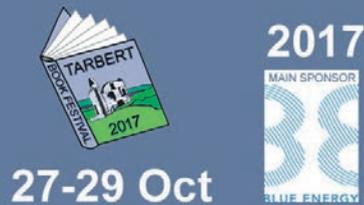


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# Kintyre fish farmer lands three book deal

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A FISH farm manager-turned-writer hopes to hook young readers with alien tales.

Andrew Robertson, 52, published his first book, *The Dijimflippers*, part of a planned series, at the end of September in America, with the UK version appearing on the shelves earlier this month.

The tricky to pronounce title: Digi M Flipper being Mr Robertson's suggestion is based on a work colleague's saying.

'Whenever he was looking for a spanner, nut or bolt he would say: 'Where's my Dijimflipper?' said Mr Robertson.

The story aimed at readers aged 8+ is about three pals who are taken by extraterrestrials back to an alien world. There is a

worm that can transport humans back to earth, to the time they left and that is when things do not go to plan.

The Tayinloan-based self-taught author attended Dalintober primary for six years, followed by a year at Castlehill, before finishing his education at the Grammar school. He is happy to admit that school was a stepping stone and he could not wait to finish.

**Solution**

Mr Robertson's father owned a 40ft prawn boat, Sardonyx, and for about 20 years, until he was struck down by Fibromyalgia aged 37, he worked at sea.

The illness laid Mr Robertson low for a few years and eventually he knew the solution lay within.

Professionally, he moved onto fish farm-

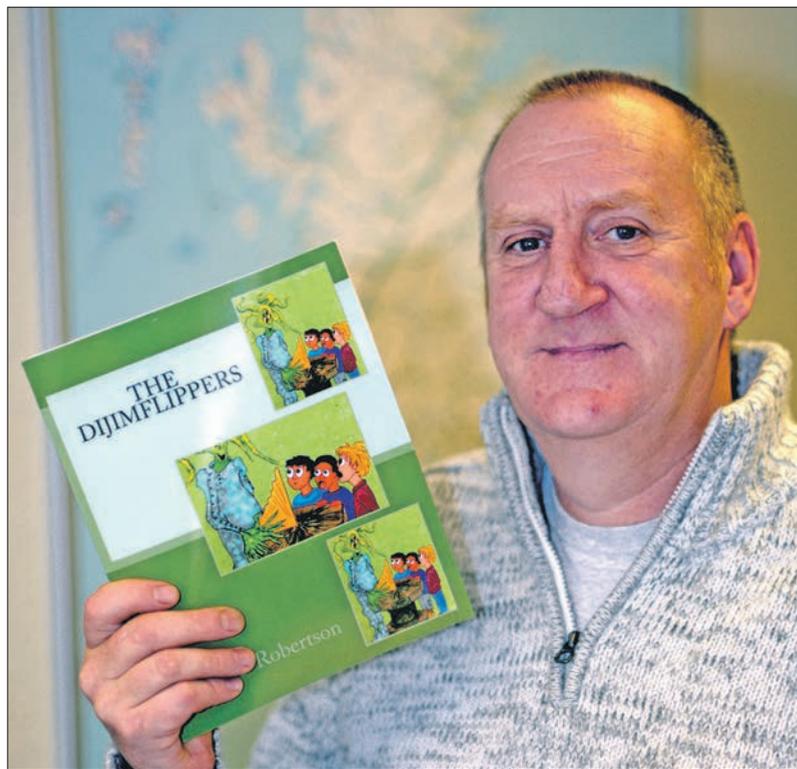
ing, working with salmon smolts, and he has been the manager at Loch Garasdale, near Clachan, for 11 years.

At first he wrote because he was bored. His wife of 21 years, Caroline, was working away in Inverness and his son had grown up.

'I wrote two books at first but kept quiet about them for at least a year until I was encouraged to try to find a publisher,' said Mr Robertson. 'I write what I think I would have liked to read as a child.'

Combined with his busy working life, Mr Robertson has what may seem a punishing schedule.

'I get up at about 4am to write, the laptop has made it so easy, I am not sure if I would have ever started without a computer. I get



Andrew Robertson holds his first work, *The Dijimflippers*. 25\_c42dijimflippers01

lost in the story and suddenly three hours have passed and I have to go to my work.'

Mr Robertson has

two more books in the series ready to print, *The Holden Cross*, set on Cara and Gigha, and *Magdalen and*

*the Secrets of Thunder Loch*, set on Islay. In addition he is working on a book aimed at adults.

**Beinn an Tuirc distills gin of the year**

IT WILL be martinis all round as Kintyre Gin celebrates winning a top award at a national exhibition.

Beinn an Tuirc distillery's Kintyre Gin picked up the Classic Gin of the Year award at Craft Distilling Expo 2017 in London.

The event recognises the world's most prominent master distillers, still makers, professionals and connoisseurs, as well as offering talks and workshops.

For the fifth year, the gin of the year category was up for grabs, and Kintyre Gin had to battle it out with more than 80 gins from across eight countries throughout Europe.

Niall Macalister Hall, director at Beinn an Tuirc distillery, said: 'We are delighted to have won this award after only three months trading. Given the strength of the competition, and the fact that it was a blind tasting undertaken by a panel of true gin experts, we couldn't be happier.'

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# Billy Irving's family lobbies parliament

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THE FAMILY of a Campbeltown pirate-hunter locked up in a 'hell-hole' Indian prison learned minutes before stepping into a parliamentary lobby that his appeal judge, who had previously stepped down declaring the case 'too complicated', has taken it on again.

The family also took a 400,000-strong petition to 10 Downing Street last Thursday, four years to the day since ex-Grammar school pupil Billy Irving was detained alongside five other British ex-servicemen.

The men, known as the Chennai Six, were working as armed

guards onboard the MV Seaman Guard Ohio when their ship strayed into Indian waters.

They were accused of carrying illegal arms and arrested by Indian authorities in October 2013 and sentenced to five years in January 2016, but continue to deny the charges.

Billy's fiancée, Yvonne MacHugh, told the *Courier*: 'We don't really know if it's good news or bad [that the judge has taken on the case again] as obviously he's already said he's incompetent of passing a judgement but within a couple of days he has decided he can.'

'As it stands, we don't really know what's happening.'



Left to right, Billy Irving's brother Colin and father Jim, Brendan O'Hara MP, Billy's son William and fiancée Yvonne MacHugh, and Yvonne's sister Jacqui hand in the petition.

Speaking in the lobby, Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara said: 'The situation Billy and his shipmates find themselves in is absolutely intolerable.'

'The judicial proceedings have descended into complete farce, with judges resigning from the case one week only to reappoint themselves the next.'

Mr O'Hara paid tribute to the work of the families, particularly the campaigning carried out by Yvonne, who visited Downing Street with the couple's

son William, Billy's parents Jim and Margaret, his brother Colin and Yvonne's sister Jacqui to hand in the petition calling for the men's release.

Yvonne said: 'Despite all the emotion, stress, anxiety and lack of sleep, we did the Chennai Six proud.'

'We woke up knowing more people now know our story, they know of this injustice and they now want to do something about it. Together we will get them home.'

'Now let's begin the campaign to bring them home for Christmas.'

The British Government says it has raised the issue with India 50 times, but the families want more action.

## POLICE FILES

### Fire raisers sought

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after an incident on Longrow South.

On Wednesday October 11, two fire engines attended and police cars blocked the road at either end.

An item had been set on fire and placed in a letterbox at a flat at 14 Longrow South.

A group of youths were seen in the area at the time.

### Assault by glassing

IN THE early hours of Sunday morning two men were assaulted in a Shore Street bar.

Both had minor injuries after being hit by a glass which was thrown in the pub at about 1am.

Police are investigating the incident.

### Underage drinkers

LAST Saturday morning police officers seized alcohol from youths aged under 18.

After questioning, the youths police discovered that a 46-year-old had bought the alcohol. She was traced and charged with the offence of buying alcohol for under-aged children. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Drugs warning

A TEENAGER and a 20-year-old were found with a small amount of cannabis in a Main Street flat.

At the same flat, a man aged 23 had a small amount of ecstasy and another man was found in possession of cannabis, and were both charged.

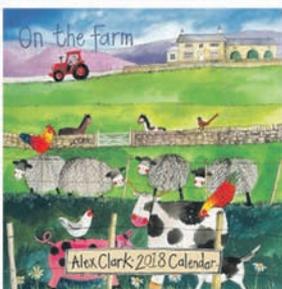
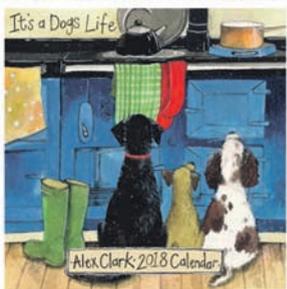
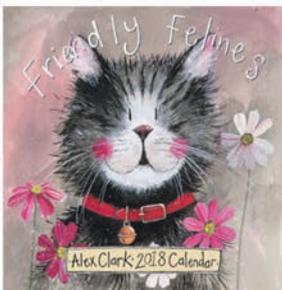
The occupier of the flat, a 24-year-old man, was charged with allowing his flat to be used for consuming drugs.

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# Case against drink driver not proven

THE CASE against a former undercover police operative, accused of being four times the drink drive limit, was not proven at a Campbeltown Sheriff Court trial.

Andrew Fruish, 46, from Glasgow, faced a charge that on Sunday April 23 this year he had been in charge of a car at Glengyle, Campbeltown, when he had 100mcg of alcohol in 100ml of breath, the limit is 22mcg.

He had previously pleaded guilty to two further charges on the same complaint, one of having a car in a defective state and the other of having no MOT.

Before the trial began on Wednesday morning, Sheriff Patrick Hughes made an order that Fruish, 46, should only have Glasgow published in any reports as his address.

The sheriff made the order following a motion from the defence. It stated that because of Fruish's previous police work in Greater Manchester there may be a danger to his relatives if his full address was given.

Procurator fiscal deputy Laura Mundell argued that in the interests of justice being seen to be done, Fruish's full details should be published.

The *Courier* reporter also challenged the decision on the basis that Fruish is an unusu-



Andrew Fruish looks in a Campbeltown shop window after the trial. 25\_c42frusih01

al surname and identity by address would make it absolutely clear.

Greater Manchester Police was unable to confirm if Fruish had served in an undercover capacity.

## Loud

A police witness told the court that a member of the public had complained, in the early hours of the morning, that extremely loud music was coming from a parked car.

When police investigated, they found Fruish in the car with his head on the wheel, the keys in the ignition and the engine running.

Fruish's claim that he had no intention of driving the car that day or until 7.45am the next morning, when a toxicology report stated the alcohol would be out of his body, was accepted by the sheriff after the court heard

banned Fruish from the road for six months and fined him £150 with an additional fine of £50 for having no MOT.

Fruish also appeared for sentencing regarding an assault. On Tuesday May 2, Fruish 'pushed' a Tesco worker who refused to serve him with a bottle of vodka and a bottle of whisky.

## Custody

Following his arrest for the assault, Fruish appeared from custody in handcuffs and pleaded guilty to the offence. Sheriff Ruth Anderson deferred sentence for a social work report but Fruish did not comply with her order.

On Wednesday, Sheriff Hughes further deferred that sentence, to November 16, for the report to be completed.

He warned Fruish, who has a history of violence, that if he did not comply he would face custody.

# Jobs to go as Visit Scotland abandons Campbeltown

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Despite a tourism boom in Campbeltown, its iCentre is one of 39 to be shut by VisitScotland.

One full-time member of staff and two part-time posts will go when the shop based in the New Quay's Mackinnon House finally shuts its doors in 2019.

The national organisation has based its decision on a decade of visitor figures despite a rising trend in the past two years.

The figures show that since 2006/7 when inquiries stood at 63,668 the decrease in footfall has been 58 per cent.

Numbers reached a low of 21,889 in 2014/15 but last year, 2015/16, rose to 22,483 and are up a

further 4,079 this year to 26,562.

The decision has been met with outrage from many areas of the community, including other tourist businesses.

Michael Taylor, the managing director of Mull of Kintyre Seamounts, said: 'This is all made even more difficult to comprehend coming as it does only a couple of weeks after the chief executive's public statement aptly describing the substantial recent increase in visitor numbers as a "tourism windfall". The shop I believe has a turnover of £30,000.'

Councillor John Armour said: 'The closure of the local office will be a huge loss at a time when we are looking at attracting more visitors to the area.'

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'Regardless of what has been said, tourism in Kintyre is on the rise and is a very important part of the local economy.'

Councillor Rory Colville added: 'My hope is that those with an interest in tourism in Kintyre will come together and as in Paul McCartney's song the result will be, "Smiles in the sunshine and not tears in the rain".'

Malcolm Roughead, the VisitScotland chief executive, said: 'We will work with the community over the coming months to understand the opportunities in Campbeltown.'

A further statement from Mr Roughead will be printed in next week's *Courier*.

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## News in brief:

### Help the hungry

A SUPERMARKET plans to help Kintyre Food Bank replenish its stores during a two-day event.

Today and tomorrow, Tesco Campbeltown is holding its first dedicated event with food bank volunteers and say that customers can either bring their own donations, purchase in-store or donate money.

### Road racing

DURING a Campbeltown Community Council (CCC) discussion on the impact of visitors on motorcycles using Kintyre roads, the issue of serious organised crime was raised.

Councillor Rory Colville said that in the past bikers had raced on the roads. He said that bets had been placed on their times which were verified through the use of cash machine receipts from the towns they visited.

Chief inspector Marlene Bailey said that there was no current record of that activity taking place.

### Road closures

FROM January next year, the A83 might have total road closures, on a rolling basis, when CSWind begins shipping offshore wind towers which are much larger than the onshore equivalent.

At a CCC meeting last Tuesday, Lesley Black from the firm said that there would be a consultation in the new year as CSWind would apply for a temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO).

Under a TTRO, any vehicle blocking the route could be removed. It was revealed that a traffic management company would be employed and could lift vehicles if necessary.

# Rebranding for 'local' community interest company

ALMOST a year after its founding, a Campbeltown Community Interest Company has changed its name.

Owner Jason McCallum said: 'Keeping It Local CIC Campbeltown and surrounding areas is having a wee shuffle – not a dance but a little remodelling.'

'The premises in Burbank Place will become, from November 11, Campbeltown Community Market,

with a webpage under construction.

'Since we opened in May 2017 with the offering of test-trading and small business start-up space it hasn't had the desired use I hoped to achieve.'

'I will be changing the inside of Keeping it Local CIC to accommodate 12 to 14 traders at a time. Each space will be available at cost of £10 per day or £15 per weekend.'

Traders will be advised to comply to trading standards and will be responsible for their own liability insurance.

The market will be held on the second and fourth weekend of the month, with the first and second weekends under discussion.

Mr McCallum said that there will also be the option for week-



Jason McCallum.

days and evenings at the same rates upon request, especially during the run-up to Christmas.

Mr McCallum emphasised that the rebranding is not intended to compete with the

Explore Campbeltown Christmas market on Sunday November 26 in the Malt Barns.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara recently wrote to congratulate Mr McCallum on his efforts to

encourage rural regeneration and inspire small businesses start-ups in Campbeltown.

Mr O'Hara, writing last Friday, said: 'I hope this project goes from strength to strength.'

## Campbeltown doctors' surgery merger negotiations continue

THE POSSIBLE operation of Kintyre Medical Group by Campbeltown Medical Practice was discussed by senior managers from Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

This meeting, which was positive, also discussed the details of how services would be delivered.

At the meeting, representatives from CMP confirmed that, if the merger was agreed, GP services would continue to be provided from Muasdale, Southend and on Gigha.

This would ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the local communities in these areas.

There is a desire to continue to provide a high quality and

accessible primary care service for the patients served by the practices.

This would be supported by the high quality and range of clinical skills of the GPs and wider practice teams in Campbeltown and KMG.

### Strengthened

Both the HSCP and CMP agree that the safety and sustainability of continuing to provide the unique triple duty service of primary care, GP out-of-hours and community hospital services for Kintyre would be greatly strengthened by this merger. It is also hoped that it would help with the recruitment of GPs locally.

The other element discussed at the meeting was the new GP contract which the Scottish

Government is negotiating with GPs nationally. Details of this contract will be announced by the government in November and, if it is approved by a vote of GPs, will be implemented from April 2018.

It was agreed that a further meeting to consider the implications will be arranged in November.

Both CMP and the HSCP agreed it was important to continue to regularly keep the local communities informed on the progress of the negotiations and it was agreed to issue regular updates.

For further information, please contact Donald Watt, locality manager for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay, at donald.watt@nhs.net.

# Survey ‘a wasted effort’ as NHS tries to save cash

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A SURVEY being circulated in doctors’ surgeries shows that Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (ABHSCP) is out of ideas on how to make savings, claims a Kintyre man.

Eddie McCallum, 54, who is a prominent member of the campaign to save Auchinlee, spoke out after seeing two posters in a GP surgery which asked for patients’ views on how NHS Highland might save £20 million between 2017 and 2019.

The posters were a collaborative initiative between the partners in the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (ABHSCP), namely Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland.

One poster titled: ‘Quality and Finance Plan’ asked the question: ‘Can you think of anything we could do differently to save money?’ The other poster titled: ‘Talking Points’ asked: ‘Do you have any views on health and social care services?’

Mr McCallum, from Peninver, said: ‘These

questions are closed and invited a yes or no answer.

‘There is nothing on the form saying where it should be sent although there is a post-box in surgeries.

‘Are people expected to just sit in surgeries completing these forms or are they looking for yes and no answers?’

The *Courier* asked the ABHSCP for a comment. Initially a spokesperson tried to deflect the question by stating that it was a survey carried out in February, was finished and the results



One of the NHS forms. 25\_c40nhs01

published. The *Courier* had sent photographs of the forms and on pressing the enquiry was told that the earlier statement was incor-

rect and the forms had been put up recently.

The ABHSCP spokesperson added: ‘These posters have been put up recently so apologies for suggesting otherwise. They are linked in to the ongoing engagement we are having with the local communities across Argyll and Bute including Kintyre.

‘As a public sector organisation we are required to deliver value for money and use our resources as effectively and efficiently as possible.

‘It is also important

that we engage with our local communities as the views and feedback they provide are essential in helping us continue to deliver health and social care services that meet the needs of our local communities.’

Mr McCallum added: ‘The mere fact that ABHSCP is asking the general public: ‘What can we do differently to save money?’ infers that ABHSCP is completely out of ideas itself.

‘One way to save money would be to stop issuing ridiculous surveys.’



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## Editorial

### The personal touch

Google, Airbnb, Trip Advisor and other web apps can be helpful when touring a country but they lack the personal touch.

Last week, Visit Scotland employees, many of whom have trained in tourism or worked in the industry all their lives, were told their experience is no longer valued. It is that personal experience which is priceless and no web service can match.

The situation is very different in many other countries.

For instance in France – pick virtually any town, perhaps Ornans, population 4,250, less than Campbeltown – and there will be a tourist office.

The office in Ornans is open six days a week from 9.30am to 6pm and has its own excellent website which is unique to the town. The French, through their national body, Maison de France, go all out to their attract visitors.

VisitScotland has based its figures on a decade, beginning at the time of the financial crash and covering the years of David Cameron's austerity.

Tourism is on the up in Campbeltown, as the figures show, so why nip it in the bud?

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### Tourism disservice

Sir,

It seems to me that both the baby and the bathwater are to go in VisitScotland's reforms.

It is singularly ironic that as Campbeltown prepares to celebrate the re-opening of its historic cinema after a refurbishment costing millions of pounds and overseen by local people throughout, the professionals in charge of another useful and well-used asset for the Wee Toon are preparing to get rid of it.

Campbeltown's Visit Scotland office, the seventh busiest in Scotland, is to close as apparently everyone gets their information from the internet, and a footfall of more than 26,000 visitors and income of more than £30,000 does not justify its retention.

Another 38 offices across Scotland are to close in this ill-thought out exercise. This is all made even more difficult to comprehend coming as it does only a couple of weeks after the chief executive's public statement aptly describing the substantial recent increase in visitor numbers as a 'tourism windfall.'

This is certainly a funny way to treat a windfall, in this case represented by greatly increased numbers of people seeking help and information in the places they are visiting in Scotland.

What the bean counters have failed to grasp is what the busy and often hard-worked staff of their offices actually do.

Firstly, on a daily basis they leave a lasting impression on their visitors of a friendly welcoming desire to really help, something that doesn't show up on any balance sheet but nevertheless is just part of the good impression they give and which is reflected in the stream of kind and grateful comments that people leave in the visitors' book.

Secondly, while it is quite

## Down memory lane



Mary Thomson conducting the Drumlemble Junior Gaelic choir at Kintyre Provincial Mòd in May 1949.

AS GAELIC performers from across Scotland compete at Fort William as part of the Royal National Mòd this week, the *Courier* takes a look back to Kintyre's very own Gaelic culture festival.

Fifteen years ago Marion Ferguson, née Wylie, sent in this photo, which shows Mary Thomson conducting Drumlemble Junior Gaelic choir in the Kintyre Provincial Mòd in May 1949.

Marion herself is in the photo, far right on the front row, taken outside the Christian Institute building in Campbeltown, with Knockscalbert hill in the background.

The photo featured in the *Daily Record* on Saturday, May 14, 1949, the day after the festival concluded.

right to say that the internet is a major source of information these days, I know from my own research among passengers who come aboard Seatours trips that a surprisingly large number of them have turned up in Campbeltown 'hoping to find something to do'.

The fact that they end up on a boat trip, a historic guided walk, a horse-ride, a distillery visit or another of the town's many attractions is often due to the enterprise of the VisitScotland office staff for which the many organisers of visitor-based businesses are grateful.

What I cannot grasp is the rationale of the decision to shut-up shop all over Scotland which I understand is

Marion was born and bred in Machrihanish, working for a while in Glasgow, before moving to New Zealand in 1975.

The list of names included in Marion's letter reads: 'Back row: first person hidden, ?, Sheena Munro, ? Jen Thomson. Middle row: Mary McIver, Jessie Sinclair, Margaret Sinclair, Mary Colville, Sheena Mitchell, Margaret McGowan, Elsie Kerr, Betty Patterson, Catherine McCallum, ? hidden. Front row: Rachel McEachran, Isobel Colville, Janet Mitchell, Cathie McKerral, Edith Kerr, Catherine McQueen, Catherine Brown, Amy McCallum, Carol Burgess, and yours truly - Marion Wylie.'

Marion added: 'I stand to be corrected if I have wrongly named anybody.'

largely based on annual returns.

I can quite understand why VisitScotland would wish to dispose of the unprofitable aspects of their business but I suspect a first-year economics student would have advised them on a different way to do it.

The tourism business in Scotland occurs year-round but the main part of it, particularly in the areas of the offices picked for extinction, is between early April and late September. That is when the majority of those annual visitor numbers for each of the offices will be recorded.

Closing the offices when there are few or no visitors is something that both staff

and off-season visitors can understand.

If lease or other terms dictate, open them once or twice a week for a half-day.

Centralise the administration in one place, prune management numbers and use one or two inspection teams to do stock takes and other supervisory visits.

The alternative, these wholesale closures, will in Campbeltown, and I suspect in many other places, be yet another nail in the coffin of efforts by local people to keep their community alive and economically viable.

**Michael Taylor,**  
Managing director  
of Mull of Kintyre  
Seatours.

### Kintyre forum comments on iCentre closure

VISIT Scotland's decision to close Campbeltown's iCentre from 2019 caused many comments on Kintyre Forum's Facebook page.

Here is a selection:

**The Kintyre Forum:** Perhaps it says it all - and Kintyre should run its own tourism office. Kintyre has hardly been high on the agenda for Visit Scotland over the years...

**Amanda Jenkins:** Very sad news indeed. We visit Campbeltown every year from Shropshire. The Campbeltown Office has been an integral part of every visit and an invaluable source of help and information.

**Ciaran Caimbeul:** And also Inveraray and Dunoon. So which ones are left in the area which help promote Kintyre and Mid Argyll? Many day trippers and tour buses visit Inveraray...

**Jim Chestnut:** Nicola Sturgeon said in an address: 'I am pleased to announce today that we will establish a new £6 million Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund'. It will take bids from communities and work with local councils. Maybe this is to replace VisitScotland.

**Syd Harris:** It's just a sign of the times. Google has changed many things.

**Kelly Wheeler:** That's outrageous. Campbeltown is rich in historical value and attraction, the tourists depend on the local office. That's such a shame.

**Morna Ball:** Has Visit Scotland ever looked at the provision of Broadband and 4G in rural areas? Absolute nonsense. These offices are essential for growth.

**Craig Wilkie:** Helpful staff agreed and the facility will be missed...but is there not an opportunity here?

Do the new town hall or the renewed Campbeltown Picture House not give an option for a new chapter for the tourist information office?

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# Campbeltown whisky jets into capital's airport

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

A CAMPBELTOWN distillery's product is set to take off in the duty free shop at Edinburgh Airport.

Just 204 bottles, priced at more than £200, of the 26-year-old Glen Scotia Single Cask No. 857, will be available in the Dalintober High Street firm's first release to

be introduced at a UK airport. Glen Scotia's partnership with Edinburgh airport and World Duty Free which owns and operates specialist World of Whiskies stores, follows successful sales of parent company Loch Lomond Group's whisky range.

Claire Branagan, non-beauty trading manager at the airport, said: 'It offers a

wonderful opportunity to acquire a slice of Campbeltown's whisky heritage.'

André de Almeida, managing director of global travel retail at Loch Lomond Group, added: 'Distilled in April 1991 and bottled in August 2017 at a cask strength of 56.5 per cent ABV, No. 857 offers layers of honey and brown sugar with juicy pineapple and



Iain McAlister, Glen Scotia distillery manager, Claire Branagan, and André de Almeida in Campbeltown.

to a warm ginger spiciness on the finish. It is a true showcase of the distinctive character and craftsmanship offered by our Glen Scotia distillery in Campbeltown.'

Richard Townsend, retail director for the airport, said: 'We are delighted to be able to offer our passengers this exclusive bottle of what is our national drink.'

tangy orange peel. A salty edge, consistent with the distillery's distinctive maritime-influenced character, leads

## Campbeltown woman is top student

A CAMPBELTOWN woman studying administration had a red letter day when she was named further ed-



Rebecca Allan is presented with her certificate and trophy.

ucation student of the year.

Rebecca Allan was recently awarded the Argyll College UHI title in front of more than 80 students at the college's graduation ceremony in Oban.

The graduating students were addressed by Gary McLean of Masterchef The Professionals fame.

In a speech, the 45-year-old award winning chef encouraged the students to work hard to achieve their dreams.

Rebecca completed a national certifi-

cate in administration this year, having progressed from a national progression award in construction.

During her time at college, Rebecca was unanimously elected class representative by her peers.

This role saw Rebecca represent the college at the Highlands and Islands Students' Association (HISA) annual meeting in Inverness. Rebecca was also part of a small group of students invited to the Scottish parliament to give feedback on student life.

Rebecca's tutor from the college described her as: 'An excellent student and ambassador for the college.'

During the ceremony, Rebecca gave an account of her time with Argyll College and although she finds public speaking nerve-racking, she admitted the speech wasn't as daunting as speaking in the Scottish parliament.

Rebecca has progressed onto an HNC interactive media and web design at the college's Hazelburn campus.

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# Obituary: Robin Banks - Scottish television pioneer 1925-2017

THE TELEVISION engineer who made sure the 1952 funeral of George VI could be viewed in Scotland has died aged 92.

Robin Banks BSc, Associate of the Royal College of Science and Technology (ARCST) was one of Campbeltown Grammar school's most illustrious alumni.

Robert, always known as Robin, was the son of Alex Banks, an English teacher at the school and his wife Mary, of Lochend, Campbeltown.

After leaving the school as Dux in 1943 Robin trained in electronic communications and engineering at the Royal College in Glasgow after which, instead of National Service, he was transferred to classified electronic communications work in the Marconi research labora-

tories in Chelmsford, Essex.

Here he gained an outstanding reputation for his ability to apply electrical engineering solutions to real time long distance signal transmission problems.

Television was in its infancy and Marconi's research laboratories were world leaders in transmission.

By the late 1940s there was pressure to enable television to be received much more widely than London and the Home Counties.

However, Scotland with its mountains and long distances between populations, presented difficulties.

Eventually it was agreed that the optimum site for a transmitter to reach most of the central belt would be at Kirk o' Shotts in Lanarkshire.

The task of specifi-

cation, oversight and commissioning was given to 28-year-old Robin Banks and the transmitter opened in March 1952, just in time to broadcast the funeral of King George VI.

His parents were invited to the official opening by the BBC, but his father could not attend as his pupils were sitting their examinations. So a proud Mary Banks took her place with her son among the great and the good.

She was particularly interested that the first item to be broadcast from the new transmitter was the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society dancing the reel Duke of Edinburgh and that it was introduced by announcer Mary Malcolm of Poltalloch, Lochgilphead.

Robin had of course ensured that the sig-

nal would be received in Campbeltown as its most distant target.

Thus, the relatively small number of households in the town which had acquired a 14-inch black and white screen from A&P McGrory's shop and installed a high aerial had an excellent grandstand for BBC Television's first major outside broadcast: the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth on June 2 1953.

Marconi merged with GEC and Robin moved to Stafford where GEC had its main research facilities.

Here he specialised in high voltage DC current transmission for electric trains such as the Eurostar and the French TGV.

GEC-Marconi was run by the Lord Weinstock, who appointed Robin as director of research laboratories.

He had to report personally to Lord Weinstock every week, something most staff feared but which to Robin was an opportunity to trade logic with a mind he greatly admired.

Robin was a keen motor-cyclist and motorist, and with his wife Jean, who predeceased him, often returned to Campbeltown.

They enjoyed Scottish country dancing and Jean, as an artist, was the perfect foil for the highly mathematical engineer.

They had one daughter, Fiona, and greatly enjoyed their involvement with their three grandchildren.



Robin Banks in his Campbeltown youth.

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## Boys' Brigade's birthday bash

CAMPBELTOWN'S Boys' Brigade will not look a day older than 130 as it hosts its centenary service.

The Boys' Brigade Junior Section Special Centenary and Enrolment Service will be held at the Lorne and Lowland Church

at 11.15am on Sunday October 29.

After the service, attendees will be invited to view an exhibition of photographs spanning Campbeltown's 130-year association with the Boys' Brigade.

The Brigade extends

a particular invitation to ex-members of the 1st and 2nd Companies of the Campbeltown Brigade who can try and spot themselves in old snaps.

The exhibition will be on display in Campbeltown library from January 16 next year.



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## Missionary to speak at Christian fellowship meeting

A DUTCH missionary will be at Kintyre Christian Fellowship's guest speaker this month.

Asaf Pelled is from Christian Witness to Israel, a UK-based interdenominational evangelistic society committed to sharing the word of Jesus with Jewish people.

### Informal account

He will give the Kintyre group an informal account of gospel outreach and news of current events.

There will be time for questions and discussion, and tea will be served.

The meeting begins at 7.30pm at Springbank church and everyone is welcome to attend, whether a regular church goer or not.

## WEDDING



### MACMASTER - MARTIN

Angus and Sharon MacMaster would like to announce the marriage of their youngest son, Scott MacMaster, to Jemma Martin, on October 6, 2017. In loving memory of Neil and Annie MacMaster (Achnaglach/Glenbarr).

# Best-selling authors splashdown in Tarbert



Travel tales and crime capers trip off the pages in the latest chapter of Tarbert's book festival next week.

Headlining, the fifth festival, at 11am on Saturday at Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre, is travel author and BBC *Grand Tours* presenter Paul Murton.

He is making waves with his west coast exploration extravaganza – The Hebrides, which included voyages to 80 islands.

One of the festival founders, Lisa Tuttle of Torinturk, headlines the final session on Sunday afternoon

The American author,

who moved to Argyll 22 years ago, has written in many genres from science fiction to historical detective fiction. Her latest work is set in 1890 – *The Curious Affair of Jesper-son and Lane*.

On Tuesday Lisa told the *Courier*: 'The festival has grown from a conversation at a Loch Fyne Christmas party.'

The islands theme is carried into the afternoon when Alan McKirdy, author of *Argyll and the Islands and Landscapes in Stone*, digs up the region's geology in an hour-long talk.

Cartographer and geographer royal for Scotland, Charles Withers, author of *Mapping Scotland's*

*Islands*, continues the day's theme, but brings the festival back to the surface, in mid-afternoon on Saturday, in his illustrated trip of the maps of the islands.

Earlier, on Friday, at Tarbert Academy, Dr Ken MacTaggart, from Inveraray, author of the bestselling *Haynes Manual for Astronauts*, will take a giant leap for the festival

when he gives pupils' tips on travel to the outer edges of the solar system.

Dr MacTaggart is joined by Theresa Breslin, whose latest book, of about 40, *The Rasputin Dagger*, is set in the revolutionary times of the Romanovs.

The flavour changes at Springbank distillery's Stonefield Session on Saturday evening. After

the whisky tasting at 7pm, the festival takes a darker turn into the murky world of Christopher Brookmyre's fictional investigative journalist, Jack Parlane.

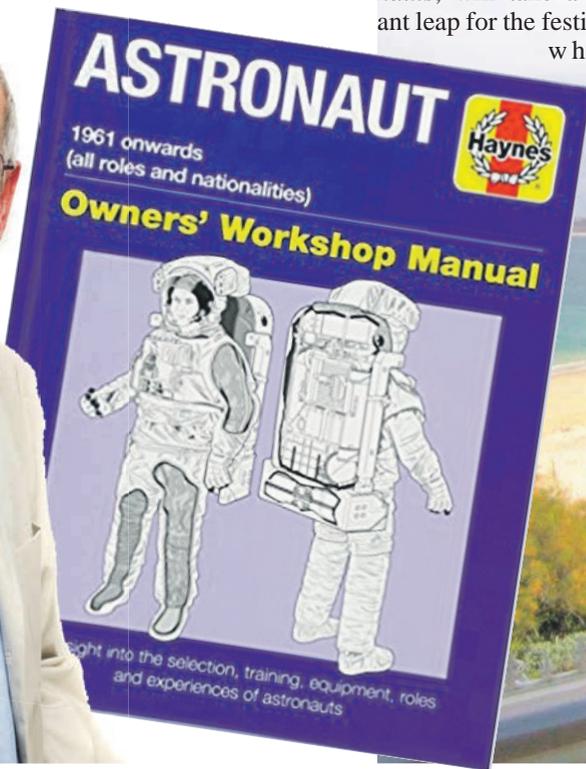
*Crime and Nourishment* at the Isthmus on Sunday morning starts with an early brunch before Charles E McGarry unmask's Leo Moral.

In McGarry's novel *The Ghost of Helen*

*Addison* Argyll action in a majestic landscape forms the background for his detective to weave his magic.

Lisa Tuttle added: 'The festival is different every year and it is a matter of getting the balance right.'

'There are many book festival's in Scotland, but it is a great chance to meet the authors and the end of October is a much better time for Tarbert.'



Above: Astronaut's manual author Dr Ken MacTaggart. Above right: The Astronaut, Owners' Workshop Manual cover.

Author and Tarbert Book Festival founder Lisa Tuttle.

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## CARRADALE

# Carradale to host new music festival

AS THE popularity of the West Coast of Scotland's traditional music festivals soars, Kintyre can add another to its very own line-up.

The small, coastal village of Carradale, with a population of only around 1,400, is set to host a brand new festival.

It has been officially announced that the two-day event, the brainchild of Carra-

dale's Raymond Gosling, 18, and 17-year-old Niall Gemmill, from Saddell, will rock the village on April 28 and 29 next year.

The festival will be held in Carradale village hall and will feature two different stages – a main stage and an outdoor venue.

The first act to be announced is another of Carradale's own, Lorne MacDougall,

who will hit the stage with his band.

Lorne is one of Scotland's leading contemporary bagpipers and musicians, known for seamlessly integrating his sounds into television and film scores with credits ranging from *Brave* and *How to Train Your Dragon 2*, to *Doctor Who*, *Thunderbirds* and *Whisky Galore!* as well as many excit-

ing Scottish and Gaelic projects.

Raymond and Niall, who are both members of popular traditional band Rhuvaal, have travelled to many of Argyll's festivals, and have a good understanding of the level of work required to organise a festival such as this.

## Huge success

In April, they held an event, Carradale Ceilidh, which was a huge success and made the young men realise the potential for creating an annual festival.

Raymond told the *Courier*: 'Our plans this year are to put on a good festival in a



Lorne MacDougall, pictured at this year's Gigha Music Festival, will play at the first Carradale Music Festival. 20\_c27gigha27

smaller venue and then in years to come, we will be looking at extending the size of the festival.

'We are a non-profit organisation and any profit made from the festival will go toward local charities.

'We are also still on the look-out for volunteers/sponsors to help and support us make sure this festival is a success. If you are interested, please con-

tact us at carradale musicfest@gmail.com or contact Raymond on 07824375842.'

With all the main headlining acts booked and confirmed, festival organisers will announce the acts on their official Facebook page every Friday night at 7pm. Tickets go on sale from November 3 at 6pm.

Raymond added: 'We have had a lot of very nice and posi-

tive comments about the new venture in Carradale next April, so I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who is showing their support.'

When the *Courier* went to press, the festival's Facebook page, launched on October 10, had received nearly 700 'likes', so it seems that there is already a huge amount of local support.

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## Kintyre and the Isles councillor challenged

CONCERNS were expressed at a meeting of East Kintyre Community Council that Councillor Alastair Redman, elected in May, has not attended.

Mr Redman's fellow Kintyre and the Isles councillors, Anne

Horn and Robin Currie, are both regulars at the monthly Carradale village hall meetings.

At the October council, member Ronnie Brown said: 'I am concerned that our newest councillor has not been to Carradale yet.'

Speaking to the *Courier*, Mr Redman vowed to attend the next meeting on Thursday November 2.

**Alastair Redman on a recent visit to Campbeltown.**



## MACHRIHANISH



Gauldrons Bay wallpaper in Bob Miller's Sound of Kintyre bathroom. 25\_c26stg01

## Gulp a glass of the Gauldrons

A WHISKY bottler trying to tap into the popularity of Campbeltown malts has released a single cask bottling named Gauldrons.

Glasgow firm Douglas Laing & Co has added its branded 'Campbeltown' whisky, as the sixth in its regional malt range although it is not yet listed on the firm's website.

The firm claims Gauldrons takes its name from 'dark sandy coves' in Campbeltown.

The packaging and label shows a spider attempting to build a web repeatedly which inspired Robert the Bruce to fight for his throne and who, according to legend, sheltered in the Gauldrons Bay.

## CLACHAN

## Pint-sized plan to re-use milk bottles

FORGET recycling used plastic milk bottles, a pint-sized idea will transform them into an attractive light.

Members of Clachan SWI had a night of fun and laughter when Zoe Weir showed them how to make tea-light holders from plastic milk bottles. Members were given electric tea-lights to use in them and they looked very attractive lit up.

In the second part of the evening, members had to guess whose parents were in photos they had taken to the meeting.

Those with the most correct guesses were 1 = Cathy McLean and Glynis Lewin, 2 = Pauline Simson, Louise Stanesby, Margaret Mundell, and Jane Griffiths, 3 = Zoe Weir and Joyce Andrews.

In a comic twist to the entertainment, jokes were told and a vote for the funniest gave the following result: 1 Pauline Simson, 2 Zoe Weir, and 3 Louise Stanesby.

Mrs Weir and Mrs Lewin provided tea before Mrs Weir was thanked for giving members such a good evening.

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## Kintyre women at farming event



The women from across Argyll and the islands who attended the farming conference.

A NUMBER of Kintyre's farming women got stuck in at a farming conference in Lochgilphead.

They joined more than 50 representatives at the Women in Agriculture event on October 4.

Women from across Argyll and the islands gathered to discuss the challenges they face in the industry and how they can help make Scottish agriculture more inclusive.

The one-day, free event was hosted by guest speaker Joyce Campbell, joint chairwoman of the Scottish Government women in agriculture task force, and chaired by Sarah Allison, vice-chairwoman of the NFU Scotland New Generation group. Ms Campbell, a Sutherland sheep farmer, won the inaugural AgriScot Scottish Sheep farm of the year award in 2015. Ms Allison sits on the

newly-created national council of rural advisers, and was previously chairwoman of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs' agri and rural affairs committee.

A series of workshops at Lochgilphead Community Centre covered farm diversification, funding opportunities through LEADER, rural leadership, brand marketing and building on the

role of women in NFU Scotland.

Linda McLean from Kilmaho Farm, who helps out First Milk's marketing team, gave a talk on the dairy company's campaign to promote Mull of Kintyre cheddar, while Catherine Ralston from the Rhoin Farm, agriculture lecturer at Campbeltown's Argyll College UHI, spoke about what the college can offer young people.

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# Kintyre's history of mermaids and muggles

KINTYRE'S very own mythical beasts may have been the inspiration for Hogwarts and the rest of the magical Harry Potter universe.

That is what an exhibition which opened in Campbeltown Library on Tuesday will help to explain as it details the ancestral links between Harry Potter author J K Rowling and Kintyre.

*Mermaids and Muggles – Fantastic Tales and Kintyre Folk* tells weird and wonderful tales of magic, mermaids and more.

The exhibition explains the Kintyre links in Ms Rowling's family tree and includes information on a mermaid one of those ancestors claimed to have seen in Corphins, as well as other fantastical creatures reportedly spotted in the peninsula.

The portraits and documents featured in the exhibition are from the Anne Campbell Collection, held by the Argyll Papers and from the Live Argyll Archives.

Anne was the wife of Duncan Campbell, sheriff substitute of Kintyre in the early 19th century, who was an ancestor of Ms Rowling.

As well as the exhibition, there are drop-in sessions where people can talk about what the documents on display mean to them, and about their memories and experiences of the people and places named in them.

There are also workshops that young people can take part in which will, with the help of the Scottish Council on Archives' education development officer Douglas Roberts, help them understand and enjoy the historical records.

A part of the Written in the Landscape project, *Mermaids and Muggles* is part-funded by Argyll and Bute Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund, Argyll Estates, Argyll Historical Centre An Iodhlann, the Clan Campbell Educational Foundation and Inveraray Conservation Area Regenera-

tion Scheme. Acknowledged for their invaluable help and support with the project are Elaine McChesney, director of Campbeltown Museum; Christine McPhee, from Campbeltown Library; Anne Cousin and Ailsa Martin, both of whom are Friends of Campbeltown Museum; and Elizabeth Marrison, Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural Society and Friend of the Argyll Papers.

To discover more about Kintyre's fantastic beasts and where to find them, visit the exhibition, which runs until December 16.

It will be open during library hours, which are Tuesday 10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm; Wednesday 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm; Thursday 10am-7pm; Friday 10am-5pm; and Saturday 10am-4pm.

The fascinating creatures described in the archives mean it is an exhibition sure to be of interest to everyone and not just natives of Kintyre.



The Mermaids and Muggles billboard at the entrance to the library invites people to find out more. 50\_c42rowling01

## Stepping out on his Kintyre Way trek



Kenny MacNab togged up for his trek at Tarbert harbour.

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TARBERT man Kenny MacNab strode out on the Kintyre Way to raise money for Parkinson's UK.

Kenny started the 200-mile hike on Saturday October 7, leaving Tarbert at noon. He crossed the spine of Kintyre towards Southend, on the designated long-distance trail, but injured himself before travelling back up the peninsula.

### Himalayan

It is not the first time Kenny has walked mammoth distances in aid of charity. Last year he hiked through the Himalayan mountains and he has previously walked the Great Wall of China.

Kenny said that the chosen charity of Parkinson's UK was close to his heart

for a number of reasons. He said: 'Some of my good friends have been diagnosed with Parkinson's. It's a really worthy cause because I have met so many people over the years with Parkinson's, and it really is tragic that we don't have a cure for it yet.'

'This year Parkinson's UK is really pushing fundraising, with some high-profile celebrities getting involved. It's a great charity to fundraise for.'

Kenny set off on his walk on Harbour Street in Tarbert, the beginning of the Kintyre Way.

Prior to setting off, a coffee morning organised in aid of Parkinson's and Myasthenia charity Myaware, raised more than £1,000.

Following his walk, Kenny

hopes to unwind and celebrate with a pint or two at Tarbert's Corner House pub.

Jan Mattison, West Scotland regional fundraiser for Parkinson's UK, said: 'We are delighted to have Kenny's support.'

### Generosity

'It's only through the generosity of people like Kenny that we can provide vital services and the charity really appreciates his efforts.'

So far Kenny has raised almost £600 for Parkinson's on his Justgiving page. To donate, go to justgiving.com/fundraising/Kenneth-mac-nab1.

There are also sponsorship forms available in the Corner House and at the post office in Tarbert.



Six-month-old Kian, with his mum Kelsey Brown, had a great time.

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Mya, three, and her brother, Ethan, two, bounced as high as they could on one of the castles. 50\_c42inflatable04

# Inflatable fun day boun

**Words and pictures HANNAH O'HANLON**  
CAMPBELTOWN Town Hall was bouncing on Saturday when Kintyre children of all ages descended on the venue for an inflatable fun day.

Kerryanne Newton and her husband Ross Newton, of Ace Bouncy Castles, based near Braehead, brought a selection of inflatable structures to Campbeltown for the town's children of all ages to enjoy.

The couple's business offers a variety of

children's and adults' bouncy castles, disco domes, soft play and ball pools, mascots and face-painting. They brought five castles to Campbeltown, as that is what suited the town hall's capacity, alongside some soft play items and games.

**Overjoyed**  
The children were overjoyed to have a new distraction during the October school break, with the queue to get in going right down the stairs, at times, and almost out

the door. Kerryanne said: 'My dad stays near Campbeltown so we decided to come up here and run an event.'

'It's been very busy; we've already had people asking us to come back.'

There was also a stall filled with sweets and drinks with every item on sale for £1 on the day.

These were quickly snapped up by the hungry and thirsty children who had expended so much energy bouncing.



Parents and children of all ages enjoyed the fun day at the town hall. 50\_c42inflatable08



Amelia Anderson, four, enjoys the slide feature on one inflatable. 50\_c42inflatable05



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Shoes were quickly removed as children raced on to the castles. 50\_c42inflatable09



Brothers Mark Byers, six, and Stuart Byers, five, competed in a giant game of connect four. 50\_c42inflatable07



Jessica Belle Newton's parents run Ace Bouncy Castles, which organised the event. 50\_c42inflatable06



Shona Marshall and her daughter, Ailish, three-and-a-half, enjoy the soft play. 50\_c42inflatable03

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# Royal National Mòd in focus



Ross Conner from Campbeltown Grammar School won the Roderick Munro Quaich in the under 15 march competition. He was second in the under 15 Strathspey and reel. 21\_MOD42nf97\_piping



Còisir Òg Ghàidhlig Ìle (Islay) won the unison choral singing competition. 17\_MOD42dm7\_mondaychoir



Left: Singers from Còisir Ghàidhlig Port Ileain with their trophies after a successful day of competition. 21\_MOD42nf189\_choir



Lauren MacDonald of Port Ellen Primary School won the 11-12 years learners poetry recitation. 21\_MOD42nf136\_singing



CalMac board member Sue Bromwell presents Càirdean Ciùll Ìle – a new joint Port Ellen and Bowmore choir – with the Susan Paterson Memorial Trophy. 21\_MOD42nf179\_choir



Port Ellen sisters Eva, 12, and Charlet Rose, 8, Munro both competed in solo singing and poetry competitions at the Mòd on Monday. Charlet was third in her poetry competition. 16\_MOD42ep1



Elizabeth Macmillan-Currie of Islay won the James C MacPhee Memorial Medal for girls' solo singing 13-15 years and the Alexander Hamilton Trophy for highest marks in Gaelic. In a successful Mòd for Elizabeth, she also picked up a second with Còisir Òg Ghàidhlig Ìle in the under 19s puirt-a-beul.



Rowan Morris from Port Ellen Primary School, Islay, with the Cowal Trophy after winning the 9-10 years, learners, poetry recitation. She was also second in the solo singing girls' 9-10 years competition. 21\_MOD42nf128\_singing



Còisir Ghàidhlig Bhogha Mòr (Bowmore Primary School Gaelic Choir) came second in the rural primary school choral competition and third in the puirt-a-beul under 13 learners. 21\_MOD42nf153\_choir



Ryan Johnston, 16, from Islay, who won the 16-18 poetry competition, alongside his 10-year-old cousin, Olivia Gage, from Oban. Ryan also won the boys solo singing 16-18 years open. 17\_MOD42dm3\_mondaypoetry



Twin sisters Rebecca, left, and Rowan Morris with the Angus MacTavich Memorial Trophy after winning the under 13 duet singing competition. Rebecca was also third equal in the poetry recitation 9-10 years learners. 21\_MOD42nf149\_singing

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## 12,000 younger Scots face up to £8.6m rent shortfall from LHA cap, new report confirms

Around 12,000 mainstream social tenants across Scotland aged under 35 could collectively face an annual rent affordability gap of between £5.3 million and £8.6 million when a UK government cap on housing benefit (or the housing element of Universal Credit) for social housing tenants at Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates comes into force in April 2019.

This is a key finding of new research commissioned by the Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland in partnership with the Scottish Government and published on October 11. The research was conducted by the Indigo House Group.

The cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow are likely to be the most severely affected by the policy with 27 per cent of all of Scotland's single Housing Benefit claimants aged under 35 living in these two cities, equivalent to more than 6,500 people. The total weekly shortfall in Edinburgh is expected to be £19,600 and in Glasgow, those affected face a collective weekly shortfall of £18,800.

Analysis of average social sector rents shows the potential financial impact for individuals varies considerably depending on the size of home they are living in and

how social rents compare with LHA rates for the area. Across Scotland, single tenants under the age of 35 living in a one-bedroom home and affected by the cap will face an average shortfall in rent of £6.60 per week. The highest shortfall for one-bedroom homes will be experienced in Edinburgh at £22.09 per week. Meanwhile, there are eight areas showing no shortfalls between the average local one bedroom social rents and the 'cap' LHA rate.

Since October 2015, the UK government has made various proposals and amendments to cap Housing Benefit or the housing element of Universal Credit for social housing tenants at LHA rates, including for those living in supported or temporary accommodation. The proposals are intended to bring payments for social housing tenants in line with those living in the private rented sector. Legislation to implement these proposals has yet to be introduced. However, as the proposals currently stand, single people under 35 years of age will see their allowance capped at the Shared Accommodation Rate (SAR).

An upper estimate of the impact of the policy suggests that around 14,400 tenants

could face a collective shortfall of £8.6 million annually.

These figures were arrived at by calculating the difference between average rents by property size submitted annually to the Scottish Housing Regulator by individual social landlords, comparing this with the SAR in the corresponding local authority area and multiplying this by the estimated total number of social tenants aged under 35 living in that area.

An alternative method using Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) figures was also used. By excluding an estimated 2,500 Housing Benefit claimants aged under

35 who are thought to live in temporary or supported accommodation and may therefore benefit from a partial or total exemption from the proposed LHA cap, the research estimates that the LHA cap would still hit around 12,000 social tenants living in mainstream accommodation with a collective rent shortfall of £5.3 million per year.

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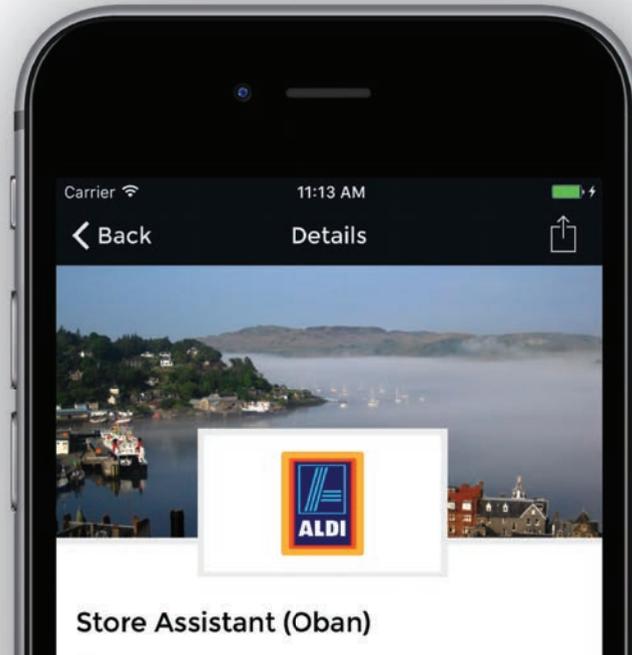
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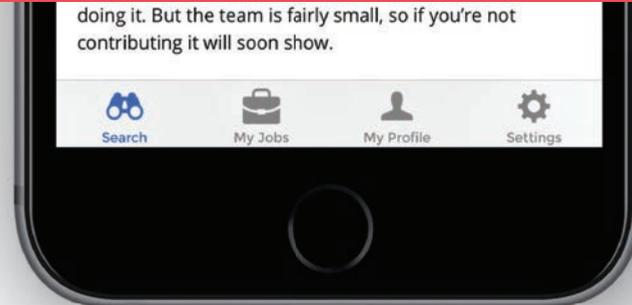
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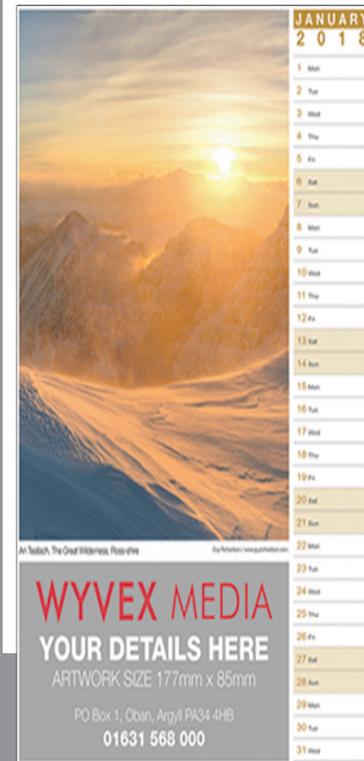
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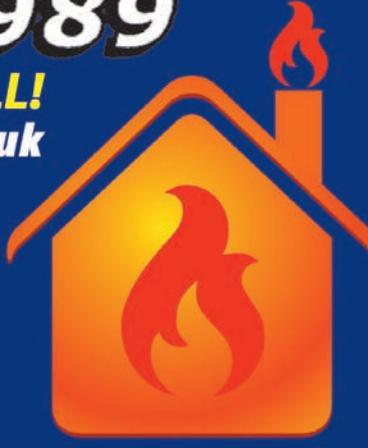
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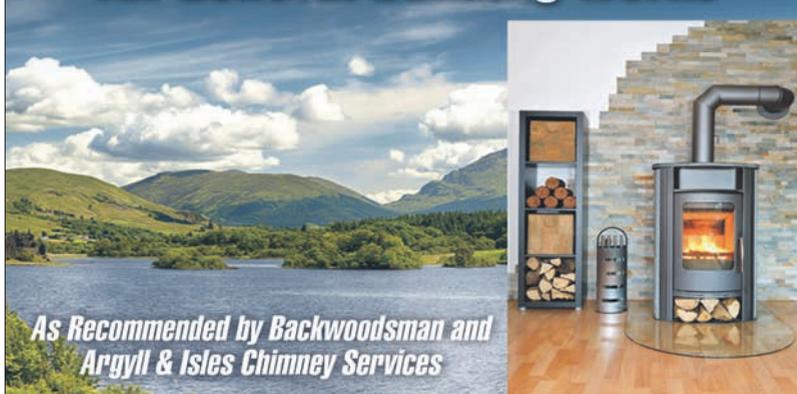


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## FROM OUR FILES

### TEN YEARS AGO

**Friday October 19, 2007**  
Pupils take pride in town

TAKE pride in your town was the catchphrase for boys and girls from Dalintober Primary School when they looked at Campbeltown's Main Street recently.

Using a booklet devised as a partnership project between Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel, Campbeltown Community Council and Campbeltown Trading Association, the pupils developed the theme which was started last year when pupils were asked to write stories and draw pictures based on the 'take pride in your town' theme.

With the help of panel members Eva MacDonald, Cathy Duncan and vice chairman Willie Durance, the pupils spent time looking at buildings and shops in Main Street as well as parking, litter and chewing gum bins.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

**Friday October 23, 1992**  
Superloo sent tax demand

THERE is one Council Tax demand that almost certainly will not be paid - the one that was sent to the 'resident' of a toilet in Campbeltown.

The document arrived at the Superloo in Bolgam Street, much to the amazement of the attendant, Mr George Kelly.

Strathclyde Regional Council sent out the forms last week, announcing that anyone not returning the document within 21 days would be in line for a hefty fine.

Mr Kelly said: 'I have heard of people taking their work home with them, but this is ridiculous.

'Obviously there is no actual resident in a toilet.

'It's certainly going to be interesting to see what happens when no-one actually



Dalintober P7 pupils with Cathy Duncan, Eva MacDonald MBE, and Willie Durance. c42files01

replies to this demand - who are Strathclyde Regional Council going to force to pay these fines?'

'You can imagine our amazement when we received the document. I don't for one minute think it will go any further, but you never know,' he added.

A spokesperson for Strathclyde Regional Council's Finance Department was amazed when informed of the blunder.

'I have absolutely no idea how this could have happened.'

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

**Thursday October 26, 1967**  
Kelly back for big cup-tie

ONE OF the most controversial bans in local soccer ends today, when Tommy Kelly 'gets his book back'.

He was suspended by Kintyre Amateur Football League Disciplinary Committee for six months after being accused of almost every footballing offence - swearing, fouling, dangerous play, threatening the referee and threatening a member of the disciplinary committee.

Kelly's loss to his club, Pupils, came as a serious disappointment and it was only after several matches that they found their form again. Writing to the

Courier that same week, Kelly made a public protest against what he called the 'harsh' way he had been treated by the committee. He also denied striking the referee and threatening a committee member. Kelly ended his letter by saying that he objected to his case being heard at all without himself there to defend it.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

**Saturday October 30, 1917**

Fortunes from Loch Fyne Herring

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Some of the younger men who have only a share in a boat are known to have reaped income up to £750. The abnormal value of the Loch Fyne herring has been created mainly by reason of the scarcity of white fish generally. But even at its present value the retail cost of herring is not considered as dear as the price of most other articles of food.

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I AM WRITING this on the very wild and stormy island of Arran in the lovely village of Kildonan.

The weather has been dreadful and we are now awaiting the remnants of hurricane Ophelia to batter us.

Our holiday house is right on the beach and looks across to the islands of Pladda and Ailsa Craig.

The waves are huge and the sea is acting out its own exciting drama.

Seabirds are tossed about on the sea currents and the trees are almost bent backwards.

The barks of our colliers disappear silently into the wind.

I have been reading the information in the cottage and have been fascinated by the evolutionary story of this lovely island.

Evidently just on the beach in front of us, footprints have been found of dinosaur activity around 240 million years ago.

This particular type of dinosaur was known as Isochirotheorium herculis, which translates as 'hand beast' simply because the rear footprints resemble a human hand. I was amazed when I saw the photographs as the prints are exactly like a human hand.

It is remarkable to think that life has been on this small island for more than 240 million years. What a small part we play in this huge drama of life and can we possibly contemplate the next 240 million years?

Personally I doubt very much if our planet will be around in another 240 million years.

However we are called to do what we can to protect this planet while we can.

We are called to be good stewards and to look after our world.

Eco-terrorism threatens this beautiful globe and unless we take action now, human beings will be but forgotten footprints in the sand.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

The Bible says, 'Honour one another above yourselves' (Romans 12:9).

**GOLDEN WEDDINGS**

**MCARTHUR** - Iain and Elma (née McSpornan), married at Chleit Church, on October 20, 1967, by Rev C Henderson. Congratulations and lots of love from all the family

**RANKIN** - Billy to Margaret (née McGuire), on October 20, 1967, in Castlehill Church, by the Rev John Cormack. Present address, Woodlands Drive, Campbeltown.

**DIAMOND WEDDINGS**



**PATERSON - BELL**

At Bearsden South Church, on October 25, 1957, Colin O Paterson to Edna J Bell. Congratulations from all the family.

**DEATHS**

**FINDLAY** - Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 13, 2017, Ewan Robertson Findlay, in his 70th year, 10e Burnbank, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Nan, much loved father of June, good friend and pops to John and a loving brother and uncle.

**HADDOW** - Peacefully, surrounded by his family, on October 15, 2017, Duncan Douglas Haddow, in his 64th year, Dunmar, Longrow, dearly beloved husband of Margaret, much loved father of Neil, Douglas and David, loving brother of Iain and the late Martin and a loved father-in-law of Jet. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, today Friday, October 20, 2017 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cancer Research UK.

**MACARTHUR** - Peacefully at home, The Flush, Machrihanish Road, Campbeltown, surrounded by her family, on October 16, 2017, Janet MacArthur, née Morrison, in her 81st year, dearly beloved wife of the late Hugh MacArthur, much loved mother of Hugh and Georgina and a beloved sister and aunt. Funeral private.

**MACFARLANE** - Peacefully, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on October 12, 2017, Janetta (Netta) MacFarlane, née MacNeill, aged 83 years, of Rudha-Loisgte, Pier Road, Tarbert and formerly of Gigha, beloved wife of the late James MacFarlane, much loved mum of Mairi, Agnes, Elizabeth, Calum, Margaret, Jamie, Iain and Dugald and adored granny and great granny. Cherished sister of Angus, Malcolm, Kenneth and the late Betty, Mary, Ian, Duncan and Lily. A dear sister-in-law, aunt, great aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Tarbert Parish Church, on Thursday, October 19, 2017, followed by interment at Carrick Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

**ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS**

**CAMERON** - Jennifer, Fraser, Laura and Kate would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of John. Special thanks to Macmillan nurses, district nurses and doctors at Southend Surgery for all the kind care and attention over the last few weeks. Our thanks also to Rev Steve Fulcher for the uplifting service, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their caring and professional

services, to the committee of Dunaverty Hall and to Argyll Bakeries for the excellent catering. Finally, our thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality and Cancer Research UK raised £2,600.

**MUIR** - Kenneth, Sadie and Fiona wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss. They would also like to thank the Rev Hilda Smith for very fitting tributes at both services, Mr R MacDonald for his extremely helpful, caring and professional handling of all the funeral arrangements, and the Stag Hotel for an excellent purvey. Most of all, they would like to thank all who attended the services.

**WILLIAMSON** - Isobel and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards, messages of condolence, letters and baking following the sad loss of her beloved husband, Jim. Sincere thanks to the Rev Steve Fulcher for a most moving and poignant service, to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their caring attention, and to The Glen Restaurant for providing the excellent lunch. Thanks to Dr Elder and the local ambulance and medical services. To the dedicated staff of Glasgow Royal Infirmary, special thanks, especially to the Coronary Care Unit. The retiral collection raised over £560 for the unit.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**CAIRNS** - In loving memory of Duncan, husband and father, grandfather and great grandfather, who died October 25, 2016. Missed so much every day, and thank you for all the happiest of times. - Maura, James and Maria.

**MUIR** - Precious memories. I never ask for miracles, But today just one would do, To see the front door open, And see my dad walk through. - Love, Angela, Kenny and Kerr.

**WILSON** - Lewis Robert, much loved son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend to many, died October 21, 2016. Never forgotten. - With love from us all xxxx.

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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
Sunday 22nd October 2017  
Cumlodden  
Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am

**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service at 11.30am  
Preacher: Mrs. Margaret Sinclair  
ALL WELCOME

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
Sunday 22nd October  
Service at 11 am  
Speaker: Graham McLean  
'That I may win Christ'  
Followed by a light lunch  
ALL WELCOME

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
Sunday 22nd October  
Skipness Service 10am  
Mr John Morrison  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Jen Zielinski  
Kilberry Service 2pm  
T. B. A.  
Guild meets  
Monday 23rd October  
Tarbert Church Hall 2.30pm

For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735  
Everyone very welcome  
Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622  
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**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
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Achaohish at 12:30pm  
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from Noon till 2:00pm in Ardrishaig Church.  
Stay as long as you like (includes corporate worship 12:45pm-1:15pm)

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**  
Christ Church  
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Sundays 11.00am  
Eucharist & Coffee  
St Columba's, Poltalloch (SC031391)  
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Holy Communion  
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong  
Father Simon Mackenzie 01546 602315

**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 (SC0002876)

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
22nd October 2017  
Sunday Worship Kilmartin 11.45am  
Rev. C. R. Acklam  
Thurs 26th October  
Messy Church Kilmartin  
4pm - 6pm Living Stones, Kilmartin  
All welcome  
SC0 02121

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church:  
Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277

**Sunday 22nd October**  
Pentecost 20  
Holy Communion 10.45am  
followed by Living our Vision part 2  
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141  
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday Service  
11.00 am with Sunday School followed by refreshments  
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  
[www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk)  
SC043322

**free church of scotland**  
George Street, Campbeltown

**Sunday 22nd October**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Rodger Crooks

**Wednesday 25th October**  
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
2.00pm Water of Life Café

**All Welcome**  
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Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
Sunday 22 October  
Tayvallich Church 10 am  
Rev. C. Acklam  
Saturday 21 October  
Achnamara Hall 10.30am  
Café Connect  
Achnamara Hall 12.30pm  
Alpha - 'Why did Jesus die?'  
Monday 23 October  
Tayvallich Church 10.30am  
Prayer Time  
Wednesday 25 October  
Tayvallich Church 7.30pm  
Session Meeting  
Thursday 26 October  
Messy Church 4-6pm  
All Age Event  
Living Stones, Kilmartin  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
[www.northknappdale.org](http://www.northknappdale.org)

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
Sunday 22nd October  
Family Communion Service  
11.00am  
Mr John Ives, Southend  
All welcome

**Wednesday 25th October**  
Bible Study and Prayer  
12.30pm at the Free Church and  
7.30pm at Springbank  
Enquiries 01586 551200  
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SC014646

**Highland Parish Church**

SCO02493  
**Sunday 22nd October**  
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in Church at 11.15am  
**Badminton Club Registration Night Tuesday 24th October**  
Kirk Hall at 6.30pm  
Primary 1-7  
Annual subscription £2.00  
All welcome.

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 22nd October**  
11.15am Morning Worship  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1  
Rev P Wallace

**Monday 23rd October**  
Guild 7.30pm  
New Hall

**Tuesday 24th October**  
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
Company Section 7.00pm  
New Hall

**Thursday 26th October**  
Choir

**Friday 27th October**  
Lunch Club  
12.00 noon New Hall

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6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Wednesday**  
12.15pm Lunch Club  
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.  
7pm Make and Munch  
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**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study  
Majors Ben & Ruth Russell  
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Vigil Mass Saturday 6pm  
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Sunday 10am  
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**KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
meeting to be held on  
**Friday 27th October**  
at 7.30pm in  
Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown  
Guest speaker: Asaf Pelled, from Christian Witness to Israel.  
Discussion time will follow main address.  
Tea/coffee served after the meeting  
Everyone most welcome.

# Tousy tie a 'great advert for amateur football'

## SAFL Premier Division 1

**Campbeltown Pupils 3**  
**Barrhead Arky 3**

By Alex McKinven

THIS match was a great advert for amateur football in Scotland, a rousing 90 minutes that had everything from fine team goals to individual excellence, with both sides prepared to go the extra mile to take full points from an important head-to-head fixture.

Weaknesses, if any, were few and far between, and in the end both sides had to settle for a share of the points as the final whistle blew.

It was one of those games when even the

spectators were out of breath, an end-to-end affair from start to finish, coloured by fine goals and goalmouth incidents.

The McFadyens-sponsored Pupils were first to make their mark in the 18th minute, with Gregor McFadyen taking advantage of some desperate goalmouth defending to lash the ball high into the roof of the net from close range.

Barrhead were not intimidated, and came roaring back with a clever finish from centre forward Tam McGauchey.

A strong old-fashioned striker, he turned the home defence to

find space on the end of a fine through ball, racing clear to finish in clinical fashion with a delicate chip beyond the despairing home goalkeeper in the 23rd minute of the match.

This match could be compared to a no-holds-barred boxing match, but only in a competitive vein, as first one side, then the other, tried to gain the upper hand.

Barrhead kept probing away, and once more exposed space behind the home rear-guard in the 37th minute, when Brian McWilliam broke from midfield to round Robert Coffield in goal and steer the visitors into



Exhilaration from the Pupils when the ball hits the back of the net. 50\_c42pupils12

a deserved half-time lead.

Things were beginning to look bleak early in the second half after the Pupils conceded a free kick in a dangerous position some 30 yards from goal. Up stepped Tam McGauchey, and the striker sent a Griffith-type 'howitzer' in off the post to put clear water between the sides with 47 minutes on the clock.

Nevertheless, the Pupils rose to the task, mounting a comeback in the 59th min-

ute when Gregor McFadyen ghosted in to send a vicious header into the net as the visiting defence stood and admired the goal.

It was the beginning of the home side's best spell, and a number of substitutions brought fresh legs and renewed desire to the cause.

Relentlessly pouring forward, the Pupils threatened to overrun the opposition in the final quarter, and it was no surprise when Gary Grumoli scored a glorious equaliser with 15 minutes of the match

remaining. As a ball came back off the defence, he launched forward to steer a diving header just inside the far post, a clever goal to set-up a grandstand finish to an already fine match.

Both sides appeared to settle for a draw at this point, and even although either team could have 'nicked' it in the final few minutes, a share of the points was the correct result.

Man of the match for the home side was Ryan Deans. This was

without doubt his best 90 minutes in a Pupils shirt.



Tensions were high when Gary Grumoli was brought down. 50\_c42pupils18



An Arky player collides with Pupil Gregor McFadyen.

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## Lotto draws

THE WINNING numbers in the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery drawn on Monday were 4, 5 and 13.

There were no winners and the jackpot next Monday will be £600.

The draw for Dunaverty's three number lotto was made last Sunday.

The winning numbers were 3, 6, and 15, but there were no winners.

The next draw for a jackpot of £700 is on October 29.



## Tennis club's October ace action

WET WEATHER has dogged the season's close at Campbeltown tennis club but not hindered builders who have installed a wheelchair ramp and handrail.

If any sunshine can be found, members plan to play the previously cancelled gents' doubles on Sunday at noon sharp.

Later, at 2pm, there will be a final fun tournament before the club shuts. The season's prize-winners will be presented with their trophies for a *Courier* photo.

It will be the final chance to 'enjoy' the characterful clubhouse before it is demolished and works begin to erect an improved building ready for March 2018.

Campbeltown tennis club's ramshackle pavilion.

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### Home game for Carradale

CARRADALE AFC will return to league action this week-end when they play St Thomas AFC at home.

The Greater Glasgow amateur football league match will kick off at Campbeltown's all weather 3G pitch at 2pm tomorrow (Saturday), with Archie Mitchell as referee.

'Dale's last match was cancelled due to the away team's pitch being flooded, so the players will be glad to get back into action.

### Week two darts results

JAMES Ronald had a finish of 113 for Whisky Macs and James White 103 finish for Ailsa B in week two of the Campbeltown darts league.

Full results: Fiddlers 6 Kinloch B2, Whisky Macs 2 Kilbrannan A6, Burnside 6 Ailsa 2, Ailsa B7 Southend 1 and Kinloch A2 Kilbrannan C6.

# Team Wolfgang wrestlers benefit Clachan hall fund

TARBERT Village Hall was transformed into a wrestling arena recently as a capacity crowd watched Glasgow Pro Wrestling Asylum (GPWA) stars battle it out.

Raising money for the Clachan Village Fund, the wrestling performances saw teams headed by WWE superstar Wolfgang and Scottish pro wrestler Jack Jester.

The crowd was delighted to witness wrestling moves that are usually seen only on television.

As the final match approached with both teams drawn on points, Jack Jester and Wolf-

gang went head-to-head.

With the crowd siding with Wolfgang, also known as the Big Bad Wolf, the match eventually sprawled outside the ring and among the crowd. The game went back and forth with no hint of a winner.

As the match drew to an end, all 16 wrestlers approached the ring to help win the fight for their captain.

With the crowd running to follow the action around the ring, the referee soon stopped the brawl, ensuring it was back to Wolfgang and Jester to battle to the very end.

Following the mad



Wolfgang jumps into the air before winning his match against Jack Jester. 08\_a41wolfgang01

brawl, Jester decided with Wolfgang. He was to grab a spare chair to abruptly stopped by the referee, much to the

disappointment of the crowd.

Despite Jack Jester getting some help from his team mates and putting up a lengthy fight, Wolfgang was crowned winner following a final power lift which saw the end of the match.

A crowd favourite, there were chants across the hall as Wolfgang's team took the honours.

Following the match, the Big Bad Wolf was enthusiastic about the event.

He said: 'It was a great event, we'd love to come back. It's a great venue and a terrific crowd.'

### Scottish Amateur FL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: West of Scotland Cup, third round - Braehead 0, Oban Saints 4; East Kilbride Rolls Royce v Helensburgh postponed; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 3, Barrhead Arky 3; Premier Division Two - Carlton YM v Lochgilphead Red Star postponed; Tarbert 1, Castlemilk 5.

This Saturday's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup, third round - East Kilbride Rolls Royce v Helensburgh; Premier Division - Goldenhill v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Neilston v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Busby v Tarbert; Lochgilphead Red Star v Millbeg.

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## SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £1050

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

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W Gillespie Shore Street Campbeltown

**All you have to do**  
We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball. **Entry will be void if crosses overlap.** Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries. If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

**Easy to enter**  
Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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### SAFL Premier One

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A PHYSICAL 90 minutes on Campbeltown's all-weather 3G pitch saw Campbeltown's Pupils draw with Barrhead Arky, as tackles on and off the ball threatened to spoil the match.

The pupils took the lead but ended up 2-1 down at half time.

Early in the second half, Arky scored again after a 30-yard free kick which went in off the post.

Three-one down, the Pupils managed to get back into the match only minutes later, and scored from a corner.

Around the hour mark, an undeterred Pupils side levelled the game.

It was a tight game, but the Pupils have shown that their fire has been reignited in this year's title race.

For more on the match, see page 26.

Pupils player Gary Grumoli had to be carried off the pitch by his brother Paul and Jamie Burns. He was injured in an incident which led to angry exchanges. 50\_c42pupils19

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