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RNLI top brass praised town's lifeboat station

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RNLI's Coast Review group, including Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, said: 'Campbeltown lifeboat station is in great shape for the future.'

Operations director George Rawlinson spoke exclusively to the Courier following Tuesday evening's meeting with Campbeltown staff, volunteers and representatives from Her Majesty's Coastguard.

Mr Rawlinson said the five yearly Coast Review, held from Monday to Thursday this week, started in Oban before moving to Islay, Campbeltown, Tighnabruich and Arran.

Mr Rawlinson said: 'This week the review is looking at whether RNLI has the right lifeboats in the right places to meet the search and rescue requirements.'

'If we do make any changes to the lifeboat cover this is part of the decision-making process and is an operation to gather views direct from the stations.'



The Coast Review committee, from left: Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, Professor Charles Deakin, Fiona Fell, Angus Watson, Rear Admiral Roger Lockwood, George Rawlinson, Sarah Gosling and Paul Daly. 25_c26rnl101_coast_review

'In the past five years lifeboats in this area have rescued more than 700 people from danger at sea.'

Mr Rawlinson specifically praised the crew's response during the Nancy Glen tragedy earlier this year.

He said: 'We are always keen to say that part of our visit is to recognise the crew's volun-

tary work and dedication to rescue.'

In addition, he said the inshore D-class lifeboat has been busier in recent years. He recognised it as a valuable asset to providing cover by road to Machrihanish.

Mr Rawlinson added: 'We make a point of not just concentrating on the operational

part of the station but also the fundraising and shop effort.'

'It is clear Campbeltown lifeboat station is very well supported by the local community and generates valuable funds for the RNLI, which is greatly appreciated.'

Other members of the inspection group are: engineering and asset management

director Angus Watson, operations committee member Fiona Fell, medical and survival committee chairman Professor Charles Deakin, operations committee member, double Olympic gold sailor Sarah Gosling, area lifesaving manager Paul Daly and Rear Admiral Roger Lockwood, a trustee and chairman of the RNLI Scottish council.

Mr Rawlinson added: 'At the end of the review we discuss everything we have seen and representations that have been made.'

Following the meeting the review committee dined at the Royal Hotel.

The inspection marked the start of a busy week for Campbeltown's lifeboat station. Tomorrow Campbeltown RNLI holds its gala day from 10am to 4pm. The parade starts at noon, and with 14 rafts entered in the inner harbour race the first heat is at approximately 12.45pm.

In addition there will be stalls, escorted trips round the lifeboat and station and a Coastguard helicopter.

Islay man's sentence deferred

An Islay man who head-butted a police officer will be sentenced at Campbeltown Sheriff Court's July sitting.

Scott Kevin McGurn, aged 24, of 11 Bayview, Port Ellen, appeared from custody on Monday in Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

He pleaded guilty to assaulting a police constable by lunging towards him and striking him on the head with his own head, in the car park of Islay Hospital, Bowmore, last Saturday.

He also pleaded guilty to driving while disqualified from holding or obtaining a licence and while over the drink drive limit on one of the island's two principal roads, the A846, at its junction with Antrim View, Port Ellen, at 11.15pm on Friday June 22.

The proportion of alcohol in his breath was 84 microgrammes in 100 millilitres of breath, more than three-and-a-half times the 22 microgramme limit.

His not guilty plea to a charge of driving without insurance was accepted.

Procurator fiscal deputy Eoin McGinty told the court McGurn has a record of previous convictions.

Honorary sheriff Alan Walker deferred sentence on McGurn until Thursday July 26.

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Application forms can be obtained from schools, the Burnet building customer service point or online www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

When applying online it will be necessary to scan all pages of supporting evidence.

For further information contact your school or phone school support on 01369 704000.



Four stars for Argyll and Bute Council website

A public sector society for IT practitioners, SOCITM, has awarded Argyll and Bute Council's website four stars.

In the society's annual Better Connected report, Argyll and Bute is one of 39 local authorities in the UK to achieve four star status, out of 418 councils. SOCITM

has assessed local authorities' online performance since 1999.

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for corporate services, Councillor Rory Colville, said: 'This is a great achievement for the council's web team and one of which they should be very proud. The

website not only contains lots of useful information for our residents, businesses and visitors, it also offers a wide range of online services that make contacting the council quick and convenient. It had more than 3.6 million page views last year – the figure speaks for itself.'

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Mobile phone driver banned

A driver who discovered he was not insured when he was stopped by police for using his mobile phone behind the wheel has been disqualified from driving for two months.

Kenneth Paul McPherson, 37, of 69 Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, appeared before Margaret McDowall at Campbeltown's Justice of the Peace Court and pleaded guilty to using a vehicle with no insurance policy in place and another of driving while using a hand-held mobile phone, at 6.45pm on Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, on March 24 this year.

After he was stopped by police officers, checks revealed that although he thought he was insured, the policy was invalid.

His defence solicitor Christian Kane said that using his phone was an error but on the face of the information on his insurance certificate, he believed he was insured, and it was only after contacting the insurance provider it was discovered he was not covered.

Mr Kane said: 'This is not a case of willful flaunting of the law.' He said instead that it was 'misinterpretation' of the insurance policy.

McPherson, who had nine points on his licence at the time of the offences, was given six points for the mobile phone offence and a further six for not having valid insurance, bringing his total points to 21.

Banning him from holding or obtaining a driving licence for two months, Mrs McDowall said: 'You may feel this is very harsh but I am being very lenient.'

She said she had a 'great deal of empathy' for the fact he believed he was insured and told him she had imposed the minimum possible number of points for the offences.

POLICE FILES

School windows smashed

A classroom window was smashed at Islay High School, Bowmore, sometime between 4pm on Monday June 18 and

3.20pm on Tuesday June 19.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Speeding motorist

A 28-year-old male driver was stopped and charged after speeding on the A83, in Campbeltown, at 9.30am on Wednesday June 20.

Narrow escape prompts A83 crossing petition

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A Campbeltown man has started a petition for the A83's first proper crossing after he, his fiancée and a toddler were nearly run down.

Andrew Charles McPhillips began the online petition last Friday after the incident at the start of Aqualibrium Avenue.

He handed a paper version to shops this week after his close call on the anti-slip beige surfaced tarmac near the Co-op.

Mr McPhillips said: 'Leaving the Co-op, myself and my fiancée Jane Boyd, with her pal's 18-month-old toddler in a pushchair, were attempting to cross the road at the crossing just below the shop.

'Are the powers that be waiting till someone gets injured or killed on this crossing before something is done?'

'There was no oncoming traffic at the time. I was nearly across and Jane and the child were halfway, when at exactly 4.10pm a blue car came speeding down the road.

'I think the driver had clearly seen us and just missed me by an inch. It left me very shaken and frightened and shocked Jane.

'The driver of the car did not make any effort to stop.

'Jane and I saw a parked police car and reported the incident only to get told to find a safer crossing and that pedestrians don't have right of way on these marked strips.

'How far must a pedestrian walk from the Co-op to find a safe place to cross the road?'

'I was within an inch of my life on that evening.

'Are the powers-that-be waiting until someone gets injured or even killed on this crossing before something is done about it? It really beggars belief.'

Campbeltown Community Council has campaigned,



Jane Boyd and Andrew McPhillips with the petition on Monday afternoon. 25_c26crossing01

with no success, for many years for safe crossings on the A83 through Campbeltown.

As Aqualibrium Avenue and Kinloch Road are part of the A83 trunk road which runs to the ferry terminal, they are the responsibility of Transport Scotland and not Argyll and Bute Council.

After the petition was raised, Campbeltown Community Council posted the following on its social media page: 'It has come to

our attention that an online petition has been created to put in place safety measures at these crossing places.

'The community council has been campaigning for safety measures for some time.

'Alan Baker, chairman of Campbeltown Community Council, Councillor Donald Kelly and Andy Hemmings of Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel met with a representative of Transport Scotland

to discuss the 'suggested crossing places' at the Co-operative and Royal Hotel, which the members of the community council consider to be unsafe.

'They were told there have been no accidents or near misses reported to Transport Scotland, the police or any of our councillors.

'However Transport Scotland did suggest removing these road markings and putting in place a proper crossing near the Aqualibrium.

'If you or anyone you know has been involved in a near miss, please report it to the police.'

Police ask: 'Is Campbeltown in Glasgow or Edinburgh?'

A 999 Police Scotland call handler's lack of geographical knowledge surprised a Campbeltonian who did not want to be identified.

During an emergency call last Thursday, the call handler asked: 'Is Campbeltown in Glasgow or Edinburgh?'

The Campbeltonian, already in a state of shock, said: 'No, it is on the Mull of Kintyre.'

The call handler replied: 'Is it a town on the Mull of Kintyre?'

At first when the Courier asked Police Scotland about the call the response was: 'As discussed, C3 has checked the timeline of calls logged within that time frame and we have also checked local recording within the division but no record of such an incident at that time/date can be found.

'If you are able to provide a name or contact phone number we should be able to trace the call.'

The Courier had already provided details including the incident, the time, to an hour, when the call was

made and a car registration number.

Following the Police Scotland response, the Courier asked three more questions in writing: 'Were there any 999 calls from Campbeltown on Thursday June 21 2018?'

'Are all 999 calls logged?' and 'What are the instructions for call handlers who take 999 calls?'

A Police Scotland spokesperson finally admitted a call had been logged and said: 'We can confirm we received a call in relation to a road traffic collision which had not resulted in any injuries.

'The signal and sound quality was poor and as a result, clarity was sought in relation to details of the incident.

'It was ascertained that there was no requirement for police attendance.'

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Devon man meets Argyll donor who saved his life

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A Leukaemia sufferer travelled from Devon to Campbeltown to personally thank the Lochgilphead man who saved his life.

Brett Grist and his family, from Teignmouth in Devon, had booked a holiday in Campbeltown and arranged to meet 'anonymous' stem cell donor David McInnes from Lochgilphead.

Brett was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia in May 2014 and after relapsing following three cycles of chemotherapy, was told a stem cell transplant from an anonymous donor would be his best chance of survival.

That donation came from David McInnes, who had joined the Anthony Nolan

stem cell register in his teens after a family member of a friend needed a transplant.

David said: 'The first couple of minutes were a little bit overwhelming because there was so much anticipation.'

'We'd been talking for about a month before we met up.'

'I'm now looking forward to becoming friends.'

'I knew it was going to be emotional. I know how much it meant to his family but I'm now looking forward to becoming friends and getting to know his family more.'

If a patient has a condition that affects their bone marrow or blood, then a stem cell transplant may be their best chance of survival.

Doctors will give new, healthy stem cells to the patient via their bloodstream, where they begin to grow and create healthy red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets.

Following a stem cell transplant, to protect both the recipient and the donor, the identity of both parties must be kept confidential for two years. They can, however, send anonymous letters to each other.

David works for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) which partners with Anthony Nolan and has recruited more than 10,000 potential donors.

SFRS watch manager John Sweeney, from Oban firefighters, said: 'Campbeltown Grammar School and the personnel at the fire station



David McInnes and Brett Grist had an emotional meeting in Campbeltown.

bone marrow more than stem cells and it didn't really put me off, I would have happily gone through with it to see them survive.

'There's a big following for Anthony Nolan in our area because there was a young woman (Johanna) a few years ago and she was the cousin of one of my best friends and she needed a transplant a few years ago. She died because there was no match but I signed up because of her,' he said.

'Brett received his transplant in October 2015 and, after a long recovery, is now healthy and well.'

'I joined the SFRS after donating and I get involved in school talks whenever I can. I can talk about my experience donating and it's very rewarding to see people sign up because of an event you're running,' he explained.

Amy Bartlett, Anthony Nolan's regional development manager for Scotland said: 'David did an incredibly selfless thing by donating his stem cells and it's wonderful to see Brett doing so well.'

'To see the joy he and his family experienced, meeting the donor who provided his life-saving stem cells, is a really special moment and I wish them all the best.'

'The SFRS and Anthony Nolan partnership has already resulted in 28 people donating their stem cells.'

'Brett and David are the first pair who have been able to meet so it's an exciting moment not only for Brett, David and their families but also the whole team at Anthony Nolan and the SFRS.'

'I would encourage anyone who is aged 16-30 and in good health to consider joining the register and visit anthonymolan.org/join. Joining the register is a simple process and it could save the life of someone like Brett.'

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have been massive supporters of the Anthony Nolan partnership over the years.

'I was therefore delighted that we had the possibility of holding this meeting in the town.'

'I would like to thank Cathie Cameron at Campbeltown Grammar School for her incredible support.'

'More than 200 people from Campbeltown joined the Anthony Nolan register through the SFRS partnership, and 1,000 in Argyll and Bute as a whole.'

Brett said: 'David and I exchanged cards, which were really lovely, as a chance to say thank you and learn a little bit about each other. I was waiting for the two years to go past so we could meet.'

'I had butterflies before we met.'

'I was a little bit lost for words but I gave David a hug and shook hands and said thank you.'

'We had a lovely evening

together with our families and the kids played together, which was great.'

'It was really important to me to be able to say thank you. Without David my kids would have grown up without a father.'

'David is also hoping to come to Devon at some stage and we'd love to come back again to see him.'

David said he hopes the two families can become firm friends.

David added: 'Everybody says these lovely things about how I saved Brett's life and I understand, but, at the end of the day, I didn't do much more than give blood.'

'Our kids got along really well and I see us becoming friends rather than anybody feeling like they owe us something,' he continued, 'I always thought that the experience would be nothing compared to what the patient was experiencing.'

'Back when I joined, people were talking about

Church asks: Free@Five?

Campbeltown Free Church is embarking on a new summer venture called Free@Five.

From Sunday July 1 the George Street church will hold an additional weekly service at 5pm and extends an invitation to everyone.

Free Church minister Rodger Crooks said: 'We hope that the time of five o'clock will suit many people.'

'We chose that time to enable families to come along and be home before the children's bedtimes and so that there will be time afterwards for other activities such as evening dining, visiting with friends or a scenic walk.'

Dr Crooks added: 'We are keen to welcome those who are on holiday in Kintyre as well as townfolk and refreshments will be served afterwards for those who are in no rush.'

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Poor white lines blamed for crash

A driver whose one-year-old vehicle slammed into a Campbeltown woman's car blamed an unclear New Quay Street stop-line.

At about 10.10am, on Thursday, Margaret Newall had just pulled out of Shore Street when a car coming down New Quay Street

hit her front offside wheel, collapsing it and the suspension strut.

In a claim to his insurance Mrs Newall's husband John

wrote: 'The driver of the other car, Mr Clark, was not familiar with the road layout being a visitor to Campbeltown on business.'

'At the time he tacitly accepted that he was at fault as he did not see the road markings until he was on them remarking that they are not very clear.'

In last Friday's Courier a photograph of that New Quay Street road junction featured in a story about white lines needing to be repainted.

Mr Newall sent a copy of the Courier story with his claim and said this week that his insurers had agreed to write the car off and pay out its value.

The other car was apparently undamaged and Mr Clark drove away.



Margaret Newall's car in New Quay Street after the accident.

Driver who 'forgot' to pay speeding ticket is fined £150

A Campbeltown man who 'forgot' to pay a fixed penalty ticket for speeding has been fined.

Gary Shields, aged 32, of 34 New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving at 76 miles per hour, on the 60 mph A83 near Balure, Tayinloan, at 5.55pm on February 2 this year.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty told the court that it was dry at the time and the road conditions were good.

He said Shields was 'perfectly cooperative' with the police officers who stopped him and that he 'simply forgot about it'.

JP Margaret McDowall accepted his guilty plea and endorsed his licence with four penalty points and issued a £150 fine.



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Pedestrian crossings

Why are there no traffic light controlled pedestrian crossings on the A83 on its length through Campbeltown?

There are also no traditional pedestrian pelican crossings. One consequence is that people who are blind or in wheelchairs virtually have to stay on one side of the road or the other.

The Scottish Executive is a signatory to the February 2005 publication: Design Manual for Roads and Bridges. Section TA 91/95 provision for Non-Motorised Users (NMUs) is thorough and runs to 54 pages.

Section 6.3 states: 'Selecting the most appropriate form of crossing for a particular location requires careful assessment.'

'Where possible the needs of NMUs should be incorporated into the design without a detrimental impact upon other road users.'

The crossing site assessment record sheet runs to three pages.

To meet the terms of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 or successive legislation either signalised zebra crossings or underpasses should be installed.

If the reaction to Mr McPhillips' plea is the same as to the community council in 2014 and late last year, when a senior Transport Scotland officer visited the town, it is unlikely that much will change.

Councillor's day job

Sir,
Since our village shop closed, I have obtained the Courier through the post by subscription but your letters page in the latest edition had me reaching for the phone to cancel.

It's no longer enough that you carry a self-aggrandising letter from Alastair Redman nearly every week, you now accompany it with a photograph, together taking up nearly half a page.

What startling news does the letter convey? He's attended two meetings, had his photo taken in a whisky shop (or 'whiskey' to use his spelling) and single-handedly saved the business world.

It's time to remind him that attending meet-



Tony Williams in front of his whisky cabinet.

ings is now his day job, it's what he's paid for as a councillor. When I checked recently with a Freedom of Information request to Argyll and Bute Council he's not even particularly good at it, having attended 63 per cent of the meetings at which he was expected.

I remain puzzled as to why Mr Redman is treated with kid gloves by the Courier. Does he know where the bodies are buried?

I have taken a selfie of myself standing in front of my whisky shelf which is similar to the photograph of Mr Redman used in last week's paper.

Tony Williams, Grumpy Old Man,
Muasdale.

Asthma UK campaign

Sir,
The school summer holidays are here and it's easy for health routines to go out of the window as children relax, enjoy the outdoors and get stuck into their favourite hobbies.

Asthma UK is launching a campaign urging parents of children with asthma to make sure they take their usual preventer medicine and keep up a routine over the school break.

The medicine builds up over time so will help to protect their child from an asthma attack during the summer holiday and once they return to school.

Every 10 seconds someone has a potentially life-threatening asthma attack in the UK and three people die from an asthma attack every day.

In September, children are nearly three

times more likely to be admitted to hospital because of an asthma attack than in August, partly due to seasonal triggers such as cold and flu viruses.

If a child hasn't kept up their preventer medicine routine over the school holidays, they will be at greater risk of reacting to these triggers.

The good news is that by taking a few simple steps, parents can help their child to avoid asthma attacks and enjoy the summer as much as anyone else:

Keep up your child's usual preventer medicine routine, usually a brown inhaler.

Make sure your child has an up-to-date written asthma action plan, which you can download from Asthma UK's website, and share this with anyone who will be looking after them as using one means they're less likely to end up in hospital for their asthma.

Track your child's asthma symptoms using a diary or a symptom calendar.

Prepare for going back to school by arranging for your child to have an asthma review with their GP or asthma nurse to check your child's medicines and make sure your child has spare, in-date reliever inhalers to take into school.

Parents whose children have asthma can access support through our nurse helpline.

Last year we helped nearly 1,000 parents who called on behalf of their child with asthma.

For information and support on how to manage your child's asthma during the summer or to download a written asthma action plan visit www.asthma.org.uk/safersummer

Dr Andy Whittamore, Practicing GP,
Clinical Lead at Asthma UK.

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A safe crossing for Campbeltown

This week Andrew McPhillips describes the close shave he had with his partner Jane Boyd and an 18-month-old child while trying to cross the road.

Mr McPhillips posted his experience on Campbeltown Community Council's (CCC) social media page. Here is the CCC response and some comments:

Campbeltown Community Council: 'Suggested crossing places: It has come to our attention that an online petition has been created to put in place safety measures at these crossing places.

'The community council has been campaigning for safety measures for some time.

'Alan Baker, chairman of Campbeltown Community Council, Councillor Donald Kelly and Andy Hemmings of Kintyre Crime Prevention met with a representative of Transport Scotland to discuss the 'suggested crossing places' at the Co-operative and the Royal Hotel, which the members of the community council consider to be unsafe.

'They were told there have been no accidents or near misses reported to Transport Scotland, Police Scotland or any of our councillors.

'However, Transport Scotland did suggest removing these road markings and putting in place a proper crossing near the Aqualibrium. 'If you or anyone you know has been in-



Community council chairman Alan Baker on the 'crossing' by the Black Sheep.

involved in a near miss, please report it to the police. Isabel Melville: 'Transport Scotland has it wrong. The Aqualibrium is not where most people want to cross.

'People going to and from the Co-op and Tesco want to cross at the junction between them.

'Likewise, people going to the harbour from the town centre want to cross at the Royal Hotel.

'As it is, as a driver I was unaware the town had any crossings, apart from the pelican crossing in the Main Street. None are marked for drivers.

'Is there any point in having them if drivers do not know they are there?

'If they are indeed crossings, mark them. All road users need to know what they are in the interest of safety.'

Mark Sutherland: 'I have on several occasions crossed the road near the Co-op, and due to the speed of some inconsiderate drivers have had narrow misses. As for reporting to the police, this is ridiculous as the police would not really be interested as they have enough to do.

'It is obvious if you stand there long enough that several people try to cross and give up or take a chance.

'A crossing is required, especially for the elderly and infirm, as they cannot make it across as quickly.

'Common sense needs to be implemented by the right authorities to ensure that pedestrians can cross safely.'

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TEN YEARS AGO Friday June 27, 2008 Campbeltown Brass is 25

The silver jubilee of Campbeltown Brass was pure gold.

All the band members performed in a concert at the Victoria Hall and invited guests were Kintyre Schools Pipe Band and the senior choir of Campbeltown Grammar School.

From the wee beginnings in Andy's Army tutored by Andy Oliver to the senior members, all played their hearts out and the junior and senior bands were joined by their guests to end the evening with Highland Cathedral.

The night before, a party was held at the Masonic Hall for members old and new, including Gordon Evans, the man who started it all in 1983.



Campbeltown Brass' 25th anniversary concert at the Victoria Hall.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday July 2, 1993 Two in US jet scare

Two American airmen have received an award from the US Air Force for safely handling an 'extremely hazardous' incident at low altitude over Kintyre last year.

First Lieutenant David Loveless and Captain Michael Good were flying at low level in one of a formation of three F-111 fighter-bombers when their left engine exploded. The formation had been flying over the west of Scotland for 10 minutes when the incident occurred.

Lieutenant Loveless climbed the aircraft

to a safe altitude and the crew prepared for an emergency single-engined landing at the nearest suitable base which was Machrihanish.

According to the citation, Lieutenant Loveless flew a 'flawless' single-engined approach.

Guided by RAF radar controllers at Machrihanish, the aircraft emerged from the cloud at 800 feet and made a safe landing.

FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday June 27, 1968 Stowaway on the Duchess

For what is believed to be the first time ever, the TS Duchess of Hamilton turned back to Campbeltown on its outward journey on

Sunday.

The reason? On board was an eight-year-old Campbeltown 'stowaway'.

The youngster, Freddy Mathisen, had been at the pier watching the steamer and had gone aboard while she was berthed at the Old Quay.

Freddy explored the vessel and for some reason didn't notice the steamer getting underway.

Indeed, the turbine was abreast of Trench Point when a tearful Freddy 'gave himself up' to a ship's officer.

The orders were given for the vessel to turn around and head back for the Old Quay where a crowd had gathered.

Two pairs of brawny arms lifted Freddy ashore and the boat got up steam once more.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday June 29, 1918 Wedding of Miss Graham

On Saturday June 22, a marriage was celebrated in St Brendan's Church, Skipness, between Mr Robin George Collingwood of the Naval Staff Intelligence Division and Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford, and Miss Ethel Winifred Graham, youngest daughter of the late RC Graham Esq. of Skipness.

The little church, decorated with white marguerites and ferns picked by the children attending Skipness school, was full of friendly well-wishers, many of whom had known the bride from her infancy.

The bride wore a simple white georgette gown trimmed with Italian lace given by her aunt, Lady Monkswell, and a veil of old Brussels lace over a wreath of small white roses.

Round her neck was a necklace of lapis lazuli and gold, the gift of her brother, Mr RF Graham, and she carried a large bouquet of wild flowers, gathered by the boys of the place.

She was attended by seven little girls from the village as bridesmaids.

In spite of the war and the tempestuous weather, many flags had appeared and the village was gay with sunshine, flowers and bunting as Mr and Mrs RG Collingwood drove away amid universal good wishes, to Claonaig Lodge for their honeymoon.

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Building workers uncovered a slice of Campbeltown's baking history when they unwrapped 'Top Blue's' bakery's ovens.

The men working on a Campbeltown Area Regeneration Scheme project, behind chemist Boots's Longrow South pharmacy, revealed two cast iron ovens for the second time in two decades.

The ovens were made by bakery manufacturing specialists T Melvin and Son of St Rollox Iron Works, Glasgow.

The firm originally made bakery and dough mixing machinery latterly, in 1897, turning to internal combustion engines and, from 1898, offering gas engines ranging from 0.5 to nine nominal horse power (nhp).

Thomas Melvin and Son exhibited machinery and mechanical appliances at the 1884 International Health Exhibition.

Thomas Melvin, engineer and machine maker, was a colourful character, who in 1847 sued Archibald Wilson, superintendent of Glasgow police establishment, after Melvin and two workers were detained for theft of a peacock which had been found straying.

The case was eventually decided in the Court of Session and can be read in a free ebook: Session cases, pages 477 to 480.

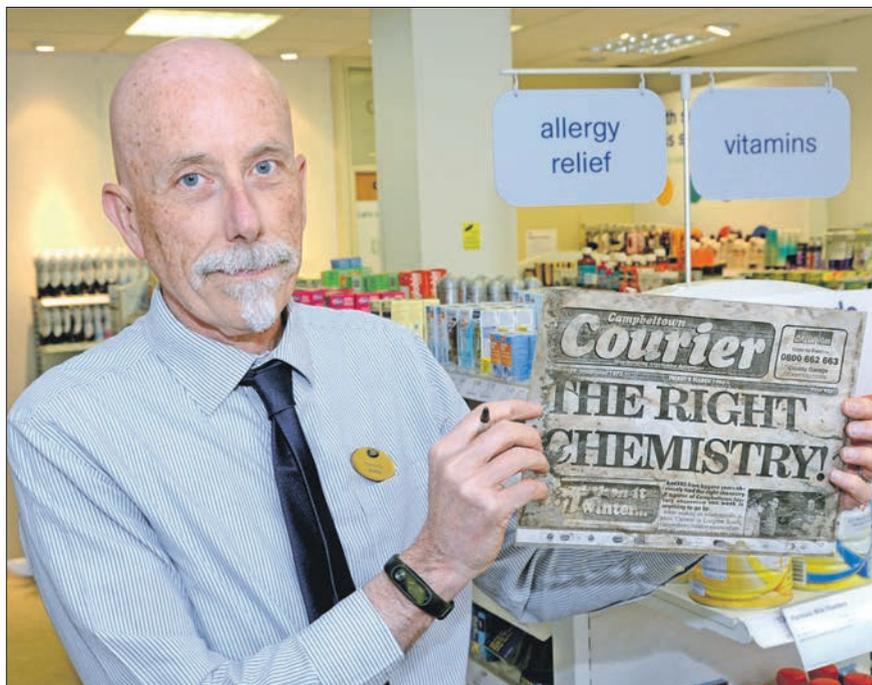
A further mention of the firm comes



The Blue's bakery ovens. 25_c26memorylane02

in the records of Gourrock Parish Church when Thomas Melvin and Sons are mentioned, June 26 1900, as being paid a total of £25 3s and sixpence for repairing and re-erecting an engine.

For more on the bakery see below.



Andrea Belocchi holds up the Courier front page. 25_c26memorylane03

Boots pharmacist Andrea Belocchi holds a clear acetate covering preserving a Courier front page from 1998 left as a time capsule.

It was discovered when Campbeltown Area Regeneration Scheme workers uncovered the bread ovens, described above, as part of a restoration of the deck above Boots's Longrow South shop.

It seems unlikely that earlier workers, from an Ayr shopfitters, thought their capsule would be uncovered just 20 years later.

In 1998 Courier reporters, Sharon Bennie (née Harvey) and Nancie Smith, wrote that the bake house had been in use within the living memory of some Campbeltown folk.

The shop was owned by the late Kate Black of Tangy's father Tommy Blue and known as 'Top Blue's', while 'Bottom Blue's' was where Coastal Design's shop trades on Hall Street.

Tommy was a master baker and trained confectioner and his iced cakes and shortbread won him awards across the UK, including in London, until his untimely death on the golf course aged 47.

Apparently during the 1930s' depression Father Webb, formerly of St Kieran's church, used to take Blue's bread, teabread and baking round the houses of people who were out of work.



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Sampling some of Peru's World Cup football fiesta



Michael Fee, farthest right, girlfriend Carla, second from right, and friends enjoy Peru's World Cup party.

By John McCallum

LIMA went 'loco' with with football fever this month - and one Kintyre man is at the heart of it.

Michael Fee, who has lived and worked teaching English in Peru for the past four years, is taking in the highs - and lows - of the country's football team's first World Cup since 1982 - including a 100,000-strong street party in the Peruvian capital.

Michael, who grew up in Carradale and later Campbeltown, attending Campbeltown Grammar, spoke about tournament.

He said: 'The excitement for the World Cup has been steadily building since qualification last November.

'Everywhere you go in the city there are Peru flags flying and the people are so happy just to be a part of this massive event.

'It is the biggest sporting spectacle in the world and it is the first time in 36 years Peru have qualified for it. The atmosphere here is just amazing.'



Peruvian Football Federation.

Away from the World Cup frenzy taking place across the country, Michael described life and work in Peru's capital, the third-largest city in the Americas.

He said: 'Lima is a crazy, bustling city. A real metropolis. There are more than eight million people living here, a quarter of Peru's population, so it is always hectic.

'Rush hour is madness. The mentality can be very "me, me, me", with people doing anything to get in front and on their way home.

'My job teaching English takes me around the city to clients, so I will either get the bus or get on my bike, but you have to be alert when on your bike as there isn't the same network of cycle paths you see in many European cities.'

First visiting Peru in 2013, Michael returned on a longer-term basis a year later, and after extensive travel with friends and family around the Andean nation, is settled in Lima - breaking down the language barrier in the process.

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Thousands took to the streets of Lima on Saturday for the Peruvians' first World Cup in 36 years.

The 28-year old said: 'I have enjoyed learning Spanish, and it allows you to communicate with local people, and get things done in everyday situations.'

'I speak Spanish at home with my girlfriend Carla, who is Peruvian, conversing every day, and that helps you learn more.'

'It has opened up work opportunities too.'

'I advertised my language skills on Gumtree and was hired by an American businessman for a day's interpreting, helping him tour a

quinoa farm, a product native to Peru.

'Being in the country of the language and immersing yourself obviously helps but I didn't take any formal classes - deep down I just wanted to learn.'

Opportunities

'It gives you little opportunities you might not otherwise get without the language.'

Now fluent in Spanish, and growing up speaking and hearing Dutch through his mum Ineke, Michael could be set for polyglot status as he explores learning Portuguese

- and ponders future travels.

He said: 'I would perhaps like to live in Brazil in the future.'

'Brazilian Portuguese is an interesting language and sounds really musical. I have practised more and more with Carla as she speaks it fluently and I would like to become fluent too.'

Back in football-mad Lima, Michael described the scene before Peru's play-off win over Oceanian champions New Zealand last November, which sealed qualification.

He said: 'Peru's fans knew



Taking time out to explore the sights, from left to right, Michael Fee, with girlfriend Carla, and brothers Eryn and Joel Fee at the ancient Inca village of Macchu Picchu, deep in the Andes.

they were one game away from the World Cup, and rightly or wrongly, did everything to help their team advance.

'People set off fireworks and cars beeped their horns outside the New Zealand squad's hotel in the early hours of the morning of the match.'

'When Peru won 2-0, there was pandemonium. It was as if they had won the World Cup.'

'Whole families were out on the streets enjoying the party atmosphere, grannies,

parents with their young children, young people who can't remember a World Cup with Peru in it. That shows how proud they are to be there.'

Despite the country's 1-0 defeat to Denmark in Saransk, Russia, - in front of 40,000 travelling Peruvian fans, making them one of the best-supported nations at the tournament - those back home were still kept in good spirits. Michael added: 'No matter the result the massive street parties were going to continue.'

'It was only 1pm local time and the football was finished, but there were marching bands, thousands of people chanting songs and TV cameras everywhere.'

'Peru lost 1-0 to France and beat Australia 2-0 on Tuesday and everyone was back on the streets supporting the national team.'

'Deep down the people know this might be a once-in-a-generation experience so they are determined to enjoy it as sport fans, and as proud Peruvians.'

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Campbeltown Pupils 2005s had an amazing season

No world cup teams will say all players scored in the competition, but this season all Campbeltown Pupils 2005 players scored.

Some super statistics were revealed by coach David Paterson at the team's first end-of-season prize-giving last Friday in the Ardshiel Hotel.

These were David's statistics: played 20 games – 18 in the league, three defeats, one draw, 16 wins.

Two cup games – one win one narrow loss; 20 players

used during the season with the main nucleus of 15 players playing all season and having a turn of being captain.

More than 2,000 miles travelled, 129 goals scored, all players scored in the season; seven goal average and seven blank sheets.

David said that he was incredibly proud of the team, a 'wonderful group of lads and an absolute credit to their families', as well as to Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA).

He added that being part of the team meant they needed to have these standards in everything, not only at training or on match day but also

when away from football as they represented the team and association.

Everyone in the team stood up individually, said who they were, their position and best season's memory.

Amid much hilarity, these included scoring a first goal, scoring a hat-trick and being booked for the first time.

Some memories were not all about the football on the park.

David spoke of the time the bus broke down as someone used the wrong fuel. The players tried to push the bus until they were rescued by another bus.

The coaches waited for the rescue truck, with the broken down bus, for hours, on the Rest and Be Thankful with nothing more than one small sweetie, but it was not disclosed whether they took turns of sucking the sweet.

Before the formal prize-giving, David stressed that, although everyone could not be on the prize list, those who got awards were rewarded not only for their own efforts but also because of the team.

Special guest Alec McKinven, with coaches Ian McGeachy, Chris McLellan, Stewart Campbell and



Referee's award, over each match of the season, to Calum Ellis presented by Archie Mitchell.



Club player of the year and winner of the Duncan MacDougall Memorial Shield was Josh Arkell.



The 2005s team and coaches.

referee Archie Mitchell, presented the prizes and were thanked for their support.

The main prize winners were: game attendance: Michael Campbell, Calum Ellis, Ryan Shields, Calum McAllister and Kyle Paterson; referee award: Calum Ellis; commitment to travel: Michael Campbell, Ryan Harding, Stuart Phillips, Kyle Danson and Finlay Kerr; goal of the season: Lorne Paterson; save of

the season: Scott Oman and Finlay Kerr; top goal scorer: Calum Ellis; trainer of the year: Andrew Semple; players' player of the year: Owen Reid; club player of the year: Josh Arkell.

Special mention and thank you gifts were given to Neil McAllister and Ian Ried who drove the bus to away games.

Thanks were also given to Claire McAllister for organising hospitality and strips, Susan McMillan for

the players' registrations and Helen Phillips for photography of the team during games. It was said to the young players that at this moment they might not understand the importance of the pictures but would appreciate how much they meant in years to come.

Ian Reid spoke on behalf of the parents to the coaches thanking them for their hard work and presented each with a bottle of whisky.

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Flower club bloomer



A photograph in the Courier's coverage of Campbeltown Flower Club's annual show was mis-captioned. This is the arrangement Tenerife created by Morag Johnston.

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Mother and daughter's MoonWalk marathon

A Gigha mother and daughter duo have helped to paint the capital pink in aid of breast cancer awareness.

Maggie Wilkieson and her daughter Caitie, 17, joined thousands of others in the 26.2-mile MoonWalk in Edinburgh, organised by charity Walk the Walk, uniting people against breast cancer.

In its 13th year, the charity, famed for its participants walking in their bras, has raised more than £100 million for vital breast cancer causes.

Maggie, a clinical nurse specialist for Macmillan Cancer Support at Campbeltown Hospital, explained that although early detection and better treatments were improving outcomes for women and men diagnosed with breast cancer, it was important to keep up the momentum.

She added that supporting charity events like the MoonWalk helped with vital research and practical help for those facing cancer.

To date, Maggie and Caitie have raised more than £1,500.

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Caitie and Maggie stand below Edinburgh Castle, which was lit up in honour of the MoonWalk.



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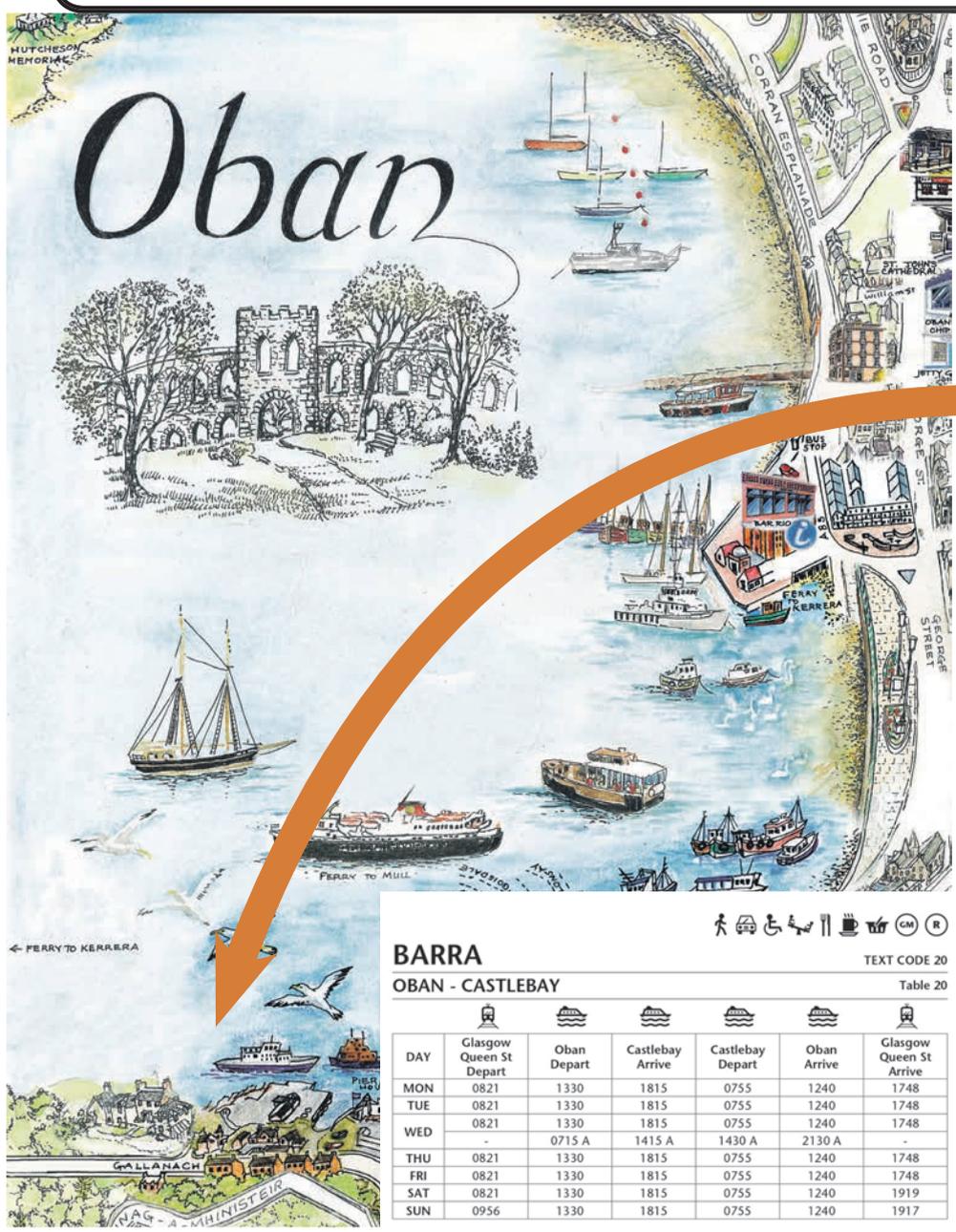
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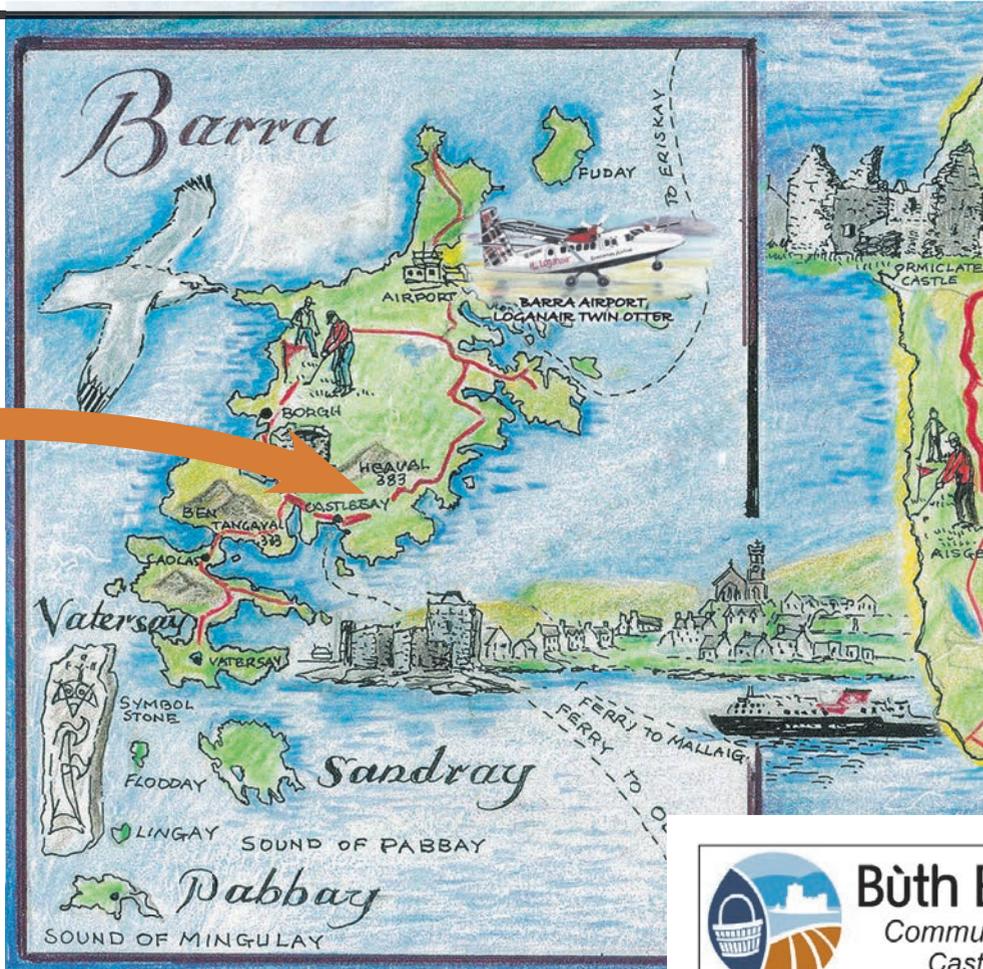
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The wildlife on the island is phenomenal - the machair on both Barra and Vatersay is breathtaking. The statue and stained glass of Our Lady Star of the Sea are a moving testimony to the island's seafarers. The famous beach airstrip where the terminal building doubles as a café. Castlebay is the centre of island life: shops, fuel, a Co Op store, Post Office, and an ATM - make sure you buy some sweets at the Hebridean Toffee Factory. Plenty of accommodation and Barra is famous for big breakfasts and home baking. Car hire and bus routes begin and end at Pier.

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Active Schools' smashing tennis

Words and pictures
Mark Davey
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Aces from schools across Kintyre played a mixture of tennis at Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club.

From Monday to Wednesday last week 169 pupils served, volleyed, lobbed and smashed their way through classes

and competitions organised by CLTC's Catherine Dobbie with Active Schools co-ordinators Lindsay Ramsay and Sharon Gillies-McCallum.

On Monday Susan Shaw beat Lauren MacKinnon to lift the Grammar school girls' trophy; in a classic junior boys' final Euan Dott beat Kyle Paterson and in the

Senior boys' winner Alasdair Ferguson in action in the final.

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Grammar school players at last Monday's match were from back left: Archie McKellar, Alasdair Ferguson, Fraser MacBrayne, Calum McKillop, Calum Cook, Josh Horan, Kyle Colville, Millar Irwin, Kyle Paterson, Scott Graham, Josh Arkell and Mikolaj Zurawski. Front from left: Thomas Dixon, Ryan Shields, Caryn Kerr, Lochlain Ellis, Lauren MacKinnon, Euan Dott, Susan Shaw, Ewan Charlwood and Jack Campbell. 25_c26cgstennis01

senior boys' Alasdair Fergus, triumphed over Fraser MacBrayne.

On Tuesday it was the turn of Dalintober and Castlehill and on Wednesday P4 to P7

from all the rural primaries.

Finally, on Thursday night, Catherine Dobbie organised a fun mixed doubles adult competition which saw eight pairs battle for honours.

At the end of the week the courts were brushed and Ms Dobbie said they looked like new.

This Sunday CLTC will hold a celebration event at 2pm

when the new clubhouse will be officially opened.

CLTC would like to invite all members, past and present, to the celebration or anyone interested in joining.

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Carradale cricketers stump Oban

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Carradale Cricket Club claimed a penultimate ball victory in a nail biting finish at Taynuilt.

Calum Hooper's steadfast,

assured innings of 66 unbeaten runs eventually won the day after the two evenly matched teams met recently and took the game to the last over with both teams in with a chance to the end.

Having won the toss the

home team openers, Leach and Burton, got off to a sound start on a damp pitch with uneven bounce. Their run-rate was kept well in check by some fine bowling from Carradale's Hooper D, McMillan and Hooper C.

With the loss of Burton for 25, Oban's dangerman Forster came to the crease and with Leach, who went on to score a well-crafted 33, threatened to 'open up' with the bat.

The onslaught like the threatening rain clouds never materialised. At no stage did the Oban run-rate escape the constrictive Carradale bowling with Cairns, Humphries and Marriott maintaining the pressure on the batsmen.

Unorthodox off spin bowling eventually prised out Forster who scored 42 - caught and bowled by a jubilant Cairns.

Mention should be made of the sterling fielding by Carradale, especially the new boys Richardson, Rowley and Arran - who were often spectacular.

An Oban total of 145 in

the allotted 40 overs always looked to be vulnerable. The Carradale innings opened in much the same vein as Oban's had with excellent accurate bowling from Forster, Leach and Mckenzie countered by the solid batting of Hooper C and Cairns.

With Carradale seemingly going well, three incidents occurred that appeared to tilt the game Oban's way.

Cairns inadvertently dislodged his bales in an attempted sweep to the speedy Forster, Richardson was caught before he could get his eye in and Marriott, having set off striking the ball with aplomb, had to retire.

Fortunately, Humphries, who scored 11, was able to steady the Carradale boat and provide support for Hooper C who was playing with consummate ease, albeit surviving an edge to the slips off a sharply rising delivery from Forster. The running between the wickets led by Hooper was a revelation.

There was a steady fall of Carradale wickets as the score painfully edged its way



Calum Hooper during his 66 not out innings.



James at the crease.

up towards Oban's total.

Thanks to the tenacity of man-of-the-match Hooper C, carrying his bat from beginning to end and Robertson's fearless last man support, the

match was won for Carradale with just one ball to spare.

The Carradale team wishes to express thanks to the Oban Club for its hospitality and great sportsmanship.



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Ce na Ri's spinnaker saved seconds to win

Despite a plea for 'white sails only' it was Irish yachts flying multicoloured spinnakers which led the way out of Campbeltown Loch.

Slowly but surely the spinnakered sailing yachts pulled ahead and valiant efforts, such as Carna crew member Spencer Ellis' use of a pole to push out the boat's largest headsail, failed to make enough difference.

In the 47th annual Cushendall Sailing and Boating Club v Campbeltown Sailing Club double headers first round, it was Irish yacht Ce na Ri which won the day in a corrected time of 4236.4 seconds.

Second placed yacht Campbeltown's Eureka used white sails and was just more than two minutes behind in 4359.6861 seconds with

another Irish crew third on War Dance at 4409.625.

On Tuesday afternoon, Southern Sun skipper Billy McFadyen said that he planned to go out and test his asymmetric spinnaker in preparation for this Saturday's racing off Ireland.

The full results are as follows with corrected times in seconds: 1 Ce na Ri 4236.4, 2 Eureka 4359.6861,

3 Silver Lining 4409.625, 4 Carna 4502.4168, 5 Saracen 4517.3016, 6 War Dance 4647.2, 7 Toome Raider 4803.8032, 8 Blue Liz 4816.5, 9 Blue Tarn 4845.384, 10 Odyssey 4927.6556, 11 Oisín 4946.382. Today (Friday) Campbeltown yachts head across the North Channel to Cushendall. For further pictures of the weekend's events see pages 48 and 64.



Highest placed Campbeltown yacht Eureka, which came second, heading for the line, between two Irish boats on the second leg up the loch. Photos by Geraldine Davey.



Southern Sun, skippered by Billy McFadyen, the only yacht which failed to finish. 25_c26sailing24



Campbeltown yacht Carna which came fourth. 25_c26sailing15



Close racing on the return to Campbeltown. 25_c26sailing48(2)

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Tarbert soldier added to university's roll of honour

A Tarbert soldier awarded the Military Cross for gallantry is to be honoured for his part in the First World War, with his name being added to Glasgow University's roll of honour.

Archibald Campbell Brown was born on March 4 1886 in Tarbert, the son of James, the late postmaster in Tarbert, and Margaret Brown, living at Dunalasdair, Tarbert, Argyll, Scotland.

Biographical information on the university's website, by John Houston, member of the

Scottish Military Research Group states:

He attended Tarbert high school before studying at Glasgow University, matriculating in 1904/05, and graduating with a master of arts in 1906.

After graduating, Archibald attended teacher training college and is commemorated on the Jordanhill Teacher Training College Memorial.

He enlisted in the 17th Highland Light Infantry in September 1914 and served

with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders in 1915.

After returning home in December 1916, he was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant, 14th (Service) Bn., Princess Louise's, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders on the April 26 1917.

After a period of training at Alston Hall and Holbeton, Reading, Berkshire, England, 2nd Lieutenant Brown went back to France that September, and was killed in



Archibald Campbell Brown's name will be added to the roll of honour at Glasgow University.

action on April 20 1918, aged 32.

He was awarded the MC (London Gazette, Septemeber 16 1918) for gallant and distinguished service in the field.

An officer wrote: 'He was one of the bravest men who joined Kitchener's Army.'

His citation entry in the London Gazette, dated September 13 1918 read:

'T./2nd Lt. Archibald Brown, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs, For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

'This officer, in command of a fighting patrol, was ordered to clear the enemy out of a strong point in an advanced trench.

'On reaching the trench the patrol came under very heavy machine-gun fire; he at once dashed forward with his men and succeeded in putting three guns out of action, killing the teams, and bringing back a prisoner.

'Though wounded, he continued to do duty during the remainder of the operations.'

2nd Lieutenant Brown is buried at Agny-les-Duisans, Etaus near Arras, northern France.

As well as the Jordanhill memorial, 2nd Lieutenant Brown is commemorated on the Tarbert Memorial.

Others being honoured alongside Archibald are a successful rugby player who was capped for Scotland, a respected doctor and family man, as well as a grocer's son who cut short his studies to join the war effort, and a secondary school teacher.

These men were among the fallen of the First World War whose names, until now, were missing from the University of Glasgow's Roll of Honour.

Researchers at the university identified the 19 additional

names by using digital resources and confirmed their connection to the university using student records held by the University of Glasgow Archives.

Now, 100 years after the war, their names will be carved in stone alongside those of the men and women already remembered in the university Memorial Chapel, and their families invited to memorial services on Remembrance Sunday, on November 11, 2018.

Katie McDonald, Researcher with the College of Arts, University of Glasgow, said: 'We are still piecing together the stories behind the names of the fallen and ask anyone who has any information about them and any pictures of them to get in touch.'

'In 1929, when the university originally called for names to be inscribed in the Memorial Chapel, the university widely advertised in newspapers, asking families to come forward with names of the fallen.'

'Some people may not have seen the advertisements, or they could have assumed their son or brother or father's name was already on record.'

'Also, many families found it terribly hard to talk about their losses and may have found it too painful to come forward.'

'Where students studied at more than one institution, some have been remembered in one and not the other.'

'Perhaps an assumption was made by those providing the information that it would be shared, or perhaps it was too hard to relay the news repeatedly.'

'Thanks to digital resources, online research, and collaborations with both local

projects, such as the Scottish War Memorial Project and the Inverclyde Great War Project, and national initiatives such as the Imperial War Museum's 'Lives of the First World War' project, we have been able to add more names to the Memorial Chapel.'

University chaplain, Reverend Stuart MacQuarrie said: 'It's right to honour all of our fallen with their names engraved on an additional stone panel in the Memorial Chapel, which was built to remember the great sacrifice made by the university's students, staff and alumni during the First World War.'

'We invite all the families, schools, and communities related to the fallen to join us for the memorial services on November 11.'

John Briggs, clerk of senate and vice-principal of the University of Glasgow, said: 'The stories that have been uncovered about our fallen are both inspiring and profoundly moving.'

'We are humbled and deeply honoured to be able to commemorate their lives in this way, 100 years after the First World War.'

'Over the course of the war, the University of Glasgow lost 780 members of its community. I am honoured to be involved in our Great War Project, which tells the stories of those from the university who served in the Great War.'

The university asks people who have any more information, family stories or pictures related to the 19 additional names to get in touch with the chapel: telephone: 0141 330 5419 or email: chaplaincy@glasgow.ac.uk.

To view the records the university holds on the fallen contact archives@glasgow.ac.uk or call 0141 330 5515.

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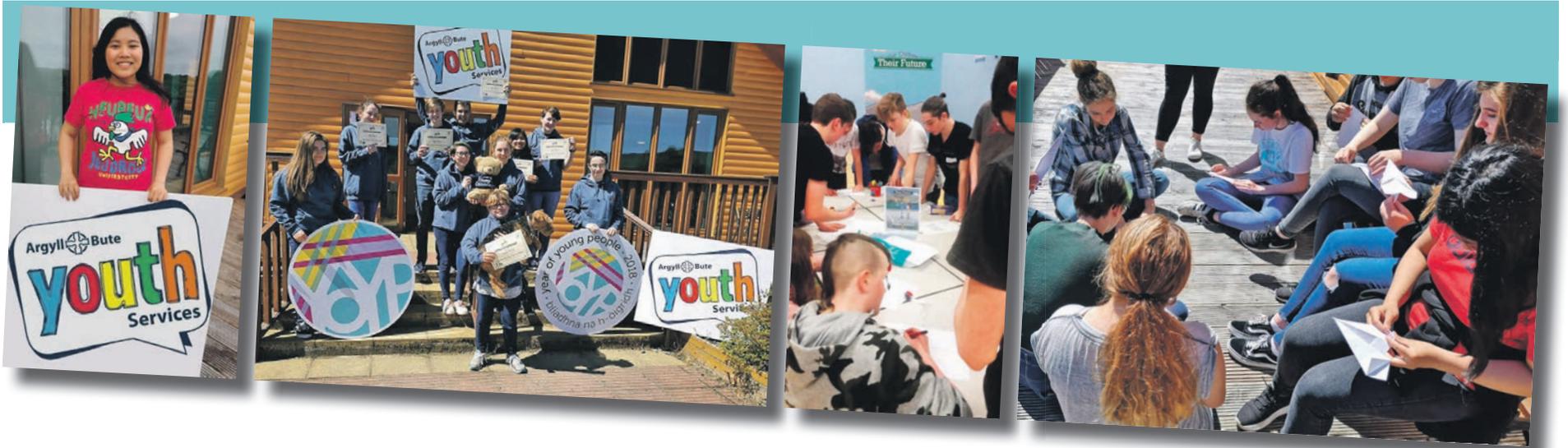
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Electoral Registration Officer



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they grown into adulthood based on the opportunities they have right now in education, culture, sport and the workplace and their inclusion in society as a whole.

That is why the Year of Young People 2018 is so important. It celebrates young people and

their achievements and offers a wide range of events to help open their eyes to many new experiences.

As the Year of Young People continues to unfold, keep up to date with all that is happening here in the West Highlands and islands through the pages of our newspapers.



'This is an opportunity to shine a light on the fantastic contribution young people make to life in Scotland.'

'The Year of Young People will give young people a new platform and new opportunities for their voices to be heard in all parts of our society and hopefully help to fos-

ter a better understanding, co-operation and respect between generations.'

'The talents of our young people span the length and breadth of the country - evident in the great programme they have helped to put together. I want to thank all of the partners involved in

supporting this initiative, who have helped to put together what I am sure will be a wonderful celebration of young people in 2018.'

Pictured: Scotland's First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon at the launch of the Year of Young People 2018 with pupils from Caol



The aims of the Year of Young People 2018 - encouraging young people to become leaders within their communities and beyond, and supporting them to benefit from new opportunities, are key to our values and our collaboration with Young Scot and the Scottish Youth Parliament. We are delighted to support YOYP2018 and look forward to the coming year.'

Jackie Brock, chief executive, Children in Scotland.



'We have so much to be proud of in Argyll and Bute and our young people are a huge part of that. Our young people matter - what they do makes a difference to life in Argyll and Bute. They have a key role to play in making Argyll and Bute a really great place to live, learn, work and visit.'

**Councillor Aileen Morton
Leader of Argyll and Bute
Council.**



'As we celebrate the Year of Young People this year, I encourage all to participate in this extremely worthwhile initiative. I am sure that there will be lots of events that we can get involved in and that working with Young People will ensure a renewed sense of vim and vigour!'

**Councillor Andrew Baxter
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In honour of Year of Young People 2018 Youth Services are going to focus on what young people have told us are the reasons they love living and growing up in Argyll and Bute! Together with young people from across the authority, we've co-produced an exciting calendar of events, projects and experiences that reflect and celebrate the top 10 pluses to being a young person in Argyll and Bute.

Preparation for YOYP18 begun by consulting

with young people involved in young leader training in early June 2017. With their input we decided on the theme and a rough plan. We then developed a survey which was tested with a group of young people in Helensburgh and Lomond as part of a 'Have Your Say' event, before being rolled out across Argyll and Bute.

In total 1055 young people took part informing us of the top 10 reasons they love living and growing up in Argyll and Bute.

Safe, Outdoors, Easy to stay in touch, Nature, Quiet and Peaceful, Beautiful, Freedom, Sport/ recreation, Opportunities and Easy to get involved.

Youth Services have developed this programme of events for 2018 with these in mind, while also keeping with the six key national themes. Youth Services will use hashtags# to enable young people to link their activities to the plan, update in real time and share their involvement on social media.

EVENT DIARY

29th June, Campbeltown
The Big Night Out
area wide dance.

2nd August
Cyber Event

two day Residential workshop looking at emerging technology.

Youth Exchange

Bute, Campbeltown and Helensburgh take part in an exchange programme with Germany

17th to 21st September
Duke of Edinburgh Event

National YOYP event.

6th December, Campbeltown
YS Fest

Film Festival which will be a lasting legacy for YOYP2018 in A&B.

Lots more events/activities planned. Check with your local Youth Worker for more details



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the boys practical skills like construction and brick-making, as well as taking full responsibility for coordinating extra-curricular activities such as sport, swimming and art.

Reflecting on his time in Botswana, Jamie says: "Most of our students came from troubled backgrounds of abuse, crime and homelessness, so it was imperative to encourage them to take their last chance at education seriously, which I worked hard to do throughout the



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Jamie is now studying Civil Engineering at the University of Edinburgh, but his time with Project Trust continues to have an impact on him. "My year with Project Trust was utterly life-changing. While I knew I would never change the world, knowing that I had potentially helped give even a few of my students better prospects, not just educationally

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Don says 'Education and learning is one of the key objectives of the trust; our motto is Purpose, People, Place, so the Modern Apprenticeship programme is a natural development. We are committed to continual development of the whole team and we are passionate about applying modern day best-practice to this amazing heritage environment.'

Nineteen year old Heidi McMillan, David Swan and Scott Clark, both 16, are the three lucky apprentices who will spend the next 18 months with the team at Mount Stuart. David and Scott both grew up on the island, while Heidi recently relocated to Bute with her family.

Scott, whose apprenticeship is funded with a training allowance by the Finnis Scott Foundation, wanted to join the army on leaving school until a week's work experience with local company Bute Produce changed his mind and sowed the seeds of a career in horticulture. Scott says, 'I really enjoyed working outside and was delighted when this Modern Apprenticeship was advertised as it meant that I could get a good qualification whilst still earning a wage.'

You can find out more about Mount Stuart House and Gardens at www.mountstuart.com and if you are interested in Modern Apprenticeships you can visit www.argylluhi.ac.uk/study-with-us/modern-apprenticeship/

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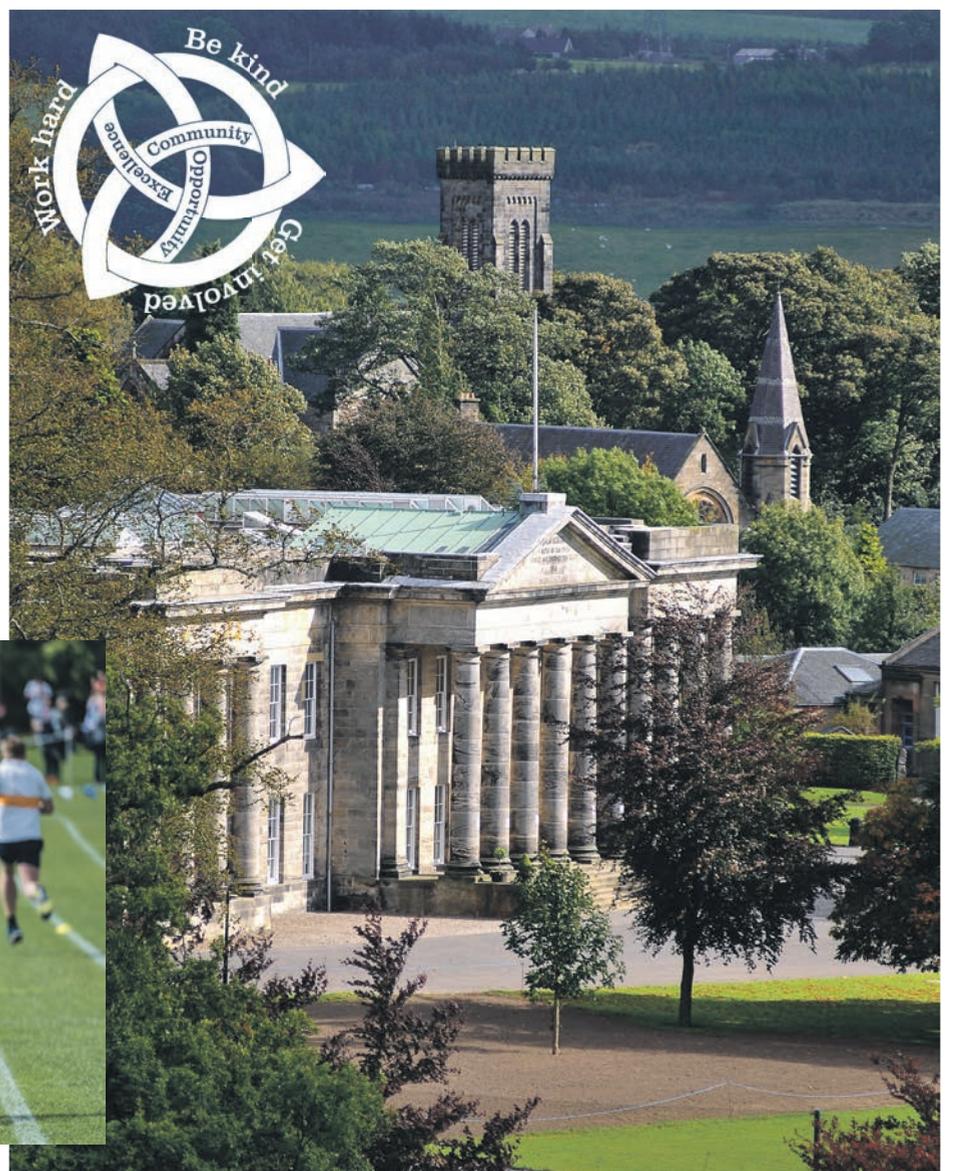
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Healthy, happy + safe

Making sure young people have the chance to lead healthy, active lives and understand the importance of mental health and resilience is one of the remits of Year of Young People 2018

Young people are now so media savvy that they are just as likely to turn to a website as a parent, friend or teacher for information – so make sure the site is a good quality, accurate one.



www.cool2talk.org

Is an incredible resource, full of advice on health, services of all kinds for young people and has a question and answer service.

It is confidential and anonymous; no one is asked for personal information. If you give information that identifies you and if you or someone else is at risk of harm the site may have to share this information in order to keep young people safe; this is only done if there was real concern for immediate safety.

All questions will be answered and posted back on the site within 24 hours

· In an emergency please call 999, or if you need an immediate response please call the Samaritans on 116123



www.one2one.cool2talk.org/

The 121 site is an on-line chat service with a trained counsellor who will be here between 8pm and 9pm. You can get 30-50 minutes for each session using secure instant messaging. This is a safe space to chat confidentially and anonymously about any worries you may have and know someone will listen and not judge.

Young people aged 12-26 can access cool2talk in Argyll and Bute. Cool2talk is an online service which provides free, anonymous and confidential health information for young people. They can post a question to the site and receive a bespoke answer, which is posted back on the site for everyone to learn from, within 24 hours/365 days per year. It is a safe place for young people to ask questions about any aspect of health and receive an evidence informed, responsible and person centred answer.

Young people can also access up to four sessions of online

counselling from a trained counsellor based in NHS Tayside. The sessions take place on Mondays and Wednesdays between 8-9pm every week. Young people just sign up and receive up to 45 minutes of confidential counselling, on a first come first served basis. If they require more support, the counsellor will encourage them to access longer term services or support.

Anyone can access the information on the website which lists local and national services for support by going to: www.cool2talk.org - there is no referral service, just go to the website.



Argyll & Bute Sexual Health

www.ab-wish.org/young-people

This is Argyll and Bute's website for happy, safe and healthy relationships and sexual health. This site is designed for people more than 13-years-old.

This site contains a wide range of information including where to find local services, safer sex, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and lots more.

Helping teenagers who want to slim down

SLIMMING World launched its young members programme in January 2006 and each year helps over 10,000 young members, with their families, to live healthier lives.

It's no secret that young people are eating less healthily, have a less active lifestyle and are suffering from weight-related problems like diabetes at a much earlier age.

It is an incredibly sensitive area, and it's one where most organisations have been reluctant to offer solutions.

To help young people in the very best way it can Slimming World has launched Free2Go - a specially devised healthy eating plan, which focuses on the power of Free Food and Healthy Extras and encourages the

step-by-step reduction of less healthy foods like burgers, chocolate and confectionary.

Slimming World is the first and only weight loss organisation to offer real, practical help for the young, between the ages of 11-15 who can attend Slimming World for free*.

The focus for young members is well and truly on healthy eating - not weight loss. There is absolutely no pressure to lose weight - just lots of praise as they take on board healthy lifestyle changes. Every young member also receives an easy-to-follow booklet as part of their new member pack.

The Free2Go eating plan is super-simple - there's no counting, no measuring and no

worrying; the aim is to help them make positive lifestyle changes that fit with their school-life, home-life and social-life.

*Children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian or family member who has responsibility for their

meals/eating habits at home. If the adult is already a member of Slimming World, there's no extra charge. If the accompanying adult is not a member a reduced weekly fee of £3.95/€7.50 is charged plus joining fee for help and advice.

Because the 11-15s service involves the adult responsible for the teenager's eating, Slimming World has found that the plan also helps parents make small but important adjustments to the way they shop and cook for the family.

Join a Slimming World group today to get free support for your loved ones. Contact Oban - Gillian 07796 040 803 or Campbeltown/Lochgilthead - Rhona 07880 878 906 or see the Slimming World webpage.



Mid Argyll Youth Development Services Providing Information and Accessible Youth Friendly Services

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MAYDS is a charity working with and supporting children and young people 0-26 years old. We are open full-time to provide a wide and varied range of recreational, educational and tailor made support services including:-

- Clubs, activities and sports
- Young carers support services
- Young parents support services
- Free trips and outings
- Family support
- Drug and Alcohol Education and support
- Individual Support and wellbeing sessions
- Employment support and training
- Flexible learning plans and alternate curriculum certificates
- Volunteer programs
- Tenancy Support
- Community Events



MAYDS celebrating Year of the Young People 2018

Who cares for kids, who care?



There are lots of organisations that can help if you are a young carer or young adult carer.

You will hear more about children in care than children who have to care.

Even primary school children help to hold homes together, looking after a member of their family not just young adults. More care for these young people themselves is now being planned to support them.

A great place to find out about help is the brilliant Young Scot page.

See www.youngscot.org/young-carers or visit www.carers.org or www.carersuk.org/scotland

Carers Trust's local Network Partners are carers' services across the UK, of-

fering information, advice, practical support and/or care in the home.

Across the West Highlands and islands groups meet to help young carers get much-needed support, a chance to have time to enjoy all kinds of activities and socialise.

The Scottish Government has developed a new package of benefits and support for young carers in Scotland - which includes a new Young Carer Grant.

Young carers aged 16-18 in Scotland who do not currently qualify for the Carer's Allowance, may be eligible for a new £300 annual payment to

help them access life opportunities that are the norm for other young people. The Young Carer Grant will be paid from autumn 2019.

All recipients of the Young Carer Grant will also be eligible for free concessionary bus travel in Scotland; this will begin in 2020-2021.

Young Scot and the Scottish Government will also be working with young people in Scotland who have caring responsibilities, to help with non-cash benefits, entitlements and rewards for young carers aged 11-18. These will become available through the Young Scot National

Entitlement Card and Young Scot card from April 2019.

Alongside wider Scottish Government support for young carers, it is intended that the grant helps young carers to look after their own health and well-being, improve their quality of life and reduce any negative impact of caring; participate fully in society and, if they choose, engage in training, education and employment opportunities, as well as social and leisure, and have an increased sense of control and empowerment over their lives. The grant will be paid on an entitlement rather than discretionary basis.

- There are 49,000 young carers aged 16 - 24; some even younger
- More than 7,000 young people are providing more than 35 hours a week of care to someone.
- Fewer than 4,000 of those young people claimed carer's allowance
- Find out how to apply for carer's allowance, hear stories from other young people on their experience of being a carer and get loads of info on caring for someone on the Young Scot website for young people in Scotland.

Celebrating the best



The Year of Young People 2018 began by honouring some great achievements in Argyl and Bute

A total of 24 finalists attended the 2018 Argyl and Bute Youth Awards held earlier this year. The winners were as follows:

Duke of Edinburgh Outstanding Achievement Award:

Ellen Kennedy, Mull

In 2012 Ellen began her DoFE Award journey at Tobermory High School on Mull. She faced significant challenges which included having Additional Support Needs.

Ellen completed her Bronze, Silver and Gold awards over a five year period. Ellen now attends Argyl College in Oban, it takes her two ferries, a bus and a taxi just to get to college each day. Ellen's DoFE involvement continues as an ambassador for the award at Tobermory High School where she is an inspiration to all.

Unsung Hero Award:

Keira Rutherford, Rothesay

Kiera has dedicated her time to raising money

for good causes. Over the last seven years Keira has raised over £10,000 for charities including Erskine, the British Heart Foundation and Yorkhill Children's Charity as well as various local charities.

Youth Entrepreneur Award:

Chris Berrall, Helensburgh and Lomond

Chris started a traineeship at Centre 81 in 2016 and worked on running the 40 bed hostel based within the centre. When his placement ended he knew the loss of his role would severely impact on the small team at the centre and so chose to volunteer five days a week, investing over 500 hours over a six month period.

Youth Volunteering Award:

Alexander Anderson, Mull

Whilst currently studying for his Highers, Alexander also has the responsibility of being a Senior Prefect and

is actively involved in the life of the school, attending Prefect meetings, School Council Meetings and he is a keen sportsman. Alongside school, Alexander also juggles his duties as a Volunteer Lifeboat Crew Member with the RNLI. As the youngest member at 17, he has impressed his fellow crew members with the effort and commitment he puts in to any task he is given, becoming a highly respected member of the crew in the short time he has been there.

Health and Wellbeing:

Ciaran MacKenzie, Helensburgh

After being inspired to sign up at school, Ciaran donated bone marrow to help save a complete stranger's life, which involved a lot of medical tests and travelling down to London. Since his operation he has helped raise awareness of the Anthony Nolan Trust, running the Great North Run in aid of the charity and going back to his old school

Hermitage Academy to talk to pupils.

Youth Environment Award:

HELP community Taskforce, Dunoon

HELP Community Taskforce is a group of young people who learn new skills, gain work experience and qualifications, while making environmental improvements within their local community.

Citizenship Award:

Jamie Murray MSYP, Rothesay

Jamie has been a member of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYP) for three years after being re-elected for a second term. He was one of two MSYP's in the whole of Scotland chosen to attend the 8th Commonwealth Youth Parliament sitting in Victoria, British Columbia. Jamie was elected as a trustee of the SYP board and he won an SYP award for Communicator of the Year due to his work as head of the Creative Communications Team.

Youth Arts Award:

Into the Light - Beth Qualter and Holly Smith, Mid Argyll

Holly and Beth were frustrated that there was nowhere for young artists in Argyl to exhibit their work. They decided to do something about this, and organised Into the Light, an exhibition for artists under 25, living in Argyl and Bute. They successfully ran the show in some farm buildings near Lochgilphead in September 2017. To raise funds they asked established artists to contribute postcards for a lucky dip. To engage younger artists they ran workshops in local primary schools.

Sporting Award:

Cliona and Nuala McCheyne, Dunoon

At 16 Cliona is the current Scottish under 17's Junior Hill Running League Champion, and is the youngest girl to have climbed all of Scotland's 282 Munros, which she completed at age 10 with her sister.

Cliona has been a member of Inverclyde Athletic Club for 5 years. In 2017 she reached the under 17's finals of the 1,500m at the West of Scotland Championships, the Scottish Athletics Association Championships and the Scottish Schools Championships.

Councillor Aileen Morton, who leads Argyl and Bute Council said at the awards ceremony: 'We have so much to be proud of in Argyl and Bute and our young people are a huge part of that. That's why it's a real pleasure to be able to recognise the contribution that they make to life in our communities through the Argyl and Bute Awards 2018.'

'These awards are much more than a way of highlighting the many achievements and successes of Argyl and Bute's young people. They tell our young people that they matter - that what they do makes a difference to life in Argyl and Bute.'

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Developing careers for young people

The best way to keep and grow our communities is through our young people and they need good quality jobs

DEVELOPING the Young Workforce (DYW), is a Scottish Government Youth Employment strategy, to reduce youth unemployment by 40 per cent by 2021, in response to the recommendations in the Wood

Commission report. There are 21 regional DYW groups in Scotland, leading and driving the change in employers' engagement with schools and colleges. DYW West Highland is hosted by Lochaber Chamber of

Commerce, based in Fort William. It works collaboratively with The Highland Council, Skills Development Scotland, Partner Agencies, Secondary Schools and Colleges (West Highland College UHI and Sabhal Mòr Ostaig).

By working together, they can help employers shape the future workforce of the West Highlands and help better prepare young people for the world of work. The DYW team covers Lochaber, Skye and Wester

Ross – where it aims to expand opportunities to young people, through employer-led initiatives, so that they gain valuable workplace skills and further education opportunities, making them more attractive to employers.

Food and drink on Skye



The Skye Food and Drink Festival is a celebration of food and drink from across Skye and the surrounding regions. There were many exciting opportunities to taste and buy local produce and see cookery demonstrations, as well as experience the live music throughout the two-day festival.

As part of the delivery, the Skye Food and Drink Festival team asked if DYW West Highland could support the event which would provide Portree High School pupils interested in the hospitality sector, with some hospitality and event experience.

The team of four pupils, built upon their employability skills such as team work, problem solving, communication skills and gained a greater understanding of how events like this are delivered.

Festival organiser, Pam Allen, said: 'The pupils have been of immense use helping to set up various events,

guiding visitors and supporting stall holders making sure that everything ran without any hitches.'

Lesley Hellon, programme coordinator at Developing the Young Workforce West Highland commented: 'The two-day event was a huge success, not only for the pupils of Portree High School, but for all the stall holders and visitors to sample the wares of all the amazing local businesses, something that we can all be proud of.'

'Congratulations to the pupils on receiving great feedback in recognition of their hard work. Also, a massive thank you to the team at The Skye Food and Drink Festival for providing this wonderful opportunity.'

Last year 130 Portree High School pupils also got the opportunity to see The Masterchef: The Professionals winner, Garry MacLean, at The Skye Food and Drink Festival.

Lochaber study leave boost for job seekers



Study leave is the time of year when numerous students are studying for exams but it can also be a good opportunity for pupils to visit the local college or businesses to gain exposure to a workplace environment and learn numerous skills, helping to make the transition from education to employment easier.

Seven S4 Lochaber High School students took advantage of such an opportunity and successfully completed a DYW WH month long programme of activities which would help to equip them with CV writing and interview skills, First Aid knowledge and information about local, available opportunities.

Activities included employability workshops where pupils learned CV and cover letter writing techniques, workplace tours, a certified First Aid course and employer led mock-interviews. Students enjoyed workplace tours of Liberty Smelter, Marine Harvest and the Isles of Glencoe

Hotel where they learned about available training opportunities and participated in activities that taught them the value of good teamwork, communication and leadership.

Additionally, pupils were also given the option to visit the local college and choose what course classes they would like to sit in on and shadow which is a fantastic opportunity for young people considering higher education after their high school years.

As a finishing touch, students used the knowledge they gained over four weeks to participate in employer-led mock interviews before each pupil was presented with an employability skills certificate. These were presented to the students by Isles of Glencoe Hotel managers, Andrew Purdon and John Hart. These certificates will be useful for the seven pupils as they can take their award along to interviews and use their knowledge and acquired skills to succeed in the workplace.

Young people are our future

At Wyvex Media we are proud to have given many young people their first big breaks in the media industry

SCOTLAND'S determination to invest in its young people is the key to success both now and in the future and that is something we feel very strongly about here at Wyvex Media.

Life does not standstill – each generation goes on to have careers, start families

and raise children of their own and be part of society. Since 1861 The Oban Times has been reporting about life here in the West Highlands and Islands and also giving many young people their first taste of work in journalism, sales, production, administration and finance.



David McPhee at The Oban Times has gained the National Council for the Training of Journalists (NCTJ) gold diploma: 'My entry into journalism was a very fortunate one. I was offered a job at The Oban Times in August 2015 - a week before I was scheduled to start college, and eight weeks after I first entered the office on work experience.

'Being able to learn on the job was invaluable. It gave me a head start in many aspects of academia and forced me to use the skills I had learned immediately.

'Being paid to work while I was still in training was also a massive stress reliever, as was being able to stay in my hometown, especially when many of my peers were carrying out unpaid work to gain the same experience.'



Young journalist **Hannah O'Hanlon** at The Campbeltown Courier sat her final exam last week: 'I was born and brought up in Kintyre and I always knew that I wanted to live and work in the area.

'When a trainee reporter position came up at the Campbeltown Courier, it seemed like the perfect position for someone who was keen on English and photography and eager to learn. With training on the job, it was ideal - no having to move to a big city for years to get to where I wanted to be.

'I have spent the last year getting real-life experience on the job in Campbeltown, while also completing a journalism course at college in Glasgow, and while it was challenging travelling and finding

time for everything, it has also been extremely rewarding.

'My local knowledge has proven invaluable and one of the aspects of my job that I love most is being involved in some of the biggest moments in people's lives, and getting behind-the-scenes access to projects I wouldn't previously have had.'



Euan Paterson was one of the most recognised and respected faces of The Oban Times and had an award-winning career with us: 'I joined The Oban Times in 2002, straight from Oban High School. I had been helping in the newsroom in my spare time and was thrilled to be offered a full-time job with training. It allowed me to stay in the area - and get paid - whilst pursuing my career of choice.

'The myriad of skills I picked up during my 13 years at the newspaper have easily transferred to my new role as communications and media officer at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS), where my job is to communicate research findings and environmental issues to a general audience.



Ranald Watson, now director of sales and marketing at Springbank Distillers & Mitchell's Glengyle Ltd: 'I began my training with The Oban Times Group when I left school in 1998. My first position was Trainee Reporter, based at The Campbeltown Courier. Together with in-house training from senior colleagues, I took part in a distance learning course with the NCTJ. The course was great as an introduction to journalism and some of the

skills which would be required in my career; those skills were tested and put to use on a daily basis working in a busy office producing a widely-read weekly paper. The highlights of my training were being flown in an RAF Chinook helicopter as part of a large military exercise, being burlled around Knockhill Racing Circuit in a Ferrari and being invited to meet the Queen and Prince Phillip at a reception for young Scottish achievers. I'm probably most proud of gaining my 100 words per minute shorthand certificate mind you! It might sound obvious but the development of my communication skills was certainly the most important factor in completing my training, gaining my industry qualifications and carrying out my job effectively. Those skills have stayed with me, even though I moved on from journalism after eight years to start working in the whisky industry. The ability to communicate properly, be that by talking, writing and, perhaps most importantly, listening to what people

are saying has been invaluable to me in working and building relationships with enthusiastic customers and whisky drinkers from around the world. I'm also still using that shorthand, much to the amazement (and amusement) of my distillery colleagues.'



At 20-years-old **Amy Boyce** is the latest recruit to The Oban Times, working in our advertising department and her training is in-house. Many folk will know Amy because of her singing; she has a degree from UHI in applied music.

'Apart from working while a student this is my first job. I am enjoying meeting and talking to so many people and being able to start building a career without having to leave the area.'

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Charlotte Wright chief executive of Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Creating more opportunity for young people

Young people are vital if the Highlands and Islands are to be commercially competitive, with sustainable economic growth and community resilience, Charlotte Wright, of HIE believes.

At Highlands and Islands Enterprise we're excited to be involved in Scotland's Year of Young People. We will be showcasing what we offer as an agency, and calling on businesses and communities to embrace the fresh thinking and innovation young people bring.

While the region is home to many highly-skilled people we have long-recognised how important young people are to commercial competitiveness, sustainable economic growth and community resilience.

With this in mind we want to create more opportunities for young people to stay in the Highlands and Islands and have rewarding careers. We want to attract more young and economically-active people to live, work, study and invest here.

Our research, published in 2015, into the attitudes

'We want to attract more young and economically-active people to live, work, study and invest here.'

and aspirations of young people has been helping to focus our work.

We've put a lot of effort into providing opportunities not only in our traditional sectors such as energy and food and drink, but also in our more recently established sectors such as life sciences and creative industries.

Our student and graduate placement programme, ScotGrad, has been highly successful in bringing businesses and young people together, combining

experience and fresh ideas. Our Graduate Level Apprenticeships and Modern Apprenticeships are providing similar opportunities. And we're working with universities in the region to create new further and higher education options that help retain and attract young people.

In addition to rewarding career paths, other key factors include mobility and connectivity. The Next Generation Broadband roll-out is now reaching more than 85 per cent of our

region, and this is transforming people's lives. Transportation links have also greatly improved in recent decades, including improved air, rail and ferry services.

For the Year of Young People, we are looking at new ways we can contribute meaningfully to the development of young people in the region. One example is exploring ways to encourage and empower more young people to become more actively involved in community organisations, such as local trusts and community or social enterprises.

The year is a great opportunity to demonstrate the pride the region has in its young people and how important they are to its future. I can't wait to see what young people achieve throughout 2018 and I look forward to leading HIE's involvement in what promises to be an exciting year of activity.

Charlotte Wright has held several positions with HIE, beginning at the enterprise company's Lochaber office. She was local enterprise company chief Executive in 2004 and was appointed as the agency's regional director for Highland in 2008, and as director of business and sector development in 2010. Before joining HIE, she ran her own small business in Fort William



Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Iomairt na Gàidhealtachd 's nan Eilean

The online way to get into work

The young people of Scotland's Highlands and islands turn to the same place they live their lives: online.

Nearly a quarter of new job seekers turn to their mobile phones to find work.

'For the mobile jobseeker, especially for those who have never owned a PC, the process of finding a job should be as easy as shopping on Amazon or browsing Instagram,' said Christopher Snelgrove, the man behind the new app developed by Fort William-based pioneering recruitment site HIJOBS, which is an associate of The Oban Times and its sister papers.

The 18 to 24-year-old age group makes up 22.63 per cent of HIJOB users.

Alongside the investment across the Highlands and islands in broadband and 4G by public and private sectors, it means the national and local job markets are just a smart phone away from the UK's most remote communities.

'The increasing availability and reliability of fast internet in the Highlands will continue to be transformative for the prosperity of our rural communities; this improved connectivity paired with our continued development-for-mobile is making this a reality and opening more opportunities for a new generation,' said Christopher.

Business partner Laura Saunders, who runs the commercial side of the company, is based in rural Aberdeenshire: 'The HIJOBS app makes our

job applicants quicker off the mark.

'Our app is one-stop and customisable, an end-to-end service from job alerts through to applying on your phone.

'It sounds pretty simple, but the vast majority of other job sites do not offer this complete service; you need to go home and sit down in front of your PC.'

'Our entirely self-service offering not only delivers results but has also allowed for rapid expansion across the country,' said Christopher.

After working for major players in big cities, the business partners agreed that they wanted to be back in the Highlands and set about building an app and a service which

would help other people do the same.

Stuart Robertson, head of digital at Highlands and Islands Enterprise has said: 'Improving digital communication across the Highlands and Islands is vital in helping our local businesses and communities continue to grow. We can see the results are paying off with more areas across the region now connected.'

He was speaking after O2 announced a major increase in 4G coverage in the region, in over 80 towns, villages and hamlets last year; the mobile network is also starting work on bringing 4G to an additional 90 new locations in the coming months.

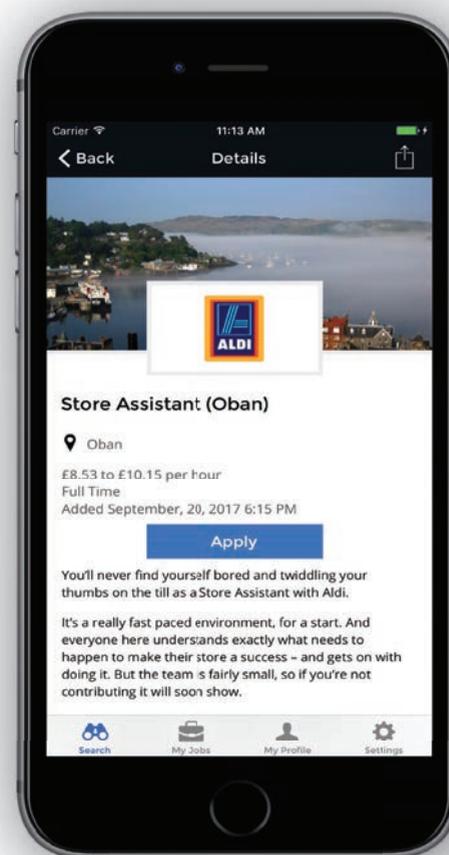
Other telecoms companies are continuing to expand.

'The digital landscape in Scotland has evolved beyond all recognition,' Derek McManus the chief operating officer of O2, said at the celebrations to mark the fourth anniversary of the company providing 4G.

Ofcom reports that nine in 10 younger users are using social media apps.

Increasing 4G mobile coverage is driving consumers' demand for, and use of, mobile data and contributed to a 44 per cent year-on-year increase in average mobile data consumption. Nearly two-thirds of mobile connections in the UK were 4G-enabled at the end of 2016.

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Building a future in construction

With roots that stretch back for more than 40 years, Macleod Construction Ltd has a proud past and the company looks forward to a bright future. Every year, Macleod Construction is building more residential and commercial properties

incorporating ever more eco-friendly features; fitting more windows and working with more clients, customers and partners. And alongside it continues to build a successful business where young people play a vital role in the workforce;

imparting knowledge is just one of Macleod's commitments to 'Young Scots' in Argyll. Craig, Demi, Duncan, Gregor and Karen are just a few of the success stories; see how they started their careers with Macleod Construction Ltd.



Craig Young Apprentice Plumber

Hi, I'm Craig, I am 18 and from Lochgilphead. The reason I decided to get myself into an apprenticeship was to get myself a trade but also make money at the same time. I was fortunate to get an apprenticeship with MacLeod Construction as you don't get a lot of chances here in Argyll for young folk. MacLeods' have guided me throughout my apprenticeship so far and I'm looking forward to becoming fully qualified.

In five years I see myself as a fully qualified tradesmen using all my skills and knowledge gained throughout this experience.



Demi Mather Administration & Accounts Assistant

I'm Demi, I am 22 and from Ardrishaig. I have worked in the Plumbing, Electrical & Maintenance Department within MacLeod Construction since 2015. I left school with no idea what I wanted to do but I knew university wasn't for me. I was extremely lucky to get a job within the company at a young age and it has benefited me in many ways & I have also grown as a person. I recently became a Construction Ambassador for the company.

In five years I see myself progressing in a successful career.



Duncan MacIntyre Apprentice Plumber

Hi, I'm Duncan, I am 22 and live in Ford, Argyll. The reason I became an apprentice plumber with MacLeod Construction Ltd was to learn skills that I would not have learnt anywhere else. What attracted me was the fact I could learn whilst earning. I have grown as a person and feel more independent, it has been tough but I'm enjoying every bit of it.

In five years I see myself becoming a fully qualified Plumbing & Heating Engineer with a lot of experience due to opportunities I have had with MacLeod Construction Ltd.



Karen Dixon Legal Trainee

Hi, I'm Karen, I'm 22 and from Kilmartin, Argyll. I have worked in the legal department of MacLeod Construction Ltd since 2015 during my university holidays.

My experience working in the company has provided me with an opportunity to put into practise the knowledge I have gained at university. The skills I have developed, and experience gained during my time here has incremental to securing a full-time position as a Trainee Solicitor in a law firm in Edinburgh.

In five years I see myself a fully qualified solicitor specialising in land & property wide.



Gregor Peacock Apprentice Plumber

Hi, I'm Gregor, I am 23 and from Lochgilphead. The reason I started my apprenticeship with MacLeod Construction was because university wasn't an option for me. Getting an apprenticeship was attractive because I could learn as well as making a living. I come from a family who are qualified in different trades and I felt plumbing was for me. It hasn't just taught me a trade but also life skills, communication and how to work with others.

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Innovative solutions to social challenges

Jennifer Macdonald, director of community supported organic farm and delivery business Woodside Arran, was voted Firstport's Young Social Innovator 2017, winning a £5000 prize and business support.

Jennifer runs an organic market garden and mobile shop serving the rural communities of Arran, addressing the lack of access to affordable, good quality, fresh vegetables on the island. Customers can subscribe for weekly vegetable boxes or buy direct and low income residents can exchange hours of work for free food through a work share scheme.

She said: 'Winning the Social Innovation Competition gave us a huge boost of confidence, but also allowed us to support more people to access our services a lot quicker than we would have been able to on our own.'

'It has fast tracked our business by about six months and allowed us to carry out a lot of the activities we didn't think we would be able to do, at a very challenging time for farming. Winning allowed us to look ahead to the 2018 season and prepare for where we want to be by the end of the year, rather than having to make do with where we are now.'

Do you have a business idea that could make a difference?

This year the Social Innovation Competition is celebrating Scotland's Year of Young People 2018 by looking for individuals with the most exciting,

innovative ideas and solutions to social challenges affecting young people in Scotland. This could be through giving them access to new opportunities or helping them to overcome barriers and inequalities.

At an earlier stage with your idea?

Take a look at Firstport's Pounds for Purpose programme. Designed to support those aged 16 to 26 to take a positive stand on the issues they care about, with awards of £500 up for grabs to test your idea.



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Yellow Badge Training – Rhona McCracken & Rowan Watkins

During the Easter holidays before our 6th year school exams, we had the opportunity to participate in the STGA's Yellow Badge Tourist Guide training course. Our training was sponsored by BID4Oban as part of its commitment to The Year of the Young Person. This was a unique and rewarding experience for us. It was far more challenging than we expected and gave us a real sense of achievement when we passed the exam.

The course itself was an intensive 6-day training programme. We realised that we knew very little about the area we had grown up in; yet this opportunity pushed us to research Oban's history, culture and stories in a way that we would not have been motivated to do oth-

erwise. This aspect of the course was most rewarding as it sparked an interest in Scottish history and led us to carry out more research for our own general knowledge. As well as giving us a reason to read out of our normal areas of interest, the course really improved our confidence and public speaking skills; teaching us how to engage clients and tailor our talks to different audiences. As a result of passing the tourist-guiding exam, a practical walk where each guide spoke for several minutes, Rhona has used the experience and qualification to get a job as a tour guide at Dunollie museum as well as taking walking tours around Oban, with Oban Walking Tours. We have recently taken

American students on the Laurinburg exchange with Oban High School on one of the tours. The students really liked having guides close to their own age. We also think that having young tourist-guides, demonstrating a knowledge of the history and culture of their town, creates a great image for visitors.

In the future, we hope to run walking tours for a younger demographic, possibly working with Oban Backpackers and Youth Hostel to promote our tours and give young people something to do when visiting to the town. Rowan will be leaving town in September to study Social Sciences and Rhona Computer Science but will both be able to do tours in the holidays.



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Celebrating the Year of Young People



Building communities with Lego!



Young people have come up with a great idea to use Lego building workshops to bring generations together and create intergenerational activity in their

local area.

Argyll Brixx Convention will be held on August 4 and 5 in Lochgilphead.

Everyone is invited to the convention, to show the ideas and imagina-

tion of young people in the use of building bricks.

This activity is open to all young people in Argyll and Bute; the organisers hope to paint a positive picture of

young people as part of Year of Young People 2018, and to show some creativity while putting Lochgilphead on the map.

This convention will

be the culmination of a year of working with different villages and groups of people to build connections, relationships and Lego creations. The organisers

want to showcase what you have built, and want you to bring something along too.

If you're interested, look out for their Facebook page, coming soon.

THE Royal National Mòd will have links to the Year of Young People 2018

The Royal National Mòd will be held in Dunoon this year, in October and is among the events receiving funding to stage initiatives to mark this special year.

James Graham, Mòd Manager, said: 'This the Year of Young People, and, more than ever, we want to contribute to this special year by encouraging our young people to become involved in the Gaelic Arts. It's extremely

pleasing to see them taking part at local and national Mòds as our young people are crucial to the language.'

An Comunn Gàidhealach, the committee which runs the Mòd is establishing a committee of six young adults aged 16-26 to be a part of our new Young Person's Committee that is being established as part of 2018's Year of Young People in Scotland.

The committee will meet a total of four times via the phone or Skype in the run up to the Royal National Mòd which will be held in Dunoon in October this year. The committee will discuss their views on what they would like to see at The Royal National Mòd and will be assigned a number of projects to see through from start to finish as a team in the run-up to the Mòd.

Join in a poetry slam

If a young Robert Burns was around today he would be slamming - the competitive art of performance poetry.

Year of young People 2018 is helping fund Scottish Youth Poetry Slam 2018.

Poetry slam has 12 or more poets perform their work which is judged by a panel and audience reaction through heats with a dual emphasis on writing and performance.

Young poets from across the country will take part in a series of workshops in preparation for the regional slams and the winners

will go forward to compete in the Scottish Youth Poetry Slam Final on October 31 at the Beacon Arts Centre, Inverclyde.

The Slam is an exciting, live event that is hosted with a guest band and three judges who score the performed poems.

The Inter-Regional Slams are on Tuesday October 2, 12-1.30pm, Macrobert Arts Centre, Stirling; Wednesday October 10, 12-1.30pm, Eden Court Arts Centre, Inverness

Tickets are free and all events are live streamed and the Slam Final will be signed.

Cadet Connel gets special Argyll and Bute honour



Connel receives his award from Mrs MacLeod, accompanied by Geordie Rhodick, chairman of Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day. 06_a25AFD04

A 17-year-old from Dunoon has been appointed this year's Lord Lieutenant's Cadet.

Staff sergeant Connel MacLeod of Dunoon detachment of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Battalion army cadet force was presented with his badge at Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day by

Vice Lord Lieutenant for Argyll and Bute, Jane MacLeod.

One cadet is selected in each cadet company each year based on personality and character, length of service, rank, leadership qualities, and achievements in the cadets and wider life.

These cadets accompany the Lord Lieutenant

on various occasions, such as royal visits and civic ceremonies, helping out as necessary.

Connel said afterwards: 'It's really good to get this. I wasn't expecting it.'

'It's something that is great to have when you look for employment so that people can see what you've achieved, so I'm really pleased.'



In Glasgow, online or out gigging - learn with the Academy of Music and Sound

The Academy of Music and Sound's centre in Glasgow has 200 full-time students, studying HND Music, BA(Hons) Professional Music and starting in September this year an MMus Popular Music Performance degree; SAAS funding is available.

The tutors are all working musicians currently active in the Scottish music industries, including Georgia Cecile and Jodie Bremaneson of Skerryvore.

Of the acts performing at the TRNSMT festival this summer, no fewer than seven different acts feature current or former students from the academy.

It has a strong community focus, with lots of extra-curricular activities on offer: including short courses in sound recording, building your own synthesiser and issues in employability for women in the music industry.

The academy has a guitar ensemble which is open to everyone and rehearses weekly, and a monthly multi-media improvisation night. All these are free and open to both AMS full-time students and all other musicians.

Last year, all BA(hons) graduates were in employment or further study six months after graduating, and all of them have continued to be involved in music on either a full time or part time basis.

On average, 96 per cent of people who start the BA(hons) course will complete and pass it.

But you do not have to be in Glasgow to be part of the Academy of Music and Sound, thanks to its

digital learning centre, called AMS Online.

People who have completed an HND Music, or have other relevant professional experience, can join straight into BA(hons) level; and students can use their current musical activities as evidence for their course. The course is flexibly structured and each student has individual mentoring sessions. In-person support (and camaraderie!) would be available in the Glasgow centre as well, if they wanted to come across occasionally.



Nick Jennison: vocalist and lead guitarist with Saints Of Arcadia summed it up: 'I'd highly recommend AMS Online, its flexibility allowed me to gain a degree while fitting it around my touring and gigging schedule - what legends!'

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LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Special RNLI gala day screening

It is unlikely that a great white shark will make it to the RNLI's gala day raft race.

But in a rare treat on Saturday, Spielberg's 1975 Amity Island monster shark, will feature on the Campbeltown Picture House big screen at 5.30pm.

Other films opening this week include: Oscar Wilde biopic *The Happy Prince*, starring its director Rupert Everett as the great man of letters.

The film features a stellar supporting cast of British actors, including Colin Firth (*The King's Speech*, *A Single Man*), Emily Watson (*On Chesil Beach*, *Gosford Park*), Colin Morgan (*The Fall*, *Testament of Youth*) and Edwin Thomas (*Endeavour*).

Building from his own 2012 lauded stage portrayal of Wilde in David Hare's *The Judas Kiss*, Everett physically and emotionally embodies the literary genius as he lives out his last days in exile in Europe, in a performance described by critics as 'flawless' and 'the best thing Everett has done'.

The film opens in Paris, where Wilde, in his forties, penniless and in poor health, is still reeling after being imprisoned in England for his love affair with Lord

Alfred 'Bosie' Douglas (Morgan).

Out of prison but a pariah, Wilde swings between grief and a determination to wrest whatever pleasure and beauty he can from the time he has left.

His body ailing and heavy, his mind spinning, he survives by falling back on the flamboyant irony and brilliant wit that defined him.

Everett's Wilde is tortured but determined to remain true to himself.

As the film travels through Wilde's final act, and journeys from England to France and Italy, desire and loyalty face off, the transience of lust is laid bare, and the true riches of love are revealed.

In *Hereditary*, the Graham family starts to unravel following the death of their reclusive grandmother.

Even after she has gone, the matriarch still casts a dark shadow over the family, especially her loner teenage granddaughter, Charlie, with whom she always had an unusual fascination.

As an overwhelming terror takes over the household, the family's peaceful existence is ripped apart, forcing their mother to explore a darker realm in order to escape the unfortunate fate they have inherited.

In *Patrick*, Sarah Francis is a young woman whose life is a bit of a mess. The last thing she needs is someone else to look after, let alone someone who dribbles, snores and eats from the kitchen bin.

Yet, like it or not, her grandmother has bequeathed her a very spoiled dog, Patrick - her pug.

The four-legged interloper proceeds to cause chaos in all aspects of Sarah's life.

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Pounds for green-fingered pupils' plants

All things turned gloriously green for one day only at Castlehill primary school.

Last Thursday P4/5 held its annual 'Go Green Day' event in the school gym and sold many of the plants grown by green-fingered pupils.

A report from teacher Alison Semple read: 'In preparation all pupils planted and grew a variety of plants and flowers to sell, enhancing their existing knowledge and understanding of the planting process and developing their gardening skills.'

On the day, pupils wore green items of clothing or accessories to further promote the event.

Miss Semple added: 'In addition they created items using recycled goods, made beautiful flower arrangements with the help of the talented Lorna McKinven and Irene Millar, produced 'green-themed' baking goods, made fruit kebabs in pots, held a bric-a-brac stall, eco-themed' games stalls and much more.

'We were extremely lucky to have received fabulous donations from Fresh Connection, Saddell Nurseries, Auchencorvie Sawmill, Gordon Allen, Tesco, Co-op, Glenbarr Nursery and The Factory Shop.

'Everybody would like to say a huge "thank you" to these organisations for the donations and also to the teachers, parents and staff who contributed to make this event extremely successful.

'The day raised £409 in a short period of time and the raffle winner was Mrs Blanchflower, who won a beautiful bunch of flowers and bird house.

'All proceeds will go to our ECO fund to help further develop the school garden area and outdoor learning resources ultimately enhancing children's experiences and environment.'

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P4/5s outside in the garden.



Ellie Paterson, Maiya McGown and Katie Wilson ran a stall together. 25_c26gogreen04



P5s Laura Ondova, Gemma McCaig and Emma Oman sold Minion's hair novelties for five pence. The old stocking ball contains grass which when watered makes a very hairy Minion. 25_c26gogreen01



Jade McCallum, teacher Alison Semple, Satija Roze, Craig McMillan, Sophie Robertson, Lizzie Watson and Mary McAllister finish up on a stall. 25_c26gogreen02

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Surf and turf barbeque greets Irish sailors

Cushendall crews who crossed the north channel in good time on Friday were treated to a meat and salmon feast at Billy's barbeque.

Last Thursday morning, Campbeltown Sailing Club members were invited to Billy McFadyen's barbeque, held on Friday evening to welcome Irish sailors for the 47th annual regatta with Cushendall Sailing and Boating Club.

One crew from Ireland, sailing Toome Raider, raced into Campbeltown Loch late on Friday evening straight towards the Kilkerran Road garden where their teammates were enjoying the hospitality.

The assembly stood on the bank cheering and clapping as a swift tack was executed, yards from the shore, before the yacht hastened to the pontoons.

Food on the barbeque included two

sides of salmon, venison, numerous variations on burgers and pork kebabs.

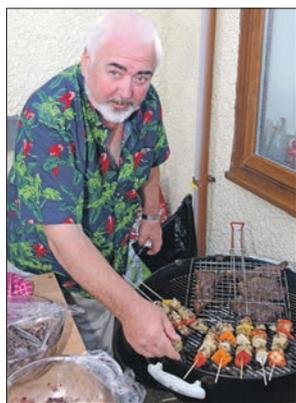
Irishman Ben Green said: 'Who organised the weather? It was a perfect wind for the sail across.'

Later Mark Ritson added: 'I first came to Campbeltown for these races when I was 16, that was 45 years ago.'

For more sailing news see pages 18 and 64.



Campbeltown Sailing Club commodore Michael Foreman, Christina McFadyen and Stephen from Ireland. 25_c26sailing09



Masterchef Billy McFadyen skewers a few more kebabs. 25_c26sailing11



Tommy Rowan, Roland Ritchie and Jim Duffy from Cushendall enjoy the craic. 25_c26sailing08



Fishing boat owner Tommy Finn's catch of the day was chilli burgers. 25_c26sailing10



Katharine Hardman and Pam McFadyen. 25_c26sailing06



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Scottish builders bounce back

Scottish construction firms enjoyed strong growth in the first quarter of 2018, according to the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) Scotland.

Key results from the FMB's latest survey, which is the only quarterly assessment of the UK-wide SME construction sector, include:

- In terms of workloads, expected workloads and enquiries, the overall indicator for the performance of Scottish construction SMEs, rose 19 per cent in Q1 2018 compared with the previous quarter, to +7 per cent;
- More construction SMEs predict rising workloads in the following three months, up from 38 per cent in the previous quarter to 49 per cent in Q1 2018;
- 90 per cent of builders reported increasing material

prices in Q1 2018 – this is the highest reading on record;

- More than half (58 per cent) of construction SMEs are struggling to hire bricklayers and 55 per cent are struggling to hire carpenters and joiners;
- Two-thirds (66 per cent) of construction SMEs expect salaries and wages to increase during the next six months, up from 62 per cent in the previous quarter.

Gordon Nelson, director of FMB Scotland, said: 'Some of these results are all the more welcome given that the sector is up against considerable headwinds being created by rising material costs and the scarcity of skilled tradespeople.'

'That being said, construction bosses will be taking nothing for granted as there are stormy waters ahead for Scottish

construction SMEs. The introduction of new income tax rates and bands, which came into effect in Scotland in April, means that almost half of the population are paying more income tax now than their counterparts south of the border. The prospects of many construction SMEs are determined by levels of consumer confidence and spending power. We will wait with baited breath as many Scottish home owners adjust to how the new tax rates impact on their household budgets. The tax rates may well impact how willing home owners are to commission projects such as a new kitchen, bathroom or extension – the life blood of the SME builder. This may stifle the growth experienced in the first three months.'

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West coasters have their day in the Highland sunshine

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Farmers gathered in their thousands for the Royal Highland Show, some with mixed feelings about being there when they could have been taking advantage of the good weather to clip sheep or get the first cut into the pit.

A few meetings with old friends later and all doubts were dismissed.

The weather was brilliant over the four-day event held at Ingliston near Edinburgh between Thursday June 21 and Sunday June 24.

In the livestock lines there was success for Argyll and Bute farmers.

Starting with the Blackface sheep on Thursday, J&J MacPherson from Balliemeanoch, Loch Awe secured a third prize in a strong Blackface tup lamb class behind a lamb in first place from Messrs MacArthur, Nunnerie, Elvanfoot.

The Balliemeanoch lamb is an embryo transfer by a £10,000 Auldhouseburn tup out of a homebred ewe by a £9,000 Lurg.

John MacPherson: 'We did very well, I would say. Our two shear was placed sixth

in one of the strongest classes and we got a fifth with the ewe lamb, which is quite pleasing after the way the weather was earlier in the year.'

Duncan Buchanan, Shenavallie, Benderloch won second with his north country Cheviot shearling tup.

Among the Texels, Keith, Allan and Roy Campbell from Lochgoilhead won fourth prize in the performance recorded ram lamb class.

Brian and Janet Hill had a successful trip across from Plan Farm on the Isle of Bute. In the Hampshire Down show ring Janet took second with her two shear senior stock ram. There were two third places – for an aged ewe and a ewe lamb – and a sixth for a gimmer. The star of the show for Brian and Janet, however, was a home-bred ewe which took first prize in her class and was reserve female champion.

Campbeltown's John McLachlan was there showing Blue Faced Leicester sheep for J&M Turner, Killdalloig with the help of Gavin Semple and Scott Thomason.

He came home with a first place and reserve male champion rosette for his tup lamb,

sired by Mossvale Masterplan (AI) from a mother out of a Hazelwood ewe.

'It's the first time out for this lamb,' said John, 'and this is the first time I've won with a male at the Highland Show; it's normally females we do well with.'

Kildalloig also secured sixth places for their tup and ewe lamb and fourth for a shearling tup.

In the coloured Bluefaced Leicester ring, Lochgoilhead's Andrew Campbell came second with a tup lamb and sixth with his ewe. Andrew also secured a fourth prize in the Scotch Mules with his ewe.

From Heylipol on Tiree, Alasdair MacLean did well in the Beltex section, taking home to the island second prizes for his shearling tup, shearling ewe and ewe lamb.

Among the cattle lines, R&P McAlister from Bute were handed a third place rosette with Langalbuinloch Kojack in the beef Shorthorn class for bulls born in 2016.

The Highland cattle classes have been an area where Argyll breeders have historically done well at the show. This year Queenie Strickland's Cladich fold



Rosie Turner helps out John McLachlan alongside his winning tup lamb from Kildalloig.

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from the banks of Loch Awe – brought out by farm manager Stuart Campbell – took home a second prize with one-year-old heifer Princess Mairi 4th of Cladich. There was also a third for Capleadh Buidhe Beg 4th of Cladich in the four-year-old cow section and a fourth for one-year-old bull Monadh Mor of Cladich.

A native of Kilfinan, Catherine McKechnie farms with husband Jim at France Farm, Gartocharn. Their three-year-old heifer Kirsty 2 of Gartocharn, by Brogach 1

of Balmoral and out of Kirsty Morag of Ubhaidh, won her class and also secured the reserve overall female title. The McKechnies also took home a second for a home-bred cow and her February-born calf.

Catherine said afterwards: 'It's satisfying when you come to the show with two beasts and they go home with red and blue tickets – and a reserve female champion – so we can't ask for much more.'

The majestic heavy horse classes are a sight to behold, and there was a prize for

a Clydesdale which has won both Kintyre and Mid Argyll shows in recent years. Garcal-Fra Sweet Chloe, from Campbeltown breeder Callum MacPhail, took third place in the class for mares with foal at foot, but Callum also took first prize in the foal class.

In the four-year-old mare section there was a fourth for John 'Speedie' McMillan and family from Bute with Mill Miss Keriin, and a sixth place for McFadyen Contractors, Campbeltown.



Reserve Highland cattle female champion Kirsty 2 of Gartocharn with Richard Thomson on the halter.06_a26RH525



Janet Hill with her reserve female champion Hampshire Down.06_a26RH514



John MacPherson, Balliemeanoch, with his prize winning blackie tup lamb.06_a26RH512



The crowds through the machinery avenue at Ingliston amid glorious sunshine. 06_a26RHS42



Kilted judge Robin Barr from Campbeltown assesses a heifer line-up in the Ayshire ring. 06_a26RHS19



All smiles as Roy Campbell is presented with his rosette in the Texel ring by judge Steve Richardson. 06_a26RHS01



It was a busy show for Argyll auctioneer Raymond Kennedy, but he found time to take a break for a wee photo. 06_a26RHS63



Weel-kent Argyll man John Semple, manager of Ellary Estate, enjoys a day at the show. 06_a26RHS29



Cooking some delicious Scotch lamb was Fife chef Christopher Trotter with celebrity guest Barbara Dickson. 06_a26RHS49



Queenie Strickland was delighted with the rosette for her heifer, Princess Mairi 4th of Cladich. 06_a26RHS61



Dalmally hill sheep farmer and agricultural celebrity Sybil MacPherson commentates on a cookery demonstration at the National Sheep Association Scottish branch marquee. 06_a26RHS47

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On Monday the 25th June 2018, Argyll and Bute Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 62 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, made the above named Order which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle through the lengths of road specified in the schedule below.

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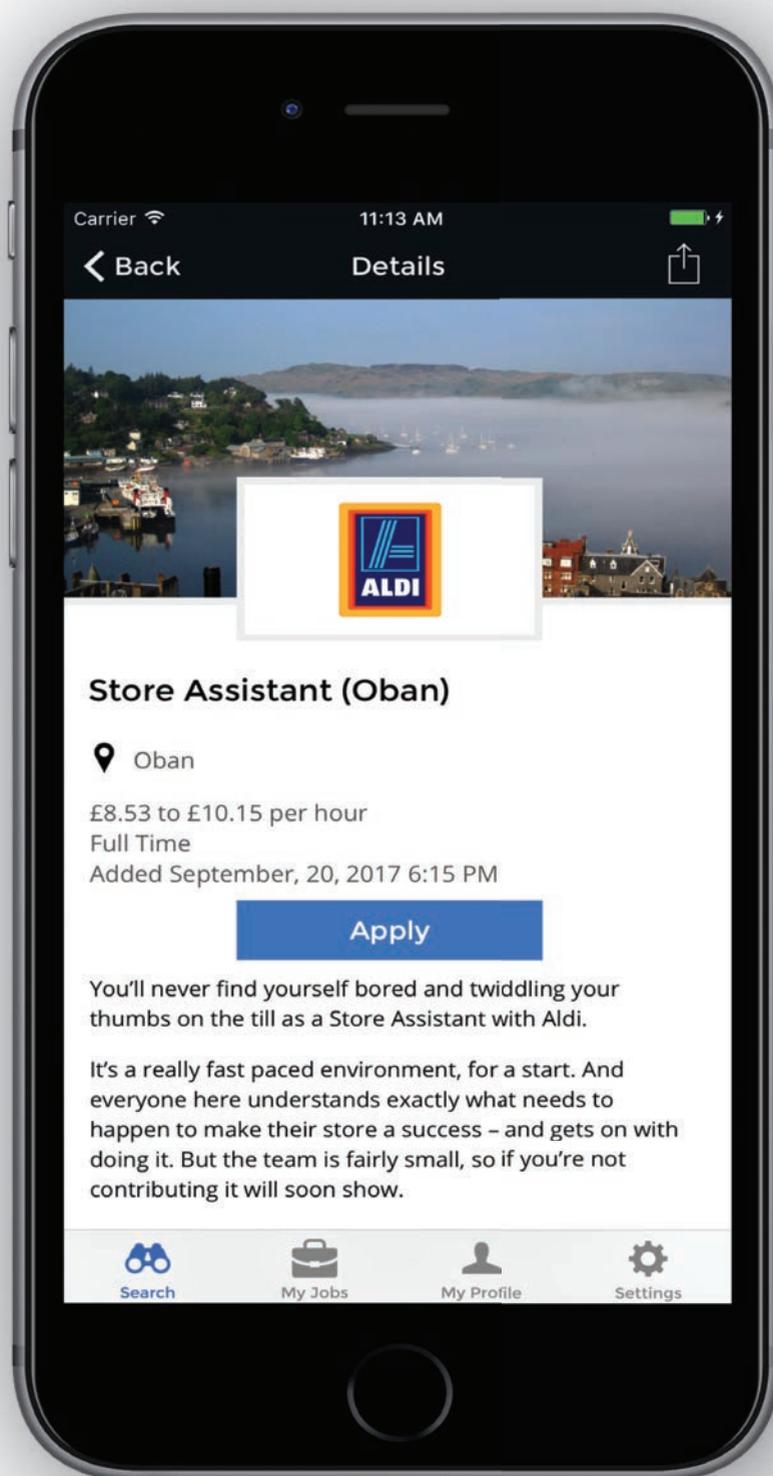
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ISLAY

Council's formal tribute to Islay's WW100 group

The Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, Patrick Stewart, and Islay's WW100 chairwoman, Jenni Minto, have received formal thanks from Argyll and Bute Council.

At a full council meeting members paid tribute to the Islay WW100 committee for its part in organising the national remembrance events.

These commemorated the centenary to honour those who lost their lives in the sinking of SS Tuscania and the collision of HMS Otranto in 1918.

The sinkings occurred off the shores of Islay during the Great War.

It is hoped the Friday May 4 events, including a re-dedication of the American memorial at the Mull of Oa and the laying of a wreath by the Princess Royal will provide a lasting legacy for Islay.

Provost of Argyll and Bute Councillor Len Scoullar said: "The WW100 group, both national and local, must be congratulated for arranging such a well-organised series of events to honour and pay respect to those who lost their lives in these tragedies, and commemorate the people of Islay who were involved in the response to the incidents."

"Particular mention must be made of the group's chairwoman, Jenni Minto, and the Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, Patrick Stewart, for the hard work and dedication they have shown throughout the whole process."

"The success of these events is a great credit to them, the organisers and the local community."

"I would also like to thank the council officers who were involved in the commemorations for all their help

in ensuring the day went smoothly as well as the island's school pupils for their valuable contributions."

"The island really came together, engaging young and old, showcasing resilience, compassion and kindness."

"It was a great pleasure and a privilege for Argyll and Bute Council to be part of this."

The commemorations attracted worldwide media attention. As well as HRH Princess Anne and her husband Sir Tim Laurence, a number of senior representatives from the UK, the USA, France and Germany attended and members of a wide range of communities across Islay and descendants of those people involved in the tragedy at the time. Islay and Jura lost more than 200 of its own men on the battlefields and seas of WWI.



Sir Tim Laurence, HRH Princess Anne and the Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute Patrick Stewart during the ceremony in Port Ellen. 25_c19HRHIslay97

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

Perfection is the only word that can describe it. The morning sun danced in millions of star-bursts on the sea as the ferry glided from Gigha to gather her passengers waiting at Tayinloan.

Alastair had kindly opened the coffee shop early to provide coffee for the travellers.

The folks from Clachan and A'Chleit had been invited to share worship on Gigha and the air was filled with happy conversation as folk came together by the jetty.

The sail was idyllic and the welcome on Gigha as warm as the sunshine.

After the service hospitality was kindly provided by the hotel, giving further opportunity for sharing and chat.

Several folk enjoyed it so much that they stayed till the last ferry.

The family atmosphere continued into the afternoon when some of us shared together in a Messy Church barbecue on A'Chleit beach.

The weather just couldn't have been better and we were joined by friends from other churches.

The children had a wonderful time and relished the opportunity to spend so much time in the sea.

It was a real family event with mums, dads, grannies, aunties, children, babies and dogs.

We enjoyed games, the sausage sizzle, ice cream, toasted marshmallows round the fire, music on the beach and much laughter.

At the end of the afternoon we took time to thank God for all the good things we had enjoyed, and through story, using the parachute, we acted out the fact that God is with us in everything we do.

It was a memorable, wonderful day and showed that we can enjoy traditional and alternative forms of church on the same day and include all of God's people.



ISLE OF GIGHA

Family's five generations stem from Gigha

A family, originally from the Isle of Gigha, with a combined age of 205 years and seven months held a Lancashire reunion.

The five generations, at the recent event, began with great-grandmother Cathie MacKinnon, born on Gigha and who lives

in Almondbank, Perth and in the photo she is holding the youngest member of the clan, Riley Porter, born in Preston, Lancashire.

Left is Peter Taylor born in Perth and living in Leyland, behind Ann MacKinnon born in Bowmore, Islay and living in Methven, Perth and Chelsea Porter born in Preston, Lancashire.

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**TEXT
FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep' (John 10:11).

DEATHS

GIRVAN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on June 25, 2018, Jennifer Dean, in her 69th year, 18 Castle Park, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Gordon Girvan, much loved mum of Carl and Sharon and loving granny of Carly, Paula, Donna-Marie and Gemma. Funeral private.

KIRK - Peacefully at home, 6 Wilson Road, Lochgilphead, on June 16, 2018, Mr James (Jim) Kirk, aged 87 years, retired divisional officer, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, beloved husband of the late Betty, much loved father of Elspeth and Alison and adored grandfather of Heather, Cameron and Kieran. A good friend, dear neighbour and former work colleague to many. A memorial service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Friday, July 6, 2018 at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only please. Retiral collection, in lieu of flowers, for the British Heart Foundation. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

SMITH - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on June 25, 2018, John Smith, in his 84th year, Fairview, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, formerly of Balnagleck Farm, Kilkennie, dearly beloved husband of Norrin Scally (Noreen), much loved father of Lesley and Iain and loving grandfather of Kyle, Ryan, Connor and Cameron.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CONLEY - Elizabeth, William, Isobel and families would like to thank everyone for their support and kind expressions of sympathy received after the sad loss of Agnes. Thanks to all who cared for Agnes in the recent weeks. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses in Campbeltown and Oban hospitals, and the Queen

Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow. Thanks to the Rev William Crossan, organist David Gardner, Argyll Bowling Club, and Argyll Bakeries for their lovely tea. Our thanks also to T A Blair for their outstanding funeral arrangements. Sincere appreciation to all who attended the church and graveside. A retiring collection raised £800.20 in aid of the Macmillan Nurses Palliative Care.

DURANCE - Sharon, Martin and families would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their support and kind expressions of sympathy following the loss of their dad, Willie. We give thanks to all doctors, nurses and staff at the Campbeltown Hospital, especially Acute Ward, also A&E, who Dad said he felt were often not recognised for the great work that they do. Many thanks to all staff at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, who took good care of Dad in April. Thanks also to Oban Hospital. Thank you to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional and caring services. Sincere thanks to Rev Anne McIvor for the comforting service at the church, to the Rev William Crossan for delivering such a moving eulogy and to David McEwan for lovely music. Many thanks to Argyll Bowling Club for hosting Dad's funeral tea and Argyll Bakeries for providing lovely catering. Finally, thanks to everyone who attended the church for Dad's service and paid their respects at his graveside. The retiral collection for the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital raised £557.

IN MEMORIAMS

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EDWARDS - James, July 4, 2011. A golden heart stopped beating.

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- Janet and family.

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MCKINLAY - In loving memory of a dear mum, gran, great gran, and mum-in-law, Morag, who sadly passed away on June 29, 2017. A year has gone, a year has passed, You left us with memories that will always last.

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Sponsored walk to net junior football cash

There was a massive turnout for Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association's annual sponsored walk. A final figure for the recent event organised by Alison Semple has still to be calculated. Writing on Facebook, Ms Semple said: 'We couldn't have asked for a better evening and the walk was an absolute success. All adults and children did superbly and this was finished off with snacks and fluids outside in the sunshine.' Footballers, managers, coaches and parents are pictured before the walk. [25_c26sponsored01_CDJFA_sponsored_walk](#)

Machrihanish Golf Club's June results

The latest results are in from Machrihanish Golf Club.

Championship course results include the Suzanne Florence, a ladies' competition with Dunaverty Golf Club players invited, on June 7, the Lachlan MacKinnon Memorial Plate on June 16 and the June mid-week Stableford on June 20.

The Pans course saw ladies compete for the Carty Cup on June 2 and the Coronation Cup on June 9.

Championship course results: Suzanne Florence: 1 Ann Gallacher 85-9=76; 2 Laura Finlayson 102-25=77, Maggie MacArthur 102-20=82. Scratch: 1 Ailie MacBrayne 88; 2 Elizabeth Casey, 97; 3 Eleanor Hawkins 101. Lachlan MacKinnon Memorial Plate: 1 John Shaw 35 pts; 2 Brian Cook 33 points; 3 Kenneth Anderson 32 points (BIH). June midweek Stableford: J.M.McPhee 37 pts. Ladies: Karen Henderson 31 pts.

Pans course results: Carty Cup: H Oman/J MacGregor 63. Scratch: L Wallace/J Gilchrist 82. Coronation Cup: 1 Elizabeth MacBrayne 42 pts (CSS 68), 2 Lindsey Irwin 41 pts.

Catherine cashes in after golf lotto success

A Campbeltown woman is in the money after winning the top prize in Machrihanish Golf Club's three-number lottery draw.

Catherine Dobbie successfully chose winning numbers 8, 17 and 20 in the draw on Monday June 25.

The next draw, for a £100 jackpot, is on Monday July 2.



The three champions: John Marrison, Donald McNeil and Greg Watson.

Campbeltown Pupils' 2012s on their travels to Oban



Campbeltown Pupils' youngest team, the 2012s, who travelled to a festival in Oban last Saturday. For full story see page 64.

Double champion golfer Greg does it again

Greg Watson has proved his golfing prowess, winning Dunaverty Golf Club's championship just weeks after taking the Machrihanish title.

Defending champ Greg's win, marked his third championship triumph at Dunaverty.

Greenkeepers David Scullion and Robert Irvine had the course in magnificent condition for the final two rounds.

This, combined with good weather, made for good scoring conditions and the leading contenders did not disappoint.

In the third round, Greg Watson and his father, Duncan Watson III, opened their account, both covering the front nine in 32 shots, two clear of George MacMillan but it was the inward nine which proved the turning point.

Greg was in superb form, coming back in an unprecedented 27 shots which included an eagle at the 18th where he chipped in from 30 yards to make him the first player to have a sub-60 round since George MacMillan set the record of 58 in 2001.

George came back in 32 to post an excellent 66.

Meanwhile, Donald McNeil clinched the senior championship with a 75 to give him a three-round total of 210.

Greg and Donald led the handicap section at this point with both on 192, ahead of Lee Mathieson on 195. Going into the final round, Greg

led by 11 shots from George MacMillan but a 63 by Greg put the result beyond doubt and made him champion.

George finished runner-up with Lee Mathieson taking third place.

As no player can win both the scratch and handicap sections, this left the handicap championship wide open and it was captain John Marrison, with a final nett round of 64, who took the title ahead of vice captain John Brown by one stroke, with Fraser and David MacBrayne a stroke behind.

Result: Scratch championship: 1 Greg Watson 68+68+59+63=258; 2 George MacMillan 73+67++66+66=272; 3 Lee Mathieson 72+66+69+76=283; 4 Donald McNeil 69+66+75+74=284; 5 Duncan Watson III 70+78+69+73=290.

Handicap: 1 John Marrison 66+67+66+64=263; 2 John Brown 59+69+71+65=264; 3 Fraser MacBrayne 68+65+69+63= 265 and

David MacBrayne 63+65+68+69=265; 5= Alex Arkell 70+66+65+66=267 and Robert Irvine 69+65+67+66=267.

Senior championship: 1 Donald McNeil 69+66+75=210; 2 Duncan Watson III 70+78+69=217; 3 Campbell MacBrayne 76+73+81=230; 4 Sandy Watson 80+76+72=238; 5 Mark Eagers 83+79+77=239, 6 John Marrison 81+82+81=244.



Tarbert Golf Club's ladies' open winner Angela Vernal, with runner-up Helen Samborek.

Angela and Arran's Ann are Glenralloch greats

Arran woman Ann May's scratch score was 'the best from a lady for many years' in Tarbert Golf Club's West Loch Shores ladies' open, as Angela Vernal took home the trophy.

Ann took the honours in the scratch section with an excellent two over par 68, having shot equal halves of 34.

Glenralloch welcomed 28 ladies on Sunday June 17 for the competition which was played over an excellent course in a mixture of overhead conditions.

Behind Ann in second place

was Margaret MacKinnon from Lochgilphead on 75 and Tarbert's Heather Brownlie on 81.

It was a closely fought affair with Margaret in third place being edged out by Helen Samborek by the better inward half on 40 points.

A delighted Angela took home the trophy with 41 Stableford points.

The ladies of the club were extremely grateful to Bill Young for his help and assistance during the day and to Malky and Emily of West Loch Shores for their sponsorship of the event.



Carradale's players' player of the year Joey Boyd, referees' player of the year Daniel Docherty and up-and-coming youngster Ryan McGrory. 25_c26carradale01

Carradale celebrates promotion

Carradale AFC's first year in the Greater Glasgow Football League was a success with the team gaining promotion to the 12-a-side second division.

The promotion was announced at the annual end-of-season prizegiving ceremony in the village's Glen Bar.

Prizes awarded on the night included: up-and-coming player: Ryan McGrory; young player of the year: Daniel Docherty; runner-up: Stuart MacPhail; top goal scorer: David Johnstone; runner-up: Stuart MacBrayne; referees' player of the year: Daniel Docherty; runner-up:

David Johnstone; players' players of the year, with one point between each of them were: 1 Joey Boyd; 2 Daniel Docherty and 3 Stuart MacBrayne.

The club thanks McFadyens Transport for its sponsorship, advertisement board and ball sponsors and the Glen Bar for hospitality.

Pre-season training starts at Campbeltown 3G on Tuesday July 3 with a friendly against Tarbert on Saturday July 21 in Carradale.

The new season starts on Saturday August 18 with a league cup match. Details to be confirmed.

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Golf champion Greg takes Dunaverty title



Dunaverty Golf Club captain John Marrison presents Greg with the trophy.

Greg Watson not only won Dunaverty Golf Club's championship, but he also came close to breaking a 17-year-old record.

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which included an eagle at the 18th where he chipped in from 30 yards, making him the first player to have a sub-60 round since George MacMillan set the record of 58 in 2001. For the full report, see page 62.

Cushendall's Ce na Ri crew cruise to a win

Two sailors from the Cushendall crew, who won last Saturday's yacht race in Campbeltown Loch, will tie the knot today (Friday) in Ireland.

Wedding winners, from Cushendall Sailing and Boat Club, Colette Sharpe and the Ce na Ri's skipper, Noel McKinley, will be spliced at 1pm in Laragh Lodge.

Tomorrow with their crew Noel's son Owen McKinley, Barry Emerson and Niall McLaughlin they will have a second chance to beat Campbeltown sailors, in home waters, on the return leg. For more see pages 18 and 48.



On the start line Ce na Ri, with the yellow and blue spinnaker, is a head in front of four other yachts, including fifth placed Saracen, fourth placed Carna, skippered by Alastair Cousin and Irish boat War Dance, which finished sixth. Photo by Geraldine Davey. 25_c26sailing03

2012s at football fest in Oban

Some of Campbeltown's youngest footballers travelled to an away fixture.

Last Saturday the 2012s' teams A and B took part in their first Oban football festival and played 'amazingly' with 'great sportsmanship'.

The young players starting training back in August last year and have established friendships and are gelling as a team. The coaches have done a good job and it showed on Saturday.

They are looking forward to the next stage of their training which will continue after the holidays.

For a picture of the team see inside, page 63.

Seatours sold

An open topped rigid inflatable boat which has been a familiar sight on Campbeltown Loch was escorted by dolphins on its final cruise.

Mull of Kintyre Seatours owner, retired policeman Michael Taylor, sold the RIB to a marine business based in East Anglia after its final trip last week.

Mr Taylor, who plans a second retirement, said: 'I would like to thank all my Campbeltown supporters who have enjoyed trips with Seatours during the past 15 years.'

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