. Mark Jordan had led the event before a series of punctures left him relying on eventual winner, Campbell Simms (03:41:21), for a spare tube at Ballochgar.

Graham Connolly was first off the mark, leaving Tayinloan hall at 8am, in the 36-mile ultra marathon and held his position to win in 04:50:03. First lady home was Lucy Downie in 05:51:47.

The tented finish line on Kinloch Green was a popular idea and as the mist shifted and some warm sun appeared, many spectators sampled Fyne Ales' brews and Argyll Bakeries' Danish pastries.

In addition, chil-



Kintyre Way Ultra Cycle race winner Calum Simpson celebrates with his daughters: Robyn, four and Erika one-and-a-half. 25\_c19kwultra03



Calum O'Hanlon, 13, pipes riders away at the bottom of a six-mile climb up the forestry road between Tayinloan and Carradale. 50\_c19kwultra05



Ultra marathon winner Graham Connolly ripped off his shirt as he approached the line. 25\_c19kwultra06



Women's winner Lucy Downie is all smiles as she crosses the ultra marathon line. 25\_c19kwultra07

dren raced round on the grass all afternoon, blowing bubbles from canisters supplied by the Funky Chicken tent.

The full Kintyre Way ultra marathon results in order of finishing: Graham Connolly 04:50:03; Lee Muir 05:08:20; Martin Terry 05:31:13; Calum Elder 05:32:09; Eddie Torrie 05:32:34; John Murray 05:37:10; Aron Hollywood 05:38:32; Ally Mccoll 05:41:40; Alisdair O'May 05:44:53; Lucy Downie 05:51:47; David Blane 05:53:18; Mark Wheeler 05:54:35; Alistair Cox 05:56:17; Iain Campbell 05:57:06; Laura MacDonald 05:57:43; Fiona Watt 06:00:07; Simon Smith 06:00:08; Daniel Jackson 06:01:29; Wim Keynaert 06:08:02; Alasdair McCallum 06:14:19; Kevin Craig 06:16:49; Sean McFarlane 06:24:12; Graham Arthur 06:25:42; John Dale 06:29:47; David Townson 06:29:57; Richard Preston 06:29:57; Ralph Hill 06:32:14; Richard Birch 06:34:06; Kirsty Burnett 06:37:36; Da-

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Blackett 09:25:58; Judith Robinson 09:28:19; Stephen Moul 09:33:56; Jason Newton 09:33:56. Full running relay team results in order of finishing: The Cereal Killers 05:08:02 male; Uphill Hurriers 05:35:36 mixed; Big Mary 05:43:02 male; The Tangy 3 05:50:42 mixed; Team Reluctant 06:28:15 mixed; The madwives 07:09:52 female; Midton Mafia 07:26:47 mixed; Midton Motivators 07:26:47 mixed; Midton Runners 07:26:48 mixed; Kishorn 07:58:39 female.

Main cycle race: Calum Simpson 06:28:53; Rod Weir 06:35:24; Campbell Davidson 06:38:58; Gordon Dickson 06:52:42; Bosco Flood 07:08:50; Douglas Philip 07:11:50; Cirdan Heughan 07:11:46; Steven Romans 07:17:02; Russell Stout 07:21:43; Rob Wainwright 07:24:52; Alan Manson 07:21:52; Roland Jones 07:28:51; John McCracken 07:54:19; Neil Kininmonth 07:58:30; David Rice 07:59:25; Graham Smart 08:07:10; Lucy Heycock 08:17:26; David Sanderecock 08:29:26; Julie Taylor-Flood 08:36:49; Michael Robertson 09:03:38; Rachael Halifax 09:39:54; Andy Greg-

ory 09:37:05; Nathan Andrew 09:36:18; Jon Soal 09:37:20; Malcolm Grant 09:37:29; Leigh Murray 09:49:43; Joseph McGhee 09:48:45; Andrew Ward 09:53:27; Stephen McShannon 10:01:22; Dave Hogg 10:05:53; Graham Wilson 10:05:55; Did not finish (DNF): Craig Hudson; Gordon Binnie; Andrew Thomson; Zarley McAlpine; Ruari Lambert; Fiona Berrie; Ewan Ritchie; Madeline Robinson; Mark Bamford; Carol Collis; Martin Hadlington.

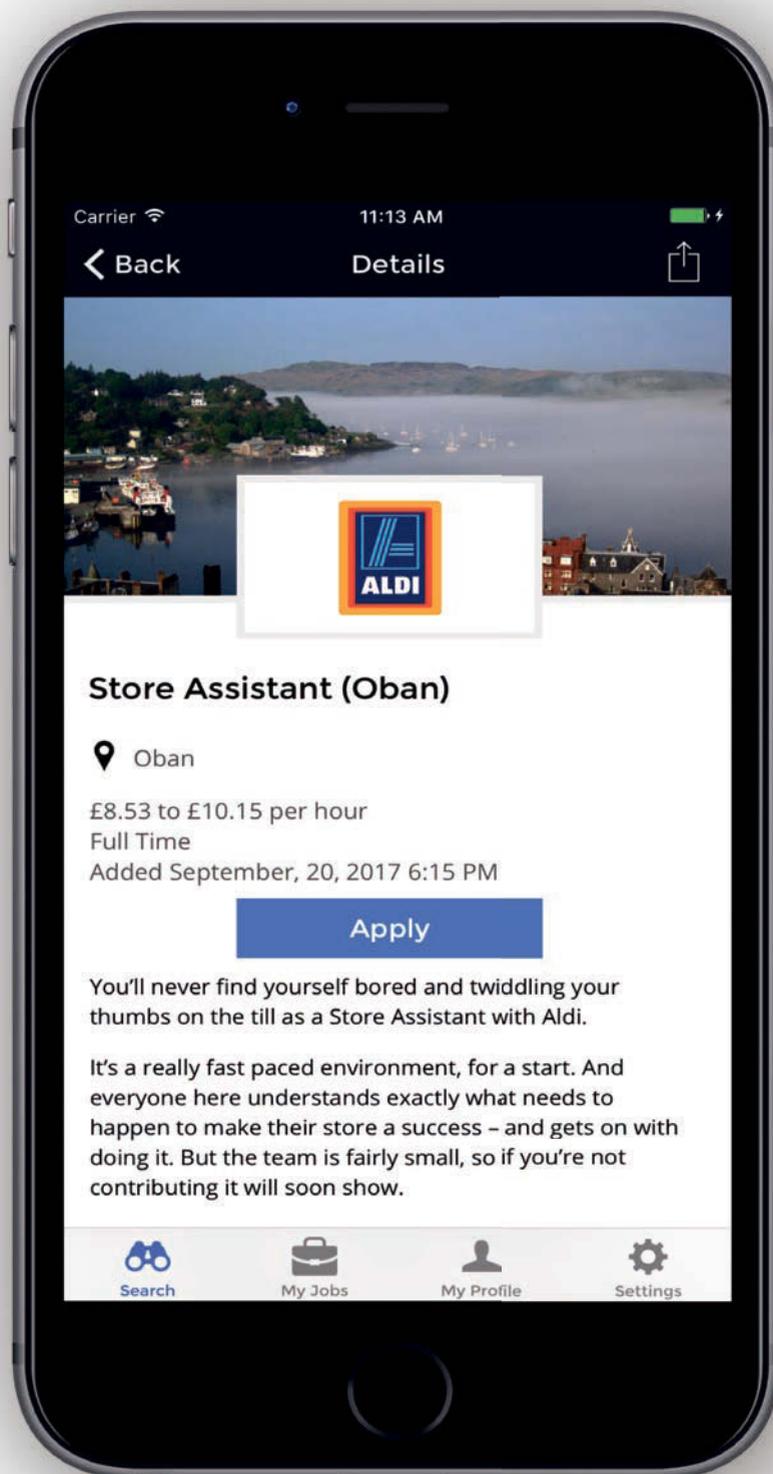
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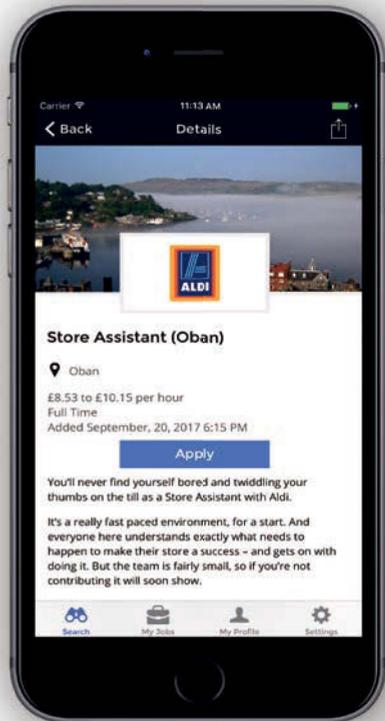
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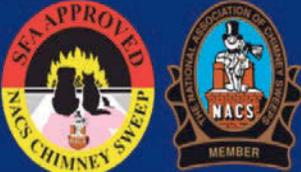
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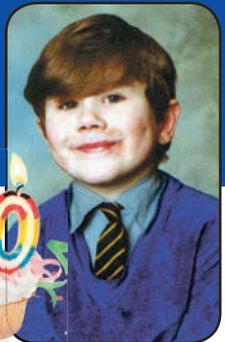
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## FROM OUR FILES

### TEN YEARS AGO Friday May 9, 2008

#### New minibus launch for SKSC

THANKS to the efforts of a few hard-working committee members, South Kintyre Sports Council (SKSC) has acquired a new minibus.

Chairwoman of the SKSC, Kerry Mitchell, said she was very proud to be part of what she called 'the dream team' which masterminded the fundraising, reaching a total of £24,682.35 within a year.

Generally, she said, all member clubs took part in the fundraising, holding events like quizzes, prize bingo, golf competitions and ceilidhs, and she paid tribute to the people of Kintyre who were, she said, 'unbelievable'.

As well as fundraising, donations helped boost the appeal and these included £3,000 from Campbeltown Good Fund, £6,460 from Argyll and Bute Council Area Development Group, £2,000 from Campbeltown Rotary Club and more than £3,000 from the Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10K ceilidh.



South Kintyre Sports Council committee and sponsors welcome the new minibus.

A total of 38 WRIs from all over Argyll took part, producing a very special show in Oban's Corran Halls, with 1,768 entries, which was more than 100 up on last year's total.

The proceedings were slightly marred by the disqualification of some cherry cakes, which had been prepared in the wrong size of tin.

One cake was awarded a gold star and subsequently disqualified.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday May 9, 1968 Clots among the cream

THESE are a few examples of notes left for milkmen or posted to the dairy:

'Please send me form for supply of milk for having children at reduced prices.'

'I have a baby two months old fed on cows and another child.'

'I have a baby three months old and did not know about it until a friend told me.'

'Milk is wanted for my young baby. His father is unable to supply it.'

'I am forwarding my marriage certificate and two children, one of which is a mistake as you can see.'

'In accordance with instructions I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.'

'I'm sorry about the dog bite, but he'll get to know you after a few months, like he got to know the poor gasman.'

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday May 11, 1918 Changes in postal staff

A SOCIAL gathering of the members of the Post Office staff was held in the White Hart Hotel on the 3rd inst., with the object of making presentations to Miss Clark, who has been promoted to be salaried sub-postmistress of Elie, Fife; and to Miss Shanks, on the occasion of her approaching marriage.

After tea had been served, Mr Wood, postmaster, said: 'There have been many changes in the staff of Campbeltown Post Office since the outbreak of war, but I venture to say that there has been no change which will leave a greater blank than the removal of Miss Clark by her transfer to Elie.'

'In August 1914, Miss Clark was selected to act as substitute for Mr J. Campbell, supervising officer, during his absence on military service, and she has loyally discharged the duties to the satisfaction of everyone.'

'Associated with Miss Clark for the last year or so Miss Shanks in ordinary course would have succeeded her now, but Miss Shanks has decided to make a certain gentleman, not unknown to the farmers of Kintyre, happy, and is leaving the service for that purpose.'

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I LOVE the beautiful buildings at the west end of Glasgow and some have been renovated to a magnificent standard.

The spring sunshine made them look particularly outstanding and we admired them as we looked across the distinctive Glasgow skyline.

We strolled leisurely round terraces and gardens and it was good to feel the sun on our backs.

There, nestled in the midst of all the buildings, was a truly lovely garden with inviting benches and blossom trees.

How good it would be to just sit a while and enjoy this little oasis in the city.

We walked round and round the wire fencing trying to find a way in.

Finally we found the door. It was padlocked with a security lock.

What a disappointment and what a waste of something worth sharing.

I thought of how blessed we are in Argyll to be able to leave doors unlocked.

Most of our churches are open day and night to extend a welcome to visitors.

Jesus once said that he was 'the door' – the door to life.

The way to Jesus is never locked or barricaded.

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There is no key to this door, for it is always open, always welcoming.

It's a door that leads to a journey – the journey of a lifetime.

It was a journey begun long, long ago and continues now and into the future.

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'I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy' (Psalm 116:1)

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**FRENCH**

Rachel and Niall are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Aaron James, on April 11, 2017 at Wishaw General Hospital. A wee brother for Jake. Second grandson for Aiceanne and Scott, Peninver, and John and Jane, Carluke.

**MARRIAGES**

**IRWIN - ARMOUR** - At Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown, on April 21, 2018, Thomas Charles, youngest son of Hamill and Elizabeth, West Drumlembie, to Lindsey Iona, younger daughter of Willie and Isy, West Trodigoal.

**DEATHS**

**MCSPORRAN** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on May 5, 2018, Margaret Jean Munro Thomson, in her 72nd year, Ardmore, High Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of George McSporrnan, much loved mum of Sandy and Alan and loving sister of Jen, Peter and the late Hector.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**LINES** - Jill and the family of the late Rodney Lines (Rod) would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, phone calls and visits received following their recent sad loss. Thanks to Rev Catriona Hood for a comforting and uplifting service, to T A Blair for their dignified professionalism, and to the Argyll Hotel, Bellochinty for purvey. Finally, our sincere thanks to all who attended church and graveside to pay their respects, and contributed to the retiral collection for Mairi Semple Fund and A'Chleit Church.

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**ROSS** - Kenneth, James and the family of the late Jean Ross would like to thank all relations, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy and support following their sad loss. Our grateful thanks to the doctors and staff of the Lochgilphead Medical Centre and the ambulance crews. Sincere thanks to all the staff of Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Community Hospital for their kindness and exceptional care, which was greatly appreciated. A special thanks to the Rev Hilda Smith for a comforting service and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for all the arrangements.

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**MARSHALL** - In loving memory of my darling daughter, Kellyann, died May 10, 1979, aged 6 days old.

All those years since the angels took you away, You are still in my heart and missed every day. Love you always.

- Inserted by Mum, Southend.

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# Seniors take Stronvaar's Robert Leishman trophy

**SENIOR** Campbeltown Bowling Club players John Scott, Alistair Munro, Gavin Muir and George Reid proved the adage that age is merely a number when they lifted the Robert Leishman Memorial Rinks trophy.

Nineteen teams of four played in a round robin format in last Saturday's competition on Stronvaar green, the first major contest of the season, which was once again generously sponsored by R Leishman & Son.

Players and spectators endured sub-Arctic conditions in the morning until the sun eventually showed its face late in the after-

noon, just in time for the closely contested semi-finals which saw John's team meet Dugald Graham's, with Robert Hendrie's team against Gavin McLachlan's.

Gavin's team joined John's to contest the final, in a riveting match that saw Gavin, along with Bobby Mathieson, Kenny Kerr and Shaun Grumoli, holding a one-shot lead and lying a further two shots in the last end, with John's team of Alistair Munro, Gavin Muir and George Reid all having played.

It was left to John, with his first bowl, to play the bowl of the day to dislodge the

two lying shots and lie a winning two that McLachlan was unable to counter to give the senior players a deserved victory.

The trophy and prizes were presented by vice-president Dougie Lang.

Front row, from left: Alistair Munro, John Scott, Eileen Leishman, Brian Leishman, George Reid and Gavin Muir. Back row from left: Gavin McLachlan, Shaun Grumoli, Kenny Kerr and Bobby Mathieson.



From left to right, Gavin McLachlan (skip), Hugh McNair, Neil McCallum (runners-up), Charles McFadyen, and the winners: Malcolm Maguire, Rhys Blair and John McLachlan (skip).

## McLachlan skips battle for Edith McFadyen title

AFTER a closely fought final, Rhys Blair, Malcolm Maguire and skip John McLachlan took Argyll Bowling Club's annual Edith McFadyen Triples title.

The competition was played on a round robin basis and, after a lot of close games, Hugh McNair, Neil McCallum and their skip Gavin McLachlan joined the eventual winners in the final.

After a close start to the final, John's team pulled away and,

despite a three from Gavin's team in the last end, the result was 8-6 to John, Malcolm and Rhys.

A club spokesperson said: 'Thank you to everyone who took part, and special thanks to McFadyens Transport Ltd for sponsoring the competition and to Charles McFadyen for presenting the trophy and prizes.'

The club begins its quest for the Scottish Inter County Top Ten title on Sunday, at

home against Hyndland Bowling Club, the Glasgow champions, and one of the most fancied teams in the competition.

Hyndland won the Scottish Triples in 2016 and boast eight Glasgow West and South county players.

Argyll Bowling Club is hoping a good performance and home advantage can see them through to the next round.

The game starts at 2pm and all local support is welcome.

## Carradale's Lynsay takes Tarbert's TT100 tribute title

A CARRADALE woman took the title after a 'magnificent' 72 players turned out to support Tarbert Golf Club's TT100 Nancy Glen Open.

Lynsay McGeachy, who scored 40 points in the Stableford competition, won the first prize of £100.

For many, taking part was not about winning a prize but simply paying their respects to the crew of the Nancy Glen.

A spokesperson said: 'The club is extremely grateful to everyone who gave their support both on and off the course.'

Angus MacFarlane was second on 39, Ally Provan was third with 38, Peter Sinclair was fourth with 37, Allan Weir, on 37, was fifth, Duncan Litster with 37 was sixth, Kenny MacFarlane was seventh with 35 and Eric Capocci eighth also with 35.



Lynsay McGeachy photographed last year.

sixth was Stephen Collogan, and nearest the pin at the eighth was Iain MacArthur.

In closing remarks, captain Chris Smyth thanked the many people who did all they could to make the day such a success, thanking the 'non-golfers' for taking part and hoping they may return to play more often.

He announced the day's winners and Heather Anderson, of sponsors Argyll Wealth Consultants Ltd, handed out the prizes.

The competition raised £2,500 for the Nancy Glen fund.

### Lottery results

THE WINNING numbers in Dunaverty Golf Club's three-number lotto draw on Sunday were 7, 8 and 16.

There were no winners, the next draw, for a jackpot of £600, will be on May 20.

The winning numbers in Machrihanish Golf Club's lottery for week 225 on Monday May 7 were 1, 4 and 9.

There were no winners and the jackpot in Monday's draw will be £200.

# Machrihanish golfers tee off new season

MACHRIHANISH Golf Club has enjoyed a busy start to the season.

The Championships course hosted the Peace Cup, Torpedo Cup, March Medal and Carskies Cross in March, the April midweek Stableford, Spring Meeting, Captain's Prize, Coronation Cup, Centenary Trophy, April Medal and Shield Fourball in April, and already in May the Western Dental Stableford has been contested.

Ladies playing the Pans Course enjoyed the March Stableford early in the season, with the April Medal, Spring Meeting, IMF and Blind Veterans UK matches in April and the Playing Fields Shield this month.

Not to be forgotten,

junior players teed up for the Easter Trophy in March and the Machrihanish Trophy in April.

Results: Championship Course: Peace Cup: 1 M MacAulay 84-4=80; 2 Kevan Gilchrist 91-8=83; 3 A B Glendinning 103-18=85; scratch Keith Crawford 100. Torpedo Cup: 1 D Johnson 70-4=66; 2 S Kelly 77-6=71; 3 J Rennie 82-11=71; scratch D Campbell 77 (better last 6); seniors Calum McLean 84-10=74. March Medal: Division 1: D Johnson 70-4=66. Division 2: J Rennie 82-11=71. Division 3 Findlay Ross 98-20=78. Carskies Cross: 1 Alan O'Neill 70-2=68; 2 Stuart Campbell 74-1=73 (BIH); 3 John Rennie 83-10=73; scratch Keith Crawford 82; seniors Keith Abendroth 103-24=79. April midweek Stableford: Cameron McGeachy 36 pts. Spring Meeting and Captain's Prize: 1 Gavin McLachlan 82-15=67; 2

Gavin Brown 78-6=72; 3 Michael Morrison 78-5=73 (BIH); scratch 1 Steven Gilmour 75 (BIH); 2 Calum MacMillan 75; 3 Keith Crawford 78 (BIH); seniors Andrew Hadden 99-15=84; juniors Harry McLean 97-19=78. Gavin McLachlan wins the Captain's Prize and Steven Gilmour wins the Gold Medal. Coronation Cup: 1 John Shaw 34 pts (BIH); 2 Grant Grant 34 pts; 3 John Lamont 33 pts (BIH); seniors Robert McGougan 32 pts; ladies Pia Davis 15 pts; juniors Murdo McLean 12 pts. Centenary Trophy: 1 Keith Millar 79-15=64; 2 Charles Robertson 78-11=67; 3 Kevin Allibone 92-23=69 (BIH); scratch Michael Morrison 74; seniors Calum McLean 85-10=75. April Medal: Division 1: Michael Morrison 74-5=69 (BIH). Division 2: Keith Millar 79-15=64. Division 3: Kevin Allibone 92-23=69. Shield Fourball: 1 M Paterson and P Paterson 67 (BIH); 2 R MacDonald and H McMurchy 67 (bet-

ter last 6); 3 G McMillan and R Watson 67; scratch D Campbell and N McCallum 78. Western Dental Stableford: 1 F Wallace 37 pts; 2 Mark Paterson 36 pts; 3 Dean Ratcliff 35 pts; seniors Keith Abendroth 27 pts (BIH); ladies Maggie MacArthur 21 pts.

Ladies results: Pans Course: March Stableford: Elizabeth MacBrayne 37 pts. April Medal: No scores returned. Spring Meeting 1 Seona Martin 90-21=69; 2 Helen Bapty 108-35=73; 3 Hilary Oman 100-23=77; scratch 1 Jennifer Gilchrist 97; 2 Linda Wallace 98; 3 Catherine Armour 103. IMF: Helen Bapty 36 points (BIH). Blind Veterans UK: Lorna Armour 35 points (BIH). Playing Fields Shield: Lorna Armour 32 pts.

Junior results: Easter Trophy: 9-hole competition: 1 Scott McGeachy. 3-hole competition: 1 Murray Mackay. Machrihanish Trophy: 9-hole competition: 1 Kyle Colville. 3-hole competition: 1 Ollie Graham.



Gavin McLachlan, winner of the Spring Meeting, centre, with the captain, Calum MacMillan, left and the captain's wife, Michelle MacMillan, who presented the prize, right.

## Argyll take on SAFL

THE ANNUAL Joe Paterson Memorial Trophy match between an Argyll Select – that included players chosen from Campbeltown Pupils, Oban Saints, Lochgilphead Red Star and Tarbert – will take on the Scottish AFL Select at Tarbert on Saturday, kicking off at 1pm.

If Cil Andries is not playable the game will be switched to the 3G at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

## Summer sailing

EVENING sailing was once very popular on the loch and Campbeltown Sailing Club hopes to revive it this year.

The first session is planned for Wednesday May 16 from 7pm to 9pm with opportunities for dinghy sailing and possibly yacht crewing.

For further information contact Sid Gallagher at: [sidchagallagher@hotmail.com](mailto:sidchagallagher@hotmail.com)

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# SPORT



**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
Machrihanish golfers tee off new season

# Pupils pay the shoot-out penalty price

**Marshall Cup – 3rd Round**  
**Campbeltown Pupils 2**  
**Houston 2**

FOR AN assortment of reasons, not least injury and suspension, the McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils struggled to pull together a strong side for their third round cup tie against Houston.

However, life has certainly not been dull this season and into the void stepped two stalwarts from the past, Darren McGillvary and Norman Thomson, both winners of SAFL Premiership medals in the now famous team of 1999/2000.

Both players still play regularly in the over-40s, and probably just as well for Darren in particular, as he was called upon to play the

full 90 minutes – which he did with aplomb and not too little skill.

Given the circumstances, it looked as if the home side would be up against it, and after Houston broke free to score with only eight minutes on the clock, it certainly looked bleak for the home favourites.

Another swift attack by the visitors saw the crossbar come to the rescue of Coffield in the home goal, the ball driven off the frame before speeding to safety.

Nevertheless, although severely depleted, the Pupils galvanised their efforts and began to turn the tables on the visitors.

Martin McCallum gallantly leading the line in the absence of the mercurial Sary

Rahma and the experienced but injured Gary Grumoli.

The pace of Scott Souden and Robin Barr on the flanks began to tell as the first half wore on, their efforts prompted by the tireless Ryan Deans who was now running the show from the middle of the park.

Indeed, when the chance came to equalise it fell to the right man, Deans steadying himself before shooting beyond the stranded last line of defence and into the net to leave the game all-square at the break.

The home side were in the ascendancy in the early exchanges of the second half, and should have scored when a cross-ball from the attacking left was headed agonisingly wide of the target.

Houston goalkeeper, John Shaw, pulled off a string of saves to keep his team in the match in the opening

quarter of the second half, and ironically became playmaker when he lofted the ball the length of the pitch to open up the home defence.

As the Houston striker bore down on goal he was clipped from behind by Craig Lamont and the referee had no alternative but to award a penalty kick – the same being dispatched in clinical fashion to restore the visitors' lead.

Undeterred, the home side kept at it and after forcing a number of corners were rewarded when Deans grabbed his second of the afternoon.

A clever cross from the attacking left was turned towards goalwards by Deans, a shot which the keeper appeared to save before it spun agonisingly out of his grasp and over the line for the equaliser.

Penalties, not every-one's favourite way of



Aerial action, from Craig Lamont, Scott Souden and Cameron Wylie, just before the Pupils scored their second goal. 25\_c19pupils01



Some of Martin McCallum's fancy footwork. 25\_c19pupils07



A first half Ryan Deans' header that failed to find the mark. 25\_c19pupils04



The Houston goalie fumbles the ball over the line for the Pupils' second goal. 25\_c19pupils11

deciding a tie, saw the visitors progress to the next round by the narrowest of margins.

Campbeltown Pupils have only one remaining fixture, an away game against Port Glasgow which is still to be allocated.

## Tough trip on Kintyre Way Ultra



RUNNER 168, Graham Connolly, the eventual male winner, as he leaves Tayinloan hall at the start of last Saturday's Kintyre Way Ultra Marathon. For more on the race and further photographs, turn to page 32. 50\_c19kwltra01

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