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Wheelchair MS sufferer seeks safe crossing place

by Mark Davey
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A woman confined to a wheelchair by multiple sclerosis has spoken out about the need for safe Campbeltown road crossings.

Helen-Mary Martin, 57, who has used a wheelchair for at least 10 years, told the Courier last week: 'We need proper traffic light controlled or zebra crossings by the Co-op, Aqualibrium and the Royal Hotel.'

'On the corner by the Royal there should really be a traffic light controlled crossing.'

'I also have restricted sight, but luckily I have a carer when I am out.'

'For a blind person it would be specially hard.'

'In cities where there is a bobbly bit of pavement people think that is where it is safe to cross but that is not the case in Campbeltown.'

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara said: 'Safety is absolutely paramount for every single pedestrian, Helen included.'

'I know there is an assess-

ment and liaison under way. There are various guidelines, that have to be adhered to, but surely that's not an insurmountable challenge to making sure there is a safe way for everyone to cross the road.'

Councillor Rory Colville added: 'This particular crossing point needs an urgent review, the road markings seem absurd given it is next to two junctions and entrances to two businesses.'

'Further to the Courier once again highlighting these concerns, I will pursue Transport Scotland for its assessment of a permanent solution.'

Councillor John Armour commented: 'There needs to be something in place especially for wheel chair users and for the public in general.'

'The road as a main thoroughfare is busy most of the time and as such makes it almost impossible at times to cross.'

'I support any measure to have a crossing/crossings installed.'

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Co-op's CGS4Gambia charity donation



Members of Campbeltown Grammar School's CGS4Gambia group collected a large donation from the Co-op. The cheque for £6,181.68, presented last Saturday by Co-op manager Colin Middleton, was raised from the local causes one per cent collected on members' purchases of own brand goods. Collecting the cheque from front left were: Susan Shaw, Chloe Croft, Mary Thomson, Ellie McNair, Alex Wotherspoon and Emma McKinven. Back row from left: Colin Middleton, Jim Farren, James Murdoch and Louise Dott. 25_c48CGS4Gambia01



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Ms Martin said that there should be proper road markings wherever there is a dropped kerb.

'There is nothing in Campbeltown such as double yellow lines by dropped kerbs to show that cars should not park there,' said Ms Martin.

'Sometimes I have to travel some distance on the road in my wheelchair to find somewhere to cross.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'There needs to be some urgency applied to this by Transport Scotland as the lack of an accessible crossing and the slow attention to it is unacceptable.'

'I will raise the matter with Transport Scotland at the earliest opportunity.'

A Transport Scotland spokesperson said: 'We completed a traffic survey in autumn 2018 to assess the need for crossing points along the A83 in Campbeltown. While

there is no accident history at this location, Transport Scotland will continue its assessment work and undertake a consultation exercise with local stakeholders in the new year.'

We want to better understand the lived experiences of disabled people who are crossing at this location,

which will help inform consideration of possible next steps.'



Helen-Mary Martin and her career Wilma Campbell by the beige coloured road which marks a crossing in Campbeltown.

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Members of Campbeltown Brass were presented with their cheque by Co-op employee Keira MacAlister, extreme left. Photograph: Kenny Craig.

Brass bands scale the heights after cash boost

The Co-op is helping Campbeltown Brass scale the heights thanks to a charitable cash injection.

The Campbeltown branch of the supermarket donated £6,588.57 to the award-winning band on Friday, before junior members travelled to Perth for the Scottish Brass Band Association's Youth Festival on Sunday.

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Perhaps the elation of picking up the cheque boosted the young players' performances, as Campbeltown Brass Juniors, conducted by Stephanie Mitchell, won the preparatory section, and Campbeltown Brass Intermediate,

conducted by Katrina Barr, took the runners-up prize, having just moved up to the development section.

A band spokesperson said: 'Thank you to every shopper who supported our cause and helped raise much-needed funds for the band.'

The money was raised through the Co-op's local community fund, which donates one per cent of the money spent by members on supermarket products to three local causes, chosen by members.

The other recipients during this round of funding were Carradale play park and CGS4Gambia.

POLICE files

A 21-year-old man was traced and issued with an anti-social behaviour warning after driving a white Range Rover in an anti-social manner at 5.30pm on Sunday November 11, on the A846 at Port Askaig, Islay.

An Ottoman chest, a wheelbarrow, ladders, an electric chainsaw and two ornamental plates were among items stolen from a house at Glenegedale, Islay, between June 1, 2015, and November 18, 2018.

A 21-year-old man was issued with a recorded police warning after he was found to have cannabis when he was searched at 7pm on Wednesday November 21, in Calton Avenue, Campbeltown.

A man assaulted another man in a pub on Shore Street, Campbeltown, at 10.15pm on Saturday November 24.

A 43-year-old man was arrested and charged after seriously assaulting a woman at 4.45am on Sunday November 25, on Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown.

An 18-year-old man was arrested and charged on Saturday November 24, in relation to the four incidents of lit fireworks being put through letterboxes at Glenside, Campbeltown.

Anyone with information should phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Artist appears at Antiquarians

The former art teacher who restored Davaar island's painting of the crucifixion will speak at Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society.

Ronald Togneri's illustrated talk: Archibald MacKinnon and the Cave Painting, is at the Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown, on Wednesday December 5, at 7.30pm.

All are welcome, non-members £2.50 at the door.

Avoid Burnside St during lights switch-on

Campbeltown Christmas Lights group volunteers are battling the weather to smooth the way for the St Andrew's night lights switch-on at 7pm.

The group has asked that all cars are removed from Burnside Square car park by 10am to

assist setting up for the evening's ceilidh. Due to the numbers expected, the group will be managing traffic flow in Burnside Street and have asked that traffic avoid using this route.

See the poster below for all details of timings.



Argyll Rape Crisis is discriminated against

by Mark Davey
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An Campbeltown independent advocate has hit out at discriminatory Scottish government funding for rape crisis centres.

MAKI support and advocacy worker, Ailsa Wilson, said the Scottish Government has recently given 14 centres across Scotland additional funding of £1.5 million but excluded her own – Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis – as well as Western Isles and Orkney.

As The 16 Days of Action, an international campaign to raise awareness of violence against women, started last Sunday, Ms Wilson said: 'The rational was based solely on waiting lists.'

'We do not have a waiting list – we cannot get funding for a Helensburgh worker and the islands so we provide no service, hence no service

no waiting list; we raised money from the Volant Trust to provide a 12-hour worker in Cowal, which finishes in December 2019; Robertson Trust gives 14 hours to Campbeltown, dependent on match funding and recently Bute Family Trust added six hours on Bute for six months.

'Our workers do unpaid hours to see survivors.'

Clients have increased 20 per cent in the last year and sexual crimes increased by 13 per cent in Scotland.

In Argyll and Bute, according to the latest figures from Police Scotland, there has been a year-on-year increase of 38 per cent.

We have managed with no additional funding from the Scottish Government and yet because we have manged the situation we are penalised.

Ms Wilson added that waiting lists were not a fair indicator for many reasons,



explaining that rural Rape Crisis centres have different challenges – a lot of the work is developmental to enable survivors to come forward by challenging rural attitudes and by providing support.

This increases premises costs and staff travel.

In addition, survivors in rural communities have many obstacles to surmount before they come forward.

Ms Wilson added: 'Everyone knows everyone so there is a lack of anonymity.'

The perpetrator can be well known and liked, or related to someone in the village, the victim can become the focus of local gossip and attitudes may be outdated.

These can all contribute to feelings of low confidence, self-esteem and anxiety, and development is critical to

The 16 Days of Action campaign is supported by the Kintyre Link Club which has put bows and positive messages around the town.

overcome this but that takes time and resources.

In addition, it is now contributing to us being unable to get funding from other funders as there is a perception we now have funding.'

Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis offers support to men, women, lesbian, gay and transgender people from the age of 12 to 60+ in Campbeltown and throughout Argyll and Bute

Anyone who needs help or support can call the helpline on 0800 121 4685 or go to the website at: www.rapecrisiscentre-argyll-bute.org.uk/survivors.php

Paddleboarders head out in November sun



A group of paddleboarders took advantage of a recent calm clear spell for a trip round Campbeltown Loch. 25_c46paddleboard01

Fatal car crash south of Muasdale

A fatal accident closed the A83 south of Muasdale for about three hours on Tuesday.

Police officers travelling to a reported fallen tree north of Tayinloan discovered a car off the road in a field.

Officers, who arrived at 3.10pm, found that the 90-year-old driver of the silver Skoda Karoq had died.

The Courier understands that the cause of death was medical rather than as a result of a collision or bad weather, but police could not confirm that at this stage.

The road reopened at about 6pm but was closed again at 9pm when the recovery vehicle sent to retrieve the car broke down.

It reopened a couple of hours later when a second recovery vehicle arrived.

Police Scotland is appealing for information and it is believed that the vehicle may have been in the field for a number of hours.

Sergeant Kevin Craig from Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Road Policing said: 'I am appealing for anyone who may have seen the silver Skoda Karoq travelling south on the A83, or leaving the road into the field, to please get in touch.'

'Anyone with information can contact Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Road Policing via 101, quoting incident number 2164 of Tuesday November 27 2018.'

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Lawyers' invite to Dirty Dancing

Strictly fans seeking some December romance are invited to a private showing of cult film Dirty Dancing.

All that is needed is a donation to Stewart Balfour and Sutherland's chosen charity Social Bite, a not-for-profit sandwich shop that benefits the homeless.

The 1987 film, starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey, is at 8pm in Campbeltown Picture House on Saturday December 8.

Tickets are available in exchange for a donation in a sealed envelope to the company's Castlehill offices. One envelope per ticket.

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Rotary festive post is value for money

by Mark Davey
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Kintyre's red nosed Rotary Club of Campbeltown posties will pound the pavements for the same price as last year.

The club's Christmas postal service gives real value for money at 25p per card, four cards for £1 and £2 per parcel.

A Rotary spokesperson said: 'Cards can be delivered throughout Kintyre as far north as Tayinloan and Carradale.

'Please remember that Clachan is several miles beyond Tayinloan and that Grogport is well beyond Carradale. Members of the public are asked if they will be careful not to hand in cards addressed to places outwith the delivery area. In spite of previous requests, we still get cards addressed to



places well away from South Kintyre.

'This year collecting boxes will be at: Wallpaper Shop, McGeachy Butchers, Keiths Newsagents, Glenbarr Stores and Muneroy Stores, Southend. Boxes will be in place from December 1.

'The Rotary caravan will be on Main Street, Campbeltown, on Wednesday December 12,

Saturday December 15 and Wednesday December 19.

'The last collection day from the shops will be Wednesday December 19, with cards being delivered from the next day onwards. All cards will be delivered before Christmas.

'Please try to make sure that your cards are properly addressed as cards marked Granny, Carradale, or

The Rotary Club caravan will be on Main Street for people to drop in their Christmas post.

Auntie Jean, Southend, are difficult to deliver.

'The Rotary Club would like to thank all the shopkeepers for their help and all non-Rotarians who help in any way.

'After Christmas and New Year, it is hoped that Rotarian Ann Gallacher will collect old Christmas cards.

'Funds raised in this way will be used to help Rotary's support of charities and other good causes in Kintyre and elsewhere.'

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Waves crashed over the wall at the Esplanade and soaked pedestrians and cars.

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Wild winds wreak havoc in Kintyre

Words and photographs by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Pedestrians in Campbeltown's Main Street had a lucky escape on Tuesday when a pane of glass fell from the top of a building and crashed onto the pavement below.

Shards of glass littered

the street but thankfully none landed on anyone or anything, with police officers blaming the incident on the blustery weather.

A spokesperson said: 'There was no other apparent dangerous windows and an occupier of one of the buildings said they would inform the owner of the building concerned.'

Pedestrians battling across the Esplanade did not have to contend with flying panes of glass but they did have huge ocean waves crashing over the wall soaking them.

Motorists also faced obstacles, with a number of reported fallen trees across Kintyre, but most were dealt with quickly, causing minimal disruption.

Christmas threat to 11 shop jobs

by Mark Davey
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The Campbeltown branch of a national shop chain has told customers it is closing but told staff talks with its landlord are ongoing.

The Original Factory Shop (TOFS), based in Burnley, has been in a Company Voluntary Arrangement (CVA) since July and is renegotiating leases with landlords after already closing 32 stores, about 10 per cent of its total.

Campbeltown TOFS, at 1-3 Main Street, held a staff meeting last Friday and, according to the firm's London-based public relations team, FTI Consulting, staff were told that under the CVA the landlord can terminate the lease.

Eleanor Purdon from FTI said: 'Store colleagues, two of whom are full-time and nine part-time, have been notified of the fact that we have been served notice.'

'We continue to be in negotiations with our landlord and we will be keeping them up to date with any progress.'

'TOFS doesn't want the store to close. It believes it plays an important part in the local Campbeltown community and is trying to agree terms with the landlord to ensure the store can be retained.'

'The company has therefore been legally bound to engage despite this being a well-performing store.'

This information conflicts with an email flyer sent out from TOFS head-office about four hours before the statement was issued on Tuesday.

The flyer states, in bold letters: 'Unfortunately your Campbeltown Store is closing.'

'We are holding a closing down sale, 25 per cent off on fashion and footwear starting tomorrow (Wednesday).'

On Wednesday morning the store was busy with queues at the tills.

According to the TOFS website the firm is: 'Actively seeking more store sites throughout the UK, particu-

larly in the South of England with tourist areas of prime interest.'

'Principal criteria are: Towns under 20,000 population - no minimum; any property, any condition considered, with or without retail consent, leasehold or freehold.'

The Courier tried to contact the landlords but was unsuccessful.

Fire fighters' blaze a trail with charity cash

Three Campbeltown organisations are £200 each better off thanks to donations from Campbeltown fire fighters.

Last Tuesday evening, Meadows Under Fives, Campbeltown Christmas Lights and The Hub raising money for a CGS defibrillator were presented with cheques.

In addition, £400 will be donated to the Fire Fighters Charity.

Pictured from back left: Alistair Sharp, Iona Campbell, David McCallum, Stephen Gorman, Norman Brodie, Scott Campbell, Stuart McTaggart, Jamie Morris, Kenny Docherty, Caroline Deans and Tracy McLaren. Front: Rachel MacPhail, Ronan Currie, Tom Lee, Kelly McSporan, Robbie Cox, 2 and Grant MacPherson. 25_c48firefighters01_charity_presentation



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Road crossing discrimination

A government agency suggested the reason there is not a safe place for a blind person or wheelchair user to cross the main road in Campbeltown is that there has not been an accident.

An official from Transport Scotland, which made that statement, should try crossing a busy road wearing a blindfold or in a wheelchair. In Campbeltown they would search in vain for a traffic light controlled or zebra crossing.

There is one on Main Street but to get there from Dalintober or Millknowe would involve crossing the main road.

There are none on the whole length of the A83 from Loch Lomonside at Tarbet to Campbeltown.

It is hard enough for an able-bodied person to cross at the designated points in Campbeltown.

The situation seems to discriminate against disabled people when the government makes much of its inclusivity.

The result is that people in wheelchairs have to have a carer with them whenever they are likely to need to cross a road.

Surely installing a few crossings would be safer, cheaper and improve town life for all.

Bingo boost for Mairi Semple fund

Sir,

The bingo night at Argyll Bowling Club raised about £900, after expenses, for the Mairi Semple Fund for Cancer Relief locally and for research.

We are very grateful to all who supported us and for all those who helped in any way to make this such a successful night.

A big thank you to the wind farm companies which donated money for the prizes, and to those individuals who gave donations.

It is through your generosity that we are able to continue helping Kintyre people when they most need it.

Pauline Simson,
Chairwoman,
Mairi Semple Fund.

Archaic Skipness broadband

Sir,

I held a surgery in Skipness where I heard from and spoke to many about pressing local issues.

The need for a fit-for-purpose broadband service was mentioned time and time again, not just from individual Skipness residents, for personal use, but from local businesses who are looking to grow and expand.

In some cases businesses pay for up to four separate phone lines, to have basic levels of speed and functionality from a network which remains wanting.

Whether it be a community broadband solu-

tion or more direct funding for better broadband infrastructure, from both BT Openreach and central government, one thing is certain the status quo cannot continue.

For businesses to remain, move to and prosper in the Kintyre and Islands ward and across Argyll, the archaic broadband must be brought up to the same standards enjoyed in cities.

Alastair Redman,
Kintyre and the Islands ward,
Portnahaven,
Islay.

Councillor's response to A83 questions

Sir,

The Argyll economy desperately needs a solution to stop the A83 being closed by landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful.

To answer Councillor Paterson's question (Letters, November 16), I have attended many meetings about the A83 over the years, several of them on cold winter days on site at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Just as I did at the meeting on November 15, I have regularly called on SNP ministers to solve the problems of the A83 but sadly the SNP has always gone for the cheap option instead of doing a proper job.

I even remember one meeting at which a senior Transport Scotland official said that using the Old Military Road would not work, because debris from a landslip would reach

that road and block it. The SNP ignored this advice and chose the Old Military Road for the emergency diversion route – a few weeks ago a landslip blocked the Old Military Road.

Instead of ignoring expert advice, the SNP must start taking the problem seriously and choose one of the recommendations from the Jacobs Report which will fix the problems at the Rest.

Instead of trying to defend the SNP's appalling record, Councillor Paterson should join me in calling on the SNP government to spend the money needed to keep the A83 open.

Councillor Alan Reid,
Cowal.

Cinema and pool forget children

Sir,

School children were given a day off in Campbeltown on Monday as it was an in-service day for the teachers.

My 10 and 11-year-olds went to the swimming pool at Aqualibrium only to be told it was adults only lane swimming till 3.30pm.

They visited the cinema, but the films were a 12A at 2pm, Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald, which they could go to if an adult was present, or a 15, A Star is Born at 2.15pm.

There is little enough to do during the day for children in the winter months without two of the major attractions being unavailable.

Name and address supplied

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Remember the fallen in any way

Sir,

I would like to politely disagree with Hazel Scally's thoughts on those who left the parade before the church service on Remembrance Sunday. (Letters, November 23).

I think everybody, regardless of religion, should be commended for taking part in any of the events, given that there is a religious undertone throughout and they are led by religious leaders.

As an atheist, for many years I have not attended any official remembrance events, choosing instead to remember our war heroes in my own way.

Recently, I have begun to attend the service at the war memorial but I must admit I find the prayers uncomfortable.

I think it would be one step too far to attend a church service, but I don't feel that my remembrance should be taken as an insult or be any less valid than anyone else's.

Name and address supplied.

HAVE YOUR SAY

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



A Quiet Place by Marilyn Sheddern.

As autumn turns into winter and gales batter the country, the last leaves are falling from the trees.

Marilyn Sheddern sent us this photograph, titled A Quiet Place, showing a red carpet of fallen leaves surrounding a bench.

She took the photograph at Balloch Country Park, on the shores of Loch Lomond, on November 1 with her Samsung Galaxy mobile phone.

Marilyn said: 'We came upon this lovely little

corner in the park. I just loved the carpet of colours, the stillness and the peace that was there, and the empty bench seemed to offer an invitation to just stop and be still for a few moments.'

If any of our readers have a photograph which might be suitable for 'photograph of the week', please email them to us at editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk, send them via the Courier's Facebook page or bring it into the Courier office to be copied.

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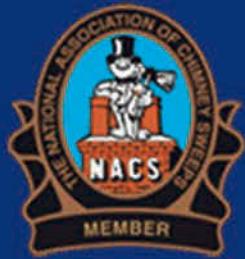
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Friday November 28, 2008

Dolly celebrates her centenary

You need more than one party for a life as full as Dolly Silcock's.

A remarkable Argyll woman celebrated her 100th birthday in Campbeltown on Monday.

Helen Anne Silcock, née Stevenson, known to one and all as Dolly, was visited by Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart who presented her with a bouquet and her telegram from HM Queen and by Councillor Rory Colville, who gave her a bouquet on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council.

Mrs Silcock was born at Invercieran, Glencraran, the youngest of the five children of Alexander and Helen Stevenson; her father was the gardener at 'the big house'.

At the age of eight, the family moved to Falkirk where things like trams, traffic and shops were all new to her.

'You saw such poverty,' Mrs Silcock said, remembering sharing an apple with children in the playground. 'You saw children with patched clothes. There's no poverty like that today.'

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday December 3, 1993

The case for the defence

The rift over the proposals for the future of the Claonaig Estate grew this week - with support for the Danish owners being voiced, but peti-



Dolly Silcock with, from left, Councillor Rory Colville, Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart and Julie McLellan, Argyll and Bute Council.

tions emerging attacking their plans.

The petitions are circulating all over Argyll, and are due to be passed to the Forestry Authority today (Friday).

The *Campbeltown Courier* itself has been flooded with correspondence both for and against the project.

Former factor Jeff Dunlop, who spoke out last week against the plans, is the man behind the petitions.

Backing the owners, Alex MacCuish, of Bruiliun, Skipness, said: 'I have spoken to quite a few people in the community, and we do not want to be associated with the view that the new owners are bad stewards.'

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday November 28, 1968

Fishing boat nets a mine

A bomb disposal unit raced from Faslane to Campbeltown on Friday night after the local fishing boat, the 'Mary McLean', picked up a mine in her nets.

The fishing boat was fishing off Arran when the German war time mine was discovered.

Skipper, Mr Duncan McArthur, and crew-members lashed the mine, still in the net, to the boat's side and steamed slowly for Campbeltown.

The 'Mary McLean' tied up alongside the boom defence vessel 'Mandarin', berthed at Campbeltown's Old Quay, and the net was slung from a derrick on the navy ship.

Police sealed off the quay while the bomb disposal unit was on its way to the town.

The mine was eventually taken to sea aboard the 'Mandarin' and disposed of at an Admiralty ammunition dumping ground.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday November 30, 1918

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The collection in Campbeltown for the King's Fund for our disabled heroes will take place on Monday first.

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In January 1977, the Courier reported modernisation of the Mull of Kintyre Lighthouse taking it to 'the power of a million candles'.

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An inside view – John in his engine room.

principal lighthouse keeper John Harrow and his colleagues.

Mr Harrow, originally from Fife, had spent 17 years in the service and had served spells at Bass Rock and Ailsa Craig. He said that this was the most advanced lighthouse he had ever kept.

'I enjoy my job as a keeper,' he said. 'I was in the building trade at first, but there were bad times one winter when my family was young, and I wanted a steady job.'

Conditions at the Mull were wild at times but even when ice stopped cars from using the steep windy roads, a Land Rover was able to take the keepers' wives on their shopping trips twice a week.

Dedication

It was a full-time job, with the keepers doing all the painting and decorating themselves and the gleaming brasswork showed their dedication to keeping the machinery spotlessly clean.

While engineers were called in to deal with major breakdowns, the keepers themselves dealt with any minor faults.

Their work went on day and night in four-hour watches, just in case anything should go wrong.

Semi-automation had made life somewhat easier for the keepers. Electric motors had replaced the clockwork-like mechanisms previously used to drive the lens so they no longer had to wind these up every 30 minutes.

Keeper of a million candles



Principal lighthouse keeper John Harrow, pictured through the lens which magnifies light.

New electric compressors operated the fog horn and a new fog detector was to be installed.

In a separate building, a radio beacon transmitted Mull of Kintyre's own signal 24 hours a day across a 100-mile radius.

John was not sorry to see the old, now obso-

lete, machines phased out.

'It was sometimes a job to get them started and so much work looking after them especially with so much brass to polish,' he explained. 'They did their work, and they're due retirement.'

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Skipness sale was hog roast heaven

Words and photographs
by Mark Davey
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An early Christmas event saw present buyers out in force at Skipness village hall.

Organiser and coffee van barista Sam McKee of Skippuccino, the hot drinks

provider, arranged a mix of crafters and food producers so that there was little duplication at last Sunday's event.

Fyne Frames' Mhairi MacDonald showed a large selection of clocks, some created by her 16-year-old son, Lochgilphead High School pupil Ben Selfridge.

Ben's West Coast Grain wood turning works with fresh and reclaimed wood including barrel staves from Springbank.

The young wood worker hopes to become a cabinet maker having been inspired by a Lochgilphead teacher.

He ran a solo stall for

the first time ever at Oban distillery the day before, and was away with his dad Calum Selfridge at another fair on Sunday.

Former Carradale primary headteacher, Marion Morris, displayed a range of die cut Christmas cards which she cuts with commercial dies



Argyll Hog Roast's Jonathan Coggins was also popular for a range of filled pancakes and he worked through a huge tub of Nutella. 25_c48skipness01

Finfish aquaculture Consultation information event

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Community drop in events will give you the chance to speak with a range of SEPA staff, find out more about the proposals and answer your questions. No booking required.

Date: 4th December 2018

Time: 2.30pm – 7.00pm

Venue: Lochgilphead Community Education Centre,
Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8XQ

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before adding the final touch by hand colouring.

Skipness youngsters, Donald Dunlop, 9, and Alexander Dunlop, 7 who attend Tayvallich primary during the week, sold tree hangings, some made from scavenged pine cones, which they estimated had taken two weeks to make, and gift tags. One half of the Skipness

Smokehouse supremos, Fran James, was celebrating having just gained two stars in the Great Taste Awards for the firm's whisky-infused cold smoked salmon.

Her stall included a raffle for a hamper, as well as other products including Arran Sea Glass and works by former Skipness resident artist Liz Toole.



Skipness knitter Joan McHugh models her wares.
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For more photographs of the Skipness sale go to page 16

The values and virtues that make Scotland our home

Life is constantly evolving. New research from the Royal Bank of Scotland shows which qualities we hold dear in an ever-changing world.

From the green space surrounding our cities, towns and villages, to the aspects we need to see and feel to bring life to our communities, and even the little details that turn a house into a home, a fascinating snapshot of Scottish attitudes to life in 2018 has been revealed by Royal Bank of Scotland's new Community and Ways to Bank survey.

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Four in ten
said they value the people in the community



53%
of 70 and 80 year olds value people in their community the most



only **35%**
of millennials thought the same

More people in the **Highlands & Islands** value the people in their community than elsewhere in Scotland

54%



86% of Highlands and Islanders were positive about their area

Safe
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78% of people in South Scotland used positive words about their area

81% of Glaswegians described their area with positive words



85% of people in the Lothians were positive about their area



When asked what Scots value about where they live
44% said their shops

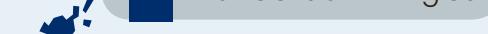


42% of Highlands and Islanders say having access to the post office is of value to them



Housing – its cost, parking and availability – is of greatest value to those in Mid Scotland and Fife

41%



39% of people in Glasgow value their leisure and social facilities – more than any other region

Shops were of most value to Glaswegians with **60%** thinking so



60% of Scots say access to green spaces and nature is important to them

in **South Scotland**

72%

in the **Highlands & Islands**

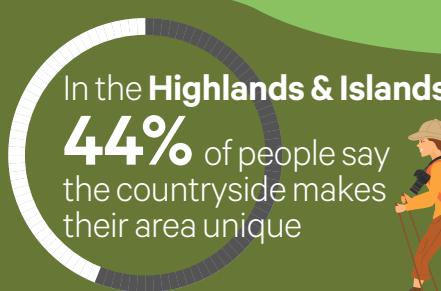
70%

in **Central Scotland**

62%

in the **West of Scotland**

...say access to green spaces and nature is important to them



In the **Highlands & Islands**
44% of people say the countryside makes their area unique

39% of baby boomers said housing was the most valued thing about their area



An afternoon with Kintyre's



Speed can be checked of vehicles passing in both directions. 25_c48trafficpolice04



The traffic officers drove a twin turbo, two-litre diesel BMW. 25_c48trafficpolice07

Words and photographs
by Mark Davey
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Vehicles seemed to magically slow down as Campbeltown's most experienced traffic cops monitored speed.

On a cool bright November afternoon, in the middle of a Police Scotland road safety week, Sergeant Archie McGuire and PC Richard Kay invited the *Courier* to see a speed check operation.

The location was the A83 straight by the Glencraigs farm entrance.

As a single carriageway road it has a maximum speed limit of 60mph for cars, 50mph for goods vehicles below 7.5 tonnes and 40mph for goods vehicles over 7.5 tonnes.

In the past, car drivers travelling at 120mph have been stopped there and found themselves in front of a sheriff facing a ban.

Before the officers left Campbeltown police station a number of checks on the American-made Custom Pro Laser III speed gun are carried out.

The device is calibrated each year but before use a pre-determined range is checked three times to make sure the gun is within tolerance.

The alignment of the sighting mechanism is also checked in the vertical and horizontal plane.

The gun has a range of 6,000ft but is usually used at about 1,000ft.



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registration plate.'

Officers try to stand next to the tarmac at the edge of the road. Standing at an angle, to the road causes the speed to register lower as a triangle is formed and the cosine effect angle alters the reading, always in the driver's favour.

'Often drivers pass officers carrying out speed checks and flash at oncoming cars,' said PC Kay, 'How do they know that the person coming towards them is honest, perhaps they have no insurance or have just broken into someone's house.'

Valid licence

These might include whether the driver has a valid licence and that the vehicle's MOT is valid or is the vehicle insured, are the tyres legal and do the lights work correctly?

The lights and tyres are vitally important at this time of year and are included in Police Scotland's Festive Road Safety message.

The speed gun is held steadily in both hands and its target sighting with a red LED square is aimed at vehicles.

Sergeant McGuire, who has 20 years' traffic policing experience, added: 'We try to target a flat surface at the front of the vehicle such as the snow and fog.'

Road safety advice can be found at: www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/festive-safety/festive-road-safety.

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Sgt Archie McGuire holds the gun as steady as possible for the speed check.

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The display on a laser speed gun. 25_c48trafficpolice14

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Church guild's winter warmers



Behind the baking stall, from left to right: Jennifer McKerral, Cathie McGown and Catherine Ann Meikle.

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Isabel Campbell and Jean Armour enjoyed a cuppa.

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On a bitterly cold morning, the Lorne and Lowland Church Guild had the perfect recipe for warming people up.

The old church hall, complete with new heaters, offered a warm welcome to visitors at a coffee morning last Wednesday.

The ladies of the guild not only served piping hot tea and coffee but they also sold hot

water bottles complete with hand-knitted covers.

Also on offer were children's cardigans and various other items hand-knitted by Sissy McCallum.

The event raised £763.31 for guild funds.

A spokesperson said: 'We are very lucky as many people who couldn't make it provided a donation or baking.'



From left, Bertha Newlands, Joyce Gardiner, Catherine Spence, Margaret Mitchell and Douglas McKerral enjoy a catch up. 50_c48llguildcm05



Winter warmers: Moira MacDougall holds hot water bottles with covers knitted by Sissy McCallum. 50_c48llguildcm03

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Give pre-loved furniture a new home

Piano-playing supremos can help, a second-hand furniture store, which has given new life to an empty Longrow shop, officially open its doors tonight (Friday).

Kintyre Recycling Ltd's (KRL) reuse hub will join many other Campbeltown shops in opening after the Christmas lights switch-on.

The shop, which sells pre-owned sofas, tables, chairs, beds, dressers and more has recently taken receipt of a piano, previously owned by renowned Kintyre musician Gus McAllister, who passed away earlier this year.

The piano being played on the Christmas lights switch-on night is an apt way to honour Gus, who regularly provided the soundtrack at Glenbarr Abbey's iconic Christmas open days.

'It's not just any old piano,' said Amanda Card, KRL's business manager. 'It has a

steel frame and a lot of history – it will be well over 100 years old.'

The piano, which will eventually be for sale, sits alongside many items of furniture, arranged in a homely fashion, inside the shop, which has occupied the site since August.



Ms Card added: 'Our aim is to divert furniture that would normally go to landfill, whether it's straight from the amenity site or from people contacting us.'

'We have already done several house clearances – but this isn't just about rubbish. We only sell good quality items.'

The reuse hub works in conjunction with the Springbank Homelessness Project, which offers the use of its hall to store extra furniture that cannot be accommodated in the shop, as well as the Third Sector Interface community shop and Shopper-Aide.

'We're also working hand-in-hand with the Rotary Club of Campbeltown,' said Amanda, adding, 'which has had to scale back its furniture auctions to one a year.'

The social work department has already referred people who were given new homes to the shop to find affordable furnishings.

After training, staff and volunteers will be able to upcycle and restore furniture and also offer workshops to share some of their skills.

People are encouraged to go along on the opening night to share their views on the type of workshops they would attend and register their interest in volunteering.

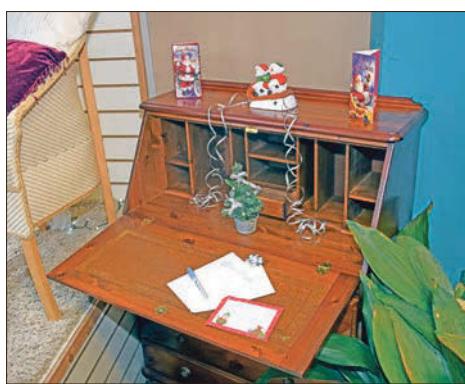
The reuse hub has been fully funded by the Social Economy Growth Fund, which is supported by the European Social Fund and Scottish Government.



Assistants Jenna Campbell and Jacqueline Flaws and are part of the furniture shop team.



From left, Jenna Campbell, Lorraine McCallum and Jacqueline Flaws put together a Christmas window display. 50_c48reusehub03



The shop is all set for its Christmas lights night opening, complete with a writing desk and a letter to Santa. 50_c48reusehub04



The items inside the shop have been arranged in a homely fashion. 50_c48reusehub05



From left, furniture supervisors Stacey Stevens and Lorraine McCallum with KRL business manager Amanda Card beside one of the shop's more unusual items. 50_c48reusehub01

KRL was awarded £108,404 for the project until March 2020, to pay for the shop, a new van and the wages of four workers – two full-time furniture supervisors and two therapeutic assistants.

As well as potential piano playing, the opening night will feature nibbles, free Christmas ducks and children may be able to make their own Christmas decorations. There will be a regular

opportunity for volunteers in the shop so anyone who is interested, or those wishing to donate or purchase furniture, should attend the opening or call the shop on 01586 551511.

The Social Economy Growth Fund is supported by the European Social Fund and Scottish Government.

The social economy plays an important role in achieving sustainable and inclusive economic growth. The Social Economy Growth Fund will support and grow the capacity of Scotland's third sector/social economy to increase and improve services for people experiencing poverty and disadvantage.



Kintyre Recycling has been awarded £108,404 for the KRL Reuse Hub until March 2020. This is for new shop, new van and jobs.

Kintyre Recycling Reuse Hub will provide employment outcomes - 2 new Furniture Supervisor posts have been created and 2 part time therapeutic assistants have just started. There will be a volunteer basis created so if you are interested please come and inquire.

Environmental measures will include an increase in tonnage diversion of furniture from landfill which can be reused and an increase in income for the social enterprise.

Social measures will enable low income families and all members of the community to buy good quality second hand furniture. We also intend to hold a variety of workshops on upcycling that will be open to all members of the community. There will also be partnership working between TSI Community Shop, Social Work Department, Springbank Homelessness project, Rotary Club and Shopper Aide.

Please register your interest at the shop at 64 Longrow Campbeltown and come along and have a look at official opening on Friday November 30th.

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Skipness Christmas sale



Skippuccino's Sam McKee. 25_c48skipness06



Marion Morris holds two of her cards. 25_c48skipness02

Fran James and the Skipness Smokehouse hamper.
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Hazel Selfridge, 14, and Mhairi Selfridge. 25_c48skipness05



Donald and Alexander Dunlop. 25_c48skipness03

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But who do you get to advise you?
The Pensions Advisory Service (TPAS) is an

independent organisation that is grant-aided by the Department for Work and Pensions.

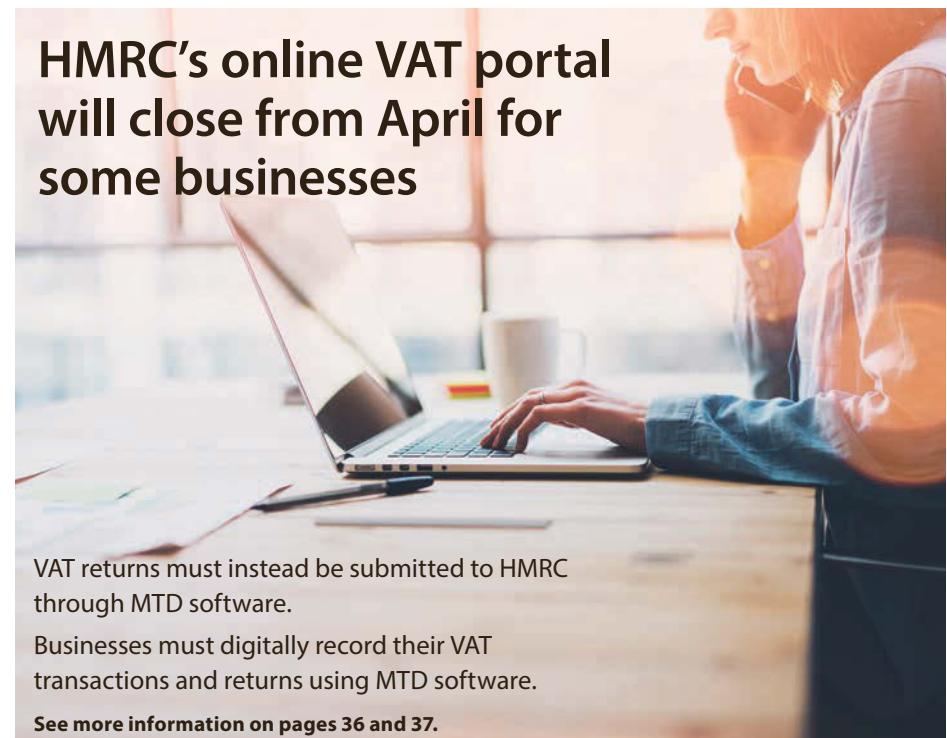
It works to make pensions understandable for everyone, providing independent and impartial information and guidance about pensions, free of charge, to members of the public.

It provides the telephone service for the Government service, Pension Wise and as such does not offer regulated financial advice or provide detailed tax information.

Neither does it deal with complaints or disputes relating to the State Pension.

You can find help from Pension Wise from other organisations like the Citizens Advice Bureau.

**HMRC's online VAT portal
will close from April for
some businesses**



VAT returns must instead be submitted to HMRC through MTD software.

Businesses must digitally record their VAT transactions and returns using MTD software.

See more information on pages 36 and 37.



There is plenty of help out there

The good news is that there are plenty of options that you can choose for your pension. No two people's lives are the same, so it is good to mix and match these options to suit your own unique needs.

The bad news is that there are plenty of options you can choose from for your pension and making those choices can be daunting.

That is why it cannot be stressed enough

that you should consult an expert. You can leave your money invested in your pension pot until you need it.

OR

- You can use your pension pot to buy an insurance policy that gives you a guaranteed income for the rest of your life. This is called an annuity.
- Or you can take 25 per cent of your pot as tax-free cash and buy an annuity with the other 75 per cent.
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- Or you could take your entire pension pot in one go and cash in your entire pot; 25 per cent is tax free, the rest is taxable. If you decide to do this then make sure that the advice you have taken is very, very sound.

With so many options, and permutations of those options, it makes sense to seek advice. If you go down the path of seeking professional financial advice then make sure you use an Independent Financial Advisor. In the UK, regulated financial advice can be either independent or restricted; restricted means the advisor can only recommend certain products or product providers.

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What will your pension look like when you retire?

The Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association (PLSA) has come up with a suggestion to help people keep their pension plans on track. It has called for savings targets to be put in place to help individuals save enough for a good pension for their retirement years.

According to their research¹, 13 million people haven't made sufficient pension provision and 78 per cent of those aged between 18 and 64 don't know how to go about finding out how much pension they will receive when they retire.

The PLSA is considering developing a new set of benchmarks that will help savers by providing target figures for them to aim for.

Retirement income targets are commonly used in Australia, and can help people become more informed about their pension by explaining how much they need to save to achieve different standards of living in retirement – such as minimum, modest and comfortable.

GETTING THE RIGHT ADVICE

Whilst most people know that they should save regularly throughout their working lives to accumulate enough to retire on, fewer people are aware of how much they might need to live on, or whether their current pension arrangements are on track to achieve their goals.

Research² has shown that the average person in the UK thinks that they will need an income of £29,700 a year when they retire; what they are often not so clear about is that to achieve this level of income, they would need to have accumulated a pension pot of around £364,000 on top of a full state pension.

This is where getting advice can really help. We can provide valuable insight into how much your current pension savings are worth, what level of income you can expect to retire on, and what steps you can take to improve your standard of living in your later years.

The information within the article is purely for information purposes only and does not constitute individual advice.

1 Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association, Nov 2017

2 One Family, Nov 2017



A WELL-SPENT 45 MINUTES

It's too easy to get it wrong on pensions, and following recent rule changes it definitely pays to acquire reliable and impartial guidance.

Do you know that you have a number of options relating to pensions that weren't available before? There have been worrying reports of some making unwise decisions because of flawed or misleading information.

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If you are in business be it large or small, it is time to fasten your seatbelt and strap on your protective headgear and get in there.

The first step is making tax digital for VAT payers and the pilot service is now under way involving business whose affairs are straightforward

and up to date. Most other businesses will be offered this service in the coming months.

HMRC says that VAT-registered businesses with a taxable turnover above the VAT threshold are required to use the Making Tax Digital service to keep records digitally and use software to submit their VAT returns from April 1 next year.

However, some VAT-registered businesses with

what are being classed as 'more complex requirements' can be the exception and they have until October 1 next year until they join.



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The countdown is on

In October this year the first VAT-registered businesses in the UK began to use the system in a pilot scheme and private testing with partnerships and those customers who trade with the EU.

The existing online VAT portal will close to some businesses from April and VAT returns must instead be submitted to HMRC using recognised

MTD software. From this point businesses must record their VAT transactions and returns digitally using this type of software.

For the rest of the UK's VAT-registered businesses the time line is as follows

- Early 2019: Opens to other sole traders and companies who are not up to date with their VAT, users of the Flat Rate Scheme and businesses newly registered for VAT that have not previously submitted a VAT return.

- Spring 2019: Pilot open for Making Tax Digital customers that have been deferred.
- April 2019 Making Tax Digital becomes mandatory for all customers, except those that have been deferred.
- October 2019: Making Tax Digital mandatory for customers that have been deferred.

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Your will SHOULD be done

November has been Will Aid month and the 30th anniversary of one of the legal profession's major contributions to charity.

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James Tarleton, who chairs Will Aid said: 'Not only does making your will through Will Aid provide peace of mind, by using a professional solicitor, but the nine partner charities use the donations and legacies from will makers to reach people in crisis, both here in the UK and all around the world.'

Without a will your affairs can be in limbo for years. Making a will is especially important if you live with your partner but aren't married or in a civil partnership as common law rights don't exist. If you die, your partner may not get the house – even if you've been together a long time.

A vast majority of adults are following in the footsteps of the late music legends Aretha Franklin and Prince in having made no will, a recent survey by Will Aid revealed. The study found that 53 per cent of adults have not prepared this vital piece of paperwork, up from 51 per cent in 2017.



Few people realise how many problems it causes their families if they have not written a will, so get yours organised

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The deferral will apply to around 3.5 per cent of VAT registered operations.

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A milkman of the British Empire

Six-year-old Lewis Wilkie could not believe his eyes. The Queen. The actual HM the Queen of Great Britain right there in front of him?

He rubbed them again and again. But each time it was clear as day - Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II really was there at the party celebrating his grandpa's investiture as an MBE.

Earlier last Wednesday Sandy Wilkie had lined up at Buckingham Palace with actor Hugh Laurie to be invested by Prince Charles after being awarded an MBE in the Queen's birthday honours.

Royal honour

An array of family, friends and distinguished personalities, from the dairy and agricultural industries, had gathered to help Sandy Wilkie aka Alexander C Wilkie MBE celebrate his royal honour.

It was not the first time he had met Prince Charles. On the previous occasion Sandy was not flavour of the

month with the Prince, who is well known for his organic farming, having just returned from visiting a 10,000-cow factory farm in China.

Sandy said: 'I mentioned the previous meeting and Prince Charles said he accepted there was room for both models of milk production.'

Sandy is a larger than life character, who splits his time between Blantyre in Lanarkshire and his home at Kilchousland, Peninver and is a regular visitor to the Wee Toon, latterly in his four-wheel-drive smattered in cow pattern paint.

Sandy added: 'All my sales team were told they could have an upgrade on their cars if they agreed to have the cow print pattern.'

Lewis wasn't the only guest who was thrilled when HM the Queen walked into the after party at the Dorchester penthouse last week.

As he entered the room

Sandy said: 'Ladies and gentlemen I am delighted to say Her Majesty the Queen is joining us for afternoon tea.'

Jaws literally dropped as Her Majesty, aka look-a-like Mary Reynolds, serenely toured the room, handbag, hat and pearls to the fore.

But they shouldn't have been surprised.

Milk moustaches

For Sandy, in his pre-retirement role as sales and marketing supremo at Muller Wiseman Dairies, is the man who put the milk moustaches on everyone from David Beckham to Bill Clinton.

As well as black and white on just about everything.

Proud wee sister Agnes Wilkie from Kilberry said: 'Inviting HM the Queen round for tea and a chat after her son HRH Prince Charles had completed the more formal honours was definitely the cream on the top for this Milkman of the British Empire!'



At first glance Mary Reynolds looks like HM the Queen.



Sandy's grandchildren Maggie, 8, Alexandra, 4, Jessica, 1 and Lewis, 6, flanking their 'royal' guest.



The 'Queen' surveys Sandy and his guests.



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End of season sale at Islay Auction Mart

United Auctions held its annual end of season sale of all classes suckled calves and store cattle at Islay Auction Mart on Saturday, November 24.

A catalogued entry of 384 sold in keeping with current market trends with bullocks selling to an average of £670 per head or 220 pence per kilo - £12 per head or four pence per kilo.

Heifers levelled out at £628 per head or 208 pence per kilo, + £25 per head or - 1 pence per kilo. Bullocks from Dunlossit Estate, Lossit, sold to £1,180 per head and this section per kilo was led by Ardtalla Estate at 258 pence.

Heifers from Octofad sold to £980 per head and Dunlossit Estate,

Knocklearach, sold their consignment in this section to 238 pence.

Principal lots and prices: Top prices per head: Bullocks: AAx: £960 Octomore; £930 Keppols. BRBx: £720 Bayview. CHARx: £1,060 (2) and £970 (3) Eskinish; £860 (5) and £810 (3) Octofad. LIMx: £1,180 and £1,160 Dunlossit Estate; £1,000 (3) Eskinish; £970 Coillabus; £960 Kilchiaran. SIMx: £710 Glenegedale Lots.

Heifers: AAx: £840 (4) Keppols. BRBx: £850 Bayview. CHARx: £640 (6) Dunlossit Estate. LIMx: £940 (4) and £850 (8) Octofad; £830 Kintra; £800 Coillabus. SIMx: £630 Glenegedale Lots.

Top prices per kilo: Bullocks: AAx: 236p (6) Rockside; 234p (4) Scarabus; 225p (10) Kelsay. BRBx: 252p Dunlossit; 235p Bayview. CHARx: 242p (5), 242p (4), 235p (2) and 234p (4) Dunlossit. LIMx: 258p Ardtalla Estate; 255p (6) Kilbride; 254p (7) and 252p (9) Dunlossit; 245p Bayview; 244p Dunlossit & Kilbride; 241p Kilbride; 240p (2) Woodend; 238p (6) Kilbride; 238p (4) Dunlossit; 235p (13) Kilbride; 234p Octofad; 231p Kintra; 230p Ardtalla Estate.

Heifers: AAx: 222p (7) Kelsay. CHARx: 238p (3) and 227p (6) Dunlossit. LIMx: 228p (6) Kilbride; 223p Dunlossit (12) and Woodend (4); 222p (5) Kilbride.

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Australian author inspired by Davaar

by Mark Davey
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Tales of Kintyre, from a father-in-law born in Campbeltown, have inspired an author from Down Under.

Renee Graham writes Kindle books, under the pseudonym TJ Johnson and is the daughter-in-law of Kenny Graham, who lived in John Street before emigrating to Australia in the 1990s.

Last week, with her two editors Alison Robertson and Jeanene Douglas, who also have Scottish links, Renee visited the Wee Toon for the first time having already written one in her planned six book Davaar series, featuring her heroine Abby.

Abby is introduced in that first book, Until You, having left her homeland and life as Gale Carson and journeyed to the Scottish island of Davaar, where she becomes her alter ego and starts to write.

In a case of life mirroring art last week, the three booked a cottage on Davaar Island from Kildalloig estate owner Mary Turner, who seemed surprised they wanted to stay there in the middle of November.

Renee, a mum of two, said: 'I stayed in an AirBnB in Kirk Street for the first four days.'

'I walked up Beinn Ghuilean and swam at Westport.'

'It was cold but I swim in the sea at home all year round.'

Renee, 40, from Newcastle,



Editors Alison Robertson and Jeanene Douglas with author Renee Graham, who writes as TJ Johnson, and copies of the two books.

two hours north of Sydney on the edge of the Hunter valley wine growing region, said that she had been writing

young adult fiction for about 20 years.

'The Davaar series is a love story for a female audience

with a thrilling undercurrent,' said Renee, 'I was planning to send my manuscript to a mainstream publisher until a

friend explained the logic of publishing independently for Kindle.'

'I own the rights and if by some fluke it was optioned (for a film) it would be much better.'

In another Kintyre link Renee contacted CS Wind worker Rory Fulton through Instagram and he supplied the front cover photograph for her second book featuring Abby titled Northern Skies.

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On a cool dry November morning Campbeltown Town Hall was soon buzzing, during fundraising for the Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association.

A mixture of mums, dads, grandparents, supporters and youngsters manned the various stalls, including



Imogen O'Hanlon and Mary Thomson manned the treasure hunt stall.

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a treasure hunt, guess the sweeties in the jar, baking and a bottle tombola and collected a grand total of £1,082.35.

After a long dry spell Courier reporter Mark Davey struck lucky and won a package of chocolate boxes on the raffle.



Calum O'Hanlon and Matthew McKerral played a 15-minute stint at the start of the morning.

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Bottle stall helpers included from left: Gilbert McKillop, Reilly Campbell, 4, Kelvin Campbell, 6, Audrey McKillop, Catherine McLean, and Tommy McGrory. 25_c48piperscoffee02



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Kapten Trio's sparkling sounds

There were virtuosic fireworks during piano trios of music by Beethoven, Debussy, Shostakovich and Mendelssohn.

A good-sized audience in Lorne and Lowland church hall were captivated last Friday evening at the Kapten Piano Trio performance.

Beethoven's 'Ghost' Trio op 70 no 1 opened with its eerily written slow movement which gives the work its nickname.

This was followed by Debussy's Piano Trio in G major, L. 5, an early work, written when the composer was about 18 years old.

Although it is an immature work it shows signs of what Debussy was to become in later years and was a charming piece.

In the second half, the trio played Shostakovich's Piano Trio No. 1, op 8, which, like the Debussy, was written in 1923 when the composer was very young, in this case 16 years old.

It's a much darker work than the Debussy, hardly surprising as it was written in 1923, in post-revolutionary Russia.

There were food and fuel shortages and Shostakovich was recuperating, in a sanatorium, after an operation for lymph glands tuberculosis. Like the Debussy, it foreshadows the composer's later development.

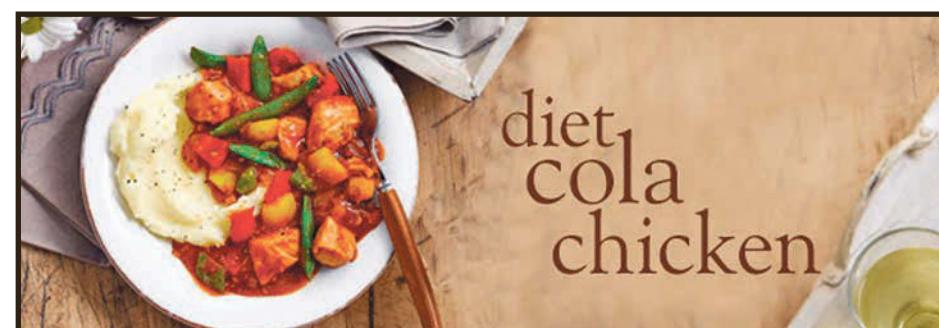
The final was Mendelssohn's Piano Trio No.1 op 49, described by Schumann as 'the master trio of our age'.

The powerful opening movement was followed by a beautiful andante, the scherzo recalled the fairies and woodland scenes of his Midsummer Night's Dream incidental music.

Both it and the finale provided the virtuosic fireworks, particularly in the piano writing – Mendelssohn was a superb pianist himself.

The Kapten Trio engaged with the audience, both through their passionate playing and their well thought out introductions to each work.

A great evening's entertainment.



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- 8 tbsp passata with onions and garlic
- 1 tsp dried mixed herbs
- 200ml chicken stock

Method

1. Place a large pan sprayed with low calorie cooking spray over a high heat.
2. Add the chicken, peppers and onion and stir-fry for 4-5 minutes, or until lightly browned.
3. Add the diet cola, stock, passata, tomato purée, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, soy sauce and dried mixed herbs and stir well.
4. Bring to the boil, cover, reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 12-15 minutes.
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Comic star's son relives cult film at cinema

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The Campbeltown cinema premiere of cult German comedy Dinner for One made headlines round the UK last week.

Last Friday the 18-minute short, which is a fixture of Germany's Hogmanay viewing and features every possible way to trip on a rug, made from a real tiger skin,



Mike Frinton speaks to an audience of about 50 in screen two on Friday evening. 25_c48mikefrinton01

was given its first cinema showing at the Picture House.

The black and white film – shot in Hamburg, was made in one take in front of a live theatre audience on July 8 1963 and became part of European television history in 1972.

Mike Frinton, the son of the film's star Freddie Frinton, spoke about that tiger skin during a pre-screening talk hosted by director and writer, Alasdair Satchell, from Mull, himself a graduate of Paris' physical theatre and clown school.

Mike, who was 14 when his father died in 1959, said that the tiger skin was currently in storage and 'used to be on the end of my bed'.

Alasdair added: 'Here in the UK we are not so conscious of the film.'

'Paul Merton has said that Freddie Frinton's timing is impeccable.'

Alasdair also introduced the second film of the evening The General starring Buster Keaton, a silent with sub-titles, restored in 2013.

On Saturday morning a small group of adults and children returned to the early days of cinematic comedy at a masterclass in custard pie flinging on Quarry Green.



David Mayo split his sides during the flan flinging.
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Custard pie flingers after the fight. 25_c48custardpies01



Campbeltown Police Scotland Youth Volunteer Brodie MacLaren, 14, surveyed Friday night's audience after the film. 25_c48mikefrinton02

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Novelist's cameo roles for other authors

An author told a library audience he liked to include fellow writers in Kinder egg-like surprise paragraphs, writes Mark Davey.

Michael J Malone, speaking in Campbeltown last Tuesday, told how this ploy worked in his novel *Bad Samaritan*.

Mr Malone said: 'In the story a young man dies in prison. A detective finds a crime novel in the man's belongings and, speaking about its author, says: "Who the *** is Craig Robertson?"'

Mr Malone added that if he was speaking at a festival and Mr Robertson was in the room he loved to read that part of the book.

He added that one of his friends was the author Douglas Skelton, who featured in a story as someone who had a massive stroke. Mr Malone said the book described what it was like being in that situation.

His crime writing is not all about fun with other authors. Mr Malone said he had a long struggle to be published.

'Like many writers, I am a master of perseverance,' said Mr Malone, 'I had five rejected manuscripts before I was published.'

I worked part-time in Ottakers (bookshop) in Ayr, I was the manager's pet project, a starving unpublished author.

The first book I wrote was in 1996 and in my memory it was a lot better than on re-reading it.

A lot has happened in 22 years, such as social media but the dialogue is so clonky.'

Mr Malone read out some of his poetry but admitted that since there had been a demand for his novels, poetry had taken a back seat.

'Novels take most of my creative thoughts,' said Mr Malone, 'Imagination is like a

muscle – the more you use it the more it rewards you.'

'I have a poem I have been working with for 15 years – poetry is never finished it is just abandoned.'

'My work is mostly crime novels but I like to have strong social themes.'

Mr Malone tries to cover real social issues such as homelessness, mental health and poverty, particularly the contrast between the haves and have nots and life's inequalities.

Inequality is a theme in his most recent book *After He Died*. One heroine is comfortable 'middle class' while another is from the 'wrong side of the tracks.'

Mr Malone asked people in the audience if they had heard of independent advocates.

He met an independent advocate and incorporated him into the novel.

Mr Malone said: 'Under the



Michael J Malone signed copies of *After He Died* at the Aqualibrium talk.
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Scottish Mental Health Act if someone is suffering poor mental health by law they must have someone to help them.

To work through benefits and the issues they experience – that is an independent advocate.'

Mr Malone said that he had one book set in the past, in the 1920s.

He added: 'Growing up,

Papillon, by Henri Charrière, was my favourite book.'

I met someone whose father, an Algerian, had been in the same prison on Devil's Island, and he asked me if I would write the story.

The man had been sentenced to 40 years for a murder he had not committed. The killing was carried out by a cousin but he did not give up his relative.'

Mr Malone said his writing schedule varied and although he tried to be at his desk at 9am, there were lots of distractions and by 9.05am he will be checking emails.

He goes to the gym mid-morning but added: 'If I start to watch telly in the afternoon I will just watch [rubbish]. On a bad day I will do 200 words and on a good day 2,000.'

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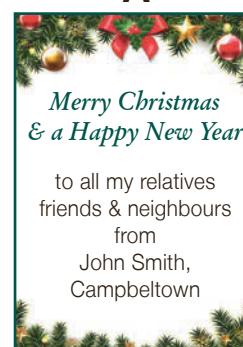


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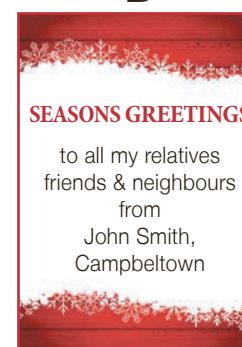
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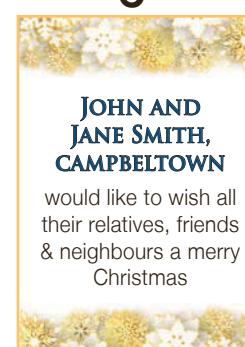
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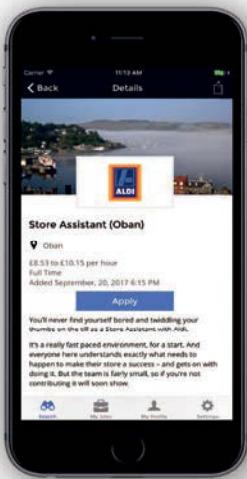
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THANKS

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TARBERT

Golfers' dinner and prizegiving at Glenralloch

Tarbert's golfers gathered for their annual dinner and presentation of prizes.

During the recent meal at the Tarbert Hotel, Glenralloch captain Chris Smyth assisted by Eric McDougall made the presentations.

Chris thanked Sheena Ferguson for organising of the event and paid tribute to Steven Barclay and Gordon McCaffery, who sadly passed away during the season.

Gents' club champion John MacNab congratulated all the trophy winners and thanked the members for their support during the year.



Club champions
John MacNab and
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LARGIESIDE**Jeweller's SWI earring entertainment**

A West Kintyre women's institute's jewellery lesson helped members create a piece to take home.

Members of Largieside SWI experienced an evening of jewellery making at the November meeting in the village hall.

A Largieside spokeswoman said: 'Under the expert guidance of tutor and local member Nora Parkinson, the ladies made some beautiful earrings. Enid Williams presided over the evening; Denise McKeown gave the vote of thanks and Pat Rawson and Patricia Johnstone provided a lovely tea.'

Nora very kindly judged the competitions and gave the following results:

'Christmas decoration: Michele Seddon, five points (pts); Denise McKeown, five pts; Linda Hutchinson, four pts; Adrienne Bradley, three pts; Jessie Main, three pts; Kath Lowe, two pts; Pat Rawson, one pt. Three mince pies: Kath Lowe, five pts; Linda Hutchinson, four pts; Patricia Johnstone, three pts; Helen Steel, three pts; Pat Rawson two pts.'

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Amy's tea party collection

Supporting Amy McCallum, from left, were: Lyndsay Harvey, Keryn Graham, Ellie McNair, Lucy McNair and Lesley Harvey. 25_c48vietnam01

A sweet-toothed youngster snaffled scones with cream and jam among eight other cakes at a Peninver fundraiser.

Lucy McNair, 8, did not stop there and also won a jar of 191 sweeties with her guess at the contents of a jar at the Sunday afternoon event, organised by Additional Support Needs assistant Amy McCallum.

Ms McCallum, 23, raised more than £800 towards her total of £2,000 needed to fund a month-long volunteering trip taking her skills to the children of Vietnam next summer.



Lorna McArthur made a clootie dumpling weighing 3lb 4oz and Morbhainn McAllister and Tamla Feeney ran a guess its weight stall. 25_c48vietnam02

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FOR THE WEEK**

'The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation'
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- Ivor, Christine, Shauna, Robert and great grandchildren.

DURNAN - In loving memory of Isa, our mum, gran and aunt, who passed a year ago today, November 30, 2017. Mum and Dad together again and forever in our thoughts.
- All the family.

MACLEOD - Treasured memories of Murdo, who died on November 29, 2017, a dearly loved husband, adored father and grandfather, and brother. Missed every minute of every day.
- Jane and family.

MARTIN - In loving memory of Marion, a dearly loved and missed mum and granny, died December 2, 1997. Forever in our hearts xxxx.

- Nichola, John, Kyra and Mathew xxxx.

STEWART - Inserted in loving memory of my dear grandmother, Agnes Mitchell McMillan, who died November 29, 1978. A heart of gold stopped beating Two willing hands lie still The one who did so much for me Is resting at God's will. Remembering not just today but every day.
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KELSO - Alex, died suddenly after a long illness, on November 23, 2018, at his home in Southend. Beloved husband of Marion, father to Fiona and David, and devoted grandfather of five. The family wishes to thank Campbeltown Palliative Care Team for their help, support and kindness. The family invites friends to attend a celebration of Alex's life at Muneroy Tearoom at 2.00pm, on Friday, December 14, 2018.

MUIR - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Lorn and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on November 23, 2018, Morag Muir, in her 76th year, 47 New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, dearly loved wife of the late Alexander Muir and a much loved mum and granny. Funeral private.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

PATRICK - Marion Hunter would like to thank friends, neighbours for their cards, flowers, kind expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Kathleen. Thanks also to funeral directors, T A Blair Ltd, for their professional services and to Carr Gorm carers and community nursing staff for their compassionate caring of Kathleen during her illness.

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Sunday 2nd December

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7.00pm Make 'n' Munch

Craft Group

Majors Ben & Ruth Russell

All welcome

**Highland Parish
Church**



SCO2493

Sunday 2nd December

First Sunday in Advent
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am

**Thursday 6th, Friday 7th &
Saturday 8th December**

Christmas Lunches in Kirk Street Hall
12.00 noon - 2.00pm

Monday 10th December
Joint Session and Church Board Meeting in Kirk Street Hall
at 7.00pm
All welcome.

**LORNE AND
LOWLAND
PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number
SCO11686

Saturday 1st December

BB Coffee Morning
Church Hall 10am - 12 noon

Sunday 2nd December

11.15am Morning Worship
Rev W Crossan

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Monday 3rd December
Christmas Messy Church
Church Hall 3.45 – 5.30pm

Guild 7.30pm
New Hall

Tuesday 4th December

9.45am Tiny Tots
New Hall

Anchor Boys 6.00pm

Junior Section 7.15pm

Church Hall

Thursday 6th December

Choir Practice

Friday 7th December

Christmas Lunch Club

12.00 noon New Hall

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2nd December 2018

Sunday 11.00am

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Advent Carol Service

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(SC031391)

1st Sunday of the month

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Friday 30th November

SKY Youth Group

7.30pm

Sunday 2nd December

Family Communion Service

11.00am

Pastor Steve Davies

All welcome

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Kilmartin Church

Sunday 2nd December - 10am

First Sunday in Advent

Rev Robert MacLeod

Coffee after service

All welcome

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**ARDRISHAIG AND
SOUTH KNAPDALE
PARISHES**
(The Church of Scotland)

2nd December

Advent 1 - The Witness

(John 1:6-9)

Services in: Ardrishaig at 11.00am

and Achahoish at 12.30pm

(including the Lord's Supper)

Mid Week Pause

Wednesdays

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reflection from Noon till 2.00pm

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Drumchapel U14s' Campbeltown show for Lennon



Campbeltown Pupils 1
Drumchapel Utd 8

GADYFL Division A - Under 14s

Despite going down 8-1 to a very impressive Drumchapel Utd the Pupils Youth 2005s (U14s) can be proud of their efforts.

With eight players unavailable through being away, injuries and illness the game could have been cancelled but with the help of a couple of old players who stepped in, coaches ensured the game went ahead.

A spokesperson wrote on Facebook: 'We've always said to the boys you never know who is watching.'

The Campbeltown side which won 2-1 the previous weekend against Rutherglen in the West Regional Cup to progress to the 3rd round pictured with Neil Lennon.

'This was the case as premier-ship team Hibs manger (former Celtic player/manager) Neil Lennon visited Campbeltown to watch his son play for Drumchapel.'

Lennon was happy to have his picture taken with the boys after the game and said nice words of encouragement.

Rural football in Scotland continues to play a great part in the development of football in Scotland and it is great the West Dunbartonshire side visited Kintyre.

They played superb football and it was a great experience for the U14s.

Despite the loss, the Pupils battled well and arguably produced the goal of the game.

Calum Ellis dribbled through a maze of players before passing to Cameron McMillan from Carradale to score his first goal of the season.

Kings Park are crowned winners in league victory

Campbeltown Pupils	2
Kings Park Rangers	4
SAFL Premier Division One	

After a very successful pre-season the home side's form has recently been in decline.

Injuries and the departure due to work of key players has tested the

McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils to the full.

The club is very much in transition, and while trying to rebuild using young players, it will take time and patience before the fruits of recovery appear.

Although losing on Saturday, the Pupils scored two good goals, but collective lapses, when not in

possession of the ball, gave Kings Park victory as the Pupils slumped to their third home defeat of the season.

A Pupils priority is to be tighter when not in possession of the ball, keeping shape and closing the opposition down. Yes – easier said than done, but success and perfection does not come without effort.

Having been tested on a number of occasions early on, the home side scored first.

A sweeping move saw a cute Ryan McConnachie back-heal into the path of Ryan Deans, the latter curled an exquisite shot into the far corner of the net from the edge of the box.

Hopes were high after this superb goal, but luck deserted the home side when a speculative hit and hope cross deceived the Pupils defence and bounced into the net for a fortuitous equaliser.

Minutes later it was head in hands time again, as a misdirected shot from the edge of the box spun over the home keeper's head and into the net.

From one down, Kings Park came from behind to grab the lead as both teams retired at the break.

The next goal would prove crucial and the visitors looked the more likely as they continually built from the back with good possession play.

Ironically, just when the Pupils built up a head of attacking steam, Kings Park quickly broke up-field to deliver another blow to the home side's ambitions.



First goal scorer Ryan Deans. 25_c48pupils10



Fraser MacBrayne, left, was in the thick of the action on the right in the first half. 25_c48pupils05

A ball on the inside of the fullback split the defence wide open and John Thomson's parting shot was partially saved by the home keeper, only for the ball to deflect kindly into the striker's path and allow him to walk the ball over the line.

A free header from a corner put icing on the cake for the jubilant visitors, but they had to withstand a late comeback when Martin

McCallum powered into the box to drive the ball home with minutes remaining.

This set up a frenzied last few minutes as the Pupils tried to retrieve the situation, but it proved too little too late as the points eventually made their way back up the road to Glasgow.

Campbeltown Pupils have no game tomorrow, Saturday December 1.



Michael J Malone, centre, with Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club's Euan Charlwood, Evie Judge, Ryan McGeachy, Astrid McLellan, Sophie McSporran, Iona Renton, Nathan Armstrong, Violet Campbell and Sean Charlwood. 25_c48author02

Writer will go to any lengths in sponsored swim

Using a combination of strokes an author joined Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club's early morning session at 7am.

During his autumn Argyll lecture tour, thriller writer Michael J Malone aims to swim 500 lengths of pools to raise funds for Break the Silence, a charity supporting survivors of childhood sex abuse.

Mr Malone completed 80 lengths each at swimming pools across the region including Dunoon, Helensburgh, Rothesay and Campbeltown.

Finish

Mr Malone aims to finish the swim in Ayr, his hometown. For more on Mr Malone's Wee Toon visit see pages 26 and 27.

Crawford clinches November medal

A crisp autumn day with a chilling cross wind kept scores low for the Dunaverty Golf Club members competing for the November medal in an attempt to qualify for next year's Muneroy Cup.

Out in the first group, six handicapper Keith Crawford conquered the first nine with a scratch 35 and, despite losing a ball in the burn at the 17th, came back in 35 for a scratch total of 70 and a nett score of 64.

John McKinlay and Ken MacMillan made valiant efforts to catch him but to no avail and Keith secured his place in the Muneroy Cup.

Results: 1 Keith Crawford 70-6=64, 2 John McKinlay 75-9=66 (bih), 3 Ken MacMillan 83-17=66, 4 Alex Roxburgh 84-17=67 (bih), 5 John Dreghorn 77-10=67, 6 Neil Brodie 80-12=68(bih).

Loch Glashan time trial

Mountain or cross bikes will be needed to compete in Mid Argyll Tri & Cycle Club's off-road time trial.

Start time for the Lochgair event at Loch Glashan, meeting at the dam this Sunday, is 11am.

Anyone is welcome and those attending are reminded that it is

the first turn off the A83 north of Lochgair village.

Time trial

Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club hopes its second off-road time trial event will be at Deer Hill, Carradale with lunch at the Network centre on Sunday December 16.

Golf lotto results

There were no winners in Machrihanish Golf Club's three number lottery draw on Monday.

The winning numbers were 3, 4 and 8.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £400, is on December 3.

There were also no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday, November 18, when winning numbers 15, 17 and 18 were selected. The next draw, for a jackpot of £1,000, will be on December 2.

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

Darts results

There were 180s galore in the latest results from Campbeltown District Darts Association.

Alan Penman scored 180 for Kilbrannan C, Martin Coffield 180 for the Burnside, Jamie McGougan 180 for Kilbrannan A, and Alan Duncan 180 for Ailsa A.

Ray Rutherford also had a finish of 101 for Kinloch A.

Results: Fiddlers 8 Kinloch B 0; Ailsa B 5 Kilbrannan C 3; Kilbrannan A 3 Burnside 5; Kinloch A 2 Ailsa A 6.

Football results

Premier Division - Oban Saints 0, St Joseph's FP 1; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 2, Kings Park Rangers 4; Ferguslie Star 7, Lochgilphead Red Star 1; Premier Division Two - Glynhill Moorcroft 9, Tarbert 1.

Saturday's fixtures - Scottish Cup, fourth round - East Kilbride Thistle v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils no game; Lochgilphead Red Star v Hillington; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Duncanrig.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
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Kintyre charioteers in Roman odyssey

A pair of Kintyre cyclists were roamin' all over the place during a cycling event in Italy's capital.

That was literally the situation when Marjorie Leighton and Leone Shaw Tulloch took a wrong turn and ended up on Rome's version of the M8.

Allegedly incorrect road markings landed the saddle sore pair on the autostrada (motorway), circling Rome's historic centre and finally entering on the opposite side of the city.

The intrepid cyclists, who recently competed in the Granfondoroma, had packed their bikes into boxes for a flight to Rome.

Ms Shaw Tulloch said: 'Wow, what a day Marjorie and I enjoyed.'

'It was amazing cycling through Rome on closed roads as the sun rose.'

'Followed by hills, hills and more hills....6,900 feet of ascent, unbelievable, what a great feeling of achievement.'

'Especially, given that I was not confident about it but once committed, determination took over.'

'It was tough, with a real mix of sights and landscape.'

The ride started at 7.15am at the Colosseum, round Rome and out south east into the hills of Parco dei Castelli Romani, past Lake Albano.

The route wove through old villages and pretty wooded areas.

Ms Shaw Tulloch continued: 'We were a little late getting to



Marjorie Leighton and Leone Shaw Tulloch with their Granfondoroma medals.

the cut off point, so the roads opened and the rest stops started closing.

'I had stuffed a pile of rolls into my bum bag; thank goodness, I needed them.'

'We were on our own after the cut off point, but I was glad we were together as we passed

a really dodgy area, with what appeared to be street walkers at the side of the road and a couple of dodgy men in a car nearby.'

'On the way down, due to incorrect road markings, we ended up on the autostrada hard shoulder next to all the

mad Italian drivers, with lots of horns going off.'

'It took a while for us to find our way off, we have never cycled so fast!'

'Unfortunately, because of our wrong turn, we ended up coming into Rome on the wrong side.'

'I had hoped at least we could have a sprint finish, but no, everyone had gone home except a couple of guys packing up.'

'We arrived at the expo village and a very kind Italian gave us our medals to end a fantastic day.'



Gregor Campbell.

Gregor's top five finish in British XC race

A Kintyre teenager has been ranked one of the best cross country runners in the UK.

Campbeltown Grammar School pupil Gregor Campbell, 15, from Glenbarr, competed in the Liverpool Cross Challenge, as part of the British Athletics Cross Challenge.

He came fifth in the under 15 boys' race at Sefton Park, Liverpool, last Saturday, November 24, finishing in nine minutes and 43 seconds, just 11 seconds off the top placed competitor.

The race began at 11.35am and, with the next U15 girls' race scheduled to start at 11.50am, the runners had only 15 minutes to complete the 3km course.

Gregor, who runs for Shettleston Harriers and won the under 15 boys' 1,500m race at the Scottish Schools Track and Field Championships in June, needed just two thirds of that time.

He may have missed a place on the podium but competing against 130 of the best cross country runners in the UK, he should be celebrating the result.



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