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Scottish lawyer rules in favour of MOK BookFest

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A Scots legal eagle turned comic novelist, unusually for a lawyer, has offered to speak for nothing at a possible MOK BookFest.

William McIntyre, creator of the Best Defence series, following the travails of a fictional criminal lawyer, Robbie Munro, is a regular visitor to Kintyre and recently backed a Campbeltown book festival.

In June, Kintyre's best known living crime fiction author Denzil Meyrick, whose sixth DCI Daley novel, *The Relentless Tide*, was published yesterday, said he would back a literary event in Campbeltown.

In parallel with his writing career, Mr McIntyre works for Russell + Aitken solicitors, founded in 1818 in Denny, Falkirk. The company provides 'legal advice and representation on criminal matters throughout Scotland'.

Mr McIntyre, whose latest book, *Stitch Up*, has

just been published said: 'Coincidentally, I was speaking to a lady at my book launch who hails from Campbeltown.

'She has an acknowledgment in my latest book and was suggesting just that very thing.'

The MOK BookFest branding is the concept of Edinburgh author Lucy Lloyd, who is a regular visitor to Carradale.

Mr Meyrick spoke at Edinburgh's book festival and on Facebook posed the question: 'Who would be behind a Campbeltown literary festival?'

A statement below his question read: 'Wide ranging, covering all genres, big names, as well as local writers, and outreach events to schools and libraries.'

'Another great way to showcase the town and the rest of Kintyre, in my opinion.'

'Adding to the other great festivals already attracting so many to the area.'

'It's one of the most unique

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Mega Samba sessions at Clachan



Mark MacSporran, right, teaches the art of samba drumming. 50_c36smallholders11_samba drumming

People of all ages created a carnival atmosphere during a Samba drumming session at this year's Clachan Smallholders' Gathering.

Mark MacSporran, a former

pupil of Rhunahaorine Primary School and Tarbert Academy, led workshops last Saturday afternoon, sharing his Brazilian music skills.

A variety of instruments

were used, including traditional cuíca and surdo drums and tamborims and agogós.

Mark, a lecturer in music theory, music appreciation and first study drums at Perth

College UHI, teaches musical composition and creativity in Kintyre schools.

For more on the Smallholders' Gathering, see pages 21, 22 and 23.

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places in Scotland, far away from the main centres of population, but it's still on the mainland.

'It has this feeling of being in the '50s or '60s... There's a sort of otherness there.'

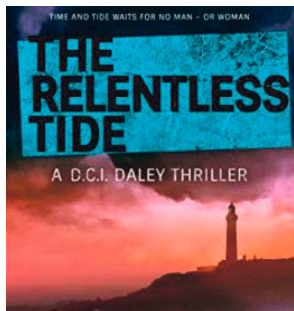
There were replies to his Facebook post and here is a selection:

Glasgow author, Madelaine Black, whose critically acclaimed memoir Unbroken was published last year, wrote: 'I'd speak and/or attend.'

Mandy Lay Robertson tagged Tracy Chambers and wrote: 'What a wonderful idea Denzil. I know people use technology for reading books - but nothing beats the turning of a page for me.'

Thriller writer Theresa Talbot whose latest book is Keep Her Silent backed the plan with one word: 'Me.'

Waterstones branch manager Craig Birrell said:



'Can Waterstones Newton Mearns help - Pleeeeeeeeeeze!' Mr Meyrick replied that there was a small bookshop in town - The Old Bookshelf - which he would be keen to see involved.

But is there a desire to see a book festival become reality in Campbeltown and are people willing to help in its organisation?

That will be the question at a Courier-promoted town hall public meeting, on Thursday October 18 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. All welcome, come along and have your say.



Campbeltown Pupils 2005s, above, made a great start in their Scottish Cup campaign. In Grangemouth last Saturday they were the stars, being victorious against East Stirlingshire Galaxy 3-2.

Report on youth employment welcomed

Figures released this week show young people on a successful pathway to work in Argyll and Bute are above the national average.

Argyll and Bute Council has welcomed figures released this week by Skills Development Scotland which show that 94.2 per cent of young people, aged between 16 and 19, are currently in employment, education or training.

Top eight

The national average is 91.8 per cent which places Argyll and Bute in the top eight of Scotland's 32 local authority areas.

The council's policy lead for education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said: 'This report shows the great efforts that have been made to

help our young people make positive progress and access appropriate pathways into work.

'Together with our partners at Skills Development Scotland and the Job Centre, we have been working hard to promote enterprise and entrepreneurship, and to help our young people raise their ambitions so that they can develop and succeed.'

'The council has also developed its own award-winning modern apprenticeship scheme.'

'We are committed to ensuring that our young people are equipped to secure and sustain positive destinations and achieve success in life, and we want them to be fully aware of the opportunities that are out there.'

POLICE FILES:

Cannabis possession

A 31-year-old woman was charged after she was found with cannabis when she was stopped and searched at about 9.40pm on Thursday August 30 in Muasdale.

Man assaulted

A 30-year-old woman was arrested and charged after behaving in an abusive manner and assaulting a man at about 8.30am on Friday August 31, in Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown.

Hit and run

A grey Volkswagen Polo car was hit by a silver Renault Captur car, which failed to stop, at about 2.30pm on the B842 near Bridgend Cottage, Southend, last Saturday.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Phone box damaged

The window of a phone box was smashed at about 10.40pm, last Saturday, in Burnbank Street, Campbeltown.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Drunk driver

A 35-year-old man was arrested after he was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol, without any insurance or MOT, at about 8pm, last Sunday, on the A83 just north of Campbeltown.

A blood sample was taken for analysis and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Wind farm cash up for grabs

Applications for funding are currently being accepted by West Kintyre Community Council (WKCC) Wind Farm Trust.

Grants are up for grabs for projects, groups, halls, charities and churches, etc, operating within the WKCC area, from Whitehouse to Kilchenzie.

Completed application forms must be submitted to the trust by Saturday September 29, and will be considered at the group's disbursement meeting in Clachan Village Hall on Monday October 15.

For advice, details or an application form, contact WKCC convener Margaret Pratt by emailing margaretpratt@btinternet.com or phoning 01880 730244.



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Plans progress for Kintyre to Northern Ireland bridge

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A leading Scots architect has asked for a feasibility study into a Kintyre-Northern Ireland bridge.

On Wednesday, at Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Professor Alan Dunlop showed an artist's impression of the potential structure to an audience of international architects.

Professor Dunlop has estimated that a bridge across the North Channel could cost between £15 billion and £20 billion and could be between the Mull of Kintyre and Torr Head, or between Larne and Portpatrick.

The Courier first reported Professor Dunlop's plans in February this year.

At the time, Professor Dunlop told the Courier: 'A bridge to Northern Ireland from the Mull of Kintyre has advantages over the Galloway option.'

'Coupling a Kintyre bridge with a series of smaller bridges - for example, from Tarbert to Kilfinan and Dunoon to Greenock - would greatly improve the road journey to the central belt and make



Professor Alan Dunlop's drawing of a potential 'Celtic crossing' from Scotland to Northern Ireland.

the Kintyre site a much more attractive proposal, resulting in regeneration of Kintyre and Argyll towns.

'The significantly longer bridge from Portpatrick to Larne faces the major problem of the 31-mile long, 200m deep, Beaufort's Dyke.'

On Wednesday, Professor Dunlop said that research should be carried out into the social, economical and cultural benefits of a bridge as well as any challenges its construction may pose.

After his speech, he told the Courier: 'Both routes are possible, engineering-wise. Both present geological challenges but they can be overcome.'

'Today, I've asked for a feasibility study to look at

these issues and move things forward.'

In February, the Courier compared a potential bridge from Kintyre to Northern Ireland, to the Øresund bridge, which connects Copenhagen in Denmark with Malmo in Sweden.

Professor Dunlop drew on this comparison during his speech, referencing the fact that the Øresund bridge links two separate countries, each with their own distinct identities but sharing a cultural heritage, similar to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

He pointed out the political benefits of linking the two UK countries, especially post-Brexit.

He believes a bridge may

re-balance the concentration of power held by Westminster and be an investment in what he considers to be the true north.

Argyll and Bute MSP, Michael Russell, said of the plans: 'A bridge, together with better road links to the central belt, would open up Argyll in a dramatic new way.'

'I would be keen to see public bodies investigate the feasibility of such a link.'

Polish speaking factory workers needed

An online recruitment company has advertised specifically for Polish speakers in Campbeltown.

This week Indeed.co.uk posted an advertisement from an Alloa-based recruiter, Bespoke Resourcing Solutions, which is listed on Companies House has no landline phone number.

Bespoke's advertisement read: 'BRS currently seeking factory workers on behalf of a client based in Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute.'

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English/Polish.'

While the advertisement does not give details of the client, a spokesperson at CS Wind said: 'There are a num-

ber of vacancies in different departments including both temporary and permanent roles and skilled and unskilled positions.'

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Campbeltown Highland Games heaves into action

Planning is reaching fever pitch for Campbeltown's second 21st century Highland Games.

The Saturday September 22 Hospital Field's event, which was cancelled in 2016, finally launched in May last year and has built on its success to attract a huge number of sponsors.

Leading the charge is Glen

Scotia Distillery which has given 12 bottles of whisky as prizes and will provide drams in the entertainment tent all day, which also boasts a number of live music acts, and may run a barrel rolling competition.

There is also a beer and catering tent from Argyll Bakeries and Cadenheads will have a stall featuring its

whisky, gin and rum.

Further whisky prizes come in the form of special bottles from Springbank and a number of miniatures.

Track and field sponsors include the Courier, Jog Scotland, Active Schools, Campbeltown Running Club, MOK Run, McFadyens Transport Ltd and Campbeltown Young

Farmers. A Highland Games spokesperson said: 'We have lots of events and races for juniors, men and ladies with cash prizes in each category and trophies for overall winners. In addition, there are chocolates for prizes for the popular fun races – sack race, the three-legged and wheelbarrow.

'We'd love to get some team entries in for the tug of war which offers great cash prizes, whisky and trophies.'

The day kicks off at 1pm, finishing at 6pm and although there is an entry fee of £5 for adults and £2 for children, which includes a programme, there is no extra charge to take part in any of the events.

Competitors are invited to just sign up at the secretary's tent in the middle of the field.



John Armour anchors a 2017 tug o'war team. 20_c20highlandgames22



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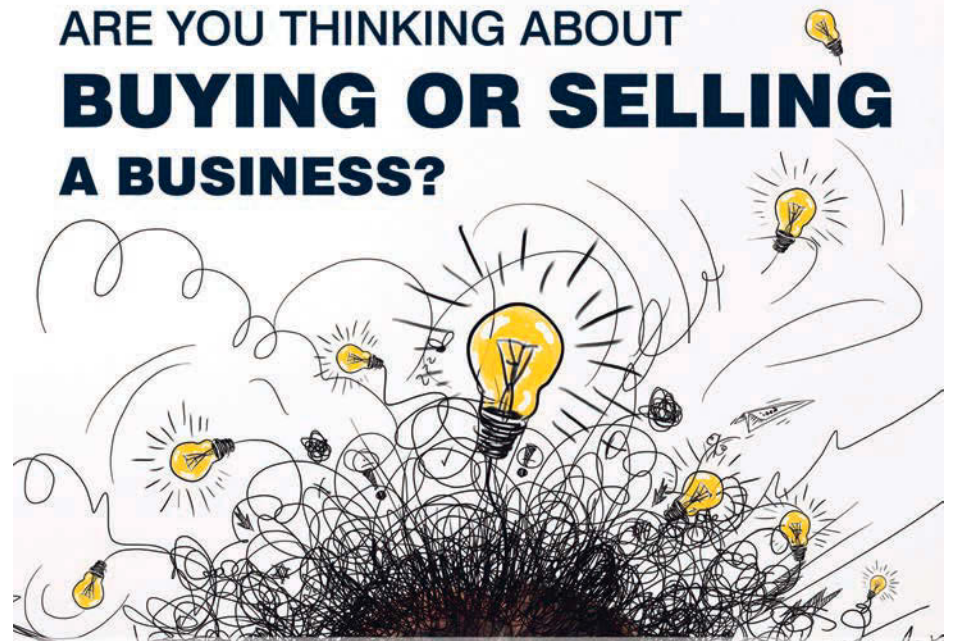
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Salmon farming objector targets Kintyre aquaculture

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An international salmon farming objector at the forefront of global protests has turned his attention to Carradale.

Award winning environmental author and scourge of the aquaculture industry, Don Staniford, 47, from Heswall, Merseyside posted a nine-minute video online with Vimeo, on Monday.

The film records Mr Staniford reporting for Scottish Salmon Watch.

He searches for deceased salmon at Marine Harvest's Carradale harbour pound.

During the film a Marine Harvest employee challenges Mr Staniford and tells him he has no right to be in the pound which is private property.

Mr Staniford asks the employee about a claimed 19

per cent salmon mortality incident earlier this year.

The employee replied: 'I don't know where you get those figures from.'

He adds: 'You have been trespassing.'

Marine Harvest Scotland managing director, Ben Hadfield, said: 'We don't recognise Don Staniford as a



Don Staniford.

credible commentator about our business.'

Mr Staniford runs an organisation named The Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture and has campaigned against salmon farming for more than 20 years.

In 2002 he won the Andrew Lees Memorial Award at the British Environment and Media Awards sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund.

The judges commended Mr Staniford, 'as a pre-eminent campaigner on the ecological, economic, consumer and safety issues associated with the fish farming industry, particularly in Scotland'.

'He was a significant influence in persuading the Scottish Parliament to hold a formal inquiry into fish farming, has written a widely praised Friends of the Earth critique of fish farming in



The Carradale harbour pound where Don Staniford filmed.

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Scotland and uncovered proof that fish farm workers were being ordered to use illegal chemicals.'

The Andrew Lees Memorial Award was set up by a group

of environment correspondents in the 1990s to honour the memory of a committed environmental campaigner.

In 2005 Mr Staniford was one of a number of authors of

a book titled: 'A Stain Upon the Seas: West Coast Salmon Farming,' about aquaculture in British Columbia. It won the Roderick Haig-Brown BC Book Prize.


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Regeneration via books and a bridge

A couple of concepts revived again this week may help regeneration in the west.

Scotland has so many cultural and trade links to Ireland it is amazing a bridge has not been built.

It is possible to travel 972 miles from Stockholm to Brussels without ever using a ferry.

Yet the only link from Scotland – north of Cairnryan, which itself is not on a motorway – to Ireland, is via a 12-person, Kintyre Express RIB from Campbeltown.

The contrast could not be more stark. The two great nations are separated by a channel 14 miles wide with no road transport leaving a choice between flying or travelling on a super-size speedboat.

Book festivals are springing up in many Argyll places yet Kintyre, which has a rich literary tradition, is the poor relation.

That may change if there is a will to create and run a MOK Book or similar.

The Malts Festival has become well established.

Perhaps it would be good to nurse a dram and discuss a good book – and it is more likely than a £20 billion bridge.

Islay defibrillator locations

Sir,
Great news, as of next year all of Islay's defibrillator locations will be printed on The Oban Times group/Wyvex Media's illustrated Islay tourist map.

The island has numerous defibrillators. It was brought to my attention by one of my constituents at this year's Islay, Jura and Colonsay Agricultural Show that many people do not know the defibrillator locations.

The constituent had contacted The Oban Times about placing the defibrillator locations on its map.

After hearing this, I also contacted The Oban Times and they have confirmed to me that next year's map will have this important information included.

A huge thanks to The Oban Times, for addressing this issue, and to my constituent for bringing this matter to my attention.

Councillor Alastair Redman,
Portnahaven,
Islay.

Whitehouse Grow and Show thanks to supporters

Sir,
Thanks are due to the Courier for the report and photographs of Whitehouse village's recent Grow and Show event.

The weather certainly helped. The unexpected generosity of a supporter and of the visitors

helped the event achieve its goals. We were delighted with the success of the show.

Dorothy O'Donnell,
Whitehouse.

Community integration fund open to applicants

Sir,
The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust local grants and digital development programme is open for applications until September 30.

The trust provides funding for projects bringing civilian and armed forces communities together.

In line with the guidance for applicants, for feedback on applications send them to the Argyll and Bute Local Covenant Partnership for consideration at its next meeting on September 14.

The programme makes grants of up to £20,000 to projects that support community integration or local delivery of services.

There are a number of strands within the programme to which projects can apply.

Community Integration projects should create strong local links between the armed forces and civilian communities.

Effective projects will demonstrate how improving attitudes and understanding will benefit both communities.

Projects offering financial advice, housing, mental and physical health, employability or social support for serving armed forces personnel, veterans, and their families can

apply to the delivery of local services fund.

Projects must be well connected, both to their beneficiaries and to other relevant organisations, and be able to demonstrate how the services they provide will be well-publicised, accessible and joined up.

The programme offers training and bespoke support for successful organisations.

This is a fantastic fund that has, in the past, supported a really interesting variety of projects across Argyll and Bute.

What they have in common is the benefits they bring to serving armed forces personnel and their families, local communities and veterans.

We look forward to seeing what projects come forward in the next round of applications.

Councillor Barbara Morgan,
Armed Forces Champion,
Argyll and Bute Council.

1972 Lorne Street church spring fair surprise photo

Sir,
I was amazed to open last Friday's Courier and spot my late father, Dr David Lees, in Down Memory Lane, opening the 1972 Lorne Street church spring fair.

Before the Second World War my dad, who passed away 32 years ago, taught classics at Campbeltown Grammar School.

During his wartime military service he was recruited to MI6 and worked as a code breaker

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On the cessation of hostilities he moved to Elgin as headmaster in 1947. There was a further move to Roxburgh, as director of education, before he finished his career as rector of Glasgow High School for 26 years.

He finally retired in 1976.

On this occasion dad did not want to open the event but my mum, Olive Lees, who was in control, told him opening a spring fair in Campbeltown was more important than watching Airdrie lose another game.

Marilyn Lees,
Dumbreck,
Glasgow.

Kintyre Seasports Project is 'pie in the sky'

Sir,
I attended the Kintyre Seasports Project public consultation meeting at Campbeltown Sailing Club on Tuesday evening of last week.

As I was the only person there at 6pm, I was given a 'one-on-one' presentation of the 'pie-in-the-sky' concept by an architect who claimed to know Campbeltown and its loch like the back of his hand.

Obviously a sailor, he displayed an amazingly naive knowledge of the people who live here.

People who love their community and who are more than fed up with the team which thinks it can convince funders that Kintyre



Campbeltown Sailing Club. 25_c36dalintober01

Seasports Project is a worthy cause.

We've been there, done that and lived to rue the consequences of the team's 'milk the community for our benefit' philosophy.

One has to wonder why Campbeltown Sailing Club is falling over itself to 'donate' its site to the proposed project.

After all it's no big magnanimous gesture since it acquired the site for £1 having persuaded the owner

into selling to secure the site in the 1960s. That's a whole new take on community spirit. I shall watch how this project develops and I hope Kintyre Seasports continues to provide a source of interest and amusement to me and many others in South Kintyre.

James F Campbell,
High Askomil,
Campbeltown.

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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday September 5, 2008
Old school friends reunited

Sixty years on former pupils of Carradale Primary School gathered last week for their school reunion.

The 17 school friends who were part of the 1947/48 intake at the school met at the Carradale Hotel for a meal and drinks.

They were Alan Oman, Duncan McKinnon, Alec McKinnon, John McFadyen, Alister McMillan, Roy McMurchy, Matthew McMillan, Una Semple (McDougall), Rosemary Wilkieson (Galbraith), Jenny McAulay (MacInnes), May McKerral (Campbell), Margaret Watt (Buchanan), Effie Gallacher (Buchanan), Eleanor Norris (Campbell), Shena Graham (Durham), Sheila Croall (Galbraith), Sheena Hamilton (Buchanan).



Carradale Primary School's class of 1947/48 pictured in 2008.

Seventy-four-year-old Mr Mathisen said: 'My granddaughter was in the car with me, and I had slowed down to a virtual standstill to let a tractor past.

'She asked me a question, which I began to help her with. Then, before my very eyes, not more than 20 feet ahead of us, this thing came down a short bank onto the road.

'It was black, at least five feet in length, with a long snake-like tail that was around four feet long.

'It had a square face, large paws, and was twice the size of even the biggest of dogs.

'I tried to apply the handbrake slowly, but it made the slightest of noises, and this thing stopped dead in its tracks.

'It looked me right in the eyes, and I remember thinking 'thank God we are in the car' to myself. It then bounded into the undergrowth.

'I had my camera, but had no shots left. However, I managed to get a quick sketch done. It was huge. A thing that size could get

a sheep - and it could get a child just as easily,' he warned.

Experts have already confirmed there have been unexplained deaths of sheep throughout the area, and believe it is possible that wild animals could have been dumped - and survived - in Kintyre several years ago.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday September 5, 1968
Success at Cowal Highland Gathering

Southend's champion boy dancer, James McCorkindale, 12, of Macharioch Farm has done it again.

James carried off the Argyll Highland Dancing Championship (under 13) at Cowal Highland Gathering on Saturday for the second year in succession.

The young dancer was also through to the

final of the Scottish Championships and finished third.

He will be competing at the Braemar Highland Gathering on Saturday.

Donald McLean, Killeonan, was the runner-up in the Argyll Championship (under 15) and Agnes McMillan, Southend, came third in the under 15 Sword Dance.

Wendy Lang, of Campbeltown, was placed fourth in the under 13 Highland Fling.

Another Campbeltown prize winner at Cowal was piper Peter McCallum, who took the Cowal Silver Medal in the over 16 section.

Peter won the Inglis Cup and Cowal Medal last year.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday September 7, 1918
Harvesting in Kintyre

The present spell of fine weather is enabling farm work to be proceeded with smoothly and uninterruptedly, and the harvesting of the crops is proceeding apace.

Excellent yields are the rule, and throughout Kintyre every effort is being made to push forward the work and secure the crops in the best condition. On some farms both reaper and binder are busy.

In the majority of cases, in the earlier districts, cutting should be practically finished by the end of this week, and leading where not actually in operation, will, it is expected, be in full swing next week.

In many cases the barley crop has been secured, and the stackyards are already showing signs of a bountiful harvest.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday September 10, 1993
Beast on the loose

The most startling sighting yet of the mysterious puma-like beast rumoured to be prowling Kintyre can be revealed this week.

It seems to prove that this is indeed some sort of creature on the loose in the countryside around Campbeltown, following previous reports of such an animal in the area.

While driving his car near Homeston Farm, Southend, Campbeltown man Mr Ian Mathisen spotted the 'huge' creature crossing his path.

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The inscriptions on a silver cup, which records its first tennis aces in 1919, detail some of the vanished names of Kintyre.

A century ago, in 1918, when racquets were made of wood, strung with animal gut and required presses to stop them warping, the captain and officers of Australian depot ship HMS Platypus presented a cup to Campbeltown Lawn Tennis club.

The following year the HMS Platypus Cup became the club's mixed doubles' championship's coveted trophy and names began to be inscribed.

As with any weather dependent sport there were years when the championship was not played or perhaps there were not enough ladies and gents to run a mixed doubles' competition.

If the teams were always picked from a hat, the method used currently, it would explain why partnerships did not endure,



The HMS Platypus Cup. 25_c35memorylane08

unless by luck, though one strong player may win successively.

The cup's first winners in 1919 were: Mrs Chapman and Mr R Y Maxtone, the following year Mr Maxtone partnered Miss B Strang.

The year 1921 must have been a strange one for mixed doubles. The winner is inscribed as P S MacNair without a partner. Sometimes it can be a struggle to get teams, so perhaps MacNair played singles against a doubles pair.

In 1922 honours were taken by Miss C K MacNish and Mr E Armour. In 1923 a different pair emerged, Miss J I McKersie and Mr A G MacKelvie.

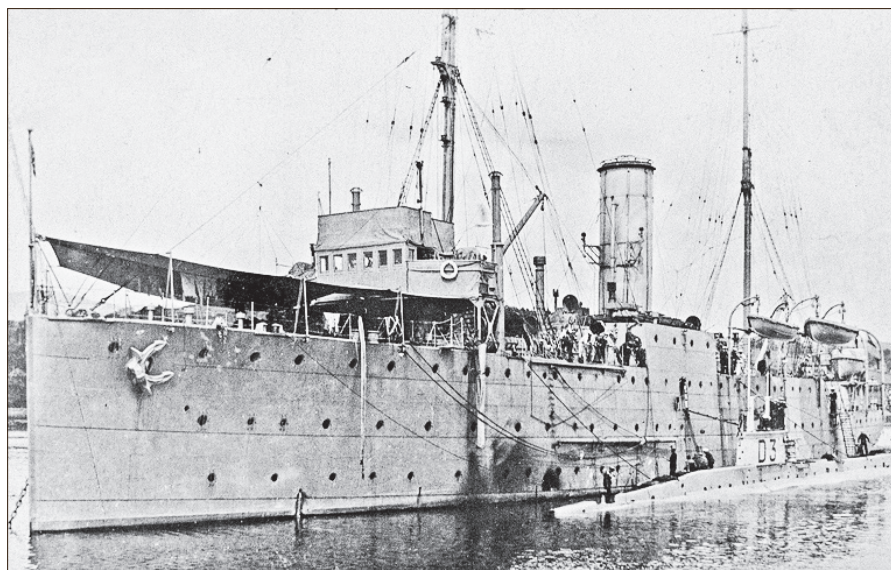
Miss B Strang returned, partnered by Mr L Edwards in 1924. In 1925 a Christian name is inscribed for the first time when Bella Strang, taking her third win, was partnered by Mr C MacTaggart.

Mrs W McKersie and Mr C McTaggart won in 1926 and Miss S Colville and Mr R W Greenlees in 1927.

Mrs Mary MacFadyen was the next winner to gain the Christian name honour in 1928 and she did not have to take three wins.

The first and possibly only gentleman to see his Christian name used was the prolific 1950s' winner, Rev G Stuart Cameron. He was part of the winning duo five times.

Ann Ogilvie began a run of success in 2007 and this year Dorothy Gray was a finalist and she first made it on to the cup in 1992.



Australian depot ship HMS Platypus.



Early winners of the HMS Platypus Cup. 25_c35memorylane04

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Scotland's aquaculture and fishing industry are two of its biggest economic drivers.

Kilbrannan Sound is home to Europe's largest salmon farm and Marine Harvest has an application to expand its operations.

Eating fish is not for everyone, but unsurprisingly for a seaside community, a Courier survey this week found that even Campbeltown's less frequent eaters have their favourites.

These are the views about fish eating netted in Campbeltown.



William Crossan with Cara and Morgan.

Church of Scotland minister William Crossan, 69, of Kilkerran Road, said: 'I feed sardines to my Welsh Springer spaniels, Cara and Morgan, at least three times a week as the oil is good to keep their coats shiny.'

'I try to eat fish at least once a week; if I am lazy it will be a fish supper. I like salmon and have some concerns about farmed salmon but trust in the quality control process.'

25_c36fish01_William_Crossan



Grace Saxby.

Full-time mum Grace Saxby, 38, from Glenside, said: 'I do not eat a lot of fish; if it is fish it has to taste like fish, often it is too meaty.'

'The nicest fish I have ever tasted is from Big Jessie's in Tayinloan. If I cook fish at home it would be boneless Bassa.'

'Sometimes we collect whelks, cockles and mussels on the seashore.'

25_c36fish05_Grace_Saxby



Dorota Kurek.

Carer Dorota Kurek, 52, from Poland, said: 'I love salmon or cod from Scotland or Polish herrings and I will eat fish at least twice a week and sometimes every day.'

'I prefer fish from the sea or ocean, really wild fish. The best fish experience is eating sushi in Tokyo.'

25_c36fish06_Dorota_Kurek



Colin Madden.

Shop proprietor Colin Madden, 57, from Campbeltown, who runs Angels Playground, said: 'My favourite is fish and chips and occasionally prawns.'

'I'd love to try sea bass but I would be scared to order it in case I do not like the taste.'

'I am not worried about the source but prefer to know the fish is from UK waters and not imported.'

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Building site manager James Harkness, 46, from Ayr, said: 'My wife does not like cooking fish at home. 'While in Campbeltown I like having fish and chips at the Argyll about once every two weeks. 'I prefer cod or haddock but I never think about the source.'

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Retiree Moira Thomson, 64, was out walking her dog Sophie and said: 'I like salmon and whitefish about twice a week and always buy it from the fishmonger in Campbeltown (pictured above). 'I am very concerned that my fish is locally sourced.'

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WHAT'S ON in Campbeltown

■ Enjoy coffee, cake and company at the world's biggest coffee morning this month. Macmillan Cancer Support's largest fundraising event will be taking place in towns and villages across the country on or around September 28 and Campbeltown's main Macmillan fundraisers are holding theirs in Kirk Street Hall on Saturday September 15, from 10am until midday. Entry is by donation and there will be the usual stalls, including baking, tombola and a raffle. ■ Joining in with its own World's Biggest Coffee Morning, the Courier Centre will be holding its event on Friday September 21, from 10am, where fresh homebaking and filtered coffee will be on sale, with all proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support. ■ Those who want a weekly catch up may enjoy the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church's lunch club, which meets every Friday from today (September 7) at midday in the new hall. For £3, visitors will receive soup, a filled

roll, tea or coffee and a biscuit. All are welcome. ■ If you feel that dropping a few pounds is necessary after a little overindulgence at coffee mornings and lunch clubs, Slimming World runs classes in Campbeltown every Tuesday at 1pm, 5.30pm and 7.30pm, in the Masonic Recreational Lodge, St John Street. Call Rhona on 07880 878906 to find out more. ■ To find out how to further improve your health, head to South Kintyre Seniors Forum's next meeting, which welcomes Caroline Glen, oral health at NHS Highland, as its guest speaker. All are welcome at the meeting in the Lorne and Lowland Church's new hall on Friday September 21, from 1.30pm until 3pm. ■ Treat yourself to some live music the following day, on Saturday September 22, at Campbeltown Picture House. Marc Rooney, lead singer of Pronto Mama, is supported by Matt Spicer, and Kintyre's Under Smoke and Hope Strang. Tickets are £12 and doors open at 8pm.

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Campbeltown learns about



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A collection of artefacts belonging to an Argyll airship captain and First World War submarine hunter has landed in Kintyre.

The Air Ace of Argyll - Airships in the Great War and the Story of Major J G Struthers exhibition in Campbeltown Library features a trove of items belonging to the late Major Jim Struthers, formerly of Ardmaddy Estate, near Oban.

The items, including a

A propeller from a C9 airship showing dates of Major Struthers' missions.

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dummy shell, gas goggles, badges and medals, a uniform and original airship banners and propellers, were collated, over the course of a year, by Eleanor McKay, bibliographic and local studies librarian at Live Argyll, after a conversation with Major Struthers' son Charles.

'He said he had "one or two things" belonging to his late father,' Eleanor explained.

'It turned out to be eight boxes full of artefacts that we're still going through now.'

'It's one of the best collections from the First World War that we have seen.'

There are parts of shot-down airships, a parachute, fragments of a radiator from a zeppelin and much more.

Accompanying the artefacts, are photographs, many taken by Major Struthers himself, documenting his personal life and military career, as well as the history

of airships. Major Struthers, who was mentioned in dispatches, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, with two bars later added, for his missions with the Royal Naval Air Service, which amalgamated with the British Army's Royal Flying Corps to become the Royal Air Force in 1918.

Major Struthers was recognised for flying more hours than any other airship pilot during the war.

Aged 52 by the time the Second World War broke out, Major Struthers was too old to serve but he was in the Royal Observer Corps, his patch stretching from Sutherland to Machrihanish.

'It's local to Oban but it's an Argyll story,' said Eleanor. 'Major Struthers was actually based in Cornwall during the war.'

Diana Manning, from Drumlemble but originally

from Cornwall, attended the exhibition's Campbeltown opening to find out more about the Cornish history, and found it 'fascinating'.

During her opening speech, Eleanor said: 'I think this is an area of WWI that people don't really think about.'

'They think about later aircraft, especially in World War Two, but I don't think they know the role they had in World War One.'

Councillor Donald Kelly, who attended the opening, said he thought it was essential to engage with local school children: 'It's important that youngsters today know what went on in the past - especially involving someone from Argyll.'

The exhibition, which was launched in Oban in July, will be in Campbeltown until September 29, before moving on to Helensburgh and Dunoon.

Islay Book Festival

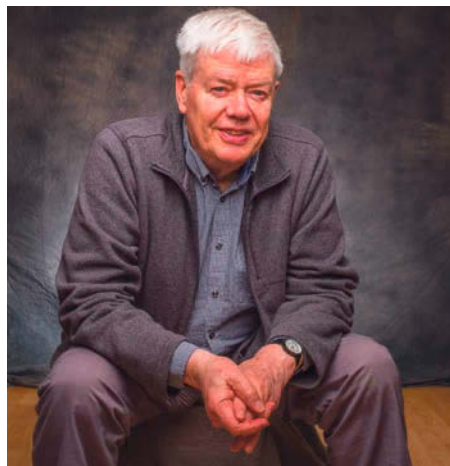
Islay Book Festival celebrates its 11th festival on September 27-30 in its most ambitious festival to date.

Nineteen authors will offer a range of events for adults and children of all ages in an exciting programme that includes storytelling, poetry, island fiction, a tartan cat, and much more. The Scottish Book Trust will also be filming the festival.

The star-studded line-up includes Bernard MacLaverty, who will discuss how his serious writing started - in a bungalow in Bowmore.

Crime writer Lin Anderson will showcase her latest thriller with soil forensics expert Lorna Dawson. Reflections on the 100th anniversary of the First World War, and its local impact on Islay and Jura, will be headed up by prolific author-historian Trevor Royle and award-winning filmmaker Les Wilson.

Gaelic children's author and illustrator Catriona Black will be there. Her exhibition, Forradh: Sly Cooking, is currently on display at Islay's Gaelic College.



Bernard MacLaverty. Photograph: Robert Burns

Ian Stephen, Malachy Tallack, Donald S Murray and Janis Mackay are among the other well-known authors making their way to this



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Councillor John Armour, Campbeltown's library supervisor Christine McPhee, Eleanor McKay and Councillor Donald Kelly at the exhibition's opening.

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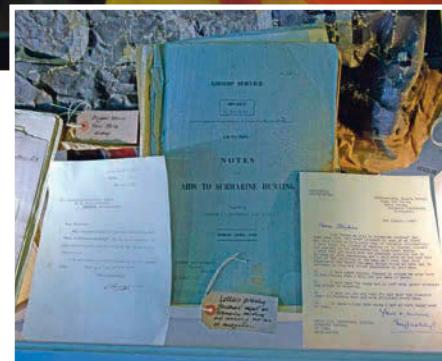
A small selection of the artefacts belonging to Major Struthers' son Charles.

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Major Struthers' medals, including the Distinguished Service Cross with two bars.

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'Notes on Aids to Submarine Hunting', a report by Major Struthers, accompanied by letters praising its importance and lamenting on his lack of recognition.

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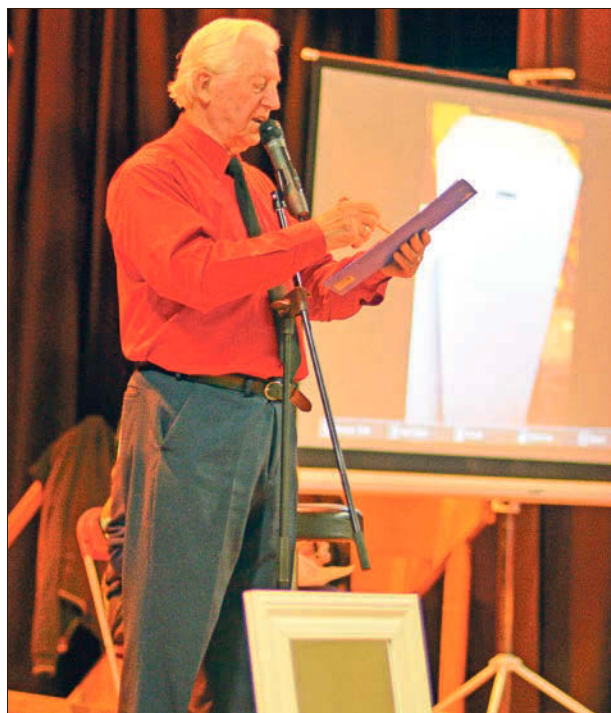
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Auctioneer John Kerr in action in October last year.

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Rotarians are already traveling the length of Kintyre to amass auction items for the Sale of the Century's return.

The Rotary Club of Campbeltown holds its popular charity fundraising event on Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22 in Victoria Hall.

There are bound to be some amazing bargains and unusual items at the sale, which is the first to be held this year.

Auctioneering, as always, will be in the capable hands of resident auctioneers Cecil Finn and John Kerr, and it is worth a visit to the hall to hear the entertaining sales patter.

At this sale young apprentice auctioneer Stephen MacSporran will join the team.

Mr MacSporran will be well known to many for his appearances as a solicitor in Campbeltown Sheriff Court but at Sale of the Century his

patter may not be so formal.

A Rotary Club spokesperson said: 'Recently the Rotary Club was given a stairlift, which had been installed in a house at 73 Dalaruan.

'This has been very little used and cost new £4,000 when installed in June 2015.

'Unfortunately the suppliers are unwilling to reinstall such a system and they were unhelpful when contacted.

'It seems that sadly we will now be lucky to get the £50 or so scrap value of the system.

'This item will not be taken to the Victoria Hall, but if anyone reading this is interested, they should contact Rotarians John Mactaggart 07774 888835, or Andrew Ronald 01586 830500.'

As has happened in previous sales, and for safety reasons, the hall will not be open to the public until 2pm on Friday September 21 for viewing and purchasing the



One bidder was able to row away from the sale in October 2017. 25_c40saleofthecentury01

ever popular bric-a-brac and books.

Raffle tickets will also be available and any money raised will be donated to the charity Water Aid.

Water Aid aims to provide clean water in regions of the world which have suffered natural disasters.

The Inner Wheel Club of

Campbeltown will sell tea, coffee, soft drinks, filled rolls and biscuits in Victoria Hall, on Saturday September 22, to raise funds for its own charities.

The Rotary spokesperson added: 'It is a service that is greatly appreciated by everyone, not least the Rotarians on duty.'

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They say that it takes an average of 66 days to kick an old habit, or pick up a new one - and now is your chance to do it with the help of others.

A brand new initiative - the Mid Argyll 66 Day Challenge - offers members of the public the opportunity to change the habits of a lifetime.

The project is being delivered by NHS Highland, the charity umbrella body TSI and the local Health and Wellbeing Network, and the whole thing kicks off with full day launch event on Wednesday October 17, exactly 66 days before Christmas.

So now is the time to have a think about what you want to achieve.

Whether it's a battle against the bulge, walking more, beating the booze giving up that chocolate habit, we all have big or little things we want to eliminate, or good habits we would like to take up.

Individuals can take the challenge on their own, or in groups. People can raise money through sponsorship for local charities or take whatever approach they feel is right for them.

The challenge ends on day 66 - Christmas Eve - and Mid Argyll could be several tonnes lighter, fleet of foot and healthier all round - a great end to the year and a great start for the rest of your life.

There are lots of local providers such as fitness trainers, local facilities and charities who have experience to help, and it's a great time to explore what's out there and make a decision.



For the 66 Day Challenge you might decide to:

give up sugar in your tea

walk the dog every day at a particular time each day

do a 15 minute warm up routine every day

take up a yoga and meditation routine

give up fizzy drinks

give up smoking

change your diet

take up cycling.

Whatever you decide, help will be available should you want it.

Look out for the big launch event in Lochgilphead Community Centre on October 17, where there will be a market place, demonstrations and a healthy food cafe.

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The festival, which has been running since 1988, allows various locations to host many live gigs, as well as a tent set up on the quay with a licensed bar and a raffle for festival funds.

The festival will see the summer music scene end with a bang with acts such as The Camans, Dr Hip and The Blues Operation and Heron Valley, fresh from their performances at Inveraray's Best of the West.

The line-up includes the music of Treble Trouble, Rhuvaal, Soap, Red Pine Timber Co. on the quay; The

Corner House will host Kenny and Wallace and Done 'N' Dusted; The Tarbert Hotel offers The Camans, Thunder Road and Dr Hip and the Blues Operation; Two Bob Rocket will entertain the Anchor Hotel and The Islay Frigate Hotel will host Michelle From The Fold and Cherry Valentine.

Added to this the festivities will be kept merry by the Mid Argyll Pipe Band on Saturday and the Loch Fyne Pipe Band on Sunday.

As well as the music, a coffee morning will be held in Templars Hall from 10am until 12pm on Saturday, and food found at The Quay.

For hardcore fans of the festival, there will also be Sunday Night Survivor's Night. Details of which can be found in the local pubs, each offering their own way of winding down the party.



Heron Valley's Alex Mackechnie, Abigail Pryde and Callum Cronin light up the stage in 2017. 08_a38heronvalley2



2017's event proved to be a great day for festival organiser Barbara Johnston and family members John, Shaun and David Johnston. Also pictured is Jack and Irene Stuart and Graham Stephens. 08_a38johnston



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THE BRIDEGUIDE

Highland Romance

With a gorgeous natural backdrop and a surfeit of fairytale venues, the West Highlands is a renowned wedding destination for Scottish couples, as well as those coming from around the world. A wedding may be the biggest event a couple will ever organise, so nothing should be left to chance. The Autumn Wedding Guide can help the bride and groom plan their perfect day, and a few tips will help make the process even smoother. With that in mind, here is The Oban Times' five steps to help organise the big day with the minimum amount of stress.

1. Decide on a date. Speak to the celebrant first, whether a minister or a member of the council office, and get the date inked in before making any other plans. Then the venue can be booked.

2. Compromise is an essential part of the wedding planning. This may be the bride's day, but the groom can be involved as well. He may not be interested in choosing colours, the cake or the bridesmaids' dresses, and, in fact,

he may not even be concerned about the details – all he is thinking about is how happy his blushing bride will be. But by asking him to make some important decisions, such as setting a budget, choosing groomsmen's outfits, sourcing rings

and organising the honeymoon, he gets to put in his two pence-worth. Our advertisers can help make decisions easier, taking some of the strain off the couple.

3. Set a realistic budget. Weddings can be expensive, so make a priority list and be ready to compromise. And remember, years from now, everyone will remember the love and the fun, not whether they ate the most costly cake or drank the finest champagne. If the couple can find ways to cut some costs, they can afford to splurge on the items most important to them, whether it is the music, the food or the venue.

4. Make a plan. By keeping a 'to do' list – even a binder – and planning well ahead, the busy couple can stay organised and keep on top of tasks. Keep records and receipts of everything, from discussions with the venue manager and caterer to fabric swatches.

5. Divide and conquer. Think about the skills of people in the wedding party and family and ask them to be involved. Does Aunt Mary have mad calligraphy skills? Have her address the invitations. Is the bridesmaid a keen baker? Ask if she can make the cake. And for everything else, the friendly and knowledgeable Oban Times advertisers have all the bases covered – it's what they do.

Enjoy the day. After months of stressful planning, by the time the wedding day arrives, the bride and groom can be at the end of their tether. But if they let the professionals do their jobs and allow family and friends to pamper and assist in the details, the stressed out couple can transform into the happy couple.



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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Clachan Smallholders' Wild West hoedown

Words and photographs
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Woodworkers and artists became guitarists and violinists to spur on a Wild West-themed Clachan celebration of local crafts, industry, culture and music.

Through the day, last Saturday, Clachan Smallholders' Gathering welcomed crafters from across Argyll to the village hall and playing field.

Fresh vegetables, art, bric-a-brac, soap and various crafts were on sale in the hall, with a variety of home-made soups available from the kitchen.

Outside, Wild West games were played as hardy visitors tested their strength on a

bucking bronco fair ride and younger guests had their faces painted.

Arran woodcarver Henry Murdo brought some of his masterpieces as well as a work-in-progress, a rabbit on which people could try their hand at carving.

Mark MacSporran involved people of all ages in Samba drumming, using a variety of instruments to create a carnival rhythm.

At night local performers, including Gaia Silvan, who sold her art through the day, and Terry Russell, who demonstrated his woodworking skills, joined other local musicians on stage.

The headline act, Berkshire-based ska/reggae five-piece

Dub The Earth, brought people to their feet straight away.

Even after the official event ended revellers gathered round a camp fire with guitars, strumming the night away until 4am.

Organisers Lori Silvan and Garreth Roberts thanked everyone for supporting the event, which first took place a decade ago.

'This is the first year we have had funding from West Kintyre Windfarm Trust for which we're really grateful,' Lori said. 'Before it has always been funded out of our own pockets.'

Lori introduced Terry Russell and Elaine MacCallum, who met at the first smallholders' gathering

and are now engaged with a five-year-old son, Scott.

'This is our first night out for ages,' the couple said, 'It's mad trying to get a night out with a five-year-old.'

'There are other couples here tonight who also met at previous events,' Lorri added. 'It's a romantic place.'

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Morvern Paisley and Francesca Grant paint Charlotte and Anna Hales' faces.

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Christmas came early to Jane Bruce from Ardrishaig's Aunty Jane's Crafts stall. 50_c36smallholders04



Gaia Silvan sold her own artwork. 50_c36smallholders01



Margo McLellan travelled overseas to bring Isle of Arran honey to the event. 50_c36smallholders05



Woodworker Terry Russell performed on stage. 50_c36smallholders13



Henry Murdo brought a work in progress so others could attempt the skill of woodcarving. 50_c36smallholders07



Margo's partner, woodcarver Henry Murdo, displayed some impressive pieces. 50_c36smallholders06



Organisers Gareth Roberts and Lori Silvan. 50_c36smallholders14

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Uta Korner and Gaia Silvan perform a duet.

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Lachlan Gray, four, and Lewis Gray, six, play some Wild West games. 50_c36smallholders10



Karen Henderson, of Kilmartin-based Handmade on the Hill, sold handmade soaps. 50_c36smallholders03



12-year-old Raphael MacLachlan takes on the bucking bronco. 50_c36smallholders09



Elaine MacCallum and Terry Russell met at the first ever Clachan Smallholders' Gathering. 50_c36smallholders15



Clachan's John MacCallum played the harmonica. 50_c36smallholders12



Alasdair Paisley operated a train built by Arthur Duff to add to the Wild West theme. 50_c36smallholders02



Headline act Dub The Earth got people dancing. 50_c36smallholders17



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As a thank-you to the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund, Ms Gilchrist will hold a series of quiz fundraisers, with dates to be confirmed, at villages including Machrihanish, Southend, Tayinloan, Carradale and Tarbert this autumn.

The quizzes, for teams of four, culminate with a final huge evening on Saturday November 3 in Campbeltown Town Hall.



Recently Helen Gilchrist was master of ceremonies at Dalintober Beach Campbeltown's Regatta day.
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Laugh a minute at



Kian Green, 1, and mum Kelsey Brown bought Fun Box toy 'Fluffy.'
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Children turned the key to open the Fun Box as the eponymous 'rock stars' raucous show lifted the roof at Victoria Hall.

Fun Box players, Anya, Gary and Kevin, warmed the audience up with some loose cover numbers and made their introductions.

Anya said Campbeltown's Factory Shop was an amazing store for creating special outfits, at crazy low prices, but it is unlikely Gary's punk rock-

er plastic mohican haircut is available off the shelf.

Frontman Kevin said he had played in some of Scotland's hardest venues for raising a laugh including Prestonpans Miners' Welfare Club, 'That's a tough place,' he added.

The team travelled from Dunoon to play three days of back-to-back shows and experienced a variety of restaurants, the best of which, they agreed was Tarbert's Starfish.



Many mums bought Fun Box merchandise from the pop-up stall.
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Fun Box frontman Kevin has the key.
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Punk rocker Gary. 25_c36funbox12



Sienna MacMillan, 5, had the key for the Fun Box. Sienna went to the show with her granny Eila Durnan.
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Fun Box's Anya produced some amazing tunes from a quite flat looking trumpet.
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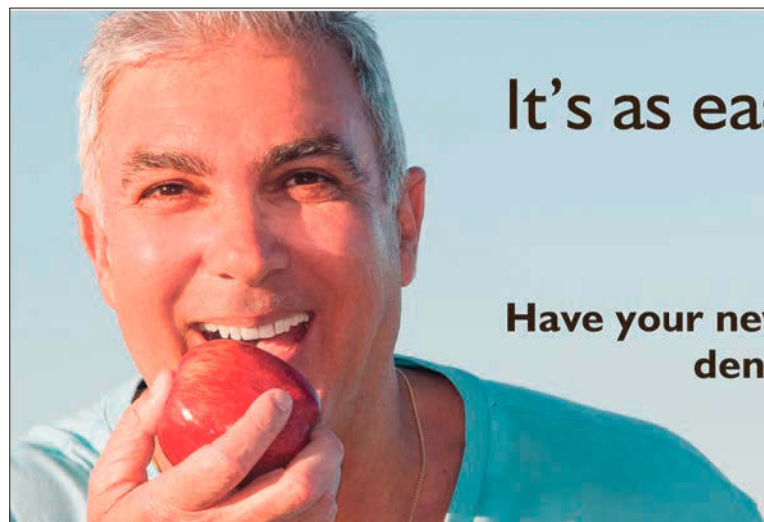
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Comedy hypnotist is sure to work his magic again

Preview and pictures
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A comedy hypnotist who made people believe they were on a tropical beach will return to cast his spell over Campbeltown.

Richard Roberts invites people to 'see the show or be the show' indicating that audience participation should be expected at the Campbeltown Masonic Lodge St John's No 141 event.

Mr Roberts began his previous show by explaining that no one would be hypnotised against their will and that not everybody would be susceptible to his influences.

He quickly weeded out those who failed to fall under his spell until he was left with a final six, who obeyed his every command.

The magic word 'sleep' rendered the 'victims' seemingly

unconscious in their chairs, and even worked when they were standing, the participants descending to the floor until Mr Roberts caught them.

Under his direction, the participants believed they were on a hot holiday, 'answered' their shoes as though they were their mobile phones, and played an imaginary piano with their hands and feet.

Every time they were 'awoken', they wondered how on earth they had ended up in each situation.

The grand finale was when Mr Roberts presented each person under his spell with 'magic engineering from America' which allowed them to 'see' the audience naked.

Great hilarity ensued as wide-eyed and open-mouthed participants gazed out into the crowd, through

a beer mat with a hole in the middle.

When asked by Mr Roberts if he had been able to hypnotise them throughout the evening, the participants invariably answered: 'No!'

Performing his knock-out stage show since 1995, Richard is a member of the Professional Stage Hypnotists Association, and is a fully qualified hypnotist.

He is sure to entertain, whether or not those on stage are as fully under his spell as it may seem.

Even the sceptics in the audience will struggle not to believe in the magic of hypnotism.

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Those on stage were convinced their shoes had become mobile phones. 50_c39hypnotist02



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Merchiston Profile

Number of pupils 440

Age range 7-18

Boarding and day pupils, boys

Qualifications GCSE, IGCSE, A Level

Merchiston is the only boys' independent boarding school in Scotland, offers the English curriculum, and has a global, outward-looking dimension.

The school has an impressive record of helping boys excel beyond their predictions. The latest academic results at every level offer clear evidence of our value-added and commitment to leading students towards personal excellence. Furthermore, boys have gained places at some of the leading British, Ivy League and other outstanding international universities, including Oxford and Cambridge.

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We like to think there is something for everyone and any parent choosing Strathallan

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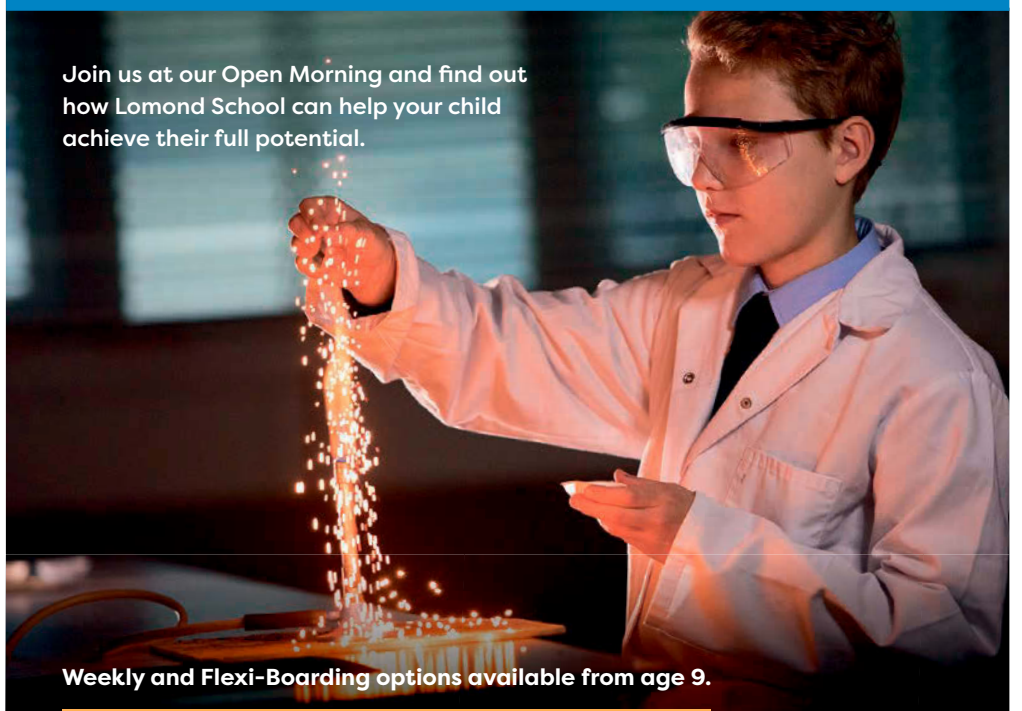
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Farming safety must be a priority

Farm Safety Partnership Scotland is urging those working in farming to make 'safe stop' procedure the key for safe working during harvesting.

With Scotland's farm safety record continuing to be one of the poorest across the UK, FSPS is encouraging those working within the industry to make safety a priority.

FSPS, which consists of key industry stakeholders, will focus on different types of farming activities each quarter to deliver key messages and encourage those working and living on Scotland's farms and crofts to take action.

This week the campaign, trailing on from Farm Safety Week in July, is urging people to make an active choice about their safety and will focus on the following between September and November: general maintenance on farm, falls from heights and safety at harvest.

Last year there were 33 deaths in the agricultural industry in the UK, with five in Scotland.

The most common causes of death in the agricultural industry continues to involve falls, transport, animals and equipment.

Over the last five years 38 people have been killed in the UK by a moving vehicle; 12 people have been killed by contact with machinery; 10

have been killed by asphyxiation or drowning, including in grain stores or pits and slurry pits and eight people have been killed by contact with electricity.

This data does not take into account the number of injuries on Scotland's farms and crofts, a number that is believed to be significantly higher.

For those amidst harvest, it is essential that they practise the 'safe stop' method when working with machinery, equipment and vehicles – handbrake on, controls in neutral, engine off, keys out.

Anyone working with equipment or machinery should also be appropriately trained, with full risk assess-



Using farm machinery safely.

ments carried out, particularly when working near power lines.

Speaking on behalf of FSPS, NFU Scotland chief executive Scott Walker commented: 'One death or injury on Scotland's farms and crofts is frankly one too many and as

an industry we need to take action to make a conscious effort to put our safety, and that of those living and working around us as a priority.

'Whether it is carrying out maintenance to a roof, checking over a machine, or working in a field with power lines,

injuries and deaths through accidents most of the time are preventable by taking simple steps and precautions.

'This campaign encourages farmers and crofters to make a point of ensuring their working environment is safe, to help us work together to

reduce the death and injury toll on our farms and crofts.

'This autumn, it is about your safety, your choice, and as the darker nights draw in, and many are rushing to get the job done it is important to take a step back to make sure you are working safely.'

Caledonian Marts' annual Scotch mule ewe lambs



Judge David Moir presents the champion prize to Lynda Graham, Mains of Burnbank.

The judge at Caledonian Marts Ltd's annual show and sale of Scotch mule ewe lambs bought the winning pen of 25 at £130 per head.

With 12 pens forward for the show, the judge, David Moir, of Home Farm, Cairness awarded the champion ticket to D & L Graham, Mains of Burnbank, Blair Drummond.

Purchased

The reserve champion pen came from Craig Malone, Pitcairn, Cardenden. It also fetched a final bid of £130 again purchased by the judge.

The other winners in the top six were: 3: Heather Gray, Glenhead £128; 4: David Gray, Drumnessie £128; 5: A MacGregor, Allanfauld £110; 6: J Cullens, Dollarbank £114.

A further feature of the sale was a consignment of 342 ewe lambs from Burnbank, all bred by homebred tups, selling to £130 (champion pen) and averaging £100.34.

The show and sale sponsored by Norbrook Laboratories

Ltd, and Gordon Agri was held last Friday, in conjunction with Texel ewe lambs, mule and Texel gimmers.

Mule ewe lambs (2,850) averaged £90.75 (-£4.43 on the year) and 1,019 mule gimmers averaged £114.50 (-£21.65 on the year).

Leading averages: £128 for 25 – Glenhead; £116 for 30 – Glenquey; £118.80 for 51 – Drumnessie; £101.23 for 130 Pitcairn; £100.34 for 342 Burnbank. Leading prices outwith the prize list: £125 Shankhead; £118, £116 and £114 Mains of Burnbank; £112 Knowhead; £110 Drumnessie; £105 Spittlehill; £104 Burnhead; £102 Shawend. Texel ewe lambs averaged £77.72 (-£8.27 on the year). Leading prices: £86 Allanfauld; £86 Arnicle. Mule gimmers: £140 and £135 Wardhead; £130 Burnhead; £130 Gartenbantrick. Texel gimmers: £136 Burnhead; £122 Friarton; £120 Kiperloch.

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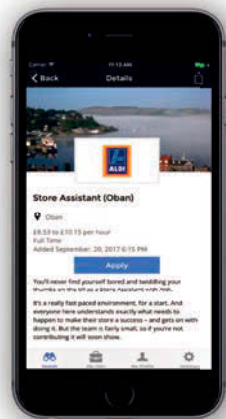
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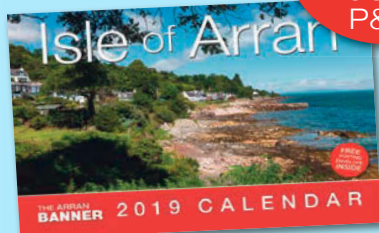
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Latest commercial property market report shows changing picture

The latest analysis of commercial property sales across Scotland by the Scottish Property Federation (SPF) reflects a shift in fortunes for the nation's major cities over the three months from April to June 2018.

For the second successive quarter, activity in Aberdeen exceeded that in both Edinburgh and Glasgow. Total sales values in the Granite City was £123m and while this figure is 26 per cent less than the total from the previous quarter, it is 68 per cent greater than Q2 2017.

By comparison, in Edinburgh and Glasgow sales activity was 'subdued'. The total value sales in the Scottish capital in Q2 2018 was £122m. This is 19 per cent down on the previous quarter and is also 46 per cent down on Q2 2017. There were 110 commercial property sales in Edinburgh during this time.

In Glasgow, there were 129 commercial sales, totalling £104m. The value of commercial sales in Glasgow rose eight per cent compared to Q1 2018, but was down 42 per cent

on the same quarter in 2017.

Nationally, total sales values were down 29 per cent on Q1 at £684m (13 per cent down on the previous year), although the number of transactions rose from 1,006 in Q1 to 1,095 in Q2 (a rise of nine per cent). It is the first fall in total sales values since Q3 2017 and one of the main contributing factors is that there were a lower number of high value sales.

The figures were collated using data from Registers of Scotland.

David Melhuish, direc-

tor of Scottish Property Federation, said: 'Our analysis of Q2 commercial sales figures shows an interesting picture emerging in the cities. Aberdeen continued to have marginally higher sales than both Edinburgh and Glasgow - especially note-worthy as Aberdeen had under half the number of sales than the other two. Looking at the bigger picture, across Scotland the recent data suggests that the commercial property sales market has been quieter than we have been used to in the past few years.

'That said, investment remains strong in Scottish real estate, with industry data experts CoStar reporting £584m invested into the sector in Q2. This brings the total investment for 2018 so far to £1.4bn,

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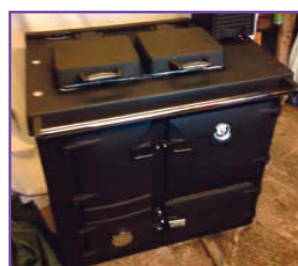
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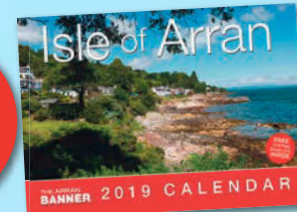
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Sizzling community campaign for defibrillators

Gigha residents joined forces with the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) to raise funds for two community defibrillators through a sizzling salmon barbecue.

The aquaculture firm, which has a site at Highfield on the island, donated £250 and enough salmon to fill every empty stomach at last Saturday's event on Ministers Beach.

The rain stayed at bay and the sun peeked out as SSC site manager Chris Smyth and senior marine operative Ross Fennell grilled the salmon, while guests brought along salad and other accompaniments.

The barbecue raised £520 and a raffle made an additional £480, bringing the total raised, including other donations, to £2,500.



SSC's site manager Chris Smyth and senior marine operative Ross Fennell served up sizzled salmon.

Other pledges came from: Holt Enterprises, which runs the island's halibut farm, £100; Scottish Water, £250; Gigha Community Council, £250; Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust, £125; Gigha Trading Ltd, £125; Gigha Hotel, £200; Gigha Challenge organisers, £200.

'It's absolutely incredible,' said Gigha community nurse Anne Shaw. 'It means we will be able to buy two AEDs, or defibrillators, and cases for them both.'

'One will be based at the shop and the other at the community hall.'

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The organisation also provided Sandpiper Bags, standardised portable and effective immediate care medical kits for doctors and nurses in remote areas, devised by the BASICS Scotland medical team.

'The Sandpiper Trust has been great,' Anne said. 'Anything we need, they've come up trumps.'



Gigha residents gathered on Ministers Beach for the fundraiser.

'But we couldn't have done it without everyone who supported the fundraiser, the people of Gigha are absolutely fantastic when it comes to things like this.'

The tasty salmon went down a storm, with locals still talking about the event and hoping for a repeat.

'The boys at the fish farm worked really hard,' Anne added. 'The salmon was delicious and cooked to perfection.'

SSC installed defibrillators at all 60 of its sites in the west coast of Scotland and Hebrides and at its head office in Edinburgh last year after a staff member suffering a major cardiac arrest was saved by quick-thinking colleagues who used an on-site defibrillator.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

'Let's make love great again'. These were the words of Aretha Franklin and these words encapsulated who she was.

Barack Obama said this of her: 'In the example she set both as an artist and a citizen, Aretha embodied those most revered virtues of forgiveness and reconciliation, while the music she made captured some of our deepest human desires, namely affection and respect.'

'And through her voice, her own voice, Aretha lifted those of millions, empowering and inspiring the vulnerable, the down-trodden, and everyone who may have just needed a little love'.

Similarly in Washington thousands came to pay respect to Senator John McCain.

Among the many tributes, Barack Obama, despite their political differences, said this: 'John understood that our security and our influence was won not just by our military might, not just by our wealth, not just by our ability to bend others to our will, but from our capacity to inspire others with our adherence to a set of universal values - like rule of law and human rights - and an insistence on the God-given dignity of every human being.'

Two very high profile funerals which were beamed to thousands world wide, touched many. However the bigger the funeral, no greater the love or the respect or the grief.

I am immensely touched by the quiet dignity of our own country funerals as people gather in the wee church they call home.

People have been there many times before and will come again, as long as folk shall live - and die.

They come because of love.
Let's make love great again - for love is stronger than death.

This is the promise from God to us all.

ISLAY

Islay complaints about townships plunged into darkness

An Islay councillor has received numerous complaints about street lighting problems.

Councillor Alastair Redman said: 'While putting out my latest survey in Port Ellen and Bowmore I was able to look into numerous complaints about potholes, littering, social housing condition and street lighting faults.'

'The largest number of complaints have been about street lighting.'

'From single faults affecting just one light to whole sections being out.'

'In Port Ellen from Charlotte Street to the Maltings there are no functioning lights.'

Problem

'The same problem has occurred in Port Wemyss right across Shore Street.'

'Having whole streets without proper lighting is very unsafe and I will keep pressing our

council to get our street lights fixed.'

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council's roads and amenity department said: 'We are currently gearing up for a large-scale programme of lighting work on Islay.'


'It should start towards the end of September and last for about six weeks.'

'During that time, all additional faults will be picked up and repaired.'

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Gallagher/McCallum net mixed doubles' tennis cup



A powerful backhand from Martin McCallum. 25_c36HMSPlatypus12

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A mixed doubles duo had a smashing evening winning Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club's (CLTC) HMS Platypus Cup.

Jane Gallagher last saw her name inscribed on the club's most illustrious trophy in 2009 and last Thursday, following her recent ladies' singles defeat, found success partnering Martin McCallum.

The championship's prospects did not look promising until 15 minutes before the start as heavy showers battered Campbeltown all afternoon.

Top gents pairing Sary Rahma and McCallum turned up for a 'bounce' game not realising the mixed doubles was scheduled.

Their appearance added up to perfect numbers and the four gents' and ladies' names were selected from two hats.

Even before starting, it seemed clear that the eventual winners



The winning 2018 HMS Platypus Cup mixed doubles pair Martin McCallum and Jane Gallagher. 25_c36HMSPlatypus09



Dorothy Gray, with her back to the camera, partnered Sary Rahma in the HMS Platypus Cup final against Martin McCallum and Jane Gallagher. 25_c36HMSPlatypus10



Dorothy Gray in action. 25_c36HMSPlatypus11

would be either the Dorothy Gray/Rahma pairing or the Gallagher/McCallum team and so it turned out.

In the first round games, Catherine Dobbie/Mark Davey playing Gallagher/McCallum and Elizabeth Hill/Sid Gallagher versus Gray/Rahma both went down 6-1.

Due to time constraints it was decided to restrict the final to one set which Gallagher/McCallum comfortably won 6-3.

A losers' play-off saw Dobbie/Davey beat Hill/Gallagher.

The gents' league is slowly progressing but there are many games left to play. It is hoped to have a CLTC meal and prize-giving evening on October 5.

Players visiting with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, from September 29 to October 4, hope to tune up their tennis in musical interludes and CLTC members may be needed to provide competition.

Clay club shooters potted play park cash

Clay pigeon shooters at a Cowal gun club raised money for a play park. Last Sunday Glendaruel and Colintrave Gun Club presented a cheque for £200 to Glendaruel Play Park. Pictured are club secretary Alex Gray presenting the cheque to Heather McVicar from the play park committee in the presence of club members.



Cross club interaction

Dunaverty Golf Club ladies swapped their golf clubs for bowling balls for this year's annual outing.

The ladies tried their hand at the lawn sport on Stronvaar Green, and although they all seemed to enjoy the game, Campbeltown Bowling Club has yet to receive many new applications for membership.

Lesley wins £1,000 lotto jackpot

Lesley Wood scooped £1,000 in Machrihanish Golf Club's three-number lottery draw on Monday.

The winning numbers were 1, 2 and 9.

The date of the next draw, for a new jackpot of £100, is September 10.



The winning squad with mascot Ryan Johnston holding the shield.

Stronvaar bowlers lift county bowling shield

Campbeltown bowlers have beaten Argyll and Bute's best in a county shield in six of its eight years.

Campbeltown Bowling Club's John McCormick presented Argyll and Bute County Bowling Association with the shield, in his name, in 2010, to be competed for by the entrants in the county top 10.

The latest victory was on Sunday, in Ardrishaig when the Stronvaar club defeated Dunoon opponents Kirn and Hunter's Quay 6 - 2 in the final.

The road to victory started back in May when the team travelled to Bute where they defeated Ardbeg.

This was followed by home wins against Oban and Dunoon Argyll with the latter match only being decided by shots accumulated by Bobby Dalziel in the singles and a fortuitous last bowl by Steven Dickson in the fours.

Kirn and Hunter's Quay were offered the option of a toss of a coin for choice of home venues but refused.

They settled to play the final on the heavy, neutral green in mid-Argyll thinking that this would be to their advantage only to be soundly beaten.

The day's team was singles: Bobby Dalziel, who was the only losing player; pairs: Jimmy Anderson and Archie Johnston; triples: Gavin McLachlan, Dugald Graham and Robert Coffield and the fours: Steven Dickson, John McLean, David Brown and Neil McCormick.

Gary Anderson and Steven McCallum both featured in the earlier rounds and were very much part of the team.

This Sunday there is a charity pairs match to raise funds for Argyll FM.

Light winds for RNLI Dunaverty open

Campbeltown RNLI netted prizes from fishing vessels, businesses and individuals for the 44th Lifeboat Open Golf competition.

On a near perfect day at Dunaverty Golf Club last Saturday, 160 players, split into 25 ladies and 135 men, took part on a course in magnificent condition thanks to the green-keepers.

Campbeltown RNLI is grateful to the club for organising this event and to all who helped on the day, and said that any prizewinners who had not collected their prize should call the lifeboat station on 07719-244464. Full results: Handicap men: 1 Donald Johnson 63-4-59 bih; 2

John Ramsay 77-18-59; 3 Jamie O'May 72-12-60 bih; 4 John Paterson 69-9-60; 5 George J Morrison 71-10-61. Scratch men: 1 George MacMillan 67; 2 Keith Crawford 68; 3 Calum MacMillan 68; 4 David Sinclair 69; 5 Ryan McGlynn 70. Handicap ladies: 1 Fiona McLeod 80-17-63 bih; 2 Lindsay Garrett 72-12-63; 3 Joan McInnes 94-29-65. Scratch ladies: 1 Elizabeth Morrison 74; 2 Ann Gallacher 78; 3 Margaret MacKinnon 81. Nearest the pin at 16th: Thomas Martin; longest drive at 17th men: Dean Ratcliff and longest drive at 17th ladies: Lorna Armour.

Scottish Amateur FL results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup, first round - Gartcosh United 2, Oban Saints 3; Dunoon 2, Stewarton United 4; Campbeltown Pupils v Winlinton Wolves, unfulfilled; Southside 4, Lochgilphead Red Star 4; Ardencaple 2, Tarbert 1.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Cup replay - Lochgilphead Red Star v Southside; Premier Division - North Glasgow Colts v Oban Saints; St Joseph's v Dunoon; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils v FC Argyll; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Villa Park.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Gallagher/McCallum net
mixed doubles' tennis cup

Cycling crofter cranks it up at Kintyre time trial

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A Taynuilt crofter returned to her roots when she raced at Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club's (KWCC) September time trial.

Emma Smith, who spent some of her formative years in Tayinloan, said returning

to Kintyre for last Sunday's event was quite emotional.

Ms Smith was one of four newcomers at the monthly race on Machrihanish's former airbase. The other three who added 'marks' to the 10-mile, two wheeled, race against the clock were: Lynsay McGeachy, Jackie Westerman and Mark Davey.



Colin Stalker heads for the line. 25_c36kwccct08



Robbie Semple encourages his wife Cartrina Semple. 25_c36kwccct10

In total 16 riders, of mixed abilities, competed in a pleasant 17°C air temperature with a wind strength of between 6mph and 12mph although

all were sure at times it was far higher.

KWCC organiser Robbie Semple reversed the route from the August event to go

anti-clockwise which was ideal as only about a quarter of a mile was full into the wind.

The rest of the route had a

mix of cross winds and a tail wind on the long main runway straight. On a virtually pan flat course unlike most road time trials there is no assistance from descents.

Since the last event a 10-mile guide to riders' times has been produced. It is split into five sub-sections: 40 minutes plus, 35 minutes to 40 minutes, 30 to 35 minutes, sub-30 minutes and sub-26 minutes.

With speed king Dom Sharkey competing elsewhere there was some competition for first place.

Despite the route change there was only one sub-30. The full results were: 1 Ian Graham 29.24; 2 Alex Binnie 30.04; 3 Malcolm McFadzean 30.54; 4=Alex Samborek and Robbie Semple 31.29; 5 Lynsay McGeachy 31.50; 6 Andy Gilchrist 31.59; 7 Sid Gallagher 32.07; 8 Brian Linfield 32.24; 9 Jennifer Reid 32.58; 10 Emma Smith 35.34; 11 Mark Davey 36.00; 12 Catrina Semple 38.51; 13 Colin Stalker 39.47; 14 Margaret Sinclair 45.33; 15 Jackie Westerman 52.51.

The next event is the previously cancelled Mid Argyll road time trial on Sunday September 16 at the MACPool.



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