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# Sparkling sand shifted to Costa del Dalintober beach

Dalintober beach brought the seaside to Campbeltown when cities like Paris could only dream of shifting sand to the Seine.

At least 50 years ago, more than 30 years before Paris-plage, imported sand created a beach from Dalintober pier across in front of Springfield Terrace.

Last Friday, a crusade started six years ago by Nena McSporrán and led by Jamie

McLean of Dalintober Beach Group came to fruition when McFadyen's contractors added about 150 tons of Langa quarry sand to the shore.

It is at least 16 years since sand was added and more than three decades since it was added on a yearly basis.

Ms McSporrán said: 'Without Jamie McLean, a lot of this would not have been done.

'I learned to swim on this

beach. It had not been used for a long time, which is what gave the push to have it resurrected.'

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly recalled also learning to swim off Dalintober beach, aged just four, and said he has a black-and-white photograph from that time.

Mr Kelly said: 'The Dalintober Beach Group has been the catalyst for the progress of the Kintyre Seasports project.

'It is great to see this community-led group starting to invest in the regeneration of the beach.

'This might be a small step forward but it makes a significant statement of intent to see the project come to fruition.'

Mr McLean added: 'Dalintober Beach Group aims to bring the beach back into a usable condition.

'It will be good for this Saturday's Campbeltown Community Regatta but that is not the main aim of reconditioning the beach.

'It should be remembered that, in addition to funds from Dip for Dosh, all the royalties from Denzil Meyrick's book



**Supporters of the restoration of Dalintober beach from left: Councillor Donald Kelly, Nena McSporrán, Jamie McLean, Scott Jamie, Joan Claffey, Ewan McSporrán and Dave Hudson.** 25\_c31beach02

Dalintober Moon go to the beach restoration.'

Resident Joan Claffey has lived in Roseneath Cottage adjacent to the beach since 1981.

Mrs Claffey said: 'When I was young the beach was in its full glory. I am delighted to see the work being done.'

A Regatta spokesperson said: 'Some people seemed scared of the cleanliness of the water but off Dalintober beach it is crystal clear and some of the best in Scotland.

'Organisers are planning a series of beach games including a lilo race, bucket heid - moving water by a bucket

on the head - walking the plank and an assault course. There will be a fenced off area for sandcastle building and hopefully beach volleyball.

'The regatta committee has a stand at Kintyre Show today.'

**For more Seasports news, see pages four and 29.**



**A digger moves the sand last Friday.** 25\_c31beach01

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**POLICE FILES** Sergeant Iain MacNicol**Dangerous cycling**

A 56-year-old man stopped for cycling in a dangerous manner at about 11.40am, last Tuesday made threats, was abusive and assaulted a police officer in Campbeltown.

He was arrested in McCallum Street, charged, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**Abusive behaviour**

A man aged 28 was abusive towards a woman at about 7.35pm last Tuesday July 24, in Longrow, Campbeltown.

Police attended and arrested the man, who was charged and issued with a recorded police warning.

**Careless driving**

A pensioner crashed off the A83 and overturned her car at about 6pm on Wednesday July 25, near Tayinloan.

The woman aged 81 suffered minor injuries and was taken to hospital.

She was subsequently charged with careless driving and a report will be submitted to the fiscal.

# Shopper-Aide praised by MSP

Labour's Highlands and Islands Regional MSP Rhoda Grant was full of admiration when she visited Campbeltown's Shopper-Aide.

During a whistle-stop Kintyre tour last week, Ms Grant met the charity's staff at its Longrow headquarters.

Ms Grant said: 'Shopper-Aide is a massive asset to the Kintyre area.

'It started as a shopping service for the elderly but has quickly expanded and offers housekeeping services, delivery of prescriptions and has set up clubs such as the Elderberries.

'I would encourage anyone over 60 to utilise this service as it really is a wonderful organisation and I am delighted to support it in any way that I can.

'Shopper-Aide is currently applying for Big Lottery Funding, which, if successful,



At Shopper-Aide were from left: Rhoda Grant's assistant Gemma Corbett, MSP Rhoda Grant, Susan Paterson and Joan Stewart.

will allow the charity to continue to provide its valuable services.'

During her visit, Ms Grant also called on lifelong Labour man, octogenarian George McMillan MBE, at Keith's newsagents.

Ms Grant said: 'In just half an hour George will tell you everything important.

'Public service runs through his veins. He knows exactly what is going on and is most concerned about Visit-Scotland closing the iCentre, the sale of the Red Cross hall and the loss of the Guide hall.'

Ms Grant lodged a motion at the Scottish Parliament recognising Shopper-Aide's work.

The motion states: 'That the

parliament acknowledges the efforts of all volunteers and staff involved in the Campbeltown-based charity, Shopper-Aide.

'Understands that the charity provides valuable community resources designed to support older people to live independently at home.

'Notes that, among the services provided, it shops for the older persons' weekly needs, supports them with their domestic household chores and, at the same time, addresses the problem of growing isolation that comes from weakening health.

'Understands that the charity also provides social events for the older person in the area, allowing them to meet and socialise with others.

'Commends the endeavour and enthusiasm of all involved in this charity, and wishes it continued success going forward.'

**Clachan seeks art show exhibits**

Paintings to fill Clachan art show which runs from August 10 to 12 are needed.

There is no entry fee and no limit to the number of entries, with just 10 per cent commission charged on sales over £10.

Paintings should be labelled with name, address, medium and the price, if for sale.

Photography, craftwork, sculpture and floral art are welcome, as well as drawings and collage.

Exhibits will be uplifted from the following places on Thursday August 9 at noon: Lochgilhead – The Archway; Tarbert – Loch Fyne Gallery and Campbeltown – Coastal Design.

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## Iconic yellow wellies honour those lost at sea

During the past decade, at least 100 fishermen have lost their lives at sea.

The Fishermen's Mission, a charity established in 1881, has launched a campaign highlighting the dangers of being a fisherman.

The 100 in 10 campaign's aim is to sell 100 limited edition yellow wellies, featuring

the charity's logo, to honour fishermen who have died at sea.

A yellow ribbon will be tied to the flagpole at the charity's head office in Hampshire, to mark each pair sold.

Fishermen's Mission superintendent Matthew Ramsay, from Carradale, has personal experience of losing a relative

at sea. His nephew, Greg Robertson, disappeared from the deck of Shemaron while it was fishing for clams off Arran in 2002. Despite an extensive search, including the monks on Holy Island, his body was never recovered.

The yellow wellies retail price is £45 with £25 from every pair going to the Fishermen's Mission, and their (UK) sizes range from 5.5 to 13.

To find out more, visit [www.fishermensmission.org.uk](http://www.fishermensmission.org.uk), email [100in10@fishermensmission.org.uk](mailto:100in10@fishermensmission.org.uk) or call 0800 634 1020.

**GRADUATION****Dr Jennifer Dryden**

Graduated with a PhD for research in Psychology from Strathclyde University. Jenny is the daughter of John and Barbara Dryden, Glasgow and granddaughter of the late Tom and Jean Campbell, Glenramskill, Campbeltown.



Matthew Ramsay with the pair of yellow wellies he bought. 25\_c31yellowwellie01

# Possible third salmon farm for Kilbrannan Sound

**Saffron Coffield**  
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell is lukewarm about a scheme for a further salmon farm near Carradale.

Norwegian company Marine Harvest Scotland (MHS), which runs the largest salmon farm in Europe, wants to increase its size by nearly a third.

Last week an application to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) from Marine Harvest Scotland, was seeking approval for a Controlled Activities Regulations licence.

Mr Russell said: 'I wasn't aware of this development and am disappointed that there has been so little local consultation about the proposal.'

'While I am supportive of aquaculture in general, there needs to be community involvement in all such proposals.'

'I hope the company will now engage with the population and local elected representatives, giving information on why they think further growth is necessary and what alternatives they have considered.'

'That will allow some informed debate about the company's intentions and permit a community view to be formulated.'

The new site seeks to contain a maximum biomass of 2,475

tonnes of farmed salmon, which will be held in 12 pens of 120m in circumference.

The salmon will be fed with an automated feed barge, and the discharge will be disposed into the Kilbrannan Sound, 11km north of Carradale.

If it is successful, the company will have grown by a third in the area, due to already having two existing fish farms in Carradale.

In the application, MHS has stated that its planned maximum production per year is to be 3,611 tonnes of salmon.

The application also requires the approval of bath medicines, Cypermethrin and Deltamethrin and Azamethipos.

These chemicals are used to control salmon parasites on fish farms such as sea lice.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara added: 'Aquaculture is a major success in Argyll and Bute and it's because of the quality of the product they supply.'

'I'm not a consultee in planning matters but I would

want to ensure that all of these developments are assessed fairly and transparently and are equally sustainable.'

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'Marine Harvest provides much needed employment in Kintyre and any expansion of their facilities should be welcomed.'

A Marine Harvest Scotland spokesperson said: 'Marine Harvest Scotland is applying to SEPA for an environmental licence, which is the first step towards seeking appropriate permissions for a new site.'

'From our environmental investigations to date we are confident that we have developed a proposal that is environmentally sustainable at this location.'

'This will be followed in due course by wider consultations with our regulators, other statutory bodies and local communities.'

'The environmental licence will indicate the permitted scale of the operation, to guide the capital investment and employment required.'



Salmon barge.

## Campbeltown's own Scottish champion drum major

Fresh from his European championships win in Forres, Campbeltown's Liam Renton took the Scottish drum major title.

Last weekend, high winds made it especially challenging for the drum majors but Liam rose to the occasion and put in a well planned and executed performance to claim the prize.

It was his second major at the Scottish Pipe Band Championships in Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton.

Liam said: 'Conditions wise, it was the most difficult final in which I have ever competed, and credit goes to all the drum majors, especially the children, for having a go in more than 20mph winds.'

Liam's girlfriend Fiona Mitchell, pipe major of Kintyre Schools Novice Juvenile Pipe Band, led them to a sixth place and Julie Blue's Beinn in Tuirc Kintyre Pipe Band managed a respectable ninth in Grade 3A.

The next major competition in the RSPBA calendar is the World Championships on August 18 at Glasgow Green.



Scottish champion drum major Liam Renton.

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# Kintyre Seasports Project award's business contract

A Kintyre charity has awarded a contract to develop a full business case and planning permission for new sea sports facilities in Campbeltown.

The winning bidders, in a rigorous tender process, run by the Kintyre Seasports Project SCIO (KSP) were John Renshaw Architects (JRA), partnering with Blue Sea Consulting (BSC).

Both firms have hands-on experience of coastal community projects having contributed to the highly successful expansion of Campbeltown Marina, and produced the initial outline business case for the sea sports project.

Blue Sea has valuable local knowledge and experience.

The first phase of the work will analyse and report on possible locations for a new building to accommodate rapidly growing commu-

nity involvement in marine sports, host competitive events and attract adventure tourism.

Along with technical issues and questions concerning safety and usability in various weather conditions, the consultants will be inviting stakeholders, from paddleboarders to local residents, to represent their views.

KSP chairman Campbell Fox said: 'JRA and BSC are well qualified for the job and we are pleased to have them on board.'

'HIE and Argyll and Bute Council are backing this stage of the contract.'

'To meet our obligations to them, and provide a strong base for capital grant applications, we need an objective appraisal of options for the new building.'

'This first phase of the project gives all interested parties an opportunity to have

their voices heard. People can meet the consultants and discuss the project at Campbeltown Sailing Club on August 28 and 29.

'KSP will be posting a formal notice with the details.'

The options appraisal, known as phase one of the contract, is due to be completed in October.

The results will inform phase two, which includes conceptual design and planning permission.

Mr Fox advised against complacency and added: 'This contract is essential to proving the sea sports concept and attracting major grants.'

'Our community has done well to get it funded.'

'Under the inspired leadership of Sid Gallagher, activity levels are growing fast and the level of interest in tomorrow's Community Regatta shows how much



Campbeltown Sailing Club on Low Askomil. 25\_c31sailingclub01

potential there is to get people out on the water.

'The only real bottleneck is lack of facilities. JRA and

Blue Sea will help take us a major step closer.

'But we can't take anything for granted. The funding

landscape is difficult, we are in competition with other areas and we need all the support we can get.'



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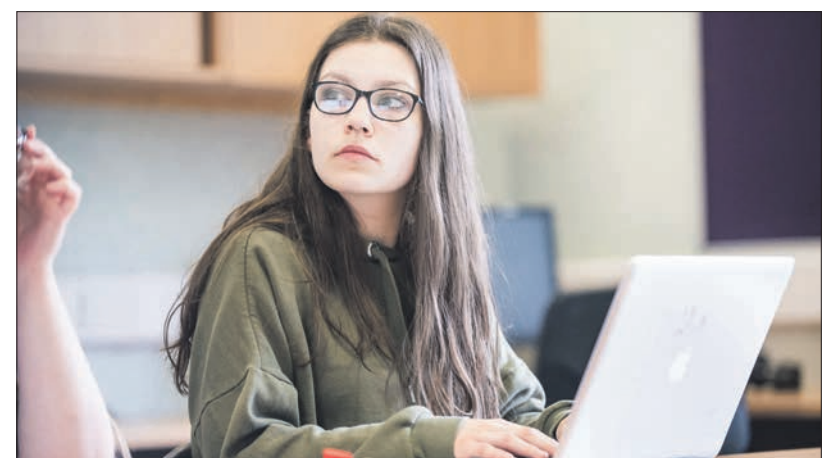
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## Kintyre independence campaign relaunches

Yes Kintyre welcomes Mike Dailly, principal solicitor of the Govan Law Centre, at its official relaunch tomorrow.

Mr Dailly, who was a fierce opponent of independence and was a high profile figure within Better Together in the run up to the independence referendum in 2014, will speak at 2pm, in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown.

He has since changed his position and will talk about his journey from no to yes.

Campbeltown Grammar School teacher Ron Wilson, Yes Kintyre organiser, said: 'Scotland is facing a crossroads as the consequences of the Tory Brexit and power grab become apparent, which is why yes groups are re-forming up and down the country getting ready for IndyRef2.'

Yes Kintyre is open to all, regardless of party or none, who wish to see the people of Scotland pushing for another independence poll.

## 'Do not enter your garden unless fully clothed'

A man who admitted pleasuring himself in front of a neighbour while in his garden was ordered to pay £500 compensation.

In addition, Sheriff Patrick Hughes warned John Michael Roney, aged 67, of 16 Cara View, Tayinloan, who pleaded guilty to intentionally exposing his genitals in a sexual manner in his garden, that he would be well advised to

be fully clothed in his garden forever.

Sentencing Roney, Sheriff Hughes said: 'This was a very unfortunate and in some ways silly incident.'

Sheriff Hughes ordered Roney to be supervised for 18 months, to pay the £500 compensation to his neighbour at £50 per month and not to have any contact with his neighbour for 12 months.

# Teenage drug dealer spared jail

Mitigation from a Campbeltown solicitor persuaded a sheriff not to send a cocaine dealer to prison.

Last month Bobby Willan, 19, of Cala Sona, Broomfield, Carradale, pleaded guilty to possessing the class A drug on May 12 at Millknowe Road, Campbeltown.

At the earlier hearing the court was told that a car being driven erratically came to the attention of police officers.

They found a small bag of white powder in the centre console and a larger clear plastic bag in a compartment underneath, along with other smaller bags.

When shown what officers had found, Willan said: 'I know, I'm sorry.'

The search continued and officers found a set of scales with a weight plate in the glove box, as well as £35.

In total, 25.5g of powder,

which analysis later confirmed to be cocaine, was found in Willan's vehicle, with an estimated street value of about £1,000.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court, last Thursday, Willan's defence solicitor, Stephen MacSporran said his client had developed a drug habit and taken to dealing to pay for his supply.

Mr MacSporran added that Willan's parents were concerned about his behaviour. Using private health insurance, they paid for a 28-day addictions course at the Priory in Glasgow.

Willan had a drug debt of £2,000 to his supplier which his parents have paid.

Mr MacSporran said that Willan was petrified by the thought of a custodial sentence.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'It is a class A drug

classified at the highest level. The supply of it is a serious matter.'

He added that Willan had chosen to bring £1,000 of the drug into the area and that trafficking cocaine is to be

deterred usually by prison. As a direct alternative to custody, Sheriff Hughes sentenced

Willan to a community pay-back order with 18 months supervision and 220 hours of unpaid work.



Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

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## Dalintober's summer sands

It may take more than 150 tons of quarried sand to completely restore Dalintober beach but last Friday's efforts were a step in the right direction.

In the past, it appears the council helped by paying for the sand.

In the 21st century, finding the funds has been left to a dedicated band of loosely-knit volunteers.

Once again people giving freely of their time have triumphed where officialdom has shaken its head.

Dip for Dosh, Dalintober Beach Group's main fundraiser, sees hardy people in Kintyre join loony dookers from round the UK to sample the sea on New Year's Day.

It is almost coincidental that this weekend is the first Campbeltown Community Regatta.

That has led to the formation of another water-based voluntary group.

It has been supercharged this week to create an inviting atmosphere on Dalintober beach during Saturday afternoon.

In the same week comes news that Kintyre Seasports Project has completed another part of its funding jigsaw. The project has awarded the contract to develop a full business case.

Head to Dalintober on Saturday to join in the fun.

## Where are the footballers?

Sir,  
The World Cup has come and gone, and produced a few surprises along the way.

Croatia put in a magnificent performance, a country with a smaller population than Scotland. So, if Croatia can do it, why not Scotland?

Could the reason be that we no longer have the Baxters, Johnstones or Laws of former years even to qualify, owing to the fact that those former stars played in the streets and on any green patch they could find, whereas now young players go to sports academies so any natural talent or abilities they might have are snuffed out of them.

I have even seen it in Highland games, where athletic standards are down on the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, when lads competed with each other on the machairs of our local isles – with no science or sports coaching involved.

**Aonghas Eoghainn Mhoir,  
Uibhist a Deas.**

## Safety first and cycling

Sir,  
We totally agree with Jan McCorkindale's remarks regarding the road signs and safety of cyclists on the A83 and all associated roads.

Being regular users of these roads, it is apparent that many cyclists refrain from wearing high visibility clothing and also, more significantly, do not use helmets for adults or children. As a sport, cycling is becoming more popular.

Perhaps cycling clubs and parents should be more vigilant to ensure use of these items before allowing anyone to use busy roads.

**Ann and Tom Campbell,  
Macharioch Shore and Motherwell.**



## Pothole praise for ACHA

Sir,  
I recently raised the need for pothole repairs with Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) and I am delighted with their swift response.

They have filled the large potholes at An-Creagan Place in Port Charlotte.

A huge thanks to ACHA's hard working team for repairing the damage to this road.

**Councillor Alastair Redman, Islay.**

## Brexit will be a calamity

Sir,  
Even the UK government now accepts that Brexit will be an unmitigated calamity, especially if we end up with no deal.

The department for exiting the EU forecasts the following: an eight per cent hit to our GDP, that hit is £158 billion less in GDP per annum with 2.8 million fewer jobs as a result.

The 2008 financial crisis meant a two per cent hit to GDP and we're not over that yet.

Why would anyone remotely consider something four times worse? Think of the effect on our public services, especially the NHS.

In the past few days, Jacob Rees Mogg has confirmed that there will be few, if any, short- or medium-term gains from Brexit. He thinks it may be 50 years before there are any.

Since when did politicians think it was acceptable to jeopardise a whole generation of people for some unsubstantiated gain 50 years hence?

This is irresponsibility on a grand scale but Mr Rees Mogg will be OK; he is moving his investment business to Ireland just to be safe. Hypocrisy doesn't come close to describing this.

There are still people who support Brexit but their numbers are dwindling as a recent poll showed.

There is now a 54 per cent remain vote against a 46 per cent leave vote, if the polls are accurate.

Why it is not more is baffling but one of the points we often hear are people saying they just want their sovereignty back.

The problem, though, is that precious little sovereignty was lost.

Since 1999, the UK has voted No to exactly 56 laws, abstained 70 times and voted Yes to 2,466. That means two per cent of all EU

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laws are ones this country has opposed. Even though Brexit hasn't happened yet, there are dozens of very negative things that have already affected the UK economy.

As just one example, the European Medicines Agency is moving to Amsterdam with the direct loss of 900 very well paid jobs.

I'd like to see Brexit stopped for the whole of the UK. We need to consider how best to follow our own course in the world as an independent Scotland, away from the UK's self-created chaos. That option will be open to us soon.

**Michael Breslin,**  
**St Colmac's,**  
**Toward, Dunoon.**

## Sea photos wanted

Sir,  
Photographers across the UK have just two weeks to enter their best images of the sea in an annual photography competition run by national maritime charity, the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society.

The competition, which closes on Monday, August 13, encourages amateur and professional photographers to submit pictures that best encapsulate Britain's enduring connection with the sea.

It celebrates the nation's proud maritime heritage and our reliance on seafarers.

The competition's prestigious judging panel includes experts from the Sunday Times, the I, and Amateur Photographer Magazine, alongside the charity's chief executive, Captain Justin Osmond.



The overall winner of the competition will be presented with a voucher for photographic equipment.

The Shipwrecked Mariners' Society provides financial assistance to fishermen, mariners and their dependants who are suffering hardship, whether due to accident, ill health, unemployment or in retirement after a life spent

working at sea. In the past year, the charity received 560 new applications for assistance and distributed £1.4 million in more than 2,000 cases of need.

To enter the competition go to: [www.shipwreckedmariners.org.uk](http://www.shipwreckedmariners.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/shipwreckedmariners](http://www.facebook.com/shipwreckedmariners) and @ShipwreckedSoc.

**A winning entry from 2017: Quiet tides in the Moray Firth by Liam McBride.**

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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO Friday August 1, 2008 Champions of Europe

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band are the new European champions at Novice Juvenile grade.

The two Kintyre schools pipe bands took part in the championships at Lisburn in Northern Ireland on Saturday.

Conditions were warm and sunny throughout the day.

The Novice Juvenile band led by Julie Blue were not expecting too much, but turned in a sterling performance on the day to win the grade, to the delight of a huge travelling support.

Piper Kerr Gaughan received the Netta Brodie Shield for first place on behalf of the band at the closing ceremony.

In Juvenile Grade, Kintyre's senior band also put in a solid performance, but had to settle for fourth place, behind the new European champions, Inveraray and District Pipe Band.



That winning feeling as the band celebrates.

Dr Bobby Somerville, secretary of the Kintyre Amenity Trust, said: 'We were delighted to receive the keys of the church on August 1, on a 30-year lease, after Argyll and Bute District Council approved our planning application.'

'There will be minor alterations to the exterior of the church to provide access for disabled people.

There are exciting plans for the interior, which will accommodate a tearoom, the heritage centre artefacts and a small theatre for audio visual presentations featuring the area's history. Dr Sommerville said the

Campbeltown and Kintyre Heritage Centre will be complementary to Campbeltown Museum.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday August 1, 1968 Even the roads are melting

Burgh workmen in Campbeltown have been engaged in sanding the town's tar-surfaced streets for the past week - because the sun has been melting them.

South Kintyre has had its driest summer for 47 years, with a mere 1.46 inches of rainfall

during the June period. Townspeople have been warned to conserve water as the town's reservoirs are about a foot below the normal level.

Machrihanish led the country in June with 244 hours of glorious sunshine. Campbeltown had 237 hours.

The TS Duchess of Hamilton has been packed almost every trip she made to Campbeltown and day-trippers go back with glowing reports of the town's weather.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday August 3, 1918 Fourth anniversary of the war

On Sunday first, the fourth anniversary of the war, the Town Council will attend divine service in Castlehill Church.

Volunteers will also parade to Castlehill on this Commemoration Day; and other bodies might follow these examples.

The Prime Minister will address an important message to the British people on the occasion.

As the anniversary falls on a Sunday, the message will be delivered on Monday August 5, and a novel method of publication is being arranged by the National War Aims Committee in co-operation with the proprietors of places of public entertainment.

The message will be dispatched in a sealed envelope to the proprietor of every theatre, music hall, concert hall and picture house in the country, and at nine o'clock in the evening the seal will be broken publicly on stage and the message read to the assembled audience.

## Kilberry Loop Sportive

Saturday 11th August starts 8.30am

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There's still time to enter via [www.britishcycling.org.uk](http://www.britishcycling.org.uk), but if you wish to spectate, come along and join in the fun, starting and ending in Tarbert!

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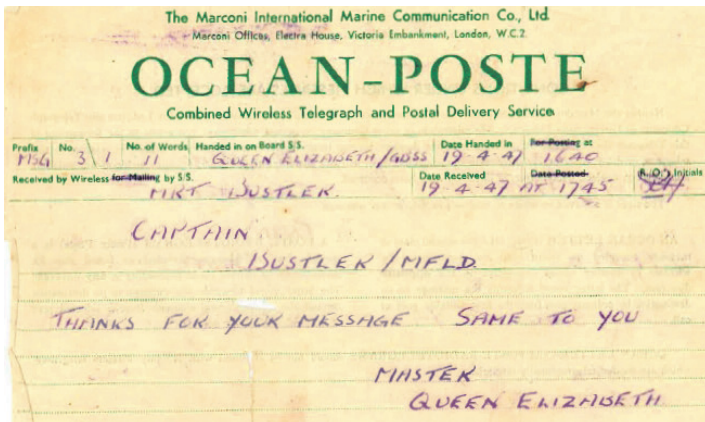
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## DOWN MEMORY LANE

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In the days before telex, fax machines and emails, a telegram was one of the fastest forms of written communication.

It is always quiet evenings when disaster strikes and so it was on Monday April 14 1947 when the liner Queen Elizabeth ran aground.

In the days before rapid transatlantic flights, the Royal Mail Ship (RMS) Queen Elizabeth operated a weekly luxury liner service between Southampton and New York.

### Recovery exercise

A phone call to the Southampton ferry and tug company Red Funnel started a huge and challenging recovery exercise to refloat the 83,000-ton liner from the Bramble Bank.

Tugs Canute, Clausentum, Neptune and

Vulcan, and Alexandra Towing Company's Romey, Hornby and Poulson were sent but soon it was realised more would be needed.

Last week, down memory lane featured the Royal Navy tug HMRT Bustler, a model of which is in Campbeltown museum. The powerful vessel, with many Campbeltonian crew, had a role in the recovery of Queen Elizabeth.

On April 19, 1947, a telegram was sent by the master of the Queen Elizabeth to the tug captain, Lieutenant Commander Archie Leckie, on board HMRT Bustler and his help was requested.

The entrepreneur who created a Kintyre gin has come a long way from his graduation day.

Uncovered in an archive of photos was this image of Beinn an Tuirc distillery chief Niall Macalister Hall, who runs a stall at the Kintyre Show today and has brought employment to East Kintyre.

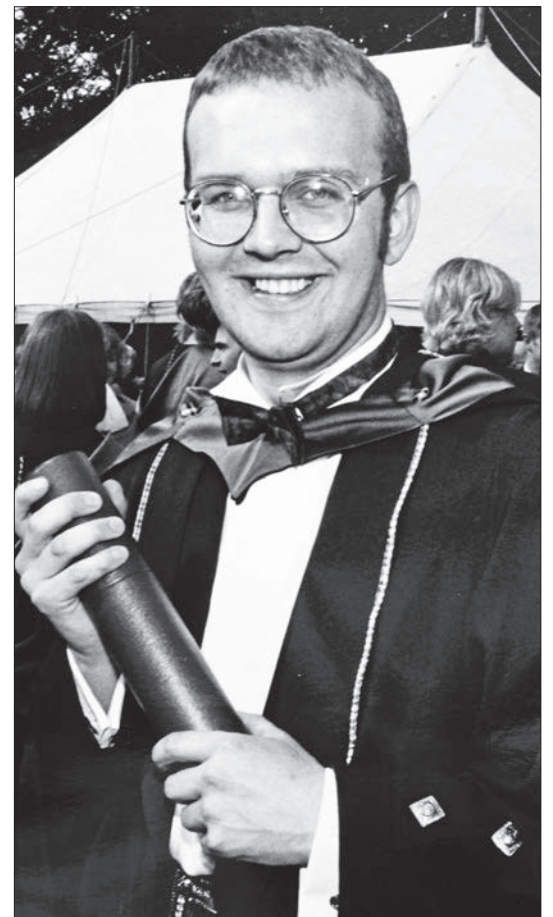
The picture is either from his graduation, in 1996, from Napier University with a science degree in rural resources or a year later when he achieved a masters in land economy at Aberdeen.

Both have stood Mr Macalister Hall in good stead, leading to more than a decade in farm and estates marketing with Smiths Gore and latterly as a rural property sales consultant with Galbraith.

Slightly more than a year ago, when the first gin and tonics from Beinn an Tuirc were being poured, Mr Macalister Hall said he would open a visitor centre at Torrisdale Castle for distillery tours.

Next week that project will be formally opened by the secretary for rural affairs, Fergus Ewing.

Mr Ewing will perform the official cutting of the ribbon, and there will be a tour of the shop and tasting room, as well as the distillery.



Niall Macalister Hall.

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# Sea Cadets secure substantial sum

Campbeltown Sea Cadets are on the crest of a wave thanks to a grant from the Scottish Children's Lottery.

The £2,500 award will further support its work with young people in Kintyre.

Sea Cadets provide training courses both on and off shore in seamanship, navigation, catering, engineering, communications, meteorology and first aid, all helping to prepare young people for entering further education and the workplace.

Emily Walker, secretary of the Sea Cadets, said: 'Campbeltown Sea Cadets are very grateful for the grant awarded by the Scottish Children's Lottery.'

'The funding will make a huge difference to the lives of these young people, giving them the opportunity to gain qualifications and training and to build their confidence and broaden



**Donnie Cameron from Campbeltown Sea Cadets with the lottery award cheque.**

their experiences, which in a small community like Campbeltown is invaluable.'

Chance to Connect, which operates as a society lottery under the Scottish Children's Lottery, supports projects working in the areas of community development

and citizenship, giving young people across Scotland the chance to live in a safe, supportive and stimulating community.

Kirsteen Campbell, Chance to Connect trustee, said: 'I am delighted that we have been able to provide funding

for Campbeltown Sea Cadets from the monies generated from the Scottish Children's Lottery.'

'This lottery was established to promote and support the development and potential of children and young people in Scotland.'

## Inveraray Games Piping correction

The piping instructor who trained an Inveraray Highland Games trophy winner, Thomas Young from Dunoon, was Craig Campbell.

Craig's mum phoned the Courier to point out the error for which the paper unreservedly apologises. Mr Campbell is the Cowal schools instructor.

Here is the picture again with the correct caption: Gregor Macdonald, left, of North Connel, a pupil of Angus MacColl; Ross Connor, from Campbeltown, who is a pupil of John Wilson and plays with Islay Pipe Band; and Thomas Young, from Dunoon, taught by Craig Campbell, with their piping trophies.



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# Third time lucky for Boys' Brigade



Boys from the 1st Campbeltown Company of the Boys' Brigade mucked in down on the farm during an Ayr visit.

Warm and sunny weather ensured a good day out when the company visited the Heads of Ayr Farm Park last month.

A Boys' Brigade spokesperson said: 'The boys were

fortunate as this year the CalMac ferry sailed to and from Ardrossan.

'On the first of two previously planned visits, the ferry sailing from Ardrossan was cancelled and last year the ferry was cancelled totally. The boys had a great time sampling all the different activities available at the park.'



The Boys' Brigade lunchtime.



Messing about on the water.



Boys and helpers leaving the park.

## Kitchen firm whisks up charity cash



James McCorkindale and Alister Kenny received their cheques from Archie Martin, centre. 25\_c30howdens01

The Campbeltown branch of a national kitchen chain spooned out sponsorship to Highland dancers and the sea cadets.

Recently Howdens manager Archie Martin gave cheques for £200 each to James McCorkindale, of his eponymous School of Dancing, and Alister Kenny of Campbeltown Sea Cadets.

Mr McCorkindale said the school is fundraising to send a group to the American Highland dancing championships in Las Vegas next year.

## Statistics show success in weapons war

Latest figures show a fall in offensive weapons crimes across Argyll and Bute.

In 2007/08, there were 14 cases of handling offensive weapons per 10,000 of the population in Argyll and Bute. In 2016/17, that figure had dropped by 79 per cent to three per 10,000.

Commenting, Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'This is welcome news

and proves that the SNP's approach to issues such as knife crime is paying dividends for our communities across Argyll and Bute.

'The SNP has made justice one of its top priorities since coming to power in 2007, putting more police on the streets and taking decisive action to reduce re-offending, meaning crime is at its lowest level in more than 40 years.'

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## 'Doon the green' moves 'Up the close'

This year the popular MOK Fest event Doon The Green has a new name – and a new venue.

The event, now called Up The Close, will be held in Springbank Distillery on the afternoon of Saturday August 11. It runs from 1pm to 5pm and will have donation boxes at the entrance.

The event has been held under a number of guises, starting out as Harbour Splash Day in the mid-1990s before moving to Kinloch Green in 2005.

But regardless of what it is called, organisers say the event will follow as close to its normal format as possible, with live music, dance performances and children's entertainment.

Performing on stage will be Deep Joy, The Twisted Melons and Treble Trouble.

There will also be dance performances from Footnotes and Steps, and children's entertainment from



Funky Chicken and friends in a dedicated children's area.

There will be a slight reduction in the available space for voluntary stalls and food outlets, but many of these will now be covered by the awnings kindly provided by Explore Campbeltown and Springbank Distillers.

Most of the pitches are already booked but there are still a limited number left.

To book a space, email: mokfest@hotmail.co.uk or send a message on Facebook. Please note, if you have not pre-booked a stall, you cannot be guaranteed a space at the event.

# Pennyseorach destiny

Words and photographs  
Mark Davey  
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A Yorkshire couple visited Kintyre in 1989 but it took more than a decade before they made it their home.

Linda and Terry Smith from Bradford fell in love with the space when they came to scuba dive and stayed at Southend.

'From that moment on, it was not if but when will we move,' said Linda.

The perfect opportunity came in 1999, when Pennyseorach farm went on the market, but the time was not quite right.

Five years later, when it was again up for sale, the Smiths took the plunge.

Terry said: 'When we first came up it was always hard

to find places to stay, so we were determined to create somewhere.

'We have 10 plumbed-in and fully certificated statics on the site which are popular from March to October.

'Our furthest travelled guest this year has been from Malaysia. This week a family party, from Inchinnan, Glasgow, with 17 children, are in residence for their fourth consecutive year.

'Each year they have an outdoor fancy dress party combined with games in the their outfits,' added Terry's wife Linda. 'I have had a sneaky peek at what goes on and thought it was amazing.'

Jamie MacLachlan, one of the organisers said: 'We love Pennyseorach because there is no internet, computers or phone signal.



Linda and Terry Smith created the site in 2004. 25\_c30pennyseorach03\_Linda\_Terry\_smith

'When we first came we thought what a brilliant place for a party.

'The children have to go out and play old-fashioned games, fishing and swimming.

'We have trophies for the fancy dress and games, including supreme champion and best costume.

'Before we leave we will rebook for next year.'



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Clockwise from left: the Pennyseorach fancy dressers. 25\_c30pennyseorach01\_fancydress; the Pennyseorach fancy dress winner is still game for a laugh. 25\_c30pennyseorach02\_winner; a bishop makes light work of the relay race. 25\_c30pennyseorach05\_bishop; Jamie MacLachlan struggles along with an adult human on his back. 25\_c30pennyseorach07\_Jamie\_MacLachlan; the Pennyseorach 'waterski' relay. 25\_c30pennyseorach04\_waterski\_relay



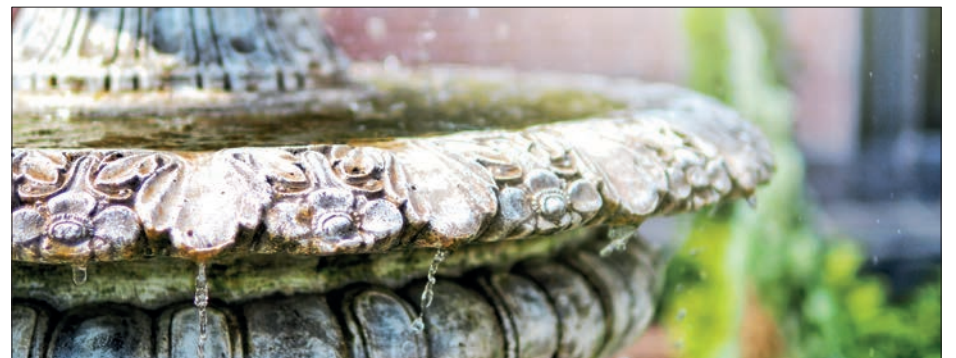
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# Mid Argyll Show 2018 - *the*



Horse and pony competitions form a big part of the show.  
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It's so close we can almost smell the freshly-mown grass mingling with a hint of livestock and the tantalising aroma of home baking.

On Saturday August 11, hundreds of exhibitors will take part in the 121st Mid Argyll Show in baking, produce, crafts, flowers and vegetable competitions as well as the ever-popular horse classes, dog show and livestock sections.

Headlining in the main show ring this year is Dangerous Steve, performing hair-raising stunts involving fire and chainsaw juggling. Look out for unicycle and ladder balancing

as well as blindfold motorcycle stunts - and comedy is guaranteed.

There will be mini rugby to enjoy and plenty of entertainment from Loch Fyne Pipe Band and talented young Highland dancers.

The many trade stands give an opportunity to browse and buy everything from crafts, clothing, toys and produce to agricultural machinery and equipment. Childrens competitions plus bouncy castles, trampolines, climbing wall and much more will ensure that families enjoy a great day out.

Other regular attractions are the display of vintage tractors and the fun and chaos of the

terrier racing competition - not to be missed.

Also on the day there will be the digger challenge where the winner will receive a cash prize.

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

Organisers report that a good number of entries for the sheep, cattle and poultry classes have been received, while your pet pooch can be entered for the dog show on the day.

Judging to decide the Mid Argyll Show Supreme Champion will take place at around

3pm in the main ring.

Fergus Lyon and Caitriona MacLeod are joint show presidents for 2018, and they are keen to acknowledge the continued support of the event's many sponsors.



Entry to the show will be £7 and £3 for concessions, with under-fives getting in free. Disabled parking is available on site.


As with previous years, parking will be in the joint campus car parks, with a shuttle bus running between the car park and showfield. There will also be a bus pick-up from the Lochgilhead front at 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm.


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# Campbeltown library visit for Edinburgh novelist

**Mark Davey**

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Love story, Russian Doll, imagines a world where Scotland is newly independent and occupied by Russia.

Last Friday, its author, Lucy Lloyd, staying with her sister in Carradale, spoke at Campbeltown's Aqualibrium about her book, which was published earlier this year.

The book was originally published in 2017 at 'Shotlandyia', a title Ms Lloyd says is the name Russians use for Scotland. This year it was reprinted by Comely Bank Publishing as Russain Doll.

In a strange synchronicity, at virtually the same time as last week's talk, former SNP leader and MP Alex Salmond, who now broadcasts for Russian television, was dumped as a potential chairman by the investor trying

to takeover Johnston Press. Drawing on her own seven years BBC radio experience, Ms Lloyd's heroine, Anna, is a radio producer at the Scottish Broadcasting Corporation as it has been renamed after independence.

The book's blurb states: 'In an independent Scotland, Russia attempts a soft occupation under the noses of the novice government.

'Anna is caught in the cross fire as she attempts to sneak fair material onto the airwaves.

'Against her best intentions, she finds herself falling for a Russian diplomat tasked with delivering Scotland into Moscow's hands.

'As war looms, will this relationship save, or destroy, Anna?'

In notes about her own university experience at St Andrews and Cambridge, Ms

Lloyd, a scientist, runner and skier says she was on the river or pitch more than in a lab.

This description fits Anna who is often described as 'out for a run' and Ms Lloyd says is: 'Feisty, smart, sporty and spouting opinions.'

'When I wrote the book, the Brexit vote had not happened and Donald Trump was a bad television games show host,' said Ms Lloyd. 'It was written before the concept of fake news.

'It is more of a love story than a political novel. I remembered looking at photos from when Paris was liberated in 1945 after the German occupation and wondering what happened to the collaborators.

'It is written in a post-independence parallel world, so much has happened since 2014.

'Russia presents an amazing

enigma of tremendous wealth but is their relationship with the West more about posturing?'

One member of the dozen who attended the talk asked: 'Do you think Scots would prefer Euros to Roubles?'

Ms Lloyd said she glossed over the question of Europe but did imagine that Scotland would have to renegotiate its seat at the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Ms Lloyd is working on a second book and said: 'I have young children so I can indulge myself.'

Russian Doll is available for £9.99 from Amazon and booksellers or direct from the author, who also sells a natty line in sports socks.

**Lucy Lloyd during her talk at the Aqualibrium.**  
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# Mamma Mia! Here we go again is a smash hit

Review by  
**Hope Strang**  
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Mamma Mia! Here we go again, extends the story of the original Mamma Mia movie which accumulated high praise.

The movie focuses on Sophie (Amanda Seyfield) who is expecting and feeling lonely without her mother, Donna, who has passed away.

This movie alternates between the present and flashbacks of Donna in her youth played by Lily James.

The film was very moving, with an insight into Donnas life, travels and lovers.

In flashback, Donnal leaves behind her best friends/back up singers in their band 'Donna and the Dynamos' she sets off for Greece, believing her purpose lies there.

Along the way she meets the three men who in the original film are Sophie's three pos-



The cast from Mamma Mia! Here we go again.

sible fathers, Tom, Bill and Harry.

Once again all the songs in the movie are written by ABBA, although in this movie it is the less popular songs.

They still managed to make the film fun and full of summer silliness, if at some points a tad cringey.

In the final scenes there is a much-publicised cameo from

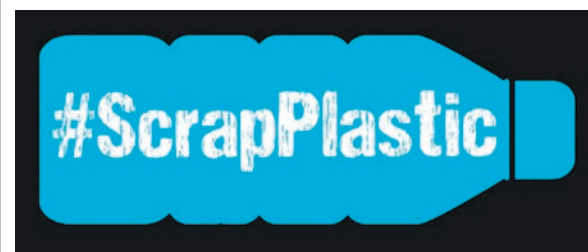
Cher, who played Sophie's grandmother, and sings the well known song Fernando to her long lost lover whom she is reunited with on the island.

It was slightly unnecessary to the plot and seems just an excuse to have the famous singer worked into the movie.

If the directors wanted to have the same level of success as the last movie they have

succeeded. The showing was packed to the rafters and, despite the hot sunny weather, Campbeltown Picture House (CPH) has reported Mamma Mia screenings being full to capacity.

CPH director, David Mayo, said on Monday that he knows of one young girl who has been to see the movie five times.



The Sea Cadets #ScrapPlastic logo.

## Sea Cadets launch #ScrapPlastic challenge

**Hope Strang**  
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Sea Cadets round the UK are roping in plastic that is polluting our waters.

#ScrapPlastic is a 13-day challenge to cut down on plastic use, from cutting out plastic products to finding plastic alternatives, and cadets are trying to show others how small changes can make a big impact.

A Sea Cadets spokesperson said: 'Cadets spend at least 30 hours a year on the water and through this they see the damage being done from the plastic pollution.'

For every pound donated to the cause, 90 pence will

go towards cadets onshore bursaries to allow more young people to get out on the water and experience it for themselves.

The remaining 10 pence will go to the Marine Conservation Society to help it with its work looking after the seas.

The Sea Cadets hope people will show support by promoting #ScrapPlastic on social media, getting involved with Sea Cadet units or taking on the challenge.

Visit [sea-cadets.org/scrap-plastic](http://sea-cadets.org/scrap-plastic) to find out more and download a challenge pack.

For more Campbeltown Sea Cadets news, turn to page 10.

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# Local business set to take a bow at Inveraray festival

Six local craft businesses have been named this year's winners of the annual Business Gateway 'best of the west' competition.

The winners successfully pitched for a chance to win a free trade stand within the craft tent at the festival, a popular pit-stop for those keen to snap up unique designs.

With more than 5,000 visitors descending on Inveraray Castle for the festival, the six businesses have a fantastic opportunity to raise their profile and sell their products.

Now in its fifth year, the Business Gateway Argyll and Bute competition asked business owners to share with the panel of judges why their venture is special and why their products would be a good fit for the festival.

The successful businesses who will showcase their products in the Business Gateway sponsored craft tent this year are Keltic Faerie, Janice

Bracey Designs, Slate Island Seaweed, Alison McIntosh Prentice, Daisy Rocks Design and Cardross Crab Art.

Alison McIntosh Prentice, based in Helensburgh, is an artist who cites the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and his wife Margaret as her biggest influence.

Using her worldwide travels as inspiration for her art, Alison has a background in graphic and multimedia design but through the years painted as a hobby.

Mainly self-taught, Alison now focuses on her art full-time and has exhibited in Barcelona, Wales and Glasgow.

Using colours and textures she admired while travelling, Alison's paintings will be on display and available to buy at a stand within the craft tent at the Best of the West festival.

Alison said: 'I've been attracted to the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and his



Artist Alison McIntosh Prentice.

wife Margaret for more than 30 years and have further investigated the techniques they used in Gesso artworks which now make up the majority of my work.

'The stand at the Best of the West festival will allow me to showcase my art and, hopefully, sell to those attending.

'It's particularly good timing as I've put my travel adventures behind me for now and I'm focusing on being in Scotland and producing the best artwork I can.'

The judges included festival host the Duchess of Argyll, Fergus Murray, Argyll and Bute Council's head of economic development and strategic transportation, and Councillor Bobby Good, deputy policy lead for economic development.

Councillor Good said: 'It's clear that we have some extremely talented and creative individuals in Argyll and Bute. The standard of entries

was truly exceptional and the judges had a very difficult time narrowing them down.

'However, we got there in the end and six truly deserving winners were selected.

'The Best of the West Festival is a fantastic opportunity for these businesses to promote themselves to a wider audience and really raise their profile.

'I would like to thank everyone who took the time to enter and wish the winners the very best of luck.'

The Best of the West Festival starts on Saturday, September 8 and Sunday 9, with live music on the evening of Friday, September 7.

For more information and to buy tickets, visit: [www.bowfest.co.uk](http://www.bowfest.co.uk).

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business call: 01546 808363 or visit: [www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute](http://www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute).

## Business Gateway offers training workshops

From marketing to e-commerce and business start-up, Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway has a range of workshops to help small business owners boost their skills and expertise.

These include some new digital topics. The workshops are run by skilled trainers and are all free to attend. Most are half a day duration.

Anyone not sure how their business could benefit from using digital platforms should come to the new 'enhance your business with digital' workshop on September 27.

This covers opportunities and risks of using digital and also of not using digital.

It will help overcome some of the fears and perceived barriers to getting involved, along with some simple next steps to take to enter the world of digital.

To improve marketing, attend the 'marketing your business' workshop on September 5.

This will review current activity, better understand markets, customers and competitors, strengthen unique selling points and develop the right marketing mix for specific goals and budgets.

This workshop will be delivered for Business Gateway by consultant Alistair Kennedy of Lornal Ltd. Alistair has 30 years' experience in domestic and export markets.

For anyone wanting to get their business noticed without spending money, the 'get your business noticed - PR on a budget' workshop is on October 1.

It covers how to get a business featured in newspapers, radio and television, understanding the media, finding the stories that journalists

will want to tell and how to contact with them.

For eight years journalist Colin Kelly has run this workshop for Business Gateway.

Colin is best known for presenting programmes at BBC Radio Scotland, STV, Real Radio and Radio Clyde.

He has a journalism degree from Napier University and runs his own media relations consultancy.

Colin works with individuals and businesses, helping them gain free, positive coverage in newspapers and on radio and television.

Oban is the venue for the ever popular one and a half day 'business start-up' workshop on October 3 and 4.

Designed for those moving into self-employment, it helps turn ideas into a practical and effective plan.

It covers three key areas: market-

ing, business planning and finance. The workshop covers understanding competitors, identifying target customers and how to reach them effectively.

Planning is vital and the workshop shows what to think about before going ahead.

Good financial management is essential and the workshop covers managing a profit and loss account, producing a cashflow statement, understanding working capital requirements and identifying sources of finance.

A one-day version of this workshop will take place on Mull on October 18.

To book a place or to find out more about the full range of workshops, contact the Business Gateway team on 01546 604555 or email: [business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

Businesses have benefited from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway local growth accelerator programme, which provides grants and specialist advice to support business growth.

To benefit from support, businesses must first register for the programme and meet a business adviser to discuss support and agree a growth action plan. The registration form can be downloaded at: [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap).

Deadlines for registered businesses are August 31, 2018, for a growth grant, September 30, 2018, for a key sector grant and October 31, 2018, for an application for specialist advice support.

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Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham.

## The Time Frequency.

The 26th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival from August 8 to 12 promises exciting new events and another great line up with The Time Frequency (TTF), Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham, The Grouse Ceilidh Band, Kim Carnie & Innes White, Eddie Seaman & Luc McNally and Slainte Davaar Allstars all headlining concerts this year.

This five day event offers a mixture of ticketed and free concerts that brings international, national and local acts together to perform at various indoor and outdoor venues across Campbeltown.

The two Saturday night concerts on August 11 cater for all ages with rave legends The Time Frequency (TTF), DJ Rankin and Gullion playing at the Victoria Hall.

Earlier that night festival favourites Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham will headline the Traditional Concert in the Heritage Centre supported by Hecla.

The Grouse Ceilidh Band perform this year's ceilidh set at the Festival Ceilidh Night on Friday August 10 in the Victoria Hall, the band is now regarded as one of the Scotland finest ceilidh bands having played at numerous venues across the UK this year.

Local band Rhuvaal will play support featuring its new line-up, this will be its first appearance on the main stage at the event.

The Dalriada Connections Band make a welcome return this year, featuring students and tutors from Campbeltown Grammar School and guest appearances

from many of the artists who appear across the weekend.

The Kintyre Schools Pipe Band open this hugely popular family event which Davie Robertson will MC.

The Time Frequency have played to capacity crowds across Scotland this year including Braehead Arena in June.

The band have just released a new CD and promise something special for the show in Campbeltown.

Judging by the show two years ago it's not to be missed. Supporting them will be DJ Rankin who is currently on his 'I am a Raver' tour and local band Gullion who have played memorable sets at the Festival.

Saturday night's seated Traditional concert in Campbeltown Heritage Centre is now sold out.

The lucky ones with tickets can look forward to fiddle and accordion duo Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham headlining with Hecla supporting. Arthur Johnstone will MC this concert.

The opening event of the festival is the Gaelic Concert at Ceol Campbeltown on August 8 and turns the venue into an old fashioned ceilidh house.

There will be performances from Kim Carnie and Innes White, Iain MacPherson, Callum Ross, Fiona Ross, Raibeart MacCallum, Bethany Kelly, Alec MacKinnon, Christine MacIntyre as Bean an tìghe and Na Smeroraich.

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Also performing are The Gilchristians, Alex and Archie McAllister, we.R.soul and Session A83. Davie Robertson returns to MC a night of old friends, new bands and memorable collaborations.

The Festival also has firm favourite, the Young Folk Night on Thursday August 9 as well as the newly re-branded parade; Carni West followed by Up the Close (formally Doon the Green) at Springbank Distillery with Deep Joy, The Twisted Melons Treble Trouble, Footnotes, Steps and the Funky Chicken on Sat Aug 11.

Look out for the new venue for the Festival Club in Kirk Street Hall featuring Western Sound, Hope Strang a huge music session and guests. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served.

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Conner.

Look out for the sponsor's miniature on entry to the event.

The legendary Survivors Night on Sunday evening sees the return of Campbeltown super-group Slainte Davaar Allstars and the debut of D.U.G. (Deep under Gullion) a collaboration of Gullion, Deep Joy, Under

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Dalriada Connections Band  
Kintyre Schools Pipe Band  
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**Saturday 11th August**  
**12.30pm NEW Carni-West**  
1.00pm NEW "Up the Close" Springbank  
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There will be more on the Saturday afternoon activities in next week's Courier.

Tickets are selling well for this year's events and are on sale from TicketWeb until Saturday August 4 and A.P. Taylors, Main Street Campbeltown.

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It was an ace day out for Willie Simers, 72. 25\_c30funday10



Although Sue Nixon's ball looks like it is headed into the net it failed to fall through. 25\_c30funday11

# Record numbers at fourth A'Chleit church fun day

**Words and photographs Mark Davey**  
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Caravanners, campers and Campbeltonians swelled the crowd at A'Chleit church's annual Killegruer fundraiser.

Before the games began, at the recent fourth event to be held on a field next to the campsite by permission of Anne Littleson, people were able to test their sporting skill.

These included throwing the beanbag into a bucket, hitting tennis balls into a barrel or a basketball challenge.

For those less athletically inclined there were the usual stalls – bottle, guess the

sweets in a jar and raffle – or sublime cream teas.

As reported last week, caravanners the McSorley family, from the Scottish Ambulance Service, ran a very popular cardiopulmonary resuscitation stand, offering 15 minutes of training on four Resusci Anne dummies.

Stephen McSorley, a leading paramedic at Kilwinning, said: 'This is the first time we have taught CPR at Killegruer. This type of stall is a big hit with community groups in village halls.'

Mr McSorley estimated about 50 people were trained and certificated in the first aid skill.

Sue and Steve Nixon,

from Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, told the Courier they were at Killegruer for the season – from April to September – and were having a fabulous summer.

The intense fundraiser brought a smile to faces, the rain held off and £1,166 was raised for the Killean and Kilkennie parish and A'Chleit church.



Sharon Renton tests her skills with beanbags. 25\_c30funday04

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Megan Lines, 12, from Killoccraw farm ran the guess the number of sweets in a jar stall. 25\_c30funday02



Running the CPR stand from left were Stephen McSorley, Adam Smith, Michael McSorley and Lisa McSorley. 25\_c30funday07



Carla Renton, seven, tried to guess the name of the seal. 25\_c30funday03



Martin Grady showed his skill with the bean bags. 25\_c30funday06



Margaret McNeill and Holli Muir, seven, took CPR training from Michael McSorley a Glasgow medical despatcher. 25\_c30funday09



Calum and Margaret Morrison ran the beanbags in a bucket stall. 25\_c30funday05



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## Award winning show heads to Kintyre

Renowned children's show The McDougalls are coming to Kintyre this month.

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There will also be fun games and face painting with Funky Chicken, with a raffle and a tuck shop on the day.

The production begins at 2.30pm and the tickets are priced at £6 each or £20 for a group of four.

Tickets can be bought now at Clachan filling station and the village hall development fund will receive all profits that are made from the show.

Recently awarded five stars by the UK theatre network, the show's energetic performers are guaranteed to create a magical, musical experience for children of all ages.

# Are postcard greetings a thing of the past?

**Saffron Coffield and Mark Davey**  
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Kintyre is renowned for its picturesque landscape.

It is traditional among many tourists to send back a picture-postcard to loved ones, which in most cases depict a landmark or mesmerising scenery.

A recent study conducted by the Royal Mail shows that many Scots would like to see a revival of postcards being sent and delivered.

The study also claims that most Scots would prefer to receive a postcard rather than an instant message through a mobile phone.

Campbeltown shop owner George McMillan admitted that in his past 42 years of retail experience, he has seen a decline in the sale of postcards.

He said: 'The reason for this is because of the price of postage - it's too much.'

Despite the decrease in sales, Mr McMillan stated that on a busy day he could sell as many as 'a dozen postcards'.

'Our best-seller is the one of Davaar island, which is mainly sold to tourists in Campbeltown,' he added.

A Royal Mail spokesperson said: 'As Great Britain's seaside towns enjoy a revival new Royal Mail research sees the picture postcard chosen as the item that Scots think is most likely to see a resurgence in popularity, alongside fountain pens, calligraphy and love letters.'

'Eight in 10 Scots would prefer to receive a postcard from a holidaying friend or family member over a social media message, due to their

sentimental appeal and collectability.

'Some 60 per cent of people who receive postcards keep them on display.

'Two in 10 do so for six months to a year or longer. More than six in 10 claim to have kept at least one of the postcards they've received over the years.'

A spokesperson for Lyrical Scotland, which produces Mr McMillan's best-selling card, said: 'Similarly to Royal Mail, we have seen a steady increase in our postcard sales to retailers, which we attribute to refreshing and modernising our designs and images.'

'We continue to focus on both popular places of interest and the more unusual and interesting views and vistas of Scotland.'

Michael McGregor is a

photographer and postcard printer, based at Ardnamurchan and said that the days when he used to print a million cards a year are long gone.

Mr MacGregor added: 'However, many of the big players have left the market, leaving us specialists.'

'If they are unusual of striking images, tourists will often buy cards, not to post but to remember their trips.'

'We have a herd of Highland cattle and they are certainly cash cows for featuring in many postcards.'

In 2001, before 9/11, one of Mr MacGregor's cards was sent to a banker at Morgan Stanley. It was found among the wreckage of the World Trade Centre's twin towers and posted back to Ardnamurchan by a New York fireman.

Andrew Wallace, 21, is a sales assistant in Cadenhead's Whiskey Shop, though he had an opposing view on postcards.

He said: 'We do not sell many postcards, I think that this is because people are using social media instead.'

He also admitted: 'I have never sent a postcard. It's a thing of the past and we are heading into a paperless world.'

'I think that this may be a good thing.'

When asked about his view on the future demand of postcards, and if he believes that more people should purchase them, Mr McMillan laughed and said: 'They certainly should because I'd make more money.'

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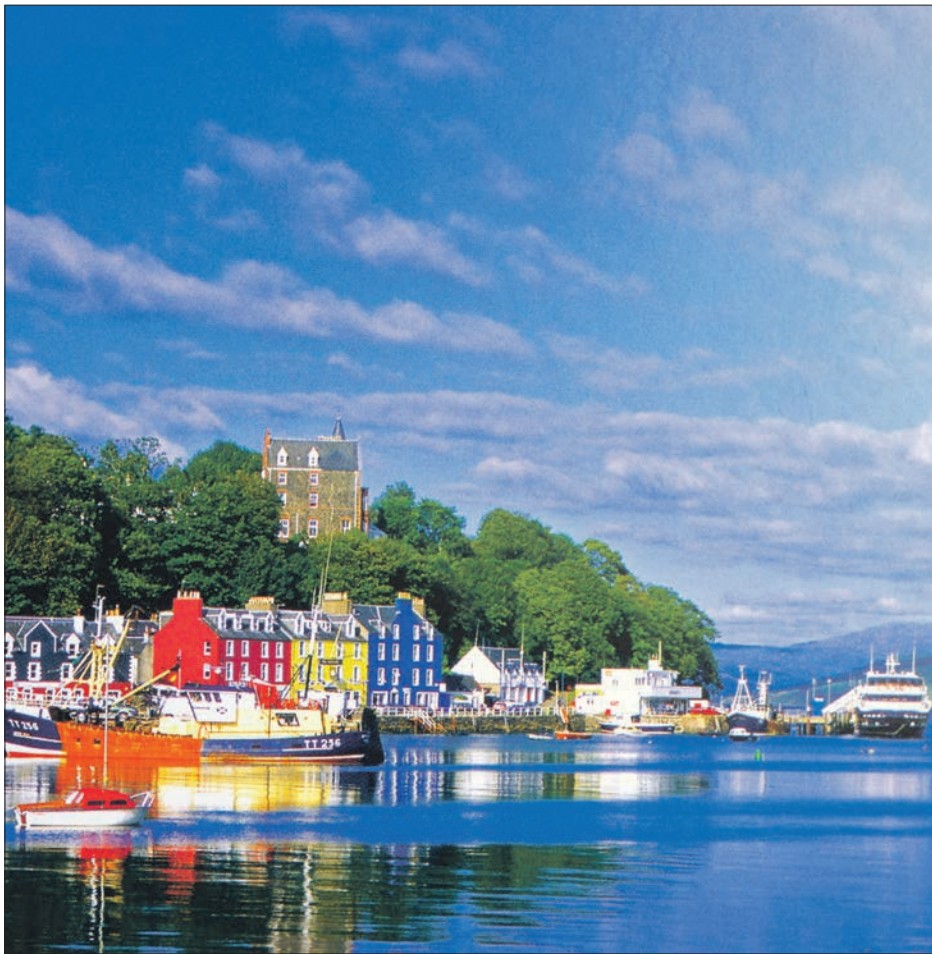


A Lyrical Scotland four way image of Campbeltown.

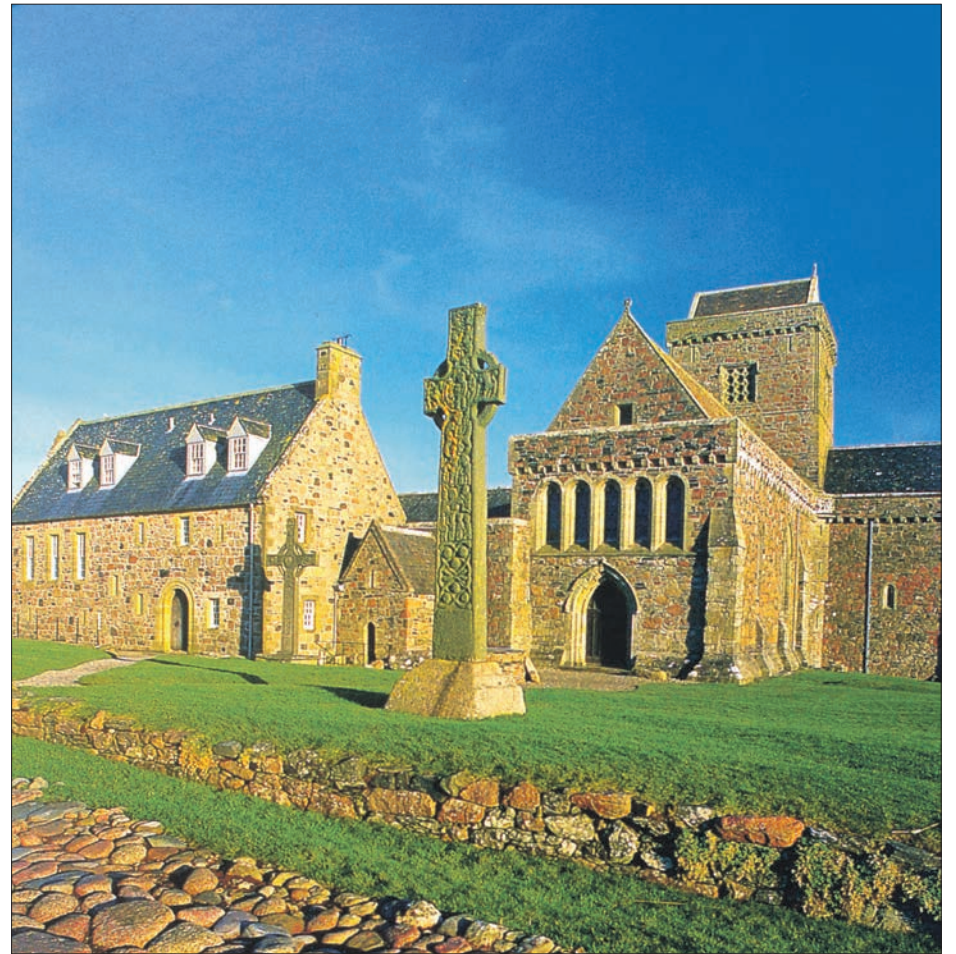


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## Last dates on Argyll Ceilidh Trail

A ceilidh band featuring some of Fèis Latharna best young musicians rolls into the Isle of Coll this evening before heading to Oban on Saturday.

The eight piece band features Campbeltown drummer Darren Brown and Clachan accordionist Isaac Stanesby. Since starting their tour

with a double header at Inveraray on July 17, firstly at the castle and later at the George Hotel, the band have played 16 gigs on the Argyll Ceilidh Trail.



The band includes: violinist Bronwen Davis from Benderloch, accordionist Isaac Stanesby from Clachan, guitarist Alex Houston from Taynuilt, Heather Fothergill from Cuan on the mandolin, drummer Darren Brown from Campbeltown, on pipes and whistle, Kate MacPherson from Benderloch, and vocalists Sheena Peteranna from Uist and James Divers from Benderloch. 25\_c31ceilidhtrail01

Dancing at the band's Campbeltown gig. 25\_c31ceilidhtrail02

## Restored ring netter Jasper chugs on

A painstakingly restored wooden fishing boat dropped anchor in Carradale recently.

Originally a ring netter, Jasper, powered by what is now a rare Gardner 6L3b 18.103 litre diesel engine developing 172 bhp at 1150 rpm, was built by A Noble and Sons for M and E McDonald and launched on March 4, 1968.

The 59.5 foot fishing boat worked first as SY 379 Santa Maria III at Eriskay until re-named, possibly by Cubble McKinnon, the Fair Mourn at Dunure and was renamed a third time as Misty Morn SY 529, before being sold out of fishing in 2008.

The Courier understands Jasper was restored in Rothesay.

All photographs by Ged Connelly.



The Jasper at sea.



Archie Paterson in Jasper's wheelhouse.



Left to right are Archie Paterson, Argyll McMillan and John 'The Shore' McConnachie on board Jasper.

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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

## Carradale Church Guild hosts brisk baking sale

**Mark Davey**

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Carradale's welcoming community was highlighted as Church Guild member Kim Norton opened the group's annual fair.

Before declaring the fair open last Thursday, Ms Norton spoke about her arrival in the village. The removal van took the east road from Tarbert and overturned, blocking it for two days.

Initially, the most popular stall was homebaking, which was swamped and sold out within minutes.

There were a number of stalls with prizes for guesstimates. Mrs Stewart guessed the sweets in a jar at 259, there were 35 squares in the tablet and a pair of joint winners with 36, and Jane McCorkindale guessed Ben as the name of the cuddly dog.

This weekend, on Saturday and Sunday from 1pm to 4pm, Carradale Camera Club holds its annual exhibition in the village hall.



Clockwise from top left: Carradale village hall was packed at the fair's start. 25\_c31guildfayre01; Louise Young enjoys the evening refreshments. 25\_c31guildfayre04; the stalls saw brisk sales. 25\_c31guildfayre10; Visiting the fair from left were Bess Lloyd, six, Sophie Adam, Lucy Lloyd and Margaret Semple. 25\_c31guildfayre06

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Clockwise from top left: Janeta King with the only two items left on the stall by the end of the fair 25\_c31guildfayre07; Callum Merrilees, eight, Alf Bjonness, seven, Janette Merrilees and Carol Bjonness. 25\_c31guildfayre11; Sandra Galbraith, left, guessed the weight of a cake baked by Sheena Ramsay at 9lb 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>oz. 25\_c31guildfayre02; Bruce MacQuarrie and Kim Norton the Carradale Church Guild member who opened the fair. 25\_c31guildfayre03

## Community Regatta programme

The following is a programme for this Saturday's Community Regatta on Dalintober beach, at Campbeltown sailing Club (CSC) and in the Aqualibrium. Dalintober Beach activities: noon to 3pm; from CSC water sports races and games 11am to 1pm: dinghy races 11.15am to noon, kayak race noon to 12.15pm, paddleboard demo 12.15pm to 12.30pm, Sea Cadets rowing demo 12.30pm to 1pm, multi-sport relay 1pm to 1.30pm

HM Coastguard inshore craft will be available for supervision and rescue 11am to 3.30pm.

'Come and try it' activities 11am to 3pm: try dive Aqualibrium, must be aged 12 or over, 11am to 1pm, Shot on a yacht CSC south and east of moorings noon to 3pm, windsurfing east of slip 11am to 2pm, kayak or canoe west of slip 1pm to 3.15pm, paddleboard Dalintober beach 11am to 2pm, dinghy sailing slip and moorings 1.30pm to 3.30pm, lifeboat open to public view noon to 2pm.

RNLI D-class inflatable available for supervision and rescue if required 11am to 3pm.

There will be a flotilla of water craft from 2.30pm to 3pm and a prize-giving in CSC from 3.30pm to 3.45pm.

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Hilary Bridge and Mary Kendry were kept busy at the home-baking and jams table. 50\_c31skipnessale06



Ailsa Wilson, Muasdale; Judith Marsden, on holiday from Yorkshire; Betty Rintoul, Tarbert; Marion McNichol, Lochgilphead; Annie McCune and Megan Reiniger from USA. 50\_c31skipnessale01



Philip James sold squares for the hamper. 50\_c31skipnessale11

# Whole salmon in Skipness sale of work's success

**Words and pictures**  
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Just like January sale stalwarts of old, a group of 'early birds' eagerly awaited the opening of Skipness's sale of work.

Village residents held the annual sale at the village hall on Wednesday of last week.

Knowing from past experience and word of mouth that the fine produce would sell quickly, the early birds waited patiently in the glorious sunshine for the sale to be declared open.

Gwyn Abernethy, the sale's chief organiser, welcomed everyone to the event, which, she explained, 'involved the whole community'.

Mrs Abernethy invited Duncan Shaw to officially declare the sale open at 3pm precisely, as he and Mrs Shaw had been associated with the annual sale of work for almost 80 years.

Duncan completed his official task before moving back outside to where his wife was on door duty and his nephew's wife, Lesley Griffiths, was helping to sell his plants and garden produce.

The village hall was quickly filled as the eager shoppers moved around the stalls viewing the vast array of products featuring 'all kinds of everything'.

Items to be bought or won included a whole fresh salmon, food hamper, hand-

made bracelets, knitting and crochet, books and bric-a-brac, and mouth-watering cakes and pastries. Afternoon teas with dainty sandwiches, scones and cakes were also served throughout the sale.

The sale attracted visitors from near and far with

some from Glasgow, Devon, Yorkshire, Colorado Springs and Maine, USA.

Judging by the happy smiles on faces on both sides of the tables, the annual Skipness sale has again been a very pleasant and enjoyable day for all.



Prize salmon. 50\_c31skipnessale12

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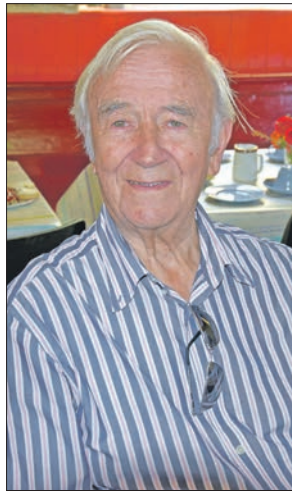
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Fiona Cameron from Skipness guessing the weight of the cake. 50\_c31skipnessale05



David Bridge, Skipness, sold squares for the prize of a whole salmon. 50\_c31skipnessale03



Duncan Shaw who opened the sale and Gwyn Abernethy, chief organiser. 50\_c31skipnessale04



Robyn Macfie, 10, and Eleni Pistolas, 10, sold Eleni's handmade bracelets. 50\_c31skipnessale13



Joan McHugh and Jackie Lamond manned the bric-a-brac table. 50\_c31skipnessale07



Big smiles from Mathilda Moller, 10, while she browsed the stalls. 50\_c31skipnessale02



Wendy Steadman and Ailsa Jensen staffed the book stall. 50\_c31skipnessale15



Mary MacDonald, Anne Hunter, Sheena Henderson and Maud McKinley manned the bottle stall and sold woollen crafts and bits and bobs. 50\_c31skipnessale09

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# Teenie takes the title in #myargyll competition

A competition capturing #myargyll has been won by Teenie Wilson, an amateur photographer on the Isle of Lismore, who took this stunning image before an evening's fishing at Port Ramsay, as the sun set over Glensanda quarry in Morvern.

The competition, run in association with Wyvex Media and Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, sought to recognise why you think our region is such a fantastic place to live, work and visit through photography, video and prose.

Teenie, who runs the Lismore post office and shop with her husband David, took up the hobby, which they share, two years ago.

'I love it,' she said. 'It gets me out. I take the camera wherever I go. I always keep my eye open for the right shot. With a good camera, you can't go wrong.'

One summer evening last year, Teenie said their neighbour Duncan Black, a retired seaman, had asked if she wanted to go fishing. 'I was waiting for him to bring

the boat in,' she recalled. 'I thought it would make a great shot. We caught 40 fish that night. When I downloaded it, I thought, "Wow!"'

'Wow' indeed, because it was voted the best from hundreds of brilliant photographs sent in by you – and you can still enjoy them all by visiting #myargyll.

'I am chuffed,' Teenie said. 'I am not very confident in my own work – everybody tells me they are good. This has given me a huge boost.'

Thanks to her winning photograph, Teenie has won an autumn break for two on Islay, featuring an overnight stay at the Machrie Hotel, dinner and B&B in Bowmore's Harbour Inn, a tour of Islay's newest distillery, Ardnahoe, a boat trip with Islay Sea Adventures, travel via Hebridean Airways, based at Oban Airport, a night at the Falls of Lora Hotel in Connel, and an Oban walking tour.

Teenie said: 'I am taking my sister, because she persuaded me to enter the competition.'

Teenie also runs the island's photography club and has just been awarded £1,000 to set up



Teenie's stunning sunset seascape.

a junior one this winter.

The runner-up was Alan Frew from Helensburgh. He was surprised but absolutely delighted with his

achievement.

His stunning picture was taken at Carsaig jetty, near Tayvallich.

He said: 'My son Aidan is

an avid BMXer and wanted a picture of himself jumping. The photograph was taken at sunset with flash.'

For his efforts, Alan won a

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# Caledonia Way bycycling companion guidebook

Review by  
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A comprehensive pedalling plan to the cycle route from Campbeltown to Inverness was published last week.

The 118-page handlebar-bag-sized spiral bound book, to guide cyclists on National Cycle Route 78, is so far available at Machrihanish Holiday Park, Patersons Bakery, Carradale, Skipness Smokehouse and Argyll Backpackers at Inverneil.

Independent publishers, The Offcomers, Janet Moss and Pete Martin, visited Campbeltown last Thursday from their Cumbria base to launch the book's first edition.

It was the pair's second visit since May when they put finishing touches to the production, which started about 18 months ago.

Mr Martin said: 'The Caledonia Way covers some of Scotland's best scenery with plenty of emptiness.'

'The guide has full listing sections including complete Ordnance Survey maps of each section, a comprehensive accommodation guide and locations where cycle spares might be found.'

'We have cycled the route at least once in both directions although much of the research has been during the winter months.'

'Some of the toughest bits of the route are between Campbeltown and Oban.'

'The route is split into six sections and includes fully Ordnance Survey maps detailing each day's ride.'

Travel to Campbeltown is more complicated than to Inverness, for the bike-riding tourist, but the Offcomers suggest the ferry as a good



The Offcomers – Pete Martin and Janet Moss with their guidebook at the Campbeltown launch.

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and Ceann Loch Diner are excluded.

Neither of Campbeltown's fish and chip shops is included, either in the listings or on the map, despite there being a map symbol for those takeaways.

Many cyclists are inquisitive and will no doubt discover other options as the guide is just a starting point.

The Caledonia Way may also appeal to motorised travellers as well as the self-propelled.

A separate concertina trip planner leaflet, inserted at the back of the book, shows a height cross-section of the full route and is cross-referenced to the accommodation providers.

On the reverse of this route planner is a diagrammatic map, trip planning tool and mileage chart including a speech bubble stating: 'Are there any more hills today?'

option particularly as the fare is £7.90 and the bike goes free.

Apart from some slight niggles, such as the second line, describing Campbeltown as being at the southern end of the Kintyre Peninsular (sic), it is a fine guide to the route.

There are ominous omissions in the accommodation listing and places to eat. For instance, in Campbeltown Amelias, Food for Thought

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The champion prize list at the show was sponsored by P McKerral & Co and 361 head of cattle were sold

The judge was William Cameron, Burnside, Keith who said that considering the very recent dry weather and the lack of grass and winter feed all classes sold well.

Bullocks (210) averaged 228.2ppk selling to 266.4ppk for a BBX from Killoccraw and to £1260 for a AAX from Balegreggan.

Heifers (130) averaged 213.9ppk selling to 291p for a LimX from Uigle and

to £1290 for a LimX from Dippen.

Top prices: Bullocks (£ph): Balegreggan (AAX) £1260, (AAX) £1240, (AAX) £1190, (CharX) £1240, (CharX & SimX) £1200, (CharX) £1180; Dippen (LimX & BBX) £1220. Bullocks (ppk): Killoccraw (BBX) 266.4p; Achnaba (LimX) 264.4p; East Laggan (CharX) 264.3p; Poltalloch (AAX) 237.8p; Duallin (SimX) 217.5p. Heifers (£ph): Dippen (LimX) £1290; Balegreggan (CharX) £1210; Killoccraw (BBX) £1200; Balegreggan (AAX) £1080 & (SimX) £1060. Heifers (ppk): Uigle (LimX) 291p; Killoccraw 277.3p; East Laggan (CharX) 240.3p; Duallin (SimX) 220.5p; Balegreggan (AAX)

197.3p. Breeding cattle (21): Heifer with bull calf at foot £1580; Laggan farms. Heifer with heifer calf at foot £1520 Laggan farms.

Prize list: Champion: Limousin bullock from Semple, Dippen. Reserve champion, sponsored by Glenside Tractors, and best opposite sex to champion: British Blue Cross heifer from Lines, Killoccraw. Best pen of four cattle in yard, sponsored by Davidson Feeds Limited: 1 Semple, Dippen; 2 Ronald, East Laggan; 3 Gillies, Ballochgair. Charolais bullock: 1 Ronald, East Laggan; 2 Semple, Dippen. Limousin bullock: 1 Semple, Dippen. Charolais heifer: 1



Judge Bill Cameron with the champion's owner Duncan Semple, Dippen farm, Carradale.

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# Ploughmen perform at Largieside's annual match

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A bit of morning drizzly rain at Largieside ploughing match may have kept spectators away but perfect ploughmen were not fazed.

Working on a field given by kind permission of Balure farmers Sue and Andrew Francis, tractors, both ancient and modern, and horse-drawn ploughs were in action most of the day.

## Full ploughing results

12 inch and under: 1 Jamie Reid, 2 Jim Hamilton, 3 Jock Sivewright, 4 Paul Newall, 5 Neil Littleton, 6 James P McIndoe, 7 Gavin Reid, 8 James McIndoe. 12 inch and under special prizes: Best break: Jamie Reid, best first six furrows: Jim Hamilton, best last six furrows: Jamie Reid, best outs and ins: Jim Hamilton, straightest: Jock Sivewright, best finish: Jamie Reid. Reversible: 1 Iain McKendrick, 2 Drew McKendrick. Reversible special prizes: Best break: Iain McKendrick, best first six furrows: Iain McKendrick, best last six



furrows: Drew McKendrick, best outs and ins: Iain McKendrick, straightest: Drew McKendrick, best finish: Drew McKendrick. Horses: 1 Neil MacPhail, 2 Stephen Jones. Horses special prizes: Best break: Stephen Jones, best first six furrows: Neil MacPhail, best last six furrows: Neil MacPhail, best outs and ins: Stephen Jones, straightest: Stephen Jones, best finish: Neil MacPhail, best working pair: Neil MacPhail, best gelding: Neil MacPhail, tidiest turnout: Neil MacPhail, best mare: Stephen Jones. General prizes: Worst lot: Drew McKendrick, least assistance: Drew McKendrick, Best maintained outfit: James P McIndoe, best working plough: Jamie Reid, hardest luck: James McIndoe, furthest

travelled: Jock Sivewright, first finished: Gavin Reid, first on field: Stephen Jones, oldest ploughman: James McIndoe, youngest ploughman: Neil Littleton, oldest tractor: Gavin Reid, newest tractor: Neil Littleton, best looking ploughman: Stephen Jones.

Trophies: Mr and Mrs Holder shield for best overall: James Reid, Largieside challenge cup (restricted to Largieside): Neil Littleton, Tayinloan cup (restricted to Largie Killean and Glenbarr): Neil Littleton, Glenside tractors trophy for best work by KV plough: Jamie Reid, Glenside tractors trophy for best reversible: Iain McKendrick, Geordie MacFarlane trophy for best in horse ploughing: Neil MacPhail, cup for best work-



ing pair in horse ploughing: Neil MacPhail.

For more on the ploughing match see farming page 44.

Three tractors from left: Gavin Reid, Neil Littleton and James P McIndoe. 25\_c31ploughing16; some of the prize-winners from left: Glenside tractors trophy for best reversible, Iain McKendrick; Peter Littleton standing in for his son Neil, who took the Largieside challenge cup and Tayinloan cup. 25\_c31ploughing01; Geordie MacFarlane trophy for best in horse ploughing, Neil MacPhail; Glenbarr's Neil MacPhail works his Ransome plough with horses Poacher and Tommy led by Michael Mayberry. 25\_c31ploughing18



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Notice is hereby given that Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of a single commercial mooring at:

<b>Cost</b>	<b>&lt;£2,500</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
Near Carradale Harbour, Kilbrannan Sound	55° 35.752' N	005° 27.951' W

**(WGS84)**

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Carradale Post Office, Carradale, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6QG.

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Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email to: [MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot](mailto:MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot), quoting reference: 06756 and Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited

**Fair Processing Notice**

The Scottish Government's Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) determine applications for marine licences under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. During the consultation process any person having an interest in the outcome of the application may make representation to MS-LOT. The representation may contain personal information, for example a name or address. This representation will only be used for the purpose of determining an application and will be stored securely in the Scottish Government's official corporate record. Representations will be shared with the applicant and/or agent acting on behalf of the applicant, any people or organisations that we consult in relation to the application and, where necessary, be published online, however personal information will be removed before sharing or publishing.

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**Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence**

Donald James McLean trading as Donald McLean Contractors of Tangytavil Farm, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6QE is applying for a licence to use Tangytavil Farm, Campbeltown, PA28 6QE as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 1 trailer. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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**PLANNING**

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT**  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
18/01514/PP	Installation of 2 condensers on a concrete base.	Factory East Pier Pier Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6UF
18/01561/MFF	Relocation and enlargement of existing marine fish farm (currently comprising; 12 No. 80 metre circumference cages and feed barge) by re-equipment with 12 No. 120 metre circumference cages and feed barge (Increase in biomass from 600 Tonnes to 2500 Tonnes of Atlantic salmon).	East Tarbert Bay Isle Of Gigha Argyll And Bute
17/03078/PP	Change of use of Class 4 office to Class 2 physiotherapy/podiatry clinic (retrospective)	Body And Sole Bayview Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6UD
18/01563/PP	Change of use of outbuildings to form residential annexe	Lephenstrath Farmhouse Southend Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6RU

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 21**

Planning Application Reference Number: 18/01561/MFF Proposed development at: East Tarbert Bay, Isle of Gigha Argyll and Bute  
Notice is hereby given that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by Scottish Salmon Company relating to the planning application in respect of Relocation and enlargement of existing marine fish farm (currently comprising; 12 No. 80 metre circumference cages and feed barge) by re-equipment with 12 No. 120 metre circumference cages and feed barge (Increase in biomass from 600 Tonnes to 2500 Tonnes of Atlantic salmon). A copy of the EIA Report and the associated planning application may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD or by logging on to the Council's Website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and going through the Planning Application information system during the period of 30 days beginning with the date of this notice. Copies of the EIA Report may be purchased from: Penny Hawdon, Site Development Manager, Scottish Salmon Company, Ardinglas Estate, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BH at a cost of £80.00 for paper copies and £5.00 for cd rom.

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the Environmental Impact Assessment Report should make them in writing within that period to - Planning Services, Development and Infrastructure, Argyll and Bute Council, 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

24 July 2018  
Sandra Davies, Senior Planning Officer Publication Date: 03.08.2018  
Closing Date: 02.09.2018

Written comments can be made to the above address or submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed at all Area Offices, Council Libraries and on the Councils website.

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**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010  
SEACROFT OYSTER SITE, TRAIHA BHAN, CLACHAN, ARGYLL**

Notice is hereby given that Labbett Family Farms Ltd has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of a shellfish farm at:

Cost	<b>£2,495</b>	
Location	Latitude	Longitude
Seacroft	55° 49.771' N	005° 28.566' W
Oyster Site,	55° 49.767' N	005° 28.514' W
Traigh Bhan,	55° 50.058' N	005° 28.465' W
Clachan, Argyll	55° 50.056' N	005° 28.417' W
	55° 50.168' N	005° 28.370' W
	55° 50.158' N	005° 28.345' W
	55° 50.194' N	005° 28.199' W
	55° 50.161' N	005° 28.201' W
	55° 50.148' N	005° 27.990' W
	55° 50.084' N	005° 27.993' W

**(WGS84)**

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at TARBERT LIBRARY, HARBOUR STREET, TARBERT PA29 6UA.

Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:

Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email to: [MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot](mailto:MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot), quoting reference: 06674 and Labbett Family Farms Ltd Fair Processing Notice

The Scottish Government's Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) determine applications for marine licences under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. During the consultation process any person having an interest in the outcome of the application may make representation to MS-LOT. The representation may contain personal information, for example a name or address. This representation will only be used for the purpose of determining an application and will be stored securely in the Scottish Government's official corporate record. Representations will be shared with the applicant and/or agent acting on behalf of the applicant, any people or organisations that we consult in relation to the application and, where necessary, be published online, however personal information will be removed before sharing or publishing.

A full privacy notice can be found at: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Licensing/marine/PrivacyNotice>. If you are unable to access this, or you have any queries or concerns about how your personal information will be handled, contact MS-LOT at: [ms.marinelicensing@gov.scot](mailto:ms.marinelicensing@gov.scot) or Marine Scotland - Licensing Operations Team, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**SCOTTISH HYDRO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PLC  
ELECTRICITY ACT 1989  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND)  
ACT 1997 (as amended)  
THE ELECTRICITY (APPLICATIONS FOR  
CONSENT) REGULATIONS 1990  
The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact  
Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017**

Notice is hereby given that Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc, (company registration number SC213461 and whose registered office is situated at Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ) has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 37 of The Electricity Act 1989, to install a 275 kV overhead line (to be initially operated at 132 kV) between Inveraray substation and Crossaig substation. The total length of the line will be approximately 81 km. The proposed development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report has been produced.

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc has also applied for planning permission to be deemed to be granted under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the EIA report discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for inspection, free of charge, during normal opening hours at:

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The EIA Report can also be viewed at The Scottish Government Library, at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ; on the application website at <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/inveraray-crossaig/> or through the Scottish Government portal <http://www.energyconsents.scot/>

Copies of the EIA Report may be obtained from Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc by contacting the Kelly Scott, Community Liaison Manager, by phone +44(0)7443 772 946/email [kelly.scott@sse.com](mailto:kelly.scott@sse.com) at a charge of £10 per USB flash drive. Copies of a short non-technical summary are available free of charge.

Any representations to the application may be submitted via the Energy Consents Unit website at [www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx](http://www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx); by email to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at [representations@gov.scot](mailto:representations@gov.scot) or by post, to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to [representations@gov.scot](mailto:representations@gov.scot) will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than Sunday 02 September 2018 although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the developer will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information, receipt of all views and representations, Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit processes consent applications and consultation representations under The Electricity Act 1989. During the process, to support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot). A privacy notice and a fair processing notice are published on the help page at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot). These explain how the Energy Consents Unit processes your personal information. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please email us at: [Econsents\\_admin@gov.scot](mailto:Econsents_admin@gov.scot) or write to Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU.

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David Sinclair would like to thank all the colleagues and friends who gave him such a great send off on the occasion of his retirement from Argyll and Bute Council on Friday 27th July 2018. Both Theresa and I were overwhelmed by your generosity. Special thanks to Alison McGinty for her organisational skills and to Jim Smith for his kind words. Maybe the sun does always shine on TV after all!

# Reid's fine furrowing is ploughing perfection

## LARGIESIDE

The top trophy at the Largieside annual ploughing match again went to Jamie Reid.

Mr Reid took the Mr and Mrs Holder shield for best overall, and won the 12 inch and under, best break, best last six furrows, best finish, best working plough and the Glenside tractors trophy for best work by KV plough.

Youngster Neil Littleton collected two trophies: the Largieside challenge cup and Tayinloan cup.

Numbers were down in the horse section possibly due to poor weather across Scotland although Largieside remained largely dry.

Neil MacPhail, 78, working horses Poacher and Tommy, took the Geordie MacFarlane trophy for best in horse ploughing and the cup for best working pair in horse ploughing.

For the full results, turn to page 35. For more photographs, visit [www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk](http://www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk)



**Stephen Jones worked horses Joe and Finn with French engineering student Marie Aeillaud, 22, from Avignon who is volunteering on Mr Jones's farm. 25\_c31ploughing04; ploughing judges Hugh Galbraith and John Ralson. 25\_c31ploughing09; Gavin Reid senior. 25\_c31ploughing14**



## TAYINLOAN

### Sheepdog trialist's Tayinloan move

Ferry Farm, Tayinloan, by kind permission of Killean Estates, is the venue for next Friday's (August 10) Kintyre Sheepdog Trials.

Between 60 and 65 of Scotland's best shepherds and their dogs will

begin competing from 8.30am. In another change, refreshments move from the usual horsebox, to Big Jessie's café by the Isle of Gigha ferry terminal.

**A competitor in the August 2015 KSDT trial.**



## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

It was so good we went to see it twice in four days.

Mamma Mia! Here We go again was a musical feast and great entertainment.

The same week we also watched Paddington 2, for the third time on DVD, and felt transported with both these events into a world of feel-good factor.

Sometimes a bit of escapism from all the horrors that take place across our world is good for us.

However, there was a theme that appeared in both Mamma Mia! and Paddington 2 that caught my attention.

In the song I Have a Dream, the words resonate ... I believe in angels, something good in everything I see.

In Paddington 2, towards the end, when life is just not the same for his neighbourhood without the little bear, Mr Brown says, 'Paddington looks for the good in everyone'.

In a world where there are so many things that upset us, devastate us and challenge us, it is appropriate to be reminded to look for the good in the world and in people.

While only fiction, Paddington 2 sent a message by bringing out the good in people - by showing kindness and respect to all, with maybe the occasional Aunt Lucy 'hard stare' for those who had forgotten their manners.

I believe that people are inherently good and if we look for that good, we should find it, even if it is deeply hidden.

Maybe if we could be more like Paddington, the world could be a better place. Who would have thought a little bear could have such a big message?

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# Torrential rain terrorises Dunaverty Open golfers

Dunaverty's July Open was plagued by torrential showers until midday.

In order for the games to continue, the greenkeeper had to intervene by clearing rainwater from the 14th green.

Despite the weather, 80 men and 23 ladies braved the elements and some excellent scores were recorded.

The scores were very close in both the men's and ladies' handicap sections, with winners being decided on the last six holes in each section.

Margaret MacKinnon, from Lochgilphead, was ladies' handicap winner by virtue of a better last six holes from Carradale's Lynsay McGeachy.

Fergus Wallace (Pollock GC), by the same margin from Dunaverty's Robert Coffield, took the men's title.

George MacMillan had an exceptional round of 62 to claim the men's scratch section.

A first class round of 75 by Dunaverty's Ailie MacBrayne left her two shots clear of Jennifer Mack to win the ladies' scratch title.

Captain John Marrison paid tribute to greenkeepers David Scullion and Robert Irvine for the superb condition of the course in spite of the recent weather conditions.

He thanked the competitors for attending, regardless of the extreme

weather conditions, and especially those who had travelled a long distance for the event.

Club steward Will Anderson and staff catered for the event, while match secretary Alex Arkell and David MacBrayne were responsible for maintaining an organised game.

Full results. Spot prize results: nearest the pin at the 16th: Calum MacMillan (Machrihanish) 2.65mtrs, ladies' longest drive at the 17th: Elizabeth Marrison, men's longest drive: Patrick Norris (Bothwell Castle GC). Ladies' scratch result: 1 Ailie MacBrayne 75, 2 Jennifer Mack 77, 3 Nichola Kidd 84. Ladies' handicap: 1 Margaret MacKinnon (Lochgilphead) 80-13=67 (better last six), 2 Lynsay McGeachy (Carradale) 84-17=67, 3 Elizabeth Marrison 80-11=69 (bih).

Men's scratch result: 1 George MacMillan 62, 2 Patrick Norris (Bothwell Castle GC) 66 (better last six), 3 Ryan McGlynn (Lochgilphead) 67, 4 Lee Mathieson 69, 5 R Wilson (Lochgilphead) 70. Men's handicap: 1 Fergus Wallace (Pollock GC) 65-6=59 (better last six), 2 Robert Coffield 69-10=59, 3 Donald McNeil 66-6=60, 4 John Docherty (Machrihanish) 75-15=61, 5 Peter McLean (Tarbert) 71-9=62 (bih).



From left: Fergus Wallace, Dunaverty captain John Marrison and Margaret MacKinnon.



The picture shows all competitors before setting off with their flags.

## Garden windmill marks 19th hole

At the recent ladies' distance flag competition at Carradale Golf Club, players took to the course with determination and garden windmills.

Each windmill marked where the ball rested on their final shot.

### Top of the hill

Lynsay McGeachy won by getting

her 'flag' to the top of the hill at the 19th hole with Margaret Campbell in second place with her flag placed on the 18th fairway.

## American teenage golfer scoops Carradale trophy

An under-18 golfer crossed the pond to win a 'major' trophy in East Kintyre.

American Andrew White won the Taylor trophy, for boys under 18, while on holiday in Carradale staying with his grandmother, Isobel White, who is a native of the village.

In 1960, Elsie Walker presented the Taylor trophy to the club in memory of her father, Alec Taylor, and it is the second oldest trophy in the club.

Finlay Neilson was second and Andrew's younger brother, Gregory, was third.



Andrew White, is pictured receiving the cup from Alan Walker, one of Alec Taylor's grandsons.

## Golf club lotto draws

There were no winners in the Machrihanish Golf Club three number lottery. There will be a jackpot of £600 on Monday at the next draw.

The draw for Dunaverty's three number lotto was made on July 19. The winning numbers were five, seven and 17.

There were no winners and the next draw for a jackpot of £200 will be held on August 12.

Tickets are available from committee members, the club steward, Muneroy tearooms and the Burnside bar.

# Glasgow lawyer's tennis league win

A Glasgow lawyer defied persistent drizzle to ensure he has an ace chance of taking tennis league honours.

Men's league players at Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club were told they must play at least one match before the end of July or be taken out of the competition.

Despite dreich conditions, on Sunday morning, Thomas Jordan took on Mark Davey.

Last year's men's singles winner, being short on practice, found it a tougher match than he expected, eventually winning 6-4, 6-2 after an-hour-and-a-half on court.

This year's men's championship for the Dickson Cup is on Saturday August 11 at 10am. The women's singles is on Thursday August 16 at 6.30pm. The women's doubles is on Thursday August 23 at 6.30pm.

The men's doubles will be rescheduled as will the mixed doubles for the HMS Platypus cup which was due to be played on Monday.

# Machrihanish Dunes club championship

The 36-hole Machrihanish Dunes club championship was played in what could only be described as mixed conditions last weekend.

Gary Sheppard followed an opening round of 70 with a 72 on Sunday to defend the title he won in 2017, winning by four shots from David Lamont and five from Steven Gilmour.

Steven had the best handicap total over the two days, with Neil Irving finishing runner-up in that section.

A Mach Dunes spokesperson said: 'Congratulations to all the winners, and many thanks to all the competitors for turning out to support this event.'



Winner Gary Sheppard and runner-up David Lamont.

# Machrihanish golf club results

Championship course results July 18 to July 28:

D MacKinlay cup, five clubs: 1 A Roberston 36 points (BIH), 2 J E Dunlea 36 points (BIH), 3 John Docherty 36 points (better last six). Thomson open: 1 John Ramsay 8-22=64, 2 Alan Weir 85-19=66 (BIH), 3 Ian Macphail 76-10=66. Scratch: 1 John Shaw 73, 2 Alistair Macphail 74, 3 F Wallace 75 (BIH). Senior: Calum Mclean 87-10=77, Junior: Andrew White 84-6=78, Ladies: Elizabeth Casey 82-11=71, Ladies scratch: Jean Capes 89. Glencaladh bowl: 1 John Rennie 34 points, 2 Fergus Walker 32 points.

Pans course result July 18 to July 28: Ladies 9 hole competition: Linda McFadyen 19 points. Rose bowl: 1 Catherine Dobbie 85-12=73 CSS 69, 2 Jennifer Gilchrist 94-20=74.

# James Mundell memorial open

A strong field is expected for the coveted James Mundell memorial open at Tarbert Golf Club this Sunday.

Tee times are available by calling the clubhouse on 01880 820565.

Tarbert golfers have been enjoying some success away from Glenralloch.

Iain Macalister took first gross prize at the recent Dunaverty seniors gents' open.

### Honours

Peter McLean jnr was in the net prizes at the Dunaverty holiday open last Saturday and Keith Blair took the honours in the July medal at Machrihanish Dunes.

# Argyll and Bute Cup

The annual Argyll and Bute Cup football tournament takes place on Saturday at Ropework Park and the 3G pitch at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Campbeltown Pupils have been drawn in Section 1 along with Tarbert, Kilsyth and Dunoon.

Cup holders Oban Saints are in Section 2 with host club Lochgilphead Red Star, Neilston and Port Glasgow.

The tournament gets under way at 10am.

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# Pupils pre-season's triple triumph

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Pre-season friendly	

After scoring 19 pre-season goals, Bridgewater were brought to earth with a bump by a well-organised Pupils team at Kintyre Park.

Last season's Scottish Amateur Cup semi-finalists looked unfit as the Pupils appeared up for the challenge from the start.

It wasn't a classic by any stretch of the imagination, but there really was only one winner as the Pupils dominated the fifty-fifties.

Bridgewater, as you would expect given their lofty reputation, didn't roll over and make it easy, but they appeared second best at the breakdown and mostly it was the home side with their foot

on the loose ball. Scott Souden gave the visitors a torrid time as he continually stretched their defence on the right, but a last-ditch challenge saw he threatened to break loose behind the back four.

He was unable to recover and played no further part.

The Pupils once more introduced a number of young graduates, and all can be satisfied with their contribution in a solid win against top class opposition.

The home side started with Jamie Burns occupying the central defensive role, with the space behind covered by club captain Keith Mitchell, who revels in his new-found responsibility.

A number of clear chances were scorned by the home attack and the visitors almost scored against the run of play



Ross Souden heads home the only goal of the game. 25\_c31pupils01

when a first-time shot took a wicked deflection, only to be brilliantly saved by home keeper Ferguson, who clawed the ball to safety from under the cross-bar.

The visitors tried the aerial route to success, but were continually thwarted by Lorne Robertson, who put his head in the way of everything. The second half progressed

like the first, a war of attrition with goalmouth incidents few and far between.

Nevertheless, strong performances from Martin McCallum, Ryan McConnachie, Ryan Deans and the effervescent Robin Barr made a difference in the final attacking third.

The introduction of young Ross Souden, for his second game in consecutive weeks also added to the aerial threat.

A perfectly clipped free kick from Martin McCallum saw Ross head a dramatic winner, much to his joy and the home support.

It was a team performance, there was never going to be a glut of goals between such evenly matched sides, but the manner of the victory will prove most satisfying to the management team – es-

pecially with so many young men on duty. Sary Rhama once more deserves praise for unselfishly ploughing a lone furrow up front and Joe Ruesgan made a useful contribution on his return to a Pupils shirt.

But who could deny the youngsters – Ross Souden, Alastair Ferguson, Bailly Freeman, Ross Brown and Cameron Wylie – their biggest scalp to date!

Tomorrow the Pupils travel to play in the Argyll and Bute Cup tournament – a competition run by Lochgilphead Red Star.



Spectators, including Ross Souden's dad Ronnie, did not need their brollies. 25\_c31pupils02



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