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Soldier silhouettes honour Great War's fallen heroes

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A Kintyre village church is holding a week-long programme of remembrance events to mark the centenary of the end of World War I.

The main feature of the events organised by Clachan's Kilcalmonell Parish Church and running from November 4 to 11, will be an installation representing the fallen – 20 transparent soldier silhouette sculptures – as part of the There But Not There campaign by charity Remembrance.

Ten of the figures, known as Tommys, were donated by the Armed Forces Covenant, while the other 10 were purchased by the church.

Clachan, which has a population of about 250, lost 15 young men during the war, at a time when the population was much smaller.

The men's names are remembered on the gates of the church, which is the village's official war memorial and houses a Commonwealth War Grave.

At the close of the church

service on Sunday November 4 there will be a procession of the silhouettes into the church, where they will be placed around the altar.

As each one enters the church, the name, rank and regiment of some of the fallen will be read out.

Some of the silhouettes are to represent others affected by the war – emergency services, wives, mothers and daughters.

After the service, the silhouettes will be placed at random in the pews and will remain there throughout the week.

On Monday, from 7-8pm, there will be an evening of music, readings, poems and letters from the First World War; Tuesday, from 7-8pm, there will be citations of medals won by Scottish servicemen; Wednesday, from 11am to noon, school children will visit and contribute; Thursday, from 7-8pm, there will be more poems and stories from the trenches; Friday, from 7-8pm, the focus will be on the home front, of tales and thoughts of those back home; Saturday, at 7.30am, at the specific request of the

late Reverend Catriona Hood, those who were shot at dawn, who have since been pardoned, will be remembered.

The week culminates in an 'act of remembrance' at the memorial gates on Sunday November 11, before a service in the church, after which the silhouettes will be removed from the church to form a silent guard of honour to the war memorial.

The church will remain open each day to allow people to visit and see the silhouettes in situ or spend some time in quiet reflection and remembrance.

Former moderator of the Presbytery of Argyll Marilyn Shedden, who will be leading Saturday's dawn service, said: 'As we approach the 100th anniversary of the end of that awful war, we pause to remember these terrible years of suffering.'

'At this tender time there will be a special opportunity to look back, and through poems, readings, letters, music, pictures and stories, hear and feel a little of those who went to fight for a future freedom.'

Coastguards honoured



A trio of HM Coastguards with a total of 95 years' service and their supportive wives were honoured at a gala dinner last Saturday. Certificates and a bar to the men's 25-year-long service medals were presented at the Argyll Hotel event. From left: Elizabeth Conley and Willie Conley with 35 years' service; Kerry Houston and Robert Houston, David Gillies and Joanne Gillies. See page three for more about Kintyre's first major Argyll-wide Coastguard exercise. 25_c44coastguards01

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Flying start to darts season

Campbeltown District Darts Association's new season got off to a flying start on Monday.

There were 180s by Robert Allan Jnr and Dennis O'Brien for Kinloch A, Gavin McLachlan for the Burnside and Robert Black for Kilbrannan C.

Week one's full results:
Kilbrannan A 6 Fiddlers 2,
Kinloch A 2 Ailsa B 6, Ailsa
A 8 Kinloch B 0, Burnside 7
Kilbrannan C 1.

Christmas concert cancelled

Kintyre Music Club (KMC) has cancelled its Christmas concert due to be held on December 7.

An extra concert date will be added to the second half of KMC's season.

Golf lotto results

There were no winners in Machrihanish Golf Club's three-number lottery draw on Monday. The winning numbers were 3, 5 and 11.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £700, is on November 5.

Lib Dems meet for Inveraray gathering

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South Kintyre councillor Rory Colville was elected as a Lib Dem vice convener at the party's Inveraray annual general meeting.

Edinburgh West MSP Alex Cole Hamilton was the guest speaker at the Argyll and Bute Liberal Democrats' event last Saturday.

Mr Cole Hamilton said: 'I'm delighted to be in Inveraray which is stunningly beautiful in the autumn sunshine.'

'We are keeping up our campaigns for a People's Vote on Brexit and to keep Scotland strong in both the UK and the EU.'

The other office bearers elected were convener - Cathy McInnes (Inveraray); vice convener - Alison Hay (Minard); secretary - Ross Moreland (Dunoon); treasurer - Bill



Staley (Ardrihaig); and membership secretary - councillor Alan Reid (Dunoon).

Edinburgh West MSP Alex Cole Hamilton, front row, centre, with Lib Dem members including Argyll and Bute council leader Aileen Morton and councillors Alan Reid and Rory Colville. NO_c44libdem01



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Pan fried Gigha halibut fillet with sautéed potatoes, green beans and sauce vierge
Oven baked aubergine stuffed with vegetable ratatouille served with green pesto risotto and steamed asparagus

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Bite and a blether is just the tonic

Last Saturday Isabel McConachie and Florence Allan enjoyed a blether as they supported the Scottish Bible Society's Kintyre Action Group fundraiser at Lorne and Lowland church's old hall.

Ms McConachie and Ms Allan, who are both partially sighted, said they gain a thorough briefing in Campbeltown news on Mondays, when an audio version of the *Courier* is delivered on a pen stick.

Ms McConachie joked that she knows much more about



Isabel McConachie and Florence Allan.
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farming than she ever did when reading the paper.

'Every bit of the paper is read out, including all the bits

I never read in the past,' said Ms McConachie.

For more on this fundraiser, turn to page 17.

POLICE FILES

Charged

Two drivers, a 50-year-old woman and a 34-year-old man, were charged after they were stopped for exceeding the speed limit on the A83 near Bellochantuy on Monday October 22.

Church theft

At 9am on Tuesday October 23, it was discovered that cash and a mobile phone had been stolen from the Free Church, George Street, Campbeltown.

Police enquiries resulted in a 44-year-old woman, who was found with amphetamine and cannabis, being arrested

and charged with the theft that day.

Speeding driver

A 21-year-old man was charged after he was stopped for exceeding the speed limit at about 11pm on Thursday October 25, on the A83, about one mile north of Campbeltown.

Drunk driver

A 26-year-old woman was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol at about 5.05pm on Sunday October 28, on Millknowe, Campbeltown. The woman, who also behaved in an

abusive manner, was charged with the offences.

Abusive

A 28-year-old man was arrested and charged after behaving in an abusive manner at about 1.05am on Sunday October 28, in Main Street, Campbeltown.

Arrested

A 31-year-old man was arrested and charged and issued with a £40 fixed penalty notice after behaving in an abusive manner at about 2am on Sunday October 28, in a hotel in Port Ellen, Islay.

Campbeltown hosts huge Coastguard training day

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Coastguards from across Argyll and three trainers from the Southampton headquarters rocked up on Saturday in Campbeltown.

The Argyll area 17 training exercise was the first in Kintyre and the region's largest ever.

It drew in expertise from at least eight staff and 24 Campbeltown and Southend volunteers, plus coastguards from Mull, Oban, Tarbert and Arran.

In addition, three training staff officers, from Southampton, jetted in to assist at four specific exercises which groups moved round in rotation.

The area coastal operations commander Jonathan Hart, a former disaster, emergency and resilience officer working



with the police in Inverness, He was assisted by senior coastal operations officer,

Coastguard's helmet colours signify their roles. In this photograph senior coastal operations officer Adrian Kay is in white, Matt Stickels, a training control staff officer from Southampton is in yellow, in blue are the Kintyre area volunteers and wearing a red tabard is the officer in charge of the exercise or operation. 25_c44coastguards02

Kathrine Duffin, in charge of radioed instructions from the RNLI office on the Old Quay. Mr Hart, 55, said: 'Campbeltown is a really important area because there is lots going on, the Southend, Campbeltown and Tarbert teams are exemplary in their approach.

'One of the most successful rescues ever was last year,

when surfer Matthew Bryce was saved after 32 hours in the sea.

'The main purpose is to give our volunteer team leaders technical and personal inputs and look at how to run large maritime incidents.

'The exercise's aim is to make sure all the 17 teams of 160 volunteers are fully trained to equal standards.

'It is about people and equipment and training. We are working closely with the RNLI and Police Scotland to bring a multi-agency slant to the exercise.

'On Saturday morning we had four different technical work stations: recovering people from water; working with the all-weather lifeboat and D class inshore boat; vertical recovery: rescuing people from inside sunken boats and casualty care: how we work to hand casualties to

the ambulance service.

'In the afternoon we looked at a scenario of people missing in the 'litoral' zone which is the area between the sea and land.

'The exercise will involve searching for casualties on Davaar Island.'

Southampton trainer Matt Stickels, 45, a full-time coastguard officer after 17 years as a volunteer, attended to run a specific input on LAMPS - the acronym for lost and missing persons search.

Mr Stickels said: 'During any training session it is not an issue if a volunteer makes a mistake.

'We always encourage people to ask as many questions as they like and we will give the answer.'

Mr Hart added: 'It is about building confidence and passing on lessons learned from previous incidents.'

Kintyre distilleries welcome budget's spirits duty freeze

One of Kintyre's oldest distilleries and one of its newest have welcomed the decision to continue the freeze on spirits duty, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

In Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond's autumn budget, the duty rate on spirits remains £28.74 per litre of pure alcohol.

Management at Glen Scotia Distillery, a producer of single malt Scotch whisky, founded in 1832, and Beinn an Tuirc Distillers, a sustainable gin producer which officially opened in August this year, have praised the decision.

Glen Scotia manager Iain McAlister said: 'I think this is the correct decision, after all the spirits industry is one of the most heavily taxed in Europe and this freeze will only help to boost further investment and expansion of one of the United Kingdom's most successful exports.

'For the chancellor to have the foresight and avoid any additional tax hikes is vital for hard pressed rural economies, where the whisky industry is such a big part of local life.'

Niall Macalister Hall,



director of Beinn an Tuirc Distillers, said: 'We're delighted duty has been frozen. For a small producer in what is only our second year of production, any price rise would have had to be passed to the consumer. 'In a very competitive market such as gin, where new producers are arriving on the scene on an almost daily basis, this could have impacted on our competitiveness and driven down sales.

'If you look at the duty that is paid on a bottle of 70cl Kintyre Gin, then it already equates to £8.65, which is a considerable percentage of the retail price.'

While taxes on spirits, beer and cider have all been frozen, wine duty is set to rise by 3.1 per cent.

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Mini-rugby Dalriada

Players, coaches and parents of Argyll's young rugby fanatics scrummed down to Campbeltown for a Dalriada festival.

Last Saturday's event saw a great turnout of players from Campbeltown, Kintyre, Mid Argyll and Etive Vikings making their first foray to the deep south of the peninsula.

The Meadows matches, from 11am to 1pm, included teams from P4-7, U14 boys and U15 girls. Rugby development officer Allan Wright said: 'It was great to have such encouraging numbers for the U14 boys' game between Mid Argyll and Kintyre and also for Campbeltown U15 Girls.

'John, Chris, Duncan, Mick

along with their team of parents put on a great show for all the visitors.' Mini Rugby scores from Saturday were: P4/5: Oban Lorne 1-6 Etive Vikings; Kintyre 3-8 Mid Argyll; Etive Vikings 6-1 Kintyre; Mid Argyll 4-6 Oban Lorne; Etive Vikings 6-4 Mid Argyll; Oban Lorne 5-5 Kintyre. P6/7: Kintyre 5-3 Mid Argyll; Oban Lorne 1-2 Etive Vikings; Mid Argyll 3-3 Oban Lorne; Etive Vikings 8-3 Etive Vikings; Oban Lorne 8-4 Kintyre; Etive Vikings 6-1 Mid Argyll.

This Sunday is the Oban Lorne Dalriada Festival, noon at Glencruitten for P4/5, P6/7 and U14 Boys. On November 11 the fun shifts to Lochaber from noon at Banavie.

Off-road time trial given yellow jersey

Mountain bikers who competed in Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club's inaugural off-road time trial gave it the thumbs-up, writes Mark Davey.

Perfect sunny but cool conditions with hardly a breath of wind saw 15 riders of all abilities head for the Lussa Loch TT at 11am on Sunday morning.

Club chairman Robert Semple gave his usual safety briefing before the event being run in a semi-remote location.

Despite the clear conditions, he gave a word of warning when he advised riders to take great care particularly on descents, saying: 'If you go into a ditch on this course you'll not be climbing back out of it.'

It was not just the premiere time trial on forest roads for KWCC but for some road riders, the 6.5-mile event was their first time on mountain



The 15 competitors line up at the start. 25_c44KWCC104

bikes. Alex Binnie, dubbed the 'rocket man', finished first and said: 'Yet another well organised event, Robbie.

'I really enjoyed it today, over the moon with my time but I'm pretty sure I'll not be top of the winter league for long, but in the meantime I'm loving it.'

Cycling crofter Emma Smith, from Taynuilt, came in second having spent the previous day beating for pheasant at Ormsary.

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A competitor races away at the start as the sun glints off Lussa Loch. 25_c44KWCC111

director Tom Millar said: 'Very well organised, Robbie; well done, Alex, a great race.'

The full results: 1 Alex Binnie 27.20; 2 Emma Smith 30.15; 3 Robbie Semple 30.16; 4 Jim Cretton 30.20; 5 Malcolm McFadzean 30.51; 6 Iain McGougan 30.57; 7= Kathryn McGeachy, Elaine McGeachy 37.03; 8 Colin Stalker 37.29; 9 Tom Millar 37.4; 10 Lynsay McGeachy 39.03; 11 James Murdoch 45.18 (sweeper); 12 Catrina Semple 48.36; 13 Margaret Sinclair 49.37; 14 Dougal Jones (punctured) 50.18.



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Campbeltown Bowling Club champions.

Bowling club's champions crowned

Campbeltown Bowling Club's best bowlers were rewarded with silverware at the club's annual outdoor season prize-giving.

The event, at which presidents Duncan MacInnes and Susan Gilchrist presented trophies, was well attended by winners and club members.

Prize-winners:
Championship: Bobby Dalziel, runner-up Jimmy Anderson.

Ladies' championship: Shirley Bannatyne, runner-up Susan Gilchrist.

President's prize: Jimmy Anderson, runner-up Bobby Dalziel.

Ladies' president's prize: Shirley Bannatyne, runner-up Catherine McEachran.

Hoynes' Cup: Gary Anderson, runner-up Gavin McLachlan.

Fisherman's Trophy: Shirley Bannatyne, runner-up Shona Anderson.

Centenary Trophy: John McLean, runner-up Dugald Graham.

Past Presidents: Jimmy Anderson, runner-up Steven Dickson.

Ladies' Past Presidents: Shirley Bannatyne, runner-up Susan Gilchrist.

Senior Singles: Hugh MacDonald, runner-up

Alistair Mackay. Blue Trophy: Alex Black, runner-up George Allan.

Ladies' Two Bowl: Susan Gilchrist, runner-up Shirley Bannatyne.

Men's Two Bowl: Archie Johnston, runner-up Alex Black.

Novice Singles: Ryan McLachlan, runner-up Charles Lang.

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MOK Bookfest 2019 to open a new chapter

The concept of a Campbeltown book festival moved a step closer during a town hall meeting.

Two authors, one of theology books, the other a thriller writer, were among 14 people at the recent discussion.

Explore Campbeltown, Explore Kintyre and Gigha, Campbeltown Town Hall and Campbeltown Library were represented and everyone present agreed to form an ad hoc committee. It was agreed to ask a delegation from Tarbert Book Festival to attend the next meeting.

A possible month for holding MOK Bookfest 2019 was provisionally agreed as either September or October.

Crime fiction writer Campbeltown's Denzil Meyrick was not present at the meeting but is keen to support the event.

Mr Meyrick added: 'The choice of name (MOK Bookfest 2019) is hackneyed and too much like other events in the area. It has to be distinctive. The idea of holding it in September/October is disastrous. Most of the biggest literary festivals in the UK and Europe are held within that period. You will struggle to attract any reasonably big names. I'm just back from one in Germany, having appeared at three others within that time period.'

Everyone is welcome at the next meeting. The group will meet on Thursday November 15 at 7pm in Campbeltown Town Hall Chambers.

Thoughts turn to Christmas

The Kintyre branch of Macmillan Cancer Support is hosting a Thoughts of Christmas fundraiser tonight (Friday) from 7.30pm.

For £10, guests can enjoy an evening with John Beveridge and John Titterton and cocktails with Donald Brown.

Tickets for the Campbeltown Bowling Club event, which also includes a buffet and wine, are only available from George McMillan newsagents on Main Street.



Sweet Tiny Tots turn on the charm at party

Some of Campbeltown's tiniest tots proved they are not terrors but are actually very sweet.

Babies and toddlers from the Tiny Tots group dressed up in colourful costumes for their harvest party in the Lorne and Lowland Church's new hall on Tuesday.

Most avoided scary characters, choosing to go as princesses, superheroes and animals.

They were on their best behaviour for the *Courier's* photographer but, by the time the group had assembled, they were far more interested in getting back to the party than posing!

Left: Most of the Tiny Tots at their harvest party.

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CAMPBELTOWN SHERIFF COURT

Hotel row man fined

A Crianlarich man threw bottles during an argument at a Kintyre hotel, a Campbeltown court heard.

Sentence was deferred, for reports, at an earlier hearing when Alexander Richard Gordon Bell, 28, of Laurelbank Hotel, Crianlarich, pleaded guilty to two charges of behaving in a threatening or abusive manner during an incident on July 17.

Social work reports about Bell were positive and he was fined £150 on each charge.

Disqualified after police office visit

A driver made enquiries at Campbeltown police office while smelling of alcohol.

On October 9, Alexander Sheridan, 77, of 49 Millburn Crescent, Armadale, asked officers about possible road closures on the A83.

Police officers smelt alcohol on his breath and Sheridan was stopped as he drove away. He was found to be over the drink drive limit, with 33 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath while the limit is 22mgs.

He was charged and told officers he had had about half a bottle of whisky the previous night but took his last drink at 11.45pm.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes disqualified Sheridan, who pleaded guilty, for 12 months and told him that if he

completed the drink drivers' rehabilitation programme, the ban would be reduced by three months. Sheridan was also fined £250.

Troublemaking teenager tagged

An 18-year-old man was warned by a Campbeltown sheriff that his drinking was becoming 'intolerable to the community'.

At a recent hearing, John Townsley, of 20 Glenside, was sentenced to 200 hours of unpaid work and ordered to wear an electronic tag for eight months forcing him to remain at home by restricting his liberty between 8pm and 5am.

Townsley had previously admitted four charges, two of assaulting police officers on December 6 last year and, while on bail for the first two offences, he caused malicious damage by punching a car on May 27, on July 4 he was abusive when striking a door and he behaved in a threatening and abusive manner on August 16.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'You drink to excess and cause a lot of pain and suffering to other people. You could have received a sentence of more than a year for these offences.'

'This is the last time you will appear in this court and not leave in handcuffs.'

Jura driver disqualified

When police officers stopped a hatchback that was swerv-

ing across a Jura road, they found the woman driver heavily intoxicated.

Margaret Boyle, 67, of Knockrome, had been to Jura Festival on September 22 and was driving 'very slowly' in front of officers at 10.40pm.

Due to the location, a ferry was called and Boyle was taken to an Islay police office, where she was found to be four-and-a-half times over the drink drive limit.

Sheriff Hughes disqualified Boyle, who had pleaded

guilty, for 12 months and fined her £320.

Driver banned

'I don't stop for blue lights,' an East Kilbride van driver told police officers, who suspected he had been drink driving.

Self-employed plumber Raymond Allison, 31, of 4 Dalmellington Drive, was spotted driving erratically on the A83 in Campbeltown on January 20.

He drove to the accommodation blocks at the MACC

base and was found by officers nearby after leaving his van.

Allison did not appear at an earlier hearing in February, was arrested on a warrant and pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while double the drink drive limit.

His plea of not guilty to a further charge of driving without due care and attention was accepted.

Sheriff Hughes fined Allison £250 for his failure to appear and £350 with a 12-month ban for drink driving.

SWI groups to host joint coffee event

For the first time in recent years, Kintyre's five Scottish Women's Institute (SWI) branches will hold a joint coffee morning.

Members from Southend, Bellochauty, Largieside, Clachan and Whitehouse will raise a cup in Campbeltown Town Hall on Saturday November 10 from 10am until noon.

A highlight will be a display of handiwork,

art and photography which members have made, often for competitions, and works made at Kintyre classes.

The five institutes each hold a monthly meeting with a speaker or demonstration, a competition, tea and chat. A spokesperson said: 'We will be delighted to welcome you to our event highlighting the work of the SWI.'

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Sports for all

Sports fans and players were spoilt for choice on an exceptionally sunny final weekend in October.

A mini-rugby Dalriada festival on Saturday attracted a good crowd of young players and supportive parents from Lochaber, Oban and Mid Argyll.

A pair of home football matches attracted good crowds.

Campbeltown Pupils and Carradale may not have wanted the results they attained, but a total of 18 goals kept the spectators' interest.

Two golf clubs, Dunaverty and Machrihanish, held annual prize-giving ceremonies that evening.

Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club held its first ever mountain bike time trial and attracted many competitors.

The 2007 nine-a-side footballers welcomed Oban and Lochgilphead Red Star.

On the tennis courts, amazingly for late October, it was a privilege to watch Jamie Morris and Sary Rahma, battle it out for league honours.

In an 18-month stay Rahma has made a big sporting impact. About a year ago he faced a tough adversary in Hector McMurphy who beat him in his first ever tennis game. Ultimately, losing to Morris on Sunday, he found Kintyre tennis players more than matched his sports academy-honed technique.

Demolish and rebuild homes on Dalintober estate

Sir,
I hope the following gives some reassurance to residents following the *Courier's* October 19 article on the Dalintober estate.

Absent from the article was any reference to the real reason why Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) is consulting on demolition and that is because no-one appears to want to live in the properties on the waiting list.

ACHA has 30 empty properties out of the 43 we own. ACHA has invested in the properties in the past and repairs get carried out on request for our remaining tenants.

No-one in ACHA, least me, takes any pleasure in demolishing homes but if very few people wish to live there and the feedback we get is that the house types are unpopular because of outdated design, we need to look to the future. That future could be high quality, new build housing on the site with a commitment to any current tenant they can move back to a new home.

ACHA has carried out two similar initiatives of demolition and new build in Campbeltown in recent years, in New Parliament Place and Park Square which have been successful as part of Campbeltown's regeneration.

There is a quote in the article stating New Parliament Place is 'like the Bronx'.

I have visited New Parliament Place on several occasions since it was built and I think that comment is unfair. At a meeting

held last week with our tenants, ACHA staff outlined the reasons for our consultation for demolition and the way forward. I understand the meeting was positive and Carole Anne Shields, who had previously expressed concerns to the *Courier*, appeared supportive of the way forward to build decent homes for the future outlined by the association.

Alastair MacGregor, ACHA,
chief executive.

Peninver garden visitors boost charity funds

Sir,
I would like to thank the many visitors, from near and far, who visited the garden at An Ceardach, Peninver, this year.

We have been able to give £300 to the following charities: Kintyre Schools Pipe Band; Campbeltown Junior Brass Band; The James McCorkindale School of Dance; Shopper-Aide Campbeltown; the RNLI; Campbeltown MS Support Group and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Although there are some beautiful autumn colours, the garden is closed for the winter until snowdrops are out in spring.

Christine and Livingston Russell, Peninver.

Focus on Campbeltown's role in The Perisher

Sir,
Shortly before the war ended in 1918, HMS Thames, the submarine depot ship, arrived at

Campbeltown with her attendant submarines. The Thames was the base for the Periscope School which trained submarine commanding officers in the principles of attacking.

The submarines were used to put theory into practise. The course later became known as the Submarine Commanding Officers' Qualifying Course or as it is better known The Perisher. In 1920, the Thames and her submarines moved back to Portland in the south of England but The Perisher returned to Scottish waters in 1940 during World War II and has remained there since.

I am researching the history of The Perisher, for a post graduate degree at King's College, London: 'Perisher: its history and efficacy in shaping the submarine commanding officer'.

I am specifically looking for confirmation of the presence of HMS Thames at Campbeltown.

If any *Courier* readers can help me in this venture I would be most grateful and they will receive credit for their information.

Dated photographs are the best confirmation but any other information such as letters, records or family anecdotes help. *Courier* readers can contact me at coqstudy@gmail.com or by sending information to 26 Kiln Lane, Farnham, GU10 3LU. Thanks in anticipation.

David Parry, Farnham, Surrey.

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Radiant October rainbow

Last Friday, *Courier* reporter Joan Crooks was caught in a sharp shower of hail and rain while visiting the Kilkerran cemetery war graves.

Standing as close to the grassy bank as possible, seeking in vain to find shelter, Joan spotted a 'glorious sight' and said: 'It made getting a soaking worthwhile.

A radiant rainbow and a window of sunlight lifted the sombre scene before me.

'It was as if the distant hills, shrouded in the dark downpour, had sensed my sadness as I reflected on the young men of the Allied Forces who had lost their lives to war, so far away from their homelands.'

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Friday October 31,
2008**Flybe's new look for**
Campbeltown

Campbeltown Airport has had a make-over this week.

From Monday, Logan Air is now a franchise partner of the airline Flybe and the airport check-in has a new livery and the airport staff a new uniform.

The aircraft on the route are also being resprayed in the Flybe company livery.



Margaret McSparran, Flybe's senior customer service agent, centre, is seen here in 2008 with customer service agents Martin Grady and Jane McCallum.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
AGO**Friday November 5, 1993****Good citizenship award for**
Nancie

The honour of receiving the Kintyre Good Citizenship Award this year went to Mrs Nancy Smith of High Street, Campbeltown.

At a presentation in Campbeltown's Ardshiel Hotel last Thursday, the Rotary Club of Campbeltown heard

the wide range of contributions that Nancie has made to the local community.

Making the presentation, President Ian Fawcett said: 'I feel we have made an excellent choice this year, from a number of excellent nominations.'

'Among other things, Nancie is involved in the community council, was instrumental in the running of Festival Week and keeps busy as deputy head at Dalintober.'

'Nancie gets things done. She is a leader and a motivator, in the

nicest possible way. She is involved in most aspects of the community, and has an undying allegiance to Campbeltown.'

Nancie said: 'Receiving this award makes me feel very humble, but I do what I do happily. Being chairperson of Leukaemia Research is something I find worthwhile. And I am dedicated to Dalintober and the children I am involved with.'

'I have great respect for the Rotary Club, and admire their work - like myself, the members feel for the town. I appreciate all their help.'

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Thursday October 31,
1968**Record salmon**

A salmon weighing 22lbs, believed to be the biggest ever taken from Carradale River, was caught by a holidaymaker on Friday.

The angler was Mr Patrick Leonard, a regular visitor to Carradale from Balloch, Dunbartonshire. The previous best fish caught in the river weighed 16 1/2lbs.

Mr Edward Martindale, junior, a Carradale authority on fishing, said: 'The fish are running late and the big ones are now coming in.'

Experts probe fires

A team of fire experts are probing three mysterious outbreaks of fire within a week at Islay's famous Laphroaig Distillery, near Port Ellen.

Production at the distillery has been brought to a complete standstill while employees clear rubble and charred debris.

Rumours that the 26-strong workforce would be made redundant were refuted by a spokesman for the company, who said that employees would be kept on until the distillery is ready for reopening.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS
AGO
Saturday November 2,
1918**Appointment of Kintyre**
grain officer

The Food Commissioner for the West of Scotland Division, considering it would be helpful to farmers and others that local gentlemen should be appointed as Grain Officers for the administration of the Cereals (Restriction) Order 1918, and the carrying out of Grain Orders generally, has secured for the Kintyre District of Argyllshire the honorary services of Mr John Weir, Gallowhill Farm, Campbeltown.

This will enable growers and others who may have damaged wheat, barley, rye or dredge corn, or tailings thereof, to have it decided on the spot whether or not they may 'feed' these articles to their cattle or poultry.

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Richard Cameron at the War Memorial in 2015 remembering two Kintyre relatives killed in the First World War: Arthur Cameron in 1916 and Donald Cameron in 1918.

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Great War armistice remembered

Sunday November 11, 2018 will be marked in a special way across the UK as the nation commemorates 100 years since the signing of the armistice that brought an end to the First World War.

Annual Armistice Day services began in 1919 to remember those who were killed in the First World War and Remembrance Day services pay tribute to the men and women who served and died in the many conflicts since.

Every year Robert Laurence Binyon's famous lines for the fallen, 'We will remember them' are spoken, with solemnity and respect, as the gathered crowds determine never to forget the sacrifices made by armed forces and essential services personnel.

But have some other historic battles largely been forgotten, with their centenaries having as little as a passing comment in newspaper columns?

The Courier on Saturday October 21, 1905, in its Sparks and Flashes column reported in few words: 'Tomorrow (Saturday) is the centenary of the battle of Trafalgar and the death of Nelson.'

Sparks and Flashes on June 24, 1914 posed the question: 'Where were all the flags on Wednesday, the five hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn?'

A local patriot had complained that 'he hurt his eyes looking for a rag of any sort,

and that there would have been more of a show at a policeman's wedding!'

The June 19, 1915 edition of Sparks and Flashes column began with: 'Today (Friday) is the hundredth anniversary of Waterloo', and proceeded to report that the Duke of Argyll had become a member of the Highland and Agricultural Society.

Perhaps the 1915 Courier could be forgiven for its scant reference to the Waterloo centenary when it devoted many column inches to the toll and progression of the conflict in Europe which had begun the previous July.

The paper reported that by that date, 10 Campbeltown men had been 'claimed by the war'.

One death reported was that of Drum-Bugler William Wilson.

Rev Herbert Reid, chaplain to the 1/8th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, wrote to William's parents: 'It is with deepest regret that I have to intimate that your dear boy, Willie, was killed today by a shell which struck the dug-out where he was sheltering.

'I had been speaking to him just three minutes before it happened, and he was cheery and bright as ever.

'In fact, I believe he was playing the chanter of the pipes when death overtook him.'

Drum-Bugler Wilson was buried with a comrade in a small orchard just behind the spot where he was killed and a neat cross with his name and details were to be erected there.

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Windy Westport wander blows away the cobwebs

Hannah O'Hanlon

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A 'fresh breeze' helped to blow 55 charity walkers along Westport beach.

Men, women, children and dogs took part in the recent annual Westport Wander, in aid of Cancer Research UK, completing the length of beach from the car park off the A83 to Machrihanish.

Filled rolls and hot drinks awaited peckish walkers at Machrihanish Village Hall, where Christmas cards were on sale.

Each adult paid £10 to take part and, after donations, £675 was raised, with an additional £275 from card sales.

A spokesperson said: 'We were very grateful to HM Coastguard personnel who were in attendance and also to the Machrihanish hall committee which waived its charge for the use of the hall – getting in from the cold to serve the refreshments was much appreciated.'



Above, the walkers had the wind at their backs helping them along the beach; and right, woolly hats and winter jackets were the order of the day on a brisk October morning.



Developers gain council tax cut

Buildings under long-term repair are in line for a reduction in council tax.

Argyll and Bute Council's policy and resources committee agreed to relax the rules on a double council tax charge on long-term empty properties.

An additional 10 per cent council tax discount will apply to properties which are under repair for up to 24 months. Previously it was one year.

The changes came after two property owners were unable to finish renovation work within 12 months and were subject to standard charges.

A report by executive director of customer services Douglas Hendry said: 'In the first case the purchaser was converting a long-term empty property to bring it back into use.'

'The property had not been occupied for 18 months and the renovation works were considerable.'

'In the second case Historic Environment Scotland was involved in the planning and building control process. Planning permission was delayed for 18 months.'

'In both cases a total of 24 months from the date of purchase before the double charge is levied would have been more appropriate given the purchasers' intent to restore these long-term empty properties. It is estimated that the move will cost the council £3,000 in tax payments.'



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Kintyre Recycling Ltd staff profile: Gus McEachran, 61

The Courier continues its series on the work carried out by KRL

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A factory supervisor said that since refuse collections went three weekly more than 300 additional customers a week are recycling.

Gus McEachran, 61, has worked for Kintyre Recycling Ltd for 14 years after more than 20 years as a fisherman.

Mr McEachran, a dad of two with three grandchildren, is one of 26 workers whose livelihoods are threatened as KRL struggles to cope with a 59 per cent uplift in recycling.

Since the upturn KRL has struggled to balance the books and asked for an extra £50,000 from Argyll and Bute Council, with a deadline which ran out last Friday.

Mr McEachran, who

manages some of KRL's disabled operatives as well as operating machinery in the recycling factory, said: 'When I finished at school I went to Kintyre Farmers and started as an apprentice but the scheme ended.

'I went to the fishing – the seas were cleaner. There was nothing like Kintyre Recycling 34 years ago.

'Today you have to stay at a job. I am not one for sitting idle, it is pointless jacking in a job as you have to find another.

'By starting the three-weekly collections the council have heaped pressure on KRL.'

Gus McEachran operates KRL's machine which compacts cardboard.

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Tayinloan terrors' spooktacular party

Words and photographs by
Hannah O'Hanlon

Ghoulish games and frightening food put some of Tayinloan's most terrifyingly disguised youngsters in the Hallowe'en party spirit.

A wicked witch, a terrible Tyrannosaurus Rex, spooky skeletons, ghastly ghouls and a creepy clown descended on the hall for an afternoon of fiendish fun.

Devilish decorations adorned the hall and macabre music was played, setting a scary scene.

The tiny terrors took part in Hallowe'en party regulars - musical corners, pin the spider on the web, poke a pumpkin, musical zombies and pass the parcel as well as new game, lollipop toss.

At the halfway point, frightening party food was served to boost the youngsters' energy levels and keep them going all afternoon.

As always, party favourite dooking for apples, synonymous with the All Hallows' Eve celebration, ended the afternoon on a high.



Left: Everyone enjoyed Hallowe'en favourite dooking for apples.

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With notoriously short arms, the Tyrannosaurus Rex struggled to play poke a pumpkin. 50_c44tayinloanhalloween03



Youngsters ready to tuck into frightening party food.

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A scary selection of Tayinloan's Hallowe'en partygoers. 50_c44tayinloanhalloween01

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African storyteller drums out entertaining folk tales

A review by Mark Davey

Sierre Leone song, dance and drumming were all part of the Cowfoot Prince's repertoire.

During a packed evening in Campbeltown Library, Usifu Jalloh – the Cowfoot Prince – told folk tales from his homeland. Speaking a mixture of English and Sierre Leone Creole, a mother tongue formed from various European languages, Usifu described his journey from Oban to Campbeltown and his experiences of 'Scottishness'.

His powerful opening welcome song using a line which sounded something like: 'Opi u yang day' took everyone by surprise.

There was a slightly muted response but, in no time, Usifu had the audience on its feet clapping and chanting.

This was not going to be a regular storytelling session, Listen With Mother-style.

Explaining Creole, Usifu said: 'My language is called Creole and Creole is a mixture of English, German, French and Portuguese all mixed in the one.'

'If I speak slow, slow you may understand but if I speak fast, fast you will understand nothing at all,' he added, as what sounded like incomprehensible gibberish spewed from his mouth.

A further nearly five minutes of rapid Creole followed.

The audience may have learned it was a long way on the map and in reality from Oban to Campbeltown, there was much greenery and Usifu's hands, ears and nose were cold.

He finished this rapid rep-
artee and said: 'Anyway, you

get my point don't you. I am absolutely sure everyone here will get a semblance of what I was saying – that is Creole. It is evidence of how linked we are, how connected we are, so connected that in my country Sierre Leone we have a street called Campbell Street and it could come from nowhere else but here. We have a whole village called MacDonald. Your ancestors left sheep and went to Sierre Leone. I do not know how many DNA they have left there.'

The evening was a once-on-a-lifetime chance to hear a unique and exciting storyteller.

Unfortunately due to another engagement, for the *Courier*, it was only possible to hear half of Usifu's message.

Agnes Stewart and Lorna McKinven of CGS4Gambia posted on its Facebook page:



The Cowfoot Prince rocked Campbeltown library. 25_c44usifujalloh01_storyteller

'We had a very interesting evening of storytelling, song and some nifty moves with Usifu Jalloh.'

'He used to travel to Gambia every year to visit his family.'

'We will be keeping in touch with him in the hope of meeting again at some point in the future. Well done Live Argyll Kintyre for organising this great event.'

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Kintyre Christians welcome Glasgow speaker

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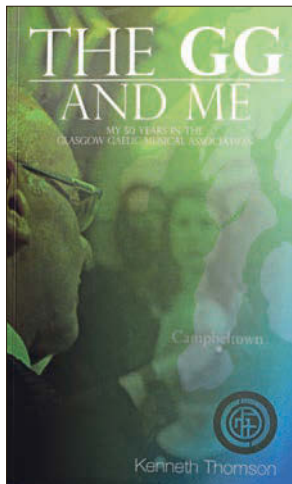
Moreen Moller, KCF secretary, said: 'We are delighted to have Alastair with us once again as his ministry was greatly appreciated last time.'

The meeting begins at 7.30pm and everyone is invited to attend, whether a regular church attendee or not.

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Kenneth Thomson, far left, with the Glasgow Gaelic at Dunoon 2018.



'In Dalintober we had singing every second Friday with M G McCallum, the brilliant, but rather scary, conductor of Campbeltown Gaelic Choir.'

Left: The front cover of Kenneth Thomson's book *The GG and me*.

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Kenneth Thomson with the Glasgow Gaelic men in 2017.

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Conductor's half century Glasgow Gaelic

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Fresh from Dunoon's Royal National Mòd success, Glasgow Gaelic Choir's conductor will return to his roots for a Campbeltown concert.

Conductor Kenneth Thomson, 69, who spent his formative years in Kintyre, will lead the choir at 7.30pm in a charity concert on November 10 at Lorne and Lowland church, to benefit the RNLI and Campbeltown Brass.

This year, Kenneth celebrates 50 years in the Glasgow Gaelic Music Association and has detailed that history through a book of about 100 pages, titled *The GG and Me*.

Kenneth's love of Gaelic singing started at Dalintober primary where he was in-

Kenneth returns to Kintyre for charity concert

spired by 1960s' head teacher Hector MacNeill.

Many years later, Mr Thomson told Hector's widow Iona that her husband 'was the single greatest influence on my life outside my family'.

Hector taught Kenneth, aged seven or eight, the Portnahaven song *Am Bàta Rannach* to sing at the Campbeltown mòd and the

tyro singer won. Kenneth recalls: 'In Dalintober we had singing every second Friday with M G McCallum, the brilliant, but rather scary, conductor of Campbeltown Gaelic Choir.'

'Wee Micky, as we called him, was a rather cross wee man with a deadly aim with a blackboard duster.'

Kenneth was born at Craigard Maternity Hospital on August 20 1949. He enjoyed that Campbeltown youth coming from what he describes as 'a fairly comfortable middle class family' he left for Keil School aged 14 in 1963.

This fee-paying school had been established in Southend but following a devastating fire had relocated to Dumbarton.

Singing lessons continued at

Keil and Kenneth was a leading light of the choir but it was at home, in the holidays, that he progressed.

'Two ladies, Rena Morrison and Morag Grumoli, had taken an interest in my singing,' writes Kenneth. 'They were friends with Agnes Duncan, who conducted the Scottish Junior Singers.'

'Her advice was I should join a choir, so I went along to the Glasgow Philharmonic Male Voice Choir where I sang with the basses.'

Keil was not the making of Kenneth and lured by '...girls, fags, booze and the bright lights of Glasgow' he left with one Higher to drive a van.

Kenneth writes: 'Probably one of the most stupid things I have ever done.' Life twists and turns and at Southend in 1967 Kenneth met his wife-



Kenneth Thomson conducting the massed choirs at Dunoon Royal National Mòd 2018. Photos: Graham Hood Photography.

to-be, Valerie Ferguson.

In Valerie's 2009 Herald obituary, after she was run down by a lorry, she was described as 'a proud guardian of Gaelic, the language she was brought up speaking on Islay after her Glasgow birth'.

It was Valerie who reset the course of Kenneth's singing when she introduced him to Martin MacKay, the president of Glasgow Gaelic Musical Association. 'Martin took no time in suggesting that, as they were a bit short of basses, I might like to join them 'for

just one Mòd'. That was 1967 and 51 years later Kenneth is still going strong having just returned from Dunoon 2018.

Kenneth added: 'I was at the Mòd and adjudicating Monday to Wednesday.'

Kenneth conducted the Glasgow Gaelic Choir which won the male voice choir competition, was second in the puirt-a-beul and the ladies' choir but not placed in the Lovat and Tullibardine.

Kenneth said: 'We also won the trophy for the highest aggregate music.'



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Coffee morning fundraiser boosts Bible Society cash

Matilda Taverner, aged 10 days, is likely to be the youngest ever attendee at a Campbeltown coffee morning.

The tot joined mum Rachel Taverner and aunt Rebecca Fawcett to help raise £324.70 at the Bible Society event last Saturday in Lorne and Lowland Church's old hall.

Matilda's dad William Taverner is chairman of the Scottish Bible Society's Kintyre Action Group and the fundraiser was the start of the group's Bible Weekend.

Aunt Rebecca Fawcett, Matilda Taverner, 10 days, and her mum Rachel Taverner. 25_c44matilda01_baby

'No-one does Bible Weekend as well as you do in Campbeltown.'

At the Bible Sunday service in Springbank Evangelical Church, Adrian Armstrong, the society's Head of Bible Engagement, complimented Campbeltown for its church co-operation.

Adrian said: 'As I speak at meetings all over Scotland, I always cite Campbeltown as a prime example of how

churches can work together to support the Bible Society and help put Bibles in the hands and hearts of people worldwide. No-one does Bible Weekend as well as you do in Campbeltown,' he added.

The Bible Society aims to put the Bible into everyone's hands in a language they understand and in a format they can use.

Adrian said: 'Less than 10 per cent of the world's languages have the full Bible in their own language, less than one third have the New Testament and more than 209 million people, 3,773 languages, still do not have even one book of the Bible in their mother tongue.'

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Comic Campbeltown – slapstick to the fore

The highlight of a laugh-a-minute slapstick weekend is sure to be a giant custard pie fight.

Flinging flans is a staple of classic comedy films and is due to be staged by Campbeltown Picture House at 12.15pm on Saturday November 24.

The Scottish Comedy Slapstick Weekend arrives on November 23, 24 and 25 and includes workshops and films from the earliest silent days of cinema up to Monty Python and the Holy Grail.

The timetable of events is as follows:

Friday November 23

■ 3.30pm – A free make-an-instrument workshop: Lolly stick kazoo, shakers, noisemakers and strummers. Make an instrument ready to play in the audience orchestra for Saturday afternoon's Mabel Normand short film.

■ 5.30pm – Comedy short: Dinner for One followed by

Buster Keaton's masterpiece *The General*, both films £5.

Saturday November 24

■ 10am – Free workshop: *The Sound of Funny*: How does sound enhance the comedy experience? Create a soundtrack for a comedy film screening in the afternoon.

■ 12.15pm – The Picture House custard pie fight billed as *Splatastic* fun!

■ 1pm – *The Marvellous Mabel Normand*: The trail-blazing first woman of silent film gets her long-overdue moment in the spotlight, tickets £5.

■ 3.45pm – *Bunkered 2.0*: Scottish Comedy from the Archives with guest curator, Shona Thomson, tickets £5.

■ 6pm – *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* clip-clop-along. The irreverent classic comedy returns to the big screen. Coconuts provided for audience clip-clopping participation. Tickets £5.

Sunday November 25

■ 10am – A free Physical Comedy and Slapstick workshop. Perfect pratfalls and get an audience laughing with this slapstick workshop for all ages.

■ 12.30pm – Another chance to see *Dinner for One* followed by *The Marx Brothers* for this knock-about anti-war, anti-nationalist satire *Duck Soup*. Tickets £5.

These events are made possible by Comedy Genius, a celebration of comedy on screen, led by the British Film Institute (BFI), the Independent Cinema Office and BFI Film Audience Network, supported by funds from the National Lottery.

For free events booking is essential.

Book tickets for these events by emailing scoff@campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk or by calling in at the Picture House.

Songs of youth

Hannah O'Hanlon
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Songs of yesteryear provided the soundtrack at a senior citizens' tea dance.

Last week, the *Courier* published an article on the Monday Social Club's final tea dance of the year in Campbeltown's Lodge St John's No 141, which raised £217 for the club's funds.

Here are some more photographs of those who danced the afternoon away to music courtesy of singer Robert McCallum and accordionist Alex MacKinnon.

Cathy Duncan and Isabel Conley, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday, enjoyed a sing and a dance.

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Clockwise from top left: Anne Thomson enjoyed a dance with her cousin Archie Fraser and his partner Lillas Nixon, who travelled from Johnstone. 50_c43teadance02 Residents from Kintyre Care Home enjoyed the outing. 50_c43teadance05 Singer Robert McCallum. 50_c43teadance07 Susan Ellis, Cathy Duncan, Betty Mason, Veronica Martin and Catherine McDougall helped in the kitchen. 50_c43teadance08



Accordianist Alex MacKinnon.
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Almost everybody was on the dance floor at times.
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It was all the work of Zena Coffield, Tina Chestnut and Morag McMillan apart from the stocks, featuring a ravaged looking skeleton, which was made by Campbeltown Men's Shed.

Much effort was made by many scary characters and groups who haunted the hall till the early hours.



Undead bride – Teena Moore, Harley Quinn – Michelle McLellan and The Joker – Jamie McLellan. 25_c44CTHalloween06



Danny Rich and Nicky Dunlop. 25_c44CTHalloween20



Morag McMillan, Zena Coffield and Tina Chestnut. 25_c44CTHalloween07



Fancy dress winners Lesley Black and Susan Reid with ice queen – Laura Black, centre. 25_c44CTHalloween20

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Visits help with autumn work

By Ewen Campbell, SRUC's Kirkton and Auchtertyre research farms' manager

It has been a while since our last column from SRUC's Kirkton and Auchtertyre farms, but there has been a lot going on.

In the last article, in August, I was hoping to take a second cut of silage (something which has not happened here in a long time, if ever) and this duly happened at the end of the first week of September.

We took a bit of a gamble and cut on Thursday September 6 when the weather was anything but settled. Indeed, there were a few showers going around as the fields were being cut. But things dried up on Friday and we managed to get it all baled and wrapped on the Saturday in fairly good condition.

We will be sampling and analysing it soon to see what

the quality is like. The extra 120 bales will make a big difference to the amount of fodder we need to buy in over the winter and the grass has grown again meaning that there should be plenty for flushing ewes at tupping time.

The SHX calves from our AAX cow herd were weaned at the beginning of October with an average weaning weight of 244kg, straight off the cow from the hill with no feeding. This equates to a daily live weight gain of 1.14kg/day, which is almost exactly the same as last year at 1.13kg/day. They were kept in the shed for just over a month before the bullock calves went off to SRUC Barony at an average weight of 292kg where they will be finished.

The heifer calves are due to go to SRUC Oatridge for wintering soon. Overall, we are very pleased with how



Dairy ewes near the communal shepherds' hut in the French Pyrennees at 1,700m altitude.

the calves have done and how the cows have performed this year.

We have also managed to wean all our lambs in the past couple of months, with all ewe lambs now away to their wintering and some tup lambs have been sent to the abattoir. So far, 150 lambs have gone to slaughter with the majority getting a grade

of R3L but we still have about 250 to go. So far they are averaging about £5/hd more than last year.

This year we decided to keep all of our Auchtertyre lambs to finish instead of selling them store and as usual our tup lambs are finished in the shed with ad-lib finisher pellets and straw. However, this year is a bit different as some of our lambs are being finished using our latest kit. These are a series of individual EID feed intake bins, which record which lamb is eating what. This detail of knowing how much

individual lambs have eaten will allow us to calculate their individual feed efficiency (ie, how much feed they required to get to the correct weight and fatness).

We have also just finished our stockdraw, where we check which ewes we should keep for the next season. We check their feet, udders, teeth, as well as past performance, to name a few. It is quite a long job, but necessary. The sheep are now back on the hill until we gather them again for pre-tupping next month.

We have had some help with the sheep – a PhD student from the University of Parana in Brazil, Vanessa Souza Soriana, who is on a placement at SRUC with colleagues in Edinburgh.

Vanessa was keen to see more extensive sheep production systems, so she stayed with us for two weeks, and was looking at animal welfare assessments on our flocks, following an EU project protocol called AWIN. Vanessa really enjoyed Kirkton, and it will be interesting to get her final findings.

As for myself, I had a very enjoyable trip to Mull last month to do a presentation on lamb finishing as part of a sheep resilience meeting.

The meeting was very well attended despite the foul weather and prompted a lot of discussion on topics like fluke control and condition scoring, after presentations by my SAC Consulting colleagues Heather Stevenson and Poppy Frater.

And to finish on a different note, two of my colleagues, Nicola Lambe and Claire Morgan-Davies, have just returned from a trip to the French Pyrennees, where they presented the work being done on mountain breeds here at SRUC's Kirkton and Auchtertyre.

Despite the differences in terms of production (dairy sheep) and landscape (dry mountain pastures), these areas face similar issues to ours (problem of access to labour, economic viability, remoteness and predators). These issues were common across all mountain areas in Europe.

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AgriScot team member and Iona farmer John MacInnes, gives a sneak preview of what's in store this year. He said: "We have subtly changed the ethos of AgriScot this year. The event is no longer billed as "the farm business event" but instead, is now "your farm business event".

"We want to emphasise that AgriScot is for you and for your business. There is no other event with such a solid business emphasis. The whole day is geared up to showcase new products, new ideas and new thinking. We aim for visitors to leave having gleaned, learned or purchased something that will bring about future improvements to their farming business.

"We have once again filled every available trade stand space and added to the waiting list of would-be exhibitors. I must

thank these trade-stands, and our sponsors. Without their support we could not maintain AgriScot as a free-to-attend event.

"We are delighted that the Farm of the Year awards continue to go from strength to strength, with the addition of the arable title in 2017 a great success. These awards are a great way to showcase farms that we might all learn something from. I look forward to seeing the 2018 award winners announced in the main ring at noon. We have introduced a new any-other-breed class to our dairy cattle and hope to see breeds such as British Friesian and Dairy Shorthorn alongside our regular line up of top-class cattle.

"There is no doubt that, with Brexit fast approaching, we are moving into uncertain times and uncharted waters – more than at any time in my farming career. This is why AgriScot is such a key date on the calendar."

Candidates sought for NFUS positions

NFU Scotland is now taking nominations for the positions of president and its two vice-presidential posts.

The election for these key appointments within Scottish agriculture will take place at the union's council meeting at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow, on Friday February 8, 2019. The union's AGM and annual dinner will be staged at the same venue the day before.

Any NFUS member can be nominated for election, providing they are proposed and seconded by fellow NFUS members. The presidential position is held for two years and a president can serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. The vice-president initially serves for two years before the post reverts to an annual election.

Anyone wishing to stand should contact NFUS chief executive Scott Walker. The closing date is December 12.

Around the markets

Dalmally – on Friday October 26 United Auctions held a sale of 1,934 lambs and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart. All classes of stock met with a keen enquiry with lambs averaging £33.69 (+ £5.45 per head on the year).

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£46.00 and £40.00 –

Auchreoch: £38.00 – Boreland

Farms: £38.00 – Duncroisk:

£34.00 – Dalrannoch and

Castles: £32.00 – Crannich

(Mull): £30.00 – Castles Estate.

Gimmers.

BF: £50.00 – Duncroisk.

Top prices per kilo.

Lambs.

SUFFx: 142p – Achnacone

TEXx: 159p – Ormsary

Farmers: 152p – Ledcharrie:

152p – Achnacone.

CHEV: 151p –

Achnacremore: 147p

– Eastfield: 146p – Inerlair

(Fort William): 145p

– Achnacremore: 142p –

Inerlair: 141p – Glenshero

(Fort William).

CROSS: 146p – Inerlair (Fort

William): 142p – Ledcharrie.

MULE: 147p – Ormsary

Farmers: 142p – Dalrannoch.

BF: 154p – Dunloskin: 154p

– Auchreoch.

Islay – Caledonian Marts Ltd on Friday October 19 sold 187 cattle, and 253 sheep at their annual autumn sale on the Isle of Islay.

A feature at the sale was the consignment of 81 calves from Ardtalla Estate where they sold a Charolais bullock which

topped the sale at £1,020, purchased by Andrew Dunn, Redhall.

Ardtalla's Charolais bullocks averaged £723 (+£117, OTY) with their heifers averaging

£570 (+£30, OTY)

The top price heifer at the

sale was consigned by M

McMillan, Balliemartin for

a pen of three Limousins at

£720.

Leading prices:-

Bullocks:

Lim £820 and £800

Balliemartin; Lim £740

Auchnaclach; Lim £630

Ardtalla Est; Char £790 and

£740 Ardtalla Estates; AA £700

and £680 Daill Saler £550 and

£460 Ardtalla Est; Shorthorn

X £360 Persabus

Heifers:

Lim £640 Balliemartin; Lim

£580 Ballulive; Lim £570

Auchnaclach; Lim £540

Ardtalla; Est Char £630

and £620 Ardtalla Estates;

Shorthorn X £400 and £380

Persabus.

Lambs:

Suff £60 Balliemartin;

Cross £45 Ballulive;

Tex £38 Persabus.

Ewes:

Tex £33 Balliemartin;

BF £28 Ballulive.

Stirling – Caledonian Marts Ltd on Thursday October 25 sold 163 cattle comprising 88 prime bullocks, heifers and young bulls, 65 OTM cattle and 10 calves.

A better show of cattle for quality met a similar trade.

Prime bullocks averaged

218ppkg. Prime heifers

averaged 222ppkg. Beef cows

averaged 108ppkg. Dairy cows

averaged 85ppkg.

Heifers sold to 258p for a

Limousin from W Dandie and

Sons, Learielaw, Broxburn,

purchased by Robert

Alexander, Butcher, Port

Glasgow and to £1,750 from

C Smith, South Flanders,

Kippen.

Bullocks sold to 248p for a

Limousin from DS and RC

Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill,

Muthill to Hugh A Black and

Sons, Stirling and to £1,642

from C Malone, Pitcairn,

Cardenden.

Leading prices:

Heifers per kg: 252p (Three

Times) Brockwoodlees and

Learielaw; 248p Faskine

and Easter Ochtermuthill;

245p Borlick, Faskine and

Easter Ochtermuthill; 242p

Strathview (McNicol); 238p

Bogleys; 232p Pitcairn and Borlick; 230p Broadleys.

Bullocks per kg:

242p Learielaw; 240p (Twice)

Knockhouse, Learielaw and

Brockwoodlees; 238p Easter

Ochtermuthill; 235p Borlick;

230p (Twice) Knockhouse and

Faskine.

Also forward were 65 cast

cows and bulls.

All classes of cows were dearer on the week, and many more could have been sold.

Beef cows averaged 108ppkg

selling to 170p on two

occasions from W Dandie and

Son, Learielaw, Broxburn and

A Galbraith, Upper Kinneil,

Linlithgow and to £1,320 gross

from Learielaw.

With a larger show of dairy

cows forward again, all classes

sharper compared to last

week, averaging 85p selling to

104p from W and M Wyllie,

Broompark, Torphichen and

to £760 twice from J Brown

and Son, East Gartmillan,

Airdrie, and Broompark,

Torphichen.

Other leading prices:

Beef cows per head:

£1,300 Upper Kinneil; £1,120

Highflat; £1,080 Kirkton;

£1,050 North Moorhouse

Cottage; £1,000 and £980

Highflat.

Beef cows per kg:

150p Upper Kinneil; 148p East

Kerse and North Moorhouse

Cottage; 135p Pitlessie Mill;

134p Kirkton.

Dairy cows per head:

£730 Meldrum; £720 and £710

Solsgirth; £700 Broompark.

Dairy cows per kg:

103p East Gartmillan; 100p

Meldrum and Solsgirth; 98p

and 97p Solsgirth.

Clean cattle and cast cows

required on a weekly basis.

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Oliver Shearman on 07730

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Also forward were 10 calves.

Despite being a smaller

show, calves still sold away to

favourable rates.

Top price of the day went to A

Hamilton, Mid Forrest Farm,

Cumbernauld for a Charolais

heifer calf fetching £340.

Other leading prices:

Heifer calves:

Limousin £150 Mid Forrest.

Dairy bred bull calves:

Hereford £260 (Twice)

Drumglass; Holstein Friesian

£100 Mid Forrest.

Next sale of calves will be held

on Thursday November 8.

Morris Leslie

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MOTORISTS URGED TO TICK ALL THE BOXES THIS WINTER, SAYS 'THE MOTOR OMBUDSMAN'

WINTER MOTORING



• Drivers advised to look out for The Motor Ombudsman logo when choosing a garage to get their car ready for winter.

• Downloadable winter ticklist introduced on The Motor Ombudsman website to guide motorists through the key points to consider when taking their car to a garage.

• The Motor Ombudsman's online Garage Finder allows consumers to easily check for a business' accreditation to the Service and Repair Code and for any seasonal garage promotions.

As the mercury drops, and the days get shorter in the run-up to winter, The Motor Ombudsman, the automotive dispute resolution provider, is urging drivers to look out for its widely-recognised logo at their local independent garage or

franchised dealer when getting their car ready for the cold weather. A business displaying the Motor Ombudsman badge on their website and premises, which is centered around a prominent blue tick as a symbol of reassurance, means motorists can have the peace of mind that the retailer is committed to providing the highest level of care and workmanship.

With the end-of-year season traditionally bringing tougher conditions on the road, making sure a vehicle is fully roadworthy, whether for the daily commute or for the holiday getaway, is essential to staying safe. The Motor Ombudsman has therefore introduced an online ticklist that can be downloaded from its website. The handy, one-stop resource guides motorists through key considerations when having work done at a garage including if any quotes and invoices are

easy to understand, or whether components such as tyres, lights and wiper blades are all functioning correctly.

Furthermore, the Garage Finder (TheMotorOmbudsman/garage-finder) is another useful tool available to drivers. At the click of a button, it allows consumers to see all garages within a specific area or postcode that are accredited to its Service and Repair Code of Practice, of which there are thousands across the UK.

Motorists can also read the latest customer reviews, find out about the latest winter offers and make a direct booking for any maintenance via a business' profile page.

Bill Fennell, chief ombudsman and managing director of The Motor Ombudsman, said: 'All-year round maintenance of a vehicle is critical.

However, winter is particularly a time to make sure everything is working as it should and that any repairs are undertaken by a garage that adheres to recommended practices. Therefore, we have put together this useful download on our website where vehicle owners can check in one place that they have the main bases covered when it comes to any seasonal maintenance, as this could ultimately make the difference.'

For the next two weeks, starting today, social media users can enter The Motor Ombudsman's winter competition on its Facebook (www.facebook.com/TheMotorOmbudsman) and Twitter (@Motor_Ombudsman) pages to be in with the chance of winning a winter car care kit.

To view and download The Motor Ombudsman's winter ticklist, visit TheMotorOmbudsman.org/winter-ticklist.

IS MY CAR WINTER-PROOF?

- How much tread is left on my tyres?
- Are all tyres (including the spare) at the correct pressure for the load being carried?
- Do I need winter tyres, and if so how much do they cost?
- How much does it cost to change the winter tyres back to regular tyres?
- Are the brakes in good working condition and legal?
- What is the condition of the battery?
- When was the battery last changed?
- Are the fluids topped up to the recommended levels (i.e. screenwash / anti-freeze, oil and air conditioning)?
- Are all front and rear lights working?
- Do the wiper blades leave the front and rear screen free of streaks?

AM I PREPARED?

- Do I have sunglasses (winter sun can be dazzling)?
- Is there an ice scraper and de-icer in the car?
- Do I have an emergency kit (i.e. a first aid kit, jump leads, boots, warning triangle and a blanket)?
- Do I comply with all the equipment requirements if I am travelling abroad?
- Have I got the right level of breakdown cover for where I am travelling to?
- Is my car insurance, MOT and tax up to date?
- Have I washed and waxed my car to protect it from the build-up of dirt and grime?
- Is there a charger and / or adapter in the car to top-up my phone?
- Is my satellite navigation system working?
- Do I have a shovel at home in case of thick snow?
- Do I have salt to spread on paths and driveways in the event of ice and snow?

WHERE DO I GO FOR A WINTER CHECK AND WHAT DO I LOOK OUT FOR?

- Is the business accredited to The Motor Ombudsman's Service and Repair Code of Practice?
- Have I read any reviews about the business? (e.g. on The Motor Ombudsman's Garage Finder)
- Do I understand the work that needs doing on my car, and has it been clearly explained to me?
- Does the invoice match the work undertaken and the price that I was quoted?
- Was I consulted before any additional work was carried out?
- Did I get a receipt for the work and any condition reports?
- Does the garage have any winter check offers or discounts?
- Do the replacement parts being offered to me meet my budget (e.g. tyres)?
- Can the work be done while I wait, or do I have to leave the car at the garage?



ADVICE FOR DRIVING IN HEAVY RAIN AND FLOODS



HOW TO PREPARE FOR DRIVING IN HEAVY RAIN

Firstly, it is always advisable to consider before you set off whether your journey is essential. If not, can it be delayed until after the rain has subsided? If so then plan your journey in advance, taking care to avoid areas which are prone to flooding, and factor in extra time to allow for slower speeds and potential congestion. It is also a good idea to let relatives and friends know your intended route and expected time of arrival and, where possible, travel with others.

How to drive in heavy rain.

Firstly, slow down. Reduce your speed and leave more space between you and the vehicle in front as stopping distances in rain are increased.

Use dipped headlights so that other drivers can see you more easily.

Don't use rear fog lights. They can mask your brake lights and dazzle drivers behind you.

Look out for large or fast-moving vehicles creating spray which reduces visibility.

Keep your air conditioning on as this will stop your windows from misting up.

You can read our full advice page on how to demist your windscreen in double-quick time.

Listen out for local news bulletins to keep up-to-date with road closures, flooding and forecasts.

If you break down in torrential rain keep the bonnet closed while waiting for help to arrive to avoid the electrical system getting soaked.

Driving too fast through standing water could lead to tyres losing contact with the road. If your steering suddenly

feels light you could be aquaplaning. To regain grip, ease off the accelerator, do not brake and allow your speed to reduce until you gain full control of the steering again.

Driving fast through deep water can cause serious and expensive damage.

Be considerate to other road users and try not to spray pedestrians and cyclists as you drive through water.

Heavy rain may lead to large puddles, areas of standing water and even flooding. In the event that you may have to negotiate these types of conditions on the road, read below for our advice on how to drive through deep puddles.

Stopping distances in the rain.

The Highway Code states that stopping distances will be at least double in wet weather because your tyres will have less grip on the road.

Reduce your speed and leave more space between you and the vehicle in front to account for greater stopping distances – remember the two-second rule? Well increase it to four if it begins to pour. How to drive through water and floods.

'Puddles' may conjure up an image of a small drop, but some can develop into sizable bodies of water.

Driving through these puddles incorrectly could cause serious damage to your car, not to mention cost an extortionate amount to repair.

As a result we've put together some top tips for driving through them:

Size up the puddle first. Even if it means you have to stop your car and get out, getting a bit wet is a lot better than being left stranded.

If the water is muddy you might not be able to see the bottom and gauge its depth. Try and find a stick or an object to find the lowest point.

If it's clearly too deep for your car, find another way to your destination. Modern vehicles' door seals are good and keep water out, but this can make a car buoyant, meaning it could begin to float if the water gets too deep, leaving you stranded. Even in this instance, the water will eventually find its way in.

If the puddle is shallow enough to drive through, try and spot any objects that may cause damage to your car's wheels, tyres or suspension,

potentially leaving you mid-puddle with a problem. This way you can pick a safe path across.

Once you've confirmed you can drive through the puddle and determined your route, keep your vehicle in a low gear (second is generally adequate) and engine revs up.

This will help you maintain momentum when you travel through the puddle, creating a bow wave so you don't get bogged down.

Once you exit the other side – and especially if the puddle is on the deep side – pause for a moment if you can to let any excess water drain away and flow back to where it came from.

If you can't, be aware that grip levels on the road ahead will be diminished, as fluid from the puddle is dropped along the road surface by

other cars. It's always worthwhile to gently brush your brake pedal on exit, creating some friction and therefore heat to evaporate off any excess moisture. Some luxury vehicles can sense when you've navigated a puddle and automatically do this for you, keeping braking performance as effective as possible.

Shallow puddles are not the most arduous obstacles to overcome, but it's still important to remember that on the other side of a puddle grip levels could be lower. Adjust your speed to suit the depth of the water, too.



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Speaking about her new role, Fiona said: "I'm thrilled to be joining Helensburgh Toyota, a family owned business that has a long traditional of putting customer needs first and looking after them.

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KEEP ROAD SAFE WITH THE 20 PENCE TYRE CHECK



TYRESAFE is reminding all drivers to ensure they're keeping their road risks to a minimum by practising #SafeTyreChecks.

November is typically cold and wet and coincides with the onset of chillier weather, a combination

which places high demands on the only safety feature of a vehicle which is in touch with the roads – its tyres.

Most drivers are unaware that each tyre's 'footprint' is about the same size as an adult's palm and,

with so much literally riding on them, it's essential to check they are in optimal condition.

'Drivers need to remember that brakes, steering and all advanced safety systems designed to help avoid accidents depend on the vehicle having a sure footing on the road – in other words, their tyres need to be in good condition,' said Stuart Jackson, chairman of TyreSafe.

'As we're now facing an increasing number of cold and wet days, to stay safe we need to be even more attentive to tyre maintenance.

'Air pressure, condition and tread depth must be checked regularly, especially if you're planning a break using a car laden with your most prized possessions – your family.'

Many drivers are aware that recommended tyre pressures for a vehicle vary to suit the weight of the load it is carrying, but far too many are complacent and don't

take the time to make this important adjustment before they set off with their families.

Typically, the unladen and laden pressures are on a plaque either inside the fuel filler flap or in the door, but they are sure to be found in the handbook. Incorrect pressures not only increase wear and decrease fuel efficiency but also make the tyre more vulnerable to sudden deflation.

A tyre's tread depth is a particularly important factor in cold and wet conditions as the more worn it becomes, the longer your car will take to stop.

Checking is easy and takes just a few minutes using the 20p test as the outer band of a 20p piece is 1.6mm, which is the minimum legal tread depth.

To check how close you are to that limit, place the 20p in the main grooves in the centre section of your tyre: if you can't see the outer

band above the tread, then check at two other points across the width and repeat at two more places further round the circumference.

If you can see the 20p's outer band at any point or are unsure, you need to get the tyres checked by a professional as the tyre maybe illegal and dangerous.

If you find something in the grooves, like a stone, remove it if you are able to do so.

While you're checking the tread depth, you should also ensure the tyres are in good condition, looking out for cracks, lumps, bumps or embedded objects.

Tyre manufacturers don't produce tyres with bulges or screws in them, so if you see anything suspiciously out of the ordinary, get it checked by a professional.

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Driving in the dark - tips on how to stay safe

The end of October signals the start of one of the most difficult times of year to be driving.

Data from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) shows each year when the clocks go back, there's a spike in the number

of vulnerable road users killed or seriously injured.

To help you and others stay safe, we've put together an essential guide packed full of advice on driving in the dark.

- Use your lights appropriately
- Don't stare at oncoming vehicles
- Keep windows clean
- Watch out for children, cyclists and animals
- Get your eyes tested
- Don't get behind the wheel when tired

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You're late for an engagement or just need to pop to the shops in the car – but it's covered in snow and ice.

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In the eyes of the law, you need to clear that snow before you go.

The law

There is no road law that says it is illegal to drive with snow on your car. However, the Highway Code stipulates that if driving in adverse weather conditions you must, by law, be able to see out of every glass panel in your vehicle.

This is supported by the section 41D of the

Road Traffic Act 1988, meaning it is a legal requirement to have a clear view of the road ahead before you set off.

Failure to do so could incur a fine, but more importantly could place your life, the lives of your passengers and the lives of those around you in danger.

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Time commitment is c. 15-18 days annually. Most Board meetings take place in the late afternoon. Board members are not remunerated but out of pocket expenses will be paid.


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| Ref. No. | Proposal | Site Address |
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Argyll and Bute Council

Councillor Anne Horn (E.W.2 Kintyre and the Islands)

Councillor Horn will be holding a drop in surgery in the **Clachan Village Hall on Tuesday 6th November 2018 from 1.45pm - 2.15pm**
Councillor Horn will be holding a drop in surgery in the **Tayinloan Village Hall on Saturday 10th November 2018 from 10.30am - 11.00am**
Councillor Horn can also be contacted by e-mail - Anne.Horn@argyll-bute.gov.uk and by telephone - Tel: 01880 820496



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THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (LOCHGILPHEAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON USE OF ROAD) ORDER 2018

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, temporarily prohibiting traffic on that length of the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road known as Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead from its junction with Argyll Street, Lochgilphead to its junction with Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, a distance of 230 metres or thereby. The Order, which is required to facilitate the Lochgilphead Bonfire and Fireworks Event will be in operation from the 3rd of November until the 4th November 2018 the prohibition will only be in force for a period of approximately 3 hours but will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

The Order does not apply to vehicles while being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes or vehicles while being used for facilitating the holding of the relevant event.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

The alternative routes for traffic during the prohibition will be signposted. Detailed descriptions can also be obtained at BEAR Scotland Limited, BEAR House, Inveralmond Road, Inveralmond Industrial Estate, Perth, PH1 3TW.

A copy of the Order and this Notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/road-orders/?roadorderregion=1291>

For information about roadworks on motorways and trunk roads visit www.trafficscotland.org.uk

J.J MORAN
A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers
Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF



Argyll and Bute Council

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 TAXI FARE REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that Argyll and Bute Council, having consulted with taxi operators licensed by the authority, propose to make no amendments to the maximum fares and charges for taxis operating within the jurisdiction of Argyll and Bute Council as detailed below. It is proposed that these will be effective from 28th January 2019.

Any person wishing to lodge representations in respect of these proposals should do so by writing to the Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT by no later than 3rd December 2018.

| Tariff | Description | Rate |
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| Tariff 1 | Hirings from ranks or "flag" Hiring between 7am and 10pm | £3.00 20 pence |
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| | Tariff 2 also applies to hirings from ranks or "flag" between 6pm and 10pm December 24th, 6pm and 10pm December 31st and between 7am 2nd January and 7am 3rd January | |
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Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT

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THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (POLTALLOCH STREET, LOCHGILPHEAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING) ORDER 2018

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 14(1)(a) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, temporarily prohibiting waiting, loading and unloading on that length of the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road from its junction with Lorne Street, Lochgilphead in an eastward direction on Poltalloch Street to a point 40 metres or thereby east of that junction, a total distance of 40 metres or thereby.

The Order, which is required to facilitate works on that length of Trunk Road, will be in operation from 05 November 2018 until 14 November 2018 and will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

The Order does not apply to vehicles being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes; or vehicle being used for carrying out the works.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

An alternative route is not required.

A copy of the Order and this Notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/road-orders/?roadorderregion=1291>

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CHLOE NICOLE MACAULAY-BIRT

Graduated from Edinburgh College with HND in Travel and Tourism. Chloe is the daughter of James Birt and Julie MacAulay.



KATHRYN MCCORKINDALE

A former pupil of Southend Primary School and Campbeltown Grammar School, graduated on June 28, 2018 from Edinburgh Napier University with a BSc (Hons) first class in Veterinary Nursing. Kathryn is now employed by Riverside Veterinary Practice working at their practices in Livingston and Bathgate.

PERSONAL NOTICES

HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY NIKKI (DADDY)
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HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY Caitlin
on 5th November
Lots of love, Mum & Dad xx

THANK YOU

On the occasion of our retirement, we, Jake and Katrina Cameron, Parkfergus Farm, would like to express our grateful thanks to family and friends for their love and support over the years; to our neighbours who have willingly lent a hand, especially during our busiest times and leading up to Friday's farm sale, and to all who helped on the day. Everyone who leased our land for grazing over many years and to our loyal customers who supported our potato side of the business. Finally, we would like to express our best wishes to Geoff and Karen in their new life in Kintyre.



BELLOCHANTUY

Let the SWI's new season be-'gin'

A spirited speaker got Bellochantuy Scottish Women's Institute's (SWI) new season off to a flying start.

The 2018-2019 year began with a dinner at the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown, last month, where members raised their glasses to Beinn an Tuirc Distillery and its gin.

A spokesperson said it was a 'delight' to welcome speaker Emma Macalister Hall to the annual get together where news was exchanged and an 'excellent' meal was enjoyed.

Mrs Macalister Hall explained some of the history of Torrisdale Castle and how she and her husband Niall made it their home.

She described their subsequent decision to put Kintyre firmly on the map by opening a gin distillery. With head distiller Su Black, who joined the team from Edinburgh, Mrs Macalister Hall initiated the members into the intricacies of getting the correct balance of botanicals to ensure the consistent flavour of their gin.

The spokesperson said: 'Sampling the gins without the addition of a mixer really brought out the difference that certain combinations of botanicals make. After an initial sip though, we quickly added the said mixer.'

As well as a miniature copper still sitting on the table, there was a large beautiful pewter boar given to the distillery – an appropriate symbol, as the distillery name, Beinn an Tuirc, translates as 'hill of the boar'.

Mrs Macalister Hall judged the following competitions: photography, autumn: Lois Fell, gold, and Margaret McKinnon, silver. Fun: A glass: Margaret Campbell, gold, and Lois Fell, gold.

The group's next meeting will be on Monday November 19 at 7.30pm in Glenbarr Hall when the speaker will be Pat McPherson from Kintyre Preserves.

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KINTYRE



The pupils behind the charitable coffee morning.

School's wild and wonderful fundraiser

Charitable Clachan Primary School pupils turned an end-of-term show of work into a traditional-themed coffee afternoon for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Everyone was invited to the event, where pupils shared what they learned about wild animals during the summer term, complete with fact files and a huge wall display they had created.

Coffee afternoon guests were given a 'tricky' quiz on the subject, created by the children, which proved challenging.

There was also ceilidh dancing and traditional music, with the children entertaining guests with a song they were taught by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra during their recent visit.

The school event raised £170.50.



Crafters create remembrance poppies

An army of Carradale villagers have knitted and crocheted hundreds of poppies to commemorate a century since the armistice that ended World War One.

The poppies will be on display in Saddell and Carradale Church from Tuesday November 6 until

after Armistice Day on Sunday November 11 and everyone is welcome to see the display.

A spokesperson said: 'Thank you to everyone who has knitted and crocheted hundreds of poppies, each one reminding us of those who laid down their lives.'

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

The old soldier straightened his medals again as he looked in the mirror.

Where had his youth gone, he pondered. His taxi arrived and he asked the young driver to take him to the cenotaph.

As they drove, the old soldier thought the young driver was about the same age as he was when he joined up and his mind drifted back to his days in the trenches.

They chatted easily and when they arrived at the cenotaph, the young man got out of the cab, came round to open the door for the old soldier and as he did so he stood to attention and gave a smart salute.

The old soldier reached for his wallet and asked how much he owed the young driver.

The response was this: 'Sir, you do not owe me anything, but I owe you everything.'

On Sunday we enter a week of remembering. We reflect on so much as we approach that moment which will take us to the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

That day which is forever etched in hearts and history.

It is a time not only of national, but of international mourning for the loss of so many young lives.

It is a time for reflection, for thoughtfulness and for that hope that it will not happen again.

This week we think about those who are 'there but not there'.


All week Clachan's church will be open for private reflection with a display of memorabilia and each evening from 7pm there will be a short time of remembering together.

On Saturday, at 7.30am as the sky lightens, we will reflect on those who were shot at dawn.

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GOLDEN WEDDINGS



MACCALLUM - FERGUSON

Alistair to Christine, on November 1, 1968, in Kilcalmonell Church, Clachan. Service conducted by Rev A Lawson. Present address, The Old School, Cairndow.

DEATHS

BLACK - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on October 31, 2018, Duncan Black, in his 95th year, formerly of Smith Drive, beloved husband of the late Barbara McMillan, much loved dad of Jenny and Duncan, loving pop of Karen, Colin, Catherine and Archie and an adored great granda. Funeral service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Kintyre Care Home and the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

PATRICK - Peacefully at home, 6 Summerhill Crescent, Campbeltown, on October 27, 2018, Kathleen Patrick, in her 104th year. A private cremation will take place in Cardross Crematorium.

WATSON - Peacefully, at Wynford Lock Care Home, Glasgow, on October 23, 2018, Eric Campbell Watson, in his 69th year, The Inn, Muasdale, beloved husband of Fiona Graham and a much loved dad of Rhona, Laura, Sarah, Struan and Murdo.

WILLAN - Bobby passed away, unexpectedly at home, on October 23, 2018, much loved father of Bobby, Lynn, Kevin and Donna. Funerals will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church today, Friday November 2 2018, at noon, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Diabetes UK and Lochgilphead Parish Church Fund.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ANDERSON - Sally and family wish to thank all friends and relations for everything they did for us, following the sad loss of Archie. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Special thanks to Rev William Crossan for a very fitting service, to Kenny and Rhys Blair for extremely helpful and professional handling of all funeral arrangements, to Flora and staff at the Ardshiel Hotel for their services, which went above and beyond, and to everyone who attended the funeral and contributed to the retiral collection. It was comforting to see so many familiar faces. We thank you all.

GALLOWAY - Elma and Sandra would like to express their sincere thanks to relatives and friends for the many expressions of sympathy, by way of cards and letters, telephone calls and flowers, received in the recent sad loss of Ella, a much loved mum, mum-in-law, gran, great gran and great great gran. Five generations together in her lifetime. Special thanks to Rev William Crossan and organist David McEwan for their contribution to the service of celebration and thanksgiving at Campbeltown; to Kenneth Blair for his sensitive and efficient handling of funeral arrangements; and to the Ardshiel for the lunch and all their caring hospitality. The family also thanks everyone who very generously donated £400 to Mary's Meals.

MACGILLIVRAY - The relatives of the late Joan MacGillivray would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all the carers and many friends who looked after Joan so very well over the years, to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. Donations totalled £165 for the British Red Cross.

MCGEACHY - Mary and family would like to thank family and friends for their support following the loss of Jackie, and for all cards and flowers. We would also like to thank all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. Heartfelt thanks to Dr Anderson, Dr Norrie, Maggie Wilkieson, nursing staff at Campbeltown and Oban acute wards, the community nursing team and Carr Gomm for the wonderful kindness shown to Jackie. Thanks also to T A Blair for all the excellent funeral arrangements, to the Argyll Hotel for the reception, and to Matthew Ramsay for all the support and the wonderful funeral service. The collection for Children 1st raised £651.55 and a further £592 was donated from those who could not attend the funeral.

WILSON - Mary and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, support, telephone calls, cards and flowers following the loss of Hughie. Thanks to all doctors and nursing staff for the care shown to Hughie during his time in Campbeltown and Queen Elizabeth University hospitals. Thanks to Rev William

Crossan for an uplifting service, and to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their guidance, support and kindness throughout the funeral process. Thanks also to Argyll Bakeries for the fine purvey and Lodge St John's for the use of its premises. Finally, a heartfelt thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside, and who contributed to the retiral collection in aid of Kidney Dialysis Kintyre Locality and the Lorne and Lowland Church, which raised £1,296.58.

IN MEMORIAM

HOWELL - In memory of my mother, Janet (Jenny), née Gillies. Loved and remembered every day. Promoted to glory on November 3, 1968. - David.

INSLEY - In fond memory of my dearest friend, Ian, who died November 8, 2008. Happy memories. Gone but not forgotten. - Joanne.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse' (Romans 12:14).

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Church Service
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Sunday 4th November
11.15am Worship Service
Calum Ferguson
11.15am Sunday School
2.30pm Afternoon Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
Wednesday 7th November
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Café
Friday 9th November
7.30pm Kintyre Christian Fellowship
All Welcome
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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday 4th November
11.00am FAMILY SERVICE
Visiting Speaker - Mark Jasper with Sunday School and refreshments after the service
Wednesday 7th November
7.30pm Church meeting at the Seafield Hotel
The Ark
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Meeting will be held on **Friday 9th November** at 7.30pm in The Free Church, Campbeltown
Guest speaker: Dr Alastair Noble of Carsbridge Evangelical Church, Glasgow
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Tea/coffee served after the meeting
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Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 4th November
10.55am Kirk Session Meeting
11.15am Morning Worship
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Creche
Rev W Crossan
Monday 5th November
Guild 2.00pm New Hall
Tuesday 6th November
9.45am Tiny Tots
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
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Thursday 8th November
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Friday 9th November
Lunch Club
12.00 noon New Hall



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9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
6.00pm Evensong
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Most of this year's Dunaverty Golf Club prize-winners.

Dunaverty's prizes presented with

The special guest at Dunaverty Golf Club's annual prize-giving gave a detailed explanation of the origin of The Open golf competition.

Professor David Purdy and a packed clubhouse of members were welcomed to the event by club captain John Marrison.

Mr Marrison also paid tribute to greenkeepers David Scullion and Robert Irvine who, despite adverse weather earlier in the year, managed to bring the course to a very high standard.

He thanked club steward Will Anderson for his catering throughout the year and the committee members who put in a lot of work this year.

There were multiple winners in the ladies' and men's sections with Elizabeth Marrison topping the ladies' section with 10 prizes and Ailie MacBrayne on seven.

Lee Mathieson led in the men's section collecting nine prizes with captain John Marrison on six.

Ladies' Medal results: November 2017: Katherine Hardman. December: Elizabeth Marrison. January 2018: Elizabeth Marrison. February: Mary McKinnon. March: Not played. April: Evelyn Shaw.

May Medal and Thistle Brooch: Eleanor Hawkins. June: Ailie MacBrayne. July: Evelyn Shaw. August: Margaret MacFarlane. September: Ailie MacBrayne. October: Eleanor Hawkins.

Ladies' main events: Robertson Cup: 1 Elizabeth Marrison, 2 Linda Brannigan. Argyll Cup: 1 Eleanor Hawkins and Mary McKinnon, 2 Lindsay Garrett and Margaret Richardson. Coronation Foursomes: Elizabeth Marrison and Katherine Hardman. Captain's Charity: Ailie MacBrayne and Mary Wilson. Spring Meeting: 1st handicap Fiona McLeod, 2 Katherine Hardman, 3 Florence Chrystie, scratch Ailie MacBrayne. Centenary Trophy: 1st handicap Lindsay Garrett, 2 Florence Chrystie, scratch Ailie MacBrayne. Chest, Heart & Stroke: Margaret MacFarlane. Club Stableford: 1 Lindsay Garrett, 2 Joan McInnes. SSAFA Quaic: Katherine Hardman. Blind Veterans' Foursomes: Elizabeth Marrison & Mary Wilson. Charles Hunter Memorial Trophy: 1 Elizabeth Marrison, 2 Mary McKinnon. Autumn Meeting: 1st handicap Ailie MacBrayne, 2 Denise Fawcett, 3 Margaret MacFarlane, scratch Lindsay Garrett. Golf Foundation Brooch: Eleanor Hawkins. Greenlees Trophy: 1 Elizabeth Marrison, 2 Lindsay Garrett. Red Cross (pitch repairer): Linda Arkell. Dunblain Vase: Margaret MacFarlane. Glenadale Salver: 1 Ailie MacBrayne, 2 Elizabeth Marrison.

Ladies' Championship: Best final round handicap score: Elizabeth Marrison. Handicap Trophy winner: Elizabeth Marrison. Runner up in championship:

Defensive mistakes created 12-goal thriller

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When last did the Pupils score five goals at home and eventually manage to lose the match?

The simple answer to the question is never.

Readers will be rubbing their eyes in disbelief, but the self destruct button was firmly pushed last Saturday and the home side weren't alone in a gift strewn afternoon.

Both teams seemed determined to outdo one another in a goal fest of biblical proportions.

As both sets of coaches closed their eyes in horror, a sizable crowd was entertained as both nets rippled and bulged at regular intervals.

With only four league games on it was the perfect opportunity for the winner to go top, an achievement that looked well and truly on when a double from the departing Sary Rahma put the Pupils in pole position.

It wasn't to be the ideal parting gift for the Pupils' top scorer, a game that could have taken on the guise of a classic, was down to two 11s unable to defend as units and not as the score suggests the failings of respective defences.

It was a crazy match from start to



Gary Grumoli was in the thick of the action until going off injured in the closing moments. 25_c44pupils09

finish; the visitors taking an early lead only to be pegged back immediately by Rahma.

Neilston restored their lead minutes later, but the McFadyen sponsored Pupils returned to the other end and the game was level once more from a Grumoli strike.

The Pupils got their noses in front when Robbie Dudley followed up his own header to score from close range; with just 14 minutes

on the clock. Although the game was stretched throughout, it wasn't devoid of quality. The home side's finishing was clinical in the early stages.

Three each and only half way through – the referee's whistle brought the first half to a close and allowed time for everyone to draw breath.

Sary Rahma put the home side ahead with 25 minutes to go and



Sary Rahma caught in a balletic move in front of the Neilston goal. 25_c44pupils15

celebrated in some style – possibly his last goal for the home team and maybe the winner?

The dream finish to a successful stay eluded him, as the home side collapsed in the final quarter to surrender the initiative and points.

The extraordinary game also had a thumping free kick from Martin McCallum that almost demolished the cross bar, before he rounded the keeper to narrow the deficit with five

minutes left. In the final minutes the Pupils were denied what seemed a stonewall penalty.

Who knows what the score would have been if it had been given and converted.

Looking forward to a better team performance, Campbeltown Pupils travel to play Easthall in the league tomorrow.

By Alex McKinven

ze-winners silverware

Lindsay Garrett. Ladies' champion and winner of the Silver Salver: Ailie MacBrayne.

Men's results: Hiccup 2017: Sandy Watson. Medals: October 2017: handicap Bill Brannigan, scratch Harry MacLean. November: handicap John Dreghorn, scratch Malcolm Ronald. December: handicap Grant Edmondson, scratch Sandy Watson. January 2018: handicap Lee Mathieson, scratch John Brown. February: handicap John McKinlay, scratch David MacBrayne. March: handicap Alex Arkell, scratch Bill Brannigan. April: handicap John Marrison, scratch David Hanley. May: handicap Fraser MacBrayne, scratch John Dreghorn. June: handicap Robert Irvine, scratch Fraser MacBrayne. July: handicap Harry MacLean, scratch Lee Mathieson. August: handicap Grant Edmondson, scratch Campbell McCallum. September: handicap Harry MacLean, scratch Robert Coffield.

Men's main events: Christmas Competition: handicap John Marrison, scratch Robert Irvine. New Year Competition: handicap David MacBrayne, scratch Sandy Watson. New Year and Christmas combined: John Marrison. Spring Meeting, captain's prize: John Marrison (Lee Mathieson awarded the prize as the Captain declined to take his own prize), 2nd handicap John Marrison, scratch and Lorne Medal Lee Mathieson. Mersey Police Cup: 1 handicap David MacBrayne, 2 Campbell MacBrayne, 1 scratch Ross Sinclair, 2 Donald MacLean. Centenary Trophy: 1

handicap Steven Garrett, 2 Donald Brown (snr), 1 scratch Lee Mathieson, 2 Ross Sinclair. Club Stableford: 1 Robin Finlay, 2 Danny Halliday, 3 Campbell McCallum. Four Club Competition: handicap Malcolm Ronald, scratch Sandy Watson. Tapoc Cup: 1 Robert Irvine, 2 John McDowell, 3 Peter McCallum. RNL Cup: 1 Donald Brown, 2 Lea Brown, 3 David MacBrayne. Holiday Open: Best local scratch and winner of Crae McIntyre Trophy: George MacMillan. Charles Hunter Trophy: 1 Robert Irvine, 2 John Dreghorn, 3 Douglas Mack. Club Championship: Senior champion: Donald MacNeil. Handicap championship: 1 John Marrison, 2 John Brown, 3= Fraser MacBrayne and David MacBrayne. Club championship: 1 Greg Watson, 2 George MacMillan, 3 Lee Mathieson, 4 Donald MacNeil, 5 Duncan Watson III. Autumn Meeting: 1 handicap: Danny Halliday, 2 Harry MacLean, 1 scratch and Burte Plate Lee Mathieson, 2 Ross Sinclair. Eclectic winner: Alex Arkell. Lephenstrath Trophy: 1 Duncan Watson III, 2 Ross Sinclair. McCallum/Lyon Trophy: 1 John Nutt, 2 Alistair McConnachie. Muneroy Cup: 1 Bill Brannigan, 2 Sandy Watson. Amod McNeill Quaich: 1 Campbell McCallum and Robert Allan Jnr, 2 Robert Coffield and John McDowall. Dunaverty Trophy: 1 Alistair McConnachie and Evelyn Shaw, 2 Danny Halliday and Joan McInnes. Texas Scramble: 1 Ken MacMillan, Robert Irvine and Donald MacNeil, 2 David MacBrayne, Neil Brodie and Lee Mathieson.



Club captain John Marrison presents champion Sandy Watson with the trophy.

'Wily' Watson triumphs in Dunaverty Hiccup

The day after a successful annual Dunaverty Golf Club prizegiving, 17 survivors hit the course to compete in the traditional Hiccup competition.

Only those who attended the prizegiving can compete and six ladies and 11 men turned up.

They were greeted by sunshine and a strong, icy wind.

The wily veteran campaigner Sandy Watson, using all his considerable course management skills, held off vice captain John Brown to retain the trophy he won last year.

Result: 1 Sandy Watson 36 pts; 2 John Brown 34; 3 Linda Brannigan 32; 4 John Marrison 31; 5 Elizabeth Marrison 30 (bih); 6 Robert Shaw 30.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
'Wily' Watson triumphs in
Dunaverty Hiccup

Dentist denied brace as paramedic wins league

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A pair of footballing health professionals swapped studs for strings to contest a Campbeltown tennis league final.

Last Saturday, paramedic Jamie Morris played 90 minutes for Carradale against Westerlands GG.

In the match before, the

Pair swap studs for strings to contest tennis league

other tennis finalist dentist Sary Rahma, in his last Campbeltown Pupils' match, put two past Neilston's keeper.

Sunday, the day after the clocks went back, was bright and windless, for a repeat of the thrilling Campbeltown

Lawn Tennis Club singles match, on August 4, when Rahma beat Morris to the trophy and title.

En-route to the final, Morris had turned up to play Donald Mackay, in a semi-final, with broken strings in his racquet and had to borrow Valerie MacKay's.

Back in August the first set had gone to a nail biting tie-break with Morris emerging the winner.

Again on Sunday, as the pair sweltered on the sheltered, sunbathed court, Morris proved triumphant taking the first set 6-3.

Morris seemed to take a break in the quick second set going down 6-0.

Really it was just a breather. The first game of the third set went to deuce before Rahma broke Morris' serve, only for Morris to break back in the second game.

Rahma took the third and fourth games which hardened Morris' resolve and he pulled one back in the fifth.

Rahma did not score a point in the sixth game as Morris drew level, holding his serve to go 4-3 up in the seventh.

Rahma held his serve in the eighth game and at 4-4 it looked like anyone's match.

Morris held his serve in the ninth and at 4-5 in the tenth Rahma dissolved with a final curse as Morris gained his revenge.



Jamie Morris in action moments from lifting the league cup. 25_c44ctleague02_Jamie_Morris_action

Morris' Fitbit revealed that in two hours' play he had covered 4.9 miles in 9,828 steps, but Rahma seemed to dance round much more, as Morris pushed him from side to side,

so he probably stepped a bit further too. Taking the singles and the league was a step too far though and Morris, the court's autumn king, was the deserving winner.



CLTC men's league winner Jamie Morris with Sary Rahma. 25_c44ctleague01_Jamie_Morris_winner

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