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Argyll council cuts threaten literacy and learning jobs

by Mark Davey
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A proposed package of budget cuts aiming to save Argyll and Bute Council more than £4 million may slash up to 60 jobs.

In a savings report, debated at yesterday's Policy and Resources Committee meeting, one part of the education department – youth and adult learning – stood to lose 17.1 full-time equivalent posts, three from Kintyre, out of 26 graduate roles across the region.

If the cuts go ahead in next February's budget, the jobs proposed to be lost in youth and adult learning will save £330,000.

Councillor Rory Colville said: 'Until we see what the Scottish Government allocates to Argyll and Bute Council this year, it's really too early to comment in detail on particular proposals.'

'It is perhaps worth noting that since 2013/14, while the Scottish Government budget has seen a 1.65 per cent

reduction, Scottish councils' funding has been reduced by almost seven per cent.'

In Kintyre, at least 34 learners currently access the service but the impact of the cut could be felt across many other council and voluntary services.

One learner, who preferred not to be identified, said: 'Youth and adult learning runs adult literacy services and has at least eight adults who cannot read currently being taught.'

The service also runs a job club where trainees learn interview skills, curriculum vitae writing and work from the computer suite at Campbeltown Community Education Centre which has eight public access computers.

People not only use that service to apply for jobs but also make lasting friendships and many return to visit even after finding work.

The learner added: 'Many parts of life, including applying for Universal Credit, are moving online and it is hard

to use the online services if you struggle with reading and writing.'

'The service's workers go out in the community and engage with different groups including Elderberries and South Kintyre Development Trust.'

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly added: 'The council continues to target services which support the most vulnerable in our communities which, in my book, is totally unacceptable.'

'If this cut goes ahead, it will have a devastating and wide-ranging impact. I will be doing my utmost to oppose these proposals.'

The next largest proposed cut is to remove school crossing patrols, which would involve the loss of 12.5 jobs. It was proposed in 2016 but rejected.

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Duo celebrate Spot The Ball win



Lisa Nicolson and Moyra Paterson were celebrating this week after scooping the £3,900 jackpot in the Courier's Spot The Ball Competition. The colleagues, who both work from Campbeltown's Burnet building, received their cheques from the Courier's Rebecca Harvey this week after they were spot on in the November 30 competition. The pair, who have played every week for about a year, said they are going to continue playing. For more on this story, turn to page two.

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Castlehill's Mae says: 'If you walk, you rock!'

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Road safety advice from a Castlehill Primary School pupil will hang on walls across Argyll and Bute.

Mae Barr's entry to Argyll and Bute Council Road Safety Unit's annual classroom calendar competition, chosen from almost 2,000 submissions, encourages pupils to walk to school.

Shocked

This year's theme was 'walking, cycling and scooting to school' and Mae's slogan, 'If you walk, you rock', was deemed the best of 1,908 entries from 40 schools, more than half of those in Argyll and Bute.

The P7 pupil was completely shocked to find out she had won the entire competition at a whole school assembly on Monday in front of pupils,



Road safety officer June Graham with a 2019 calendar, Mae Barr with her framed entry, and Castlehill head teacher Richard Long with the prize-winning trophy.
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teachers and members of her family who had sneaked in. June Graham and Kay McGhee from the Road Safety Unit travelled from Mid Argyll and returned Mae's entry to her in a frame,

also presenting a copy to the school. The trophy, on which winners' names have been inscribed since the competition began in 1997, was also handed to the school.

Mae was one of 20



In no particular order, Castlehill's prize-winners are: Alexander, Findlay, Leah, Lyle, Travis, Taylor, Jessica, Amelie, Aimee-Leigh, Eoin, Rona, Emma, Freya, Josh, Aidan, Angus, Emma, Kirstie, Alice and Mae. Some of the children are absent from the photograph. 50_c50roadsafety02

prize-winners at Castlehill, some of whom received certificates for being highly commended, others placing first, second, third or fourth in their age categories and winning Amazon gift vouchers.

As well as a £25 voucher

for winning the P7 category, Mae received a further £25 for winning the whole competition.

Ms McGhee said: 'This is the fourth time a Castlehill entry has won the competition – the standard of entries from the school is always so high.'

POLICE Files

Ring stolen

Two men were seen running along Bowmore's High Street after items, including an engagement ring, were stolen from The Old Church, High Street, at 11.10pm on Saturday December 8.

Woman assaulted

A 19-year-old man was arrested and charged after behaving in an abusive manner and assaulting a woman on Saturday December 8 on John Street, Campbeltown.

Tyres punctured

Two tyres on a green Vauxhall Zafira car, parked at New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, were punctured between 6pm on Saturday December 8 and 10am on Sunday December 9.

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

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On Wednesday, Margaret McDowall and Carole Harrow manned the Rotary Club of Campbeltown's caravan on Main Street, from 10am to 3pm, to collect mail.

The caravan will return to Main Street tomorrow (Saturday, December 15) and Wednesday (December 19), which is when collection boxes in shops will also be picked up.

Lisa and Moyra are spot on!

'A Christmas miracle!' is how a pair of Argyll and Bute Council colleagues described their win in the Courier's Spot The Ball competition in the lead up to Santa's arrival, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Housing advice assistant Lisa Nicolson and housing improvement officer Moyra Paterson, both based in Campbeltown's Burnet building, scooped the £3,900 jackpot after their joint entry was on the ball in the November 30 competition.

The ladies, who submit two joint entries each week, have decided to split the money in half, although it was Lisa who placed the winning cross.

Lisa received a phone call to tell her the 'lovely news' that they had won while she was still at work but Moyra had

left for the day. She said: 'I knew she was getting a treatment at beauty salon Bliss and wouldn't have mobile phone signal once she went home,' Lisa said. 'I wanted to tell her in person anyway, so I went round and interrupted her appointment.'

Amazed

'I was absolutely amazed,' Moyra said. 'Lisa has said for months and months that we would win the competition around Christmas and I didn't believe her, but she predicted it!'

The ladies, who started playing around a year ago and received £25 for a near-miss shortly after, said they have decided to keep playing, despite their win.

Lisa said: 'Even if we never win again, we're giving

something back. We have no particular technique for success – just lucky guesses.'

Although the ladies received their cheques before Christmas, they are both organised for the festive season, so they have other plans for the money.

Lisa said: 'My partner Frank and I are going to Rome in March for his 40th birthday, so I will use some for spending money.'

Moyra said: 'I keep changing my mind about what to spend it on, but my husband Peter will be 60 next year, so I think I'll put some towards a holiday or something nice to treat him – but it might not last that long!'

Don't miss your chance to play Spot The Ball in this week's Courier.

Greengrocer's bid to go plastic free boosts sales

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A small Campbeltown fruit, veg and bakery shop is showing supermarkets how to go plastic free.

The initiative, proving very popular with customers, has seen Longrow South business McIvors cut plastic packaging drastically by a claimed 99 per cent.

It is not all plain sailing, though, and one member of staff said finding suppliers who do not use plastic packaging is a challenge.

Stanley Watson of McIvors said: 'For once in a very long time we are way ahead of the supermarkets on being plastic free.'

'All fruit and veg is 99 per cent plastic free, although some potatoes are packed in plastic bags but loose ones are available.'



'We are happy to pack in your own bag or paper bags and now supply paper bags for produce.'

The move comes as

independent traders in Campbeltown announced extra trading hours in the run up to Christmas, with many open from 10am to 4pm on

the following two Sundays. With the imminent arrival of Poundstretcher, expected to be in the new year, and what seems to be the demise

A historic photo of Stanley Watson and Joe McLean.

of The Old Factory Shop, after a decade in the town, Campbeltown is experiencing much retail change.

While many high streets fail, Campbeltown is growing.

New additions this year include Kintyre Larder, showcasing the best in Kintyre and Scottish produce, The Angels Playground and a second barber shop in Cross Street.

Building restoration work, by the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, has given a lift to Main Street and Longrow South saving many shop premises from seeping wetness.

McIvors' initiative has been welcomed on Facebook.

Helen Bain said: 'Brilliant! Been buying quite a lot of veg

from you in the last month or two.'

'Simple reason – no plastic, the old ways are the best ways.'

Arlene Mustarde said: 'Fantastic, I wish we had a fruit and veg shop near us.'

'It is only large supermarkets who don't offer the same service as wee local shops.'

David Paterson said: 'Great memories of my time there as the message boy, some real stories and laughs.'

'Can always remember my first trip up the road with you and Josey – it was the first time I ever tasted a donner kebab.'

'We all need to support our local shops more.'

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Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel receives funding boost

Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel (KCPP) has received a cash boost courtesy of Argyll Community Housing Association's (ACHA) community action fund.

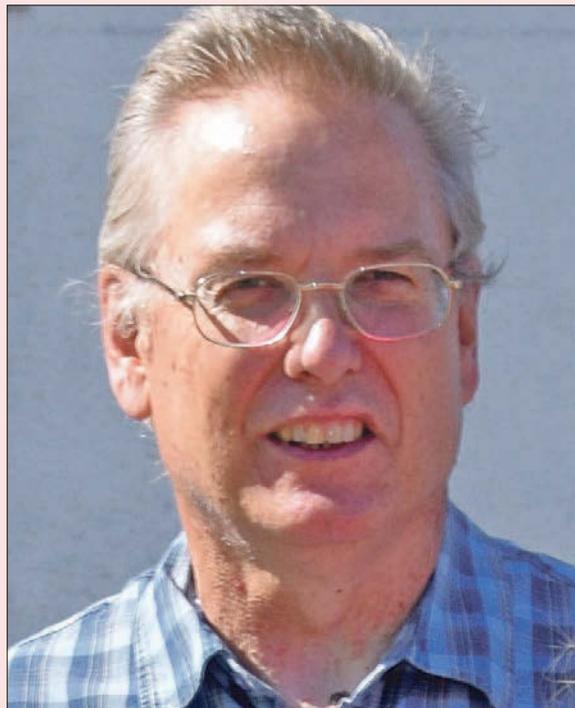
The £200 donation will assist with the purchase of keyring personal alarms for the elderly, lone workers and vulnerable people.

Andrew Hemmings, chairman of KCPP, said members of the panel were 'delighted' to receive the funding.

Housing

KCPP was one of 16 organisations from across Argyll and Bute to receive financial assistance of up to £500 for projects which have a housing connection, or a connection to ACHA's aims and objectives.

Elizabeth Rhodick, chairwoman of ACHA's Mid Argyll and Kintyre area committee, said: 'It is a pleasure to help charitable organisations with funding for their projects from ACHA's community action fund.'



Andrew Hemmings, chair of KCPP. 50_c27andrewhemmings01

'Small funds can raise big funds.'

Applications from registered charities are welcome and more information on the fund can be found at

<https://www.acha.co.uk/services-community-action-fund/> or by telephoning 01546 605922 to have an application form sent out.

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Dalintober dippers declare: The beach is not just for summer fun

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Dippers raising cash for two Kintyre water-based charities will revisit the Costa del Dalintober on New Year's Day 2019.

Kintyre Seaspots, the project to create a community centre of watersports excel-

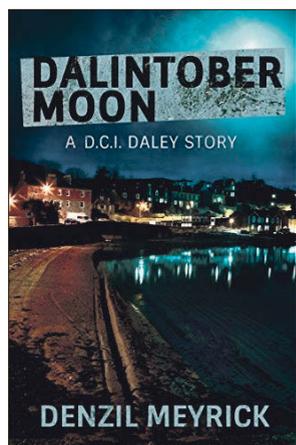
lence and Dalintober Beach Group, the organisation leading the restoration of Campbeltown's sparkling sands, hope to see numbers swell at next year's Dip for Dosh on January 1.

The sixth annual plunge, into the balmy waters of Campbeltown Loch, heated by the Gulf Stream and recently compared favourably to the

Pacific by visiting Australian author, TJ Johnson, will take place whatever the weather.

A dip spokesperson said: 'Forget cut-price breaks to the sun, head to Dalintober beach for a winter slice of summer.'

This is not the only beach group fundraiser and cash is continuously boosted by sales of Campbeltown author, Denzil Meyrick's four



The front cover of Dalintober Moon, left.

Sand being delivered in July. 25_c50dalintober02



Dippers plunge into the sea in 2017. 25_c01dip06

Amazon starred, DCI Daley short story Dalintober Moon.

Dalintober Beach Group receives all proceeds from sales of the book, which is available as a 0.99 pence Kindle or e-book download.

The last three years have seen excellent conditions for the dip and although historically it is completed in fancy dress, it is not mandatory.

Funds from the previous five dips, originally conceived by Nena McSparran and the restoration group, helped replace some of Dalintober's sands last July.

At least 16 years, and more than three decades, since sand was added to Dalintober beach on a yearly basis, McFadyen's Contractors laid 150 tonnes, from Langa quarry.

At the time, Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'Dalintober Beach Group has been the catalyst for the progress of the Kintyre Seaspots project.'

'It is great to see this community-led group starting to invest in the regeneration of the beach.'

'It might be a small step



A pair of jellyfish in 2016. 25_c02dip04

forward but it makes a significant statement of intent to see the project come to fruition.'

Mr McLean added: 'Dalintober Beach Group aims to bring the beach back into a usable condition.'

The restoration, one week before Kintyre Seaspots inaugural Community Regatta on August 4, featured on the front-page of the Sunday Post, under the headline: 'Costa del Campbeltown.'

At last year's purging plunge many people were slow to emerge and started their New Year detox with

a few strokes, across the loch, in front of Beath Place.

The fun does not end with the sea water soaking which may optionally be sponsored. To give online go to: www.just-giving.com/crowdfunding/dalintoberbeach

The dip is followed by hot showers, soup and drinks at Campbeltown Sailing Club and has become one of the best Wee Toon post-Hogmanay parties.

The precise dip time will be subject to tides. For more information, visit Dalintober Beach Group's Facebook page or call: 07796 637735.

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Beach games, with PC Karen Cairns, at the inaugural regatta in August. 25_c32regatta03

Mobile phone motorist keeps driving licence

A motorist who totted up 12 points after admitting driving while using his mobile phone has avoided losing his licence.

George MacMillan, 52, of 25 Castleacres, Campbeltown, was stopped by police on the A83 at Gobagrennan on August 7, after he was seen holding the device to his ear behind the wheel.

At an exceptional hardship hearing, it was said that if MacMillan lost his licence it was likely that he would lose his job as an electrician, which would have a 'devastating' effect on his employer,

and put the future of an apprentice working under him in jeopardy.

MacMillan's employer said his attitude to his work is 'second to none'.

It was also revealed that without his licence, MacMillan's children's social and physical well-being would be negatively affected, as he would not be able to take them to the various clubs they attend.

MacMillan's defence agent, Stephen MacSparran, told the court that his client is remorseful for his 'brief, momentary lapse in judgement'.

Fining MacMillan £200, Justice of the Peace Margaret McDowall said that she was satisfied that exceptional hardship had been established.

She imposed six penalty points but did not disqualify MacMillan from driving.

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Carolling couple entertain shoppers

Main Street scaffolding for the on-going roof restorations proved a boon to Salvation Army band officers.

Every Saturday in December, Major Ben Russell and his wife Major Ruth Russell entertain shoppers and fundraise by playing popular carols and bringing the sound of Christmas to one of the Wee Toon's busiest streets.

This year scaffolding for the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme works has provided shelter, from the rain, but with some of the scaffolding due for removal on Monday it may be short-lived respite.

**Salvation Army
Majors Ben and
Ruth Russell outside
Keiths last Saturday.**

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Saving a few pennies

A contactless card may be needed to spend a penny at Campbeltown's public conveniences.

That is if Argyll and Bute Council's plan to charge for bums on seats at the currently free facilities goes ahead.

Members of the council's environment, development and infrastructure committee agreed in principle to charge at high footfall toilets at a recent meeting.

It was also agreed to perhaps introduce honesty boxes at medium footfall toilets, and ask communities to take on low footfall conveniences.

Isle of Bute councillor, Jim Findlay, said: 'In terms of charging, could we bring ourselves into the 21st century and have some e-entry facility if we are going to charge?'

Jim Smith, the council's head of roads and amenity services, added: 'That is something we would be quite keen to do.'

'We can follow up card or contactless payment - it is certainly worth exploring.'

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The online world ignores poor literacy

In the superconnected silicon world it is easy to forget the vast numbers who do not email, use social media or shop online.

There are many barriers, apart from connectivity, broadband access and owning a computer, tablet or smart phone, to running an online life, including cost.

This time last year in Kintyre EE suffered a five-day outage and radio station Argyll FM went down. A rodent had chewed through a wire.

And as 32 million O2 users discovered during the 24-hour outage, phones have become a lifeline for many, but equally there is another group who still do not use mobiles at all, let alone for surfing the internet.

A barrier to going online is reading and writing and often it is people at the margins facing the highest hurdle.

There are plenty of people struggling with literacy and as the government rolls out Universal Credit, which must be applied for online, more will suffer.

Against that background it is shameful that Argyll and Bute Council is threatening to demolish its adult literacy service through a budget cut.

KRL used to tackle recycling problem

Sir,

It was great to read that Kintyre Recycling has received funds which will see it through to April 2019.

After the story about its financial troubles published in October, I made a formal complaint to Argyll and Bute Council.

It seemed unfair that Kintyre Recycling had taken on extra work, increased the volume of recycling, saving the council £87 per tonne on landfill taxes, but was struggling.

My complaint has achieved nothing, but I have learned a lot.

I now know that you cannot make a complaint to the council or ombudsman where the issue is contractually sensitive. That seems unfair as the council then has freedom to treat small suppliers badly, with no way to object.

Online reports at Companies House showed that the council had not swiftly paid £5,000 it owed Kintyre Recycling for additional recycling bags.

The council believes that I will see it is inappropriate to discuss due to the contract in place, but they are wrong.

I found that official figures for 2017 from SEPA show Argyll and Bute generates the most landfill per person in Scotland.

It was pointed out to me that this does not take into account the influx of seasonal visitors.

If your friends, family or holidaymakers are

bringing bin-bags full of rubbish when they visit, please ask them to stop.

The same set of figures also shows Argyll and Bute to be 24th worst at recycling out of 32 local authorities in Scotland, but I was informed that Argyll and Bute Council is working on a long-term solution.

I hope Kintyre Recycling forms part of that.

I told the council I could not tell if the decision to bring Kintyre Recycling to its knees was by accident or design.

But just between you and me, I would be prepared to hazard a guess.

**Christine Jardine,
Southend.**

Wrong flu statistics used

Sir,

It has probably not escaped your attention that I sometimes reply when Councillor Redman has a letter printed in your publication.

I have resisted the urge recently as his misdeeds have not always merited the effort.

In fact I agreed with much of his recent letter concerning rural broadband, only considering writing to point out his, no doubt inadvertent, error in omitting 'Westminster' or 'UK' in front of the word 'Government' when he was assigning blame, given that broadband is a reserved matter.

However this week he has reverted to his one note, blinkered, biased, irrational view of the world.

There was a little story a few weeks ago that Scotland was having some difficulty obtaining

sufficient supplies of an enhanced flu jab, not the routine one, but another.

He has distorted that into yet another 'SNP bad' story, not just SNP generally but the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, in particular.

As a 78-year-old (nearly 79), I can assure him that I have had absolutely no difficulty in getting a jab, neither has anybody among my acquaintances, who are mostly as aged as, or more aged than, I.

In fact my surgery got in touch with me. If pensioners are slow in getting the jab, that is not the fault of a shortage of supply or of the Scottish Government – it is far more likely akin to the population's general disdain for healthy living matters.

Furthermore, I have now discovered that he was quoting Tory MSP Jackson Carlaw who had claimed that Scotland was lagging behind England in flu jabs for the over-65s.

He was wrong simply by using October figures for Scotland and November figures for England.

In fact the truth was the exact opposite of his claim.

Here is the First Minister's rebuke to Carlaw in the Scottish Parliament: 'The figure of 51.7 per cent for over-65s in England was published by Public Health England related to the week ending November 11.'

'As you will surely have been aware, the figure of 39 per cent for over-65s in Scotland, published by Health Protection Scotland, was for the week ending October 28.'

'In the simplest terms you erroneously compared Scotland's position with that of England

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two weeks later. The October 28 figure for England for over-65s was in fact 33.8 per cent – below that of Scotland.’

No doubt Redman and Carlaw will now apologise?

**Tony Williams,
Angry Old Man,
Muasdale.**

Use Westminster connections for broadband fix

Sir
Alastair Redman in Courier letters, November 30, complains that broadband is very slow in Skipness.

For once he’s just the man to get this sorted.

Broadband and telecommunications generally is one of the issues reserved to Westminster.

It’s not actually a Scottish Government responsibility. Since the ruling party at Westminster is the Conservatives, of which Mr Redman is a member, all he has to do is contact some of his friends there in his own party and all will be fixed.

Perhaps he’ll let us know how he gets on.

Name and Address Supplied

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Joanne Blair in the foreground was frozen by the camera flash. 25_c50potw01

Many of the latest phones and all the best cameras include far more than point and shoot capabilities.

Often in purely automatic mode if there is not enough light the flash will fire or the picture will be dim if the action is too far away.

Many phones offer special modes for the festive season such as party or candle light.

Some phones and most cameras offer a mode called rear-curtain sync which refers to flash photography.

When combined with slow shutter speeds as in this photograph, of the packed dance floor,

at last Saturday’s Nutcracker Ball, ghost double images and spread out lights create the feeling of movement.

The reason for this is that the camera has created one photograph within another. One is an exposure by the available light in the room and the other is a flash photograph lit by the flashgun.

When taking photos at a night-time car rally the technique streaks the head and tail lights giving the sensation of movement.

There will be further pictures and a report of the ball in next week’s Courier.

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Carol concerts get under way

A packed Lorne and Lowland Church was treated to an evening of traditional Christmas carol singing from a variety of performers including Campbeltown Brass and choirs from the local schools.

The service was put on by the Salvation Army on Sunday evening with the offerings of £588.36 going towards to community work the organisation does.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday December 17, 1993

Bold as brass!

Campbeltown rejoiced last weekend in more musical success when 15-year-old cornet player Morvern Gilchrist became the junior solo champion of Scotland and Campbeltown Grammar School Brass Band became the Scottish Junior Youth Band champions.

The event, organised by the Scottish Amateur Brass Band Association, attracted a strong field of entries from recent qualifying rounds and there was a high standard throughout.

For Morvern, this is a magnificent triumph, as she joins an elite group of players to have won the most prestigious and much coveted of awards.

She gave a flawless performance of Roy Newsome's technically demanding solo



St Kieran's Primary School performed its Christmas alphabet.

Concorde and received 94 marks out of 100 from adjudicator James Smith, and a host of trophies to go with it, including the famous solo champion's sash.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday December 12, 1968

Barbour family centenary

Just over 100 years ago this month, a 25-year-old farmer left the lands of his forebears in North Ayrshire and came to settle in Kintyre.

He was John Barbour – a surname that is today almost synonymous with agriculture in Kintyre.

For many generations, the Barbours were tenant farmers in the district of Lochwinnoch

but about the beginning of the 18th century, some of them drifted westwards to the parish of West Kilbride and there, on the farm of Biglees, John Barbour was born on January 8, 1843.

He came to Kintyre in October 1868 to take over the tenancy of Aucharua Farm on the Duke of Argyll's estate.

In November 1871, he married Miss Margaret Gemmell, daughter of Mr Thomas Gemmell of Dalrioch, near Campbeltown.

Mr Barbour was the tenant of Aucharua for 51 years. He was a successful farmer with a special interest in the breeding of horses, and was for many years a member and director of the Clydesdale Horse Society.

He was known to be a good man of business, shrewd and enterprising to a degree, and he was also a man of many interests, including

politics. He was a strong upholder of church establishment in Scotland and a faithful member of the parish kirk.

In the early 1880s, Mr Barbour was appointed Inspector of Poor and Registrar for the parish of Southend and clerk to the parish council. These duties he carried out diligently for nearly 40 years.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday December 14, 1918

Our returned prisoners of war

A number of the young men from Campbeltown and district who have served their country in the Great War with that gallantry and steadfastness of purpose which has been characteristic of the army as a whole, and who had the misfortune to fall into the hands of the enemy and undergo the hardships and privations of German and other enemy camp life, have now been repatriated and have reached home.

As a rule, two months' leave has been granted to them.

The liberated soldiers are all doing well and as a result of their freedom and better sustenance are fast regaining a full measure of health and strength.

The townspeople are delighted at their return, if only for a brief period meantime, and we all look forward with joyous anticipation to the time when all 'the boys' who have acquitted themselves so well in the field of action will 'come marching home'.

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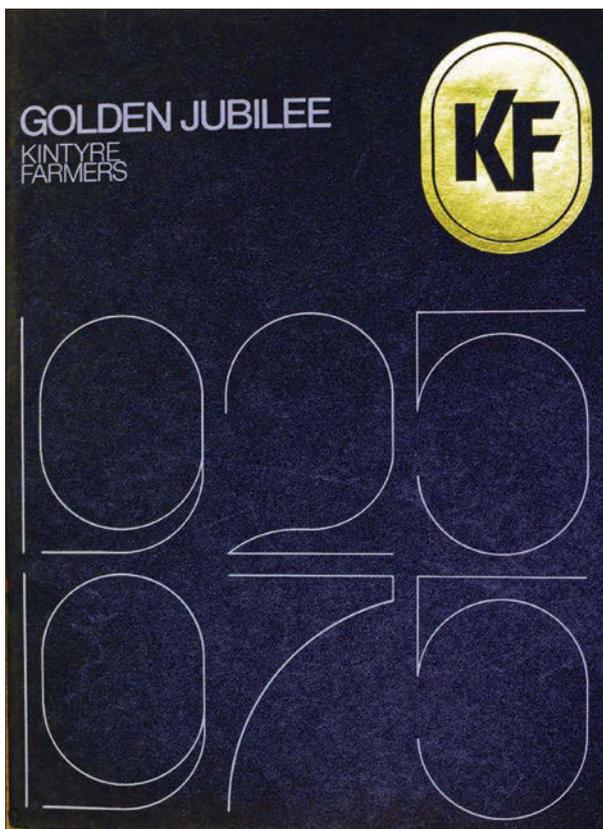
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The booklet's front cover.

A former Kintyre Farmers' plumber showed the Courier a treasured 1975 booklet celebrating the firm's golden anniversary.

In the photograph of the plumbing staff, Neil McMillan, aged 25, third from left in the back row, looks like the boss, dressed in a three-piece suit but he had just attended a funeral.

The souvenir booklet, printed by John Watson and Company, Glasgow, is a treasure trove of photographs.

The foreword states: 'Fifty years ago Kintyre Farmers Ltd was formed to further the cause of co-operation among farmers in this area. The directors and management decided to produce this souvenir edition of our magazine to mark the occasion and also to indulge in a little nostalgia by looking back into the history of our society.'

In part of his introduction, Kintyre Farmers' chairman

Plumbing Staff



A. Mathieson, D. Irwin, N. McMillan, W. Gilchrist, J. McGeachy, J. McPhee, D. McKiernan, P. McArthur, M. McMillan, C. Robertson, R. Brown, R. Fleming.

Kintyre Farmers plumbing team in 1975.

Alex McLean said: 'As you will see from the profiles of the members of the board they come from every corner of the society's area and, without exception, are gentlemen of the highest calibre to whom I should like to pay tribute for the support and guidance they so freely give.'

'I would also like to make special mention of the industry, and, in particular the diplomacy, which our managing director, John Stupart at all times displays.'

Mr McLean concludes with a statement

hinting at European integration and said: 'Finally, to all the members of Kintyre Farmers, we can benefit not only from the co-operation that exists between societies in Scotland but in future the potential of Europe.'

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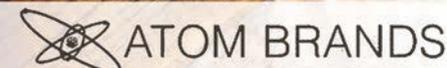
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Campbeltown Link Club's health and wellbeing role

Campbeltown Link Club has taken on a vital coordination role for the Kintyre Health and Wellbeing Network (HWN).

There are eight HWNs throughout Argyll and Bute and they are set up to bring people together to build stronger, healthier and safer communities.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (ABHSCP) invests in the HWNs to help improve the health of local people.

The networks are responsible for organising meetings, keeping members up to date with health news, and awarding the health and wellbeing small grant fund.

Tracy Chambers, who runs the Link Club, said: 'The Link Club is excited to take on this new venture.'

'It will bring valuable funds to our club and will help us to run interesting activities for

our members. Our members come from a wide range of backgrounds and have lots of skills to help make the network a success.

'We are open every weekday in the community centre and anyone interested in finding out more about the health and wellbeing network is welcome to pop in.'

Link Club member Sara Cheers said: 'Our club is for people to come together to support each other.'

'We know this helps to keep us well and living at home. I come to the Link Club often and have met lots of new people.'

'It's important to ask local people what they want for health and wellbeing and I think the Link Club will be able to get in touch with lots of new people who don't know about what the network does.'

Tom Donachy, who is also

a club member, said: 'I had a great time at the HWN development day; it was a great opportunity to learn more about the other partners of the network and talk about our role as the new coordinators.'

'Also meeting other coordinators and learning more from them about the new role.'

'We had a positive feedback from the other members about the club taking up the role of the co-ordinator.'

'It's given me more confidence to take part in a more formal role than just as a member of the club.'

Alison McGrory, ABHSCP health improvement principal, said: 'I am delighted to be working with Tracy, Tom, Sarah and all the people who use the Link Club.'

'ABHSCP has responsibilities to prevent problems before they happen as well as providing services to those



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

who are already unwell. The HWNs are very important for enabling the people of Argyll

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networks can be found at www.healthyargyllandbute.co.uk

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Local newspapers and their websites are the most trusted providers of news in this country. They are also fierce defenders of the communities they serve.

But to train a journalist to the highest professional standards and to deliver the quality of writing and research on which readers rely costs money.

So across Britain a new campaign has been launched #buyapaper which urges residents to purchase a copy of their local title every week.

Existence

Newspapers have been in existence for more than 300 years – the Campbeltown Courier has been serving Kintyre for 145 – and in recent years the online version of this paper and many others has grown exponentially.

But the importance we place on the integrity of our

journalism has not changed. Our priorities are our communities and our focus is unwavering ... if it affects our readers, we are interested.

That means our content covers a huge range – from local events and charities to court and council meetings.

We hold our politicians to account and we support them when they try to get a better deal for local people. We champion the issues raised by our readers and highlight their achievements.

The digital age – when more information is available to us all than at any other point in history – and the reliability of that information is becoming more critical than it has ever been.

Our journalists are not merely trained to the highest industry standard but they are independently accountable as well.

The image shows the front page of the Campbeltown Courier newspaper. The main headline is "Space company rockets into Machrihanish base". Other headlines include "Christmas lights get two thumbs up from Finlay", "NEWGROVE FURNITURE Christmas GIFT VOUCHER", and "LATE NIGHT OPENING THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER UNTIL 8PM". The newspaper is dated Friday 7 December 2018.

We are accountable to the law, we are accountable to the Independent Press Standards Organisation and we are accountable to our readers.

This accountability is vitally important. We are not faceless or hard to find – we engage with our audience hundreds of times every day. If we make a mistake, we are quick to correct it.

Challenging

The vast amount of news available online and the rise of Facebook and Google has meant challenging economic conditions for local news publishers. Politician and respected academic Toomas Hendrik has said: 'Fake news is cheap to produce. Genuine

journalism is expensive.'

This newspaper and its sister titles – The Oban Times, the Lochaber Times, The Argyllshire Advertiser and the Arran Banner – are proud to be part of our communities, serving you day in and day out.

But to continue to do that we will need your continued support. You can give that support very easily – please subscribe to our websites and digital editions, follow us on social media and, just as importantly, buy a newspaper. Encourage a neighbour, colleague or friend to do the same.

We will repay you by continuing to focus everything we do on reporting the local news and issues that affect you, and supporting local businesses: Buy a copy of The Campbeltown Courier every week – paper or digital.

The Campbeltown Courier.

The advertisement for The Courier Centre features a collection of various Christmas cards with different designs, including reindeer, sheep, and winter scenes. The text reads: "The Courier Centre Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6AE Tel: 01586 554646". A large red banner says "2018 CHRISTMAS CARDS DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE!". At the bottom, it says "YOU CAN NOW FIND US ON FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/couriercentre" with a Facebook logo.

The advertisement for Marine Restaurant & Bar features a festive background with snowflakes and blue lights. The text reads: "Newly refurbished lounge bar at The Regent Hotel is now open as the MARINE RESTAURANT & BAR". It also states: "Open for light bites and coffee 12-2pm, for dinner with a view 5-9.30pm. Find us along the Corran Esplanade next to the Regent Hotel. Call 01631 566409 to book your table".

Shopper-Aide car secures sponsorship



The Rotary Club of Campbeltown president John McDowall hands the first tranche of money to Shopper-Aide project manager Joan Stewart.

To keep a Shopper-Aide vehicle on the road delivering shopping and making runs to Elderberries costs £50 per week. The headache of finding that money for the charity's car named Cherryaide

is over, for one year, after the Rotary Club of Campbeltown agreed a vehicle sponsorship package of £2,600. Shopper-Aide project manager Joan Stewart said: 'We are looking for spon-

sorship for the two other cars, Blueberry and Sapphire, and the van called Snowball. 'We help people throughout Kintyre from Clachan to Southend.'

Supporting Communities applications open

Community groups could collect up to £2,500 if successful in an Argyll and Bute Council scheme.

The latest round of funding for the council's Supporting Communities Fund is now open and community groups are being encouraged to submit applications.

Groups can apply for up to 100 per cent of the total funding costs for their project or activity during 2019/20.

The deadline for submission of applications is Wednesday February 6, 2019.

The fund is aimed at supporting community projects and helping to kickstart new projects.

Councillor Robin Currie, the council's communities leader, said: 'I'd encourage any community groups with fresh ideas to apply for funding.'

Advice and support on funding is available from the

Community Development Team, which can be contacted at 01436 657 647 or via email at communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Following a one-year participatory budgeting pilot and a follow-up evaluation, the application form has been improved and there is an opportunity to submit applications electronically.

Application forms can be found on the website at <https://tinyurl.com/supportingcommunitiesfund>

For a hard copy or further information or guidance, ask at the Burnet building.

The allocation of funding will be decided by elected members at local area committees.

There is one round of funding annually.

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The Kintyre U3A full choir. 25_c49U3Achoir01

U3A choir's ancient and modern carols

A Kintyre choir's 'colourful' carols filled the Argyll Hotel's corridors with sound.

A group of 16 choristers, from Kintyre's University of the Third Age, accompanied by keyboardist David Gardiner and conducted by Margaret Nimmo, held their annual Christmas concert last Thursday.

The programme of carols and Christmas songs included: Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly, Walking in a Winter Wonderland, Colours of Christmas by John Rutter, Holly

and the Ivy, Holly and Mistletoe, White Christmas, Child in a Manger, Somewhere in my Memory, Jingle Bells and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

Fundraising

The fundraising day included two raffles, one for general prizes and another for five hampers.

The hamper raffle raised £120 for Argyll FM, the radio station which transmits from a studio in Longrow.



The hampers raffled for Argyll FM. 25_c49U3Achoir03



Margaret Mathieson is partially hidden in this photograph of choristers, Mary-Anne Stewart and Reverend Anne McIvor in full voice. 25_c49U3Achoir02

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Castlehill's Christmas concert and fair

Musically-gifted pupils and their teachers entertained a packed hall at Castlehill Primary.

In addition to a concert, the school held a craft fair managed by the P6 and P7 children.

Castlehill Pipe Band, tutored by Campbell Anderson and Ian McKerral, opened the show last Thursday with an excellent rendition of Jingle

Bells and Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly.

Woodwind players Cara McFadzean and Annie Watson, both pupils of Katie Cameron, played a haunting Silent Night.

Chanter players jazzed things up with We Three Kings, before the Castlehill Wind Ensemble, taught by Katie Cameron and Scott McDermott, made their mark.

The final pure instrumental performance was Castlehill Brass Band, tutored by Stephanie Mitchell and Katrina Barr who also conducted their medley of Christmas songs.

The school choir wrapped up the afternoon with Where are you Christmas?.

Proceeds from the sale, silver collection and raffle were split equally between school funds, World Vision, which helps children in poverty throughout the world, and Royal British Legion Scotland, to tie in with topic work by P6s and P7s on World War One.

At the close, head teacher Richard Long thanked the music tutors, Mrs Johnston, all the children and the audience for supporting the event.



The Castlehill Wind Ensemble. 25_c50concert06



Castlehill chanter players. 25_c50concert04



The woodwind duet.

25_c50concert03

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Some of the members of Castlehill Pipe Band. 25_c50concert02



One of the Christmas fair side-stalls. 25_c50concert08



Castlehill Brass Band. 25_c50concert11



Castlehill School Choir. 25_c50concert13



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Paws-ome cat rescue fundraiser



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The group's annual coffee morning, in Campbeltown Town Hall featured a raffle, baking and bottle stalls, and a sales table.

Frances Hill of Southend's

Muneroy Tearoom also baked and donated a cake, of which people could guess the weight, in the hope of winning the two-tiered masterpiece.

Donnie McLean of Campbeltown Cat Rescue said that £1,426 was raised and that he is 'really grateful' for everyone's support.



Nancy Hope, Justine Adams and Val Hope manned the bottle stall, sporting festive headwear. 50_c49catrescue04

Sheena Robertson with the cake, donated by Frances Hill. 50_c49catrescue02



As well as baking, Joanne Gillies sold cat-shaped Christmas gift tags. 50_c49catrescue03



Dan McLean and Ralphy Hill with the prize from the guess the teddies' birthday stall. 50_c49catrescue01

Installation at Lodge St John's



Hugh Hamilton Wilson was the master of Lodge St John's Campbeltown No 141 for the period 2017-2019. His brother, Robert Ralston Mauchline Wilson, took the position of Right Worshipful Master from November 2019. Our picture shows the office bearers of Lodge St John's Campbeltown No 141 following the installation held in November.

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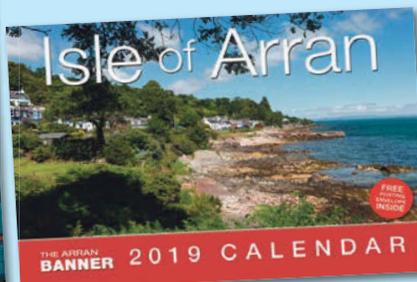
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friends from John &
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*Merry Christmas
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from Donald, Margaret
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Mary MacBrayne,
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*Merry Christmas
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Christmas & Happy
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*Merry Christmas
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friends from Isobel
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*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

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from Margaret
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from Neil McEachran,
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& a Happy New Year*

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Albyn Avenue.

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& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Angus & Anne,
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& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,
friends & neighbours
from John & Fiona,
Castlepark.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Sheena &
Alastair, Castlepark.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,
friends &
neighbours from
Rachel McMurchy.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Elizabeth
McGuire, 2 Ralston
Road, Campbeltown.

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Davis, Perth*

wish all their family &
friends a wonderful
Christmas & a happy
& healthy new year.

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& a Happy New Year*

to all my family,
friends &
neighbours from
Betty MacCallum,
Ralston Road.

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& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Diana Brodie,
Campbeltown.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,
friends &
neighbours with
love from Hector &
Esther.

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to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Emily McDonald,
15 Lochend Street,
Campbeltown.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all our relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Florence
& Stevie Allan,
Castlehill.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Jock MacVicar,
Southend.

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With best wishes for
Christmas & New Year,
to family & friends in
Kintyre & Mid Argyll, from
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to all my friends,
neighbours &
relatives from
Catherine Ann.

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friends & neighbours
from Stewart
McGougan, 112
Davaar Avenue.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Graham &
Esther Thomson,
Campbeltown.

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neighbours, with special
thank you to Janette & Peter
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attention, from Jenny Tyrrell,
2 Ramsay Place.

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neighbours & friends
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& good health in
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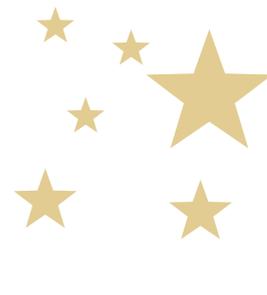
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Helen Kelly & Audrey,
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from Ella Munro,
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all family, friends &
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Christmas & Happy
New Year.

**Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year**
to all my relatives,
friends & neighbours
from Archie
Greenlees, 4 Front
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& a Happy New Year**
to all my relatives,
friends &
neighbours with
love from Ella
McKinven.

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to all our relatives,
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from Neil & Jean
McEachran,
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& a Happy New Year**
to all my relatives,
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from Betty Munro,
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& a Happy New Year**
to all my friends &
neighbours from
Janet Hamilton,
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to all my relatives,
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to my family,
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her relatives, friends
& neighbours a
Merry Christmas.

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BLAKE**
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all their relatives,
friends & neighbours
a Merry Christmas &
a Happy New Year.

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neighbours everywhere
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Happy New Year 2019.

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23rd December 10.00am

4th Sunday in Advent
Rev Robert MacLeod

24th December 11.30pm

Christmas Eve Service
Carols & Lessons

30th December 10.00am

Rev Robert MacLeod
All Welcome

Services beginning 6th January 2019
11.30am Start

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 16th December

Morning worship at 11.00am
Blue Christmas service at 3.00pm

Sunday 23rd December

Family Christmas service with
Nativity at 11.00am

Christmas Eve

Watchnight service at 11.15pm
(Carols, mince pies and mulled wine
from 10.45pm)

Christmas Day

Family service at 11.00am
(a chance for the children to show
off their presents from Santa)

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church

Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead
(SC013787)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 16th December

St Columba's, Poltalloch
(SC031391)

Carol service 3.30pm

Christmas Eve

Christ Church, Bishopton Road
Midnight Mass
11.30pm

Christmas Day

St Columba's, Poltalloch
Holy Communion 9.00am
Christ Church, Bishopton Road
Eucharist with Carols 11.00am
All welcome

ARDRISHAIG and SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 23rd December

Advent 4
The Lamb
(John 1)

Ardrishaig at 11.00am
Achahoish at 12.30pm

Christmas Eve

Carol Service
Achahoish at 7.00pm
Watchnight Service

Ardrishaig at 11.30pm
(Carol singing from 11.15pm)

Sunday 30th December 2018

"The Promise"
(John 1)

Ardrishaig at 11.00am
Achahoish at 12.30pm
All welcome

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(SC001002)

Christmas starts with Christ

Celebrate with us this year

Wednesday 19th December

Achnamara Hall - 6.45pm
Carols in the Hall with
mince pies & mulled wine

Sunday 23rd December

Inverlussa Church - 11.30am
Service of Carols

Monday 24th December

Tayvallich Front Green - 4.00pm

Carols on the Green

followed by mince pies &

mulled wine

(in church if raining)

Tuesday 25th December

O Come Let us Adore Him

Bellanoch Church - 11.00am

Christmas Celebration

All welcome

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SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCH FYNE & KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 16th December 2018

Skipness service 10.00am

Rev Chris Fulcher

Tarbert service 11.30am

Mrs Margaret Sinclair

Join us for our Sunday school

Nativity play and service

Teas and coffees after the service

Sunday 23rd December 2018

Skipness service 10.00am

Dr John L Morrison OBE

Tarbert service 11.30am

Mrs Margaret Sinclair

Kilberry service 2.00pm

Mrs Margaret Sinclair

Christmas Eve 24th December

Skipness Christmas Eve service

6.30pm

All welcome to join us for an

evening service of carols

and the children's Nativity

Kilberry Church

Candlelight Procession of the Young

Christmas Eve Carol Service

led by Peter Minshall MA

6.30pm Monday 24th December

Please bring your own candle

and a torch

Sunday 30th December 2018

Skipness service 10.00am

Mrs Marion MacDonald

Informal service of reflection

Tarbert service 11.30am

Mrs Marion MacDonald

Informal service of reflection

Everyone very welcome to join all

the services

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KINTYRE

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 16th December

A Special Family Service at 11.00am
with John Ives & South Kintyre
Youth

Sunday 23rd December

Nativity Presentation at 11.00am

All services are held at the fam-
ily at 7.00pm

and mince pies

Sunday 30th December

Family Service at

11.00am with Ken Watson

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Sunday 16th December

11.15am Worship Service

Rev Rodger Crooks

5.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas refreshments will be served

Sunday 23rd December

10.30am Christmas Service

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SCO 11686

Sunday 16th December

Morning Worship 11.15am

Rev W Crossan

Creche, Triple, C Gen 1

Sunday 23rd December

All Age Service

Choir Items, BBs,

Triple C Gen 1 Nativity Play

Rev W Crossan

Monday 24th December

Watchnight Service 11.30pm

Tea and Mince Pies from 10.45pm

Everyone welcome

Sunday 30th December

Morning Worship 11.15am

Sacrament of Baptism

Rev W Crossan

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Friday 14th December

SKY Youth Group

Christmas Party at Carradale

Sunday 16th December

10.15am Communion service

11.00am Joint youth service at the

Community Church

Sunday 23rd December

11.00am Family service with

communion

6.30pm CAROLS BY

CANDLELIGHT

Christmas refreshments

will be served

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Pastor Steve Davies

ST KIERAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 22nd December

6.00 pm Rorate Mass (In honour of
Our Lady, by candlelight)

Sunday 23rd December

10.00am Holy Mass

Christmas Eve

9.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass of Christmas Day

Saturday 29th December

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 30th December

(Holy Family)

10.00am (4.00pm Bridgend, Islay)

Holy Mass

New Year Day (Mary, Mother of

God)

10.00am Holy Mass

Epiphany Sunday (6th January)

10.00am Holy Mass

Fr Tony Wood

PARISHES OF SADDELL & CARRADALE LINKED WITH SOUTHEND

Christmas Services 2018

AT CARRADALE

Sunday 16th December

10.00am Christingle service

6.00pm Coffee, cakes and carols in

Village Hall

Sunday 23rd December

10.00am Morning Worship

Christmas Eve

8.00pm Watchnight service

Christmas Day

10.45am Service at

St Kieran's Episcopal Church,

Campbeltown

Sunday 30th December

10am Morning Worship

AT SOUTHEND

Sunday 16th December

11.45am Nativity service

Wednesday 19th December

6.00pm Carol singing in village

7.00pm Carols in Argyll Arms Hotel

Sunday 23rd December

11.45am Morning Worship

Christmas Eve

11.30pm Watchnight service

Christmas Day

10.45am Service at

St Kieran's Episcopal Church

Sunday 30th December

11.45am Morning Worship

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN WEST KINTYRE AND GIGHA

(Interim Moderator: Alison Hay)

GIGHA CHURCH

Sunday 23rd December

Morning worship at 11.00am

led by Rev Chris Fulcher

Monday 24th December

Watchnight Service at 11.30pm

led by the Elders

KILCALMONELL PARISH CHURCH (CLACHAN)

Thursday 20th December

Clachan Primary School End of

Term Service

in the church at 10.00am

led by Mrs Elizabeth Ball

Sunday 23rd December

Morning worship at 10.00am

led by Ms Marilyn Shedden

Monday 24th December

Christmas Eve Service at 7.00pm

(followed by Christmas refreshments)

led by Mrs Elizabeth Ball

KILLEAN & KILCHENZIE PARISH CHURCH (A'CHLEIT)

Friday 21st December

Rhunahaorine End of Term Service

in the school at 11.00am

led by Ms Marilyn Shedden

Friday 21st December

Glenbarr End of Term Service

in the school at 2.00pm

led by Ms Marilyn Shedden

Sunday 23rd December

Morning worship at 11.30am

led by Ms Marilyn Shedden

Monday 24th December

Watchnight Candlelit Service

at 11.30pm

led by Ms Marilyn Shedden

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Nationwide calls for extension of Help To Buy ISA scheme

With just a year to go, and with the deadline for the last application for the Help to Buy ISA fast approaching, Nationwide Building Society is calling on the government to extend access to the savings scheme as a vital support for first-time buyers.

The Help to Buy ISA was launched in December 2015 and was designed to help first-time buyers who open an account before November 30, 2019, to save for a house deposit and secure a home of their own. Since its launch, more than 196,000 savers have been supported in building their deposit by taking out a

Help to Buy ISA, claiming an average of £800 in government contributions, in addition to their Help to Buy ISA savings pot, when they come to buy a home.

Each saver in the scheme can benefit from a government Help to Buy bonus of up to £3,000. Savers can deposit up to £1,200 in the month they open the account and a further maximum £200 in each subsequent month. For every £200 maintained in a Help to Buy ISA account, £50 will be paid by the government as a bonus at the time of purchasing a first home. The minimum Help to Buy deposit bonus is £400 and

the maximum £3,000. Savers can also earn a competitive rate of interest on their money as the society's Help to Buy ISA pays a highly competitive 2.5 per cent AER.

Nationwide is urging the government to extend the benefits of this popular scheme and make a real difference to more first-time buyers, beyond the current deadline. This is particularly important during a period of rising housing prices and living costs, and where any assistance for those saving for a deposit is a major bonus.

According to Nationwide data, it now takes 6.5 years on

average for a first time buyer in the UK to save at 10 per cent deposit, totalling £18,480, compared with 4.8 years and £14,080 a decade ago in 2008. There are also large regional differences, with savers in the north currently requiring four years to save a 10 per cent deposit of £10,100, while those in London need 12 years and £41,160 to reach the same milestone.

According to Nationwide's data, the Help to Buy ISA allows the average first-time buyer to get on to the housing ladder two years sooner, given that the average age of a first-time buyer who saved through

the scheme is 28, compared to who saved using another an average age of 30 for those method.

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Thomas Cameron won the SAI Cup for Ayrshire champion, the Levers Cup for best calving/calved Ayrshire heifer, and the James Barr Memorial Cup for best Ayrshire bred by exhibitor.



Jack Ralston won the Society Cup for the best calf and the President's Cup for the best Ayrshire calf.



Callum MacPhail picked up the McKerral Cup for champion Clydesdale.



Jenny Semple picked up the Holstein Breeders Cup for best Holstein calf and handler.



The Gigha Cup for best foal went to John McLatchie.



John Pirie collected the Davidsons of Shotts Cup for the best calving/calved Holstein heifer.

Kintyre winter show winners

There may have been fewer entries in some sections at Kintyre Agricultural Society's annual winter show but the quality was as high as ever.

A large crowd of spectators at the SRUC-sponsored event, at Ballygreggan Farm on Saturday December 1, saw a 'fine show' of six calves, 16 cows and heifers and 11 horses.

Judges were Jim Lawrie in the dairy section and Jock McMillan in the horse section.

Callum MacPhail emerged as the overall champion in the horse section with his mare Garcalfra Sweet Chloe who was first in an impressive class of six.

Reserve was the first prize gelding, Redhill Alex, shown by Mairi Ralston, Rhoin.

The pony champion was from Marije Terpstra with Andrea McShannon bringing out the reserve champion.

In a keenly contested Ayrshire section, Thomas Cameron from Gartvaigh produced the champion with a fifth calver by West Mossgeil Athos.

Reserve was the champion's daughter, a calved heifer by Ravenhill Stormin Normin, and is currently giving over 30kg a day.

Together they won dam and daughter at Kintyre Ayrshire Breeders Club's heifer competition on Wednesday November 28.

Numbers in the Holstein section were down from previous years, but thankfully the quality was not.

Gavin Semple, from Kilkeddan, took the cham-

pion and reserve tickets with a Dalby Top Phil and a sixth calver who calved in August and second prize cow, a Golden Oaks Alexander, a fourth calver who calved in September.

Gavin's Holstein took the overall champion prize with Thomas in reserve.

The society directors are very grateful to Archie and Tracy Millar for hosting the show in an excellent venue, to Jim Lawrie and Jock McMillan for travelling to Kintyre to judge, and to John Forster and SRUC for generously sponsoring the show.

Results: Dairy section: Ayrshire calf exhibited by primary school pupil: 1 Jack Ralston, East Drumlemble, 2 Cameron Ralston, East Drumlemble. Handler: 1 Jack Ralston, East Drumlemble,



It was an impressive class of six in the horse section.

2 Cameron Ralston, East Drumlemble. Best Ayrshire calf: Jack Ralston. Holstein calf exhibited by primary school pupil: 1 Erin Ralston, Machrihanish, 2 Louise Ralston, Machrihanish. Handler: 1 Erin Ralston, Machrihanish, 2 Louise Ralston, Machrihanish. Holstein calf exhibited by secondary pupil to 25-year-old: 1 Jenny Semple, Kilkeddan, 2 Kathryn Semple, Kilkeddan. Handler: 1 Jenny Semple, Kilkeddan, 2 Kathryn Semple, Kilkeddan. Best Holstein calf: Jenny Semple. Best Holstein calf and handler combined: Jenny Semple. Overall champion calf: Jack Ralston. Ayrshire calved heifer: 1 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, 2 Thomas Ralston & Sons, East Drumlemble, 3 Thomas Ralston & Sons, East Drumlemble. Holstein calved heifer: 1 A & J Pirie, Machrihanish. Ayrshire cow in calf: 1 J & M Barr,

Cllochkiel, 3 Thomas Ralston & Sons, East Drumlemble. Holstein cow in milk: 1 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan, 2 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan, 3 A & J Pirie, Machrihanish. Horse section: Colt or filly foal (Clydesdale): 1 John McLatchie, Moy. Clydesdale one-year-old and over: 1 Callum MacPhail, Garcalfra, 2 John McLatchie, Moy, 3 Lee Bastow, Corran. Clydesdale gelding: 1 Mairi Ralston, Rhoin. Horse or pony under 14.2h: 1 Andrea McShannon. Horse or pony over 14.3h: 1 Marije Terpstra, 2 Stephen Jones. Champion horse or pony: Marije Terpstra. Reserve champion: Andrea McShannon.

Trophy winners: County Garage Cup for overall champion in the dairy section: Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan. The SAI Cup for Ayrshire champion: Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. The

Duncan McKerral Cup for Holstein champion: Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan. The Levers Cup for best calving/calved Ayrshire heifer: Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Davidsons of Shotts Cup for best calving/calved Holstein heifer: A & J Pirie, Machrihanish. The James Barr Memorial Cup for best Ayrshire bred by exhibitor: Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Society Cup for the best calf: Jack Ralston, East Drumlemble. President's Cup for the best Ayrshire calf: Jack Ralston, East Drumlemble. Holstein Breeders Cup for the best Holstein calf and handler: Jenny Semple, Kilkeddan. McKerral Cup for champion Clydesdale: Callum MacPhail, Garcalfra. David MacPhail Memorial Salver for reserve champion Clydesdale: Mairi Ralston, Rhoin. Gigha Cup for best foal: John McLatchie, Moy.

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This year's Ayrshire section was keenly contested.

LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Bookshop's exclusive Kintyre air accidents read

by Mark Davey
mdavey@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Campbeltown's The Old Bookshelf is the only shop in the UK stocking a unique book about military aircraft accidents on and around Kintyre 1940 to 1994.

This week the Cross Street bookseller received Cheshire authors David W Earl and Peter Dobson's authoritative history, Deadly Peninsula, first published by Hanover Publications on December 6.

Unusually for a 21st-century book it is not available on the internet or as an electronic download.

Back in November the Courier gave a brief preview of the book which draws on many previous

works, including Kintyre Aircraft Crashes by local author Duncan McArthur with Alisdair McKinley, Bobby Duncan and Chris Blair, privately published in 2003 and 2005.

Kintyre folk featuring in an extensive acknowledgements list include: Allanna Brough, Angie Ingles, Angus Martin and Brian Gee.

Notable chapters include: A High Price for Peace - Chinook ZD576, Bird Strike - F-11168-008 and Campbeltown Annie - Anson R3344, although every reader will find their own favourite within 53 individual stories of heroism and survival.

The Avro Anson featured in Campbeltown Annie was flown by a Canadian pilot Sergeant Frank Scandiffo.

On March 15 1942 with four pupils on board flying from Prestwick and nearing Kintyre the cloud got thicker and being an experienced pilot he put down in a field.

The aircraft was salvaged and repaired.

Sgt Scandiffo had an eventful flying career but with more than 1,000 hours logged died during a ferry flight in 1944 in India.

Six days prior to the fatal Thunderbolt crash he recorded in his log book that he flew a twin jet VI Vampire number 52249 from Bolpol to Kalyan at 629mph.

Brian Gee from Carradale was an RAF sergeant based at Machrihanish. On Tuesday May 15, 1973, he was out with a group of men to visit the Tacan radar

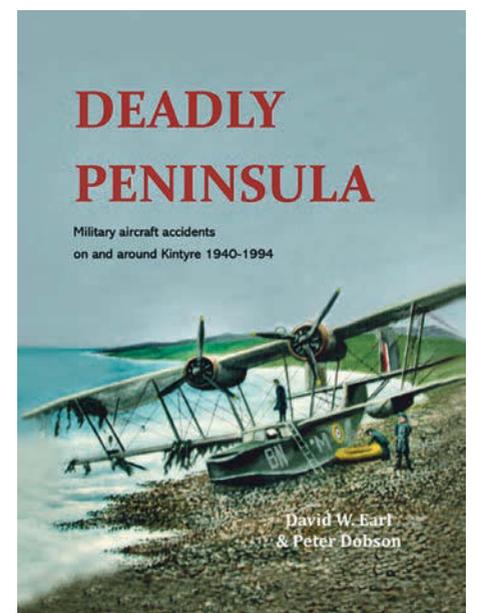
site east of Clachan, when he spotted the F-111 in trouble over Skipness.

The swing-wing jet had hit a large bird.

In Deadly Peninsula, Mr Gee says: 'We heard the sound of an aircraft approaching from the south east and immediately knew something was wrong as the engine did not sound healthy.'

'The aircraft came into view and there were flames coming from the rear.'

Luckily the pilot and navigator ejected and survived as the plane smashed into the edge of a tree plantation at Glenreasdale.



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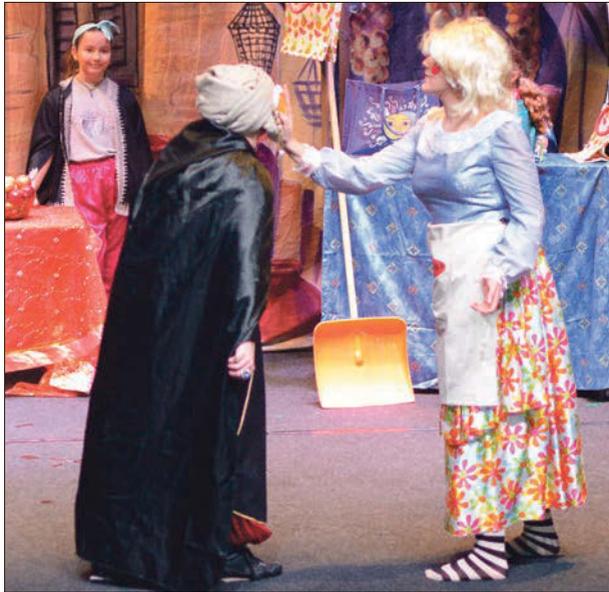
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The pie seller's wares came in useful. 25_c50CGSpanto16



The full cast are applauded at the finish. 25_c50CGSpanto56

Words and photographs
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The bodies stacked up as a Campbeltown Grammar School cast proved celebrities are not the only pantomime gag giants.

Murder weapons were varied – the first victim was sliced and diced into at least four quarters, with a deadly sabre, which looked suspiciously plasticky and a huge poisoned apple ensured the demise of another.

Many in the audience agreed Sopwith the Camel, present in many scenes, was one of the great stars with some lovely moves and great coordination of head and feet.

The show opened with introductions to the good and evil members of the cast, including Ali and Mildred, before the chorus line stepped the show up a notch with a wonderfully choreographed version of Electric Light Orchestra's Mr Blue Sky.

From there it ripped and roared through many scenes

and the cast scurrilously poked fun, purely in jest, at some teachers, memorably 'the two bags' and another's personal hygiene and many others around Campbeltown.

The banked, collapsible seating at CGS's hall, in the recently built school, allowed everyone to see all the action and there was even a Keystone Cops-style chase, round the auditorium, as Salim the Stitch was hunted down.

Comprehensive

There was nothing to dislike about this production, with comprehensive sets and, especially notable, if there were any prompts, they were not at all obvious.

Ali Baba and the Four Tea Thieves, written by Lee Baddock and Chris Kirby, has been in production since the school returned in August.

The show played two nights Thursday and Friday and a matinee on Saturday.

The stars of the show were: Jade Graham – Ali, Hope Strang – Alcazar, Lizzie Bell – Mildred, Emma McKinven – Amwar, Alex Wotherspoon

– Salim, Michael Stevens – Jaleel, Douglas Kenny – Bish, Zoe Gosling – Bash, Catriona Newman – Bosh, Aimee McSporran – Pie Man, Iona Renton and Hannah Jackson – Sopwith the Camel, Isla McKinven – trader, Emma Cook – trader, Hannah McCaig – stall holder, Amy Ross – stall holder, Tala Griffiths – stall holder, Niamh McSporran – snake charmer.

The sound light and backstage crew was: Sonny Scott, Ben Davies, Darren Brown, Isaac Morbey, Ruairi Barbour, John Tait-Bennett, Anna Gemmill and Lewis Kenny. Hannah Oman and Erin McLellan were trumpets one and two.

Further band musicians were: Mark Leishman – drums, Fraser Cosgrove – bass guitar, Katy Cameron – synth and Colin Campbell – electric guitar.

The production team, who put the show together, were: David Cosgrove – musical director, Lynda Law – drama director, James Murdoch – technical director, Gordon

Cosgrove – lighting and stage design, Greig Walker – stage manager and stage design, Lorna McKinven – stage design and props, Hazel Scally and Jowita Kolibska – costumes, Hannah McPhee, Lara Sinclair and Beckie Shields – choreographers, Amy Paterson – make-up artist.

Kintyre community support and sponsorship came from: Explore Campbeltown, Keeping It Local, Co-op, Stuart and Hazel Currie, Lesley Kean, Sheila Cameron and AM Transport.

The production team also thanked all the staff who covered classes, helped during rehearsals and ran ticketing, raffle and refreshment stalls during the interval.

In addition, particular thanks were made to: Gerri McAnerny, Kirsti Coffield, Agnes Stewart, Morag McMillan, John Ives, Hilary Bombart, Karen Cox, Amy Armour, Alix Geyer, Meri Wrightson, Pete Lewis, Billy McLean and Hugh MacArthur.

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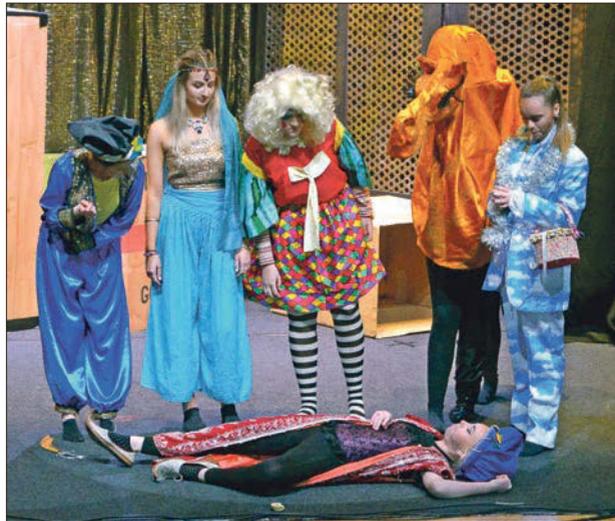
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and the Four Tea Thieves



The well choreographed chorus line. 25_c50CGSpanto06



Alcazar falls victim to his own poisoned apple. 25_c50CGSpanto51



The tea chests come to life. 25_c50CGSpanto47



Alcazar with Bish, Bash and Bosh. 25_c50CGSpanto22



Salim the Stitch is a goner. 25_c50CGSpanto36



Mildred, under the watchful eyes of Sopwith the Camel, gives three audience members a taste of pantomime fame. 25_c50CGSpanto32

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Dr Who and Kintyre's search for Grace

Words and photographs
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Kintyre is rapidly becoming a hub for space travel and on Sunday it attracted a time traveller.

Dr Who's famous time machine, Time and Relative Dimensions in Space (TARDIS) halted its journey through the universe as it beamed into Lorne and Lowland church for the community carol service.

Campbeltown Salvation Army's Major Ben Russell, conducting the service, found himself led on a mission to search for Grace, led by the famous doctor, who seemed vaguely familiar under what appeared to be a blonde wig.

The duo's hunt included searching for Grace through the church's pews.

But when you have a TARDIS it is easy to move through time.

So the pair soon found

themselves on the First World War frontline, witnessing the famous Christmas football match, between the Allies and Germans, and reflecting on the war to end all wars.

The theme of the search for Grace, which Major Russell explained is an acronym for: God's Riches at Christ's Expense, was interspersed with carols sung by the whole congregation, backed by music from Campbeltown Brass and two carols by the Dalintober School Choir.

As the service neared its climax, youngsters created a nativity scene and the famous time lord's TARDIS cruised into Bethlehem 2018 years ago.

Major Russell said that the baby Jesus was the lord of all time and he singlehandedly could save the world.

A collection held at the service split its takings between the Salvation Army for its charity work round the UK and the Mairi Semple Fund for Cancer.



The Dalintober School Choir in full song. 25_c50carols08



The nativity scene. 25_c50carols10



The first reading from John's gospel. 25_c50carols02



Major Ben Russell adjusts Dr Who aka Major Ruth Russell's microphone. 25_c50carols09



Campbeltown Brass accompanies a carol. 25_c50carols07

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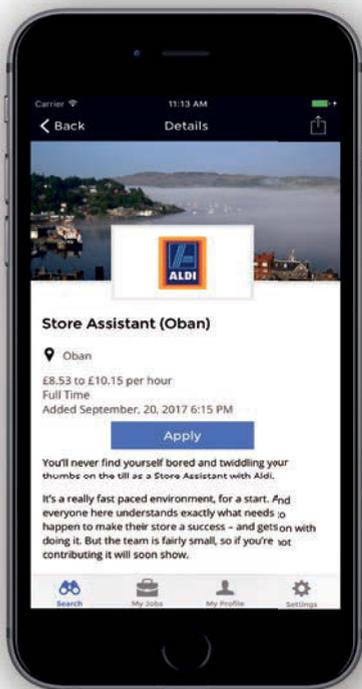
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Clachan Village Hall fundraiser is a sell-out!

A jam-packed Tarbert Village Hall witnessed something special when a platinum-selling, Brit Award-winning singer/songwriter rolled into town.

Eddi Reader and her band played a sell-out St Andrews night show to raise funds for Clachan Village Hall Development Fund.

Armed with a few songs – some old, some new, from ‘stunning’ new album Cavalier – Eddi played a wonderful set of songs and told some cracking stories for good measure.

Opening with Charlie Is My Darling, she had the crowd eating out her hand throughout the set.

The ‘truly magical’ night was rounded off with Eddi’s number

one single Perfect and Robert Burns’ Willie Stewart.

Eddi was supported by the ‘fantastic’ young Tarbert band Na Smeoraich, Clachan duo Raph and Eilidh and the Tarbert Gaelic choir, all of whom added to a ‘wonderful’ evening’s entertainment.

Thank you

The organisers hope to be able to bring Eddi back in 2019, such was the demand for tickets, but for now it’s a big ‘thank you’ to Eddi and her band, Sound Acoustics, D McNair and Son, West Kintyre Windfarm Trust, Tarbert Village Hall, Islay Frigate Hotel, Tarbert Hotel and everyone else who helped and supported the event.



Eddi Reader performs in Tarbert. Photograph: Joanna Gray.

ISLAY

Argyll and Bute rural street lighting fix needed

By a local government reporter

An Islay councillor compared Argyll and Bute rural street lighting to Africa’s gulf of Guinea as a debate lit up about street lighting.

Councillor Alastair Redman, speaking at the recent meeting of the council’s environment, development and infrastructure committee, said: ‘A friend of mine in Ghana told me that their street lights, upon being reported, are fixed faster than in my council ward.

‘It isn’t as if we are paying third world council tax; we are paying first world council tax, so the slow pace in repairs has to be addressed.

‘Is it down to budget or man-

power why there is such a slow turnaround with this?’

Mr Redman also complained that many rural areas of Argyll and Bute have lighting repairs carried out more slowly than towns such as Helensburgh.

He added: ‘It would be remiss of me not to point out the length of time it takes to get anything fixed.

‘Helensburgh is a very successful town, but it probably gets its lighting fixed straight away. I would like to see a tally of response times in my ward.’

Jim Smith, the council’s head of roads and amenity services, stated that some faulty street lights require more than the changing of a bulb.

And Councillor Ellen Morton

disagreed with Mr Redman’s claim that Argyll and Bute’s towns receive preferential treatment.

Mr Smith said: ‘It is worth pointing out that over the last 18 months, we have replaced 14,000 lights across Argyll and Bute with our new street lighting system.

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And Councillor Morton said that the idea that towns are treat-

ed better than rural communities needed to be revisited.

She said: ‘I can assure Councillor Redman that Helensburgh is not the wonderland of lights he seems to imagine.

‘One area of my ward has had its lights out for 12 weeks. Nobody got in touch for the first three of those weeks so our officers did not know.

‘This was a complicated fault, not just involving the lights; it involved the power as well.

‘It is a very complex situation and I know officers are dealing with it.

‘Polarising communities is not the way forward as it is not helpful to running a balanced administration.’

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with Marilyn Shedden

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'Give thanks to the Lord,
call on his name ...'
(Isaiah 12:4).

BIRTHS

CLARK - Stephen and Ammie (née Fleming) are delighted to announce the birth of their second daughter, Lily Clark, on November 11, 2018, little sister to Lucy. Sincere thanks to the midwives at Mid Argyll and all staff at RAH.

ENGAGEMENT



MCKILLOP - IRELAND

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on November 27, 2018, of Mairi, younger daughter of Elizabeth and John McKillop, Campbeltown to Stewart, son of Dr Elizabeth Ireland, Glasgow and Lawrie Ireland, Grangemouth.

DEATHS

COX - Suddenly, at her home, Strathmore, Kilmartin, on December 6, 2018, Mrs Valerie June Cox, née Courtvriend, beloved wife of the late Major JHF Cox, Royal Scot Fusiliers. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at St Columba's Church, Poltalloch, Kilmartin, on Friday, December 21, 2018, at 11.00am. Donations if desired, to the Brooke Hospital for Animals.

DAVIES - Suddenly, on November 27, 2018, near Muasdale, Frederick (Fred) Davies, The Stables, Barfad, Tarbert, in his 91st year, beloved father of Sally, father-in-law of Peter, coolest grandfather ever of Andrew, Robert, Fraser, Richard and Patrick, with eleven great grandchildren in Australia. Dearly loved brother Ron and brother-in-law of the late Margaret, and uncle of Roger and his wife Kim. He will be missed by all, including his many, many dear friends who made him so happy here in Scotland. A funeral ceremony and celebration of his life will take place at Stonefield Castle Hotel, Tarbert, on Monday, December 17 at 12.00 noon, to which all friends are respectfully invited. A private cremation will take place at Cardross Crematorium.

SMITH - Robert Wilson (Linlithgow). Peacefully, at Middleton Hall Care Home, surrounded by his family, on Saturday, December 8, 2018, Robert (Bob), aged 90 years, loving husband of Alison, father to Janet, Mary and the late Rachel, adored granddad of Eric, Poppy, Joel, Honi and Melina, great granddad of Hayden and father-in-law to Mike. Funeral service will be held at West Lothian Crematorium, Livingston, on Wednesday, December 19, at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please. There will be a charitable collection at the crematorium.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ROBINSON - Kath and Andrew would like to thank everyone for kind expressions of sympathy, cards and messages following the loss of Arthur. Special thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a comforting service, Colette, Macmillan nurse, community nursing team at MAH, Marie Curie nursing service and Dr Phillips for their unstinting care. We also thank Kilmartin Hotel for catering, Sue for musical accompaniment and Roddy, Fiona and Cammy for professional services. A collection at the church raised funds for Macmillan Mid Argyll, and community nurses.

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN - In loving memory of Jamie, who passed away December 13, 2009. Not a day goes by without a thought or tear and a wish you were still here. - Agnes Grandad, still missed and loved. - George, Alasdair, Kyle and Jaimee.

CAMPBELL - Treasured memories of Marion McKenzie, who died December 19, 2009, a much loved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. May the winds of heaven blow softly
And whisper in your ear
How much we love and miss you
And wish that you were here...
- Your loving husband Archie, Moira, Fionnaigh, Christine and families.

COFFIELD - Ian, my husband, also father & granda, passed away December 13, 2014. Loved forever.

- Vivian and all your wee family xxx.

COFFIELD - In memory of Ian McKenzie Coffield, who passed away December 13, 2014. A loving brother. Sadly missed every day.

- Martin and family.

FLETCHER - In loving memory of Archie, our dear dad and grandpa, who died December 13, 2003, and Margaret Robertson, beloved mother, who died November 5, 1977.

Gone for many years, and sadly missed, but not forgotten.

- Inserted by son Gill, Teresa, Jennifer, Hugh, Emma and Callum.

JACKSON - In loving memory of Alex, a deeply loved husband, adored dad and cherished papa, who slipped away December 12, 2013.

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You're part of us still.

- In our hearts always,
Marleen, Iain, Mhairi, Sandi and families.

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Always thinking of our times together.

Memories that will last forever.
- Love, Julie and Chloe xx.

WILKIN - Treasured memories of John Alan Wilkin, who left us bereft on December 20, 2010. A dearly loved husband, dad, granda and papa tin.

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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
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EPISCOPAL
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Lochgilphead

(SC013787)
Sunday 11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
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(SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
Carol Service
Sunday 16th December
3.30pm
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**CHURCH OF
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WEST
LOCHFYNESIDE**

Sunday 16th December
Cumloddan and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Cumloddan Church
10.00 am
Service will be taken by the
Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
Tea after the service
Carols in Lochgair Church
in the evening at 6.30pm
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church
11.30am
Holy Sacrament of
communion
Service taken by the
Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
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We meet at the Kinloch Hall,
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George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 16th December
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
5.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday 19th December
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Wednesday 19th December
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Late equaliser denies the Pupils all three points



Easthall Star	3
Campbeltown Pupils	3
SAFL Premier Division One	

The McFadyen sponsored Campbeltown Pupils remain undefeated away from home after another high scoring confrontation.

Last weekend's Glasgow game saw the local favourites come back from two goals down to lead into the final seconds of an absorbing league contest.

In what can be judged as a transition season for the Kintyre club, the team's new faces once more acquitted themselves very well, and, a draw away from home will be seen as a satisfying result in light of the ongoing learning process.

Nevertheless, the team will be seriously disappointed with the final outcome, and rightly so.

They fought back tenaciously to take command of the match only to see three points reduced to one with seconds remaining on the clock.

There were far more positives about this performance and the mere fact that the team displayed

Ryan Deans in action earlier this season at Kintyre Park.

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character in abundance to turn its fortunes around speaks volumes.

Two down in 15 minutes, lesser teams would have crumbled, especially away from home in unfamiliar surroundings, but the team battled on and were rewarded when Liam Renton reduced the leeway shortly before half time.

It was a timely intervention, and more was to follow when a Martin McCallum corner kick was slotted home, by Ryan Deans, to bring the scores level early in the second period.

Elation followed when a through ball by Renton split the home defence, and Deans raced clear to complete the comeback with a fine finish past the advancing goalkeeper for his second of the match.

So, everything looked set for a crucial victory, but with seconds remaining the home side latched onto an incomplete clearance and scored with the last kick of a seriously competitive match.

The visitors' determined comeback really deserved better from the match, but in the end a draw was probably the correct result.

The Pupils will break for the festive period, but the club looks forward to the remaining months of a very interesting season.

South Argyll rugby boys beaten but not bowed

Royal High School	49
South Argyll Schools	10
U16 National Bowl Final	

Against all odds, South Argyll Schools (SAS) rugby team deservedly reached their first ever Murrayfield national final.

It was a logistical challenge for the West Coast Motors coach to collect players and parents from Campbeltown, Tarbert (and Islay) and Lochgilphead, in west coast time, to travel the width of the country.

Their opponents Royal High School from Edinburgh faced a short walk across town.



South Argyll Schools and Oban High School pictured at BT Murrayfield.

SAS's path through the competition has involved lots of ups and downs, including overnight trips away, opposition call offs and a tough trip to Marr College, in the early rounds, to secure that bowl final place.

The players arrived sporting new SAS polo shirts, sponsored by Stuart Herd of The Art Studio in Tarbert, and prepared at the last minute by Dalriada Signs. Despite lack of experience compared to The Royal, SAS were confident of causing an upset with a number of talented players.

SAS held off the challenge in the opening exchanges as Jamie Blair did well to clear his sides lines after a period of pressure.

It was not to be, and slick handling saw Royal take the lead with a touchdown in the right corner after five minutes, making it 5-0.

It was extended with a carbon copy of the first try, giving a 10-0 lead after eight minutes.

This early setback failed to knock SAS's confidence.

They gained territory with runs from Tarbert's Matthew Peden

and some good defensive work from Campbeltown's Kyle Colville, Calum Cook and Lochgilphead's Ruairidh Condie.

SAS launched a few attacks at the line, midway in the half, and were eventually rewarded when Kyle Colville dived over from a quickly taken penalty by captain Jamie Blair.

After 20 minutes it was game on at 10-5 to Royal High.

Frustratingly, SAS lost control at crucial stages before half time, conceding three tries as Royal

High raced ahead on 25-5. A tiring Argyll side lost a further two scores, before Colville secured his second try. Rounding off an impressive performance from the big second row.

SAS used all their squad in an effort to get back into the game, but Royal dominated possession and territory and eventually ran out as comfortable 49-10 winners.

Despite the heavy scoreline SAS coaches were left delighted with the team's efforts against a well drilled and experienced Royal High side.



The party in the Muneroy Tearoom with last year's winner Sandy Watson presenting Danny Halliday with the cup.

Heavy weather handicaps Dunaverty Heidbangers

A wet and windswept day made for a stern challenge for the group of intrepid Dunaverty Heidbangers, on the final day of their year-long season, in pursuit of the coveted Heidbangers Cup.

Only three of the group were in with a realistic chance of lifting the trophy.

The scoring system was based on three points for a win, two for second place and one for each time they played up to a maximum of 26.

Going into this last day, Danny Halliday with three wins and two seconds led by three points from Neil Brodie and Sandy Watson.

The conditions took their toll on these three but Danny held on to his lead to become a worthy winner of the cup.

Scores on the day were quite low, with Don Hardman leading the pack on 31 points but it was left to Willie Ralston, playing in the last group, to win with 35 points.

Greenkeepers David Scullion and Robert Irvine, despite the adverse weather of the last few weeks, had the course in excellent condition.

The group retired to the Muneroy Tearoom where they had a wonderful meal prepared by Frances Hill.

Day's results: 1 Willie Ralston 35 points, 2 Don Hardman 31, 3 Robin Finlay 29, 4 John Dickenson 27(bih), 5 Neil Brodie 27.

Heidbanger Cup Result: 1 Danny Halliday 39, 2 Sandy Watson 36(Count back) 3 Neil Brodie 35, 4 John McDowall 32, 5 John Dreghorn 31.

Favourite rum rewards sailor's service

A stalwart of Campbeltown Sailing Club was honoured for spending 60 years before the mast.

At the recent annual general meeting, outgoing commodore, Michael Foreman, presented the former secretary, John Mactaggart, with a bottle of his favourite Cadenhead rum to mark his diamond anniversary of club service.



Dunaverty's lotto winners

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SAFL results and fixtures

Last Sunday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup, fourth round - East Kilbride Thistle v Oban Saints, postponed. Premier Division - Dunoon v North Glasgow Colts, postponed; Premier Division One - Castlemilk 6, Lochgilphead Red Star 0; Easthall Star 3, Campbeltown Pupils 3. Premier Division Two - Busby 11, Tarbert 3.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, 4th round - Oban Saints v East Kilbride Thistle; Premier

Division One - Campbeltown Pupils and Lochgilphead Red Star no games; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Paisley.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Late equaliser denies the Pupils all three points

Honours are even as league leaders draw

Carradale	4
GSC Jordanhill	4
Greater Glasgow Premier AFL	

A return to form and two sparkling goals helped Carradale draw with Greater Glasgow Premier AFL leaders Jordanhill.

There was some trepidation, from the McFadyen Transport-sponsored East Kintyre side, going into a tie with the league's top team, after a number of weeks off in a miserable season.

Saturday afternoon's game started in heavy rain.

Nanek created the first chance with a cross to Elliot Gemmill but the away team's goalie pushed it aside.

The Glasgow team caused many problems on the right. After 16 minutes, Diarmid Sutherland's cross allowed Parker to poke the ball home from six yards.

'Dale went on the offensive and in a six-minute spell, from the 25th minute, piled on the pressure.

Their first came from a Johnny McCormick free kick, from about 45 yards out, placing a curving ball right in front of the goal.

Matthew Lang's jump may have misled the goalie as he also jumped and missed the ball which floated into the net, for a great opener to 'Dale's account.

Moments later, a swinging corner kick, again from McCormick, was not cleared properly by the goalie and



Jordanhill's goalie puts a hand in Matthew Lang's back, as he jumps with him, but neither connected as Johnny McCormick's free-kick floated into the net. 25_c50carradale02

Michael McKinlay blasted it into the net.

The Jordanhill keeper muttered: 'How could that happen twice?'

The visitors pushed for the equaliser but Craig Galbraith

was solid in defence. On the last stroke before half-time Jordanhill had a great chance, for an equaliser, when Ryan Blackstock tripped their number eight, Murray, in the box.

Murray kicked from the spot. Goalie Archie McKellar hammered it onto the bar clearing the rebound to safety as the whistle blew.

For the first time this season 'Dale found themselves

half-time leaders. After the break, DJ replaced the injured McPhail and the game flowed back and forwards, for nearly 25 minutes, until a long pass from Mitchell drew McKellar out and Parker slid the ball into the net.

Jordanhill went ahead in the 70th minute when Niven drew McKellar out again for 3-2. Their lead did not last. In the 76th minute a three-man effort involving midfielder Jamie Morris and McCormick gave Gemmill an unlikely chance and, from 20 yards, off his left foot, he hit a beautiful ball over the keeper's head.

'Dale had been holding a high line and a through ball gave Parker the chance for his hat-trick in the 82nd minute.

The East Kintyre side thought they had an equaliser, moments later, when Nanek beat the keeper but the referee, Archie Mitchell, disallowed the goal due to an elbow from Nanek.

A minute later Carradale gained the equaliser they deserved through another superb goal.

From at least 25 yards out, DJ unleashed a terrific shot, the keeper had no chance and the scores were levelled at 4-4.

Jewellery Casting Scotland's Mike and Trish Hurst sponsored the match ball and man of the match was Johnny McCormick.

The draw saw Bailleston nudge Jordanhill off the top and tomorrow 'Dale are away to the new league leaders.



Gregor Campbell in action.

Cross-country racer is best in the west

A Kintyre schoolboy tore up the course to beat 54 runners and win the U15 West District Cross Country championships.

Campbeltown Grammar School pupil Gregor Campbell, coached by former Courier reporter Graham Crawford, and already the 2018 U15 Scottish 1500m track champion turned in another powerful run. Campbell, who runs for Shettleston Harriers, finished in 15.01, 11 seconds quicker than second placed Harris Paterson, who was just four seconds ahead of third boy home Donald Gilchrist.



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