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# Kintyre cranes are a world first

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A PAIR of wheeled reach stackers, the largest of their type in the world, costing the 'thick end' of £1 million each, are moving wind tower sections in Machrihanish.

Italian firm CES officially launched the two versatile reach stackers (VRS), each capable of quickly lifting and transporting a 200-tonne, seven-metre diameter tower section, at a special event on Tuesday afternoon.

The chief executive

of CES Italy, Robert Huthloff, from its manufacturing plant at Domeglira near Verona, said that the VRS machines are the company's biggest to date and were made to measure for CS Wind's requirements.

On Tuesday, Mr Huthloff formally shook hands with CS Wind's managing director James Won to complete the deal.

Mr Huthloff, from Germany, told the *Courier*: 'These are our biggest machines but we have plans for

a 250- and 500-tonne machine in the future.

'Our range extends from a 42-tonne machine ... we are unique in the market of these heavy machines.

'Everything is based on my development of the telescopic chassis. It is fantastic for me to be here in Kintyre seeing these machines in operation.'

A CS Wind spokesperson said: 'The machine is for moving our offshore sections being made for Walney wind farm.'

The deal was brokered by Lancashire firm SHAD Group UK which first started working with CS Wind last year and has supplied many lifting devices.

SHAD managing director Peter Doggett added: 'This is a niche part of the market. We have completed all the training of CS Wind



Robert Huthloff seals the deal with James Won. 50\_c39cswind02

staff and engineers, this equipment is a critical part of its operations.

'These machines cost the thick end of £1 million each, but that is about half the cost of two similar capacity crawler cranes and a self-propelled modular transporter which would be about £4 mil-

lion in the blink of an eye and have higher maintenance costs.'

The CES boss added: 'We provided the basic figures last year and took a down payment on December 23 which was when we began the calculations and design work.

'They are powered by a Volvo nine-litre

engine with hydraulic transmission. The Saccion tyres are made in Malaysia and 60 per cent filled with water to lessen the danger of a burst.'

The launch was witnessed by media from across Europe and a reporter from *World Cargo News* based in southern England.

## Wee Toon painted pink for charity

FUNDRAISERS will soon be painting the Wee Toon pink for Breast Cancer Care.

Lingerie shop Raspberry Pink is set to host a 'Big Pink' event throughout the month of October.

Raspberry Pink will donate £1 from every bra sold in October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to the Breast Cancer Care (BCC), the only UK-wide specialist breast cancer support charity.

Clare Mead, the shop's owner, said: 'My friend was diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and I am sure someone you know has been affected by breast cancer in one way or another.

'We'd love locals to join us in supporting this good cause. There will also be games and prizes so there's something for everyone.'

The Big Pink will be held at 47 Longrow, Campbeltown, between 9.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Saturday throughout October.



Craig Connor is dwarfed by the two versatile reach stackers at CS Wind's Machrihanish factory. 50\_c39cswind03

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## Are you sitting comfortably?

MOVIES may not be showing yet but Campbeltown Picture House has installed the seats delivered last week. On Tuesday evening, Campbeltown Community Business chairwoman Jane Mayo sampled some Wee Isle Dairy ice-cream while trying out the upholstery and leg room with cinema manager Ellen Mainwood.

# Loch Fyne ferry was suspended

THE TARBERT to Portavadie ferry service across Loch Fyne was suspended after a gearbox problem on Tuesday.

Ferry operator CalMac confirmed that the issue with the 41-year-old vessel forced the company to suspend the service for a day – following a fog-interrupted Monday.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'A replacement vessel will pick up the service, probably mid-morning on Wednesday, but passengers should continue to monitor the website for up-to-date



MV Isle of Cumbrae finally settled in and became the regular summer ferry on the Tarbert – Portavadie route.

information. CalMac apologises for any inconvenience this technical breakdown will cause.'

MV Isle of Cumbrae was built and launched in Troon in 1976. She initially took up ser-

vice on the Largs to Cumbrae Slip route before moving around the West Coast first to the Lochaline-Fishnish (Mull) route and then the Colintraive – Rhudodach route service.

## POLICE FILES

### Pluck trolley stolen

A PLUCK trolley, a device used in the preparation of deer carcasses, was stolen from Seneval Wood, Carradale, sometime between August 19 and September 19.

### Disturbance reported

POLICE were informed of a minor disturbance in Carradale at about 8am on Wednesday September 20.

Officers attended and arrested a 51-year-old woman for acting in a disorderly manner.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Chainsaw stolen

A WHITE and blue Hyundai chainsaw was stolen from a garden in Peninver sometime between August 7 and September 19.

### Drink driving

POLICE were called to reports of a drink driver at Campbeltown's Tesco car park at about 5.25pm on Thursday September 21.

Following a police inquiry, a 50-year-old man was arrested for driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Speeding bikers

WHILE on patrol on the A83 near Bellochantuy, road policing officers observed two motorcycles being

ridden at 90mph at about 4.50pm on Thursday September 21. They stopped the riders and, following further inquiries, two men, aged 50 and 56, were charged with dangerous driving.

### Window smashed

A WINDOW of a house on Hillside Road, Campbeltown, was broken with a brick at about 10.10pm on Thursday September 21.

Police attended and are now investigating the matter.

### Cyclist crash

A 56-YEAR-OLD man was charged with driving carelessly after he caused a cyclist to crash on the Moss Road at about 11am on Thursday September 21.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Vehicle speeding

WHEN police were carrying out a road check at about 1pm on the A83, near Gobagrennan, they observed a speeding vehicle. A 48-year-old male was spoken to and issued with a conditional offer of a fixed penalty ticket for three penalty points and a £100 fine.

### Lorry accident

THE A83 was blocked briefly during mid-morning on Monday when a Co-op delivery vehicle plunged into a field just north of Craigs Farms.



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# Dairy farmer grabs milk campaign by the horns

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A GIGHA whole milk bottler is not cowed by the Scottish Government's refusal to serve his product in the island's primary school.

Don Dennis and his wife Emma Dennis have vowed to fight on in their campaign to have Wee Isle Dairy milk, high in vitamin D, accepted as part of the regular menu at the school.

Mr Dennis was asked to supply 15 litres of his milk a week to the school. He was stopped by Scottish Government rules which state that only skimmed or

semi-skimmed milk can be consumed by pupils to counter obesity.

Mr Dennis contacted Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell who raised the issue at the Scottish Parliament. A document from government education secretary John Swinney poured cold water on the plan.

Speaking to the *Courier*, Mr Dennis said: 'An entire generation in the UK is having their health damaged by this asinine policy.'

'Currently the milk - at Gigha Primary - comes from Stirlingshire instead of

two miles up the road. It is not a European issue because member states are allowed to choose their own policy on milk.

'I have spoken to Tara Regan at the Republic of Ireland's National Dairy Council which advocates both whole and semi-skimmed milk.'

Mr Dennis, who comes from California, says that one of the biggest issues is the level of vitamin D and that homogenising milk destroys it.

He added: 'In the UK there is no mention of the fact that vitamin D is missing from homogenised semi- and skimmed milk.'

'In America and Canada, vitamin D is added to milk. In a Canadian study of children between the ages of three and five, comparing the consumption of semi-skimmed milk and whole milk found that they all had vitamin D but those drink-

ing whole milk had higher levels.'

Currently Mr Dennis is collecting samples of semi-skimmed and his own milk to send them to a lab for analysis and testing for vitamin D.

There is much current research about the link between vitamin D and multiple sclerosis. Mr Dennis said that Argyll and Bute has the highest rate of MS in Scotland which, in turn, has the top rate in the UK.

In addition, Mr Dennis stated studies of body mass index have found that children fed on whole milk have lower BMI because they had less tendency to childhood obesity.

'Drinking whole milk leaves children feeling more satisfied,' Mr Dennis stated, 'with less tendency to snack.'

'Pigs are given semi-skimmed milk because it leaves them hungry and they continue eating which makes them larger.'



Don Dennis and Emma Dennis bottling Wee Isle Dairy milk at Tarbert Farm on the Isle of Gigha. 25\_c39weeisledairy01



Ronnie Fleming, centre, of Argyll Bowling Club, presents members Gavin McLachlan and Lee Allen with watches to commemorate their success in the British Isles under-25s championship.

## Poor weather finishes outdoor bowling season

MIST and wind greeted the players who officially closed Campbeltown's two bowling club greens, ending this year's outdoor season.

The players may be glad that games will now move indoors as it was a miserable day, last Saturday, for the matches which took place at Campbeltown Bowling Club and Argyll Bowling Club.

At Stronvaar, only 17 men, one woman and two boys braved the elements to compete in the Presidents versus Vice-Presidents match, while, at Argyll, four rinks played

in each team in their own Presidents versus Vice-Presidents match.

Argyll president Donny McCrimmon thanked Bobby Mathieson for his hard work in keeping the green in excellent condition. Ronnie Fleming presented the club's Scottish champions, Lee Allen and Gavin McLachlan, who helped the junior Scottish bowling team win the British Isles championship, with watches to commemorate their success.

For full results from both clubs' matches, see next week's sports pages.

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## Kintyre photographer's London display

A BLACK and white picture of Tokyo flowers has gained a Campbeltown photographer a show in the UK capital.

Japanese Cosmos taken by Sarah MacDonald was one of more than 6,000 images submitted, from across the globe, to the Royal Photographic Society's International Photographic Exhibition (IPE) 160.

The show at Photoblock in The Old Truman Brewery, London runs from October 13 to 16.

The IPE, formerly known as the International Print Exhibition, has been held almost every year since 1854 - the year after the RPS was founded.

In the early years, the exhibition included work from some of the world's most eminent photographers. Now in its 160th year, it is the longest running exhibition of its kind in the world.



**Cosmos by Sarah MacDonald.**

The exhibition reflects the varying interests and vibrant aesthetics of the photographic medium today, presenting work which demonstrates photographic skill and technique, alongside im-

ages exploring ideas and narratives rich in meaning and message.

Sarah said: 'The RPS has only selected 100 photographs for its prestigious exhibition.'

'I took it on film in Japan when I went to visit my sister and her family. I am so thrilled especially as one of the judges is Zelda Cheatle who I've always admired.'

As a member of Creative Coverage Sarah was also selected to exhibit her photographs alongside its other artists in the Riccio Gallery Summer Show in Dalkeith, East Lothian.

That show runs until October 10 and Cosmos is hanging with other botanical prints by Sarah.

# Drop-in event on flood risk protection

CAMPBELTOWN and Kintyre residents are invited to a public drop-in event on flood protection.

Argyll and Bute Council is holding the town hall event, on Thursday October 5, from 8pm, to gather information from the public on their experiences of flooding, and to give information to the public on the project, which aims to reduce the risk of flooding in the area.

Policy lead for roads and amenity services, Councillor Roddy McCuish, said: 'We'd like as many people as possible to come along and share their flooding experiences with us. This is aimed at gathering as much information as possible from people who have been affected by flooding.'

'The council has start-

ed the process of evaluating the flood risks to Campbeltown, identifying options for flood prevention, then coming up with possible solutions.

'Your views and experiences will help shape these options for future flood prevention so your participation and feedback is really important to us.'

'We are committed to exploring practical, sensible options that will help to provide some protection from flooding and that are cost effective. I hope you are able to come along and help inform long-term solutions.'

People are invited to drop in at any time during the event to find out more.

The information gathering is being done alongside wider flood



**Avelyn Miles and her husband Eddie have campaigned for better flood protection since 2014 flooding at their home in Saddell Street home. 20\_c46floods01**

prevention investigations. Work has already been done to provide some protection against the effects of flooding in Campbeltown. This

included installing technology at culvert entrances to provide the roads team with information on both rainfall and intake levels.

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## Petal perfection at flower club's season starter

CAMPBELTOWN Flower Club members blossomed at the first meeting of their new season.

The recent event featured a beginners' workshop led by Hayley Baxter of Fresh Connection.

### Competition

Each month there is a competition for members to enter and at the end of the year an engraved trophy is awarded for the most points throughout the year; each of these competition arrangements should be made at home and brought to the meeting made up.

The club meets in the town's Red Cross



**Jane Miller, Morag Johnston, Pauline Simson, Hayley Baxter of Fresh Connection, Barbara Rubin, Mary McKinnon and Anne Crossan.**

Hall at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month.

Next month's compe-

dition will be for an arrangement in a pumpkin for the meeting on October 17; Chris-

tine Russell will lead the evening which has a theme of autumn splendour.

**LiveArgyll will be responsible for the on-going management and development of the Council's Leisure and Library Services. The service will continue to be delivered as normal utilising the Council's existing Leisure, Library and Hall facilities.**

LiveArgyll is committed to enhancing the health and fitness, creativity and personal well-being of the residents and visitors of Argyll and Bute.

As part of our launch programme, on Saturday 7th October we will be offering free access to a number of facilities across Argyll and Bute. The timetable below highlights the local programme on offer:

<b>Aqualibrium Timetable</b>	
Free Access to Facility Including Pool (Except during lessons)	<b>10am-5pm</b>
All Whether Pitch (outwith match time) & Gym (if inducted)	<b>10am-5pm</b>
<b>Aqualibrium Class Programme</b>	
Fatburn Extreme	<b>10am-10.30am</b>
H.I.I.T	<b>11am-11.30am</b>
Powerbar	<b>12pm-12.30pm</b>
Core	<b>1pm-1.30pm</b>
Family Fun Session - 1/2 pool floor raised	<b>1pm-2pm</b>
Zumba	<b>1pm-2pm</b>
Inflatable Fun Run Session (8-15yrs only, competent swimmers)	<b>3pm-3.45pm</b>
Circuits	<b>3pm-3.30pm</b>
Spin Class	<b>4pm-4.30pm</b>
Kayak P6-Adults	<b>4pm-4.45pm</b>

<b>Campbeltown Community Centre Timetable</b>	
Free access to soft play	<b>11am-3pm</b>
Inflatable 'Disco Dome' & 'Juggling Clown Slide'	<b>11am-3pm</b>

<b>Mid Argyll Sport Centre Programme</b>	
MASC Archery session	<b>10am-10.30am</b>
MASC Gym tours and free gym access	<b>11am-11.30am</b>
MASC Free fitness class	<b>12pm-12.30pm</b>



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## Editorial

### School milk campaign

SCHOOL milk is part of everyone's primary memories and some can remember when it even came in miniature bottles.

Some hated it, but many say that is when they developed a taste for cold milk. It was rarely full cream, even 50 years ago, as the 'top of the bottle' was sold as a separate product.

Before the days of cartons and plastic containers, the glass bottles had different coloured foil tops. Silver top was pasteurised milk without the cream but was definitely not homogenised.

If Gigha farmers Don Dennis and Emma Rennie can overturn government objections to whole milk, including the cream, they will give pupils a taste of luxury.

### Tower firm's offshore future

BACK at the start of the year the outlook seemed bleak for CSWind with more than 50 jobs lost. It was surprising to learn, this week, that at the same time the Korean firm was laying off workers it was investing £2 million in state-of-the-art mobile lifting machinery. With the Italian gear in place is CSWind set for an offshore future?

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## Single farm payments

Sir,

It seems that not a day goes by when I'm not contacted by farmers and crofters in my ward with justifiable concerns about single farm payments and the plight of our rural economy.

Unfortunately the bad news just keeps rolling in as the Scottish government could face a fine of up to £700,000 for the late payment of European subsidies to farmers this year.

The penalty, estimated at between £500,000 and £700,000 relates to delays to 2016 Common Agricultural Policy.

The figure is on top of potential financial penalties of around £5 million as a result of late payments in 2015 after delays caused by the introduction of a new £178 million IT system.

A total of 90.4 per cent of payments due to farmers was paid by the June deadline, with the European Commission rejecting a request from Scottish ministers for an extension to the payment window.

Even worse, the Scottish government could also face separate EC financial penalties, known as disallowance, if weaknesses in the administration and control of CAP payments are identified.

A recent assessment from Audit Scotland warned the figure for this could be as high as a massive £60 million.

To add insult to injury the SNP has announced cuts worth tens of millions of pounds for projects aimed at helping Scotland's farming communities.

In a recent written statement to the Scottish Parliament, rural affairs secretary Fergus Ewing said he was slashing support for less favourable areas by £40 million, with a further £42 million being removed from climate change schemes.

Along with the SNP's aforementioned mishan-

## Down memory lane



This memory lane photograph shows six pipers from Campbeltown's first pipe band and what appear to be two policemen outside the hotel with John Adams Robertson's name above the door.

CAMPBELTOWN Picture House's Raiders of the Lost Archive project did not need Harrison Ford to uncover the history of the Steamboat Hotel, just archivist Allanna Brough.

On her CPH archive blog, Allanna has written about a cinema shareholder – John Adams Robertson – who bought 10 shares in 1912 and lived in Royal Avenue Mansions.

Allanna wrote: 'When I was building his biography, I discovered that he was the keeper of the Steamboat Hotel which was on the south side of Shore Street in Campbeltown.'

ding of hundreds of millions of pounds in Common Agricultural Policy payments due to a botched IT system this makes for a double hammer blow for our farmers, crofters and the wider economy in rural Scotland.

Most shocking of all is that as part of the revision, the Less Favoured Area Support Scheme will have money reduced from £459 million to £419 million.

That's money which supports businesses in areas of the country which are harder to farm successfully, particularly in remote areas.

Due to a mixture of incompetence and indifference we

'He was also the spirit merchant of The Station Bar in Main Street. A bit more digging and I found the Steamboat hotel in the Argyll Ordnance Survey name books 1868-1878: 'Steamboat Inn – small but old established inn on the south side of Shore Street. The Steamboat hotel has been known by different names: the Steamboat Inn, The Clachan, The Sovereign, The Lynn Hotel and is now known as...Whisky Macs!'

To see Allanna's full blog go to: [picturehousearchive.org.uk/categories/people-of-the-picture-house/whisky-macs-and-the-steamboat-hotel/](http://picturehousearchive.org.uk/categories/people-of-the-picture-house/whisky-macs-and-the-steamboat-hotel/)

in rural Scotland are having our economy starved by an urban, central belt and separatism obsessed Scottish government.

We in Kintyre, the Islands and the rest of Argyll and Bute deserve better.

**Councillor  
 Alastair Redman.  
 Islay.**

### Who needs a smart meter?

Sir,

Shock! Horror! The £11 billion project to switch to so-called Smart Meters, which will cost every household £420 has been found want-

ing. Just think what £11 billion would do for other services such as the NHS.

Governments, from Margaret Thatcher onward, have shot themselves in the foot in privatising the power industry.

It beggars belief that the government advises us to change energy companies to save on bills when these meters are not even compatible between the various energy companies.

Previous secretaries of state for energy and climate change such as Chris Huhne, Edward Davey and Amber Rudd have a lot to answer.

Surely even the most

neuron challenged person will recognise that it is far cheaper to power a five watt LED bulb than say, a 3,000 watt electric fire?

For the same period of use as the electric fire you could power 600 LED lamp bulbs for the same cost – it's not rocket science, so who needs a Smart Meter?

This is only the tip of the iceberg.

Smart Meters not only lend themselves to imaginative and exploitive billing, but worryingly will have the potential to isolate a customer or group of customers from a remote computer – currently disconnection requires a visit by an engineer.

They say every cloud has a silver lining and in this case the lucky bunnies are the exploitive power companies, as they simply pass on the cost to the hapless customer – heads they win, tails we lose – like taking candy off a baby.

**Dave Haskell,  
 Cardigan.**

## Grammar School memorabilia sought

Sir,

As pupils and staff at Campbeltown Grammar School look forward to moving to the new building in February, we are aware that it is the end of an era in the current accommodation.

We are organising a special event to help us say goodbye to the 'old' school and as a celebration of the part it has played in the lives of so many past and present pupils.

This will include a visit to the school, a final tour round the building and a display of memorabilia.

Anyone with photographs, items of interest or anything to lend to the display as a former pupil, parent or staff member, should contact Betsy Campbell, CGS deputy head teacher.

**Betsy Campbell,  
 Campbeltown Grammar School.**

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# Jail for fishing boat skipper

A SKIPPER has been jailed for 10 months for stealing a fishing boat belonging to Islay Crab Exports and fraudulently using one of the company's credit cards.

But 37-year-old skipper Christopher Brown said during his trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court that he had acted out of desperation: 'No person in this world works for seven weeks for nothing.'

Brown, address given in court as HMP Edinburgh, had pleaded not guilty to nine charges, all on July 2, 2015.

These were stealing the fishing vessel; the catch, and a company credit card.

The remaining six charges were of fraud with the credit card in Troon and in Silverburn shopping centre.

His not guilty plea to stealing the catch was accepted by the Crown and Sheriff Patrick Hughes found the theft of the credit card not proven; he found him guilty of all the other charges.

Sheriff Hughes heard that Brown has been hired by the Islay-based company

through Find a Fishing Boat website and he was to organise his own crew and board the scalloper Kayleigh M at Mallaig. The company's advertisement said the boat was ready to go to sea.

## Filthy

Brown told the court: 'No way. It was filthy; it took 12 hours a day, for three or four days to get it up to standard.'

James Monaghan, a director of Islay Crab Exports said Brown was to receive a 30 per cent share of the price of the catch sold to the company, which

had its own processing plant on Islay. 'It is up to the skipper to decide how to pay the crew,' he said, adding that each boat had access to a company credit card. Skippers were expected to send receipts to the office and once established with the firm were given a card of their own.

Mr Monaghan said Brown had taken a credit card and from his pick-up truck.

Brown said in his evidence that he had been given the card by the company secretary and had been using it al-

ready for two weeks with the company's consent.

Brown admitted he might have damaged a winch on board and with it some welding and there was water ingress into the living accommodation on board which had damaged property and clothing.

'Whenever I tried to contact him [James Monaghan] his attitude was get on with it, fix it, I'm busy; it is all right you will be reimbursed.'

Brown paid crew from his own funds and eventually the two

men argued. He used the card to buy replacement clothes and possessions: 'I told him I was taking the boat to Troon, because I was done, I was finished.'

Mr Monaghan said this conversation did not take place: 'At 7am I was sent a text message that he was coming in at 11pm tonight; I arranged for a lorry to be there when they came in to land the catch but they didn't come in.'

The company director said he believed Brown had done this to buy himself time to get

to Troon and sell the catch.

Thomas Newton of Coquet Island Shellfish, North Shields, said that Brown had approached him to buy the catch. Brown had wanted cash and the company never paid in this way; the money was paid to Islay Crab Exports.

When giving his verdict Sheriff Hughes said that while some of the evidence he had heard for the prosecution had been contradictory, he was satisfied that the offences occurred.

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# Large military exercise rallies in Firth of Clyde

NAVAL spotters will have a field day in Kintyre when a Europe wide military exercise launches in October.

Argyll and Bute is set to host elements of a

major UK-led multinational force when exercise Joint Warrior (JW) gets under way.

One of the largest military exercises of its kind in Europe, JW

will run from October 1-12, with many of the participating vessels departing from Faslane and Loch Striven.

Fourteen nations will take part, bringing ships, aircraft and troops to military ranges across the country and to maritime exercise areas off the west and north coasts of Scotland.

The biannual exercise is designed, planned and delivered by the Joint Tactical Exercise Planning Staff (JTEPS) based at Northwood in London who will deploy to HM Naval Base Clyde to coordinate events during the fortnight.

Activity will feature:

\*Thirty-five naval

units from Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Spain, the UK and the US, supported by 11 rotary wing aircraft.

\*HMS Gannet in Prestwick and RAF Lossiemouth hosting international aircraft from Canada, France, Norway, the UK and US.

\*Mine Counter Measures activity in the Campbeltown area.

\*Cape Wrath Weapons Range in the North of Scotland being used for joint fires activity.

Exercise JW is linked directly with the NATO Military Training Exercise Programme, enabling the organisation to exploit the training opportunities provided by the exercise and to practice the skills needed for collective defence.

The scenario of the exercise will mirror a broad range of crisis and conflict situations which could realistically be experienced in real-world operations.

Over the fortnight



Vessels gather on the Clyde during a previous exercise.



Type 23 Frigate HMS Argyll which will take part in the upcoming exercise.

participants will be faced with a period of increasing political and military tensions, along with a huge range of realistic military tasks such as: intelligence gathering and reconnaissance; anti-smuggling and counter-terrorism operations; humanitarian assistance and evacuation operations.

Exercise planning staff have liaised with a wide variety of communities and organisations ahead of JW in order to minimise the

impact of military activity. Organisations consulted include: the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA); the National Air Traffic Services (NATS); The Highlands and Islands Airports Authority; Scottish and Northern Irish fishery organisations; and several environmental agencies and groups. Further information on JW, including notices to mariners and impact statements, can be found by visiting Queen's Harbour Master Clyde's page on the Royal Navy website, [www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/clyde/jw](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/clyde/jw)



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## Border force rib roars round Mull of Kintyre

SCOTLAND'S first Border Force vessel that will tackle illegal activity on the west coast of Scotland was in Argyll waters again last Friday.

The high speed Coastal Patrol Vessel (CPV) rib, named Active, which exercised in the Firth of Clyde two weeks ago, visited Oban and a reporter was given the chance of a test drive in the Sound of Kerrera. The CPV can travel at up to 32 knots and it will access marinas and beaches where the waters are shallow.

Doug McLellan, acting head of Border Force Maritime Command, said: 'This vessel will patrol hundreds of miles of coastline using intelligence and international partnership to tackle illegal activity at the border. This is the first coastal patrol vessel to operate in Scotland and will support existing maritime capabilities.'

Members of the public can report suspicious activity around the coast to local police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 and quoting Project Kraken.



## CAMPBELTOWN SHERIFF COURT

### Four months in prison for assault

SHERIFF Patrick Hughes handed down a four-month prison sentence to a man who assaulted his partner, a police officer and damaged a police van.

Scott Kevin McGurn, had pleaded guilty to repeatedly punching his partner on the head on Burnside Street, Campbeltown, on June 23 this year, assaulting an officer and damaging a police van.

Police officers on patrol had been flagged down by a member of the public who said he could hear a woman shouting. When they arrived at the scene McGurn kicked one of the officers. As he was being arrested and put into the police van he kicked out, damaging the door.

'He had a drink prior to this, he is thoroughly ashamed of himself,'

said McGurn's defence agent, who added that McGurn was dreading a custodial sentence and suffered from depression.

The 23-year-old man has previously lived in the Millknowe area of Campbeltown and could return to Islay and live with his mother.

But at Thursday's sitting of Campbeltown Sheriff Court, Sheriff Hughes said that it was the third time McGurn had appeared before the court for this type of offence and had not completed a community payback order and so there was no option but a custodial sentence.

### 'You are lucky not to be sent to prison'

A MAN who kicked in a front door and then assaulted the householder, must pay the man £750 compensation.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard on Thursday that Matthew Hales, 27, of 25 Harland Street, Glasgow, admitted breaking into a flat on Main Street, Campbeltown, on May 11 this year and assaulting his victim by repeatedly punching him on the head and body.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes was told that after knocking and making a noise outside the front door, Hales had then kicked it open and assaulted the man, who then managed to overcome him and run to a neighbour's home to contact the police.

Sheriff Hughes had previously called for a community justice and social work report on Hales and was also told by Christian Kane, defence agent: 'There is clearly a problem Mr Hales seems to have with his emotions and alcohol.'

'You are lucky not to be sent to prison

today,' Sheriff Hughes told Hales as he placed him on a community payback order with supervision for 12 months and 200 hours of unpaid work in the community as well as the compensation order.

### Driver more than six times over the limit

SHERIFF Patrick Hughes said a drunk driver's breathalysing reading was one of the highest he had ever seen in his career.

In the dock was Andrew Hunter, 63, a retired builder, of 3 Franklin Road, Saltcoats, who admitted having a blood alcohol level of 138 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood; the limit is 22.

Hunter was found by police, slumped behind the wheel of his parked car on the A83 between West Loch Tarbert and Whitehouse on July 23

this year. A roadside breath test and a subsequent test showed Hunter to be more than six times over the limit.

Sheriff Hughes said at Campbeltown court on Thursday that only Hunter's age and the fact he was a first-time offender had kept him from jail.

Defence agent Stephen McSparran said Hunter did have a drink problem, had left the family home after a disagreement with his wife and had sometimes been sleeping in his car; he was 'very, very, sorry' for what had happened.

Describing the level as 'absolutely shocking' Sheriff Hughes fined Hunter £1,000 and banned him from driving for 30 months; ordered him to take part in a community pay back order with 12 months' supervision, with a restriction of liberty order plus 145 hours of unpaid work within the community.



Bill Revie and Craig Frew.

### Managing dampness in Argyll buildings

HOUSEHOLDERS from across Campbeltown and tradesmen from throughout Mid Argyll and Kintyre were all able to tap into the skills of two experts in the field of dampness in buildings.

Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme arranged an evening talk and advice session for householders to help them manage any problems they may have with damp.

Craig Frew of Frew Conservation and Bill Revie of Constructions Materials Consultants, both leaders in their fields in historic building preservation gave talks and chatted to householders afterwards on Tuesday evening last week.

The following day the regeneration scheme also arranged for a seminar for tradesmen to be held and people came from as far away as Tarbert and Inveraray to attend.

Both events were held in Campbeltown Town Hall.



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Extra-curricular activities include hockey, rugby, sailing, skiing and canoeing. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is another significant feature and Lomond has enjoyed great success carrying out expeditions both locally and abroad. In 2015, Lomond was the top performing school in Scotland for the gold award. The school also has a long-standing history of traditional Scottish music.

Boarders at Lomond benefit from excellent facilities with the new Burnbrae boarding house, built in 2003, offering comfortable lounges, a gym and mostly twin en-suite study bedrooms. Lomond also allows male and female siblings the opportunity to live together in the same boarding house. Families are also offered the flexibility of weekly boarding.

Lomond School principal Johanna Urquhart said: 'Here at Lomond we pride ourselves on taking an individual approach to the education and care of each and every pupil. Boarding provides a particularly rewarding experience thanks to our family ethos, excellent facilities and professional, dedicated staff. We are also very proud of our long-standing links to the west of Scotland and would welcome any families interested in boarding to come and see us.'

A parent had this to say: 'We would like to say that it's the individual approach to education that we value the most, along with the breadth of the curriculum from forest school to music that allows all the children an opportunity to excel.'

Families interested in boarding at Lomond can confirm their attendance at the open morning.

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# Jura gin has the spirit to succeed

THREE women who set up their own gin business based on the Isle of Jura are now looking to expand production to cope with demand.

Claire Fletcher, Alicia MacInnes and Georgina Kitching founded Lussa Gin last year producing the drink from 15 locally grown and gathered botanicals.

So far over 4,500 bottles of Lussa Gin have been sold online or at one of the 50 retailers across Scotland who stock the unique product.

Lussa Gin has recently been awarded a Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator programme grant, sup-

ported by the European Regional Development Fund, which will allow the trio to expand their production capacity.

Claire said: 'We began to talk about our idea in the summer of 2015 and our first bottle went on sale a year later.'

'We have been overwhelmed by the response – even our tiny community shop on Jura has sold over 800 bottles. The next step for us is to renovate and move into an old stables building so we can upscale and invest in a bigger still which will increase our output.'

'We sell online and in shops, restaurants, hotels and bars across



Alicia, Claire and Georgina have a clear vision thanks to Business Gateway.

Scotland. We've also exported to Sweden and are looking at other export opportunities to grow the business.

'We have had guidance from Business Gateway from the planning stages of the business to helping us source funding for the renovation of the sta-

cia and Georgina have benefited from our fully funded workshops, our knowledge, funding opportunities and our relationships with other support organisations including Highlands and Island Enterprise.'

Lussa Gin, which has been shortlisted for a Scotland Food and Drink award and a Scottish Gin award, is a fresh, zesty and smooth gin with a subtle, aromatic finish. It is made with Jura spring water with all elements of the process including bottling and labelling taking place on the island.

For more information visit [www.lussagin.com](http://www.lussagin.com)



Margaret is rightly proud of her new business. 06\_a37Bow13

## Margaret's new business makes perfect scents

AN AWARD-WINNING company creating a range of natural room sprays designed with women in mind has discovered that men also love the sensual sprays. Margaret Morrison-Macleod set up The Divine Hag in January 2017 after being inspired by Ganavan beach near Oban where she spent happy childhood days.

With a workshop in Oban and an office in London, Margaret hand crafts the room sprays using a mix of organic aromatherapy

oils. As demand grows Margaret is soon to release a range of reed diffusers and candles with the same signature scents.

With support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, Margaret now sells online at [www.thedivinehag.co.uk](http://www.thedivinehag.co.uk) as well as stockists in Scotland and London.

The Divine Hag was one of six winners of a Business Gateway Argyll and Bute competition which saw Margaret win a trade stand at the popular Best of the West festival.

## Argyll Enterprise Week 2017 – now open for bookings

ARGYLL Enterprise Week will bring a host of free events to towns across Argyll and Bute in early November.

The event programme has been published and tickets can be booked via [argyllenterpriseweek2017.eventbrite.com](http://argyllenterpriseweek2017.eventbrite.com).

The week kicks off on November 6 with one of the main issues facing all growing businesses – securing funding for growth. Lochgilphead will host a series of briefings, a networking lunch and a chance to talk directly to funders informally at a funding marketplace.

On Tuesday November 7 in Oban, Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative will lead an event focusing on emerging trends and practical advice on achieving growth in the tourism sector. The day will be delivered

by industry leaders and provides a rare opportunity for the industry to meet and share ideas.

Food from Argyll takes over, in Inveraray, on Wednesday November 8 to look at how food tourism is playing such an important role in the local economy. Local food producers will hear about new initiatives for distribution, learn about digital marketing and branding and meet new producers and partners.

It will be time to get creative on Thursday November 9 when XpoNorth brings a one-day version of its leading creative festival to Dunoon. It offers the chance to meet a range of industry specialists, look at a range of challenges and opportunities and put your own questions forward.

There will be events in Oban and Arrochar on Friday November

10. In Arrochar, communities can come together to share ideas and learning and hear the latest news on Right to Buy and community-led housing initiatives.

Businesses can get practical advice on why and how to trade internationally at the Oban event, including market access information and case studies, as well as sources of support and expertise. Attendees will gain a clear understanding of how to successfully sell products or services overseas. Everyone attending this event will also receive their own bespoke international toolkit, to support and guide them through their export journey.

Throughout the week, there will be a range of exciting and practical seminars aimed at helping small businesses make the most of digital and social media to

sell their business. From Campbeltown to Oban, and across to Dunoon and Helensburgh, with Lochgilphead in between, experts will be offering targeted tutorials, on a variety of topics, as well as question and answer sessions on getting your business online.

This second Argyll Enterprise Week will be delivered, like the first of 2016, in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and the business community.

Councillor Aileen Morton, leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'We have worked with industry partners to target what's most important to them and I hope the series of events on offer tackles the topics that you most want to talk about.'

David Smart, HIE head of special projects in Argyll and the Islands, said: 'Last year more than 400 participants representing at least 150 businesses or organisations took part in events across the week. In feedback, 97 per cent said they had made new connections and 96 per cent said they had been inspired by the event. We want to make sure that our events allow people to continue to make new connections and to be inspired by each other.'

For more information or to book your tickets go to [argyllenterpriseweek2017.eventbrite.com](http://argyllenterpriseweek2017.eventbrite.com) or phone the Business Gateway team on 01546 604555.

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**CARRADALE**

## Carradale couple celebrate 35 years of marriage

TOASTS will be given at Carradale's Glen Bar and Restaurant as its owners celebrate 35 years of marriage.

Bill and May Currie were married on September 25, 1982 in Perth.

The couple were introduced by May's uncle when Bill (61) was working as a chef at Scone's Air Training Centre.

The Curries have long had links to Kintyre. Bill's father relocated to Carradale after losing his wife and other family members worked in hospitality in the area.

Years of holidays in Kintyre turned into a new, more permanent, adventure as the pair opened the Glen in November 2013.

Bill made the move shortly before his wife, who spent some time travelling between Perth and Carradale before retiring from nursing.

May certainly did not retire from the working world however and joins Bill in running their busy restaurant.

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## Gentlemen do the honours at church coffee morning



Duncan Macdougall taking part in the putting competition.



Stewart McMillan and Hugh Haddow behind the stall, with Gordon Caskie and Marilyn Shedden.

THE MEN of Killean and Kilchenzie Church's congregation got stuck in pouring coffee to raise church funds.

**Pinnies**

Stalls were manned by gentlemen, some of whom donned pinnies to

serve tea and coffee to the guests. Calum Morrison ran a putting competition during the evening which saw Colleen McCallum scooping top prize.

Including donations, a total of £413 was raised.

**SOUTHEND**

## Southend pupils crunch the numbers



Pupils created analogue clocks.



Parents and grandparents helped youngsters count out the correct noney for items on sale.

SOUTHEND Primary pupils made maths count during a special Maths Week at the school.

The week offered children and their teachers the chance to try out creative and innovative ways of making maths matter.

Pupils used 'Numicon' materials to learn times tables, form number bonds and stories and create analogue clocks.

In the school's pre-five unit, children demonstrated their understanding of weight by weighing real vegetables from the farm shop.

Parents and grandparents also exercised their grey matter and shared the learning by counting out the correct money for items on sale.

Head teacher Margaret Bannatyne said: 'The children thoroughly enjoyed the extra focus on maths during maths week and in particular using the many different resources to explore maths.'

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# Cheese added to catering suppliers menu

A PAIR of Kintyre cheese producers hope to benefit by being added to a catering distribution firm's menu.

Products from Campbeltown's First Milk dairy and Kirk Street's Inverloch Cheese Company have both been added to Bidfood Scotland's range and the pair join 10 new suppliers of products across 35 lines.

The range has taken Bidfood Scotland six months to put together for its 5,000 customers, including hotels, restaurants, cafes, care homes, healthcare and

education in Scotland.

It will mean customers can source more of their everyday products from local suppliers. Four of the most recent additions to the range – First Milk, Inverloch Cheese Company, Yester Farm Dairies and Scotlay Eggs – all expect growth opportunities as part of the new deal. The range also complements their existing supply, such as the Arran truckles and cheddars from Orkney.

Bidfood Scotland's business development manager, Katie Sil-

lars, says the business is proud to partner with local suppliers, offering opportunities to grow into what is often a new part of the hospitality sector.

'Our strategy is about finding the right balance between quality and value for money. Our aim is to work in partnership with our suppliers and help them to drive growth of the dairy and egg categories regionally in Scotland, as well as across the whole of our UK business,' says Katie.

Already two suppliers have moved from

a regional to a national, UK-wide listing – Campbeltown mature colour grated cheddar and Yester Farm's mozzarella; both of which are now being supplied into a large UK customer.

First Milk, the only Scottish dairy producer to be 100 per cent owned by farmers, has added its Campbeltown mature coloured cheddar, Isle of Arran extra mature cheddar and Mull of Kintyre mature white cheddar to Bidfood Scotland's range.

Recently appointed,



James and Linda McLean, milk producers for First Milk, Mull of Kintyre and Campbeltown cheddars with Bidfood's Katie Sillars.

First Milk marketing manager, Paul Stewart, said: 'We're pleased to grow our business further by working with Bidfood. Every increase we have in volume helps to improve the price per litre for our farmers, and this

then creates a more sustainable milk price.' Inverloch Cheese Company is ranging its Isle of Kintyre branded Brie, Blue and Apple Smoke cheeses as part of Bidfood Scotland's Scottish Cheese-board range.

Owner David Eaton said: 'Not all operators can work with smaller niche suppliers like us, and by being listed with Bidfood, it gives us access to the sector which we have previously been unable to reach.'

## Stock judging

A TREMENDOUS show of cattle ensured competitors hoofed it to the Kintyre Prime-stock Breeders annual stock judging at Killocraw. The chairman, Hamish Morrison, introduced the evening's judge, Andy Woodburn from Netherwood farm, Ayrshire to the 108 competitors.

The prizewinners were as follows: Gents Jackson cup: 1 Andrew Reid, 2 Rory Colville, 3 Sandy Pirie. Ladies Warnock quach: 1 Rosslyn Smith, 2 Elizabeth Irwin, 3 Margaret Ralston. Young Farmers Club trophy: 1 Stuart Currie, 2= James Peterson, Kathryn Semple and Charles Turner. Ballywilline cup: 1= Jamie McKendrick and Zoe Prentice, 3 Fraser Prentice. Special prize from Ralph Bova for paid-up members of the association: 1 Andrew Reid, 2 Matthew Ralston, 3 Stuart Currie.

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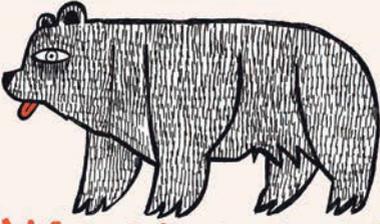
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From small gatherings of close friends and family to large office or work parties the advice is to book early for the best price and to take the sting out of paying by making a deposit and securing the space you need.

Meals are a good starting point for a night out but if more than one table is needed it is always best to book early to secure the space needed.

One Mid-Argyll restaurant which is getting into the swing and already taking early bookings is the Kilmartin Hotel which is regularly packed for its popular Friday fish nights.

Closer to home the Kintyre Club at the Ugadale is all ready to string up the streamers as the festive season looms in just two months time.

Just across the lawn in Machrihanish staff at the Clubhouse are getting ready for the party season rush and are already taking early bookings.

In town the Royal Hotel's restaurant is a popular venue and can easily accommodate larger parties.

One certain mooring for a perfect Christmas party night will be Tarbert's Anchor Hotel.

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# Ducks dash down ri



Alasdair Bennett, William Semple, Alex MacKinnon and Duncan Semple discuss proceedings before the race kicks off. 50\_c39duckrace03



William Semple and Alasdair Bennett scoop up the ducks at the finish line. 50\_c39duckrace12



And they're off: Alasdair Bennett and Duncan Semple



It was a hard job running along the bank, keeping up with the ducks. 50\_c39duckrace08



Thinning out: As they progressed down the river, the ducks dispersed a bit. 50\_c39duckrace10

Words and pictures by HANNAH O'HANLON

CARRADALE'S residents and visitors went quacking for the last annual duck race.

Despite the fact it was blowing a hooley, hundreds of welly-wearing spectators watched the plastic yellow ducks float down the burn towards the finish line last Saturday.

Organised by Michael and Moria Foreman for the past 21 years, the event traditionally raises funds for the village church.

Entrants sponsored and named a duck for £10, which were then numbered and let loose down the Carradale river.

Before the race splashed into action there were games and a barbecue, as well as soup, wraps and clams for sale, in Michael and Moira's garden, with face

painting and a baking stall in a gazebo.

Organisers and spectators were piped along the road and through the field to the river by S1 student Catriona Newman, before Alasdair Bennett and Duncan Semple released the ducks.

Despite the breeze, the 381 ducks got off to a slow start and were mostly huddled together before some got caught by the current and headed off.

Duncan and Alasdair were waiting at the fork in the river to direct all the ducks down one side towards the finish at Waterfoot.

While some got tangled in the overgrown riverbanks, other ducks got stuck in an undercurrent, destined to circle in the same spot forever if it wasn't for the helpers clad in waders netting

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## Westport wander

IT WILL be best feet forwards for a sandy stroll next Saturday in aid of the Cancer Research UK Kintyre Committee.

The group's annual Westport wander meets in the car park at 12 noon to walk to Machrihanish for teas, coffees and rolls at the finish.

It is £10 per person, children under 15 free and registration forms are available at Keith's Newsagents or at Westport on the day.



People packed into the gazebo to escape the results. 50\_c39duckrace14

# Ducks in last race ever



People release the ducks. 50\_c39duckrace05

them and releasing them back into the river.

Eventually they all made it to the finish line, where they were scooped up and the top 10 finalists were noted.

Many of the winners had braved the elements and headed home before the prize-giving ceremony, after which Michael and Moira were thanked for their efforts throughout the years and presented with a basket of flowers and a voucher for a trip to Portavadie.

Michael made a short speech thanking everyone for their support over the past 21 years.

Although the money usually goes solely to the church, this year, of the more than £5,000 raised, £750 will be donated to the Hurricane Irma and Marie appeal and £750 to the Rohingya appeal.

Despite the blustery



People wait for the ducks. 50\_c39duckrace01



Michael and Moira Foreman were presented with gifts to thank them for hosting the event. 50\_c39duckrace17



Sheena Ramsay, Mathew Ramsay, Cameron McNair and Judy Semple ended up a bit windswept behind the barbecue. 50\_c39duckrace16



Event organisers Michael Foreman and William Semple at the end of the race. 50\_c39duckrace13



Catriona Newman piped the organisers and spectators to Carradale river. 50\_c39duckrace02



Hundreds of spectators lined the bank of the river to watch the ducks' progress. 50\_c39duckrace07

breeze, everyone had a 'quacking' time and it was sad to see the end of an era.

Results: 1st place £150: The Brown children, no 307. 2nd place £100: The Bell family from New Zealand, no 117. Best named duck: Charlotte Robb for Quacker Bilk, no 254. Booby duck: Vivian Foreman, no 243. Andrew Glenn Plants voucher: D Kelly, no 314. Glen restaurant voucher: The McGrath family, no 135. Drumfearne voucher: Kirsty Kitson, no 340. Aqualibrium voucher: Hannah Walker, no 73. Fish shop voucher: Pat Laud, no 183. Bottle of Kintyre Gin: M Gray, no 33. CalMac voucher: Al McLean, no 300. Bottle of Springbank whisky: R and N Fraser, no 321. Round of golf for four: J Dicker, no 179. Camera club photo: V Gilmour, no 123.

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## Southend's blooming great coffee morning

STACKS of strawberry plants boosted sales at a Southend coffee morning. People from all over Kintyre were welcomed to St Blaas's hall for coffee, cakes and a good chat last Saturday.

As well as the plant stall, guests enjoyed a raffle, tombola and well-stocked baking stall, books, bric-a-brac and cards for sale. The event, to raise funds for Southend parish church, made £930.



Patricia Jones, Hope Johnstone and Anna Binnie spruce up the plant stall. 50\_c39southend01



Baking stall faithfuls Jane McCorkindale and Jen Ronald provide a warm welcome to the hall. 50\_c39southend02

## Kintyre crafts for cancer charity

KINTYRE crafters got their knitting needles and wooden spoons out to raise funds for a cancer relief charity.

### Up for grabs

As well as knitting, tablet and preserves for sale, Kintyre Crafters Group had jewellery, hair accessories, cards, candles, art and more up for grabs last Saturday.

The proceeds from the event in the Guide hall will

go towards the group's chosen charity for this year, the Mairi Semple Fund, which is commemorating its 40th anniversary.

The fund raises money to help the people of Kintyre who have cancer and need financial aid to cover the extra expenses they face and is named after a local woman who died as a result of the illness when she was 20 years old.

Members of the charity's

committee worked in the hall's kitchen, serving up cucumber and potato or lentil soup, with filled rolls and various delicious sweet treats, including cup cakes, pancakes, meringues and tray bakes.

### Fundraisers

The charity has various other fundraisers coming up throughout Kintyre, including a coffee morning, a race night and Christmas afternoon teas.



Kate O'May of Kate's Krafts with her bright display of hand-crafted knitting and much more. 50\_c39crafters01



Kate's T-shirt displayed her passion for knitting! 50\_c39crafters02



Catherine Ralston's colourful floral displays and jewellery brightened the hall. 50\_c39crafters04



There were a number of localised products at Kate's Krafts, with Kintyre specific lingo. 50\_c39crafters03



Isla McShannon, 10, helped to sell her granny Margaret McShannon's tablet, in various interesting and delicious flavours. 50\_c39crafters05



Margaret Sinclair, treasurer of the Mairi Semple Fund, and Pauline Simson, the group's chairperson, worked hard serving soup, rolls and sweet treats. 50\_c39crafters06

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# Autumn Property REVIEW

**AUTUMN is not traditionally the time of year perceived to be the season for buying and selling property.**

However, it is generally agreed among estate agents that the lines are being continually blurred between the 'seasons' for sales and purchases, particularly homes – except December when the property market practically slows to a halt.

So, if you are in the process of deciding whether to sell your property or invest in a new one before the turn of the year, now is a good time to start making that move.

Finding out what is happening on the property market has moved on from the days of standing outside an estate agent peering in through the window – although there is nothing quite like getting to know the estate agents for the area you wish to move to.

They usually have expert knowledge of what is happening in their local market, including properties potentially about to come up for sale.

Failing that, all good estate agents will have a website and many are linked into the big online agencies such as Rightmove and Zoopla.

If you wish to look at how much similar properties were sold for or what average houses prices are within a street over the past few months, year or even 10 years, or if you wish to see how much a property has sold for in the past or which streets in a particular town have the highest value or turnover, then these websites present this kind of data, gleaned from the Registers of Scotland, in a variety of formats.

According to the Registers of Scotland, property prices on average across the country have been increasing year-on-year since March 2015.

In July this year, there was an increase of 4.8 per cent to £149,185 in the average price in Scotland compared to July 2016 – the UK average was £226,185, an increase of 5.1 per cent on the previous year.

In Argyll and Bute, the increase was just 0.7 per cent to £133,188, while in the Highlands the average property price was £157,643, an increase of 3.8 per cent on July 2016.

Na h-Eileanan Siar (Western Isles) saw its average property prices fall from £104,421 in July 2016 to £99,628 in July 2017, a decrease of 4.6 per cent.

Although the volume of sales for the past three months is not yet available from the Registers of Scotland, sales for May, year-on-year, show a more than 20 per cent increase for Argyll and Bute and the Highlands.

However, Na h-Eileanan Siar suffered from a 26 per cent reduction in sales in May

2017, compared to May 2016, although it should be noted that a low volume of sales overall can have a significant impact on the percentage increase or decrease.

Registers of Scotland business development and information director Kenny Crawford said: 'While average prices have been steadily increasing each month since March 2016, when compared with the same month of the previous year, sales volumes figures have been more changeable over the 12 months to May.'

'May 2017 showed an increase in sales volumes in Scotland of 13.7 per cent when compared with May 2016; however, volumes in May 2016 were lower than usual, a possible effect of the introduction of changes to the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax that came into effect on April 1, 2016.'



# Renovating

Whether you are selling now or maintaining your home to sell in the future, there are many small home improvements you can address to add value and keep your property in best shape for when the time comes to sell-up.

space is not only trendy, but more useful.

## Makeover the kitchen

An attractive, hygienic and fresh looking kitchen is essential. Start by painting the cabinets to give a fresh look and replace doors and handles if needed. Make sure there is adequate lighting as well, it's very easy and cost effective to install under unit lighting. Finally, ensure that any floor tiles are well fitted and a colour that is easy to maintain and keep clean.



## Opening up space

Opening up living space is becoming more and more popular, particularly for the kitchen and dining room. Knocking through walls to create this open-plan living space is an effective way to add value to a property because a larger

# Kitchens, bedrooms

## Kitchens

Homeowners today want an open and thoughtfully designed kitchen that blends seamlessly with the rest of the home's design aesthetic. From hidden appliances and bins to beautifully painted cabinets in complementing colours, homeowners want their kitchen to be stylish enough for entertaining, yet welcoming and functional for everyday use.

is on the rise with internet-connected appliances making their way into the kitchen as well as induction cook tops and steam ovens.

### Bin it

Integrated kitchen bins, which feature multiple compartments, allow you to make the most of unused kitchen cupboard or drawer space.

## Bedrooms

The bedroom market is coming of age as homeowners seek a designer look, just as they do in the kitchen and the bathroom. The range of options available in the fitted bedroom market has expanded offering more choice than ever.

### Luxury and comfort

Jonathan Warren, director at bed and sleep specialist Time 4 Sleep, thinks we should add an element of luxury to our homes this year. He says: 'Autumn is all about feeling cosy your home. Indulge in beautiful furnishings to create a charming, boutique-style room. Your bedroom should be a haven of relaxation at the end of a long day so choose furniture that will make you feel calm and content. Opt for a plush, upholstered headboard to add a luxurious touch

to your bedroom. Team this with an excellent quality mattress for the perfect combination of comfort and style.'

### More options than ever

Recent developments have seen an explosion of not just colours, textures and styles but a totally new approach that coordinates bedside tables, beds and occasional furniture. More sophisticated hidden storage options and lighting allows consumers to personalise their bedroom design like never before.

### Technology with a vintage feel

Current stand out trends in bedrooms include the growth in synchronised MFC finishes. Modern technology has enabled the production of beautiful wood grained finishes with texture and variety that are much closer to the real thing, making these very popular.

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### Two tone

White and grey are still the go-to colours for many. Two-tone kitchens are also trending. Wood cabinets still dominate the kitchen, but metal cabinets (such as stainless steel, gold, and black) could be on the rise. Quartz is the top countertop choice.

### Long-term investment

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## Converting the loft

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# and bathrooms

## Bathrooms

From Nordic to coolness and vintage, stylish design is in demand for bathrooms in 2017.

## Urban coolness

Black, metal and concrete are hot for the coolest of looks. Characterised by clear, strong lines, sharp edges and complete avoidance of embellishments, the urban coolness interior trend is all

about purist minimalism in its most pared-down form. This style is also ringing the changes in the bathroom, with black and white replacing bright colours, single shades instead of patterns, stainless steel rather than brass and raw concrete in place of warm plaster.

## Vintage style

Retro and vintage styles are still key trends, enhanced in

some cases with a modern note. Familiar items are being rediscovered and revealed in new interpretations, inspired by style influences, but avoiding direct replication. And no one wants to sacrifice modern technology and contemporary comforts, especially in the bathroom. Quite the re-verse, functionality is taken for granted, exclusive luxury is a must.

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Both events run from 19:30 - 21:00, doors will open at approximately 19:00.

Scottish Government officials will deliver a presentation on the purpose of the consultation, an explanation of the options for changing legislation, and an overview on to respond to the consultation. There will be the opportunity to discuss the options available and to raise questions relating to the consultation.

This is a free event, tea and coffee will be made available. A limited number of paper copies of the consultation will be available on the night, additional copies can be arranged to be posted if required. The Consultation can be completed and related documents can be viewed on the Citizen Space website at <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/> using the search term “crofting”. Additional public meeting information can be obtained from the EventBrite website at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/> using the search term “crofting”. Enquires relating to the consultation can be e-mailed to [croftingconsultation@gov.scot](mailto:croftingconsultation@gov.scot) or submitted in writing to the address below.

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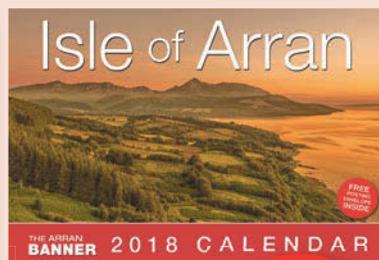
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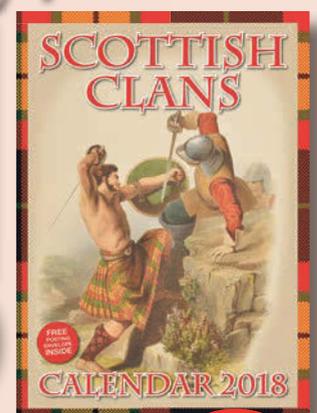
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## Happy 60th Birthday Colin

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## Happy 50th Birthday

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## FROM OUR FILES

### TEN YEARS AGO

**Friday September 28, 2007**

#### Town centre chip shop blaze

WELL-KNOWN Campbeltown business Rab's Chippie has been destroyed in a fire.

Flames swept through the Campbeltown fish and chip shop on Tuesday morning with frightening speed.

Rab's Chippie on Shore Street, a long-established and popular business run by the Brown family, has been destroyed leaving Margaret Brown and assistant John McIlroy badly shocked; John needed help from an ambulance crew for the effects of inhaling smoke and was taken to Campbeltown Hospital as a safety precaution but released later that day.

The fire began as Margaret and John were preparing for lunchtime trade.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

**Friday October 2, 1992**

#### Top of the form

THE LATEST exam results gained by Campbeltown Grammar School pupils have shown a marked improvement over those from last year.

The news comes after a preliminary analysis of exam performance, the school board was informed, and has gone a long way to dispelling the memories of a Scottish Education Department document that placed the school near the bottom of a national exam league table.

In the SCE Standard Grade exam, the school's pass rate increased to over 78 per cent from 76 per cent in 1991. More than 31 per cent of awards were at Credit level, compared with 22 per cent the previous year. At Higher grade, the pass



Firefighters engage, getting water supplies and attacking the blaze.

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John McIlroy is treated by paramedics while a police officer helps Rab Brown.

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rate for fifth-year pupils was up from 56 per cent to 59 per cent. The number of Highers gained by pupils also increased.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

**Thursday October 5, 1967**

#### Islay doctor in RAF-Luftwaffe get-together

TWENTY-FIVE years after the first marker flares were dropped on enemy targets by the Pathfinder Force of the Royal Air Force, a party of fourteen members of the RAF Pathfinder Association went to Germany on Tuesday as

guests of the Luftwaffe Fighter Pilots Association. This time they travelled by boat and train. With them is Dr J C MacGown, DFC, from Callumkill, Port Ellen.

A pilot in the 1914-1918 war, Dr MacGown was senior medical officer to the Pathfinder Force in the Second World War. He voluntarily flew on more than 50 operations with the Pathfinders.

The party left London on Tuesday, travelling via Harwich and the Lorelei express, to be met by their hosts at Sobernheim on Wednesday morning.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

**Saturday September 29, 1917**

#### Fishermen's narrow escape

WHILE proceeding to bring their skiff, the Victoria, to her moorings off the Askomil shore early last Saturday morning two members of the crew – Messrs Malcolm M'Donald and David Carmichael – had a narrow escape from drowning.

It seems that in the darkness M'Donald, while endeavouring to board the small boat used for ferrying purposes, slipped into the water, and Carmichael in trying to aid him jumped into the water instead of getting a footing in the small boat.

The skiff drifted towards the shore, and the immersed man Carmichael, finding that his feet touched the seabed, was easily got aboard. The crew of Mr John M'Geachy's skiff pulled off in a small boat and effected the rescue of M'Donald.

The position of both men while in the water in the dark was perilous in the extreme, but fortunately neither of them was any the worse of their untoward experience. The night was stormy and wet.

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



ON SUNDAY I had the privilege of representing the Presbytery of Argyll at the service of celebration of the union of Strone and Ardentiny congregation with Kilmun.

They look forward with a new vision for the future as they become the Shore Kirk.

David, their minister, had invited me to preach the sermon and it was a great honour to do so. Maggie and I were kindly invited to stay at the manse with David and Evelyn on Saturday night to avoid worry about ferry disruptions and any other problems which might occur.

We were pleased to do so and thanked our hosts for this kind offer.

Little did we know what hospitality lay before us. Hospitality is defined as: 'The friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors or strangers.'

Well, from the moment we arrived at the manse, we knew we certainly weren't strangers. We were welcomed with love and hospitality, with friendship and kindness, with laughter and acceptance, and much 'generous reception'.

David's ministry calls him to bring this union together.

I thought again about this wonderful concept of hospitality. It is one of the things emphasised in the New Testament, which reminds us that we are all called to offer hospitality to friend and stranger alike.

Hospitality is more than providing food and a bed – it is about providing a space in which we can talk and in which, in an atmosphere of trust, we can share who we are.

At the manse we enjoyed laughter and stories, sharing and caring and I felt that it was a foretaste of what the Kingdom could be like.

Jesus told us to welcome each other, and what a blessing it is to be welcomed.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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**DEATHS**

**BLAIR** - On September 23, 2017, peacefully at home, Anne Blair, née Boyd, in her 86th year, beloved wife of the late Archie Blair, much loved mother of Duncan, Richard, Archie, David, Janette, Libbie, Gordon, Keith and the late Anne, dearly loved gran of Susie, Marc, Kris, April, Jamie, Danielle, Gary, Lisa, Alasdair, Andrew, Keira, Lynsey, Kirsty, Keiran and Eva. Sadly missed by all. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Free Church, on September 28, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery.

**FINN** - Peacefully at home, Markland, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, on September 26, 2017, Jamesina Hughes Finn (Shirley), in her 82nd year, dearly beloved wife of Cecil Finn, much loved mum of Tommy and Maureen, mother-in-law of Elizabeth and Andrew and loving granny of Tommy, Amy, Liam, Jack, Ross and Matthew. Service will take place in St Kieran's RC Church, on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

**GILLIES** - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on September 21, 2017, after an illness borne bravely, Marion (Mar) Eileen Topping Gillies, née Stewart, aged 70 years, of 2 Nursery Cottages, Ford, beloved wife of Robert Gillies, loving mum of Aileen and a dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Kilmartin Parish Church, today Friday, September 29, 2017 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to the Macmillan Day Unit and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**LANG** - Suddenly, on September 20, 2017, Margaret Cruikshank McCallum, in her 74th year, 3 Castleacres, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Colin Lang, much loved mum of Kenneth, Stephen and Derrick, mother-in-law of Sharon, Aileen and Sara and a loving nannie.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BLACK** - Annie and Sandra would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their support, cards and flowers following the sad loss of Dougie, and also to thank everyone who came to the funeral to pay their respects. Thanks to Rev Fulcher for a comforting service, to T A Blair Ltd for their caring and professional services and to the Glen Restaurant for the excellent catering.

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Close to our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day.

- Love, Julie and Chloe xx.

**MACLEAN** - Precious memories of a loving husband, dad and papa, Gillies,

died September 30, 2007.

Forever in our thoughts.

- Love always, Mary and family xxx.

**MCCONNACHIE** - Treasured memories of Dolly, much loved and missed mother, mother-in-law and granny, who died September 30, 2016.

Always in our thoughts.

- Douglas, Catriona, Steven and David.

**PARK** - In loving memory of Ina, who passed away September 30, 2016, a very special sister, aunty and great auntie.

Precious memories.

- Margaret, John and family.

**SOU DEN** - In loving memory of a dear mother, Betty, who died October 2, 1975.

This day is remembered and quietly kept, no words are needed, we will never forget.

- Inserted by her daughters, Isobel and Elizabeth, grandson Graeme and great granddaughter Ava.

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**CHURCH NOTICES**

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD**

Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
All Saints, Inveraray  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
Fr. David Connor  
01546 602380  
All Welcome (SCO02876)

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

**1st October 2017 Harvest Service Kilmartin 11.45am**  
Rev. C. R. Acklam  
There will be a collection of non perishable items for the Food Bank  
All welcome  
SCO 02121

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 1 October**  
Inverlussa Church 10 am followed by a Congregational Meeting  
Rev. C. Acklam  
**Friday 29 September**  
Achnamara Hall 7pm  
Alpha, Taste & See  
**Saturday 30 September**  
Achnamara Hall 10.30am  
Café Connect  
Achnamara Hall 1pm  
Alpha, Taste & See  
**Monday 2 October**  
Tayvallich Church 10.30am  
Prayer Time  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
[www.northknapdale.org](http://www.northknapdale.org)

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 1st October**  
Service at 11 a.m  
Speaker: Graham McLean  
'Feast of Tabernacles'  
Followed by a light lunch  
ALL WELCOME

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFENE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 1st October 2017**  
Skipness Service 10am  
Rev Bill Crossan  
Tarbert Service 11.30am with retreat offering for charity  
Rev Bill Crossan  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735  
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Skipness SCO04280

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**

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Charity No. SC016097  
Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray** at 11.30am  
Charity No. SC016665  
Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
ALL WELCOME



**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 1st October**  
Pentecost 17  
Morning Prayer 10.45am followed by Theological Reflection  
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George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 1st October**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Calum Ferguson  
6.30pm Sunday Supplement  
**Wednesday 4th October**  
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
2.00pm Water of Life Café  
**Saturday 7th October**  
9.00am Prayer Breakfast  
All Welcome  
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Scottish Charity Number: SC046745



**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Harvest Sunday 1st October 2017**  
11.00 am with Communion, Sunday School and refreshments after the service  
Please bring donations for the Kintyre Food Bank  
**Youth Fellowship**  
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm  
Every Sunday (term time only)  
**Mainly Music**  
10.00 - 11.30 am  
every Thursday (term time only)  
Registration required  
Pastor Chris Holden  
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
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**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

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**Christ Church**  
Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)  
**Sundays 11.00am**  
Eucharist & Coffee  
**St Columba's**, Poltalloch (SC031391)  
**1st Sunday of the month**  
9.00am Holy Communion  
**3rd Sunday of the month**  
6.00pm Evensong  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
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**Highland Parish Church**

SCO02493  
**Sunday 1st October**  
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am  
All welcome.

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 1st October**  
11.15am Morning Worship  
All Age Harvest  
Thanksgiving Service  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1  
Retiring Collection in aid of the Hurricane Irma Appeal  
Rev P Wallace  
**Tuesday 3rd October**  
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
Boys' Brigade  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
Company Section  
7.00pm New Hall  
**Thursday 5th October**  
Choir  
**Friday 6th October**  
Lunch Club  
12.00 noon New Hall



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6.00pm Harvest Dinner  
**Sunday Services**  
10.30am Morning Service (Army Kidz)  
Harvest Celebration  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Wednesday**  
12.15pm Lunch Club  
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.  
7pm Make and Munch  
Craft Group  
**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study  
Majors Ben & Ruth Russell  
All welcome

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 1st October**  
Family Communion Service  
11.00am  
Pastor Steve Davies  
All welcome  
**Wednesday 4th October**  
Bible Study and Prayer  
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7.30pm at Springbank  
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## Ringside action guaranteed at Tarbert wrestling

GLASGOW Pro Wrestling Asylum's (GPWA) crazy show will be in Tarbert next Saturday.

Women's champion Kasey completes the line-up at the GPWA show to raise funds for Clachan Village Hall Development Fund.

In the biggest wrestling show to visit Kintyre, Kasey joins WWE/NXT star Wolfgang, BBC Star Jack Jester, ICW/PBW/BCW Champion BT Gunn and a host of other names in the spectacular.

Tickets are still on sale at D McNair and Son Campbeltown, Clachan Filling Station and Kintyre Electrical, Tarbert, £10 adults, £8 under 16s and £30 family.

## Machrihanish ladies autumn meeting

RESULTS of the Machrihanish ladies autumn meeting held recently were: Handicap: 1 Catherine Armour 92 - 20 = 72; 2 Maggie MacArthur 97 - 20 = 77; 3 Isabel White 101 - 23 = 78.

Scratch: 1 Lorna Armour 90; 2 Linda Wallace 97; 3 Margaret Campbell 101. Competition Scratch Score: 71, Standard Scratch Score: 69.

## Machrihanish golf results

WINNERS of the ladies Texas scramble held last Saturday were: Lorna Armour, Lindsey Armour and Alison Fox, 75 - 9.3=65.7.

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## Lady beginners join forces with Dunaverty's best



A fun 'pro-am' saw a group of lady beginners join Dunaverty's regular ladies for a nine hole competition. The winning team at the recent event were Susan McLennan and captain Jana Macpherson. Elizabeth Marrison said: 'A great day was had by all the ladies and it is hoped it can be repeated in the future and that some will go on to challenge for club honours.'

# Pupils Youth travel 'overseas' for friendly

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils Youth 2005s (Under 13s) proved their dedication to the beautiful game by spending last weekend's break from league action travelling to play on Islay.

The youngsters were ferried overseas to the southernmost of the Inner Hebrides islands to play a friendly against Port Ellen Juniors.

This was the young Port Ellen side's first game of 11-a-sides and they played well against the more experienced Pupils. Unfortunately, the game was hampered by a strong wind which made it

difficult for either side to play much football.

The Pupils won the game but the focus was most certainly on both sides enjoying a game of football.

The Campbeltown players enjoyed an overnight stay in Port Ellen after the fixture, before returning to the mainland on Sunday.

Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005s return to action in the Dunbartonshire Football Development League this weekend when they host Dumbarton Riverside 2005s. Kick off is 1pm on Sunday at the 3G all-weather pitch on Kinloch Green.



Campbeltown Pupils Under 13s and Port Ellen Juniors enjoyed a game last weekend. The Campbeltown players had no league game so travelled to Islay for the friendly and stayed overnight.



Ms Dunn gives youngsters a lesson.

## Nursery children go crazy for golf

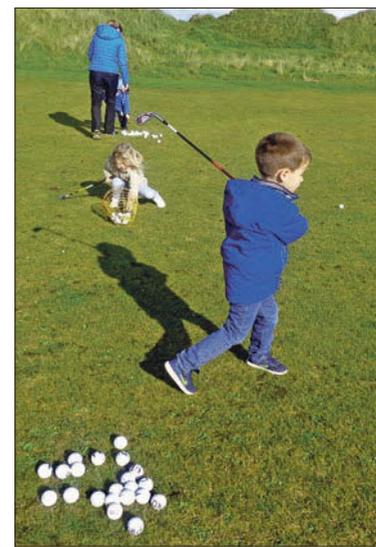
CHILDREN from Campbeltown Nursery Centre swung into Machrihanish to learn about the world of golf.

Over the past few weeks, the youngsters have been travelling by bus to Machrihanish golf club for golf lessons from Jennie Dunn, PGA of Germany head golf professional, who is based at the Kintyre club.

Fiona Graham, head of the nursery, explained: 'This golf initiative not only links nicely with our extensive PE programme, but also supports our topic of familiar faces within our community.'

The nursery views the lessons at the renowned links course as a valuable and holistic learning experience.

Mrs Graham added: 'This has exposed the children to a number of cross curricular learning experiences and has enriched their learning with an early, first-hand, quality golf experience on what is often rated as a course with one of the top opening holes in the world - which so happens to be at the heart of our community.'



Children practise their swing.

# Sid in sports awards

A CAMPBELTOWN Seasports Project canoeist paddled to a runner-up spot in the Argyll and Bute council sports awards.

Sid Gallagher of Kintyre Canoe Club was runner-up in the Community Coach award and was the only Kintyre hero to be nominated in this year's awards.



Sid Gallagher with a group of young canoeists during the first week of the Seasports Project's coaching scheme in August this year. 25\_c31seasports03

## Machrihanish gents' autumn meeting

THE RESULTS from the recent Machrihanish Golf Club's gents' autumn meeting were as follows:

1 Archibald Berry 86-17=69, 2 Robert Davis Coffield 81-10=71, 3 C. McIntyre 83-11=72. Scratch: 1 George MacMillan 74, CSS : 70, SSS : 71. Seniors - yellow tees - Robert McGougan 91-21=70. CSS: 70, SSS: 70.

The Lyle Barr memorial quich was played last Saturday and the results were: 1 S. Wyper 90-20=70, 2 Kevin Allibone 103-22=81, 3 E. Fletcher 100-17=83. 1 Scratch: M. MacAulay 83. CSS: 74, reductions only, SSS: 71.

## SAFL fixtures

THE ARGYLL teams in the Scottish Amateur Football League are back to action on Saturday after the September weekend break with the following fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, second round - Oban Saints v Plains; Lochgilphead Red Star v Lanarkshire Forrest; Helensburgh v Dunoon; Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Duntocher.

## Dinghy day tests novice sailing skills

NOVICE sailors trained before the mast during the Kintyre Seasports summer courses unfurled their sails again.

All who took the courses gained membership of Campbeltown Sailing Club till December 2018, and recently it ran a further free half-day session to ensure the sailing skills are not forgotten.



Dinghy sails bring a splash of colour to Campbeltown loch.

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# SPORT



**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
Sid in sports awards

## Kintyre family's young footballing star

**Mark Davey**  
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

A FOOTBALLER with Campbeltown links has played three internationals and he's still under 10.

Jack Sutherland, the

Wiltshire-based son of former Dalintober pupil Aiden Sutherland, was celebrating this week after signing a football academy contract with Bristol Rovers' under 10s.

Jack, 9, has moved

from Southampton's academy and is already in the England Schoolboy's district squad. He has played against teams from Ajax, Borussia Dortmund and Real Madrid.

Mr Sutherland said: 'Jack started out with Championship side Reading FC's pre-academy squad before moving to Southampton, aged six. He is now at Rovers' foundation academy, where his agent has negotiated one of just five contracts in England for players under nine.

'What is great is the security of being selected.

'Jack's coach says his talent will take him all the way, but now the hard work begins.

'The other boys in the squad are all aged 10 or over but Jack's tenth birthday is not till December. Bristol's academy is well respected and near our Bath home.

'Jack is registered

with the SFA, although he is going through the English training system.

'He has a Welsh granny and could potentially play for one of three national sides.'

Jack trains with Bristol three days a week and with the English

with his current being *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

Mr Sutherland added: 'Jack is very academic as well and often does his school homework in the car on the way to and from training.'

Jack comes from a sporting family.

His dad, a former paratrooper, was a British Olympian in the skeleton bobsleigh and was selected for the Salt Lake City winter Olympics in 2002.

Despite travelling to Utah, Mr Sutherland did not compete as he was in a serious traffic accident just before departure.

Mr Sutherland is still involved in sport and runs a physiotherapy clinic and gym.

Great uncle Alec MacKenzie, who contacted the *Courier* about Jack's progress, is an ex-footballer and grandfather Jake McAllister, from Campbeltown, became a professional boxer aged 17.



A goal celebration for Jack Sutherland.



Younger brother Logan, 5, is following in Jack's footsteps.

Schoolboys for two days. It is not all football though. He is an avid reader and gets through a book a week



Jack Sutherland, who captained the English Schoolboys district U10 team against Borussia Dortmund, with the German captain left.



Jack in action.

## Carradale race to be crowned duck à la King



IT WAS less pan fried than water marinated as spectators went animal quackers for Carradale's last annual duck race.

A total of 381 people competed, in a brisk wind, to see whose plastic yellow duck could make it down the Carradale river to Waterfoot first.

Saucy names added to the feathered fun as hundreds of people waddled into the village last Saturday to watch the action.

For more, see pages 17 and 18.

**Alasdair Bennett and Duncan Semple release the plastic ducks into the Carradale river.** 50\_c39duckrace04

## Machrihanish lotto draw

THE WINNING numbers in the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery drawn on Monday were: 7, 10 and 18. There were no winners and the jackpot for the next draw on Monday October 2 will be £300.

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