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Church asked to explore other Auchinlee avenues

'We have insufficient facilities in Kintyre to meet the needs of all our elderly'

Mark Davey and Saffron Coffield
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A potential Auchinlee buyer with an alternative use suggestion has struggled to speak to a Church of Scotland decision-maker.

The 27 ensuite-bedroomed former care home is on the market for £250,000, and, despite the agents, D M Hall, setting a closing date of July 27, it appears the property is not yet 'under offer'.

David Avery, 54, says he has a plan which would allow the community garden, established at the rear of the building, to continue.

Mr Avery, who moved to Kintyre from New Zealand, said: 'Since Auchinlee was put on the market, I have approached Anthony Zdanowicz, D M Hall's associate handling the sale for CrossReach, and the Church of Scotland, to ask whether they would consider alternative proposals or a project.

'The biggest problem I have found is the Church of Scotland's unwillingness to explore alternatives, discuss possibilities, my proposal or even to talk to someone who makes the decisions.'

In an email to the Courier last week, Mr Zdanowicz said: 'I have offers currently with my client for consideration and instructions and I hope to have it "under offer" very soon.'

The property dates back to the late 1800s and has three floors, with a two-storey extension on the east side.

It also has a tree-lined driveway which leads to the private car park, and a large garden area surrounding the building.

The home offered full-time personal care for people over the age of 65, and specialised in accommodating residents who suffered from dementia.

The closure of Auchinlee, earlier this year, was controversial as it was one of only two residential homes

providing dementia care in Kintyre.

Two councillors, John Armour and Donald Kelly, think the Church of Scotland should return sale proceeds to Campbeltown to help fund elderly care.

Mr Armour said: 'I think the price is what it is and is only what buyers are willing to bid for a building in need of repair.

'It is a pity that none of the money raised from the sale will be kept in Campbeltown to help fund care for our elderly people.'

Mr Kelly added: 'We have insufficient facilities in Kintyre to meet the needs of all our elderly.'

'I have consistently argued that more needs to be done to provide a facility which meets the needs of our ever-ageing population.

'It would be ideal if the purchase price could be gifted to the community as a good start to funding a new facility.'

Chairman demonstrates sheepdog skills



The chairman of Kintyre Sheepdog Trials Association walked away from the competition with more silverware than anyone else. Andrew Ronald Sr, who competed with Robbie, picked up three of the 10 trophies in last Friday's contest at Killean Estate, Tayinloan. For the full report, see farming, page 39. Trophy winners were, from the left: Cameron Dickson, Andrew Ronald Sr, Duncan Robertson, Lorne Clark and Andy Carnegie. Stuart Davidson is missing from the photo. 50_c33sheepdogtrials04

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Major milestone achieved in sea lice control

A pair of Scotland's leading salmon farmers have reported a 'breakthrough' in the drive to control sea lice.

Marine Harvest Scotland and Scottish Sea Farms have been working with the Institute of Aquaculture at the University of Stirling to produce farm-reared 'cleaner fish', so-called because they eat naturally occurring external parasites such as sea lice from salmon.

The aim was to rear the cleaner fish in the most responsible, sustainable and environmentally-friendly way.

In six years, the project team has bred wild-caught Ballan wrasse (*Labrus bergylta*) and raised the offspring from egg to adults of reproductive age.

In what is believed to be a world first, those same offspring have produced their own eggs, which have successfully hatched, completing the life cycle of farming wrasse in a controlled environment.

The team has also gone on to successfully wean the wrasse larvae and fry from live food to a dry diet – another key milestone and one that will give salmon farmers more control over the health and nutrition of farmed wrasse.

It is the sector's ambition to become self-sustaining and use only farmed stocks of cleaner fish – a goal that is now within grasp thanks to these latest advances.

Says Marine Harvest Scotland's hatchery manager Paul Featherstone said: 'Ballan wrasse provide highly effective, highly natural sea lice control and as such is in huge demand.'

'With this breakthrough, we now have proven procedures for breeding, weaning and rearing wrasse.'

Adds Scottish Sea Farms' head of fish health, Ralph Bickerdike: 'These landmark breakthroughs are the result of many years of collaborative research.'

The two leading salmon farmers entered into the multi-million pound collaboration in 2011.

Under the terms of the collaboration, all insights gleaned will be shared with the wider sector for the common good.

'Green' Kintyre welcomed visitors

Passengers from the Saga Pearl II cruise ship, many from the drought-hit south, were amazed by Kintyre's garden colours.

At Peninver's An Ceardach garden, owned by Christine and Livingston Russell, visitors from the ship, which docked for about eight hours on Tuesday, saw a vista of flowers including hydrangeas and lilies in full bloom.

Mrs Russell said: 'At Saddell Abbey the mermaid carved on one of the grave slabs would have been at home on the wet day.'

'Some of the more intrepid visitors made it to see the Gormley statue on Saddell beach. Green Kintyre made a big impact on the mainly English visitors coming from the drought-stricken south of the UK.'



Leaden skies greeted Saga pearl II. 25_c33sagapearl01



Water lillies at An Ceardach garden. 25_c33sagapearl02



Anthony Gormley's iron man was hidden in the mist at Saddell.

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Offensive weapon possession

A man with an offensive weapon behaved in an abusive manner, in Longrow, Campbeltown, at about 2.10am last Friday. Police arrested and charged the 25-year-old who continued to be abusive.

No seat belt

Checks on a vehicle stopped at about 3pm last Friday, in Burnside Street, Campbeltown, because its driver, a 66-year-old man, who was later charged, was not wearing a seat belt, revealed there was no insurance.

Speeding motorists

At about 7.30pm last Friday, on the A83 near Tayinloan, a 26-year-old motorist was stopped for exceeding the speed limit. Later, at 8.15pm, in the same area, a 44-year-old man was also stopped for exceeding the speed limit. Both drivers were charged.

Threatening behaviour

A 35-year-old man who made threatening and abusive phone calls at about 11.50pm, last Friday has been arrested and charged.

Drugs possession

A recorded police warning was issued after a 38-year-old woman was found with cannabis at about 11.50pm, last Saturday, in Shore Street, Campbeltown.

Public urination

A 34-year-old man was issued with a recorded police warning at 12.02am last Saturday, in Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, for urinating in a public place.

Resisting arrest

At about 2.25am last Sunday, in Shore Street, Campbeltown, a 39-year-old man behaved in an abusive manner and resisted arrest. He was later charged with the offences.



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The flowers run alongside the A83 just outside Campbeltown. 50_c33sunflowers05

Sunflowers make Kintyre smile

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Thanks to a Kintyre farmer's green fingers, motorists on the A83 just outside Campbeltown may believe they are in France.

David H Young planted 0.2 hectares of his Glencairns farmland, running alongside the road, with sunflowers, many of which now tower as high as six feet tall.

There is a constant stream of vehicles pulling in at the bottom of the farm track to admire the bright flowers and take photographs.

'I planted them beside the road so people would see them,' David said. 'I've tried them in the garden before and they've never grown very high but I just took a notion to do it this year and I'm very happy with how it has turned out.'

'I've had so many comments from people, a lot saying it reminds them of France.'

David thinks the long, hot summer has helped the flowers flourish this year, and said he doesn't think they're usually grown commercially in the UK above Lincolnshire.

A wildlife fan, David is pleased to see the number of bees attracted to the



An innumerable amount of bees have been drawn to the golden flowers.

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David H Young stands alongside the 10ft wide bank of sunflowers. 50_c33sunflowers01

massive, golden flowerheads. Margaret Mackay, from Northumberland, who has been visiting Kintyre for 14 years, contacted the Courier and said: 'Such a lovely idea to brighten up the roadside and help nature through pollination.'

'I hope the farmer does it again and the idea catches on.'

Although he is selling the flowers for 50p a stalk, David

insists he hasn't grown them for financial purposes.

'I just did it to spread a little happiness, and it seems to have made a lot of folk happy.'

'Farming can be a miserable job at times, with the weather and things, so it's nice to have something to smile about.'

David has his thinking cap on about how to brighten up the roadside next year and welcomes all suggestions.

Council staff sick days cost £3 million per year

A total of more than 50,000 staff sick days in a 12-month period cost Argyll and Bute Council at least £3m.

Figures obtained by another Argyll and Bute newspaper, through a Freedom of Information Act request, also revealed that sick days taken in the area rose by more than 25 per cent in the 12 months before July 1, 2017.

A total of 50,749 sick days were taken in that period compared to 39,996 in the previous year.

The final figure for sick days in that period was £3,188,712, up £206,656 on the year 2015/16.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'Local authorities across Scotland are all experiencing a rise in sickness absence - something we are taking very seriously.'

'The health and wellbeing of our workforce is a priority.'

'We have put different kinds of support in place to help employees in delivering the services local people use every day.'

'These include an employee counselling service, referrals to occupational health specialists and a stress reduction policy.'

'We have also established a healthy working lives steering group to drive forward our wellbeing agenda.'

Argyll and Bute Council employs more than 5,000 staff in more than 200 locations across the area, which is the second largest by area in Scotland.

Clachan Smallholders' Gathering grows

Preparations for Clachan's complete celebration of harvest time are going into hyperdrive.

This year's Smallholders' Gathering on Saturday September 1, from 1pm to midnight, aims to be

bigger and better than ever. Daytime activities include a bucking bronco competition and woodworking demonstration.

At night there are further fun and games including line dancing and many musicians.

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Lindsay Ronald and David Croft enjoyed the spirit of the night. 50_c33headline07



TTF's Lorena Dale and Jon Campbell rocked the stage. 50_c33headline03

Campbeltown techno talents

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'The best night out for years!'

That was just one of the comments made after The Time Frequency's headline gig at the 26th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (MOKFest).

The main event was expected to be a hit after the success of the techno group's last appearance at the festival in 2016.

The only complaint two years ago was that revellers ended up dripping in sweat as it was too hot in the Victoria Hall, but festival organisers must have taken that on board because the room was cooler than ever this year.

Forty-somethings were in their element, reliving their youth as they raved with glow sticks and light-up footwear and headgear to classics including Real Love and Come Alive, from the group, which was at its peak in the 1990s.

The crowd was warmed up by one of happy hardcore's most iconic artists, DJ Rankin, whose tracks, including I Am A Raver and Dancing In The Dark, accompanied many of the slightly younger audience members' school years.

Before that, Campbeltown band Gullion got the party atmosphere started with classics including Technohead's I Wanna Be A Hippy.

Mhairi Robertson, Lorna Ronald and Carly Marrison partied the night away.

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Lorraine Griffiths, Ross McEachran, Gayle Durnin and Danielle Mehigan raved the night away. 50_c33headline04



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A laser-firing robot was one of the stars of TTF's set. 50_c33headline06

raves about



Rea Meaker, Barbara Donnan and Sarah Simpson enjoying DJ Rankin's set. 50_c33headline02



Scottish underground sensation DJ Rankin heated up the crowd for the main act. 50_c33headline01



Sean Middleton, Claire Soudan, Jennifer Wylie, Malcolm Blackstock and Jason Cordell were some of the younger revellers who enjoyed their night. 50_c33headline09



Heather Mckinnon, Kerry Graham, Chloe Baines, Katie Wallace and Kay McLatchie sparkled up for the occasion. 50_c33headline05

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Magical MOK Fest

This week's Courier is jam-packed with Mull of Kintyre Music Festival news and photographs.

The festival brought together more musicians than ever, of countless genres, from across the world in a spectacular five-day extravaganza.

The rain remained at bay, allowing the first Carni-West parade and Up The Close open-air events to run without a hitch on Saturday afternoon.

The seamless transition from parade to outdoor gig, complete with stalls, hot food and drink, and children's entertainment, in Springbank Distillery's revamped courtyard, was a hit.

Another talking point has been The Time Frequency's Saturday night gig.

It was a gamble booking the same headline act as two years ago. Would the band be able to recreate their unforgettable 2016 performance or would they fail to live up to the hype?

It paid off, with a packed dance floor and many revellers proclaiming it to be 'the best night out ever!'

Even the Courier's reporter, stone cold sober, struggled not to enjoy the techno music, of which she was not particularly a fan beforehand.

A fantastic weekend.

Carradale fish farm concerns

Sir,

I write in response to Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell's 'disappointment that there has been so little local consultation about the proposal' for a third salmon farm near Carradale.

It should read that there has been no local consultation, allowing for debate on the applicant Marine Harvest's (MH) intentions, permitting the people of Carradale and the wider area of east Kintyre to form a view.

The Courier's article, August 3, informs the community that, in addition to the maximum production of salmon per year, MH also requires the approval of bath medicines.

To any individual keen to form an opinion on the impact of bath medicines upon both our food chain and environment, I would recommend as a first read: *The Salmon: The Extraordinary Story of the King of Fish* by Michael Wigan.

The following extract from that book will be of interest to not only the wider community but also specifically to Kintyre's farmers.

'The number and quantity of chemicals used by salmon farmers is mind-boggling.

'The business has spawned its own chemical arsenal. In 2011 in the Scottish industry, 35 medicines were licensed to keep salmon clean, and 25 anti-fouling substances were available to unclog nets and cages.

'Drug manufacturers facing the challenge of resistance to treatment in sea lice from single concoctions were pushed to recommending

suites of chemical compounds as possible solutions.

'This proliferation of chemicals coincides with the efforts by the European Union to ban or reduce those available to crop growers on farmland.'

This one extract paragraph raises several questions to which the people of Kintyre presently do not have the answers.

The applicant, MH, is seeking approval for the use of three named 'bath medicines': Cypermethrin, a neurotoxin highly toxic to fish and aquatic insects; Deltamethrin, a pesticide highly toxic to aquatic life, particularly fish, and therefore must be used with extreme caution around water; and Azamethiphos, an insecticide veterinary drug used to control parasites.

Are bath medicines not just fancy wording for chemicals? What should be the first question for MH?

Tommy Macpherson,
Member of East Kintyre
Community Council,
Saddell.

Honorary membership for ex-pro at Machrihanish

Sir,

It is nice to say, as a follow up to my letter of May 18, Ken Campbell is an honorary lifetime member of Machrihanish Golf Club where he was the head professional for 29 years.

Congratulations to the captain and the committee for its decision.

Jim Gubler,
Machrihanish member, Las Vegas.

Community group funding

Sir,

Community groups in Argyll and Bute which support individuals and families have the chance to benefit from a bursary boost.

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Claire Amber Young,
Ross and Liddell.

Genealogy help sought

Sir,

I am trying to trace any relatives of a Dugald McMillan, born in 1914. He was the second son of Neil and Jean McMillan of Darlochan Cottage, by Campbeltown.

Dugald was an employee of West Coast Motors, before going to the war in the Middle East. He died in Tobruk, January 1942, and I would be grateful for any information.

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Dalintober beach memories

Sir,
I read with some nostalgia your story on the Dalintober Beach Regatta.

Before leaving the town some 17 years ago, I lived on High Askomil for 25 years and before that about eight years on Low Askomil, both overlooking the beach.

Long before, when I was a teenager, I lived in one of the prefabs on Hillside Road.

My friends and I would often head for Dalintober Beach, commonly known as Banana Beach, where we would spend some pocket money on Jock Shields' kayaks.

There were about six or seven kayaks to hire for a shilling or two and go just about anywhere, in all weathers, for an hour, not a lifejacket to be seen.

Jock or John Shields ran a bicycle shop on Longrow but was into many things and also had a ship carousel at Banana Beach.

The carousel wasn't unlike one at the fair but consisted of seven or eight little cargo ships and cruise boats, all home-made, I think, for one child in each boat.

They were attached to a centre spindle with one ship only having an outboard motor making the whole assembly rotate.

I'm not sure if it was Jock or someone else who hired out rowing boats from the slipway in the harbour.

We would hire two-seater or four-seater boats, the former being cheaper and we could always pick up another crew member when out of sight of the hirer.



The queue to have a go at Dalintober Beach Group's assault course at the inaugural Campbeltown Community Regatta. 25_c33beach01

Rowing to the large mooring buoy in the middle of the loch was no big deal, and neither was accepting a dare to ride out the wake from the Duchess of Hamilton or Montrose sideways on.

I'm sweating thinking about it as there were no life-jackets – we must have been crazy.

Other memories of Banana Beach were the toilets and shelter at the top of the pier now long gone, and the push-button drinking fountain at the wall near the beach slipway.

Happy days, indeed. Good luck to those trying to restore it for today's generation where I'm certain life-jackets will be in abundance for boating adventures.

Ronnie Gay,
Hunters Quay.



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Red Cross reopens

Campbeltown's popular Red Cross shop reopened on Tuesday morning after extending into a neighbouring property and undergoing a complete refit.

The shop was formally opened by Ailsa Stewart, who first came up with the idea for the 'thrift shop' for the benefit of Campbeltown in 1977.

Last year alone, the shop raised more than £55,000 to help Red Cross work at home and overseas.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday August 20, 1993

Bid to cut speeding

Following pilot schemes throughout selected areas of Strathclyde, road humps will be introduced across the region in a bid to cut traffic speeds and reduce road accidents.

The move was welcomed by Campbeltown's police chief inspector, James Dorwood, who identified possible locations in Campbeltown where they could be of benefit.

'Without knowing the criteria, it is difficult to be specific,' he said, 'but they could possibly be incorporated into the traffic plan for Campbeltown.'

Traffic inspector for Argyll and Bute, John Glass, said that areas will be identified where



Cutting the ribbon in 2008, from left to right: Sheena Howarth, shop manager; Jan McNair, shop assistant manager, with her granddaughter Ellie McNair; Kevin Morgan, Scottish retail manager for the Red Cross; Ailsa Stewart; and Sheena Graham, who has been a Red Cross volunteer for more than 50 years.

area and the growing number of personnel, visiting and otherwise, at the Machrihanish airbase.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday August 17, 1918

Private Robert McCaig

Official word was received by Mr Robert R McCaig, farmer, Killdalloig, on Tuesday that his elder son, Private Robert McCaig of the Black Watch, had been killed in action in France.

Private McCaig met his death while he was attending to the wounded on the battlefield, which humane duty he performed in the most heroic manner in face of the storm of fire and shell that swept the battle zone.

Writing to Private McCaig's father, the officer in charge of the company says: 'It is with feelings of great sorrow and regret that I write to you to offer you all my sympathy for the sad loss you have sustained.'

'Private McCaig was one of the finest men I had; he was beloved by all in the company. I myself had the greatest admiration and respect for him.'

road humps could have an effect on road safety. 'Vehicular speeding is an ongoing problem,' he said, 'and road humps are an effective method of road calming.'

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Thursday August 15, 1968

Rain comes as a relief

Heavy rain fell in the Campbeltown area on Monday night and for many people it was something of a relief.

Argyll Water Board had prepared warning notices about water shortage when the skies deadened and the first fresh drops of moisture came down.

The Campbeltown area had plenty of water for immediate purposes but the future looked rather stark unless efforts were made to conserve water – hence the warning notices.

Loch Ruan reservoir was empty as far as water supply to the town was concerned – the water level was below that of the discharge weir.

Auchalochy reservoir was about six feet below its proper level.

Only just over six inches of rain has fallen in the Campbeltown area since the first of April this year.

This was half the amount which fell in the same period last year.

What made the water shortage worse this year was the large number of visitors in the

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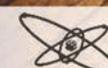
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Movie fan finds out he is part of cinema's history

One of the movie fans who joined a free tour of Campbeltown Picture House last week was surprised to find himself on display.

Craig Smith, 44, originally from Campbeltown, but now an assistant head teacher in Birmingham, spotted a photograph of himself on a timeline of the cinema's history.

In the photo, a 13-year-old Craig is wearing a green jacket and standing at the cinema's entrance, but he has no recollection of it being taken.

The advertisement board on the right of the photo indicates that romantic comedy *Roxanne*, starring Steve Martin, was playing at the time but it is unclear whether

Craig and his friends were heading inside to watch or just sheltering from the rain on the steps.

The image appears on the '120 years of cinema' timeline on the wall in the café area of the building, with the caption: '1987. Campbeltown Community Business Ltd is set up to raise funds for the refurbishment of the Picture House.'

The cinema closed in 2014 and reopened in December 2017 after a £3.5 million refurbishment.

The upgrades included the cinema's art nouveau exterior being extensively restored and the main auditorium returning to its 1930s atmospheric style, created by the cinema's designer, Albert

Victor Gardner, 20 years after it first opened in 1913.

Additions to the cinema complex included a second screen, smaller than the main screen, with 52 seats compared to its 193, a conference space and a café area.

Several questions arose on the free tour Craig was on, including: 'What was the first film ever played at the cinema?'

Although there was an extensive report of the cinema's opening in the May 31, 1913, edition of the Campbeltown Courier, there is no mention of the movies that were shown.

When the cinema first opened its doors, on May 26, 1913, welcoming invited guests, 'a selection of pictures



Craig, sporting a green jacket, can be seen on a timeline of the cinema's history.

was shown, and afternoon tea was handed round.'

The report reads: 'The variety of subjects dealt with in the pictures shows wise and careful selection, and

everything points to the conduct of the house being worthy of the best and most extensive patronage.'

An advertisement in the same edition urged people

not to miss *The Rajah's Casket*, the cinema's 'great star picture' being shown the following Monday.

The 1906 silent film, the first to be referenced at the time, was an exotic tale set at the Rajah's palace where his casket of jewels is stolen by an evil sorcerer, before a search is launched.

The cinema's current general manager, Ellen Mainwood, said it 'looks wonderfully bonkers'. The managing director when the cinema opened is named in the article and in the advertisement as F Rendall Burnette.

Mr Burnette was described as a 'pioneer of the business', who 'wisely saw the future that was in store for the moving pictures'.

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Kintyre Seasports Project consultation

Consultants developing the full business case (FBC) for Campbeltown Seasports Project want the community to come aboard with suggestions and opinions.

Two consultation days at the end of the month are aimed at ensuring the FBC team from John Renshaw Architects are fully informed and armed with the facts to build the best business case, funding case and planning application possible.

Anyone is welcome to attend at Campbeltown Sailing Club, Low Askomil, on either Tuesday August 28 from 3pm to 4.30pm or 6pm to 7.30pm to learn about KSP and state their views or August 29 from 9am to noon.

A spokesperson from the consulting team said: 'The Kintyre Seasports Project has moved along incredibly well.

'The concept is well developed and has gained both lo-

cal and national support. It is clear that this is a unique and valuable project and could make a real difference to the Campbeltown community by delivering healthy pastimes, skills, leadership and confidence to both youths and adults alike through a connection to the sea.

'KSP's team has worked extremely hard to develop an outline business case, and a clear vision of how the facility could run, and to bring on-board both volunteers and potential funders.

'In order to realistically deliver the project, KSP needs to show that its project is deliverable, fundable, is realistically of a benefit to the community of Campbeltown and also has a model that can survive into the future. To do this, it needs to produce a full business case.

'The FBC looks at all elements of KSP, produces a

detailed business plan, operational plan and financial projections, confirms the best most practical location and then moves to design the right facility.

'Ultimately, it will deliver both planning and building warrant and be ready to move, subject to funding.

'Campbell Fox and his team have gained a huge amount of knowledge and the support of numerous stakeholders.

'They need your support to clarify the detail and to highlight and overcome any likely hurdles.'

On the Wednesday from 9am to 1pm, Martin Latimer, the person charged with refining the business plan and projections - will be available for one-to-one meetings to look in more details at problems, solutions or new ideas.

Please confirm attendance to Wendi Cuffe wendicuffe@



Early Kintyre Seasports Project support came from Brendan O'Hara and Councillor John Armour seen here with Campbell Fox in August 2015. 25_c33seasports01

btinternet.com or if unable to attend but wanting to discuss on 07710611117 or email martin.latimer@blueseacon-sultingllp.com KSP please call Mr Latimer on 07710611117 or email sultingllp.com

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Kintyre Seasports Project correction

The Courier has been asked to make a correction from its coverage of Campbeltown Community Regatta.

It was Irene Barkley from John Renshaw Architects who was very impressed by everything she witnessed at the regatta both on Dalintober Beach, in Campbeltown Sailing Club and the water-based activities in Campbeltown Loch.

Ms Barkley will return to Campbeltown on August 28 and 29 for the Kintyre Seasports Project's full business case consultation.



Irene Barkley speaks with Dalintober Beach Group's Jamie McLean on the sailing club balcony. 25_c33beach05

Pontoon planning permission

A NEW pontoon is set to be installed for Campbeltown's lifeboats after approval was given by Argyll and Bute Council.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution wanted to replace the facility at the Old Quay Lifeboat Station, and the local authority's planning department gave the go-ahead last week.



Crew members crossing the existing pontoon during a call-out last month. 25_c30lifeboat02

Nominate an Argyll and Bute councillor for national awards

Nominations are open to showcase the best of Argyll and Bute's elected representatives.

Kintyre residents are being encouraged to nominate a councillor for an award at the Local Government Information Unit's (LGIU) first Scottish Councillor Achievement Awards.

More than 1,200 councillors across Scotland represent and support their communities.

LGIU Scotland aims to recognise and reward those councillors who go the extra mile for their constituents.

The awards are sponsored by fund managers CCLA, investors for local authorities.

Jonathan Carr-West, chief executive of the LGIU, said: 'I'm delighted to launch the first Scottish Councillor Achievement Awards and identify some of the best locally elected members in Scotland.'

'Councillors play a crucial role in keeping our communities connected and I am looking forward to celebrating their success.'

There are six award



categories celebrating the varied work of councillors: Community Champion, for councillors who have gone above and beyond in supporting their communities; Finance, for councillors who have shown vision in maximising resources available to the council to best support residents; Digital, for councillors who have been particularly innovative or inclusive in helping to roll out digital solutions; Health Integration, for councillors who have pioneered new ways of approaching health and social care provision; Education, for councillors

who have performed outstanding work in the field of education; Leader of the Year' to celebrate the work of an exceptional council leader.

Nominations close on September 20 and a panel of judges will select a winner for each category.

Awards will be presented on Thursday November 29 at a ceremony in Edinburgh's City Chambers. There will be a keynote address from Kevin Stewart MSP.

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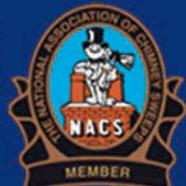
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One of the younger artists, Gemma McCaig, performed with her big sister Hannah.



Highland dancers added to the traditional element.

Young musicians' foot-tapping folk finesse

Music flows through the veins of many of Kintyre's young people and nothing demonstrated it more than the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival's Young Folk Night.

A packed Heritage Centre audience saw the area's top young talents perform folk favourites across a variety of instruments.

Many sang, while some used traditional instruments like the fiddle and pipes, and some used multiple instruments across various performances.

Members of Campbeltown Brass and Kintyre Schools Pipe Band also performed rousing sets, alongside one of Kintyre's newest traditional bands, Western Sound, who performed across three of the festival's five days.

Highland dancers from James McCorkindale's School of Dancing completed the event's folk feel.

Master of ceremonies Linsey Cairns kept the evening flowing as she introduced each act.

Some would say the star of the show was 11-year-old Katie Wilson, whose singing was breathtaking, but every youngster should be proud of how they performed. *Photos: Kenny Craig*



Katie Wilson shone on stage.



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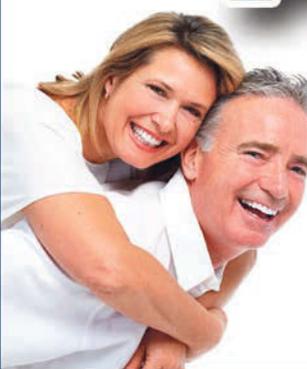

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Campbeltown girl and Dance School of Scotland pupil Hannah Black in action.



Hannah McCaig sang as well as playing the cornet.



Proficient singer Amy Ross took to the stage.



Erin Soudan took her turn to sing.



Finlay Wilson took to the stage.



Western Sound played on three of the festival's five days.



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Sensational supergroups

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A Mull Of Kintyre Music Festival tradition reserved only for those who make it to the end, Survivors' Night, was as successful this year as ever.

A collection of supergroups from all musical backgrounds entertained the hardy crowd made up mostly of students, those with Monday off work, or those who no doubt ended up feeling a little under the weather at work on Monday.

Session A83, a collection of artists who performed across the festival, kicked off the evening in style.

The night continued with performances from Deep Under Gullion, a mash-up of members of Deep Joy, Under Smoke and Gullion, and the Gilchristians – one of the ever-changing line-ups of the group which formed in 2008 to play Kenny Gilchrist's music – with 11-piece we.R.Soul, a collection of established local musicians and fresh talent, playing together for the first time.

Alex and Archie McAllister, who first performed at MOKFest in 1994, took to the stage again with impressive performances on the fiddle and accordion.

Slainte Davaar Allstars, which took a year out last year, came together for the sixth time to close the festival in true Campbeltonian style.

A spokesperson for the festival said: 'It was a great success with sell-out concerts and visitors from USA, Canada and across Europe attending this year.

'The musicians at all the concerts commented on how much they enjoyed the event and the reception they got from the audiences.

'It was great to be able to run the Saturday outdoor events again and we were delighted with the amount of people who turned out at these.

'Finally, we would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the 26th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival such a special event.

'We now look forward to year 27.'



The Slainte Davaar Allstars rocked the hall using a variety of instruments.



Gavin McLachlan and Courtney Lang enjoyed their night.



Erin Ferguson and Nicola McFadyen.

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Darren Muller and Kelly Hurd enjoyed their night.



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Town Hall's MOK Festival fringe sold out



Singer Lorna Hume. 25_c33reason10

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As if there was not enough musical entertainment in Campbeltown, last weekend, a festival fringe fundraiser added to the fun.

Reason – Zena Coffield and Norman Stewart – returned to the stage last Saturday after a two-year break during which Norman underwent a quadruple bypass.

After his first set Norman, 71, said: 'It is really great to be playing again and I will enjoy the second half even more.'

His wife, Shopper-Aide's Joan Stewart, said: 'I never thought I would see Norman singing again.'

Myra and Anton Spierings

even flew in from Boskoop, in the Netherlands, to hear Reason's tape-backed golden oldies.

The event sold out and partygoers, spanning all age groups, filled Campbeltown Town Hall from the start on tables decorated with vinyl LPs and CD cases.

South Kintyre Development, Trust, which owns the building, invested in a bar and stock for this and future events.

Zena said: 'I am delighted. It was the kind of crowd we hoped to attract and more than £2,000 was raised for Campbeltown Town Hall funds.'

Further entertainment included Ruairidh Wallace's exceptional singing, Saffron



Singer Ruairidh Wallace. 25_c33reason07

Coffield, John Coffield, Gary Anderson, Lorna Hume and some well practiced improm- tu dance moves from a number of groups who tripped the light fantastic.

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Zena's daughter Saffron Coffield. 25_c33reason13



Zena's son Gary Anderson belts out a number. 25_c33reason14



Myra and Anton Spierings from the Netherlands. 25_c33reason08



The young team's table. 25_c33reason15



All the right dance moves. 25_c33reason03



Reason - Norman Stewart and Zena Coffield. 25_c33reason05



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Best in brass continue their fundraising crusade



Fergus Walker and his daughter Maida watch the band.

Sixteen members of Campbeltown Brass joined 180 musicians from across Scotland at the annual National Youth Brass Band of Scotland (NYBBS) summer course.

The youngsters represented Kintyre at Strathallan, in the children's, reserve and senior bands. Celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, NYBBS offers young brass and percussion players, aged nine to 22, an opportunity to perform a challenging, exciting and diverse repertoire while receiving guidance from an expert tutorial team, under the baton of respected musical directors.

Campbeltown Brass player Caius Walker was given the Brad and Lin Catto Award for best student in the reserve band, while band-mate Andrew Colville came third in the children's band's solo competition.

The band held its open day

and new-starts training at the community centre recently, where a dozen youngsters eagerly tried out new instruments.

The training concluded with a performance at Kintyre Agricultural Show where the new-starts joined existing band members.

The senior band is currently preparing for the National Brass Band Championships in September, where they will be competing against the best bands in the UK. To raise funds, the band hosted a coffee morning in Campbeltown Town Hall on Saturday where the youth and senior bands, both current Scottish champions, performed.

The event raised £870, and organisers wish to thank everyone who went along in support and especially all band members and volunteers.

■ Coffee morning photographs by Kenny Craig.



Adelle McGeachy and Gregor Craig in action on the day.

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Caius Walker receives the Brad and Lin Catto Award for best student in the reserve band at NYBBS summer course.



Members of the children's band who attended the NYBBS summer course.



Band members Amy Paterson, Kirsten Souter, Hannah Oman, Emma Oman, Cara McFadzean and Gemma McCaig manned the door.



Liz Richardson, Iona McDougall, Aimilia Chute, Katrina Barr and Kathleen Campbell helped in the kitchen.



Cara McFadzean, Emma Oman, Gemma McCaig, Kirstie Renton and Lucy McFadzean take some time out.



Kerry McGeachy with her mum Margaret Carmichael and mother-in-law Marianne McGeachy.



David Colville and his son, band member Jamie.



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Jenna Campbell, joined July 2017, lost over 5 stone

Jenna enjoys Slimming World as she loves the huge support received at each class from Rhona and the class members. Taster days are one of Jenna's favourites as she gets to try new recipes which she goes on to try at home. Since losing 5 stone, Jenna has much more energy and feels great - thanks to Slimming World!



Iain McKerral joined Jan 2016 lost 7st

In January 2016 I joined Rhona's lunchtime group in Campbeltown. I had been very overweight for many years, had developed type 2 diabetes and needed a hip replacement. I couldn't have surgery for my hip until I had a significant weight loss. Anyway, I followed the plan and the weight just started shifting. Within a couple of months my weight loss led to me coming off my diabetes medication completely, eventually reversing the condition. By October that year I had lost a massive 6 stone and had my hip surgery. I lost 7 stone in total but gained a few pounds to keep me in a range I felt was more sustainable. Slimming World is a great plan to help you lose weight by changing how you look at food, separating foods into three simple food groups, with no calorie counting or forbidden foods. The group is a great support network to help you on your journey. It really has changed my life.



Phill Dexter joined June 2017 lost 4st 8

Since joining Slimming World my eating habits have changed completely as everything I eat is so much healthier but still as tasty. There are so many recipes of favourite traditional dishes from all over the world that you just have to make a few changes to so that they fit in with this brilliant food optimising plan. Joining any new group is scary especially a group focused around losing weight and joining this as a man is even scarier but you are made to feel so welcome by everybody in group. Joining Slimming World has changed my life and I have met many new friends that have also become like family as part of my journey.



MEET THE TEAM



**Rhona Galbraith
Consultant**

Hi, I'm Rhona and have been a SW consultant, for six years. I cover Lochgilphead/Campbeltown and absolutely love my job. Running between five classes then offering driving lessons in between keeps me on my toes but I love to help people achieve their goals. Announcing the weeks weight loss gives the members a real boost and makes it all worth while so come along to one of our classes and meet our friendly groups. We cant wait to see you!

A healthy, satisfying eating plan

Food Optimising is Slimming World's healthy eating plan. Based on the principles of energy density and satiety, Food Optimising empowers members to make healthier food choices, satisfy their appetites and lose weight - without calorie counting or obsessive weighing and measuring.

Food Optimising is easy to follow, focusing on three main components:

1. The concept of Free Foods promotes consumption of plenty of low energy dense and highly satiating foods, eg poultry, fish, lean meat, pasta, grains, vegetables and fruit.
2. Healthy Extras help provide a good overall balance of nutrients in addition to those obtained from Free Foods, with particular emphasis on calcium and fibre-rich foods, eg milk, cheese, cereals, wholemeal bread, nuts and seeds.
3. The synergy between Free Foods, Healthy Extras and Syns make Food Optimising effective and easy to live with long term. Syns are the way members can enjoy the foods that many diets ban - without a shred of guilt!



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Your future is in your hands

So grab it with both of them and make sure you have the best possible outcome

By now everyone – from your granny to next door's cat – will know how well you did when the exam results came out on August 7 and there might be a few wee anxious moments here and there if you didn't.

Don't worry, everyone is on your side, come what may, to make sure you get the best possible outcome – no matter what.

This year, across Scotland, there were 147,000 Higher passes with a pass rate of 76.8 per cent, a slight drop compared with 77.0 per cent last year.

There was a record number of entries for Advanced Higher (24,331) since changes to the qualification were made in the 2015-16 academic year; with attainment rates remaining high at 80.5 per cent.

UCAS, Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, says 23.3 per cent of all 18-year-olds in Scotland will be starting university this year – a record high with a five per cent increase in students from outside the EU being accepted to study in Scotland.



Joanna Murphy: 'It's not just about exam results'

Joanna Murphy who chairs the National Parent Forum of Scotland said: 'Each year at this time I remind parents that it's not just about exam results. We must recognise and celebrate the breadth of young people's achievements today and every day.'

'Our young people need to feel supported on their journey to the next stage, exploring the many pathways, in education or elsewhere, that are available.'

'The days before the exam results are revealed can be very stressful for young people and their parents. Now they have arrived, take time to reflect on the best course of action, considering all options carefully.'

'There are plenty of helpful resources available for parents and their children. Have a look on our website for helpful links www.parentforumscotland.org.uk. Speaking from experience, I know that the Skills Development Scotland Exam Results Helpline offers young people and their parents and carers the chance to talk to someone who is impartial, which helps you to step back and take stock at what can be a stressful time.'

'If your results weren't as expected, or you just want to talk over your choices, SDS advisers can talk you through the wide range of options available to you and reminds young people no matter what results they achieve, there is always a way forward.'

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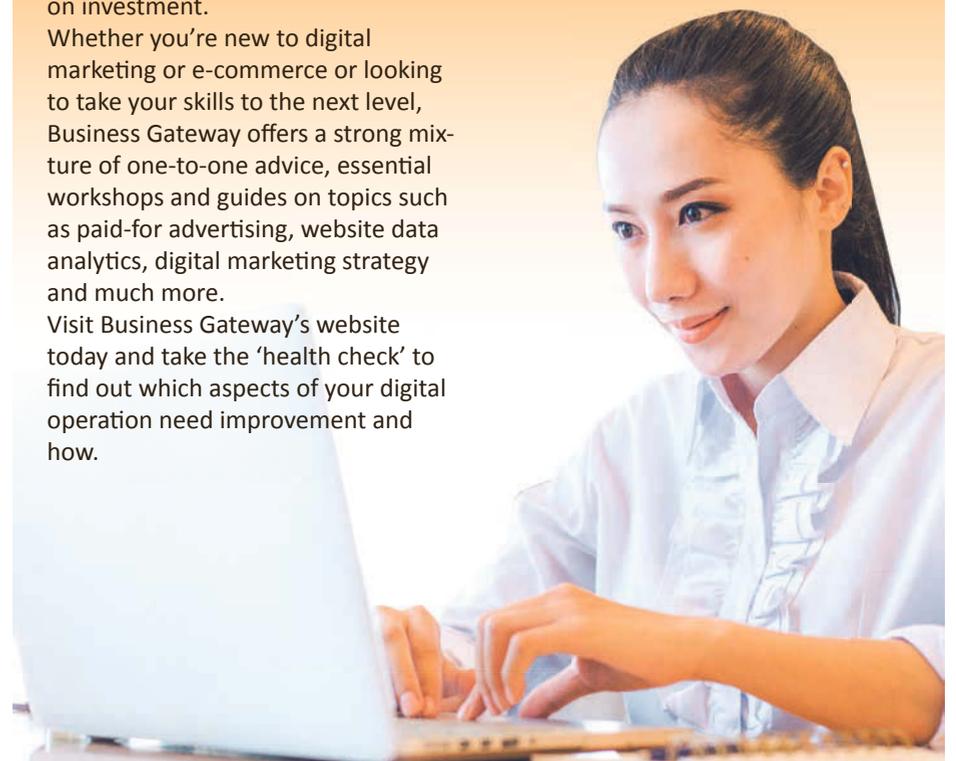
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A good year for results

A snapshot of the results for Argyll and Bute Council shows that every child who sat National 3 and 4 exams in 2018 passed, while 81.9 per cent of pupils sitting Advanced Highers achieved a pass, up 4.92 per cent on 2017, showing that overall attainment is rising.

National 5 pass results decreased slightly by 1.24 per cent, to 79.86 per cent; but there was a rise in the number of Higher pupils passing their exams – 78.79 per cent, up 2.9 per cent on last year.

And figures from the SQA also show that Argyll and Bute's 2018 pass rate is better than the national average for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher exams.

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, lead councillor for education said: 'Pupils and teachers can be proud of their efforts, with their success reflected in the results. I would like to pass on my congratulations to them all and to thank them for all of their hard work.'

All that hard work by pupils across the West Highlands and islands has paid off

We are determined to do everything we can to ensure that our young people are given every chance to achieve success in their lives.

'For those pupils who maybe didn't get the exam results they hoped for, it's important to remember that help is on hand. They should contact their school for support and advice.'

At The Highland Council, in S4, the percentage of pupils who achieved five-plus qualifications at National 5 grades A to D has increased by 1.5 per cent from last year. The percentage of pupils who achieved five qualifications at National 4 has

decreased by less than one per cent.

In S5, 13 per cent of pupils achieved five Highers in grades A to C, 29 per cent of pupils achieved three Highers in grades A to C and 49 per cent of pupils achieved one Higher in grades A to C.

In S6, 527 pupils achieved grades A to D in Advanced Higher qualification. This is an increase of two per cent on last year.

Sixty-six pupils achieved five Highers qualifications at grade A.

Councillor Andrew Baxter, who chairs The Highland Council's care, learning and housing com-



Councillor Andrew Baxter:
'Congratulations to them all.'



Councillor Yvonne McNeilly:
'Pupils can be proud.'

mittee, said: 'I am pleased that the hard work of the students, their families and teachers has delivered positive results for the Highlands. Congratulations to them all.'

Per centages in Eilean Siar achieving National 5 are higher than the national figure; 83.39 per cent achieved National 5, whereas the national pass rate was 77.40 per cent. This also represents an improvement of one per cent in pass rates in Eilean Siar compared to 2017.

Passes at Higher are in line with the national pass rate. 76.23 per cent in Eilean Siar achieved an A-C pass.

Advanced Higher (SCQF level 7) results show percentage passes in Eilean Siar have increased by 5.5 per cent compared to 2017. The Eilean Siar pass rate of 81.7 per cent is higher than the national pass rate of 80.5 per cent.

Figures do not include attainment in vocational courses.

National data published in March 2018, indicates that 35.1 per cent of learners in Eilean Siar achieved one or more vocational qualifications at SCQF level 5 or above, representing the highest level in Scotland.

This represents an increase of 3.9 per cent over the previous year.

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- **PDA Health and Social Care: Administration of Medication at SCQF Level 7**
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- **Assess Workplace Competence Using Direct and Indirect Methods (L&D9DI)**
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Modern Apprenticeship Training

Thinking of employing a Modern Apprentice? Your training provider could be based within Argyll.

Argyll and Bute Council Training Centre has a contract to deliver modern apprenticeship training in Business and Administration, Social Services and Health Care and Social Services (Children and Young People)

Contact us to find out how we could support your workforce for the future.

Foundation Apprenticeships—Early Learning and Childcare

Argyll and Bute Council Training Centre, in collaboration with Argyll and Bute Council Education Team, is able to offer young people the opportunity to undertake a qualification while gaining hands-on work experience within the Early Learning and



Childcare sector while still in school. This course takes school pupils out of the classroom and into the work environment so they are gaining experience as well as an industry recognised qualification. Please contact us to find out more, trainingcentre@argyll-bute.gov.uk



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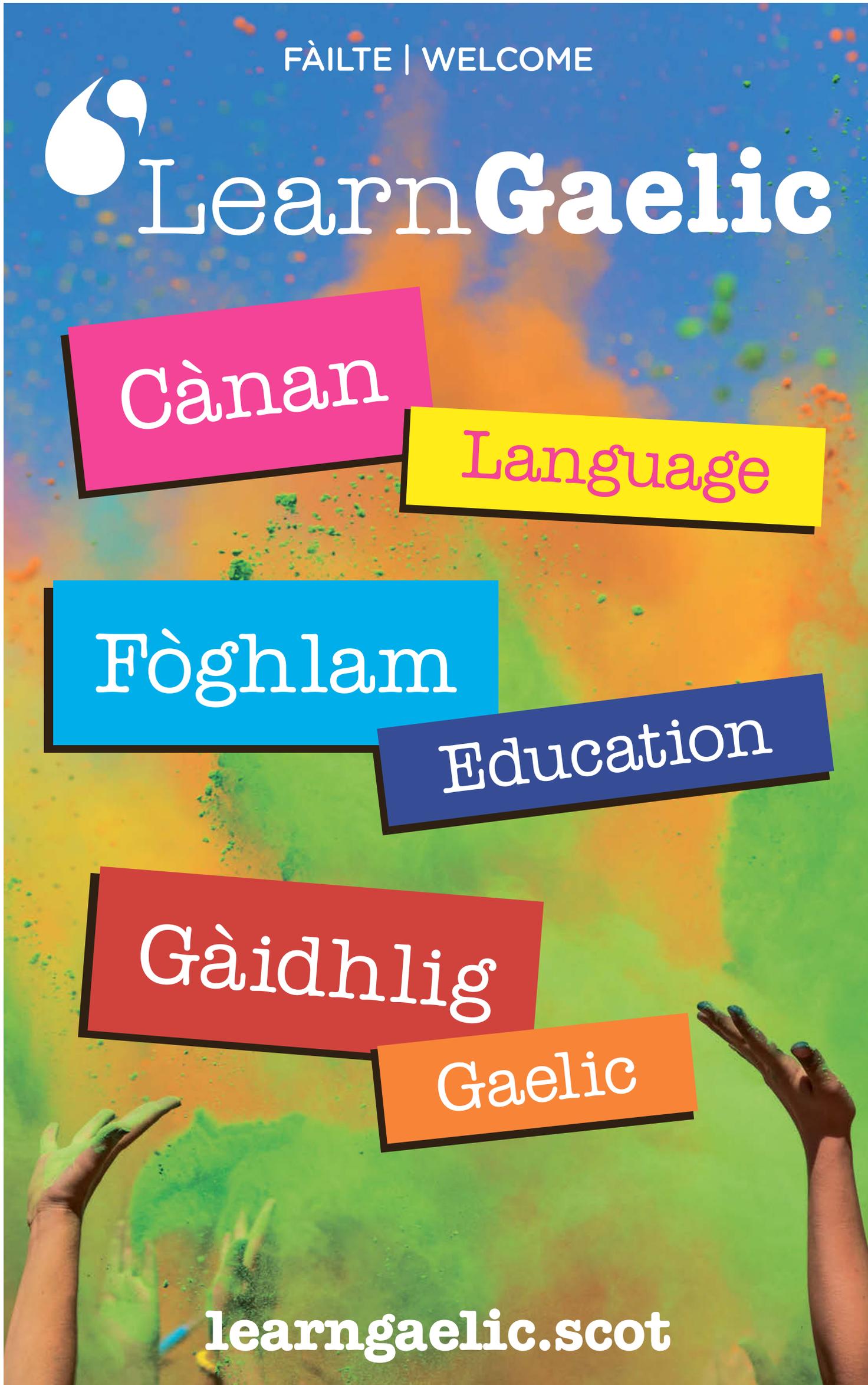
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It's the right time to be studying Gaelic

The five-year National Gaelic Language Plan will increase demand – so be part of it

In the spring of this year the Scottish Parliament launched the new National Gaelic Language Plan, which covers the next five years, to help Gaelic grow.

The plan aims to get people using the language more often and increase the number of learners and its everyday use.

This is good news for all students wanting to pursue Gaelic courses: you are going to be in great demand once you qualify.

Vacancies for Gaelic-speakers are growing through government and local authority jobs, NGOs and the entertainment and creative sector are major

employers and earners both at home and overseas.

It is calculated that more than £150million a year comes into the Scottish economy thanks to the Gaelic language – and that means a significant number of jobs, especially here in the Gàidhealtachd, the heartland of the language in the Highlands and Islands.

Allan MacDonald, who chairs Bòrd na Gàidhlig, which compiled the report, said: 'The opportunities for Gaelic to contribute to Scotland's economic growth through business, education, publishing, arts, literature, drama, media and

music will be pursued. This includes developing Gaelic medium workforce recruitment, retention, training and supply increasing the demand and provision for Gaelic education.'

Gaelic, or an awareness of the language and culture, is often seen as a valued asset in an employees' CV in many tourism and hospitality jobs in the Highlands.

Research by Highlands and Island Enterprise shows that employment in the creative industries, heritage, tourism and food and drink sectors, as well as the more obvious sectors like education are all positively influenced by Gaelic.

'Considerable opportunities are arising from the language's potential contribution in helping to drive economic growth in the region,' said Charlotte Wright, chief executive officer of HIE.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal's chief officer, the musician Arthur



Cormack agrees that the arts are also important in terms of Gaelic's economic impact with many people earning a living through the creative industries.

'The arts raise awareness of the language and give some people confidence to learn Gaelic,' he added.

Allan MacDonald, who chairs Bòrd na Gàidhlig, and John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, launching the National Gaelic Language Plan.



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Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'

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Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.

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Oban as a University Town



Think of Oban, and what springs to mind? Perhaps it's the seafood, ferry links to the islands, or a tourist hot-spot. But what about a University Town?

2017-2018 figures showed that students made up as much as 10 per cent of the Oban population, so it is fair to say that Oban is already a University Town. A significant proportion of these students were registered with the University of the Highlands and Islands, studying at Argyll College UHI or SAMS UHI. Additionally, Ballet West offer degree courses accredited by The Open University, and there are students based at the hospital, in surgeries, at SAMS and other organisations in and around Oban who are registered at other universities. It is also important to consider the hundreds of pupils in their final years at Oban High School, who may become the next generation of employees for the region. Conservative estimates suggest that there are likely 1,000 students in Oban already once all of these are factored in.

The 'Oban: A University Town' project was launched in spring 2018 by a partnership of 10 established organisations. The project is focused on developing the distinctive assets of the town and business needs/employment opportunities in the area. It aims to provide an outstanding experience for students and staff in terms of teaching, practical work, enterprise, leisure and culture activities and community engagement.

The project currently explores how to develop the training opportunities and academic offers available, so that they match the economic priorities and employer needs in the area. We are also reviewing the infrastructure requirements including accommodation and transport; the social and cultural scene in Oban; and of course, working to ensure that the local community and businesses are engaged in the initiative.

It is well documented that we face serious challenges throughout Argyll and Bute regarding population numbers and demographics, in particular we are short of skilled working-age people. By creating a University Town in Oban, we are working to counter this shift and encourage more young people to stay here after school, or to move to the region and, importantly, to stay and develop a career here when their studies are complete.

What's in it for me?

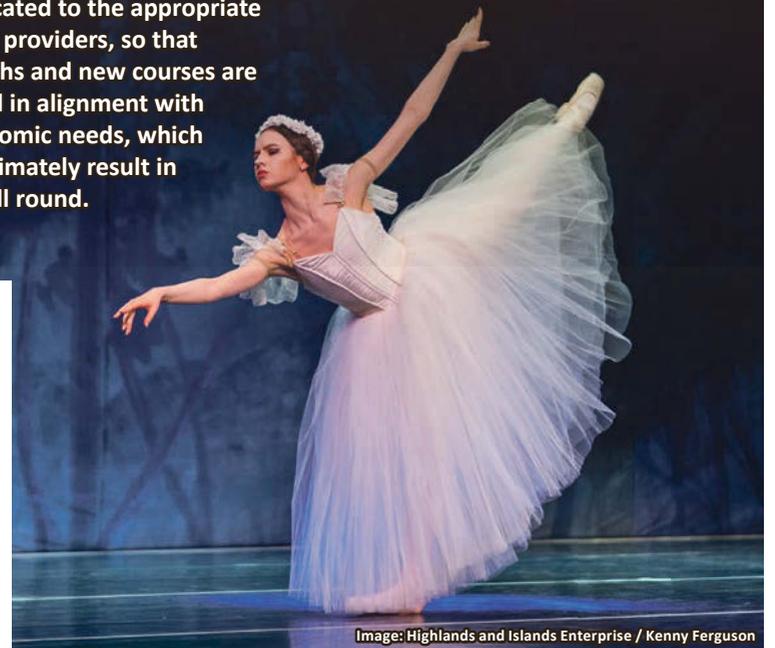
We really believe the answer to this question is "a lot"! Growing the number of students with associated improvements in student engagement and contribution to the local economy, will have significant benefits for Oban in the long term. Some key benefits are outlined here:

What's in it for...

- **Businesses:** More students will mean more potential customers and clients; more part-time employees; increased student-focused business opportunities and, perhaps most importantly, a greater number of qualified individuals as future employees.

We are keen to see the needs of local business being identified and communicated to the appropriate education providers, so that career paths and new courses are developed in alignment with local economic needs, which should ultimately result in benefits all round.

- **The community:** The wider community can benefit from increased students with reducing seasonal impacts of tourism as Oban's primary economic driver; increased business opportunities; changed demographics to the region and more young people staying in the area.
- **Students:** The project not only aims to get more students into Oban, but wants to improve the student experience for those who are here, with a particular focus on accommodation needs and the social scene, including a student discount initiative. We have had student meetings and opportunities to get involved, but we are always keen to have more, so get in touch if these and other issues are important to you.



Obanite climbs to success

Kirsty Pallas is a fantastic example of how a young person in Oban can progress through their training and develop a career that they love, without having to leave the area. Kirsty did her work experience at Kilbowie Outdoor Centre, when she realised there could be a career opportunity in outdoor education, as well as being a hobby she was passionate about.

"Starting with work experience locally with Kilbowie made me realise that not only was outdoor instructing a great job choice, but also how suited Oban was to developing my career. With mountains, rivers and sea all within less than an hour's reach, it's the perfect location for me to work."

She then completed a Modern Apprenticeship with Stramash and got her SVQ Level 3 in Outdoor Education through Glencoe Outdoor Centre.

After working as a freelance instructor for a while, Kirsty got a full-time job with Hebridean Pursuits in Oban as an outdoor instructor. While there, she provided administrative support and had the enviable job of taking people out coastering, canyoning, climbing, hill walking and on team activities.

To top it off, Kirsty is now also a tutor for the Outdoor Adventure Sports course being delivered by Argyll College UHI in Oban, so she really has come full circle without ever having to leave Oban!



"Being employed by a local company has given me so many opportunities to develop in my different sports and work through my qualifications. From working with local kids in the summer to directing week long residential for young people from across the UK to tutoring college students in a variety of activities to help them start on their journeys to becoming instructors."

Kirsty's career story thus far shows how a young person in Oban can undertake training, work with a local business and then end up delivering training to future generations of employees, something which we hope to see happening more and more in future!

Get involved For more information about the project and to get involved, see www.obanunitown.org – We look forward to hearing from you!



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Study marine science – there’s so much still to discover



Jamie Rodgers, who is currently studying a PhD with SAMS UHI

Images of entire towns submerged in floodwater, Arctic sea ice habitats melting away and sea creatures tangled in plastic waste have created an urgent demand for more information about our oceans.

Some of the people tasked with providing these answers live locally and work and study at SAMS, where today’s students can become tomorrow’s leading ocean investigators.

It is no exaggeration to say that more is known about space than our own ocean and that is one reason Jamie Rodgers decided to venture into marine science.

The 23-year-old from Aberdeenshire has a five-year affiliation with SAMS UHI; he graduated with a BSc Hons in Marine Science and this year started a PhD at the Dunstaffnage institute.

“After school I knew I wanted to study marine science,” said Jamie. “I really enjoyed science, particularly physics, and I had a particular interest in the Arctic, which is undergoing huge changes.



“Marine science research is at a really interesting stage. There are still lots of key elements to discover and we now have many of the tools we need to make these discoveries. There’s something pioneering about marine science, as there’s so much we don’t know.

“I started looking at marine science degrees but a lot of the courses were heavily focused on marine biology. The SAMS UHI course was the only one I found that offered a more general marine science option. There is marine biology, of course, but the variety of topics here is so diverse. In the end it was the only place I applied to.”

During his four years as an undergraduate, Jamie

experienced a range of fieldwork at sea and by the shore, and studied in the Arctic at the

Current undergraduate student, Lea Riehn, from Germany, said: “SAMS is a wonderful small place to study, where the lecturers’ office doors are always open. Throughout the years we’ve been given the opportunity to do lots of field work and time in the lab. I’m about to study in the Arctic for a semester which is one of the reasons I applied at SAMS in the first place. I’ve never regretted my decision to come to SAMS and would recommend it to anyone interested in science and the sea.”

University in Svalbard (UNIS) for a year.

A keen sailor, he became a member of the university’s Wind and Wave Club and in pursuing his passion for the outdoors, soon found like-minded adventurers among the close-knit student community.

Jamie explained: “Because the student numbers here are relatively low, there is much more interaction between the students and lecturers, compared with other universities. There is more of a connection between staff and students and between undergraduate and postgraduate.”

As part of his PhD, Jamie will investigate how the mixing of warm and cold Arctic water affects the melting sea ice in the region. His studies have already taken him on a research ship to the Barents Sea.

“My interest in environmental issues was a massive part of coming to SAMS UHI and I’d like to think I have a more educated and nuanced view of these issues now,” he said. “Global warming and climate change are such huge topics, so I’m now just trying to play my part in finding out more about a particular aspect of that change. There’s a lot still to do, but I’m thoroughly enjoying it!”





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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

MOK Fest's new features are a hit

Carnival fever came to Campbeltown as hundreds of people lined the streets for Carni-West.

Mull of Kintyre Music Festival's inaugural parade proved popular and many people seem to be in favour of Doon The Green's move Up The Close.

After disappointment last year, when the parade was called off at the last minute, festival organisers were adamant it would go ahead this year, whatever the weather.

The decision paid off as it was dry and sunny all afternoon.

A banner, held by Linsey Cairns and Gillian MacIntyre, headed the parade and heralded the arrival of a contingent of pipers, dancers, classic Minis, vintage tractors, special guests Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble and more.

The parade passed through Main Street before turning up Longrow towards Springbank Distillery, the new location for Saturday afternoon's events.

The Courier asked some revellers if they preferred the distillery's tarmac ground or Kinloch Green's grassy

landscape and many admitted they preferred the harder surface underfoot.

Various stalls lined the square while Treble Trouble and Deep Joy provided the soundtrack.

Other entertainment came from Footnotes Dance Company, Steps dance group and more.

There was hot food and a drinks tent to keep the punters in good spirits throughout the afternoon, with the rain only beginning to spit at 5pm, just in time for party-goers moving on.

More photos on page 34.



The square was packed with revellers of all ages.

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Scottish and European drum major champion Liam Renton leads pipers and drummers 'up the close' to Springbank Distillery. 50_c33carniwestclose07



Nicky MacLennan, Aileen MacLennan and Chris Doxsey, with Isaac Doxsey and Harris MacLennan, front. 50_c33carniwestclose15

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Carni-West fever comes to town



Sisters Maureen Paterson, Jessie Hastie and Margaret McMillan enjoyed the sunshine. 50_c33carniwestclose14



Members of Footnotes Dance Company took part in the parade and performed at Springbank. 50_c33carniwestclose08



Cameron Campbell and Vee Sheldrick of Deep Joy belting out disco classics. 50_c33carniwestclose11



Barney Rubble, otherwise known as Arthur Crossan, keeps the youngsters entertained. 50_c33carniwestclose10



Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble were guests on the Carni-West parade. 50_c33carniwestclose02

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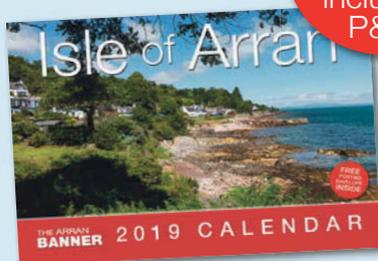
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Crowds net first pink gin at Carradale Harbour Day

Words and photographs
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Beinn an Tuirc Distillers' pink gin was officially launched at Carradale Harbour Day.

Visitors to the Carradale Harbour Enterprises Ltd fundraiser netted the very first bottles of the rosy spirit to be sold, with customers limited to one bottle each to ensure there was enough to go around.

The harbour-side event was packed and visitors basked in glorious sunshine, despite some ominous weather forecasts and conflicting events.

A previously unnamed pop-up bar, the Clam Dredge, in addition to Beinn an Tuirc Distillers' bar, ensured everyone was well lubricated.

The usual stalls, including the RNLI and local crafters, kept people entertained, as

165 burgers were cooked and filled rolls were served.

A fortune teller sweltered inside a mysterious tent, reading tarot cards, for the second year in a row, while the Scouts offered balloon modelling and face painting for the first time.

More fun for youngsters included launching their own wooden boats, which they could keep, aided by a glass bottle, into a paddling pool.

Joiner Stewart MacAlister provided the hull for each model with John Porter completing each boat.

Alan Milstead, chairman of the enterprise group, thanked both for their hard work on the models.

The event made about £800 and this year the money will go to Carradale Community Trust for general projects in the village.

More photographs on pages 36 and 37.



Smoke rose from the barbecue as people dipped their toes in the sea to cool down. 50_c33harbourday01

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Alan Milstead, centre, chairman of CHEL, with Douglas and Margaret Brown who served up sizzling burgers.

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The wooden models sat behind the backdrop of real vessels.

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Bruce McQuarrie and Kim Norton manned the 'launch your own boat' stall.

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Jenna Campbell and Trish Collins pose with Trish's pirate dog Minni.

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Emma Macalister Hall transforms two-year-old Isla Harper into a cat. 50_c33harbourday05



Fortune teller Eleanor Sloan read tarot cards inside a sweltering tent. 50_c33harbourday07



Hilary Lord kept the RNLI stall afloat. 50_c33harbourday06



Barman Ian McGhie stands outside newly named bar, The Clam Dredge. 50_c33harbourday11

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A village's inaugural garden event will feature tips from green-fingered experts.

Whitehouse village hall is the venue for Grow and Show on Saturday August 25, from noon to 3pm.

It is billed as non-competitive, friendly opportunity for villagers to bring the produce of their gardens and show others their successes, whether big or small.

Experts

Three experts will offer tips - former forester Iain Maclachlan, a rose specialist and judge at both Tarbert and Islay flower shows; vegetable grower and Tarbert show judge Bobby McColl and Bill McHugh, from Skipness, who brings 50 years' experience of horticulture and commercial growing.

The event is open to villagers from Clachan, Skipness, Tarbert and Tayinloan as

well as the hosts Whitehouse growers.

Staging is from 10am and 11.30am and organisers ask exhibitors to make sure they are on time.

The committee members for the event are Suse Coon, Amanda Curley and Dorothy O'Donnell.

They are looking forward to as many entries as possible, and are hoping that this will be the first of many successful shows in Whitehouse.

Schedules can be found on Facebook at 'Whitehouse Village Hall', and also in local shops in each surrounding village.

On the day there will be a people's vote in each of the four show categories: flowers, fruit, vegetables and floral art.

Visitors will be able to enjoy hot food, including a barbecue, home baking and Whitehouse SWI will be



serving afternoon teas.

Heart of Argyll Wildlife will run a bug hunt and other activities.

A Whitehouse Grow and Show spokesperson said:

"This is a wonderful opportunity to bring our communities together and share the enjoyable experience of gardening in its many forms.

'Many thanks to all those

giving their time, skills and support for the event.'

A special programme for the event will be available for sale on the day with full details of all the activities.

Islands' planning news

Islay footpath plans

Planners have stepped out to approve a new Isle of Islay footpath.

Argyll and Bute Council planning chiefs have given the island's community access group the go-ahead to install the path from the Port Bhan War Memorial to Port Charlotte.

Jura house is set to become a hotel

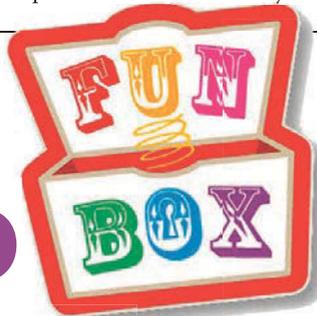
Planning permission has been granted for change of use from residential to a hotel at Jura House.

The plans by Ardfin Estate Ltd were approved by Argyll and Bute Council.

The developers stated that they intend to operate a private members' club on the Ardfin Estate, primarily operated from the 'Quads' stables conversion that is currently under construction.

They added: 'While the Quads will be the primary focus of the operation, the intention is that Jura House will be offered on a short-term lease basis to an individual member to benefit from exclusive use of the property, or for individual rooms to be made available to multiple members.'

Funbox are rocking into Campbeltown



Family favourites; FUNBOX are heading back to The Victoria Hall in Campbeltown this August with their amazing new show ROCKING ALL OVER THE WORLD - so get ready to strut your funky stuff and turn it up to 11 with Pop Princess Anya, Rock Star Kevin, Punk Rocker Gary and Hip-Hop Bonzo (formerly of The Singing Kettle) as they embark on a musical odyssey around the globe in search of music and songs.

"Campbeltown is one of our

favourite places to visit", says Funboxer Kevin, "the kids really get involved and love to have a chat with you during the show. It's a really exciting atmosphere".

Join the gang as they travel around the world in 80 minutes creating musical mayhem wherever they go while finding their elusive keys. You're all invited to join their band for singalong silliness - and you might even get to help on stage!

"Venues like The Victoria Hall are sometimes the heart

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One man and his dog are Kintyre herding champions

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One man and his dog ran rings round the competition at Kintyre Sheepdog Trials Association's latest competition.

Duncan Robertson and Joe out-classed the opposition in last Friday's event at Killean Estate, Tayinloan, picking up the Ian McDougall Trophy for best performance on the field.

The competition, in which 55 dogs competed in fine weather was judged by John MacDougall, and prizes were presented by Tracy Ronald, the association's secretary.

Chairman Andrew Ronald Sr got a 'real shock' to collect the most silverware, winning the J & K Martin Confined

Cup, the Wilson Dogmeal Trophy, confined to Kintyre, and the Alexander Helm Memorial Cup for best outrun, lift and fetch, confined to Kintyre.

There were many spectators on the field, some from as far away as Australia, and many commented on the beautiful setting of this year's event.

A bag of dog food was presented to Alan Wilkie, the 'unluckiest competitor'.

A raffle was drawn which included many varieties of alcohol with the final prize being a shepherd's crook donated by James McEachern.

A spokesperson said: 'Kintyre Sheepdog Trials Association would like to thank its main sponsors, P McKerral & Co, Andrew Smith & Son, D McNair &

Son, Westwards Veterinary Practice, W Skilling, Longtown Market, Kintyre Blackface Sheep Breeders, McFadyens Contractors, McFadyens Transport Ltd, Kinloch Pre-Cast and Big Jessie's Tearoom.'

Trophy winners: Ian McDougall Trophy for best performance on field: D Robertson with Joe. J & K Martin Confined Cup: A Ronald with Robbie. Macalister Hall Cup for best performance by a Kintyre shepherd: L Clark with Moss. Wilson Dogmeal Trophy, confined to Kintyre: A Ronald with Robbie. Alexander Helm Memorial Cup for best outrun, lift and fetch, confined to Kintyre: A Ronald with Robbie. Neil Stewart Memorial Cup for



Prize-winners were, from left: John MacKillop, Richard Rennie, Cameron Dickson, Andrew Ronald Sr, Duncan Robertson, Lorne Clark, Lotta Magnusson, Mosse Magnusson and Andy Carnegie. 50_c33sheepdogtrials05

best pen on field: C Dickson with Star. Andrew Dickson Memorial Challenge Cup for best two dog aggregate: A Carnegie with Rook and Jess. Richard Semple Trophy for best shed on field, confined to Kintyre: L Clark with Moss. Merck Sharp & Dhrome

Shield for best drive on field: D Robertson with Joe. Honda ATV Cup for best dog from Argyll: S L Davidson with Queen. Other results: Open: 1 D Robertson with Joe, 93 pts; 2 L Magnusson with Kate, 92 pts; 3 M Magnusson with Sally, 91 pts; 4 A Carnegie

with Rook, 90 pts; 5 S L Davidson with Queen, 86 pts; 6 N McVicar with Mist, 86 pts; 7 J MacKillop with Ben, 83 pts; 8 R Rennie with Mac, 81 pts. Confined: 1 A Ronald with Robbie, 73 pts; 2 L Clark with Moss, 69 pts; 3 A McCuish with Roy, 63 pts.



Stuart McConnell had the last run of the day. 50_c33sheepdogtrials03



Mosse Magnusson keeps Sally in check. 50_c33sheepdogtrials01

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Closing date for applications: 11am, Monday 3 September 2018.

Interviews: Thursday 6 September 2018 in Inveraray, Argyll and Bute.

For further information about this post please contact Alison Craig on 07554 456911.

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Marine Farm Manager

Loch Nevis, Mallaig

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We are looking to recruit a proven and exceptionally talented Marine Farm Manager to join our dedicated team at Loch Nevis, Mallaig.

Candidates must be committed to the highest standards of health and safety management and demonstrate excellence in all aspects of fish husbandry including fish health and welfare, feeding optimisation, containment, infrastructure maintenance and skilled seamanship.

To be considered you must already be a highly respected Farm Manager or well established in a Senior Husbandry position within the Aquaculture Industry and be able to demonstrate your commitment in developing a strong safety culture. You will be open, honest and communicate with ease at all levels. Your ability to plan ahead will be matched by close attention to detail. It is essential to value our unique identity and have the skills to grow premium quality differentiated salmon for customers with the highest expectations.

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Argyll and Bute Council

Councillor Alastair Redman (E.W.2 Kintyre and the Islands)

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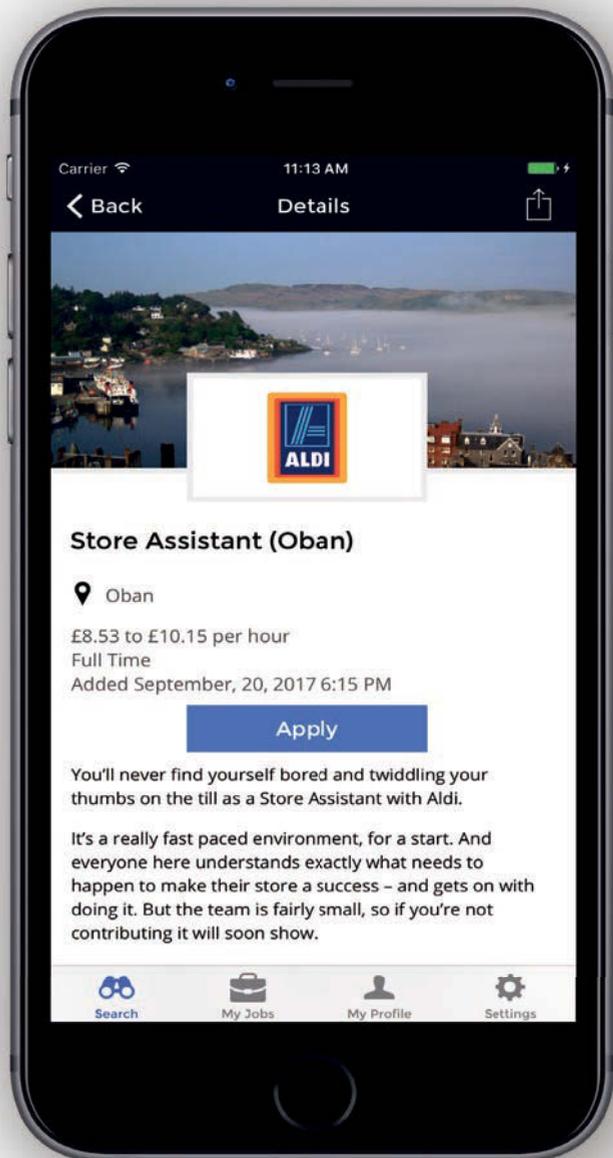
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LINDSAY GRACE JOHNSON

Lindsay Grace Johnson recently graduated with a BMus honours (2:1) from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Lindsay is the daughter of Fiona Johnson and the Goddaughter of Bill and Pat Cairns, Lochgilhead. A former pupil of Kilmartin Primary School, Lindsay is continuing her studies as a Classical Mezzo Soprano with a Masters scholarship place at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland this September.



JODIE GILLIES HANNAH

Graduated from Heriot-Watt University with a First Class Master of Engineering in Structural Engineering. Jodie is the daughter of Janette Hannah and Malcolm Hannah, Campbeltown. Jodie is taking up a position with Ramboll (UK) Ltd, London in September

CLACHAN

Shimmering silks steal Clachan's 47th show



A selection of fine silks were snapped up when they appeared at Clachan's annual art show.

A blue kaftan, designed by the late Mary Pollock of Ronachan Silks, sold on the opening day of the village's 47th show, leaving a number of exquisite silk screen printed scarfs and a red kimono.

The unusual exhibits were displayed in the hall's backroom alongside paintings, including a large Jaws-like shark swallowing a surfer.

There was another Pollock connection as the show was started by Mary's brother-in-law, Christopher Pollock, and his wife Ruth in 1971.

When they moved to Canada in 1975 the show passed to Peter and Pauline Simson, who have organised it since.

Sales were steady across the three days from Friday to Sunday, with a rush in the final few hours.

Part of the aim of recent shows has been

to help raise money for the Clachan village hall restoration fund, which is currently sitting at about £30,000.

The pre-fabricated hall was constructed in 1956 along with a number of other Kintyre, halls including Tayinloan and the Isle of Gigha. It has a number of problems, including leaks, and rainwater pouring through one area of the roof, briefly threatened this weekend's show.

The next big Clachan event is the Smallholders Gathering on September 1.



Clockwise from above left: there was a wide range of wood turning on offer; models line up in some of Mary Pollock's silks; Mary Kenny sold her Kingfisher and Crested Tit prints, in the background of this photograph; paintings included flowers and many local scenes.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

I hadn't heard this hymn in many years, but so many memories came flooding back when I heard it on Songs of Praise on Sunday night.

I love this verse particularly:
'I watch the sunset, fading away,
Lighting the clouds and sea.
And as the evening, closes its eyes,
I feel your presence near me.
Yes, you are always close to me
following all my ways.
May I be always close to you,
following all your ways Lord.'

Maybe it is particularly poignant because of where we live. We watch the sunset every night and each one is different.

As we look across to Islay and Jura, Gigha and Cara, the sky is transformed into a kaleidoscope of colour.

There is a feeling of tangible peace and mystery as the sun sinks below the horizon on a journey to wake our sisters and brothers under a sky on the other side of the planet.

The best time for the drama of the sunset is not as the sun sinks below the sky. It is some time after it has gone down that the myriad of colours appears to enchant us. It is then that the sky is lit up and the sea mirrors all its glorious colours, just as the 'evening closes its eyes'.

For some of us, God is especially close at these 'edges' of the day at sunrise and sunset. He is there at all our beginnings and endings, and all the time in between.

So, as this evening, and every evening, closes its eyes, may you feel wrapped in the warmth of God's love as he holds you until the first rays of dawn and beyond.

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REID

Alan and Helen are delighted to announce the birth of Sophie Ava, on July 30, 2018, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow. Third grandchild for Pam and John Reid, and first grandchild for Steve and Joan Thompson.

MARRIAGES



MCKINLAY - KELLY

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Rebecca, only daughter of John and Eileen, to Darren, youngest son of Donald and Rhona, at Trump Turnberry, Ayrshire, on Saturday, August 4, 2018. A perfect day shared with family and friends.

DEATHS

BRYCE - Peacefully, at Inverclyde Royal Hospital, on Saturday, August 11, 2018, George, beloved husband of Flora (née Allan), a much loved dad of Allan and Louise, and adored grandad of Emma and Fergus. A dear brother, brother-in-law, father-in-law and uncle to his family. A funeral service will take place at Greenock Crematorium, on Friday, August 24, 2018 at 12.00 noon, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited.

HAWKINS - Peacefully, after a short illness, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on August 2, 2018, Alan John Hawkins, aged 76 years, of 32 Barr Mor View, Kilmartin (formerly of

Burndale, Kilmartin), dearly loved brother and uncle to all the family, and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 11.30am, thereafter to Ach-na-breac Cemetery. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers and Catholics for AIDS Prevention and Support. Black ties not necessary, colours preferred. All are welcome.

HUNTER - Peacefully in Ballachulish, after a short illness, surrounded by his family, on Sunday, August 12, 2018, Norman George Hunter, in his 81st year, husband of the late Agnes MacCallum, loving partner of Margaret Harrison, much loved dad of Norma, Michelle and Alistair, and loving granda and papa of Greg, Rhona, Cian, Aela, Emily, Freya and Evan. Father-in-law of Ricky, David and Laura, much loved brother of Elizabeth and brother-in-law of Billy. At Norman's request, a graveside service will take place at Beoraidd Cemetery, Morar, on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 1.00pm, thereafter to the Marine Hotel, Mallaig. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Fishermen's Mission. Please meet at the cemetery gates at 12.50pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCCALLUM - The family of the late Betty McCallum (Vernall) would like to thank all family and friends for all the beautiful flowers, cards, support and expressions of sympathy received at this sad time. Special thanks to all NHS staff at Campbeltown Hospital and the community nursing team for their care, especially Macmillan nurse, Maggie Wilkieson. Thanks also to all staff at Kintyre Nursing Home and to Carers Direct for looking after Betty during her period of illness. Sincere thanks to Rev William Crossan for a lovely

service, to David McEwan for the beautiful music, to T A Blair funeral directors for their thoroughly professional arrangements, and to the Argyll Arms Hotel for the great hospitality. Finally, sincere thanks to all who attended the church service and graveside. A retiral collection raised £2,338.64, to be divided between the Marie Curie Fund and RNIB.

IN MEMORIAM

BLACK - Treasured memories of Gilbert, our dearly loved husband, father and papa, passed away August 15, 2017. Remembered with a song in our hearts.

- Jean and family.

LIDDELL - Precious memories of our dear dad, Robert, died August 9, 2004. Sad are our hearts without you,

Silent tears still fall, But living our lives without you, Is the hardest part of all. Forever in our thoughts.

- Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine, Robert, Grant and Stephanie.

MACGILLIVRAY - In loving memory of my wife Jessie (née Girvan), who died August 21, 2007. In my heart you will always stay,

Loved and remembered every day. - Ian.

MCCALLUM - Precious memories of a loving husband, dad and grandpa, Colin, who died on August 22, 2011.

MUIR - Treasured memories of Jim, a dear brother and uncle, died August 20, 2011. Always in our thoughts.

- Jean, Jessie and family xx.

SCOTT - In loving memory of Donald, who passed away August 15, 2011. Loved and remembered every day.

- Mum, Archie, Fiona, Calum and families.

WOODROW - Treasured memories of Donnie, beloved father and grandfather, who died August 22, 2015. Loved and missed.

- Alison and family.

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Glenralloch champion leads Archie MacNab Memorial

Absolutely perfect golfing conditions greeted the competitors last Saturday for the first round of the Archie MacNab Memorial Cup, which is played in a stableford format.

Club champion John MacNab set the early pace with a two over par 68 which gave him 41 stableford points.

Back-to-back birdies for John at holes nine and 10 boosted his score and resulted in a handicap reduction to six.

Iain Macalister is the closest challenger to John with 40 points. Iain had a storming back nine of 31 shots for 23 points to add to his first round of 17, birdies on the first, 15th and 17th helping Iain's score.

Iain Johnstone jnr, a mighty hitter of the golf ball, is in third place on 38 points with Malcolm McAlpine a further shot back on 37.

So it is all to play for this weekend for the final round.

On Sunday the ladies' club championship first round took place in rainy conditions but this did not deter Heather Brownlie who was in top form, her 81 giving a commanding lead over the rest of the field. The second round takes place this weekend.

The club is hosting its annual Am-Am on Saturday August 25.

The event is open to both ladies and men and is made up of teams of three.

Entry is £30 per team, please call the clubhouse on 01880 820565 to secure a preferred tee-off time.

Lotto draw

The winning numbers for Dunaverty's three number lotto on August 12 were 3, 8 and 14.

There were no winners and the next draw for a jackpot of £300 will be held on August 26.

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

Winning lotto numbers in the Machrihanish golf club three number draw on August 13 were: 8, 10 and 14. There were no winners and the jackpot for Monday's draw will be £800.

Golf results

Machrihanish championship course results August 8 to 13: August midweek stableford: C McIntyre 38 points and, ladies, Elizabeth Casey 32 points. Mixed greensome: Ian MacKinnon and Maggie MacArthur 77-17.8=69.2; nearest the pin at 4th: team Linda Wallace/David Wallace; nearest the pin at 15th: team Maggie MacArthur/Ian MacKinnon; nearest the pin in two at 18th: team Linda Wallace/David Wallace.

Kintyre Wheelers roll up to Mid Argyll race

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Bicycle racers and those new to competition have the opportunity to saddle up for a Mid Argyll time trial.

Following the success of Kintyre Wheelers' Cycling Club's (KWCC) three airbase off-road events, which have attracted up to 30 riders, Mid Argyll Tri and Cycle Club has invited riders to its road time trial on Sunday August 26.

It is open to paid up members of either club and starts at 10.30am at the MACPool in Lochgilphead.

KWCC's Robbie Semple said: 'The MATCC TT will be free and on open roads. This route is flat and relatively quiet. It is the same route used for the Mid Argyll triathlon and a perfect chance to recce the route for September's triathlon.'

Many riders wearing KWCC tops were spotted out on the Kilberry Loop Sportive last weekend, organised by John Hardy from Tarbert. KWCC is urging members to consider an overseas trip. On the weekend of September 15 and 16 Bute Wheelers presents the Rothesay Cycling Weekend.



Robbie Semple uses large stones at a recent Kintyre Wheelers' meeting to demonstrate the road riding principle of 'through and off.' 25_c33kwcc01

There are substantial monetary prizes for all categories and special features including separate men's, ladies' and juniors' weekend yellow

jersey prizes, and the Rothesay weekend annual trophy for the best performing club. For further details contact Murray Doyle on 01700

503011 or email info@butewheelers.org.uk Subject to MACC approval, the next KWCC race is planned for Sunday September 2.

Mid Argyll sports day seeks athletics stars

If you found the European Championship athletics inspiring, head for Mid Argyll's open sports day on Sunday August 26.

The running events will be held on the Astroturf at Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

The jumps and throwing events will take place on the new all-weather jumps area and adjacent grass area.

The new jumps area was installed in 2016 and was the first of its kind in Argyll.

It has been a great asset for the local club as well as the schools at the joint campus.

Sports day will start at noon with all entries on the day from 11.30am.

There will be running, jumping and throwing events for six age categories, starting at under seven up to under 17.

The Scottish Athletics age qualification date of September 1 will apply to all age groups except the under sevens, where it will be age on the day. The young athletes will be allowed to compete in a maximum of five events and there is an entry fee of £2 per competitor.

All competitors will receive a medal and trophies will be awarded to first, second and third overall in each age group.

Entries are welcome from all parts of Argyll and beyond, including visitors to the area.



High jump competition at the recent Southend Highland games. 25_c33highjump01

Dunaverty golfer takes third win of the season

A score of +4 saw a Dunaverty golfer take the top honours in the The Charles Hunter Trophy bogey competition.

Robert Irvine continued his recent good form by notching up his third win of the season finishing one clear of John Dreghorn on +3. John MacMillan still holds the record of +9 set in 2001.

Result: 1 Robert Irvine +4, 2 John Dreghorn +3, 3 Douglas Mack +2, 4 Hamish Taylor +1, 5 Robert Coffield +1, 6 Sandy Watson +1.

The August medal competition was held in warm, dry, windy conditions which proved quite difficult

for the participants. Making a rare appearance, former club steward Jim Cooper led the early starters with a net 64, which he held until late in the afternoon, when Grant Edmondson pushed him into second place after securing a nett 63.

Campbell McCallum recorded the best gross score of 72. CSS for the day was 64.

Result: 1. Grant Edmondson 76-13=63, 2. Jim Cooper 88-24=64, 3. Robert Shaw 83-16=67(bih), 4. Bill Brannigan 80-13=67, 5. Ken MacMillan 85-15=68(bih), 6. Campbell McCallum 72-4=68.

Machrihanish Rotary Open results

Fine sunshine last Saturday morning heralded the Rotary Open at Machrihanish Golf Club.

The full results are as follows: handicap: 1 Paul Martin 75-7=68 (bih); 2 John Docherty 82-14=68; 3 Grant Grant 85-16=69 (bih); 4 Thomas Martin 78-9=69; 5 John McKinlay 80-10=70; 6 James Armour 79-8=71; 7 Kevin Allibone 96-22=74.

Scratch: 1 Oliver Armour 72; 2 Dean Ratcliff 73; 3 Kenny Laird 76; 4 Donald Johnson 78 BIH; 5 Eric

Capocci 78 BIH; 6 Michael Morrison 78; 7 Calum MacMillan 79.

Seniors: Keith Abendroth 98-25=73. Ladies: 1 Grace Gibbons 94-17=77; 2 Elaine Robb 91-13=78. Scratch: 1 Ann Gallacher 90; 2 Eleanor Hawkins 94.

Junior: Campbell Laird 79-6=73. Highest gross: Erica McCallum 131. Men's longest drive: Calum MacMillan.

Ladies' longest drive: Ann Gallacher. Nearest the pin at 4th: Donald MacKinnon 45 inches.



Runner-up Mark Robertson and winner Jake MacMillan.

Junior summer tennis finals

Young aces had a smashing time at Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club's (CLTC) summer sessions, writes Mark Davey.

CLTC secretary Catherine Dobbie, Susan Shaw, Rhona O'May and Millar Irwin coached 35 children across five weeks of tennis.

In the last week competitions were held, with the results as follows: junior champion: Jake MacMillan, 11;

runner-up: Mark Robertson, 10. The two classmates played exceptionally well and battled it out all summer.

Third placed Kirstie Renton, 10, won the league stages but was knocked out in the semi final.

Fourth place was taken by Finn McCallum, 9.

Beginners' group: 1. Carla Renton, 7; 2. Cara MacPherson, 8, and 3. Finlay Ramsay, 6.



Junior champions from left: Kirstie, Annie, Mark (runner-up), Jake (winner), Isaac, Finn, Cara, Neve.



Some of the 35 children who took part.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:

Kintyre Wheelers roll up to Mid Argyll race
Junior summer tennis finals

Singles players strung out in tough tiebreak



A powerful double-handed backhand from Jamie Morris. 25_c33tennisingles08

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A dentist drilled out a convincing victory in Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club's men's singles championship.

Sary Rahma and paramedic Jamie Morris played five sets each to reach the final last Saturday under scorching sun.

Usually players are split into at least two groups for the opening competition to decide who plays in the semi-finals.

With MOK Fest two weeks earlier than in 2017, there was much to tempt players away, such as the Carni-West parade and later Up The Close.

For one player, the draw of cutting silage proved irresistible and Martin McCallum, who tasted doubles success the previous week, was away for birthday celebrations.

This year it was decided that every player would play each other in the opening rounds meaning it would take at least five sets to reach the final.

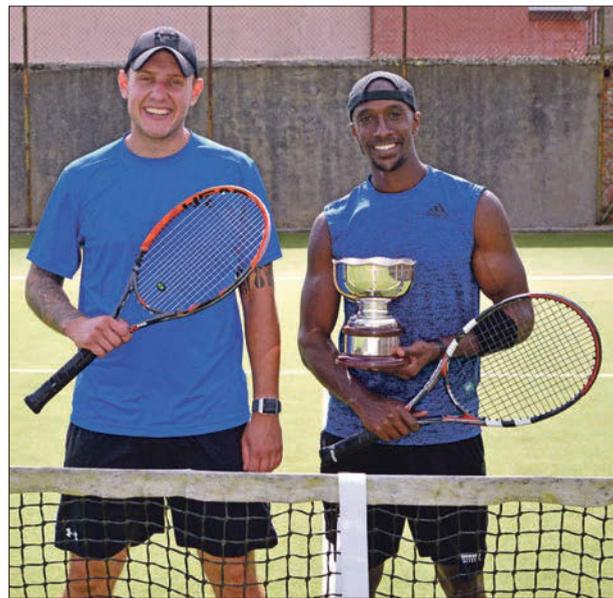
First round results were as follows: Sary Rahma: 6-0, 6-0, 6-1, 6-1, 6-2; Thomas Jordan: 6-1, 6-0, 2-6, 1-6,

6-3; Alasdair Ferguson: 1-6, 4-6, 6-0, 0-6, 2-6; Millar Irwin: 0-6, 6-4, 1-6, 6-0, 3-6; Jamie Morris: 6-0, 0-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-0; Mark Davey: 0-6, 0-6, 0-6, 0-6, 2-6.

If Rahma thought it might be easy after winning his qualifier against Morris 6-0, he was in for a shock, as it appeared Morris was just warming up in the earlier contest.

At first Morris demolished Rahma, achieving 4-0 before a deuce situation, in the fifth, which Morris won to put him 5-1 up.

Rahma held his next serve for 2-5 and his comeback began. He took just four points to win the next game, faced and won deuce in the 10th to level at 5-5.



The finalists from left: runner-up Jamie Morris and winner Sary Rahma. 25_c33tennisingles04

With a small group of spectators having eschewed MOK Fest's music for the drama on court, Rahma went ahead in the 11th, 6-5, before Morris served his way back in to force a tiebreak, which he seemed to win with ease.

In the second set, Rahma took the first four games, being held to a deuce just once, before a return of form saw Morris net a pair for 2-4. From that point Rahma was unbeatable winning the set 6-2.

In the third, Rahma's resolve hardened and, as MOK Fest's rock music filled the air, he took a well deserved 6-0 win, to add a new name on the Dickson trophy.

For more tennis, see page 51.

'Dale's season opener

An Oban last-minute cancellation has left Carradale AFC facing their first game with just one pre-season friendly played.

The Oban Saints under 17 team had transport difficulties, last Friday, and saw the much-anticipated evening fixture called off.

Tomorrow Carradale face East Kilbride YM AFC, in the Greater Glasgow League President's Cup, at 2pm, on the Campbeltown 3G pitch.

Opening Scottish AFL fixtures

Saturday's Scottish Amateur League fixtures are as follows: Premier Division - Oban Saints v Dunoon, Glencruitten, referee Jimmy Litster, kick-off 2pm.

Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils no game; Lochgilphead Red Star v Ferguslie Star, Ropework Park, referee Archie Mitchell, kick off 2pm.

Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Glenburn Athletic, referee Pat O'Donnell, Cil Andreis, kick-off 2pm.



The six singles championship players from left: Sary Rahma, Thomas Jordan, Millar Irwin, Mark Davey, Jamie Morris and Alasdair Ferguson. 25_c33tennisingles02

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