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The ruins of Machrihanish clubhouse. 25_c52golfclubfire04

Machrihanish Golf club captains thank community

by Mark Davey
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Machrihanish Golf Club's officials have praised the community and the golfing world for their support following last week's devastating fire.

Captain Calum MacMillan and vice captain William Ross told the Courier on

Monday that there has been massive support from Kintyre and round the globe.

They said messages have come from virtually every country, such as Machrihanish's reputation.

Insurance officials visited last Thursday and forensic examiners, who came on Friday, said an electrical fault

is suspected of causing the fire which destroyed the clubhouse including the steward's family home and possessions.

Mr MacMillan said: 'We would like to thank many people including Jim Martin for donating Portacabins and temporary toilets, Neil Bapty for getting the computers operational again and to various

committee members who gave up their day to connect phone lines and meet with insurers.

'There has been so much support shown from members, non-members and local businesses with offers of accommodation. The support for Iain McLean and his family has been overwhelming.'

Mr MacMillan added that it is not just the steward who has effectively lost his job as the cook, cleaners and bar staff are also affected.

'There have also been offers of temporary office, storage and toilets until the club gets matters sorted through its insurance.'

'Dunaverty Golf Club has

offered four hire sets of clubs free of charge.

'Staff at the Ugadale provided hot soup when the fire was raging.'

Firefighters removed most of the archives.'

Mr Ross added that 250 members had lost equipment, stored in the building, includ-

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Funds pour in for golf club family

Last week's devastating fire at Machrihanish Golf Club not only destroyed the clubhouse but ruined a family's life.

The club steward's flat and the family home of Iain McLean, Agnes Stewart and Kirsten McLean was burnt out and they lost everything, including both their cars which were scorched by the heat.

Club captain Calum Macmillan said: 'The club will do everything it can to

support Iain, Agnes and Kirsten.'

A Just Giving page set up by Fiona Nelson, a personal friend of Agnes Stewart, with a target of £30,000 hit £28,092, by 12pm on Monday with many generous donations.

One of the largest donations was £500 from Jan and Jack Rothacker who wrote: 'We send this with love and appreciation for Agnes, Iain and Kirsten, salt of the earth

souls who do so much for others x.'

'Hope it soothes your hurt hearts, knowing how beloved and appreciated you are.'

Ms Nelson wrote: 'Many of us know Agnes, Iain and Kirsten. Some might know Iain through his work at Machrihanish Golf Club, some will know Agnes through Campbeltown Grammar School and her endless hard work for CGS4Gambia, helping others. 'Kirsty will be known among her school and college friends and her work as a lifeguard, and all of them will be known by the wonderful community of Campbeltown and Argyll.

'We can only imagine how devastated they feel.'

A raffle at Skipinnish's Victoria Hall gig on Friday night added more than £400 and a church collection raised nearly £600 on Sunday.



The Campbeltown crowd waved mobile phone lights as Skipinnish recalled another tragedy. The band played Wishing Well, its charity single for Barra girl Eilidh Macleod who was killed in the Manchester Arena bombing. 25_c52skipinnish02



Skipinnish on stage at Victoria Hall. 25_c52skipinnish01



Colin and Rebecca Campbell travelled from Scunthorpe for the Skipinnish gig. 25_c52skipinnish03



Karen Cairns and Graeme McPhail at the Skipinnish concert. 25_c52skipinnish04



Mhairi Hendrie and her dad Robert Hendrie take a break from dancing at the gig. 25_c52skipinnish07

Golf club officials thank community

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stored in the building, including clubs and clothing from lockers which were burned in the blaze.

Mr Ross said: 'After the next meeting with insurers we hope to be able to give members clarification about their equipment.'

It is emphasised that the course and pro-shop has remained open throughout and temporary facilities will be in place soon.

Thoughts are already turning to how the club rebuilds and the two men gave assurances that members will be consulted at every stage.

Mr Ross added: 'The clubhouse was not a listed building so there is quite a bit of scope for the redesign.'

'At the next meeting we expect to have surveyors and structural engineers.'

'Unbelievably, the only room not to be affected with fire is the office.'

'Although there is water damage, I am pleased to say there was memorabilia and records saved from this area, meaning about 90 per cent of the history of the club has been salvaged which is great news going forward.'

'At the new clubhouse every piece of memorabilia we have

will be on display. There is obviously a very long way to go on this journey but early signs are positive.'

'I assure members and visitors, myself and the committee will do our utmost to ensure Machrihanish Golf Club will come back better and stronger.'

'Thanks again for the huge support shown from around the world. It's so comforting to know this club means so much to so many people.'

Machrihanish Golf Club is in the process of setting up its own crowd funding page so that people can directly support the club.

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Campbeltown fisherman is commemorated in Stornoway

by Mark Davey and Malcolm Speed
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The grandsons of a Campbeltown fisherman who survived the sinking of Her Majesty's Yacht Iolaire will remember him on Monday.

The three brothers and a great-grandson will pay tribute to the memory of the late James McLean on behalf of their wider family at centennial services in Stornoway on Hogmanay and New Year's Day, alongside Prince Charles and the First Minister.

The 100-year-old tragedy became the worst peacetime loss of life at sea inside British waters of the 20th century.

The brothers, all of whom

were born in Campbeltown, will remember the 201 servicemen, including many of the crew, who drowned, as well as the 79 survivors who were aboard HMY Iolaire – Eagle in Gaelic.

The yacht was taking servicemen to Stornoway and their homes mostly on the Isle of Lewis for the first Hogmanay and New Year after four years of WW1.

However, the yacht struck feared rocks known as The Beasts of Holm – Biastin Thuilm in Gaelic – near the entrance to Stornoway Harbour in Force 10 winds with mountainous seas.

She piled onto the rocks at 1.55am on Wednesday, January 1, 1919, and slipped

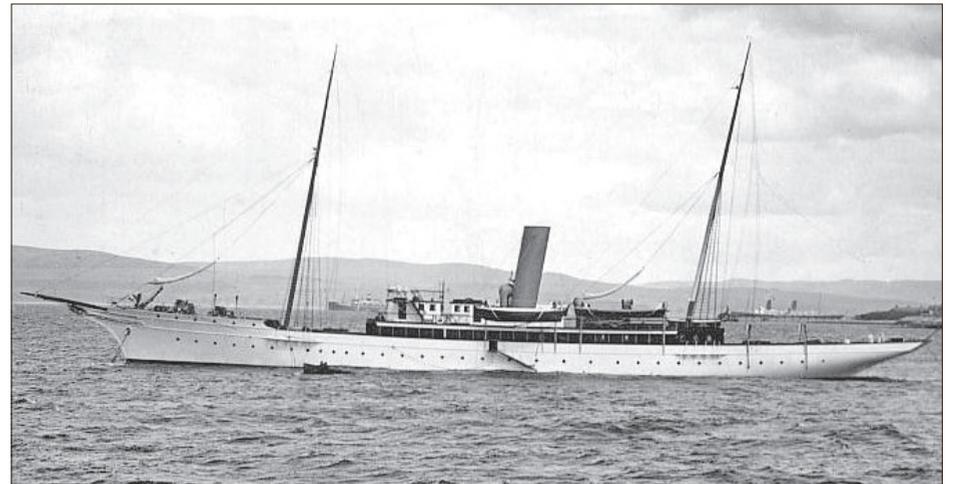
below the waves around at 3.25am 20 yards from shore and leaving only masts showing above the waves.

It devastated communities, on Lewis especially, for generations.

As the junior reporter on the Courier, Malcolm Speed interviewed Mr McLean, who was then 79, on January 12, 1959 – the year of the 40th anniversary – at his home in Davaar Avenue.

Mr McLean recalled the events of the Iolaire's last trip across the Minch which led to him being a key witness at two inquiries.

Mr McLean, who was 39 at the time of the tragedy, told the Courier, in a steady voice, about the fight for survival



HMY Iolaire.

in a howling wind with 30ft waves and added: 'There was no panic and we did our jobs.'

Mr McLean served on the armed yacht from 1916 when she was HMY Amalthea.

The Iolaire tragedy unfolded when unexpected train-loads

of servicemen on leave arrived at Kyle of Lochalsh, hoping to board the Stornoway-bound MacBrayne service steamer Sheila.

It was soon packed with men, with others on the quay and more arriving.

An appeal was made to the senior officer at Stornoway HQ and the recently name-changed HM Yacht Iolaire was sent to help get the men home

The Iolaire, which normally



James McLean, December 18, 1879 to April 23, 1961.

Woman who glassed man avoids jail

A woman who left a man aged in his 60s needing seven internal stitches and 12 staples for a 2.5-inch head wound narrowly avoided jail.

Alice Smith, 26, of Flat A, 37 Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty at a previous court appearance to assaulting the man by striking him in the head with a glass to his severe injury on March 29.

Smith had been drinking 'vast quantities of alcohol' with the man and another friend in his home when she became aggressive and was asked to leave.

She picked up a glass tumbler and struck him on the head with it, after which he lost consciousness.

Smith phoned 999 and told police that she assaulted the man because he threatened her with a knife.

He was taken to hospital where he received treatment.

At the recent sentencing hearing, Smith's defence agent, Christian Kane, said: 'If the court gives her another chance, she will comply.'

'She is still relatively immature, she lacks instinct - she clearly has problems dealing with her issues, going from calm and quiet to shouting and bawling, then back to calm and quiet in seconds.'

Addressing Smith, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'In the space of a year, you have been in court three times for violence or threats of violence.'

'This court has to protect the people of Campbeltown, either by putting you to prison or rehabilitating you in the community.'

'Having been granted bail on three separate occasions, you are still failing to comply with the community payback order.'

'I am satisfied that I can

give you one last chance but it must be said that this is the last chance as this is an extremely serious offence.'

Smith was told she must complete 140 hours of unpaid work within 12 months and must remain under the supervision of the social work department for two years.

She is prohibited from entering any public house or bar, or consuming alcohol in any public place.

Referring Smith to the Argyll and Bute Addiction Team, Sheriff Hughes said: 'You told the social work department that you do not have a problem with alcohol - I am telling you today that you do and it is one you must address.'

Smith was also placed on a tag for 10 months and must remain in her house from 7pm until 7am.

Sheriff Hughes warned



Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Smith, who wept in the dock: 'If you are out by five minutes, that is a breach and you will

go to prison.'

He advised Smith's partner, who was in court, that he

should support her or risk looking at her through a pane of glass for the next few years.

Abusive behaviour lands man in court

A man who admitted shouting and swearing at a woman in Campbeltown has had his sentence deferred.

Barry McIvor, 46, of 20 Bayview, Machrihanish, pleaded guilty to behaving in a threatening or abusive manner on November 13 in a common close outside a Campbeltown address when he appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty said McIvor and the woman had drunk 'a considerable amount' of alcohol together in a pub before McIvor left at 9.30pm.

The woman said the man was in a 'reasonably good mood' but she later received text messages which suggested his mood had changed.

Messages included: '**** you and **** your mates.'

At 12.39am, police received an anonymous call to say the woman was in distress and attended.

When McIvor was arrested, he said: 'I canny believe this.'

Defence agent Stephen MacSparran said: 'He is sorry for his behaviour and realises this is not the way he should speak to anyone.'

'Mr McIvor wishes to put this matter behind him as it is causing him considerable embarrassment.'

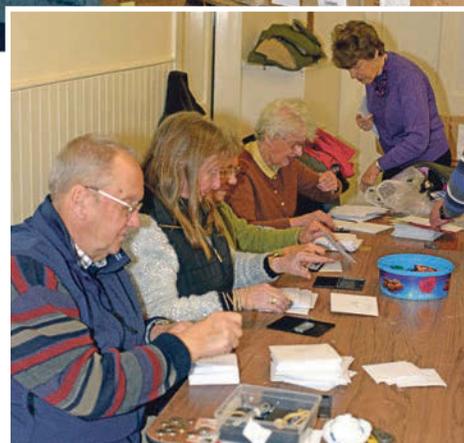
Deferring sentence until April 4, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'This is a very unfortunate incident which has caused distress.'

'I have heard what your solicitor has said about your good character and I would like to draw a line under it but if you are not of good behaviour, all options are on the table.'

Rotary club posties hold final sort



Post was sorted into many cardboard boxes. 25_c52rotarypost02



Envelopes were manually franked. 25_c52rotarypost01

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Members of the Rotary Club of Campbeltown spent their Wednesday afternoon, last week, sorting Christmas mail for delivery.

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Fun and games at SWI Christmas party



Clockwise, from left: Margit Wyllie, Liz Ball, Isabel Hamilton, Joyce Andrews, Cathy MacLean and Trudy Smith.



From left to right: Jane McCallum, Jill Francis and Pauline Simson.

Games and laughter filled Clachan SWI's Christmas party. Once again, Jane Griffiths was the host and her lovely decorations and table settings were a great welcome to the group.

Interesting prizes

A spokesperson said: 'Jane excelled herself thinking up new games and gathering interesting prizes and we had a lot of fun and laughs.'

'We had a break to enjoy the food that we had all brought to share, and then a few more games and a lot more laughter before giving Jane a very big thank you for such a memorable night.'

Racial abuse woman fined

A woman who made 'gorilla motions' towards her mixed-race neighbour has been fined at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Willena Rutherford, 52, of 31 Tormhor, Carradale, was said to be of 'very good' behaviour since she pleaded guilty to uttering offensive comments and making racial gestures, when she appeared at court in May.

Rutherford stood on a common pathway and shouted offensive comments while making 'gorilla motions' which her neighbour, who was moving out of a property nearby, believed to be directed towards her and her ethnicity.

Imposing a £100 fine, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'This is a distasteful incident and it has to be hoped this will be the last time you will be before the court.'

'It is a very serious offence, so you cannot simply be admonished.'

Sentence deferred for carrying eight-inch knife

A man who admitted carrying an eight-inch blade in Campbeltown has had his sentence deferred.

James Deavy, 29, of 7 Glenside, Campbeltown, appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on indictment, charged with having a knife without reasonable excuse or lawful authority at Glenside, Mill Street and other public places on April 23.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty told the court that Deavy, who has a record of previous convictions, had been drinking with his partner when she decided she needed police assistance.

Deavy, who committed the offence while on bail, dialled 999 and allowed his partner to speak to officers, before going into the kitchen, getting the knife, and leaving the flat.

When police found Deavy outside, he had the blade concealed in his trouser leg but dropped it to the ground.

Defence agent Mr Buchanan said that there was a 'relatively serious background' to the matter.

He said there had been an argument to do with buying more alcohol.

Mr Buchanan added: 'Since that time he has been making efforts to improve his situation and has found employment.'

Deferring sentence until January 10 for reports, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'Any carrying of a knife in a public place for whatever reason is very serious.'

'You could justifiably get a

custodial sentence today but I am satisfied that you should remain on bail.'

New bail conditions prohibit Deavy from entering any licensed premises.

Sheriff Hughes added: 'I cannot stress this enough - prison is a very likely outcome and you must be on your very best behaviour to avoid that.'

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Community rallies round

Kintyre and its diaspora once again proved this community is very giving during the past 10 days.

The loss of the Machrihanish golf clubhouse is bad for the area but the loss of a family's valuable memories is far worse.

More than 600 people donated to the emergency fund, many from outwith the area, to give Agnes Stewart, Kirsten McLean and Iain McLean a new start.

On Sunday at Lorne and Lowland church's morning service a staggering sum of nearly £600 was collected for the appeal, boosting funds from the raffle at Skipinnish's Friday night concert.

The club itself has a long way to go to rebuild.

On Tuesday a new year begins. On the Isle of Lewis many people from Campbeltown will be remembering one of the final tragedies of 1918 when 270 lost their lives in the HMY Iolaire sinking.

It has been a year of commemorations, particularly the centenary of the end of the First World War in 1918.

A new year brings fresh challenges and 2019 is sure to have many, not least the Brexit saga.



Young dancers with the trophies they won in 2017. 25_c51mccorkindale01

Dance school's thanks

Sir,

In conjunction with a highly competitive season, James McCorkindale School of Dancing Highland Dancers have been busy throughout 2018 working on their fundraising project.

The purpose is to raise money for a Scottish weekend competition in April 2019, taking part in events in Dunfermline and Motherwell, followed by the American Highland Dancing Championships in Las Vegas in July 2019.

In addition to our fundraising activities, we have also received wonderful support from Kintyre businesses and organisations and we are extremely grateful to all of them.

As we approach the end of 2018, it marks an appropriate time to acknowledge and thank those involved to date for their much

appreciated support. Those supporters are: MACC, McFadyens Contractors, West Kintyre Windfarm Trust, Killegruer Caravan Park, DM Fabrication, Campbeltown Loyal, Campbeltown Co-op, Campbeltown Rotary Club, Peter McKerral & Son, Campbeltown Firemans Club, Campbeltown Motor Company, Southend Parish Church, Glenside Tractors, Howdens, Laura and Jake, Tesco - MOK Run sponsorship, Paul Grumoli - donation, Campbeltown Running Club, Campbeltown Common Good Fund, Kintyre Youth Fund, Campbeltown Inner Wheel, Mr and Mrs Russell Peninver Gardens, Tesco Bags of Help and Tarbert Seafood Festival.

Finally, to the public for their continuous support at fundraising events.

We are well on our way to achieving our target and when the school re-opens in January,

we will continue to work with our projected aim of reaching our ultimate goal.

James McCorkindale,
Campbeltown.

Scotland's economy is trailing behind

Sir,

The SNP-run economy in Scotland is trailing behind the rest of the UK.

Scottish GDP grew by just 0.3 per cent during the third quarter of 2018.

This is only half the rate of growth for the UK as a whole - 0.6 per cent - and the recent forecast by the Scottish Fiscal Commission said Scotland's growth will continue to lag up to 2022.

Unfortunately we are stuck in a downward spiral with the SNP.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon should drop her 'indyref2' obsession and focus on energising the Scottish economy.

Councillor Alastair Redman,
Kintyre and Islands.

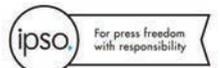
Kintyre is helping to stamp out leprosy

Sir,

I would like to thank the people of Campbeltown and surrounding areas who have supported me in my work for the Leprosy Mission by saving their used stamps for me to collect.

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Joyce Draper,
Campbeltown.



An amazing Kintyre Northern Lights photograph by Raymond Hosie in October 2015.

Vivid post-Christmas Northern Lights possible

Sir,
The Northern Lights are expected to be particularly prevalent between Christmas and New Year, with December 28 to 30 singled out as key dates when the Aurora is predicted to make an appearance.

Forecasting the Northern Lights is notoriously difficult, however, we've had a bit of help lately.

There has been a coronal hole on the surface of the sun for several months.

When it is earth-facing, every 27 days, it has produced high speed streams of solar wind which have collided with the gases in our atmosphere to cause the Aurora to appear.

Currently on the far side of the sun, we can't be sure

that it is still stable but, if it is, then the earth could very well experience enhanced geomagnetic activity around December 28, 29 and 30.

The lights may be visible on a wider scale around those dates, expanding out of the normal visible area that we call the Aurora Zone, to places like Northern Scotland, bringing some cheer to the closing days of 2018.

Light up

There may even be a second Coronal Hole, a few days behind, which might light up the skies early in the New Year.

As ever, there are no guarantees, but a New Year sandwiched by Northern Lights displays would be certainly something special to behold.

Alistair McLean,
Managing Director,
The Aurora Zone.



Joyce Draper collects stamps to raise funds for people suffering from leprosy.

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Santa visits young footballers

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday December 31, 1993

Wm Low superstore lifts award

Campbeltown's new Wm Low supermarket is to receive the second annual Argyll and Bute District Council planning design award.

It was chosen for its design and sensitivity in attempting to blend the past with the present.

Materials from an old bonded whisky warehouse which was demolished to clear the site were incorporated.

The supermarket was one on a shortlist of five developments assessed by a panel comprising district council chairman George McMillan, Allan Macaskill (Awe), Campbell Cameron (North Lorn), Ian Love (depute director of planning, development and tourism) and an independent architect.

The panel's decision was unanimous.



The young footballers photographed with Santa in 2008.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday December 26, 1968

Golden wedding

There was a large turn-out of relatives and friends at the White Hart Hotel at the weekend when Mr and Mrs Robert Millar, Strathendrick, Campbeltown, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr Millar, a retired farmer, farmed at Gigha and Kilkivan. He was a member of Campbeltown Town and Argyll County councils for six years. Mrs Millar was secretary and president of Campbeltown WRI and an active member of the organisation for many years.

They have three sons and three daughters, James, who farms Kilkivan; William, a lieutenant-colonel in the RAMC; Thomas, who is farming in Rhodesia; Elizabeth, now Mrs Rennie and living in Ayr; Jessie, now Mrs Murphie, living in Crawley, Sussex; and Margaret, wife of local lawyer and burgh prosecutor Mr Robert Graham.

Mr and Mrs Millar were married 50 years ago in the White Hart Hotel. They have 15 grandchildren.

End of an era

As 1968 draws to an end, one of the last indications that Kintyre had a coal-mining industry disappears gradually from the Old Quay.

Mr Archibald McMillan, an employee of Archibald McFadyen, the local contractors, was photographed burning his way through the framework of the old coal chute.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday December 28, 1918

Boilermakers' Society

A pleasant function took place in the Templar Hall on Saturday afternoon, when at a gathering of officials and members of the Boilermakers' Society, Mr Wm Mitchell, North Shore Street, who has efficiently filled the position of secretary of the local branch for 18 years and still retains office, was the recipient of two handsome presentations in token of appreciation of his labours, Mrs Mitchell at the same time receiving a gift to mark the members' sense of her courtesy on all occasions.

Mr Wm McMillan, plater, presided and paid high tribute to the work of their secretary. As a colleague of Mr Mitchell in office for a number of years, he expressed the pleasure he had in being associated with him, and testified to Mr Mitchell's good work, in the branch and yard.

He had much pleasure in asking the president to hand over, as a token of esteem, a wallet of Treasury notes subscribed by the members and some kind friends outside the branch; also a beautiful silk umbrella for Mrs Mitchell.

Mr E Brown, in handing over the presents, expressed the pleasure it gave him to be asked to do so.

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In Campbeltown, the Courier is watching and waiting to hear of any Christmas babies, and is eager to find out who has the first baby in 2019.

In this week's Down Memory Lane, the Courier takes a look back at some of Campbeltown's most memorable births in recent years.



Lara McGeachy
Campbeltown Hospital said hello

to its first arrival of 2006 when Lara McGeachy was born on January 3.

Supported by dad Sean McGeachy, mum Hannah McManus was in labour for 25 hours before Lara was born, weighing 6lbs 15.5oz, at 11.45pm.



Jayden Maguire

With three expectant mothers due to give birth on January 2, it was a question of who would be 2011's first, but Jayden Maguire beat the rest, arriving at 10.45pm on January 4, weighing 8lb 7oz.

Delighted parents Heather Mckinnon and Campbell Maguire, who have a daughter, Dion, told the Courier that they knew

they were expecting a boy and always planned to have him in Campbeltown.



Aiden McConnachie

Born on January 3 at 4.50am, Aiden James McConnachie was Campbeltown's first baby of 2012.

A first child for parents Hayley Meachem and Steven McConnachie, Aiden, who weighed 6lbs 5.5oz, was due on Christmas Day.



Calvin McGougan

Calvin McGougan, born on December 25, 2015, was an extra special Christmas present for parents Nicole McGougan and

Mark Scally. Born at 7.42pm, weighing 8lbs 4oz, Calvin was the first baby born at Campbeltown Hospital on Christmas Day for 16 years.



Lily Thomson

Born on January 1, 2015, Lily Thomson gave parents Cara Browning and Norman Thomson more reason than most to celebrate on New Year's Day.

Lily, who was due on December 23, was born in Campbeltown Hospital at 2.14pm, weighing almost 9lbs.

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Campbeltown fisherman co

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had a crew of 40, arrived short-handed with reduced crew of 24.

The armed yacht was soon packed, with a total of 280 all-ranks, including crew.

On the Minch crossing, Mr McLean, who was acting quartermaster, was at the wheel with the captain, Lt Commander Richard Mason, on the bridge between midnight and 1am.

At 12.30am, there was a change of course which is still at the centre of debate. The captain left the bridge and the navigating officer took control over while the coxswain relieved Mr McLean.

Communication

The bridge was above the wheelhouse and communication was by speaking tube. The helmsman steered using a compass.

Mr McLean became a key

witness as the other three men drowned.

Leaving the wheel, he was ordered to alert the docking party.

The passengers below and on the decks were also told to be ready to enter harbour and it was with anticipation that the servicemen waited to see Stornoway.

There was immediate alarm, however, when the Iolaire did not cut her speed and it has never been totally clear why the Iolaire sailed past the entrance and past a fishing boat whose crewmen watched her approach the rocks.

The local servicemen on board knew immediately that something was wrong and beyond the harbour she piled on to the Beasts of Holm and took a severe list.

Dashed

Lifeboats which were launched were dashed on rocks or the yacht in the raging sea.

It was 1.55am, when men were thrown off the decks into the sea and were lost, while few of those below decks survived.

Stornoway lifeboat was not launched because a crew could not be mustered.

After some delay, the breeches buoy life-saving apparatus team was ready but the two horses needed to pull the ton-weight cart were missing. Men took up the harness and pulled the cart in pitch darkness. They were unable to reach the shore.

On board the Iolaire, men in heavy service uniforms could see the shore between squalls and some tried to swim to safety and drowned.

Hawser

One serviceman, John Finlay McLeod, did make it to shore with a hawser (heavy rope) tied around him.

He swam through raging seas to secure the rope and this was the way to safety for around 40 men. He became a legend in the Hebrides and especially Lewis.

An officer ordered Mr McLean to find out if a ship's boat at the end of a rope attached to the yacht was afloat.

The dinghy was at the full extent of its securing rope and was a significant distance



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The Almathea football team.

from the yacht. Mr McLean told the Courier: 'I found a painter, a light rope, which was attached to the ship's dinghy which, I thought, was either waterlogged or trapped on rocks.

'I wanted a young reservist who was with me to go first because I did not think the Iolaire would last long.

'He asked me to go first, so I went over the side and went along the rope hand-over-hand with the young fellow following me.

'We made it to the rocks

where we found that the dinghy was trapped and could not be moved.

'At that time the yacht had begun to break up.

'We made our way across rocks helping another sailor from the Iolaire, then swam through heavy seas a few yards to the shore. From there, we made our way to a nearby farmhouse.

'We could not believe what had happened.'

This whole operation, from ship to shore took around an hour.

Mr McLean became a key witness in a Royal Navy inquiry later in January and there was outrage when the court findings were sealed for 50 years.

Revealed

Mr McLean revealed that he still had the watch that he had worn on Ne'erday 1919.

Mr McLean pointed to a sideboard and revealed that in a drawer was the watch that he wore that night.

His family said later that he never forgot his fight for survival in the howling gale and raging sea.

The ill-fated Iolaire was originally launched as the privately-owned Almathea in 1881 and taken into WW1 Royal Navy service. She was known as HM Yacht Amalthea.

This spelling is shown on the football on a rare group photograph of the football team in their strips and also shows other crewmen and officers in uniform.

At the end of WW2 Mr McLean's son Neil, a well-known Campbeltown fisherman, decided he wanted a fishing boat and the family decided there was only one name she could have. She was named Amalthea and was CN 143.

Mr McLean's grandson, Duncan McArthur, a fishing boat skipper, told Angus Martin, Campbeltown historian and author, of his grandfather's first return to Stornoway aboard the Amalthea while fishing in the Minch.

Angus Martin's book, The North Fishing, Ring Netting in the Minches, tells that on his return to Stornoway

in 1948 Mr McLean did not go ashore. He was unsure as to how locals would react to him, even after the time which had elapsed, being an Iolaire survivor and a crewman of the yacht on which so many others had died.

Local man

Mr McLean was cheered up to no end when a local man turned up at the quayside and insisted that he accompany him into town.

Duncan always believed that the man was also a survivor.

The family of the late James McLean, who is buried in Kilkerran Cemetery, will always remember him as having done his duty under the worst of circumstances.

Mr McLean's statement to the Courier in January 1959, 'We did our jobs,' could be a fitting epitaph.

Special thanks to Fiona McCallum, Mr McLean's granddaughter, for photographs of Mr McLean in his Royal Naval Reserve uniform and the photograph of the Amalthea's football team and to the McLean family.



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Thousands of lives are lost in ship-sinking tragedies

By Malcolm Speed

The HMY Iolaire sinking was the worst peacetime loss of life inside British territorial waters in the 20th century.

There are a number of other sea disasters in peace and war in the UK which had a huge loss of life.

In 1878, the Greenock-built paddle steamer Princess Alice – previously PS Bute – was sunk on the Thames following a collision with the collier Bywell Castle.

She was sailing to a berth to land day-trippers. More than 650 lives of crew and passengers were lost.

In June 1904, the Clyde-built SS Norge was sailing between Copenhagen and New York with almost 800 people on board.

The ship hit the Hasselwood Reef near Rockall with the loss of 635 lives. The rock

is claimed by the UK under an Exclusive Economic Zone order but this is disputed by other countries.

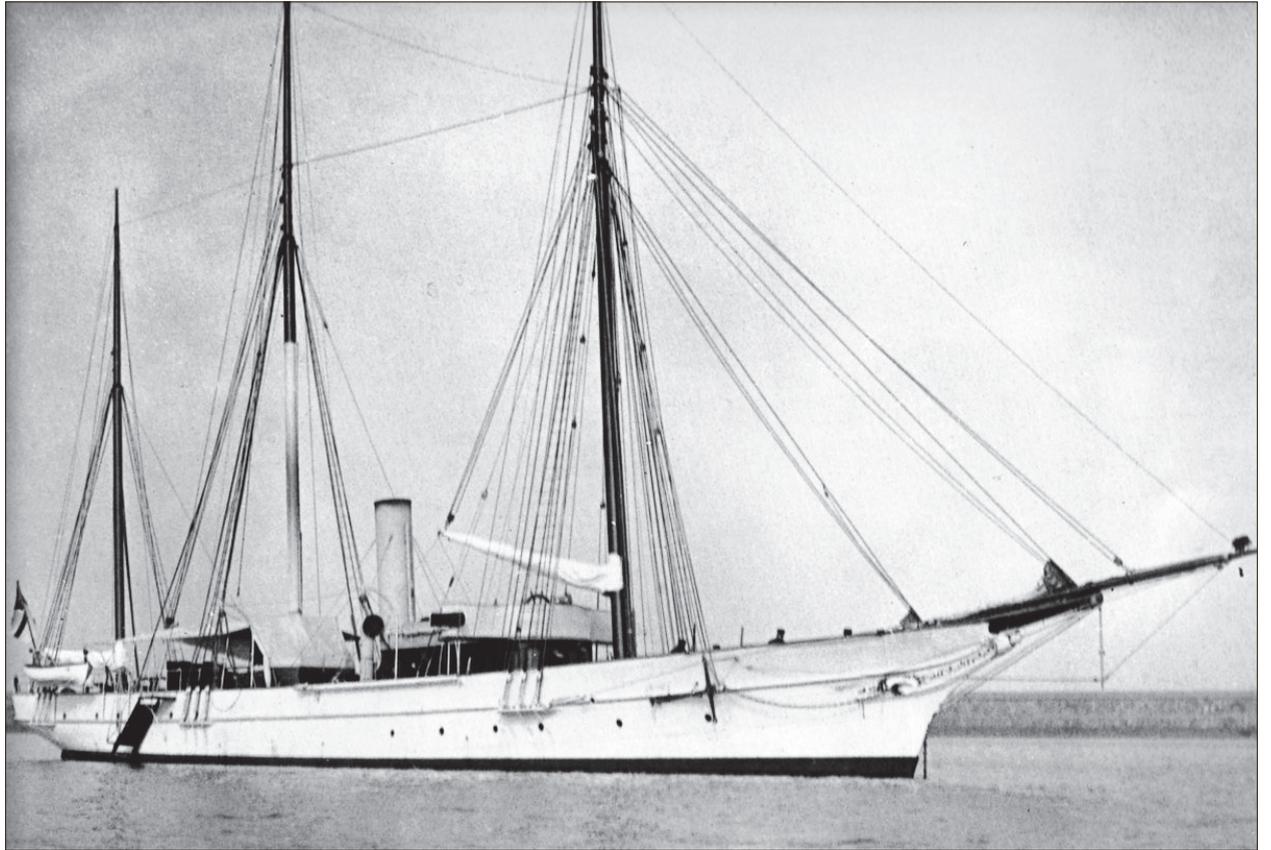
In November 1914, an internal explosion ripped HMS Bulwark apart at her mooring off Sheerness.

Out of 750 officers and men, there were only 14 survivors, all of them seriously injured with two of them dying from their injuries. No officers survived the explosion.

Transport ship

The largest loss of life in a ship sinking ever is believed to be the German ship MV Wilhelm Gustloff, a 25,000-ton wartime transport ship which was torpedoed and sunk in January 1945 by Soviet submarine S-13 in the Baltic Sea.

The former luxury liner was evacuating German military personnel, officials and



HMY Iolaire, which sank in 1919 resulting in the loss of 201 lives.

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civilians from the then East Prussia, trying to escape the advancing Red Army.

East Prussia is now divided between Russia and Poland. It is believed that about

9,400 people, many of them children, lost their lives, making it the worst loss of life at sea.

In 1987, a ferry, The Herald of Free Enterprise, capsized

as she left Zeebrugge, heading for the UK, drowning 193 people.

The year 1912 saw the most famous ship sinking anywhere in the world when the

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Church theft woman avoids prison sentence

A woman who stole from a church which supported her recovery from drug addiction has been spared jail.

Margaret Sargent, 44, of Flat 5, Dalintober House, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty in November to stealing a money box containing £358.22, a mobile phone, a jar of coffee and two boxes of table tennis balls from Campbeltown's Free Church on October 23.

Last month, the court heard that, since 2014, Sargent, who has a record of previous convictions, has attended the Free Church where she was welcomed and given help and guidance.

Trust was built and eventually Sargent was given access to the George Street building.

Officers, who found a pink stick-on fingernail lying where the money had been, searched Sargent's house because they knew she had access to the church.

They found four other pink stick-on nails in Sargent's house.

Her overall position was that she stole the items as she had a drug debt to pay.

The church's minister and an elder were in court to support Sargent as she was sentenced.

Defence agent Stephen MacSporran said: 'It has caused her considerable shame and she has shown remorse.

'She realises she has broken the trust of those who tried to help her.'

Addressing Sargent, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'This money was at the church as a symbol of generosity, to help others, to improve the lives of others.

'Your behaviour was utterly selfish and mean-spirited.'

As a direct alternative to custody, Sheriff Hughes ordered Sargent to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work within a year, remaining under the supervision of the social work department during that time.

Sargent was also placed on a tag for four months and must remain in her house from 7pm until 7am.

Sheriff Hughes added that if there is any breach of the orders, Sargent will be sent to prison.

Warm welcome on a dismal day

Piping-hot mince pies at a St Kieran's RC Church coffee afternoon awaited those brave enough to face the worst wind and rain for months.

As the rain poured and the wind howled on Saturday

December 15, many decided not to leave the house but a warm hall, hot refreshments and jolly volunteers awaited those who did.

Despite the low number of visitors, the event raised about £250.



Bill Brannigan, Jen McGrory and Linda Brannigan hold some of the items for sale. 50_c51stkcoffee03



Anne Brown ensured the mince pies were piping hot. 50_c51stkcoffee02

Left: Jen McGrory sold festive baked goods including iced gingerbread men. 50_c51stkcoffee01

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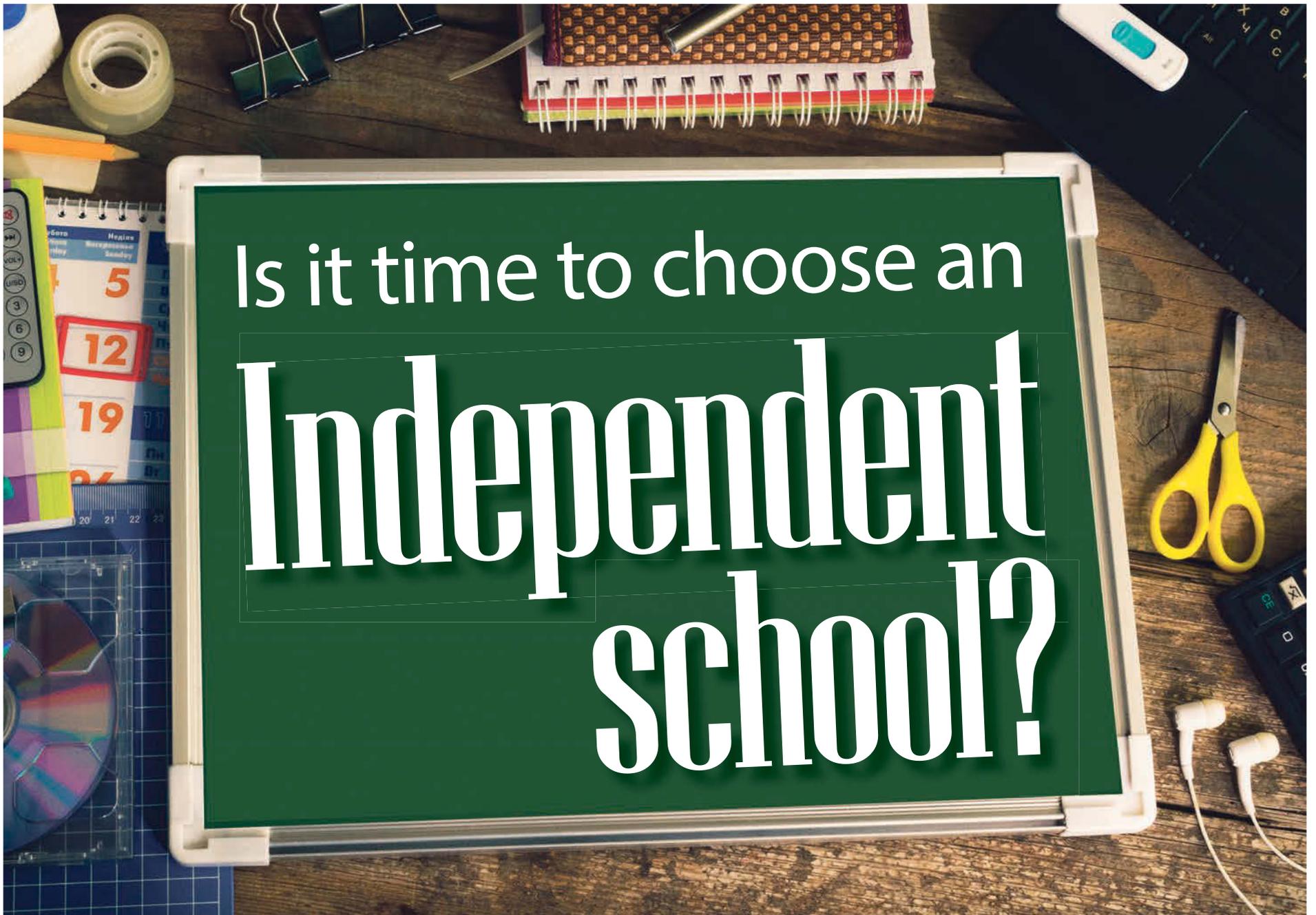
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Sean West, Gregor Craig, Islay, Skye and Charl Lavery - Old McDonald and Jingle Bells; brass solos - Gregor Craig, Sean West, Skye Lavery - Up on a Housetop, Ode to Joy, Twinkle, Twinkle.



Above: Dalintober Junior Choir opened the show with The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy. 25_c52dalintober01_junior_choir; right, The Waka Waka from P5. 25_c52dalintober15_P5_Waka_Waka



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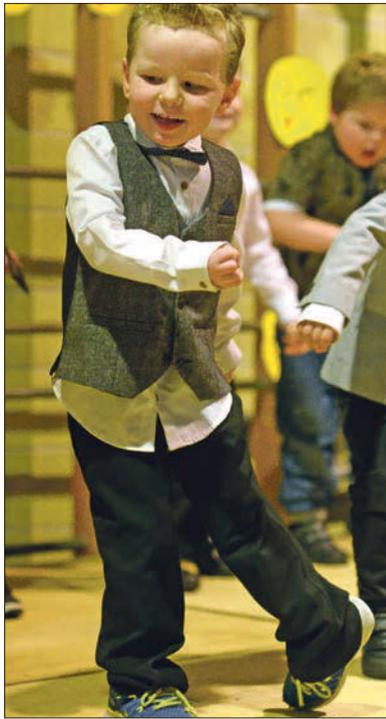
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A P1 twister wanted to Twist Again.
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Dalintober Senior Choir sang Christmas is Here. 25_c52dalintober02_senior_choir



P1 do the Locomotion.
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Reach from P3. 25_c52dalintober10_P3



P2/1 performed What Makes You Beautiful and I'm On My Way. 25_c52dalintober07_P2_1



This Abba air guitar star wanted to play all night.
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P2 performed Zip A Dee Doo Dah. 25_c52dalintober08_P2



P7 opened the show with I've Got a Feeling.
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Shotgun by P4/3 brought the show up-to-date. 25_c52dalintober11_P4_3_Shotgun



This P7 duo are Happy.
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made it a cosy event on Saturday December 15 as rain poured outside.

Choristers, in fine festive dress, doubled up as sales people, taking it in turns to fill the stage and man the stalls.

The Ensemble choirs consist of A'Choired from Tarbert

and Campbeltown's The Lowtones, The Upbeats and One Voice, all conducted by Paula McLean, but it was only The Upbeats and One Voice that performed.

As well as an array of home-baking to buy, visitors helped Santa find his sleigh by guessing in which square

of a Kintyre map he lost it. There was also a bottle stall and raffle up for grabs.

A spokesperson, who said that almost £700 was raised, added: 'We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who turned up on such a foul, ghastly, terrible day, weather-wise.'



In the kitchen, from left: Valentina Cataldi, Katuska Davies, 'elf on the shelf' Liz Kennedy, Margaret Kelly and Lorraine Gillespie. 50_c51choircoffee07



Martha Rennie, Maureen Johnson, Shona Anderson, Senga Dunn, Sheila-anne McCallum and Gail Edwards take a break from the stage to man the bottle stall.

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A large audience in the beautifully decorated hall.

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Val Cameron helped people guess where Santa lost his sleigh.

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Hellema McIntosh and assistant Janet Logan sold sweet treats. 50_c51choircoffee02



Flora Gillespie, whose daughter Lorraine is in the choir, helped sell baking. 50_c51choircoffee03



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Recycling collections due on Tuesday 25th December in Ardrishaig area will instead be collected on Friday 21st December.

Recycling collections due on Tuesday 25th December in Tarbert and Kilberry areas will instead be collected on Saturday 22nd December.

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Refuse collections (green bin) due on Tuesday 1st January will instead be collected on Friday 28th December.

Recycling collections due on Tuesday 1st January in Ardrishaig area will instead be collected on Friday 28th December.

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RHUNAHORINE

Rhunahorine recounts classic carol's creation

Rhunahorine Primary School transformed Tayinloan Village Hall into the Austrian village Oberndorf during its Christmas play.

Children from the school and pre-five unit told how Christmas carol Silent Night, composed by Franz Gruber to lyrics by Father Joseph Mohr, was created in the small 19th-century village.

As the carol references Jesus's birth, the children also performed a mini nativity within the main play.

With a few absences on Wednesday December 19, some children stepped in and filled more than one role but, during the impressive production, the audience was none-the-wiser.

The five pre-five children were arguably the stars of the show, not only filling two roles each and appearing in many of the crucial scenes, but also with individual lines to say.

The senior students did a fantastic job of supporting the younger children throughout.

Afterwards, head teacher Ruth Reid, who is leaving the school after eight years, was presented with a bunch of flowers and a giant card reading: 'We will miss you.'

Mrs Reid in turn paid tribute to the pupils and staff she is leaving behind, giving each a small gift, and wishing them all the best for when they return in the new year with new head, Mrs Brown.



The cast of Rhunahorine Primary School's play. 50_c52rhunahorine01



Head teacher Ruth Reid is leaving Rhunahorine after eight years. 50_c52rhunahorine07



The pre-five children put on impressive performances. 50_c52rhunahorine02



Some Austrian villagers with Father Joseph Mohr. 50_c52rhunahorine03



As well as nativity characters, the pre-five children were mice. 50_c52rhunahorine05



Silent Night composer Franz Gruber. 50_c52rhunahorine04



Narrator Louise Hurd stepped in for an absent pupil at the last minute. 50_c52rhunahorine06

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

It is a kind of 'in between' time; a kind of limbo time; almost a 'nothing' time.

Christmas is over, all the planning, preparing, shopping, etc, is done.

Christmas is over for another year and we await a new year.

Many of us do not really like this time nearly as much as the 'waiting for Christmas' time.

We almost dread New Year for we look back and remember things that happened that rocked us and saddened us.

We look back and hope this next year will be better.

Often there is sadness at the bells as many are aware that someone is missing who was with us last year.

Yet we do our best to welcome this new year and hope for good times to come.

We will join with friends and we will laugh as well as cry and life will go on.

Then, as we put away the decorations after twelfth night - as we pack away the crib - we must remember that we are not packing away the Christmas child.

For God will be with us.

He will go ahead of us into the good times and the not so good.

God will go ahead of us into hospital waiting rooms and treatment centres.

God will be with us in the brightest of days and the darkest of nights.

This was not only the message for Christmas it was the message for life.

So as you raise a glass at 'the bells' to absent friends, remember the one who is ever present and always near, for God will never let you go.

Wishing you blessings and peace for the year ahead.

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Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God' (Matthew 5:9).

GOLDEN WEDDINGS



THOMSON - GILLIES

At the Highland Parish Church, on December 30, 1968, by the Rev C M Henderson, Graham and Esther. 98 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

BROWN - Suddenly, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on December 20, 2018, William Alistair Brown (Plumber), in his 77th year, 11 Ardminish, Gigha, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Brown, loving partner of Fiona, much loved father of Karen and James, father-in-law of Jim and Christine, loving papa of Samantha, Megan, Kyle, Phoebe and George, great papa of Taylor, Lewis, Michael and Maeve, and a loving brother and uncle. Service in Gigha Church, today Friday, December 28, 2018 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Gigha Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Marie Semple Fund and Dunaverty Golf Club.

CALLANDER - Archibald, formerly of Cairndow, passed away at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on Thursday, December 20, 2018, late of 1 Crosshouses, Inveraray, twin brother of Billy and brother of Nigel. Funeral service will be held at Kilmorich Parish Church, on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 12.00noon, thereafter to Kilmorich Cemetery. A retiral collection will be offered for Kilmorich Parish Church Funds.

CAMPBELL - On December 14, 2018, suddenly, at Royal Surrey Hospital, Rosina Campbell, formerly of Hillfoot Terrace, Tarbert, aged 51 years, beloved partner of Brendan, much loved mother of Christopher and Connor and a dearly loved sister of Peter, Yvonne and Stuart. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired, to Tarbert Parish Church.

MAUCHLINE - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on December 19, 2018, Duncan McIntyre Mauchline, in his 83rd year, 41 Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Jane Colville, much loved dad of Duncan, Peter and Alison, loving granda of Laura, Peter, Nichola, Kenny, Neil, Susan, Fiona, Craig, Kirsty and Amy and great granda to Mia, Charlie, Myles, Calum, Eva and Charlotte.

SMITH - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on December 21, 2018, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, aged 84 years, of Bon Accord, Harbour Street, Tarbert. Beloved wife of the late John, and much loved mum of Ann Marie, Kay, Moira and Rhona, a cherished gran and great gran, a dear sister of Margaret, and loving aunt to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral Service will be held in Tarbert Free Church, today, Friday, December 28, 2018, at 11am, thereafter to Carrick Cemetery. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation, Dementia UK and Breast Cancer UK.

IN MEMORIAM

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MACCALLUM - Cherished memories of Neil, who died on January 1, 2018, a loving and much loved husband, dad, granda and great granda. Always in our thoughts. Forever in our hearts. - Betty and all the family.

MCCALLUM - Treasured memories of my husband, James, who died January 1, 2017, a devoted husband, father, father-in-law, granpa and great granpa. Another day, another year, Always wishing you were still here. - Love always, Matty. Forever in our thoughts. - Agnes and family, and Jim, Marie and family.

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SELFRIDGE - In memory of my dear dad, died December 26, 2013. Miss you lots, Pops. - Angela, Josh and Fred.

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(The Church of Scotland)
Sunday 30th December 2018

"The Promise"
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Services in:
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Lochgair Church - 10.00am
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Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church - 11.30am
Service taken by the
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Young swimmers make a

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Youngsters of Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club made a splash at the club's annual championships. Swimmers competed in backstroke, breaststroke, front crawl, butterfly, freestyle and medley events at Aqualibrium last month.

After the points were totted up, the 2018 club championship trophies were awarded to the following swimmers: girls, eight and under: Grazia Graham; nine to 10: Emma Millar; 11 to 12: Iona Renton; 13 to 14: Logan Colville. Boys, eight and under: Angus Woods; nine to 10: Charlie Colville; 11 to 12: William McLean; 13 to 14: Euan Charlwood; 15 and over: Josh Horan.



Ryan McGeachy and Nathan Armstrong compete in a butterfly race.
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A backstroke race. 50_c47swimming07



Organisers with stopwatches look on as Logan Colville finishes a race.
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Girls' synchronised entry to the pool. 50_c47swimming02

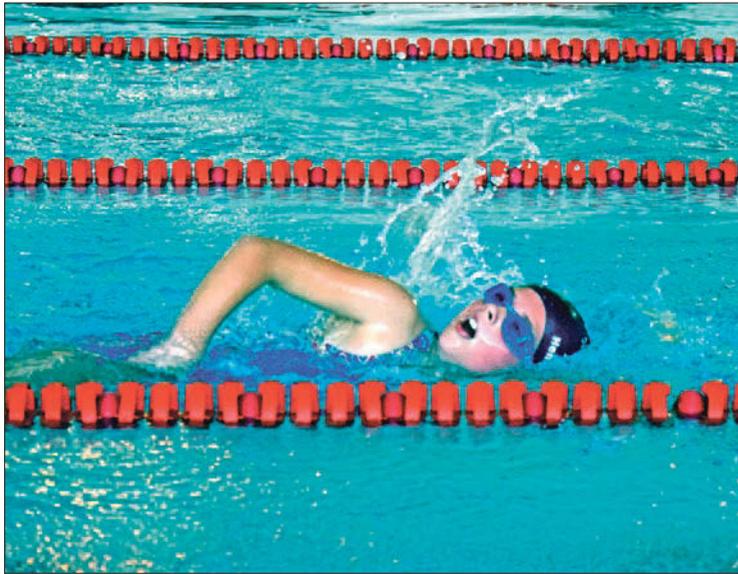


A deep breath during a front crawl swim. 50_c47swimming06



Girls release their arms as the klaxon sounds. 50_c47swimming08

splash



Henny Jones makes a splash. 50_c47swimming05



One of the backstroke events. 50_c47swimming01



Senior boys make a splash. 50_c47swimming10



Boys taking the plunge. 50_c47swimming03

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Young swimmers
make a splash

Kintyre's top rugby talent at Murrayfield



A quintet of Campbeltown U16 rugby players will never forget the first time they played on Murrayfield's hallowed turf. Despite the game against Edinburgh's Royal High School not going their way at 49-10, South Argyll Schools produced amazing results to make it to the recent runners-up final. From left they are: Kyle Colville, Lochlan Ellis, Calum Cook, Fraser MacBrayne and Aaron McAlister.

A single stroke decided Dunaverty's Christmas comp

A dry, crisp and windy day ensured a close game at Dunaverty's Christmas competition.

One stroke separated first and second. Eight handicapper David Hanley was in fine form covering the front nine in 37 strokes, despite having five bogeys in the process, but upped his game on the back nine by recording 35.

Sandy Watson proved that age is no barrier by producing an excellent scratch score of 74 and pipped David by one stroke, on handicap, to secure the win.

Result: 1 Sandy Watson 74-11=63, 2 David Hanley 72-8=64, 3 Alistair McConnachie 76-10=66(bih) 4 John McKinlay 75-9=66, 5 Malcolm Ronald 85-18=67(bih), 6 Danny Halliday 84-17=67.

David had the best scratch score of 72. The CSS was 64.

This is the first half of a combined competition involving the Christmas and New Year matches, with the total of the two determining the winner.

The New Year event has an added interest for the competitors as the Taylor family have donated a beautiful tankard in memory of past captain, former club champion and highly respected member Donald Taylor.

The postponed December medal will be held tomorrow, Saturday, with one ballot time from 9.30am to 10am.



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