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Kintyre crime writer backs book festival

Ordered to pay £1,880



Denzil Meyrick signs his book, *Well of the Winds*, in Campbeltown town hall last year. 25_c19th02

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An author whose detective novels have sold more than a million copies has revealed he would back a Campbeltown book festival.

Eight years ago, Denzil Meyrick created fictional detective chief inspector Jim Daley, whose stamping ground is Kinloch, a thinly disguised version of Campbeltown.

Mr Meyrick spoke about Campbeltown as a possible venue as he was announced, this week, as a speaker at Stirling's Bloody Scotland crime writing festival from September 21 to 23.

Mr Meyrick, whose latest DCI Daley investigation, *The Relentless Tide*, will be published in early September, just before *Bloody Scotland*, said: 'A literary festival would be a great thing for Campbeltown.'

'It could tie in with an event like the Malts Festival. I have lots of readers in Sweden and Germany, which are also countries where people have a strong love of whisky.'

'I hear from readers in many places who tell me they are going to Campbeltown on the strength of the DCI Daley stories.'

'I have been asked about the possibility of DCI Daley tours.'

Mr Meyrick said that the recently refurbished Campbeltown Picture House would be an ideal central venue with fringe talks in bars and halls. Renowned

Campbeltown poet, Angus Martin, said that he would certainly support a festival and already gives readings at events in the central belt.

Author and former Courier and Express and Star reporter Freddy Gillies was also enthusiastic about the possibility.

Mr Gillies greatest claim to fame as a writer is that, while a junior reporter at Campbeltown, he broke the story of Paul McCartney's engagement to Linda Eastman in 1968.

Mr Gillies books include: *From the Blue Sea to the Black Country*, an illustrated autobiographical tale of his newspaper writing days, which saw him move from Kintyre to a daily evening paper in Wolverhampton.

In addition to *Bloody Scotland*, Mr Meyrick is booked to appear at two other book festivals this year, *Bute Noir* on August 3 and the biggest crime writers' festival in Germany at Dortmund.

Mr Meyrick said: 'Harper Collins my German publisher arranged the appearance at Dortmund and I will speak in German.'

'My titles there do not translate well so *Whisky in Small Glasses* becomes *Deadly Flotsam*.'

At *Bloody Scotland* Mr Meyrick will share a slot with Quintin Jardine, another police procedural writer, on Sunday September 23, from 12.45pm to 1.45pm at Albert Halls, Dumbarton Road.

A man who swung a beer keg above his head, punched and kicked cars and damaged a window was ordered to pay compensation.

Connor Thomas George Francis Miller, 25, of 15 Roothing Cottages, Campbeltown had previously pleaded guilty to the offences which occurred on December 20 last year in Burnside Square.

Speaking about the incident, in mitigation, Miller, who is unemployed, claims no benefits and cares for his mother, said: 'It was stupidity to be honest, I take responsibility for it, it won't happen again.'

'I am definitely remorseful.'

The court was told Miller has already paid compensation to one car owner.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'This is a serious incident and it has caused a great deal of difficulty for other people. With your record this could have been a custodial sentence.'

Miller was given an 18-month supervision order and warned to keep his appointments with the social work department.

In addition he was told to do 120 hours of unpaid work, in six months, and ordered to pay compensation to the second car owner, of £1,500 and £380 to the shop owner.

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Stock fence damaged

A stock fence at Low Ranachan, Campbeltown, was damaged between April 10 and May 10 when wire netting was cut, allowing deer to enter land and damage newly planted trees.

Police are investigating and appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to call 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, quoting crime reference LB00980518.

Fencing damaged by driver

A white Mercedes van crashed and damaged fencing at about 5am on Monday May 28, on the A83 near Tayinloan.

The 44-year-old male driver, who failed to stop and report the collision, was traced on June 3 and charged with the offence.

Property stolen and abusive behaviour

A number of scrap vehicles were damaged and three chainsaws, some tools and a pedal cycle were stolen at about 4.30am on Tuesday May 29, in John Street, Campbeltown.

Police inquiries resulted in a 32-year-old man being arrested on Friday June 1.

The same man behaved in an abusive manner and assaulted a woman in a flat in George Street, Campbeltown, on Tuesday May 29.

He was charged with the offences.

No seatbelt

A 26-year-old man who was a passenger in a vehicle while not wearing his seatbelt, at about 1.30pm on Tuesday May 29, on the A83 in Campbeltown, was charged and issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket.

Dangerous driving

A silver Vauxhall car was driven in a dangerous manner through roadworks on the A83 north of Tayinloan at about 2am on Wednesday May 30.

Police are investigating the incident.

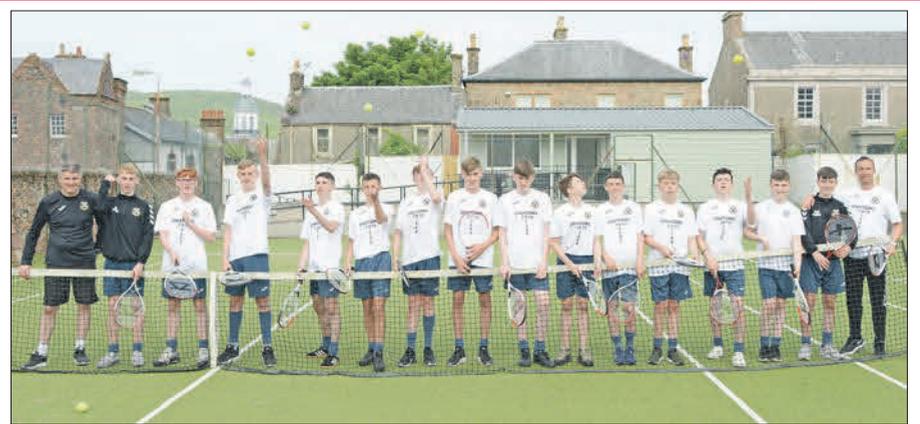
Washing-line thefts

Several times over the past year, old towels and dust sheets have been stolen from a washing line in a garden in Glenside, Campbeltown.

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

Cannabis possession

When a 20-year-old man was stopped and searched by police at about 5.10am on Monday, on Longrow, Campbeltown, he was found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis. He was charged and issued with a recorded police warning.



The Pollok footballers and coaches at Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club.

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Pollok footballers take to tennis

A Campbeltown football coach inspiring Pollok players has also helped the lads experience a spring break in Kintyre.

A number of years ago Stuart Crossan, originally from the town, began bringing a bunch of up to 19 lads 'doon the watter' to coincide with the Campbeltown Football Festival for primary footballers.

This year Mr Crossan was unable to come and two other coaches, Andy Elliot, a development officer with the Pollok Soccer Academy, and Dougie McAllister brought the boys.

The players have had a great season, finishing top of the Paisley, Johnston and District third division and wore the T-shirts to prove it all weekend.

Mr Elliot, who works for Glasgow Housing Association, which has the slogan 'Better homes, better lives...', said: 'I live a mile from where I work and if it had not been for Stuart I would probably have never come to Campbeltown.'

'It is a great break away, and we stay in the bunkhouse on a block booking.'

'We went to Aqualibrium yesterday and saw Deadpool at Campbeltown Picture House. The Kilbrannan has been really good and ran a karaoke and provided a buffet.'

On Sunday morning, the boys went out to Westport beach. In the afternoon Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club provided racquets and balls, plus use of the courts, for a knock-up.

Car thief jailed for nine months

Sentencing a car thief to nine months in prison, a sheriff said: 'If the police had not stopped you on the motorway, I doubt this vehicle would have been seen again.'

Nicholas Leigh Baynham, 30, of 24 Rhyd Y Felin, Llansamlet, Swansea, appeared for sentencing, in handcuffs from custody, last Thursday, having previously failed to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on August 25 last year.

Baynham had previously pleaded guilty to stealing the BMW from Brunswick Street, Tarbert, on October 20, 2016.

Earlier, procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty told the court that Baynham had met the owner of the car the night before while drinking

in Tarbert. The following morning he had gone to her house at 9am on the pretext of having left his mobile phone behind. During the visit, he pocketed the car keys.

Some hours later the car passed through Inveraray. It was spotted by a policeman who knew of the car's owner but noted it was being driven by a man in a blue top with fair hair.

Track

The owner later reported the car as stolen and a notice was put out to the police to track it using automatic number plate recognition cameras.

The car was spotted on the M8. Later, at 2.41pm, it was spotted on the A1 going south in England. At 7.41pm, police stopped the car and Baynham

got out and said: 'It was me. I took the car because I wanted to go home to Wales.'

The car said to be worth £10,000 was undamaged and eventually returned to its owner.

In mitigation, Baynham's defence solicitor, Stephen MacSporran, said: 'He pleaded guilty at the earliest opportunity in July 2017.'

'He had been working on a Clyde tour boat and had not been paid.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'You have a long record of dishonesty including similar cases of taking cars.'

For the failure to appear at court Baynham was sentenced to two months imprisonment and seven months for stealing the car.

New move for 'Keep Safe Places'

Businesses in Kintyre are being encouraged to join an initiative offering refuge to disabled, vulnerable and older people, in a bid to tackle disability hate crimes.

Police Scotland are leading the initiative to create more Keep Safe Places, which help people in Argyll and Bute feel

confident, safe and free from the fear of abuse, intimidation and harassment.

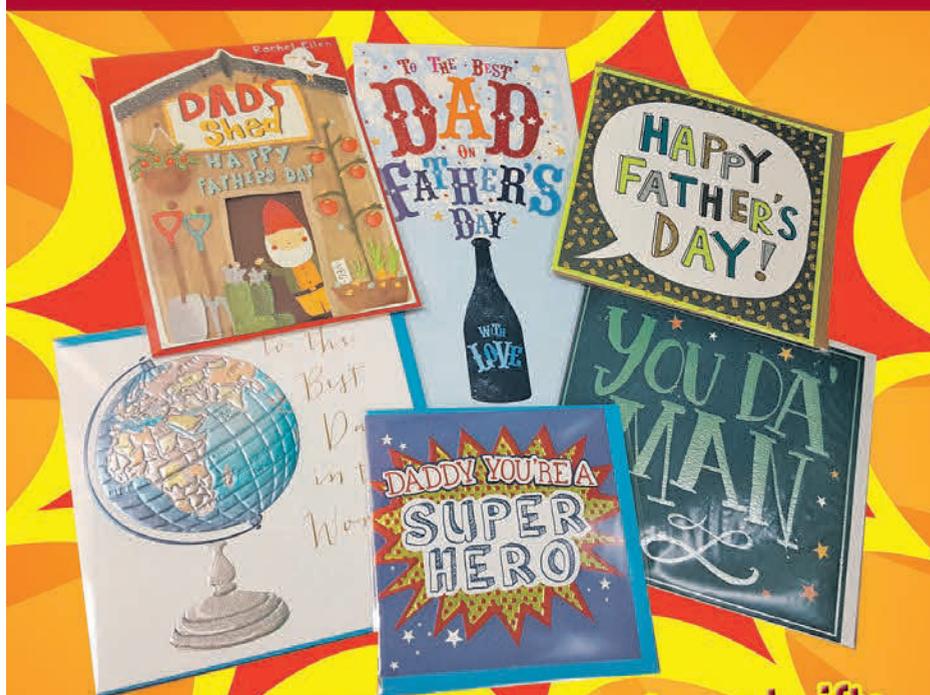
It turns local shops, businesses, offices and tourist attractions into safe places for people to go if they need help, and there are already two in Campbeltown - at Argyll Community Housing

Association's office and Woodlands Resource Centre.

If you are interested in becoming part of this initiative, please contact PC Michelle Rusden, local authority liaison officer for Argyll and Bute, at Lochgilphead police station on 101 for further information.

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Kintyre Seasports project anchored

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Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) has joined Sir Paul McCartney with financial help for a South Kintyre project aiming to revitalise seasports in Campbeltown.

In January, auctioned items of McCartney memorabilia raised £8,235 for Kintyre Seasports Project.

This week HIE approved a grant of more than £16,000 towards the cost of an options appraisal of possible sites for the Kintyre Seasports Project.

Part of the appraisal process would include a public consultation about the possible sites to gauge feedback.

The project aims to grow participation, generate life chances for young people and attract adventure tourism to South Kintyre.

It already has the support of 16 community organisations, Argyll and Bute Council and RYA Scotland.

A new charity, the Kintyre Seasports SCIO, was established in May 2017 to raise funds.

Campbell Fox, chairman of the SCIO, said: 'Campbeltown Loch is a world class marine sports resource.'

'The main thing preventing the South Kintyre community exploiting it to the full is lack of facilities.'

'Seasports plans to bridge the gap by building and operating new facilities in Campbeltown to internationally recognised standards.'

'To attract capital grants, we need planning permission and a professional full business case.'

'This is a costly and demanding process for a charity run by unpaid volunteers.'

'HIE's very welcome support means we can get on with the critical first phase of appraising candidate locations.'

In 2016, a community-funded outline business case concluded that the Seasports project was feasible, fundable and desirable. Momentum has since picked up.

Last year 30 newcomers were trained to sail dinghies and a new stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) group was formed; local volunteers are now completing their training as SUP instructors.

A first community regatta is planned for August 4 to open up participation in a range of marine sports.

Two community organisations and three local sports clubs – sailing, kayaking and diving – have joined the SCIO as corporate members, with the approval of their national governing bodies. Others are likely to follow.

'We didn't start out to break new ground,' added Mr Fox, 'But the feedback we are getting suggests that our approach is both unusual and



Young canoeists trying out the sport are from left: Riley Suddes, 10, Sean West, 10, Flint-Phoenix Barrett, 10, Bradley Suddes, 12, and coach Sid Gallagher. 25_c23canoeing03

attractive to funders, because we have combined community and sports groups in a single, inclusive organisation.

'But we still have to make the case, and objective cost/benefit analysis of the options is essential.'

The options appraisal will look at potential locations for the proposed new building, taking account of community interest as well as planning and technical issues.

Jennifer Nicoll, Argyll and the Islands area manager for

HIE, said: 'Kintyre Seasports is an ambitious project involving a large-scale redevelopment and therefore requires a full options appraisal of possible sites.'

'I am pleased we are able to support this early stage of the

project and look forward to the findings of the appraisal.'

Kintyre Seasports Project member and the Kintyre Canoe Club coach Sid Gallagher ran a well-supported introduction to canoeing session last Saturday.



Morag McLean and her grand-daughter Hollie McLean, five, try canoeing. 25_c23canoeing02

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Caledonia Way links the town with Inverness

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A Cumbrian couple pedalled from Kintyre last week on the last leg of their journey to produce a cycling guidebook.

In July, Janet Moss, 58, a former chartered surveyor, and Pete Martin, 56, an ex-careers adviser, will publish a spiral-bound guide to the 237-mile Caledonia Way.

The cycle route, including both on and off road sections, follows Sustrans route 78, from Inverness to Campbeltown.

The Kintyre starting point for the Caledonia Way is a Sustrans signpost, installed in the year 2000 and funded by the Royal Bank of Scotland, opposite the ferry terminal.

The pair, who publish under the brand name 'The Offcomers' have pedigree in writing and photographing cycle guidebooks.

Their bestseller, available direct through Amazon, with 1,500 volumes sold, is a guide to the Hebridean Way priced at £14.

In addition, they have completed a guide to the V4 route in Brittany and the Bay Cycle Guide to Morcombe.

Mr Martin said: 'The Caledonia Way covers some of Scotland's best scenery with plenty of emptiness.'

'The guide has full listing sections including complete Ordnance Survey maps of each section, a comprehensive accommodation guide and locations where cycle spares might be found.'

'We have cycled the route at least once in both directions although much of the research has been during the winter months.'

'Some of the toughest bits of the route are between Campbeltown and Oban.'

'We are adding a detour



Janet Moss and Pete Martin next to the Sustrans signpost at the start of the Caledonia Way. 25_c23route7801

to Southend, along the Learside road, to ensure Caledonia Way tourists sample Muneroy's magnificent meringues.

'In other parts, there is great variety with much off-road cycling on smooth Sustrans routes.'

Last week a section of tarmacked off-road trail was completed between Carradale village hall and the primary school.

The work was funded by Sustrans and completed by Argyll and Bute Council contractors G McNaughton who built a wooden bridge and surfaced the track.

Johnny-Ella Durnan has already made a short video of a ride on this section which features on the Courier Facebook page.

Commenting on Facebook, Catriona Trott said: 'Brilliant news in my opinion.'

'So grateful to the men who

built this and the kindness and good humour they showed.'

'It will be a great asset to the school and to everyone who uses the path.'

'Wheelchair users and people with pushchairs should be able to enjoy the path and it links to other lovely paths through the village and down towards the beach.'

Mr Martin added: 'A guidebook is still very important in areas like Kintyre where tourists cannot rely on mobile devices either because of the phone signal or unreliability of GPS.'

'Jan has recently bought an electric bike which is also a great way to see countryside.'

A couple from Switzerland, who visited Carradale last week after driving from Inverness, said that the driveable parts of route 78 were just as beautiful from a car window.

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Pensioner fined £250 for failing to leave a Tarbert hotel

An 82-year-old woman who behaved in a disorderly manner and failed to leave a Tarbert hotel has been fined at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Maureen Jackman, of no fixed abode, was found guilty after a trial of refusing or failing to leave the Islay Frigate Hotel in Tarbert's Harbour Street, where she had been staying, after being asked to do so by the owner on May 11 this year.

The hotel's owner, who gave evidence as a witness, said that Jackman, who appeared in court from custody, aided by a zimmer frame, was known to hotel employees, and that she did not want her to stay again because of her behaviour during a previous visit, but a new member of staff accepted the booking.

The witness said that Jackman was 'invisible' during her stay and staff could not get access to clean her room because she had locked it from the inside, leaving the owner with no option but to put notes under her door.

The witness said she had given Jackman a specific date to leave after which the hotel was fully booked, but Jackman appeared at recep-

tion, before that date, with all her bags, refusing to speak to the owner.

When Jackman said: 'I'm leaving', the owner replied: 'I need to speak to you because you need to pay your bills.'

'I need to know where you're going, I need an address.'

She waited an hour before phoning the police and said that Jackman was being 'really abusive'.

When the police arrived, they found Jackman 'sitting on the stairway with all her bags packed'.

Police witnesses said that they stayed for an hour but could not find any resolution, so they arrested her and

brought her to Lochgilhead police office.

When she was searched, she had in excess of £800.

Jackman's defence lawyer, Ruben Murdanaigum, told the court that she had made three payments during her stay and that she had no intention of leaving without paying.

Giving evidence, Jackman said: 'It is my general way of dealing with things, I become reclusive. I retreat into myself when problems mount up, that's my way of dealing with my situation. It was not my intention not to pay.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said to Jackman: 'It's the second time in a short period that you have passed through the court on an identical matter.'

'You got an absolute discharge last time but you won't this time.'

Imposing a £250 fine, Sheriff Hughes said: 'Your behaviour in this matter has been disgraceful, you have preyed on the generosity of others.'

A charge of obtaining board and lodging to the value of £520 without paying and intending not to pay on the same date was found not proven.



Campbeltown Sheriff Court.



Receiving the cheque, from the left, are Ellie Gorman, fire crew manager Jamie Reid, Kayla Grumoli and Maisie Graham.

Firefighters' support for reel dancing USA

A group of Campbeltown dancers will reel the nights away in the US city that is the gambling capital of the world.

The James McCorkindale School of Dancing is fundraising for a trip to the

American Highland Dance Championships in Green Valley Ranch, Las Vegas in July 2019.

Campbeltown fire station recently donated £250 to help them achieve their goal.

Campbeltown lifeboat call-outs to cargo vessel, RIB and dinghy

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Campbeltown RNLI station received three call-outs between Saturday and Monday to assist vessels from all sections of the marine spectrum.

In the early hours of Saturday morning, the all-weather lifeboat was launched, under coxswain Fraser McNair, to assist a cargo boat which was taking on water at the entrance to Campbeltown Loch.

The coastal trading vessel, heading for Furnace carrying 800 tonnes of stone, was taken to Campbeltown harbour where the water was pumped out.

Later, at 12.30pm, the crew, still under coxswain Fraser McNair, were called to locate and assist an inflatable craft, carrying a father and son, which was lost in thick fog off Machariorch, near Southend.

The three-metre dinghy's reported location was the 'south end of the peninsula', a broad area which could have made it difficult to find, but it was discovered quickly thanks to a passing motor cruiser which came upon it and waited with it until the lifeboat arrived.

The pair, who had been on a fishing trip, were picked up and landed safely ashore at Machariorch.

On Monday, at 8.45am,

the lifeboat was called out to Machariorch again, this time after a report from a member of the public that a RIB had run aground at Arranman's Barrels reef.

Under coxswain David Cox, the lifeboat crew discovered that the RIB had hit the reef at speed at low tide.

The boat's two crew, five passengers and a dog were taken back to Campbeltown before the lifeboat returned to the reef to wait for high tide to float the RIB, before towing it back to Campbeltown.

Campbeltown RNLI station will host a gala, raft race and open day on June 30 to raise funds to continue saving lives at sea.

Racial abuse woman made 'gorilla motions'

A Carradale woman pleaded guilty to behaving in a threatening or abusive manner after making 'gorilla motions' at her mixed-race neighbour.

Willena Rutherford, aged 51, of 31 Tormhor, Carradale, pleaded guilty to the charge, which was likely to cause a reasonable person to suffer fear or alarm, after she uttered offensive comments and made racial gestures, when she appeared before Sheriff Patrick Hughes in Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty said that Rutherford's neighbour was mov-

ing out of a property nearby. Rutherford stood on a common pathway and shouted offensive comments while 'making gorilla motions with her arms, jumping backwards and forwards' which the neighbour believed to be directed towards her and her ethnicity.

'Disgraceful'

Sheriff Hughes, who described Rutherford's behaviour as 'disgraceful', imposed a non-harassment order for two years and deferred sentence until November 15 for her to be of good behaviour.

He warned her that if she was not of good behaviour, she could end up in custody.

Drink-driving disqualification

A Glasgow plumber, employed for four months in the new Campbeltown Grammar School's construction, has been banned from driving after appearing at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Lee MacDonald, 23, of 2 Drumoyne Place, Glasgow, pleaded guilty to charges of driving carelessly at excessive speeds for the road conditions, failing to stop for police constables and being more than four times over the legal drink-drive limit, between Main Street and Hall Street, Campbeltown, after a Christmas night out on December 17 last year.

Line markings

Three police officers attempted to stop MacDonald by extending their arms after he failed to observe line markings or keep a proper look out for pedestrians.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty said that MacDonald looked away and

turned into Hall Street. When officers followed, they found the car he was driving parked, and the accused inside.

MacDonald's eyes were glazed, his speech was slurred and he smelled strongly of alcohol.

Asleep

He failed a roadside breath test, with 106 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, exceeding the prescribed 22 microgramme limit.

The accused said at the time that he was 'just being stupid' adding: 'It's Christmas.'

His defence lawyer, Mr McKenna, told the court that MacDonald, who had no previous convictions, had returned to his accommodation after the night out and was asleep when a phone call from friends asking him to pick them up awakened him.

Mr McKenna said: 'Unfortunately, he got in the car.'

He said that MacDonald was 'vaguely aware' of someone trying to stop him so he immediately stopped around the corner from the police officers.

He has since found employment in Sweden and had to return to Scotland for the case.

Tragic

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'This is a matter which could have had tragic consequences, but you are a person who comes before the court with previous good character.'

He spoke of MacDonald's 'exceptionally high' breath test reading and acknowledged that although he didn't plan to drive, he did.

He fined him £900 and disqualified him from driving for 32 months.

His disqualification period will be reduced if he completes the drink-drive rehabilitation scheme.



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Courier design changes

Readers will notice that from page six onwards the Courier has been revamped and has increased in size to 40 pages this week.

Hopefully, readers will find much more news in today's edition, although with the popularity of nostalgia stories some of that is 'old' news.

A major change has been to bring From Our Files together with Down Memory Lane, sponsored by Campbeltown Heritage Centre, to create a nostalgia section on pages eight and nine.

Any readers with old photographs they wish to feature or which are a mystery are welcome to send them to the usual address, or come to see the reporters at the Courier Centre on Longrow South.

Last year's four-page Leisure and Entertainment section has returned from pages 19 to 22 and includes the second Walk with the Courier.

There is a suggestion this week for another exciting festival, centred on books, perhaps linked to the Malts.

Visitors go to Edinburgh's Fringe for up to three weeks, so why not Kintyre for a 10-day festival with MOK Run at the end?

MOK Run thank you

Sir,
The continued outstanding success of MOK Run race weekend is a reflection of the ever-increasing dedication and commitment its hard working committee, community volunteers, local businesses, enthusiastic runners and crowd supporter's display year after year.

On behalf of myself and the MOK Run committee I would like to say a massive thank you to those who contributed their free time and energy to make this happen for the 13th consecutive year.

Each year we are given tremendous support from many individuals and organisations listed here and this is very much appreciated.

Sincere thanks to: Campbeltown Co-op, Wee Toon Sports, McFadyens, Mach Dunes, Tunnocks, AM Transport, Argyll Bakeries, Seafield Hotel, Campbeltown Pottery, Kintyre Agricultural Society, Jim Martin Supplies, Killegruer Caravan Site, Machrihanish Holiday Park, Glen Scotia, Spring Bank, Beinn An Tuirc, Live Argyll, Stewart Balfour and Sutherland, Campbeltown Running Club, Jogscotland and Wee Toon Warriors.

By supporting this event, you have made a concrete contribution to the greater community.

I would also like to extend my grateful thanks to: all the MOK Run committee members who work tirelessly behind the scenes; our race marshals - without whom this event would not happen; race sweepers; race day commentator Councillor John Armour; Gavin Reid;

Johnny Durnan; David McMillan; Willie Ralston; Barrs Clochkeil; Councillor Donald Kelly; Argyll and Bute Council amenities team; Campbeltown Police Office; Southend Scouts; Campbeltown's: Young Fire Fighters; Coastguard; Sea Cadets; Police Scotland Youth Volunteers; massage therapists; Brass Band; Kintyre Schools Pipe Band; West Coast EMT; Jamie G; South Kintyre Sports Council - for making our legendary post race ceilidh such a success; Dalintober primary pupils for their motivational posters; to our photographers: John McFadyen; Campbeltown Courier's Mark Davey; Kenny Craig and Greg and Norma Grogan for capturing the spirit of the weekend; Fiona and Donna Robertson and all the Junior MOK Run volunteers and to many of our other volunteers who took the time to help on race day.

Apologies if I have missed anyone.

A special thank you once again goes to the residents of Limecraigs, for taking the time to decorate the street, provide well received 'showers' along with the local fire brigade 'shower' who came out in full force to cheer the runners on in the final leg of the 10K route.

As one runner summed it up on our facebook page: 'Fantastic day!'

'Thanking all the organisers, marshals, water-givers, water-hosers, sweetie-givers, pipers, drummers, sandwich and pastry makers, and everyone else involved. Great community spirit.'

**Gail Williams,
Race Director.**



The MOK Run organising committee from left: Tom Barbour, Campbell Read, Neil John MacPhail, Janet Scott-Dodd, Anne Littleton, Stuart Jackson, Rachel Read, Gail Williams, Linda Robertson and Louise MacKay. 25_c22mokrun246

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Drumlemble primary funds boost

Sir,
On behalf of the parent council and all the pupils of Drumlemble primary, we would like to say a huge thank you to the local community, Rotary, St Kieran's Lodge 158, and the Royal Arch Chapter for their kind donations and to the Coop, Tesco, teachers, parents, guardians and friends who donated a prize on all our fundraising events for the school year, which consisted of non-uniform day, a disco, bingo

night and bag packing at Tesco. Your efforts resulted in a collective amount of £1,424.56 for Drumlemble primary.

This exceeded our target. A percentage of the funds raised will be used towards the schools annual trip this year.

The remaining funds will be used towards academic and extra curricular activities required for all students at all levels within the school.

**Carole Tait,
Secretary,
Drumlemble Primary Parent Council.**



All the children enjoyed their school disco with donations from the Coop and Tesco.

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Friday June 6, 2008

Woman survives adder attack

Warning after Saddell dog walk almost ends in tragedy.

A 60-year-old woman was bitten by Britain's only native poisonous snake, an adder, at Saddell while walking her dogs, and is warning others to be careful when walking in the woods.

She was walking her dogs at Saddell, last Tuesday morning and was heading down towards Saddell Castle when she thinks she was bitten but didn't realise.

She began to feel ill a few days after and put it down to food poisoning she had perhaps got from a barbecue.

When she began to feel worse she called in the doctor, who told her she had been bitten by a snake.

Pupils tour Scotland

Primary 7 pupils from Dalintober and St Kieran's primary schools travelled all over Scotland as part of a school trip.



The Dalintober and St Kieran's Primary seven pupils at the Falkirk Wheel in 2008.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday June 11, 1993

First coach for Isle of Gigha

There were a few anxious moments at Tayinloan on Sunday when the first coach to ever go across to Gigha by ferry ran into a few problems.

The 55-strong coach party from Rothesay

thought they may have had a wasted trip when it became obvious it would be difficult to get the coach on board.

The angle of the slipway meant that the rear of the coach was scraping against the ground, even when the ferry Loch Ranza backed in closer to land.

However, a huge cheer went up when bits of wood were strategically placed, allowing the coach on board, making for a great day on Gigha in the glorious sunshine.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday June 6, 1968

Trench Point gets going

Kier Ltd, the construction firm who are building the shipyard at Trench Point for Thames Campbeltown Shipyard Ltd, hope to start laying the yard's foundations within the next two weeks.

The site agent, Mr J R Williams, told the

Courier' this on Tuesday. Bulldozers, track-cavators and lorries belonging to local plant hirer, Mr Archibald McFadyen, have the sub-contracting work of excavating the area.

His machines moved in on Saturday, three days ahead of schedule.

A huge gaping area of hollowed-out grass and earth can now be seen. Lorries are dumping rubble into Campbeltown Loch where the slipway will be constructed. When excavation operations are completed, 6,000 cubic yards of soil will have been moved.

The actual yard building will face the town and rails will leave the shed a short distance from the high tide mark and project into the sea.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday June 8, 1918

Successful cantata at Drumlemble

A concert by Drumlemble school children, given in the Mission Hall, on the evening of Friday last, proved, as anticipated, a complete success and the first venture of the kind was, it is to be hoped, but an earnest of successive musical treats under the same auspices in the future.

Under the painstaking and able tuition of Miss Jane Macmillan, the pupils, numbering 40, who took part in the presentation of the selected cantata, Mr W S Roddie's 'The flowers in concert' made excellent progress in the study of the work, so that when it came to the actual performance in public the entertainment passed off with a smoothness and celerity that reflected the highest credit on all concerned.

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Watched by Rear Admiral Mayo in civvies, who was the honorary president of the sea cadets unit, Prince Philip takes the salute at Campbeltown Sea Cadets. The cadets are from left: William Craig, Graham Anderson, Roy McLellan, Brian Dewar, Ivor Watson, Stuart Anderson and, behind the unit, Commander Jones. 25_c22memorylane01

Prince Philip is partial to kippers and when he visited Campbeltown, in 1971, Rear Admiral Robin Mayo (ret'd) served him the smoked delicacy for breakfast at Bellgrove, High Askomil.

Former sea cadet Ivor Watson recalled the occasion, on November 2, 46 years ago, when the Duke of Edinburgh was greeted by the guard from the Campbeltown Sea Cadets Unit.

Mr Watson said that a naval gunnery instructor was sent down from Faslane ahead of the visit to polish up the guard's drill routine.

David Mayo, also a former naval officer, told the Courier the duke had been to sea on the nuclear submarine HMS Churchill before landing in Campbeltown.

David's father Robin, born in Charminster, Dorset, passed away aged 98 on July 6, 2007,

as the oldest admiral. He failed to get into Dartmouth Naval College, and spent his first 12 years at sea with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company before joining the navy's anti-submarine unit in 1938.

In a packed naval career, Mayo served round the world.

Perhaps his most diplomatic engagement, was in 1961 in Malta as captain of HMS St Angelo.

The dockyard, in the Grand Harbour at Valletta, was handed over to private ownership, which led to Mayo being stoned by protesters. His diplomacy saved the day.

In retirement, Mayo alternated his time between his house, with a large garden, in the Wiltshire market town of Marlborough and Campbeltown.

In Marlborough, he won prizes for his flowers, vegetables and shrubs.

In January 1987, Campbeltown solicitors Stewart, Balfour and Sutherland sent an album of photographs to Mrs E Wotherspoon, the secretary of the Kintyre Antiquarian Society.

The album was donated by Mr A Lennox Gibson, who spent his life in Zimbabwe.

Mr Gibson was the nephew of Thomas Lennox Watson, the Glasgow architect responsible for Longrow South's 1909 remodelling in the Grand Building Project which features on pages 12 and 13.

Mr Gibson felt the album of pictures should be 'kept for posterity by some local body or organisation'. The pictures have been scanned and made into panels by Argyll and Bute Council.

The final paragraph of that 31-year-old letter from the solicitors states: 'May I say that, prior to handing the album over, I have made it available to the Campbeltown Courier but, as yet, I think I am right in saying that they have not seen fit to use any of the photographs in the local paper.'



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Spectacular sc



Shay Wright.

his sailing yacht, 'Stealaway'. 'The weather has been fabulous and the scenery around Kintyre is superb', he said. 'I first sailed to Campbeltown about 40 years ago and there was no marina. I remember going into a dance in the Victoria Hall, but I don't recall coming out,' he laughed.

Fraser McMenemy, 52, an Argos delivery driver from Glasgow, said: 'The scenery on the drive here is magnifi-



Fabian Knoke and Pascal Meyer.

cent. I could look at it all day. It beats Glasgow's high rise tower blocks for sure.'

Fabian Knoke, 33, and Pascal Meyer, 32, who work with children with additional needs in Hamm, Germany, said: 'The Kintyre Way is Kintyre's greatest asset.'

'We walked part of it, from Tarbert to Campbeltown, in 2012 and came back this year to do the whole walk to Southend. Some parts that had trees in 2012 have been deforested and some paths are hard to walk on due to the



Grandmother Marjorie Lang, 64, was with Castlehill pupils William McLean, Cameron McMillan and Calum McAllister, all aged 11.



Emma Dudley.

Following a comment in a recent *Courier* street survey that 'Westport beach is Campbeltown's greatest asset,' the *Courier's* Joan Crooks took to the streets with the question: 'What do you think is Kintyre's greatest asset?'

'Campbeltown Marina is a great asset,' said Shay Wright, 63, a retired civil servant from Skerries, Dublin. Shay sailed from Howth to Ardglass, Co Down, then to Portpatrick before arriving in Campbeltown on Sunday in



Fraser McMenemy.

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Scenery scores high in survey



Frank Dalziel and Malcolm Cook.

rough debris left after trees were felled. That spoiled it a bit for us.'

Campbeltown pensioners **Frank Dalziel, 71**, and **Malcolm Cook, 69**, said: 'The festivals are great for the town. The whisky festival and the MOK Run being on at the same time bring a great number of visitors and the music festival is very good for bringing tourists too.'

Kate Watt, 39, Explore Campbeltown co-ordinator, said: 'Kintyre has so many

assets, it is hard to say which is greatest. We have fabulous beaches, beautiful walks, distilleries, golf, forestry trails, the Picture House and so much more.'

Grandmother **Marjorie Lang, 64**, was with Castlehill pupils **William McLean, Cameron McMillan** and **Calum McAllister, all aged 11**. Marjorie said: 'The beaches and the people are the greatest assets. The people are so kind and friendly. There is so much for children to do here too.'

The boys added: 'The beaches are good because the sand is soft and clean and the waves are great.' They agreed that there is plenty to do in Campbeltown and said: 'We do piping, swimming, running, football, cricket, badminton and tennis.'

Marjorie added: 'And their sisters are Highland dancers.'

Alan Hutchins, 54, a bus driver, and his wife **Anne, 55**, a housekeeper, from Newbury in Berkshire, said Kintyre's 'amazing scenery' is



Kate Watt.

the greatest asset. Holidaying in Kilmelford with Anne's mother, they said: 'The scenic drive down the peninsula to Campbeltown in this fabulous weather was just wonderful.'

Emma Dudley, 28, a Dalintober primary teacher said: 'For me, the greatest assets are the beaches and the countryside in general, with the beautiful walks and safe burns for the children to play in. We are so lucky to have these on our doorstep.'

Retired Southend man, **Nick Hind, 68**, originally from Cumbria's Lake District, said: 'Kintyre's greatest asset? Definitely the scenery. I came down from Glasgow on Friday evening and there wasn't a ripple on the water. The setting sun was reflected in the water. It was so beautiful. The bus driver slowed down to let everyone take pictures.'

Nicole Voight, 38, and her husband **Christian, 42**, from Munich, Germany, said: 'The



Alan and Anne Hutchins.

whisky distilleries are what brought us here. We are part of a group of 30 people on a whisky tour. We toured Glen Scotia this morning and will have a tour of Springbank this afternoon.'

'We joined the group at Troon and sailed into Campbeltown on the tall ship Thalassa. The view coming into Campbeltown loch was amazing with the sun behind the mountains.'



Nick Hind.

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The full deck area.



A rotten deck beam.



The timber rooflight structure, on the leaky deck, after the 2015 incident. 25_c30roof03

Mark Davey

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A shop-owner battled to 'arrest chronic water ingress' before joining a £625,000 repair scheme.

For years rainwater plagued businesses, flat owners and tenants of 22 to 30 Main Street and 2 Longrow South, Campbeltown, which was built at least 130 years ago.

It was remodelled, as 'The Grand Building Project,' by Glasgow architect, Thomas Lennox Watson, in 1909.

In 2014 that shop-owner, at 22 to 24 Main Street, George McMillan, joined forces with other tenants and owners to

form the Main and Longrow South Property Owners Association, to bid for cash from Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and Argyll and Bute Council.

In what has become the latest part of the Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), the association is responsible for 19 units.

The Courier's owner, Wyvex Media Ltd, with three units, is represented in the association by group finance director, George Graham, the association treasurer.

Mr McMillan, a former town provost and chair of the town council housing com-

mittee, became chairman and the secretary is Eileen McInnes.

Mr Graham said: 'At the Courier Centre corner we have been pretty much spared by the floods in the past but Mr McMillan has spent a fortune trying to repair the deck area that is located directly above the back of his shop.'

'I became involved when Wyvex received a letter from Argyll and Bute Council stating there were urgent repairs needed to the building.'

A council spokesperson added: '22 to 30 Main Street had been identified as a priority building, for the current CARS project in 2014, when

the council was involved in the bidding for a total of £990,000 from Historic Environment Scotland.'

Mr Graham said that it had been a long road to the point where building work is starting.

He added: 'There was an impasse with some of the landlords of these properties and many other hurdles to overcome.'

'Initially one landlord owned eight of the 18 units. The minimum owners' contribution for each unit was £5,000. After a lengthy period he sold all of his flats.'

'Council officers, due to their breadth of experience



George McMillan looks into the hole in his roof in 2015. 25_c30roof01



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Historic buildings' restoration

of historic building repair, have gone way beyond their nominal roles to help the association and stop the project falling to pieces.'

HES approved the council's CARS bid in January 2015. During the next three years, the association came up with £101,000 between them.

The association was awarded a CARS grant of £383,000, which included £306,000 from HES and a private sector housing grant £141,000 making a total project value of £625,000.

A council spokesperson said: 'CARS money was ring-fenced for the scheme but had to be committed by March 2018.'

Shortly after the cash was guaranteed, the association appointed a firm of Glasgow conservation architects, ZM Architecture Ltd., to lead a consultation team to scope, survey and cost the scheme.

The repair project has three parts: high level repairs including roofing, leadwork and rainwater goods, extensive stone

repairs and the replacement of the rear walkways and failing amenity deck.

A council spokesperson added: 'Although the building is not covered by statutory listing it is considered of historical importance and occupies a key location in the town centre.'

After 12 months of development work the works were put out to tender and five quotes were obtained.

Glasgow conservation specialists John Fulton (Plumbers) Ltd was appointed. The firm is expected to use a number of Kintyre sub-contractors.

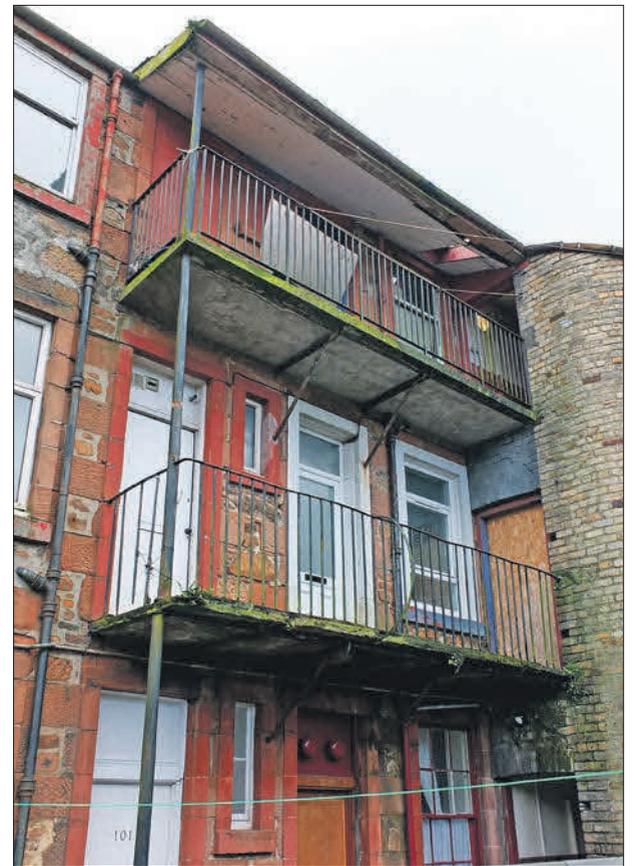
An incident in July 2015, when a youngster narrowly escaped death, illustrated the urgent need for repairs.

The boy fell, about 20 feet into the shop below through the rotten decking skylight, while taking part in a craze - free running - popularised in films such as Casino Royale.

For more on the regeneration of Campbeltown see an Argyll and Bute Council feature on pages 14 and 15.



Scaffolding is erected at 22 to 30 Main Street.



The survey revealed that the pillar supporting these balconies stopped at the deck level.

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Business as usual

It is business as usual for shops and premises in Campbeltown Town centre as the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) hits the height of its construction activity, with scaffolding around some of the main tenements in Main Street and Longrow South.

This new phase of CARS runs from 2015-2020 and builds on previous work making Campbeltown an even more attractive place to live, work, visit and invest.

Major high level repairs including roofing and lead-work are almost complete at McLean Place West (10-14 Main Street) and work is progressing well at 22-30 Main Street/2-8 Longrow South.

The third project sees the failing amenity deck at 1-21 Longrow South being replaced.

In addition to this repair projects at 3 Longrow South and 44 Main Street are in development with projected site starts in October 2018.



Campbeltown CARS partnership approach builds success

One of the main reasons for the success of Campbeltown CARS has been the partnership approach which involves the council, funders, property owners and the community working together for the benefit of the town.

During the current tenement projects, staff from

Housing Services have been working alongside the CARS Team to help owners form Owners' Associations, set up bank accounts, go through claim and payment processes and secure the funding required to meet the cost of the work. Behind the scenes, there is additional support from council ser-

vices, including Planning, Building Standards, Legal and Finance amongst others.

With up to 20 owners involved in some cases, this can be complex and time consuming for everyone involved.

The award of Private Sector Housing Grants has

helped to minimize owners' contributions to an affordable amount and has ensured that the priority projects can progress to the construction phase. Owners are expected to contribute a minimum of £5000 to the repairs of their unit.

Lorraine MacFarlane, owner of Fresh Connection

and Treasurer of the 10-20 Longrow South Owners' Association, said: 'It's a big financial commitment for a small business, but the funding from CARS and Housing Services means we are able to make repairs that we'd be unable to achieve on our own. It also brings together all the people from

the tenement with one goal which will have a lasting benefit for everyone who lives and works here for many years to come.'

Part of the grant funding agreement includes commitment to an ongoing maintenance programme following the completion of the work.

Skills from the past for the future

Campbeltown CARS 2015-20 is not just about repairing buildings – it's about making sure that their upkeep continues into the future.

That's why funding through Historic Environment Scotland (HES) is paying for a training and education programmes throughout the programme.

The main focus is on upskilling local contractors and building professionals. Specialist training providers will deliver traditional skills training courses in Campbeltown during 2018/19.

CARS, through HES, also delivers an Education Programme to encourage the community to participate in the management of their heritage. Events to date include

the Campbeltown: Success Built in Stone exhibition, which attracted over 2000 visitors. Other successful events included a seminar on Keeping Warm in Older Homes and workshops advising building owners on the repair and maintenance of their properties.

P7 pupils from Castlehill Primary School have been exploring what it was like to live in the Wee Toon 100 years ago. Working with the Walking Theatre Company, the imaginative pupils used their findings to stage a play last year and, more recently, portrayed characters from old photographs in a short film called Picture Us, which is available on the internet here <http://bit.ly/PictureUs>.

Five new traditional skills

courses have been planned based on popular demand, following a survey of local contractors to determine which training would be of most interest to them.

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Securing jobs and homes

Looking at all the scaffolding up around Campbeltown people would be forgiven for thinking CARS is very much a construction project, but there's a much more human element to it, as well as an economic benefit.

The current CARS project alone has helped safeguard over 49 part-time and full time jobs. Thirty three occupied flats, that could have become uninhabitable if repairs hadn't been carried out in time, have now been saved. Once the current projects are completed, 15 vacant flats will be available for private rental.

Saving buildings has helped secure the future of 17 businesses and helped one new business – Food for Thought – get off the ground in the former Locarno Café. Billy Brodrick, owner of Food for Thought, says: "We're really pleased to be able to continue the tradition of these premises as a bistro and the CARS regeneration has made that possible."

There should be new opportunities for other businesses once the projects are complete.

Ivor Watson, owner of long-established, family business McIvors fruit shop, echoed that sentiment saying: "For me, CARS has helped preserve the long-term viability of the property and the business."

Home owner, Richard Wooley, says: "Affecting repairs to multi-occupancy property is fraught with complexities and expense. A project like CARS brings together the funding, the expertise and gets the right people together. It's not always easy, but the end result benefits individuals and their homes and, in the long-term, the town's prosperity."



Ahead of its time in the 1950s, the Locarno Café (right) has transformed into Food for Thought, a restaurant for the 21st century.



Take a walk through local history

Dates are available for this summer's Campbeltown historic walking tours. Now in their eighth year and delivered by volunteers, the popular tours depart from the Aqualibrium at 2pm every Wednesday in July and August.

The free tours last approximately one hour and cover the main aspects of Campbeltown's historic past, its rich heritage, its people and its stories. There is no need to book your place in advance.

Details for the tours, and leaflets that will help you to walk the route yourself, can be found on the council website here: bit.ly/heritagetour



How it all began

Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) and Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme Round 1 were multi award-winning programmes that kick started Campbeltown's regeneration from 2007 to 2016.

From initial council funding of £200,000, £3.5 million was levered in to restore some of the town's finest buildings and support home owners and businesses to repair their properties. Total spend was £8m taking into account private owners contributions and other funding.

The additional funding came from Historic Environment Scotland, Heritage Lottery Fund, Argyll and the Isles LEADER, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and various smaller funders.



The multi award-winning 50-52 Main Street after repair were completed.

Over the course of the project, 88 grants, totalling £1.8 million were awarded, which led to £7 million being spent on 40 town centre buildings.

More than 2,000 square metres of vacant floor space was brought back into use and 140 original timber windows were saved. Seventeen traditional shopfronts have been reinstated. Local contractors

benefited from the work, with more than 40 being involved.

Jewels in the crown of the first phase of regeneration included Campbeltown Town Hall, where funding and support from THI helped South Kintyre Development Trust lever in more funding to bring the hall back to its former glory and into community ownership. The pro-

ject won a Herald Property Award in 2016. The derelict Old Schoolhouse, in Big Kiln, became a community-run 16-bed bunkhouse. Urgent repairs to 50-52 Main Street stopped a gap site forming and the building won a number of awards, including the Outstanding Project award at the 2016 Scottish Empty Homes Conference.

Campbeltown CARS facts

- The Campbeltown: Success Built in Stone exhibition proved so popular that key elements have been included in the Whiskyopolis exhibition, in Campbeltown Heritage Centre, which runs from May to September.
- One highly complex project at 1-21 Longrow South/40-48 Main Street-10-12 Union Street involves 30 different units between businesses and flats.
- The repair project at 22-30 Main Street/Longrow South is costing over £600,000 with the private owners contributing over £100,000.



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Makeover resurrects St Kieran's hall

Words and pictures
Mark Davey

The sale of Campbeltown's Red Cross hall has spurred the refurbishment of St



The exterior of St Kieran's hall. 25_c23stkierans03

Kieran's own premises next door.

In common with many town charities, St Kieran's had held its own church coffee mornings in the Red Cross hall, which the national charity is attempting to sell.

St Kieran's hall, which has upstairs and downstairs rooms and a serviceable kitchen, was once the town's Roman Catholic primary school but, since closing, had fallen into a state of disrepair.

Pensioner Archie Wilson, who helped in the six-week refurbishment, said: 'I remember the classrooms from those odd occasions when I went to school.'

The church's priest, Father Tony Wood, said: 'I am very grateful for all the work that has been done and how it has been completed.'

'The plaster was falling off the walls and the windows were black. We just have the

toilets to complete and hope to install a new front door.'

Mr Wilson added: 'Since Father Wood came to the town, a lot has been accomplished.'

Tommy McGrory said: 'We have worked hard on the hall for six weeks. Parts of the ceiling needed plastering as well as painting.'

On the MOK Run weekend, the church had a good turnout for its first coffee morning in the hall.

Town solicitor Christian Kane, of C and D McTaggart's, who did not attend, had a particularly successful morning winning raffle prizes, although he must have bought many strips of tickets.

In addition, there was an auction of three items: an astronomer's telescope (£50), a digital projector (£22) and a photograph by Sarah McDonald of a Loch Rannoch sunrise (£30).



Part of the St Kieran's hall refurbishment team are, from the left, Archie Wilson, Jen McGrory and Tommy McGrory. 25_c23stkierans04

An agent's board was erected on the Red Cross hall at least two weeks ago by Glasgow property firm Freeman Macleod.

The property is not yet on the firm's website and when the Courier called company director Alistair Macleod, he

spoke about the property and said he had seen all the stories in the paper but refused to give any idea of a selling price.

Freeman Macleod is also selling the Red Cross hall in Lochgilphead. It is on the firm's website for offers over £45,000 or to let.



Father Tony Wood called the raffle. 25_c23stkierans02

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EXPERTS IN THE FIELD

Kintyre archers hit the spot

A review by Mark Davey
Firing an arrow from a long-bow is nerve-wracking but not as scary as it must have been to be on the receiving end at the battle of Agincourt.

Watching members of Kintyre Arrows Archery Club shooting at targets in Lorne and Lowland church hall last Saturday, it appeared simple.

It also seemed not much different from the holly bough with nylon tent guy-rope string that my dad made. Even a simple club bow costing about £100 exerts considerable force. The string is drawn back and it has to be held close to the cheek or

corner of the mouth, by the lips, just before triggering.

My first arrow, a thin sliver of aluminium or carbon fibre composite, shot away at about 200mph and struck the floor, the second went high but the third was in the outer ring of the target. Success.

Five years

The club has been running for about five years and currently has 15 members who must be aged 18 plus.

Chairman Craig Scally said that the club developed after Argyll and Bute Council offered archery classes on a pay-as-you-go basis in the Victoria Hall.

I asked: 'Apart from targets, do you shoot at anything else?' Stuart Jardine joked: 'Can we give you an apple?'

He added: 'If we want to increase the shooting abilities of members we have a "Tunnocks" challenge.

'A tea cake is eaten and the wrapper is placed on a target with another teacake as a prize. It is surprising how accurate archers become.'

Mr Scally said: 'It is a sport of repetition and concentration. One fractional change, a millimetre off at the shooting line could translate to 25mm off at the target.

'In the hall at 18m the tar-



Kintyre Arrows members from left: Stuart Jardine, Iain Ronald, Craig Scally, Andrew Mitchell and Tripti Samal. 25_c23arrows02



Stuart Jardine has just released his compound bow. The arrow can be seen, at 300mph, on the far right of the picture, crossing the green curtain. 25_c23arrows06

gets are 40cm diameter at the Olympic distance of 70m the target is 1200cm.'

A demonstration event at Kintyre Agricultural Show, last summer, was curtailed because of the wind and location in the field but did succeed in attracting at least one new member.

Iain Ronald said that at the show it was the first time he realised there was a club,

chatted to members and soon joined.

The club meets on alternate Saturday mornings in Lorne and Lowland church hall from 10am to noon and at the same venue on alternate Friday evenings from 7pm to 9pm.

Potential members could attend a session. There are two levels of membership, part-time at £5 a session

up to 18 times a year or full membership at £15 per month with unlimited access and initially all equipment can be borrowed from the club.

Member Tripti Samal said: 'We are hoping to hold a fundraiser this year. Perhaps with RNLI members challenging the Coastguard or the police against the firemen or any other group which might be interested.'



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Pilgrims will follow in St Columba's footsteps

A group of young people will connect with their faith by retracing the steps of an ancient Celtic saint as they walk, row and swim 75 miles across rural Argyll.

Beginning in Tarbert and finishing in Oban at the end of June, they will follow part of the route of St Columba, who travelled to the area in the 6th century eventually ending his journey in Iona.

As part of their 'Columba Experience' they will learn about the history of the area and visit some of the oldest standing stones in the British Isles, as well as visit an area where beavers have been reintroduced to Scotland.

On the final day they will witness a sea immersion baptism, the kind of baptism a disciple of St Columba might have experienced.

Each night parish churches have offered to host the group, who are aged between 16 and 24, and will be accompanied

by group leaders and an artist in residence.

At Kilmartin, capital of the ancient kingdom of Dalriada, they will be shown the history of the area and looked after by members of the Christian Community.

The expedition is being organised by the Presbytery of Argyll Youth Team, as a way to mark Scotland's Year of Young People.

Argyll Presbytery's motto: 'From standing stones to living stones' connects the region's historic legacy of carved stones to the biblical 'living stones' that form God's spiritual home on earth.

The young people plan to share their faith journey with their hosts and other people they meet during lunch stops at pubs or hotels. Supporters and friends will be able to follow their progress through social media posts.

Part of the trip will involve 'swimming the Atlantic'

– navigating a narrow gap between the mainland and the island of Seil.

Entertainment at different parts of the route will be provided by the Very Rev Albert Bogle along with his band.

Organiser Kenny Wilson, who is a Church of Scotland Youth Advisor based on the Isle of Gigha, explained that the presbytery wanted something 'different from the usual camps' that are run for young people.

'We want the young people to experience the kind of things Columba himself would have experienced,' he said. 'He came to share faith with the kingdom of Dalriada and we want the young people to do the same.'

'They're not just going to be sharing their faith with people of faith, but also those of no faith.'

'On the last day we're going to do a sea baptism – a demonstration of how people may

have been baptised in the sea 1,500 years ago.

'It's a way of touching base with some of the 'thin' places on the West Coast.'

Some of the trip will be 'quite strenuous,' he continued, but will offer a unique opportunity to learn about the religious significance of the area.

The idea has proved popular, with a sea rowing group even offering to take those on the trip out for a few hours.

Mr Wilson said: 'We visited the parishes that we would pass through to speak to the ministers and congregants in each church and they all enquired, 'Where are you going to stay? we'll put you up'.

The trip runs from 23-30 June and is free, with any travel expenses incurred reimbursable.

Anyone aged 16-24 and interested in joining the trip should email Kenny Wilson at: KWilson@churchofscotland.org.uk

Southend's St Columba's step service at Keil

Campbeltown Brass and a lone piper will gather with a congregation on the site of St Columba's footprint at Keil near Southend.

Piper, Fraser MacBrayne, 15, from the village, will lead the celebration of the 6th-century saint this Sunday from 7pm.

Reverend Steve Fulcher who will lead the 40-minute service said if the weather is inclement it will be held in Southend church.

All are welcome and there are refreshments in St Blaans' hall afterwards.



Fraser MacBrayne piping at the service in 2016.



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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Flags fly as putting green opens

Weather permitting, Campbeltown's putting green by the ferry terminal is tee'd up for business from 11am to 5.30pm everyday.

There are 18 holes on the seaside green, next to the children's play park, and staff also have three play tents, mats for younger children and a small selection of safe toys.

South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) which manages the attraction has putters to suit all heights and a scorecard is provided.

At the end of May SKDT was awarded £75,000 from the Big Lottery Fund (BLF).

A BLF press release stated: 'This funding will enable the organisation to not only continue but develop their activities at Campbeltown village hall.'



At the opening were South Kintyre Development Trust's Shaun Brown, putting green staff Tina Chestnut and Peter Lusher with Morag McMillan. 25_c23puttinggreen01

Tennis club's ace anagram winner

One lucky competitor, out of 15 anagram aces in a tennis club fundraiser, won a 20-year-old Cadenhead's Arran malt.

Ella Stewart collected her prize from Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club's Jane Gallagher at a presentation on Monday morning.

At least 250 players entered the competition, to raise further funds for the recently completed pavilion and nearly half the sheets were bought at Keith's newsagents run by George McMillan. The quiz featured tennis puzzlers on one side and whisky related anagrams on the reverse.

Cadenheads also donated a bottle of malt as the prize, for the crazy whisky themed putting, at Glengyle's recent open day. At Glen Scotia's open day the tennis club made £200 raffling a 10-year-old bottle the distillery donated.



Ella Stewart, left receives her prize from Jane Gallagher. 25_c23tennis01



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Walk with the Courier: High

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Shopper-Aide sponsored walkers joined by the *Courier* strode out on a fine, roughly 5km circular walk.

Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society member Elizabeth McTaggart devised the trek, which started at High Lossit, above Machrihanish, where cars may be left or better in the

car park at Ballygroggan. An alternative approach would be to use the West Coast Motors bus 442 or 200 service to Machrihanish.

From the village, follow the Kintyre Way markers to High Lossit, walk up the steep road to where the Way goes right and cross a stile on the left.

The entire route, except for one short section, is on good forest tracks maintained for

Lossit estate's shoots and in dry weather stout walking shoes would give ample protection.

For three Campbeltown youngsters, Lileigh Allen, seven, Lucy McNair, seven and Lynsey MacPhee, eight, last Sunday morning's walk turned into a nature trail as soon as the road was left behind.

In no time they were catch-

ing and closely examining butterflies, looking at myriad varieties of wild flowers and at Killypole cottage they found a tiny, dark brown frog.

Ascending the initial steep track, Elizabeth talked about some of the characters associated with the cottage, which was the home of the McShannons.

Elizabeth said: 'Killypole was a shepherd's cottage. I am sure the last occupants were Jamie McShannon and his wife Pauli.

'When I came to Kintyre, in 1967, Pauli was still alive and living in Machrihanish.

'The McShannon name is famous because they were great singers in Kintyre. They carried the folk song tradition and I think Hamish Henderson, founder of the School of Scottish Studies, came here.

'There's a great story about Hamish. He was wandering about the hills here just at the start of the war and he knew he was going to be posted abroad.

'He thought it would be

Germany so he practised his German. It got him arrested in Kintyre because someone reported that a German spy was wandering about making notes. Until they cleared up who he was, he spent the night in jail.'

On a clear day, from the pass above Killypole cottage looking across Killypole Loch, shaped like the Isle of Man, it is possible to see Davaar Island, which looks like a range of hills.

The group halted for a refreshment break at the cottage and its former cast-iron washing tub was pointed out to the youngsters.

Approaching the dammed loch, Elizabeth said that formerly it was used to supply MACC base until the RAF moved out.

A short patch of untracked open hillside followed, slightly downhill to cross a stream and re-enter the forest, on the OS 1:25,000 Kintyre South sheet, at GR 183647.

A brief walk through the trees leads to another well defined track which is followed back to High Lossit.



The view from Killypole cottage across the loch towards Davaar Island. 25_c23walk12



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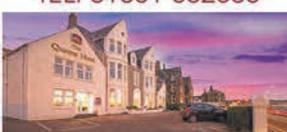
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Lossit to Killypole



Susan Paterson, Elizabeth McTaggart, Lesley Harvey and Kelly Brown walk in a meadow of cotton grass. 25_c23walk06



The youngsters take a break. 25_c23walk05



The Killypole sheep fank. 25_c23walk15



The former water supply pipe from Killypole Loch to MACC. 25_c23walk07



A tiny frog found at Killypole cottage. 25_c23walk11



Lileigh Allen and Lucy McNair, both seven and Lynsey MacPhee, eight, look at the Killypole washtub. 25_c23walk14



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Dinghy sailors delight at record May weather

A few spots of rain last week failed to mar May which has been declared the warmest on record.

It particularly suited sailors at Campbeltown Sailing Club's (CSC) reinstated Wednesday evening sessions organised by Kintyre Seasports Project's Sid Gallagher.

The action continues this Wednesday, from 7pm, and all are welcome, especially total beginners, as all specialist equipment is provided.

CSC's Iain McGlashan said: 'It is another good forecast for this Wednesday so some along if you can.'

'Wednesday evening sailing continues until June 28. Club dinghies are available to borrow and a shot on a yacht is also available.'

'Buoyancy aids and some wet suits can be borrowed. Potential new members are welcome, bring a friend.'

Tremendous trad music for MOK Fest

Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham will headline this year's traditional concert in Campbeltown Heritage Centre on August 11.

Hecla, making their debut at this year's event at which Arthur Johnstone will be master of ceremonies, will support these long-time festival favourites.

Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham, embarking on their 31st year of performing together, have become a national institution with their incomparable mastery of fiddle and accordion.

They bring excellence in traditional music to venues across the country delighting audiences with over a quarter of a century of well-honed skills and hilarious banter.

Supporting artists, Hecla, a young four-piece band who present beautiful, crisp and energetic arrangements of traditional Gaelic songs and instrumentals, have performed in showcases at Celtic Connections, Piping Live and the HebCelt Festival.

The band takes its name from the beautiful and enigmatic hill in South Uist, which can be seen from Lews Castle College where some of the band members currently study.

Festival tickets, which are selling fast, are available from A.P.Taylor, Campbeltown, or 08444 771 000 or www.ticketweb.co.uk.

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We welcome to the first time Hecla, a four-piece from the Outer Hebrides. Presenting beautiful, crisp and energetic arrangements of traditional Gaelic songs and instrumentals, Hecla have performed at Celtic Connections, Piping Live and HebCelt Festival in recent years and we are excited to have them add MOKfest to their successes.

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MOK Fest traditional concert poster.

Lamb is off

A quartet of diners in Campbeltown's Food for Thought were disappointed there was no Arran lamb rump.

After their Tuesday night meal, the men from Bedfordshire, booked for Thursday but wanted assurances Arran lamb would be available.

Chef Billy Brodrick said it would, the men, two of whom are butchers, said if there was any problem to let them know as they planned a trip to the island on Wednesday.

Snap happy

Organisers are expecting a good crowd including Southend snappers at the village's biennial photographic competition.

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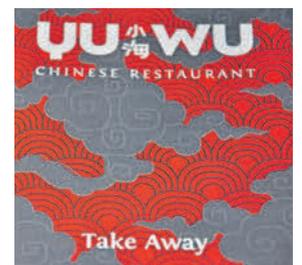
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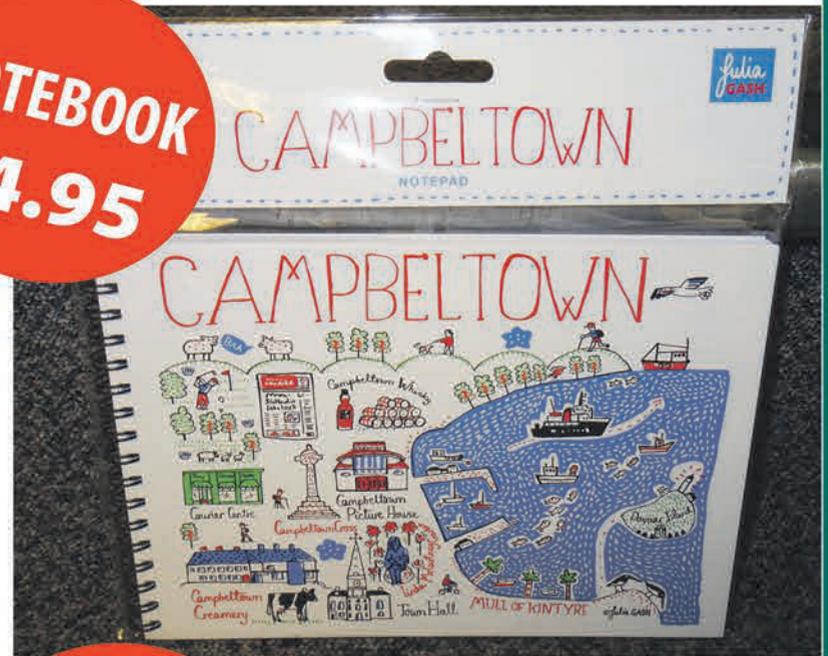
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Review of landlord registration application 'a fantastic opportunity' to raise awareness, says CIH Scotland

In its response to the Government, the Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland (CIHS) has called for all landlords applying to the landlord register and for enforcement when standards are not being met.

The landlord registration system was established in 2006 and registers are managed locally by councils.

All landlords must be registered and have to pass a 'fit and proper person' test to make sure they meet the required standards to let properties. The proposals include increasing registration fees in line with inflation, revision of discounts and some changes to the information that landlords have to provide when they apply to

the register.

The proposals include a requirement for applicants to confirm that they comply with a number of legal obligations.

These could include statements relating to the condition and energy efficiency of the property; gas, electrical and fire safety; and legal obligations relating to the tenancy and deposit.

CIHS wants to see all landlords proactively declare their compliance with the law which it

believes will encourage higher standards in the private rented sector.

In addition, the institute has supported calls for a reduced registration fee for landlords who have passed a training course or are members of a professional body to encourage voluntary skills improvement and has warned the Government against a disproportionate fee increase which would ultimately be met by tenants through higher rents.

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The Order, which is required to facilitate the Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day, 2018 and to enable members of the public to watch this event, will be in operation from 16th June 2018 until 17th June 2018 and will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. The Order does not apply to vehicles while being or vehicles being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes or a vehicle being used for facilitating the holding of the event.

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(ARGYLL STREET, COLCHESTER SQUARE, UNION STREET AND LORNE STREET, LOCHGILPHEAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2018

On Monday the 4th June 2018, Argyll and Bute Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 62 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, made the above named Order which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle through the lengths of road specified in the Schedule below.

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Schedule - Prohibition of Traffic

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Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services,
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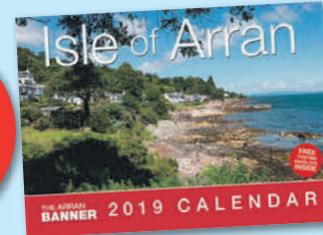
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Forum praises work to attract more people to Argyll and Bute

Progress being made to attract more people to live and work in Argyll and Bute has been described as 'very encouraging' in a report to councillors.

At its next meeting on Thursday June 7 the council's environment, development and infrastructure committee will be presented with a report from the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum.

The forum's chairman is Nicholas Ferguson CBE, former chairman of Sky plc and now chairman of Savills plc.

Set up in 2015 to tackle population decline in the area, the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum looks at the issue from a business perspective.

It identified jobs as being the key to encouraging more people in the working age group 20-44 years to stay in Argyll and Bute or move to the area.

Three key areas for job growth were outlined as: tourism; food and drink production, particularly aquaculture; and higher education.

In the report, Mr Ferguson said: 'We are pleased to report that the developments in all three of these have been very positive. Visitor numbers for Argyll and Bute have shown an increase of 22 per cent over the last two years, with growth of 38 per cent at our key tourist attractions. Numerous private sector tourist-related companies and initiatives have seen investment, new employment, growth, and profitability.

'Aquaculture employment and profits both increased by 10 per cent despite production issues. Other food and drink production has grown.

'Higher education has seen impressive growth. The principal higher education institutions in Argyll are UHI Argyll College, SAMS and Ballet West. Total student numbers have increased over the last two years by 28 per cent.

'So there is no question that Argyll is now on the move. This is clearly very encouraging,' the report continued.

Oban becoming a 'university town' and improved 4G mobile access and broadband coverage in Argyll are also identified as positive steps, with the roads network highlighted as another opportunity for making the area more accessible and friendly to tourism and business.

Marketing and promotion of the area in terms of tourism and industry is seen as a major step in continuing growth, as is an enhanced approach to meeting visitors' needs via a range of new and exciting adventure experiences that take advantage of Argyll's natural beauty.

Council leader Councillor Aileen Morton said: 'It is with everyone who cares about Argyll and Bute working together that we will build a secure future for the area. The forum has brought the public and private sectors together and I look forward to considering this report at committee.'

The full report can be viewed online at <https://bit.ly/2J3lAD>.



'More than a job' campaign launch

A new campaign has launched in Argyll and Bute to encourage people to consider a career in social care.

The More Than a Job campaign comes from learning disability charity ENABLE Scotland.

The charity says that more than 300 people with learning disabilities are known to Argyll and Bute Council and many of them are in need of dedicated staff to care for them.

The charity, which has offices in Helensburgh, Dunoon, Campbeltown, Lochgilphead and Oban, says it wants to encourage more people from communities to consider a rewarding career in social care and join existing teams in the area.

Theresa Shearer, CEO of ENABLE Scotland, said: 'Social care really is more than a job. Our dedicated and hard-working staff across Argyll and Bute would testify to that.'

'They work tirelessly to provide essential support to some of the most vulnerable members of our society and make a

difference day in and day out. Their work offering personalised social care truly transforms lives and has facilitated the move from institutional care to people living in their own homes. In turn, people with learning disabilities have become active members of their communities and live the lives they want to lead.

'Through our More Than a Job campaign we want to raise awareness of the rewards that come with a career in social care, not just from training, career progression opportunities and the Scottish Living Wage, but also from making a real difference every day to the lives of people with learning disabilities.'

ENABLE Scotland currently provides support to people with learning disabilities across 22 local authorities in Scotland and employs more than 1,800 people.

ENABLE Scotland staff offer support with tasks including assisting with shopping, personal care, mobility, food preparation, household chores, attending health appointments and planning and engaging in social activities.

Across Scotland there were 23,186 adults with learning disabilities known to local authorities. This equates to 5.2 people with learning disabilities per 1,000 adults (16-plus) in the general population.

The charity recently announced plans to extend its reach through a collaboration with charity Sense Scotland.

The move is expected to benefit the individuals and families they currently support, and for any savings made from the collaboration to be reinvested in improving the pay and skills of workers and providing more individualised care.

This year ENABLE Scotland was short-listed for a Charity Employer of the Year award at the sJobs Recruitment Awards 2018.

Ms Shearer added: 'We look forward to growing our fantastic team in Argyll and Bute, offering training, support and career opportunities to the brightest talent in the area.'

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Points mean prizes at Bellochantuy SWI

Bellochantuy SWI concluded its year's business with the AGM and prize distribution in Glenbarr Hall.

The group welcomed its new office bearers: Lois Fell, president; Libby Kerr, secretary; and Jill Lines, treasurer.

Following supper, which was provided by the committee, came the highlight of the evening: the presentation of trophies.

Lois Fell won the M M Dean shield for the most points in monthly competitions. Libby Kerr was runner-up and Margaret McKinnon took third place.

The M Dean tray for the highest number of points gained in the housewives' competition was won by Margaret McKinnon, with Lois Fell and Libby Kerr taking second and third respectively.

The Barbara Blackwood plate for most points in handicraft competitions went to Libby Kerr. Second was Margaret McKinnon and third Lois Fell.

Lois Fell won the M Dean quach for most points in the bulb show, with Karen Kendrick in second place and Libby Kerr third.

Libby Kerr won the Silver Cup for the best plant in the bulb show. Lois Fell was runner-up and Nettie Semple came third.

The Allan rose bowl, for the best exhibit in the bulb show was won by Linda Bryce.

Libby Kerr won the final award of the evening, the M McNaughton Cup for the most points in the federation show.

Bellochantuy SWI extends an invitation to their annual coffee evening on Thursday July 12 at 7.30pm in Glenbarr Hall where there will be competitions, a homebaking sale and the opportunity to enjoy a friendly chat.

SOUTHEND

Parish coffee morning nets £952

A well-attended coffee morning with crafts, baking and a raffle raised £952 for Southend parish church.

'It was really good to see so many people,' said the Reverend Steve Fulcher. 'Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put it together.'



From left on the baking stall were Jane McCorkindale, Jen Ronald and Ishbel McKinnon. 25_c22southendcoffee01



Tom Wilson helped run the raffle next to St Blaans hall's door. David Freeburn picks a ticket. 25_c22southendcoffee02

INVERARAY

Training steered at Scottish bikers

Motorcyclists are set to roar into a skills demonstration event in July.

The enhanced biker skills event will be held in Inveraray, a popular destination for central belt riders, to promote safer road riding.

The rider development day on July 15 is targeted at motorcyclists who have not taken any further training since passing their bike test.

The event, run by Argyll and Bute Council's road safety team and Scottish Biker Magazine, is aimed at providing motorcyclists with advice on how to improve their riding on the road.

The council states that the event will 'provide an opportunity for riders to get together and look at ways they can make their biking experience safer.'

'It will enable them to focus on particular areas of skills they would like to improve and be more alert to potential dangers.'



Argyll motorcycle trainer Clive Rumbold at a similar event in 2015.

The activities will start at 9am with a group workshop session from a motorcycling instructor before taking to the road in the afternoon.

Participants will be to identify the skills they would like to improve and then be paired up with trainers accordingly.

The cost of the event is £35 per person and lunch will be provided. To book a place on the course, or for further information, email: hello@scottishbikermagazine.co.uk.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

It was the most perfect night.

The sky at Dunkeld was dark and clear as we sat by the loch waiting to see Jupiter rise close to the moon.

Soon they were both in alignment and reflected perfectly in the still water.

Our collies barked at the moon, apparently submerged deep in the loch.

The air was still and the scent of blossom lingered in the warm night air.

It was beautiful and the wonders of the night sky were as amazing as the beauties of the day.

Then I was aware of something drifting across the heavens. It was too slow for a plane and too deliberate for a shooting star. It was then we realised it was the International Space Station.

This amazing laboratory in the sky was right above us and seemed at home in the depth of the universe.

We watched it until it disappeared over the hills and we wondered what life was like for the three astronauts on board.

What did Earth look like from the crew's perspective? Evidently our planet is very beautiful when viewed from space.

I wonder if they can see the scars on our planet?

Can they see the war-ravaged landscapes, the refugees adrift on oceans of hopelessness, the borders built with bricks and barbed wire?

I wonder if they can see the places untarnished by human beings, the places where the animals still live at peace, where some ethnic people just live life and don't worry about possessions or power or kudos, where beauty has the last word.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God' (Matthew 5:8).

DEATHS

ANGUS - Peacefully at home, Machrihanish House, surrounded by his family, on June 1, 2018, James Angus (Jim), in his 85th year, much loved husband of Jan, dearly loved dad of Corinne and Deborah and treasured grandad of Rory, Kieran, Lauren and Daniel. A cremation service will be held in Cardross Crematorium, on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 2.15pm. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Campbeltown Rotary Club Charity.

MACKENZIE - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on May 29, 2018, Violet MacKenzie, née MacDonald, aged 67 years, of 42 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of Allan, much loved mother of Stephen and grandmother of Kristen, Arran, Jack and Joshua. Sister of Catriona and Kenneth. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MCCONNACHIE - Peacefully, after a long illness, on June 1, 2018, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, Isabella McConnachie (Isobel), in her 80th year, 9 Broomfield, Carradale, beloved wife of James, much loved mum of Andrew and Sheena, loving mother-in-law of Louise and a loving granny of Ryan, Jay, Leah and Evan. Funeral service will be held in Saddell and Carradale Parish Church, today Friday, June 8, 2018 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Brackley Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Fishermen's Mission and Calum's Cabin.

MCFARLANE - Peacefully, at Argyll Care Home, Helensburgh, on May 31, 2018, Charlotte McMillan (Lottie), in her 81st year, formerly of 21 Meadow Park, Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late Archie McFarlane, much loved mum of Archie and a loving granny of Jack, Murray, Josh and Evie.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HADDOW - Margaret's family would like to thank everyone for all expressions of sympathy received after her passing. We would like to thank Reverend Steve Fulcher for conducting the funeral, T A Blair for their caring and professional services, the doctors and nurses of Campbeltown Hospital for the care they gave, and the Ardshiel Hotel for hosting the wake. We would also like to thank everyone for donations made at Margaret's funeral.

IN MEMORIAM

BINNIE - In loving memory of a dear, special sister, Mary, died June 11, 2014. Missed every day. - Ishbel.

CLARK - In loving memory of my dear husband, Colin, who passed away June 9, 2014. Sadly missed every day of every year. - Tottie.

MACCALLUM - Ronny. Twenty years since you passed away, Loved and remembered every day.

Quietly today, your memory we treasure, Loving you always, forgetting you never. - Love, Christine, Audrey, Carolyn and families.

MACPHAIL - In loving memory of my husband and best friend, David, taken suddenly on June 7, 2017. You smiled at me across the room The night you stole my heart And from that moment onwards We were never far apart And though you're no longer with me now You're never far away For in my heart you'll always be And there you'll always stay. - All my love forever, Christine xxx.

MACPHAIL - In loving memory of a dear dad and father-in-law, taken suddenly on June 7, 2017.

No one knows how much we miss you
No one knows the bitter pain
We have suffered since we lost you
Life has never been the same.
In our hearts your memory lingers
Sweetly tender, fond and true
There is not a day dear Dad
That we don't think of you.
- Love, Garry and Lynsey, Callum and Fraser xxxx.

MCMILLAN - In memory of our funny, kind and beautiful friend, Jane McMillan, who passed away on June 10, 2017. It's been the longest year without you.

- Alison, Maureen, Mhairi, Deirdre and Karen.

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CHURCH NOTICES

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 10th June 2018

Skipness Service 10am
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Kilberry Service 2pm
Rev. Catriona Hood
Tuesday 12th of June
Kirk session meeting
Tarbert Church 7pm

For all church enquiries and pastoral care Contact
Rev. Catriona Hood
on 07771 692570
or 01880 730366
Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622
Skipness SCO04280

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 10 June
11.30am Tayvallich Church
Rev C Acklam
Saturday 9 June
10.30am Achnamara Hall
Café Connect
Monday 11 June
10.30am Tayvallich Church
Prayer Time
Thursday 14 June
4-6pm Messy Church Picnic
All Age Event
Tayvallich Village Hall
All welcome
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(The Church of Scotland)

Sunday Services

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Ardishaig at 11:00am
Mid Week Pause

Wednesdays

from Noon till 2:00pm
in Ardrishaig Church.
Stay as long as you like
(includes corporate worship
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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church
Bishopton Road,
Lochgilphead
(SC013787)

Sundays 11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's,
Poltalloch
(SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy
Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
6.00pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

SUNDAY

Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SCO002876)



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

10th June 2018
Sunday Worship
Communion 10am
Kilmartin Church
Rev C Acklam
All welcome
SCO 02121

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 10th June 2018
Cumlodden
Lochfyneside and
Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service
Cumlodden Church 10.00am
Afternoon Gaelic Service
Lochgair Church 3pm
Glenarary and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning service
Inveraray Church 11.30am
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH NOTICES

ST COLUMBA'S CONVENTICLE

Sunday 10th June
at 7.00pm

Footprints, Keil,
Southend
Preacher:
Rev Roger Crooks
Tea & coffee in St Blaas's
Hall after service
Everyone most welcome

ST. KIERAN R.C. ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN

01586 552160

Rev Tony Wood
Vigil Mass
Saturday 6pm
(except 1st Saturday of month)
Holy Mass
Sundays 10 am
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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 10th June
11.00am Family Service
Visiting Speaker -
Andrew Swanson
Sunday school
Refreshments after the service
The Ark
Baby and Toddler Group
Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 am
(term time only)
We meet at the Kinloch Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 10th June
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
4.00pm Service in Tayinloan
Village Hall
Wednesday 13th June
12 noon
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Water of Life Cafe
All Welcome
All Rodger Crooks' sermons can be
found through our website:
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 10th June
Pentecost 3
Holy Communion 10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of
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Highland Parish Church



SCO02493

Sunday 10th June 2018
The service will be conducted
by Rev Anne McIvor
and will be held in the
church at 11.15am
All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number
SCO11686

Sunday 10th June
11.15am
Morning Worship
Gen 1 Triple C Creche
Rev W Crossan
Following the service there
will be a meeting of the
Congregation
Followed by a Board
Meeting
Tuesday 12th June
9.45am Tiny Tots
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.00pm
Church Hall
Company Section 7.15pm
Friday 15th June
BB Display 7.00pm
Church Hall



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Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359

Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046

Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Service
(Army Kidz)
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00 pm Make & Munch
Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
Majors Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 10th June
Family Communion Service
11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies
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Thursday 14th May
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MACC cycling time trials planned

Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club (KWCC) have reported that participation in all future events will be restricted to club members.

The decision, taken at a KWCC committee meeting on May 23, will ensure that the club's insurance will cover all participants.

Prospective members will be permitted to attend for a taster session to see if they wish to join. The proposed cost of membership is £15 per annum.

The club plans to arrange monthly time trials at MACC in the near future and is currently planning to conduct a poll on the group Facebook page to receive members' views on a suitable day and time.

The time trials will be in a controlled environment where participants will test themselves against the clock at their own pace.

KWCC considered the Kintyre Way Ultra a success, but reported that it is unlikely to continue as a joint event and that the cycling might continue as a standalone event.

The grade two Kilberry Loop Sportive, organised by John Hardy of Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycling Club, will be held on August 11 beginning at 8.30am.

Event information, including entry, is available on the British Cycling website, www.britishcycling.org.uk/events.

Teams for the Lafferty Cup tournament in Oban

OBAN Saints have announced the teams for this year's D & K Lafferty Cup tournament to be held at Mossfield Stadium and Glencruitten Park on Saturday July 7.

They are SPL sides Hearts, St Johnstone, Hamilton Accies along with Championship teams Dundee United and Alloa Athletic plus SAFL Premier Division hosts Oban Saints.

Play gets under way at 11am.

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Carnival atmosphere at family football fest

Fine weather with the sun's heat cooled by occasional mist proved ideal conditions for Campbeltown's annual football festival.

When the *Courier* arrived at 12.45pm, games were in full flow, families from town and much further away had the picnic rugs out and were set to support their players from P1 to P7.

The photographic possibilities are always endless but the younger players prove irresistible. One 2005 boy scored and, unable to somersault, did a head-over-heels in celebration but, needless to say, he was too quick for the photographers.

This year every goal was sponsored but it was nearly time to head to another assignment before the *Courier*

goal was found at 2.50pm.

Prize presentations of Campbeltown Pottery medals started at 4pm, to allow players from Islay and Arran to connect with ferries and continued for at least an hour while some games were being finalised.

Callie Catering ran a roaring trade all day although a good chunk of that was serving officials, including referees, with a free burger and drink. In addition, proprietor Charlie McLean made a sizeable donation to CDJFA.

A full set of *Courier* festival photos will be on the *Courier* Centre screen or online at: www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk/photos or images.wyvxmedia.co.uk/p77425861



The scene at a medal presentation. 25_c23cdjfafootballfest01



Coaches: Neil McSpornan, Archie Johnstone and Robert Judge with Campbeltown's 2009 team. 25_c23cdjfafootballfest53



Campbeltown 2011 player, Craig McMillan, leads a charge against Tarbert AFC. 25_c23cdjfafootballfest21



Robert Todd and David Paterson handed out medals. Girls team player Linzi Shields is happy with hers. 25_c23cdjfafootballfest63



Everyone's favourite referee Archie Mitchell with Sorley McKinven whose son Daniel was playing in the 2007s. 25_c23cdjfafootballfest50



Campbeltown goalie, Alan Myles, had a torrid time against Lochnell's 2008s. 25_c23cdjfafootballfest37

Machrihanish Golf Club Am-Am results

Machrihanish Golf Club hosted its Am-Am on Saturday, May 19.

Results: 1 A Robertson, K Gilchrist, A Glendinning and G Gilchrist, 60; 2 C Stewart, D Laing, J McPhee and R McGougan, 62 (best last six); 3 S Kelly, R Watson, G McLachlan and J McLean, 62 (BIH); 4 M Paterson, J Armour, P Paterson and G Grant, 62; 5 J Rennie, D Johnstone, I Johnstone and S MacMillan, 63.

Raffle prizes: Callaway X Series irons donated by Machrihanish Golf Club: S H Gillespie. £50 meal voucher for Machrihanish Golf Club: Bertie Wooton. £40 voucher for Machrihanish pro shop donated by Fona Taxis: Malcolm Mclean. Bottle of Springbank whisky: Roslyn Mclean. A litre bottle of vodka: John Thomson. A bottle of vodka donated by the Bank of Scotland: Cathy Tavendale.

Special prizes: 1st hole: Four best net scores: Kennelmaids (16). Gents' longest drive: G Gilchrist, 270 yds. 2nd

hole: Tee shot finishing nearest the line short of the burn without going beyond, gents: Thomas Martin, 2' 3". 3rd hole: Nearest the pin in two: S E Gillespie, 2' 2". 4th hole: Nearest the pin: David Campbell, 3' 6". 5th hole: Four best net scores: The Ardshiel (14). 6th hole: Nearest the pin in two: J McPhee 1' 10.5". 7th hole: Four best net scores: Octavius (12). 8th hole: Nearest the pin in two: J Newlands, 1' 8". 9th hole: Gents' longest drive: Dean Ratcliff, 270 yds. Nearest the pin in two: Donald Laing, 13' 7". 10th hole: Gents' longest drive: John Shaw, 260 yds. 11th hole: Four best net scores: Springbank (11). 12th hole: Four best net scores: The Bluebells (17). 13th hole: Nearest the pin in two: J Shaw, 9'. 15th hole: Nearest the pin: G Gilchrist, 12' 6.5". 16th hole: Nearest the pin: S H Gillespie, 13' 8.5". 17th hole: Gents' longest drive: J Armour, 271 yds. 18th hole: Ladies' longest drive: S Martin, 170yds.



Hot and tired but still smiling, Dunaverty's Heidbangers enjoyed playing Carradale.

Too hot for the Heidbangers

A party of Dunaverty's Heidbangers may have thought they were in the Sahara when they played Carradale in blistering sunshine.

The course, which had been well prepared by greenkeeper Robert Strang, proved to be quite a challenge over the two rounds.

Danny Halliday, playing in a freshening breeze which alleviated the heat, led after the first nine with 18 points, one clear of Sandy Watson, Bruce Robertson and Willie Young.

After an 'excellent' lunch, prepared by Cheryl Strang, the intrepid party set off to conquer the second nine.

Mark Eagers took the lead in this round,

with 20 points, for a total of 32, and Sandy Watson matched this total.

Danny faltered a bit in this second half and was overtaken by Willie Young who finished on 31 points.

A hidden pairs draw resulted in a win for Mark and Sandy closely followed by Danny and Willie.

Results: 1 Mark Eagers 32 (bih), 2 Sandy Watson 32, 3 Willie Young 31, 4 Bruce Robertson 30, 5 Danny Halliday 29.

Hidden pairs: 1 Mark Eagers and Sandy Watson 32+32=64, 2 Willie Young and Danny Halliday 31+29=60.

Garrett gains Centenary Trophy at Dunaverty

Wall-to-wall sunshine and a strong wind made life difficult for the 34 players who turned out for Dunaverty Golf Club's Centenary Trophy and the second qualifier for the Lephanstrath Trophy.

Steven Garrett had an excellent round of 77 to give him a net score 64.

The rest of the field were unable to better this, with Donald Brown being the nearest challenger returning a net 66.

The next five places were all on 68 and could only be separated by better inward halves.

Lee Mathieson posted the best scratch score of 72. CSS for the day was 66.

Result: 1 Steven Garrett 77-13=64, 2 Donald Brown 90-24=66, 3 Lee Mathieson 72-4=68 (bih), 4 Robert Coffield 78-10=68 (bih), 5 Ross Sinclair 73-5=68 (bih), 6 Robert Allan Jnr 81-13=68 (bih).



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

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Carnival atmosphere at family football fest.

2018 football festival fever made Meadows memories

Mark Davey
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Russia host an £8.8 billion world cup in a few weeks, but a low budget Campbeltown festival could have taught them a few lessons.

Last Saturday, The Meadows were freshly mown and transformed into a miniature multi-pitch arena by a dedicated band of helpers, chivvied into action, from 9am, by the 2016 Scottish Football Association volunteer of the year, David Paterson.

Writing on Facebook, which will have only been seen by those who use that social media, Paterson wrote: 'Firstly, and most importantly, thanks to all our children for playing yesterday.'

'As I keep saying, you don't get these days back but memories are a wonderful thing and Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association is delighted with the part it played yesterday.'

'It takes a lot of effort and commitment to host an event like yesterday - the effort by all at CDJFA was wonderful.'

'Thanks to the continued commitment from our coaches not only yesterday but throughout the year.'

'It's important to remember our coaches are first and foremost, parents - the time they give up to help run football in Campbeltown and Kintyre is second to none.'

'So thanks to the following coaches for giving up their time once again yesterday:

2012s: Allan Reid, Graham Ellis and Jamie Graham; 2011s: Lorne McArthur, Angus Brodie and Andy Gilchrist; 2010s: Stevie Gorman, Stephen Gorman and Robbie Marrison; 2009s: Archie Johnston, Robert Judge and Neil McSparran; 2008s: Alan Glen; 2007s: Douglas Renton and Rhys Blair

2006s: Ralphie Hill; girls section: Rachel MacPhail and Teigan Robertson - who stepped in late in the day to help take the team - really appreciated.

'Thanks to Robert Todd for taking the girls section on Saturday, ensuring the fixtures ran smoothly and refereeing.'

'Robert also did a great job of cutting the pitches with Iain McMurchy who measured and lined all 15 pitches. I've been to a few festivals and I've never been to one where every pitch is lined and set out so well.'

'Thanks to Lisa Nicolson, Laura Kennedy and Claire Mitchell for dealing with the registrations yesterday and the enquiries. Thanks also for dealing with the medals and ensuring all the presentations went smoothly.'

'To the CDJFA registration officers who ensured every child was kitted out for yesterday's festival - Fiona Gillies, Susan Gilchrist, Lorraine Brodie, Lindsay Ronald, Karen Johnston, Michelle Glen, Katy MacNaughton and Leighann Burns.'

To Rosemary Rennie Todd



Campbeltown girls team's selfie with their medals. 25_c23cdjfafootballfest61

and everyone who helps keep our changing rooms so clean and tidy!

To Norma Grogan, Holly Anderson, Sharon Renton and Mark Davey at the Courier for taking photos and sharing these with CDJFA.

'If anyone else has photos they can share please do.'

'To our referees who give up their time for free. A number of teams commented on how impressed they were to see us with referees for all

the 2005s and 2007s games: 2006/07s - Archie Mitchell, Jimmy Litster, Neil John MacPhail, Paul Grumoli, Alison Ian Mcgeachy and Stewart Campbell; 2008/09s - Peter McCallum, Robert McDonald, Hector Hector McMurchy, Bobby Dalziel and Christopher McLellan; 2010s - Robbie Dudley, Billy Gilchrist, Craig Lamont, Graeme Robertson, Matthew Lang and Liam Stacey. Girls' - Robert Todd, Archie McKellar

and Andrew Renton.

'To the sponsors who raised a magnificent £1155 by sponsoring all 30 goals on the Meadows and the balls.'

'Some sponsors supported more than one age group.'

Sponsors were as follows: 2007s: N McCormick (Archie Johnston), Craigard House hotel, WESTA - West of Scotland Supporters Club, McFadyens Transport, South Kintyre Sports Council, Councillor John

Armour, AM Transport, Campbeltown Courier, Tesco - Campbeltown, A Glen Mechanical Services, Campbeltown Loyal, Ardshiel hotel, Campbeltown Motor Company and Wee Toon Sports. 2005s and the Fun Fours: Dalintober primary school and Early Learning Centre, Serenity Spa, Tavies Taxis, Castlehill Parent Teachers Association, Martine and Keith Craig, Food for Thought, Pollock United Soccer Academy, Highland Fuels, Co-op Campbeltown, Campbell Ramsay Electrical. Balls: Jewson Campbeltown, Active Schools/Live Argyll, Kintyre Enginyre, Allan Russell, The Airport Firefighters. Joanne Arbuckle.

'Especially Campbeltown Co-Op for donating 300 chilled bottles of water.'

'Thanks to the continued support of the teams from Islay, Arran, Tarbert, Lochgilphead, Oban, Lochnell, Helensburgh, Ardencale and Dumbarton Riverside.'

'Without your efforts to travel to Campbeltown we wouldn't have a festival - so thanks to all of you.'

'Finally, to Campbeltown - we have a wonderful community and the spirit of our community was on display at its best.'



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