



# An Island Tour 2017

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awaits across  
The Hebridean Islands

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# More cash for Wee Toon's big ventures

THERE is good news for two Campbeltown causes this week with Argyll and Bute Council giving their bank balances a boost.

The long-established Campbeltown Community Business, which runs The Picture House, receives £40,000 and new kid on the block, Kintyre Seaports Project, seeking to create a watersports 'hub', gets £20,000 towards funding its business case.

The extra money was granted from surplus Campbeltown regeneration funds.

## Delighted

Rory Colville, a Kintyre councillor on the committee, said: 'I am delighted for The Picture House and Seaports. Seaports is very ambitious and this gets it off to a good start.'

Kintyre Seaports

comprises 14 groups from Kintyre. Led by Campbeltown Sailing Club, it would develop new premises, with Dalintober beach brought back into use.

It needs to prepare a full business case, including planning permission and the cash would go towards this.

## Subject

The £20,000 is subject to Kintyre Seaports raising the rest of the funds.

The £40,000 for The Picture House will be used to refit the foyer, and catering plus meet additional costs.

Jane Mayo, who chairs the community business, said: 'We are extremely grateful for the continuing support from the council, HIE and our other funders, culminating in this award for much-needed funds to complete the project.'

## Family fun at Gigha's fantastic festival



Jackets and hats meant that, from the left, Jane Clements, Mary Sheriff, Mari Wilson and son Matthew Sheriff, Amanda Clements, Michael Sheriff and Bella Martin with son Innes Sheriff could dine outside. 20\_c27gigha29

THE temperamental weather did not deter Gigha's music festival-goers, young and old, from enjoying the outdoors on Saturday afternoon.

Jane Clements and her daughter Amanda dined al fresco with Jane's sister Mary Sheriff and her son Michael,

daughters-in-law Mari Wilson and Bella Martin and grandsons Matthew and Innes, both 10 months, at the Boathouse bar and restaurant.

## Danced

The night before, revellers danced the night away as Tide Lines and Elephant Sessions

packed out the island's community hall, and later that day many returned to the dance floor as Fred Morrison, Sharon Shannon and Lorne MacDougall rocked the festival stage.

For more on the festival, see pages 15, 16 and 17.

## Ruby's on the ball!

RUBY McMurchy's luck was in last week when she found out she'd won the *Courier's* Spot the Ball competition.

'I never win anything,' said a surprised Mrs McMurchy, from Muasdale, when she learned that she would receive £700, 'I'm never lucky in raffles or anything.'

Retired Mrs McMurchy, who has three children, four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, and who enters the competition every week, plans to spend her winnings on her home and her family.

'It's come at a very good time,' she commented. 'I'm waiting to get repairs done to the house, so I'll spend most of it on that, and then I'll maybe take the family out for something to eat.'

Don't miss your chance to enter this week's Spot the Ball competition. See page 31 for details.

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## POLICE FILES

## Vehicles damaged

ON MONDAY night in Hillside Road, Campbeltown, a blue Renault Megane car was damaged by having a side window smashed and two tyres punctured.

This follows on from a separate incident on Tuesday June 27 in Stewart Road, Campbeltown, when a Vauxhall Astra was damaged by having the windscreen smashed. Police are investigating both incidents and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

## Abusive

A 23-YEAR-OLD man was arrested on Friday for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner in a flat in Burnbank Street, Campbeltown. The man was later charged, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

## Assault

A 19-YEAR-OLD woman allegedly assaulted a man on Friday evening on Main Street, Campbeltown. The woman was later arrested and charged with the offence and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

## Window smashed

A WINDOW in a flat in Burnbank Street, Campbeltown, was smashed during the early hours of the morning of Friday June 23. Police are investigating the incident.

## Warning given

A 23-YEAR-OLD man was charged with behaving in an abusive manner towards another man on Tuesday June 27, on Smith Drive, Campbeltown. The man was issued with a recordable police warning.

## No insurance

ON THE morning of Wednesday June 28 a car was stopped by police for a routine check on the A83 at Campbeltown.

Checks revealed that there was allegedly no insurance in force for the vehicle and the driver, a 39-year-old man, was charged with the offence and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ If you witnessed any of the above incidents, or have any information about them, the police ask that you contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Old Pals are nice and snug

NICE and snug: every Thursday lunchtime at the Royal Hotel, Campbeltown, the curtains of the snug are drawn back and the members of the Campbeltown Old Pals are welcomed in for a cup of tea, sandwiches and a good blether.

## Guest speaker

Sometimes they have a guest speaker, while at other times they watch a show of old photographs collated by club organiser Iain Johnston.



Campbeltown Old Pals.

Then once a month or so they go on an outing – to places such as Gigha, Carradale or Tayinloan, all providing a time of

good friendship and good reminiscing.

At Thursday's meeting, the guest was Charlie Murphy, a community develop-

ment officer for the west from Age Scotland. The organisation has grant-aided the group's trips and open meetings.

## A83 to close at Arrochar for repairs

Plan travel times or face hour-long, 50-mile detour

MOTORISTS are being warned to plan their journey times because July will see roadworks on the A83 around Arrochar, including night-time working and road closures.

The overnight work began on Monday for the first phase. Overall, the scheme comprises two phases of improvements costing £135,000 to the east of Arrochar, as well as a section to the west of

Arrochar at Succoth. Upgrades to existing drainage systems will be carried out, as well as additional gullies installed to help provide increased drainage in times of severe weather.

During the drainage operations the road will remain open, but to ensure the safety of the workforce and members of the public, it will be necessary for temporary traffic lights and a 30mph speed limit overnight.

As operations involve laying new pipe work across the carriageway, traffic will be held up for approximately 30-40 minutes each night, while the workers cross the centre of the road.

This will be carried out in the early hours of the morning so as to cause minimal disruption. No works are scheduled to take place over the weekend. In the second phase,

two sections of the road, a 400m stretch of the A83 east of Arrochar and a 700m section at Succoth, west of Arrochar, are set to be resurfaced following the drainage improvements.

Due to the restricted width of the A83, a road closure is required to ensure the safety of workers as well as the travelling public.

The A83 will be closed each night through Arrochar from 9pm to 7am, with a diversion in place for trunk road traffic via the A82 Tarbet to Tyn-drum, the A85 Tyn-drum to Dalmailly and the A819 Dalmailly to Inveraray.

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# Make-over a great success

FORGET all those home improvement shows on television ... because there has been a make-over on Longrow that leaves them all in the shade.

Campbeltown is celebrating the completion of an ambitious £350,000 buildings restoration project which has seen businesses and homes saved and new jobs created.

And it is all the result of property owners and Argyll and Bute Council working together to get the funds for, and organise, repairs that will keep 10-20 Longrow South in fine

condition for years to come.

The turn-around has been spectacular.

The properties are home to a butcher, fishmonger and florist, and six families in the flats above.

## New business

As a result of this success, a new business is being launched, following work to bring back into use two shops, one of which had been vacant for 20 years, and the other closed since 2014 because of building problems.

This new restaurant opened this week in the recently-converted

single venue at 10-12 Longrow South, making five new jobs.

The owners of the properties formed an owners' association to agree and arrange the repair and renovation work.

They were supported by the council all the way.

Sweeney McGeachy, who chairs the owners' association, said: 'Several years ago, we were faced with the prospect of works notices that could have threatened the future of our businesses and the homes above.'

'All owners worked together to safeguard

the future of the building. The council has supported us through the entire process and we are delighted with the end result.'

The project was financed by contributions from property owners, private sector housing grant and by funding successfully secured for Campbeltown by the council through Historic Environment Scotland's Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme.

The internal conversion of two shops into one at 10-12 Longrow South was funded privately by the owner and tenant.



Family reunion: Campbell Stewart, Morag McLean, Sylvia Stewart, Mary Hoerter, Ron Hoerter Snr, Ronan Hoerter, Cameron Hoerter, Ron Hoerter Jr and Leigh Anne Hoerter.

## Transatlantic reunion

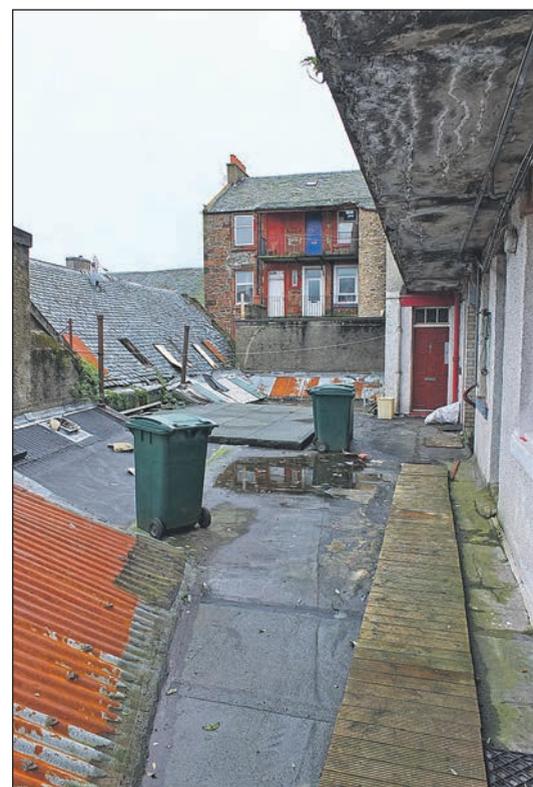
ONE OF the transatlantic romances begun when the US Navy had a base at Machrihanish is still going strong.

Mary McLean from Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, who worked at the Co-op, met mine-man Ron Hoerter of MOMAT 0322 (Mobile Mine Assembly Team) back in 1968. They married a year later and, when Ron's

tour of duty was over, they returned to the USA.

The couple, now semi-retired and living in New Jersey, are back for an extended holiday in Kintyre, visiting family and old haunts and have brought members of two generations of their family back with them. The last time they visited was eight years ago.

**BEFORE and AFTER:** The work involved repairs to the fabric of the building, including full re-roofing, lead work and stonework. Work was also done to replace the first-floor decked area at the rear of the building, whose collapse in 2014 led to the closure of the café previously housed there. The new decking provides a fully-insulated, reinforced roof for the commercial units and a communal area for residents to use.



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# Health partnership encourages children to chat more

SOMETIMES it is tough being a youngster and finding help and a 'safe space' can be difficult in a remote, rural location like ours.

Now Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership has launched an exciting new online information and support service for young people.

Campbeltown Grammar School was chosen as the venue to unveil Cool2talk, ([www.cool2talk.org](http://www.cool2talk.org)).

This online service is a responsive, safe space for young people across Argyll and Bute to get their questions answered in the knowl-

edge that they will be responded to promptly by a trained, knowledgeable person who won't judge, but will offer information and guidance. The project is being run by NHS Highland, NHS Tayside, Argyll and Bute Council and Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership; the website is based in NHS Tayside where it has run successfully for more than 10 years.

Four highly-skilled and knowledgeable workers have been appointed in Argyll and Bute, who have already begun their training to use the website

and answer the questions posted by young people.

Sam Campbell, senior health improvement specialist said: 'We were delighted to launch Cool2Talk, a new online information and support service for young people across Argyll and Bute. This new resource aims to respond to young people promptly with information and guidance.

'Questions posted to the Cool2Talk website will be answered within 24 hours every day of the year so young people can get access to information which is

written specifically for them.

'The questions they ask and the answers received will then be posted anonymously on the website so everyone can benefit from the information. The website doesn't ask for personal information and doesn't identify the person who is asking the question.

'Not only will the website contain a resource for parents/carers and professionals, it will also include a directory of local/national services on a range of topics that have been highlighted by young people as important.'



From left: Craig McNally, Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership coordinator; Jessica Paterson, Campbeltown Grammar pupil; Tabitha Broatch, Campbeltown Grammar pupil; Alison McGrory, HSCP Health Improvement Principal; Brian Reid, HSCP children and families service.

Those using the site can also get online support from a qualified counsellor one evening per week.

This is presently only available once a week. The service can offer up to 50-minutes

of online support with the trained counsellor and users can have up to four sessions. After this they will be referred on to an appropriate service to provide longer term support, if necessary.

## Group turns the tide on marine litter

YOUNGSTERS will soon be at the forefront of turning the tide on marine litter and ocean plastics thanks to the Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute.

The group, which is known for its beach clean-ups, now has three education workers travelling the length and breadth of Argyll and Bute through its Beach and Marine Litter Education project, working with schools and groups.

Andrea McShannon is working throughout Kintyre and Mid-Argyll; her co-workers are Ben Appleby, Cowal and Helensburgh, and Janie Steele for Oban, Lorn and the Isles.

Between them they offer workshops in schools and help people get out onto their local shores to clean them up.

All three will be actively involved in the Great British Beach Clean which runs September 15-18 this year.

The event serves not just as a massive clean-up but also as an information gathering exercise of what and how much litter is being found along our coastlines.

The data generated over the last two decades has enabled significant changes in legislation to be introduced.

For more information on beach cleans contact Andrea on [andrea.mcshannon@grab.org.uk](mailto:andrea.mcshannon@grab.org.uk).

To see what Andrea has already been up to in Kintyre, turn to page 20.



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## Bag theft row 'a lot of nonsense', says Sheriff in her last sitting at the town's criminal court

A WOMAN who travelled from Glasgow to surprise her chef at a Tarbert hotel was the one who got the surprise after finding that he had been seeing someone else.

Laura Campbell, of 65 Rosslyn Avenue, Rutherglen found herself before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week after she admitted stealing a holdall containing clothing and a passport from the hotel on June 2 following the discovery.

Her defence agent Stephen McSporrán said: 'She thought she was in a relationship with him and turned up at the ho-

tel to surprise him.' But procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said that when the boyfriend heard she had booked a room at the hotel, 'he was unhappy about this and asked her to leave, but she was unable to do so as she had had something to drink'.

### holdall

They arranged for her to sleep in his staff accommodation and for him to sleep elsewhere; he returned to his room the following morning to collect some work clothes from his holdall.

'When he returned later it was gone,' said the fiscal. The

bag also contained his passport.

The bag was later recovered from Campbell's car at her home in Rutherglen.

'This is very unfortunate - just a lot of nonsense,' said Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC in her last sitting at the criminal court at Campbeltown.

'This could have been sorted out between you both.'

The sheriff gave Campbell an absolute discharge.

Mr McSporrán said: 'She wanted to get back at him and took the items in a fit of rage.'

'She is sorry for her actions.'

# Grammar school's prize-winning pupils



CAMPBELTOWN grammar school's pupils and teachers should be enjoying a well-deserved summer break after all their hard work over the academic year, writes *Hannah O'Hanlon*.

The full list of prize-winners from the school's annual end-of-term prize-giving ceremony is below.

Merit awards: Bengullion S1 - Emily Bennie, Andrew Francis, Amy Lowrie, Emma Matthew, Lisa McKellar, Christina McTaggart, Kyle Paterson, Jane Scott, Alison Wylie; S2 - Tajrian Akhter Ali, Chloe Cummings, Coll Houston, Jessica McGown, Aleksandra Niedzwiedzka, Andrew Renton, Jessica Ronald, Hollie Sinclair; S3 - Samuel Davies, Ellie Lowrie, Lara Sinclair, Michael Stevens; S4 - Michael Allen, Shona Bassett, Imogen Houston, Daniel Hughes, Kyle MacLean, Khara MacPhail, Ryan McGeachy, Holly Morkel, Hannah Oman, Cameron Smith, Suen Yee Walker; S5 - Rachel Adie, Jennifer Wylie; S6 - Lauren McKellar.

Kilbrannan S1 - Beth MacPherson, Ashley McAulay, Jennifer McMurchy, Leah Russell, Sony Scott, Jenny Souden, David Wong; S2 - Melissa Chambers, Keryn Graham, Amber Hamilton, Rhona Lee, Caitlyn MacKinlay, Andrew McMillan, Richard Semple, Caius Walker; S3 - Kyle Colville, Calum Cook, Jade Graham, Kirsty Mauchline, Archie McKellar, Calum McKillop, Erin McLellan, Hannah McPhee, Ross Souden, Alex Witherspoon; S4 - Conner Brown, Louise Dott, Yvonne Graham, Millar Irwin, Andrew Johnstone; S5 - Megan Campbell, Shannon Ellis, Christina McFadyen,

Sophie Miller, Nicole Thomson, Ruth Turner, Iain Wylie.

Knockscalbert S1 - Beth Bannatyne, Euan Dott, Caryn Kerr, Niamh McEachran, Jordan Todd; S2 - Chloe Croft, Jasmine Kolibaska, Lauren MacKinnon, Brodie MacLaren, Aaron McAlister, Ewan McSpornan, Eleanor Norrie, Mary Thomson; S3 - Abdullah Abdulkareem, Alison Armour, Iona Campbell, Alannah McCallum, Grace McKendrick, Denise Megson, Dylan Penwright, Beckie Shields, Hope Strang; S4 - Niamh Baxter, Dhyllon Cox, Ben Huysamer, Mitchell McKee, Scot McLachlan, Christina McLean; S5 - Rhona O'May, Rebecca Semple, Lucy Thomson; S6 - Jenny Semple.

Points ahead platinum awards: Amy Lowrie (1.2), Andrew McMillan (2.3), Iona Campbell (3.4) and Jade Graham (3.3) joint S3, Cameron Smith (4.2), Rebecca Semple (5.4), Kacper Kasprzewicz (6.3).

Points ahead shields: achievement - Bengullion, effort - Bengullion, citizenship - Bengullion, literacy - Knockscalbert.

Points ahead house championship: Bengullion.

Awards for wider achievement: Duke of Edinburgh - Nathan Armstrong (S4), Shona Bassett (S4), Ryan McGeachy (S4), Claire Soudan (S4); Saltire awards (S1-S5): Shona Bassett (S4), Millar Irwin (S4), Christina McFadyen (S5), Rhona O'May (S5), Suen Yee Walker (S4); Global citizenship: class 2.3 and all the pupils who have contributed to Jarrol Nursery through CGS-4Gambia.

Sports prizes: house shields for inter-house tournaments: the Gilbert Ash Trophy Football: Bengullion. Volleyball: Bengullion. CGS inter-house badminton shield: Kilbrannan. Touch rugby: Knockscalbert.

Tennis: junior boys singles: Scott Graham. Girls singles:



The school's junior prize-winners.

Susan Shaw. Campbeltown Tennis Club trophy: Millar Irwin.

Badminton: CGS junior girls singles: Jane Scott. CGS junior boys singles: Fraser MacBrayne. CGS junior girls doubles: Jessica Ronald and Jane Scott. CGS junior boys doubles: Euan Dott and Fraser MacBrayne. Campbeltown and District Badminton Association trophy badminton doubles: Neil Littleton and Dhyllon Cox. A Houston trophy badminton doubles girls: Ruth Turner and Susan Shaw. M McDougall memorial shield badminton singles: Susan Shaw. L McDougall memorial shield badminton singles boys: Neil Littleton.

Golf: Dan McKinlay cup for golf: Fraser MacBrayne. Golf handicap cup: Kyle Colville.

Athletics: The Hall Cup, junior girls champion: Jane Scott. The Hodge Cup, junior boys champion: Kyle Paterson. Campbeltown Shipyard Trophy, intermediate girls champion: Teigan Robertson. Campbeltown Shipyard trophy, intermediate boys champion: Ross Souden. The McCallum cup, sen-

ior girls champion: Linzi Cameron. The Archibald McVicar memorial cup, senior boys champion: Cameron Campbell.

Overall sports championship: The A D McNair Shield: Bengullion.

Excellent achievement awards: Biology: Rebecca Semple. Music: Rebecca Semple. Design and Manufacture: Asma Abdulkareem. Engineering Science: Iain Wylie. English: Lucy Thomson. Mathematics: Lucy Thomson. French: Zoe Pupilli. Geography: Ruth Turner. Physical Education: Ruth Turner. History: Annalise Shields. Technical: Sophie Miller.

School and endowed prizes: Rector's prizes for service to the school: Scott Souden and Linsey Cairns. HL MacKenzie prize for citizenship: Linsey Cairns and Rhona O'May. May Paterson prize for administration: Nicola Wareham. Judi Angus memorial prize for art: Sophie Miller. School prize for design and manufacture: Sophie Miller. School prize for biology: Lucy Thomson. Alexander M Stevenson memorial prize for geography: Lucy Thomson. Helen Hall prize for business studies: Leah McGuigan. Douglas Hill prize for creative writing: Ellie Lowrie. The John Logan trophy for endeavour in watersports: Ellie Lowrie. A & M Banks memorial prize for English: Rhona O'May. W S McDonald prize for French: Rhona O'May. School prize for fashion and textile technology: Emma Johnstone. School prize for health and food technology: Emma Johnstone. School prize for practical woodwork skills: Emma Johnstone. School prize for graphic communication: Dy-

lan Brown. School prize for history: Lucas McAlister. CS Wind UK prize for technology, practical cake craft: Caylin McTaggart. School prize for religious education: Shona Bassett. School prize for Spanish: Megan Campbell. Music: Kintyre Chorale award for singing: Erin Ferguson. The Margaret H Turner MBE trophy, male vocal prize: Ruairidh Wallace. Mothers trophy, Pipe Band member of the year: Raymond Gosling. Campbeltown Gaelic Choir trophy for singing: Bethany Kelly. George McIntyre memorial trophy for composition: Niall Gemmill. The M G McCallum memorial prize for music, senior: Amy Paterson. The M G McCallum memorial prize for music, junior: Andrew McMillan. McTaggart trophy

for music, composition: Lucy Kerr. Tony Wilson memorial quich for piping: Jacques Huysamer. Kenny Gilchrist memorial quich: Dylan Barnett, Bryan McKerral, Steven MacPhail, Lewis Spence. Norma Deane memorial prize for music: Rachel Adie. School prize for music technology: Rachel Adie. Argyll College inspirational young person of the year: Emma Bannatyne. Alastair McSpornan memorial award: Suen Yee Walker. School prize for engineering science: Neil Littleton. Hutcheon prize for mathematics: Neil Littleton. School prize for physical education: Neil Littleton. CS Wind UK prize for technology, technical: Neil Littleton.

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## Editorial

### Lay off the weedkiller

'A WEED is just a plant that's growing where it may not be wanted,' says Judy Martin in her letter this week.

And while we may not always appreciate them, insects and seed-eating birds do, so perhaps we should all be laying off the weedkiller and creating a haven for wildlife in our gardens.

This wee plant might be seen as a weed but it is one of the joys of summer in Campbeltown; it grows wild, out of cracks in the old stone walls all round the town.

Peter Brownless, nursery supervisor of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh told us it is *Erinus alpinus*.

He said: 'Although one of its common names is 'Fairy Foxglove,' this enchanting little perennial looks nothing like a Foxglove, though it is in the same family. Growing only two to four inches tall, it's lovely growing in rock crevices and stone walls.'



*Erinus alpinus*

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### Who knows?

Sir,

Your correspondent Mike McGeachy (Letters, June 30), in compiling figures to show the likely outcome of a vote at a future referendum, forgets or conveniently ignores the fact that, independence does not only rely on votes from the SNP and Greens.

An estimated 28 per cent of Labour supporters chose to vote for independence in 2014, despite their party's policy for unionism. Hopefully, they will do so again when required.

There is also evidence that some Lib Dems and Conservatives also defied their respective party's directive and voted Yes, though not in anything like the numbers by Labour Party supporters.

In addition to this there are several small groups such as the SSP; Business for Scotland; Common Weal; Radicals for Independence, and Women for Independence, though some of them may well 'lend' their votes to the SNP or Greens at elections.

The shambolic mess created by the Tories at Westminster leaves the future of the UK difficult to assess.

There is the distinct possibility that, more and more people in Scotland will reflect that, enough is enough, and accept independence as a viable option. Who knows?

**Norrie Paton**  
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 Campbeltown

### Only a weed if in the wrong place

Sir

Regarding the letter in *The Courier* about 'weeds' on the foreshore of the Esplanade and Dalintober Quay.

A weed is just a plant that's growing where it may not be wanted, but it's certain that these plants on the foreshore are appreciated by seed-eating birds. The buddleia there is a plant beloved by butterflies.

Last year 40 out of 57

## Down memory lane



Back Row (left to right): Andrew Rabston, John R. Rae, John Thomson, William Colville, Dugald Cameron, William Greenlees, James Greenlees, Hugh Mitchell, Duncan Maccaillum, T. L. Galloway, Hector Macneal, jr., James Weir, Captain Lamond, Alexander Rae, James MacEwing, Robert Aird, Robert L. Orr, Thomas M'Fadzean, Robert Bruce, Donald Munro, Alexander Munro.  
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 Front Row: James Lyon, Alexander Mitchell, J. W. Allan.

This week Machrihanish Golf Club hosts the 10th bi-ennial Hickory Grail competition where the golfers, who come from both sides of the Atlantic, all compete using hickory shafted clubs from 90 years

ago or older, and must dress in 1920s attire. So we thought it would be fitting to reproduce this wonderful photograph from our files from 1884 to mark the event.

British butterfly species were found to have declined in numbers.

A 2015 study, 'The state of the UK's birds', showed that the number of farmland birds was fewer than half of what it was in 1970.

Scientific research increasingly finds that weed killer is one of the factors in the decline of insects, and of the birds which depend upon seeds and/or insects for food.

Kintyre would be a poorer place without its wildlife, and the last thing our poisoned planet needs is the application of more weed killer.

**Judy Martin,**  
 Campbeltown

### Memorable experience

Sir,

I would just like to write you a line saying what a very lovely three days we've spent in and around Campbeltown staying at the wonderful Machrihanish Holiday Park.

The specific reason for

my writing is to share our highlight - meeting Eddie Maguire at his Seabird Observatory, a simply memorable experience.

Aside from the work he does being very important, it seems to me he encapsulates the spirit of the place.

A real character, happy in his solitude, yet equally happy to extend a warm welcome to visitors sharing his local knowledge and giving us a tip on an excellent seal-spotting location. Thanks to him we had the delight of seeing some seals fairly close up, sunning themselves on rocks and what a joy it was.

He is clearly very knowledgeable about birds and handed us his binoculars and gave us the chance to snap some pictures on his precious camera.

Having worked in travel PR for 15 years, promoting international, national and regional boards to the UK market, this sort of unique, local 'character based' story is exactly what editors look for nowadays, recognising the demand for local, exper-

iential based experiences.

We will not forget Eddie, nor in turn, this part of Kintyre. I very much hope the local community carry on supporting his work and can see what great value he brings to the area.

**Jessica Hilliard**  
 15 Crescent Place  
 Brighton.

For more on Eddie see page 28

### Masters of our own destiny

Sir,

It is more than a little ironic that as Scotland, through being part of the UK, prepares to leave the European Union, Estonia, with a population around a quarter that of Scotland, will take over the EU Presidency on July 1.

The presidency is responsible for driving forward the EU's work, ensuring the continuity of the EU agenda, orderly legislative processes and cooperation among member states.

During the next six months this will focus on

key areas, including single and digital markets, the energy union and closer integration of Eastern partners into Europe. It also wants to focus on the promotion of e-solutions and the information society in EU policy areas.

Interestingly its prime minister, Jüri Ratas, has declared that Brexit is not a priority for the Presidency, a sign that the EU is moving on from Brexit, with bigger issues to deal with.

Estonia, which next year will celebrate its centenary of becoming independent, takes over from Malta in holding the presidency of European Union, an island with a population less than that of Edinburgh.

During the independence referendum, the Better Together camp claimed that the only way to guarantee Scotland's place in the EU was to vote to remain in the UK. Indeed, Scotland was to 'lead the UK' not 'leave the UK'.

Times have indeed changed since September 2014 and we are, despite these assurances, heading for the EU exits.

Of course, we could have the best of both worlds, part of a single market with the rest of the UK - as promised to Northern Ireland in its relations with the Republic of Ireland - and still members of the EU.

For that to happen of course requires the confidence, as Malta and Estonia have demonstrated, to take full control of our own affairs and be the masters of our own destiny, leading not leaving the EU.

**Alex Orr,**  
 Edinburgh



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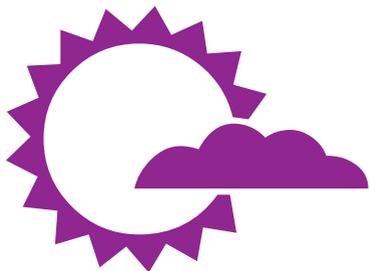


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# Young people inspire a new award

A GRAMMAR school student determined to learn, despite serious ill health, is among the students who have been recognised as inspirational by a new award.

Emma Bannatyne

joins Calum Ellis from Dalintober Primary School and the pupils of Clachan primary in receiving the Campbeltown branch of Argyll College UHI's Inspirational Young Person of the Year award.

Emma received the senior award, and Calum picked up the junior prize, while Clachan primary triumphed in the Active Participation Group category.

In Emma's nomina-



Emma Bannatyne collecting her award from Fraser Durie, Argyll College UHI principal.



Junior winner, Calum Ellis, with Argyll College UHI Campbeltown centre manager Dhonna McCallum, left, and assistant centre manager Yvonne Arkell, right.



Active Participation Group winners, Clachan primary school, with Argyll College UHI Campbeltown centre assistant manager Yvonne Arkell, left, and manager Dhonna McCallum, right.

tion letter, Campbeltown Grammar deputy head Catherine Cameron said she was a stand-out choice.

## Resilience

She said: 'Emma demonstrated a huge level of resilience and determination last year when, suddenly faced with the adversity of serious ill health, she resolutely pursued her aim of maintaining her attendance at school in order to complete her SQA diet of five qualifications.'

Dalintober Primary teacher Elspeth Campbell said the school

nominated Calum because of his positive attitude and volunteering with many activities in school.

She added: 'He has been a P7 Buddy and a member of our sports council which attained silver award. He is a good role model to younger children and has helped with clubs in school and has been a fantastic playground Buddy.'

While the individual awards recognise a young person for their own actions, efforts or achievements, the Active Participation

Group award recognises the work of a group of youngsters who have actively, positively influenced their school or local community.

Clachan primary won the award for its annual Christmas cakes initiative, which sees every pupil in the school work together from November to bake 44 Christmas cakes which are hand-delivered to every retired person in the village.

Clachan head teacher Lucy Blake said: 'This project, which has been going for 20 years,

links the children to the older members of the community in a real and tangible way.

'Clachan is a village with the school at its heart, and it is important to the school to keep links to the wider community.'

Argyll College UHI principal Fraser Durie said the new scheme was a fantastic way for the college to further engage with the local community and, in particular, its schools.

'I'm delighted the Campbeltown centre has established these awards because it's impossible to understate the impact which having inspirational peers can have on young people,' he said.

'Too often these pupils who give so much to others go unrecognised. It's great that schools and communities in the Campbeltown area now have a means through which they can get the recognition they deserve.'

## Primary school graduates' dance diversion

P7 PUPILS from Castlehill showed off their 'moves like Jagger' after the school's prize-giving ceremony.

The youngsters let off some steam following the formalities of the awards do, where they were each presented with a scroll to commemorate their time at the school, by joining dancers Sarah Campbell and Erin Binnie on stage to show off their fancy footwork.

Before that, head teacher Richard Long presented children from each year group with various awards throughout the year, which are listed below. Football - All the below players received a medal for participation in the Baldy and Millennium Cups played recently at the all weather pitch.

Castlehill B team - Jake Anderson, Jamie Gra-



Castlehill's P7s, who will be heading to the grammar school after the summer break, with teacher Fiona Watson, fifth from the right. 20\_c18castlehill02

ham, Lewis Graham, Finn McCallum, Daniel McEachran, Jake MacMillan, Grace McTaggart, Kirstie Renton, Matthew Soudan.

Castlehill A team - Jack Campbell, Thomas Dickson, Calum McAllister, Murdo McLean, Euan O'May, Ethan Parker, Owen Reid, Daniel Semple.

The Baldy Cup was won by Castlehill A team.

Sport awards: Infant Cup: winner Ahmad Amjad; runner-up Abigail Galbraith. Junior Cup: winner Taylor

McMillan; runners-up Jake Anderson, Andrew Muir and Ryan Johnston. Senior Shield: winner Murdo McLean; runner-up Owen Reid.

Relay teams - Each pupil was awarded a medal for participation at the relay competition at Campbeltown Grammar School.

A team - Erin Cameron, Kelly Graham, Murdo McLean, Owen Reid.

B team - Jamie Griffiths, Erin Harrogate, Millie Lafferty, Ethan Parker.

100 percent attendance awards: P1 Caiden Ruth-

ven. P2 Owen Kennedy. P3/4 Rona McLean, Ailie Renton. P4 Alan Myles. P5 Alice McKendrick. P6 William McLean, Niamh McLellan, Iona Renton, Calum Scott. P7 Holli Allen, Andrew Brodie, Jack Campbell, Rona Campbell, Millie Lafferty, Matthew McKerrall, Murdo McLean, Owen Reid.

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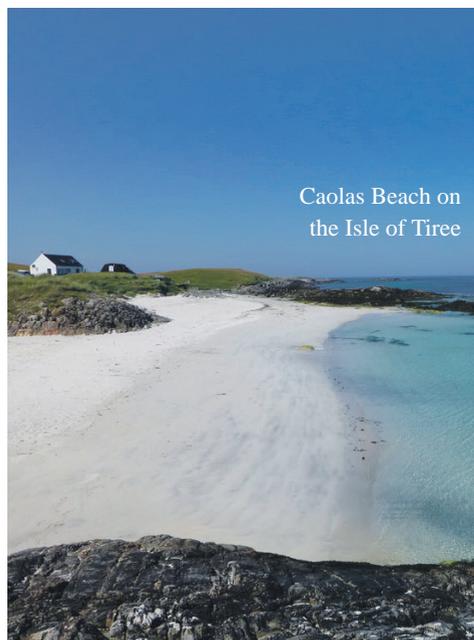
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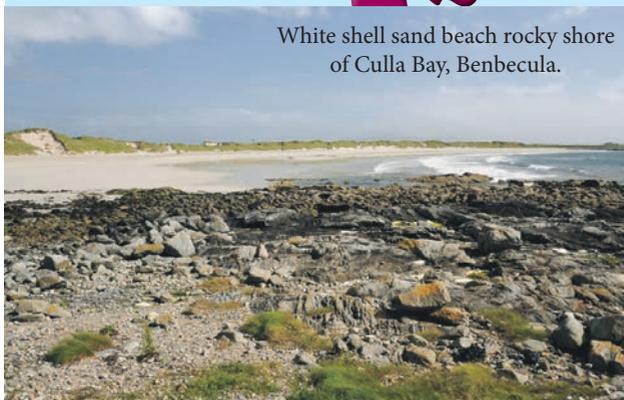

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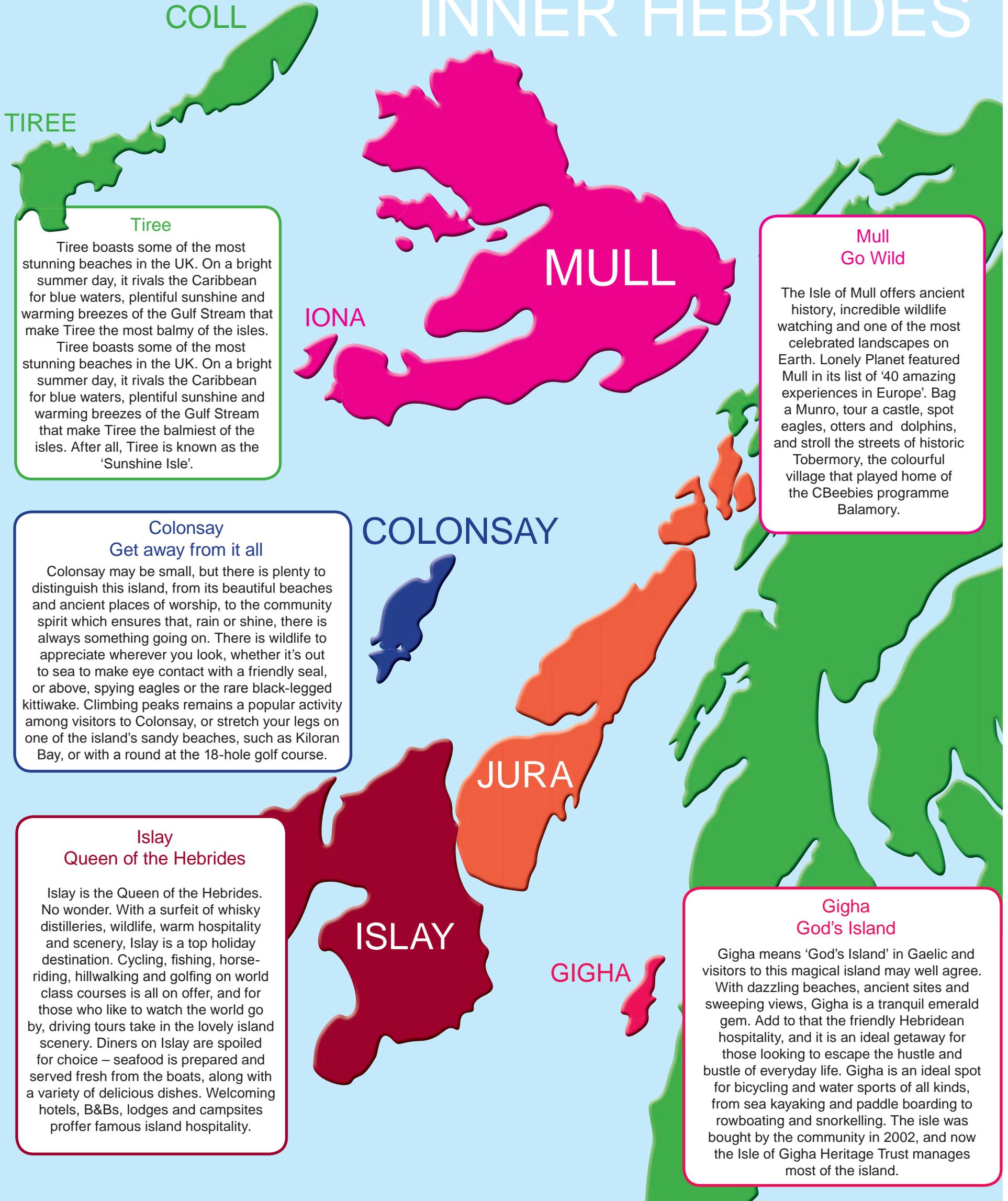
White shell sand beach rocky shore of Culla Bay, Benbecula.



### Benbecula The Dark Island

Known as 'The Dark Island' in Gaelic poetry, Benbecula lies between North and South Uist. According to legend, the isle is home to a legendary mermaid who is said to be buried here. Housing a military base, this tiny island offers one-stop shopping with local shops, eateries and coffee houses. This year, the wee isle has the honour of hosting Uist's first annual Summer Music Festival on July 28, with headline acts including Niteworks, The Side, Manran and Tide Lines.

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### Colonsay Get away from it all

Colonsay may be small, but there is plenty to distinguish this island, from its beautiful beaches and ancient places of worship, to the community spirit which ensures that, rain or shine, there is always something going on. There is wildlife to appreciate wherever you look, whether it's out to sea to make eye contact with a friendly seal, or above, spying eagles or the rare black-legged kittiwake. Climbing peaks remains a popular activity among visitors to Colonsay, or stretch your legs on one of the island's sandy beaches, such as Kiloran Bay, or with a round at the 18-hole golf course.

### Islay Queen of the Hebrides

Islay is the Queen of the Hebrides. No wonder. With a surfeit of whisky distilleries, wildlife, warm hospitality and scenery, Islay is a top holiday destination. Cycling, fishing, horse-riding, hillwalking and golfing on world class courses is all on offer, and for those who like to watch the world go by, driving tours take in the lovely island scenery. Diners on Islay are spoiled for choice – seafood is prepared and served fresh from the boats, along with a variety of delicious dishes. Welcoming hotels, B&Bs, lodges and campsites proffer famous island hospitality.

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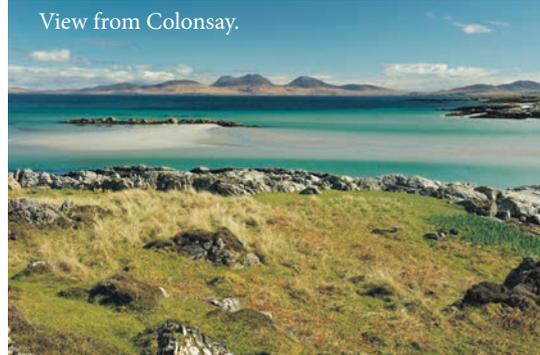
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### Gigha God's Island

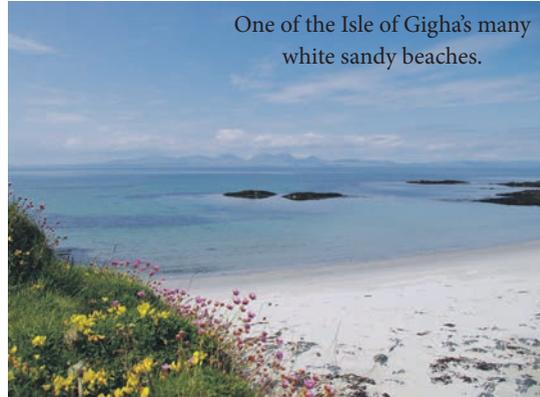
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# Sails unfurl for Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival



Graceful vessels come to the festival from all over the UK. a30Tarboats13

**FLAGS, masts, sails and hardy seamen will be lining the harbour in Tarbert next weekend for the annual Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival.**

A flotilla of traditionally crafted boats will fill the marina for the weekend, having sailed in to Tarbert from all

over the UK. Take a stroll along the pontoons to admire their finery and read about their history, before heading to the recreation area for refreshments, traditional crafts and a bit of fun.

The fleet of boats will arrive in Tarbert on the afternoon of Friday

July 14 and moor up for the weekend at the pontoons. At 8pm that evening, the stage will be set for local musicians, bands and choirs to perform in the marquee.

From 10am onwards on Saturday morning, July 15, the pontoons will be open to the pub-



The greasy pole offers a real challenge to hardy competitors. a30Tarboats02

lic and will offer a good chance to get up close to the traditional boats and perhaps learn a bit more about the origins of each vessel.

Woodwork and traction engine demonstrations will take place throughout the day, while a selection of stalls in and around the marquee will also

open. The infamous 'greasy pole' competition gets underway at Jake's Quay at 11am and poses a great challenge to any daredevils out there.

The Anchor Hotel's Seabed Restaurant will be preparing and serving delicious food

just outside the marquee from 7pm, which means anyone going to the community ceilidh in the evening can grab a quick bite to eat beforehand. The ceilidh kicks off at 8pm in the marquee and all crews, villagers and visitors are encouraged to take the floor for a bit of dancing.

The schedule for Sunday morning is a little more subdued as crews will gather at the Tarbert Hotel for a prize-giving ceremony with their breakfast.

In the afternoon, the boats will set sail for home, leaving Tarbert Harbour for the sail past on Loch Fyne.



Tarbert will be abuzz for the boat festival. a30Tarboats09

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Engin says "We are now licensed so we can now offer a good selection of wine and beer. Drinks are served from morning till night which makes it a great place to stop and have a little something before you explore the surroundings. Everyone is welcome here."

# Scotland's smallest festival leaves a big impression

**Hannah O'Hanlon**  
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

GIGHA Music Festival lived up to its claim to be Scotland's smallest festival, offering revellers an intimate and relaxed weekend filled with masterful music and dynamic dancing.

Everyone in the hall, from the festival organisers and police officers from the mainland, to the bands who had just come off stage, took to the dance floor to show their best moves last weekend.

Well-known Scottish folk pop band Tide Lines kick-started the event, playing Friday's opening set, and had the audience bouncing and singing along to their well-known and catchy self-penned melodies.

Award-winning neo-traditional quintet Elephant Sessions picked up where Tide Lines left off to headline Friday, continuing

the traditional feel but adding their own rocking vibes.

The band is currently on tour across Europe, and a French national television film crew was on Gigha to capture some of their fantastic stage presence.

Christophe Obert, from Nice, who works for channel France 3, said: 'I'm filming scenes for a documentary about Celtic music in Scotland, and in particular, Elephant Sessions. I'm very glad to have experienced Gigha Music Festival.'

Some festival-goers were delighted to see Tide Lines lead singer Robert Robertson swap his guitar for an accordion and return to the stage after Elephant Sessions, as the festival poster had led them to believe it was 'Robert Robinson' and his band who would be providing the ceilidh set!

The floor was packed with danc-



Lynn Wilson, Neil Mathieson, Donna McMillan, Richard Mathieson and Lynn McKay had fun on Friday night. 20\_c27gigha09

ers for Scottish classics including the Dashing White Sergeant, the Gay Gordons and the Orcadian Strip the Willow, a festival favourite which previously helped Gigha Music Festival set a world record for dancing continuously for 65 minutes.

When the time dictated that the music had to come to an end, the

remaining revellers and members of both bands made their way into the gazebo outside the hall, where master-chef and festival sponsor, Greig Anderson, cooked mouth-wateringly good, hand-made pizzas, in a wood oven all evening.

Saturday's offerings were a little calmer, with live music and a craft fair at the Gigha

Hotel and more live music at the Boathouse bar and restaurant, giving everyone a bit of time to recover before night two.

At night, festival favourite Fred Morrison returned to Gigha after three years to perform an intimate yet lively set, playing an array of traditional instruments to the seated audience.

The atmosphere

in the hall was tangible, where, at times, you could hear a pin drop, and each new note was highly anticipated.

Some other songs were not so quiet. Before picking up the Irish pipes, Mr Morrison commented: 'It's a wild instrument this – you'll see what I mean in a minute!'

Fellow head-liner, Sharon Shannon, who travelled

from Ireland for the event, put on a highly-energetic performance, and many people were up out of their seats dancing.

After the headliners had completed their sets and the chairs were cleared, festival faithful, Lorne MacDougall, took to the stage with his band for the festival's second ceilidh.

Once again, the dance floor was never empty, with plenty of people keen to practise their Scottish country dance, rounding off two nights of merriment in style.

With bruised arms and sore heads, revellers young and old made their way home on Sunday from yet another successful Isle of Gigha Music Festival, which can rightly claim to have one of the most welcoming festival atmospheres about.

Turn over to pages 16 and 17 for more photos from the festival.

## Kintyre celebrates 100 years of women's institute

AS SCOTTISH Women's Institutes (SWI) across the country celebrate the organisation's centenary, Kintyre's oldest member cut a specially-decorated cake.

May Currie, of Largieside, joined the 'Rural' nearly 80 years ago at the age of 14, and was given the cake-cutting honour at the Kintyre group of the SWI's celebration tea to commemorate the 100th anniversary.

After the cake was cut, group chairwoman Patricia Fair welcomed members and gave a short history of the SWI.

About 50 members, from Bellochantuy, Clachan, Southend and Largieside institutes attended

the event in the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy, last Saturday.

Five honorary members – Susan Cameron and Elizabeth Semple from Southend institute, May Currie and May McDonald from Largieside, and Louise Wilson, honorary member of Argyll Federation – were invited guests.

The ladies enjoyed a pleasant afternoon catching up with friends from the other institutes during a lovely tea.

**Kintyre's oldest SWI member, May Currie, right, who joined the group nearly 80 years ago, cuts the cake, with group chairwoman, Patricia Fair.**





Neo-traditional rockers Elephant Sessions integrated themselves into the whole festival, dancing when they weren't on stage.

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Robert Robertson and the Tide Lines boys returned to the stage on Friday night to play the ceilidh set.

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Festival organiser, Andy Clements, and pizza master-chef, Greig Anderson, with a freshly made pizza.

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One of the youngest revellers in the hall, Mark Dennis, five, with his cousin, Amanda Clements.

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James Clark from the Boathouse with some of the delicious fresh sea-food the restaurant had to offer.

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# Gigha's g pictures

There were plenty of photo opportunities at Gigha Music Festival last weekend, as people were happy to smile for the Courier's photographer in between dancing, eating and drinking.



Festival favourite, Fred Morrison, played a variety of traditional instruments.

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Most of the festival organisers, with police constables Niall Stark and Lyndsay McInnes, who integrated themselves into the festival, while maintaining an authoritative presence the whole weekend.

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Pippa Kirchmann and Shelley Marsh enjoyed Friday night's music.

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Euan Smillie, front man of Elephant Sessions, in the black tee-shirt, gets in on the dancing action after the band finished. 20\_c27gigha15



Irish musician Sharon Shannon put on an energetic performance. 20\_c27gigha25



Lochgilphead-based cover band, None the Wiser, played at the Boathouse on Saturday afternoon. 20\_c27gigha21



French film-maker Christophe Obert interviews Gigha Music Festival's convenor, Tony Philpin. 20\_c27gigha11



Sunday's ceilidh set was courtesy of long-time festival act Lorne MacDougall and his band. 20\_c27gigha27



Caroline McVean from Gigha's Wee Gift Shed brought a selection of her products to the hotel's craft fair. 20\_c27gigha19



Susan Allan sold home-made jam and other products to raise funds for the church at Gigha Hotel's craft fair on Saturday. 20\_c27gigha18

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# Bootleg Beatles' Campbeltown concert in 2011

THE BOOTLEG Beatles rolled into Campbeltown in 2011 to perform a truly memorable set at MOKFest's Saturday night concert in the Victoria Hall.

Local pipers Ian McKerral and John Brown joined them at the end of the show for the band's first rendition of *Mull of Kintyre*.

The Karen Matheson Band headlined the traditional concert in the Heritage Centre,

with Jim Malcom and Suzanne Houston playing support and the Twisted Melons also backing them in the Victoria Hall.

Fergie MacDonald and Jamie Smith's Mabon performed at the festival ceilidh, while Ali Hutton and Kevin O'Neil and Lorne MacDougall's Hello World Band headlined the Mitchell's Glengyle Dalriada Connections Concert and The Fillers headlined Survivors' Night.

# Heron Valley flies in to MOKFest

A YOUNG traditional folk band from Argyll are set to get MOKFest's audience animated when they play this year's ceilidh set.

Heron Valley, an energetic band who have been playing at festivals all over Scotland, the UK and Europe for the past five years, will gig at the festival's Friday ceilidh night on August 18. Their six-piece line-up includes fiddle, accordion, pipes, whistles, guitar, piano, vocals, bass, banjo and drums, and they are guaranteed to get you on the dance floor.



Traditional folk band Heron Valley will play this year's ceilidh set at the MOKFest.

They are joined by award-winning gypsy jazz swing specialists Rose Room, who make their debut at this year's festival. The line-up includes violinist and songstress

Seonaid Aitken, Jimmy Moon on double bass and the swing guitars of Tam Gallagher and Tom Watson performing tracks in the style of the great Django Reinhardt and

Stephan Grappelli. The concert starts with the Dalriada Connections Band, who have opened the concert sets for past two years to great acclaim. Their line-up includes musi-

cians who will perform across the festival, Dalriada Connections Band, who have opened the concert sets for past two years to great acclaim. Their line-up includes musi-

Band will open the night, and Davie Robertson will be the MC. Tickets for the popular event are on sale locally from AP Taylors and online at [www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk).

2011's MOKFest poster.

# Guild's graceful summer outing

MEMBERS of Carradale church guild had a delicate afternoon delight when they visited the Harlequin Tearoom on their annual summer outing.

They enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea in the colourful tearoom at Dalnaspidal, courtesy of master baker Lolita Lavery.

The guild's next event, the summer fair, was to be held in Carradale village hall last night (Thursday).

Some of the guild ladies who enjoyed an afternoon tea at the Harlequin Tearoom.



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# Kintyre Ayrshire Breeders Club

WHEN the Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders' Club members held their AGM, a good turnout of members and friends were present.

All office-bearers remain in post, so no elections were necessary. Chairman Malcolm Ronald introduced guest speaker for the evening, Gil-mour Lawrie, who firstly presented the Hamish Smith Premier Breeders' trophy for most points accumulated over the year's club competitions to Messrs J and M Barr, Clochkeil, following which he gave an illustrated talk on his farming enterprises at Sandy-

ford and Myremill. All present agreed the talk was very interesting, informative and entertaining.

The next event was the annual herds competition held on June 28 when the club was fortunate to welcome Charles Service, Moorpark, Stranraer, as judge and was indebted to him for agreeing to come at fairly short notice. Five herds were entered for inspection and prizes were presented prior to an evening dinner as follows:

Herds: 1 and the Carrs Cup: J and M Barr, Clochkeil; 2nd and the G M Reid Cup for best small herd: J Barbour



Cup-winner Andrew Ralston, Charles Service (judge), Robin Barr and chairman Malcolm Ronald.

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## Choir raises £2,516 for cancer research

THE FARMERS' and Farmers' Wives' Choir filled Lorne and Lowland Church on Saturday for the evening and raised an incredible £2,516 for Cancer Research UK.

The choir was formed to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Scottish Association of

Young Farmers and has six people from Kintyre among its members: Robin and Iona Barr, Ellen Armour, Norma McNair, Anne Ralston and Matthew Ralston.

The choir performed a wide selection of music from Scottish traditional to medieval and

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**GIGHA**

## Bailey's brilliant Gigha garden

A PUPIL from Gigha Primary School has won a top award at Gardening Scotland 2017.

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Bailey Bannatyne.  
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Favourite category at the annual gardening event, held at Inglis-ton, near Edinburgh.

The competition is run by Keep Scotland Beautiful and this year celebrates Scotland's year of history, heritage and archaeology programme.

Nine-year-old Bailey used the Isle of Gigha as her inspiration and created a garden which expressed her love for the island and its beautiful, natural heritage.

Ann Marie Knowles, from Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'Bailey is a credit to Gigha Primary and I'm sure

I speak for the whole school community when I say we are very proud of her.'

Bailey's garden is currently being reconstructed on Gigha as part of the school gardening projects.

These projects include new vegetable pallet gardens, three more One Planet Picnic Gardens and The Bee Wild project.

This micro restoration project on the school grounds is being run in partnership with Amy Wilson Arts and supported by Grow Wild, Kew Gardens and the Big Lottery Fund.

**GLENBARR**

## Fond farewell to classroom assistant

GLENBARR Primary pupils bid farewell to one of their classroom assistants at the school's end-of-term service and prize-giving.

Mary Morrison, who is retiring from the role after 15 years, was presented with a card and flowers from the youngsters.

During the service, all the pupils were awarded with an Argyll and Bute Health and Sports Award certificate and prize after being test-



Glenbarr Primary pupils with their prize-giving awards.

ed by Active Schools co-ordinator Lindsay Ramsay.

There were also three particular prizes which went to Alastair Mc-

Arthur, who won the Creative Award; Elsie McArthur, who picked up the Writers' Award; and Charlie Jones, who received the Achieve-

ment Award. The children are now enjoying their extended summer holiday before returning to school in August.

## Glenbarr students make the sand sparkle

PUPILS from Glenbarr Primary have been grabbing litter-pickers and taking to the beach to tidy up.

Andrea McShannon, who works for the Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute (GRAB), went with the children to A'Chleit beach recently to do a beach clean.

Andrea, the Kintyre and Mid Argyll repre-

sentative for GRAB, travels to schools and youth groups to educate them on marine litter and ocean plastics. The pupils created a sea monster with the rubbish they collected before they sorted and weighed it all.

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Glenbarr Primary School pupils on the beach, with Andrea McShannon, left.

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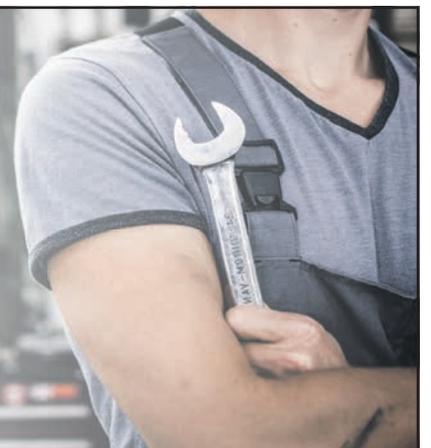
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To my family, friends, colleagues and patients for their kind, generous gifts and cards on my retirement from Campbeltown Hospital. As I will be moving away shortly after 25 years in the Wee Toon, I would like to say goodbye and I will miss all my friends that I have made here. Good luck and best wishes Nancy Slowey

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## FROM OUR FILES

### TEN YEARS AGO

FRIDAY JULY 6, 2007

#### Kintyre pipes for the Queen

IT WAS a day for the young members of the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band to remember all their lives – the day they played for Her Majesty the Queen.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, comprising members of the juvenile and grade three bands, paraded down Edinburgh's Royal Mile on Saturday at the official opening of the third session of the Scottish Parliament.



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band perform inside the parliament building during the opening of the third session of the Scottish Parliament.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

FRIDAY JULY 10, 1992

#### Call for friendly farming

KINTYRE bird expert Eddie Maguire, of Campbeltown, has backed up a plea from the RSPB for urgent action to protect wildlife from destruction.

Eddie, who is the official recorder of the newly-formed Kintyre Bird Club, earmarked one of the main problems in Kintyre as the gradual disappearance of habitats.

He said: 'Habitats are fundamentally important for the existence of all species.'

But he said intensive farming, which aims at getting the most out of the available land, often means the destruction of scrub-land and hedgerows – which are homes to many animals and birds.

Eddie said the lapwing was an example of one species in decline in south Kintyre.

He said: 'Twenty years ago, these birds were relatively common on all the fields on the Laggan and at Southend. Now there are only ten breeding pairs in the whole of south Kintyre.'

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

THURSDAY JULY 13, 1967

#### Soccer feast

LOCAL soccer fans can expect a football feast on Saturday.

The crew of a Dutch frigate, which will be calling at Campbeltown, wants to play a local team in the afternoon.

The proposal has been accepted by Kintyre Amateur League and a select will be picked for the game. Players will be duly notified.

Unfortunately, the select excludes players from the youth club or the RAF, as these teams are playing in the Miners' Welfare Cup final replay on Saturday evening.

The 'international' match will be played at Kintyre Park at 2.30pm while the cup final goes on as planned at 6.30pm, on the same pitch.

#### New trophy

MR RONALD McCallum, MBE, former piper to the Duke of Argyll, has donated a challenge trophy to be presented at the Southend Highland Games.

To be known as the Ronald McCallum,

MBE, Trophy, it will be awarded to the best open class Highland dancer.

Mr McCallum's father, the late Mr Archibald McCallum, gave a shield to the games known as the Archibald McCallum Shield. This is competed for by local Highland dancers.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

SATURDAY JULY 7, 1917

#### Proposed soldiers' memorial

AT A MEETING of the fishermen of Campbeltown held on Saturday last – Mr G M Richmond, president of the Fishermen's Association, presiding – it was unanimously resolved to set aside a sum of not less than £100.

In the event of a committee being constituted, in due course, with a view to fixing a site and erecting a public memorial to the memory of the brave boys who left this neighbourhood and have yielded the supreme sacrifice for king and country, the above-named sum will be handed over as a contribution from the fishermen of the town for this purpose.

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE LOCH was completely still as the pink clouds turned day into evening, casting their perfect reflections on the still waters.

The woods were quiet too and only the sound of our boots on the dry leaves broke the silence.

That was until our collies heard something in the bushes and their barking soon shattered the peace.

Then there was another threat as a 'dog' across the loch barked back at them with ever louder determination.

Soon it was mayhem as this dog, called Echo, responded to every bark.

Greatly amused, we watched as our two barked, then stopped to listen for Echo's response. He obliged every time.

As a child I loved to find a cave or a hill where my voice would echo back to me. If I laughed, laughter came back to me; if I sang, my song was returned; if I shouted, the voice shouted back; if I cried, the voice cried with me.

Someone once said: 'What we do in life echoes in eternity.'

Maybe what we do in this life too, comes back to us. If we laugh with people, they usually laugh with us. If we sing, people often join in our song.

However if we shout, people tend to shout back at us.

There is a lot of shouting in our world these days, and people tend to think that the louder they shout, the more likely they are to win the argument.

How wrong they are, because when people are shouting, they are not listening.

The truth is usually found in the still small voice of calm.

Speak gently to one another, for 'what we do in life echoes in eternity'.

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Jesus taught us to pray, saying, 'Our Father ... Give us today our daily bread' (Matthew 6:11).

**ENGAGEMENT**

**DEWAR-MCCALLUM**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Siobhan to John on Tuesday June 27, 2017 in London

**DEATHS**

**BOSWELL** - Peacefully at Cowal Community Hospital on Saturday July 1, 2017, Patricia (Pat), a much loved mammy, granny and great-granny, who will be sadly missed by all family and friends. The funeral service will be held on Friday July 7 in Greenock Crematorium at 3.00p.m. to which all are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

**MACAULAY/WILSON** Peacefully at Beinnlee, Campbeltown, on July 4, 2017, surrounded by her family, Rhona Catherine MacAulay, aged 38 years, much loved and loving wife of Mick Wilson, devoted mummy of Finlay, beloved elder daughter of Calum and Catherine Anne and a wonderful sister of Aileen. A beautiful, brave and inspirational young woman. Funeral in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Saturday July 8 at 1.00 p.m. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses Kintyre Locality.

**MCKINLAY** - Peacefully at her home, 2 Letterdaill, Cairnbaan on June 29, 2017, Morag McKinlay, nee McLean, in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late Thomas McKinlay, and much loved and loving mother of Diana and Isabel, much respected mother in law of Allan. Cherished granny of Morven and John, and Ian and Carol, great gran of Arran, Kyra, Darcey and Alexander. A dear sister, sister in law, aunt and cousin and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Glassary Parish Church, Kilmichael on Thursday July 6, 2017, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

**MORANS** - On June 29, 2017, suddenly but peacefully at Lorn and Islands Hospital Oban, Catherine (Katie) Morans, in her 85th year, beloved daughter of the late Edward and Margaret Morans, much loved

sister of Rose and the late Margaret, John, Archibald and Edward, a dearly loved aunt and great aunt of all the family, a greatly loved and respected dear friend of many. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Free Church on July 6, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Tarbert Free Church.

**RUSSELL** - Suddenly at her home, on June 30, 2017, Catherine (Cathy) Gilchrist Russell, nee Johnstone, in her 74th year, of 10 Sinclair Drive, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of Billy Russell, much loved and loving mother of Lindsay, Rodney and Neil and

a dearly loved Granny Kaki. Much respected mother in law, dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. Funeral service will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Wednesday July 12, 2017, at 11am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CARROLL** - The family of the late Willie Carroll, would like to thank everyone for the many various kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all doctors and nursing

staff at Inveraray, Mid Argyll Hospital and R.A.H. Paisley for all the kind care and attention received. Special thanks also to Margaret Sinclair for a most comforting and warm service at Fisher Row, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, George Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at house and graveside.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**MACINTYRE** - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather Archie, died July 10, 2012.

Loved and remembered always.

- Anna and all the family.

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at 11.30 am  
Preacher: Margaret Sinclair  
Gaelic Service  
in Lochgair Church  
at 3 pm  
All welcome

**Highland Parish Church**

SC002493  
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All Welcome

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## Tarbert club championships

TARBERT golfers are looking forward to this year's club championship, which begins this weekend at Glenralloch.

The first two rounds take place this Saturday and Sunday, with the final two rounds taking place next weekend.

All the usual ballot times are available this weekend, with the final two rounds being seeded.

Members are reminded that there are lots of prizes up for grabs, so there is something for everyone to play for. The course is in fantastic condition with the greens improving with every passing week.

## Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club results for the summer league played Wednesday June 28: 1 K Gillies 41 pts; 2 R MacLean 37; 3 D Gillies 35. CSS 71.

July medal played Sunday July 2: 1 A Gillespie 84-15 = 69; 2 N Carmichael 80-5 = 75; 3 C Holyoake, 80-5 = 75. CSS 73.

## No winner

MACHRIHANISH Golf Club's lotto numbers this week were 3, 11 and 12. There was no winner and at the next draw on July 10 the jackpot will be £700.

# Heidbangers play on Gigha

A PARTY of Dunaverty's Heidbangers travelled to Gigha for their annual outing on Gigha's very quirky nine-hole course.

Volunteers had the course in good condition although the rough off the fairways was so tough that the 11 players managed to lose 42 balls between them.

John Brown led after the first nine holes with 18 points to John Dickenson's 17, with Robin Finlay and Alex Arkell both on 16. Things changed on the second nine with the leader dropping down to 15 points for a 33 total.

Harry MacLean racked up 20 points to give him the lead on 35 but it was Bruce Robertson who came from the back with an excellent 21 on this round to add to his 15 on the first giving him a winning total of 36.

The third round, again on stableford points, was a hidden fours and with a total of 47 points this went to Sandy Watson, Alex Arkell, John Brown and Bill Brannigan.

The party had a really enjoyable day in very mild weather and the Heidbangers would like to express their



The Dunaverty Heidbangers, still smiling after a gruelling day.

thanks to the volunteers who prepared the course.

Results: 1 Bruce Robertson 36 points,

2 Harry MacLean 35, 3 John Brown 33, 4 Robin Finlay 32 (bih), 5 John Dickenson 32.

Hidden fours: 1 John

Brown, Sandy Watson, Alex Arkell, Bill Brannigan, 2 Harry MacLean, Bruce Robertson, Alastair

Brown, John Dickenson 43, 3 Danny Halliday, Robin Finlay, Robin Finlay and A N Other 39.



## Argyll Bowling Club members head for national championships

PAUL Grumoli Jr, Craig Kerr, Davie Reid and Shaun Grumoli, seen here left to right, are the Argyll Bowling Club's successful rink, going forward to the National Championships at Northfield in Ayr, from July 24-29.

The boys were seven up playing the last

end. Congratulations also go to the club's juniors, Gavin McLachlan and Lee Allen, who have been selected for the Scotland U-25 team.

They travel to Wales in September to play in the BIBC Junior International competition.

## A & B Cup

THE ANNUAL Argyll and Bute Cup tournament organised by Lochgilhead Red Star will take place at the Ropework Park and Lochgilhead Joint Campus on Saturday August 5 starting at 10am.

Group A – Lochgilhead Red Star, Tarbert, Glasgow Islay and South Lochaber Thistle.

Group B – Dunoon, Oban Saints, Neilston and Rothesay Brandane.

# Irish club win the silverware after home and away legs

FIVE yachts and a rib carrying 35 members of Cushendall Sailing Club from County Antrim, Northern Ireland, arrived in Campbeltown to take part in the second leg of the exchange visit between the two sailing clubs, the first leg having been held three weeks previously in Cushendall.

## Welcomed

The visitors were welcomed at the clubhouse on Saturday at midday and enjoyed soup and sandwiches provided and served by lady club members.

After lunch, four yachts representing Campbeltown and five from Cushendall mustered for the traditional race between the two clubs. Just after 2pm race officer Ray Mitchell sounded the starting hooter to send the boats on their way.

The first leg to the Otterard buoy in benign weather conditions was largely uneventful, the faster boats pulling away from their slower rivals in a light following breeze. All boats rounded the mark successfully and commenced the beat back to-

wards the entrance to Campbeltown Loch.

Suddenly and without warning, the weather deteriorated dramatically and squally conditions made life difficult for the boat crews with wind speeds gusting to 30 knots.

## Advantage

Race positions changed as some yachts gained an advantage from the wind while others struggled to master the conditions and fell behind the fleet.

When the squall had passed, conditions eased as the boats tacked up the

loch to the finishing line. The results on corrected time after race handicaps were taken into account were as follows: 1 Carina, Campbeltown, skipper Alastair Cousin; 2. Ce na Ri, Cushendall, skipper Noel McKinlay; 3 Toome Raider, Cushendall, skipper Martin McCann.

In the evening, crews met in the clubhouse and enjoyed an excellent cold buffet supplied by Argyll Bakeries.

Commodore Alastair Cousin welcomed the visitors and, in return, Joe Mc-

Collam, commodore of Cushendall, responded by thanking the members of the Campbeltown club for their friendship and hospitality. The link between the clubs has been ongoing for more than 40 years and the visit to Campbeltown was the highlight of their social calendar.

After the day's results had been announced by race officer Ray Mitchell, he handed over to Joe McCollam who reminded everyone of the results of the Cushendall race three weeks previously.

It was then left to Alastair Cousin to announce the combined results of the two events.

## Team trophy

The best individual boat and the winner of the North Channel Trophy was Silver Lining from Cushendall, skippered by Richard Torrie, and the team trophy was won by Cushendall Sailing and Boating Club.

Formalities over, members of both clubs enjoyed the remainder of the evening with music played by Alex McAllister and David Robertson.



# A pair of winners

THE WINNERS of the open pairs competition at Argyll Bowling Club on Sunday, Lee Allen and Kenny Kerr, are seen here together with the finalists and semi-finalists and the club president, Donny McCrimmon. The competition, sponsored by Newgrove Furniture and Mac's Taxis, saw 20 pairs taking to the green.

The club would like to say a big thank-you to all its sponsors. The first group were on the green at 9.30am and, with the sun shining, play continued to late afternoon. The semi-finalists were Bill and Linda Brannigan, who lost out to Lee Allen and Kenny Kerr, and Matt McPhee and Andy Robertson, who

lost out to John McLachlan and Bobby Mathieson. The final was close-fought, John and Bobby leading 7-5 going into the last end. Lee Allen took out John's bowl for a four to win 9-7. Commiserations to John and Bobby, and the semi-finalists and congratulations to Lee and Kenny.

## Pupils' pre-season friendly fixtures

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils AFC have an extensive pre-season programme lined up before beginning an assault on the highly competitive SAFL Premier Division One, a season that will determine if they can bounce back and regain a place in the Scottish league's elite top ten.

The McFadyen-sponsored Pupils start with a home friendly fixture against Blantyre SA, which will be played at Kintyre Park, tomorrow (Saturday), kicking off at 2pm.

The game will give a number of young players the opportunity to find their feet in amateur football for the first time, and prove they can eventually gain a place in the senior squad.

Due to major work taking place in the adjacent car park, no vehicle space is available at Kintyre Park. For those who wish to attend the match, please

arrive early to find parking on the surrounding streets, and please avoid parking on Limecraigs Road, as a special pedestrian entrance has been made available until construction of the car park is complete.

A more mature squad will then travel to take on Highland League side Fort William, next Saturday July 15, before another home fixture against the high-flying Southside AFC, Scottish and West Cup finalists, on Saturday July 22.

The final match for July will see the squad travel to Rhu Amateurs for the hosts' annual tournament.

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# SPORT



**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
Heidbangers play on Gigha



The American and European teams for the 10th Hickory Grail competition, on the first tee at Machrihanish.

# Hickory golf comes to Kintyre

Players turn back the clock to the days of hickory clubs and plus fours as iconic competition comes to Machrihanish

MACHRIHANISH Golf Club welcomed golfers from across America and Europe on Monday at an opening ceremony for the 10th biennial Hickory Grail competition.

The Hickory Grail is the oldest international hickory match in golf, where players are only allowed to use 90-year-old or older hickory-shafted clubs

and gentlemen dress in keeping in plus-fours and ties, with long skirts for the ladies. The USA and a European team compete for the honours.

**World-famous**

The competition celebrating the history of golf was right at home on the world-famous Machrihanish course designed by Old Tom Morris himself.

The two teams and their supporters gathered at the clubhouse on Monday evening and were piped onto the field by Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, and Campbeltown Brass played during the opening ceremony and flag-raising ceremony held close to the first tee.

The flags were raised by Belle Robertson MBE, from Southend. This honorary member of Machrihanish is a member of the Scottish Golf Hall of Fame. She is a former Curtis Cup player and team captain, and a lady who is regarded as one of the best Scottish golfers of all time.

Two days of golf followed, with the closing ceremony on Wednesday. Today (Friday) it is the start of the Scottish hickory players visit to Machrihanish to hold their championships.



Above, left to right, are Mark Wehring and John Crow Miller, captain and secretary of the American team; Calum MacMillan, vice-captain, Machrihanish; Belle Robertson MBE, guest of honour; Chris Walker, British Golf Collectors Society; Nigel Notley, captain of the European team; and Iain McGougan, captain, Machrihanish.



Drum Major Liam Renton leads the march to the first tee at Machrihanish, where the opening ceremony was held.



Belle Robertson MBE, guest of honour, raised the flags at the opening ceremony of the 10th biennial Hickory Grail competition; Kintyre Schools Pipe Band and Campbeltown Brass played during the ceremony.

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