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River City stars in Benny Lynch knock-out show

A host of TV stars will be treading the Victoria Hall boards and not spending too much time on the ropes

by Mark Davey
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TV stars and silver screen actors won't pull any punches in telling the tale of a Scottish boxing legend in June.

The Benny Lynch Story, directed by David Hayman jnr, stars his dad Scottish acting legend David Hayman as Benny's coach and mentor Sammy Wilson.

In addition, the national production touring in May and June 2019 features a host of television stars who, it is expected, will be treading the Victoria Hall boards and not spending too much time on the ropes as they tell the story of Scotland's first boxing world champion.

It is a poignant and entertaining look at Benny Lynch's

life, from his childhood in the Gorbals slums, to his boxing success and global stardom, and ultimately to his demise and untimely death in 1946 at the age of only 33.

A spokesperson for the Thursday June 20 production said: 'It doesn't matter if you're not a boxing fan. This show is about the extraordinary life of a Scottish icon. It is the ultimate rags to riches to rags story.'

Stephen Purdon, Shellsuit Bob from River City, stars as Benny. Holly Jack, River City, Burnistoun and Waterloo Road plays Benny's wife, while Simon Weir, High Road, River City, Taggart, Acid House and Trainspotting 2 takes on Tash the Gorbals sage.

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At the collection, from front left, were: Susan Shaw, Hannah Oman, Iona McKinlay, Imogen Houston, Maryanne Stewart, Holly Morkel, Amy Paterson and from back left: Darren Brown, Cameron Reid, head teacher David Fyfe and Louise Dott. 25_c52cgsfoodbank01

Approaching Christmas, Campbeltown Grammar School pupils heard that Kintyre Foodbank's reserves were perilously low.

Each tutor group had a tray for collections which would mirror Argyll and

Bute Council's 12 days of Christmas campaign to ensure foodbanks maintain supplies.

Just before the end of the autumn term, Maryanne Stewart of Kintyre Foodbank visited the school to meet

the kind-hearted pupils and collect the donated food. Mrs Stewart said: 'We really are most grateful to all of you. You probably have no idea how grateful the people are who receive food from Kintyre Foodbank.'

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POLICE FILES

Shed break-in

Between 4pm on Monday December 17 and 9.30am on Tuesday December 18, there was a break-in at a shed in Islay House Community Gardens, Bridgend.

Nothing was stolen and police are investigating and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to call 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Assault – witness appeal

Police are appealing for witnesses after one man assaulted another at 7.30pm on Thursday December 20, on Stanalane, Bowmore, Islay.

Drugs possession

At 12.40 am on Saturday December 22 in Shore Street, Campbeltown, a 20-year-old man was searched by the police and found to be in possession of cocaine and cannabis.

The man was charged with the offences and a report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

Vehicle damaged

Between 7.20pm on Friday December 21 and 12.45am on Saturday December 22, on Jamieson Street, Bowmore, near to the Bowmore Hotel, a black Vauxhall Insignia car was damaged and the passenger door dented several times.

Police are appealing for witnesses.

Police assault at hospital

At 6pm on Saturday December 22 at Campbeltown Hospital, a man, aged 38, was arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner towards staff.

He resisted arrest and attempted to assault a police officer. He was charged, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Argyll housing apprentices team-up outdoors

When the going gets tough the tough head for Outward Bound Loch Eil at Fort William.

It was this ethic which recently saw a group of six apprentices from Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) working in partnership with three apprentices from West Highland Housing Association.

During the five-day adventure training course, highly trained instructors use the outdoor environment to facilitate team work, leadership and communication skills all essential in the work place.

The apprentice-specific course was designed to help them build these skills and transfer that knowledge, of



The apprentices before heading out on a team walk and canoe trip at Bunarkaig.

performing outside their comfort zone, to the work place and in everyday life.

The apprentices learned how to embrace change by swapping their usual place of work for the outdoors and

building their confidence in taking on different projects as a team.

Evaluations from the apprentices included: 'I am learning to work better in a team and contribute more'

and 'I met new people and completed challenges I never thought I could'.

The majority felt they had gained skills that will make a positive difference to their performance at work.

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Campbeltown to host the Benny Lynch Story

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In 2017 Hayman snr starred in a political polemic, a 6,500-word monologue, 'The Cause', staged at Springbank Distillery's Malt Barns.

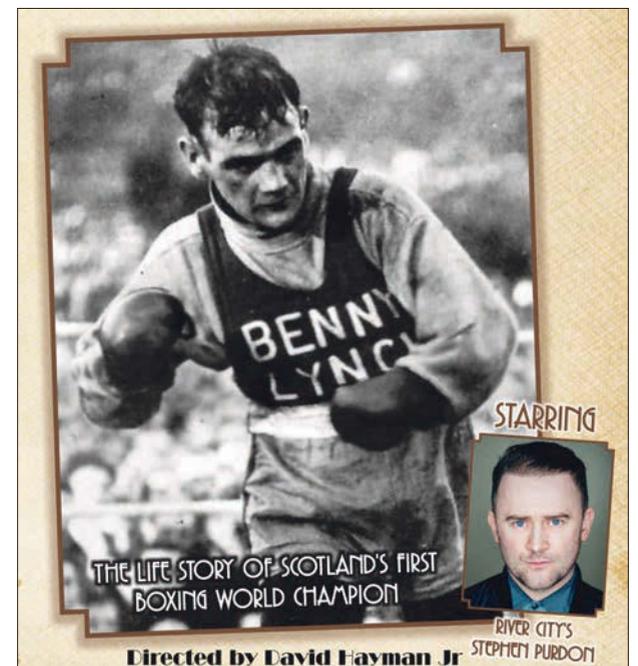
It was the first time a play had ever been staged at a distillery and the audience heard Hayman's expletive-filled rant with many laughs about all that is wrong in a Brexit-dominated country.

There is an age recommendation of 14-plus as 'The Benny Lynch Story' contains strong language.

The show will also play at the following locations and times: Saturday May 18 Ayr Gaiety, Friday May 24 Kilmarnock Palace, Friday May 31 Dunoon, Queens Hall, Saturday June 1 Greenock Beacon, Wednesday June 5 Dundee Repertory Theatre, Thursday June 6 Inverness, Eden Court, Friday June 7 Dunfermline, Alhambra, Thursday June 13 Motherwell

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27 Eastwood, Friday June 28 Musselburgh, Brunton and Saturday June 29 Tivoli, Aberdeen.



A83 traffic lights to be removed

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Traffic lights which have held up west Kintyre drivers for weeks should soon be removed.

A week-long repair programme is scheduled to begin on Monday January 7 to fix a damaged culvert which led to flooding on the A83 at Patchen.

Temporary traffic lights were erected after the flood – caused by heavy rain on November 7 – covered both lanes of the road between Glenbarr and Bellochantuy.

Some of the water subsided, leaving the northbound lane clear but the southbound lane remains waterlogged.

The situation was cause for discussion at West Kintyre Community Council's November 19 meeting, with members concerned at how long it was taking to fix the



Traffic lights have been up around the flood for nearly two months.
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flooding and remove the lights.

The issue of safety was raised as the lights have been out of operation several times despite one lane being coned off.

It was speculated that the reason for that was the fuel running out in the generator which powers the lights.

Potential damage to the

road's surface was also discussed, as £30,000 of resurfacing work was carried out in August to fix the badly deteriorated stretch of road.

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland, which maintains the trunk road on behalf of Transport Scotland, said: 'The temporary traffic lights on the A83 at Bellochantuy are in place for safety to help

protect road users from a damaged culvert next to the roadside. A repair has been programmed to take place week commencing January 7, which will take around a week to complete.

'In the meantime our teams will monitor the lights until the repairs are complete and it is safe to remove the traffic management.'

Council tax rise may avert cuts

By a local government reporter

The Scottish Government's budget allocation may mean a council tax rise.

Argyll and Bute Council leader Aileen Morton said there are no easy options left to fill the budget gap faced by the council, which was discussed at the recent policy and resources committee meeting.

Argyll and Bute has received a total settlement from Holyrood of £217.8million.

This would be boosted to £219.4m if the authority agrees a council tax increase at its budget meeting in February.

Cuts already proposed by the council include the removal of school 'lollipop' crossing patrols, the road safety unit, and a reduction in staff in adult and youth learning services.

Councillor Morton said: 'All councils across Scotland have faced substantial funding cuts over recent years, and as the Scottish Government provide 80 per cent of our funding these cuts then mean local services suffer.'

'The funding announcement by the Scottish Government is substantially worse than we expected, considering the UK Budget announcement, and leaves the council facing the need to identify at least

another £1million of further savings.

'Having seen our funding cut by 11.4 per cent in the previous five years, there are no easy options left to fill the budget gap.'

'We now face a further cut of 2.5 per cent this year.'

'Much of our budget is effectively ring-fenced by Scottish government requirements which means other services, such as roads, have taken much more swingeing cuts.'

Unveiling the allocation to each Scottish council, Holyrood finance secretary Derek Mackay said: 'The

Scottish Government has continued to ensure that our partners in local government receive a fair funding settlement despite further cuts to the Scottish budget from the UK government.'

'After removing the health uplift the Scottish Government fiscal resource block grant funding goes down by £340 million, or 1.3 per cent in real terms, for 2019-20.'

'Despite that reduction, we have still provided a two per cent real terms uplift in the total local government settlement for 2019-20.'

Argyll and Bute Council leader Aileen Morton.



Southend's nativity play.

A king is born in Southend

Southend primary pupils told the greatest tale of the last 2,000 years during their nativity play.

Joining with pupils from the pre-five unit, they had great fun performing their annual nativity A King is Born last Thursday evening.

After the raffle and craft sale, parents/carers, family and friends sampled coffee, shortbread and mince pies.

A school spokesperson said: 'Thanks to all who supported this event.'

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Campbeltown sea cadets



NE Ben takes the helm.

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Four Campbeltown Sea Cadets survived seasickness while sailing England's high seas on a 24-metre offshore power training vessel.

Able cadet (AC) James, ordinary cadet (OC) Beth, cadet (CDT) James, and new entry (NE) Ben, joined by adult instructor, petty officer Alasdair MacPhail, travelled to Gosport to take part in an offshore voyage on the TS John Jerwood last month.

While in Gosport, the ship's company of 12 cadets from all across the UK paraded at the Royal Naval Submarine Museum to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War.

PO MacPhail said: 'It was quite a privilege to be there, and the cadets were praised by the attending veteran submariners on how well turned out they were.'

During the week the cadets visited the ports of Cowes and Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight, anchoring for

lunch in Osbourne Bay. They continued on to Hamble and Southampton before returning to Gosport.

Going round the needles of the Isle of Wight, eight of the 12 cadets suffered from the old problems of mal de mer, otherwise known as seasickness.

Thankfully two sturdy Campbeltown cadets, AC James and NE Ben, remained on watch and guided the ship round the island.

Onboard the Jerwood, the cadets put the knowledge they learn ashore in Campbeltown to good use.

As the ship's company, the cadets were responsible for running the ship and were put into three different watches - red, white and blue.

With the help of the permanent crew and two adult supervisors they carried out deck-work including securing the ship alongside a pontoon, navigating during passages, and keeping watch for other vessels and hazards.

Cadets also took the ship's helm under guidance from

the captain or first lieutenant.

On the domestic front cadets helped prepare meals and kept the vessel shipshape guided by the coxswain.

At the end of the voyage all four cadets from Campbeltown came away with certificates, badges and qualifications, many in line with the Royal Yachting Association, but more importantly memories and friendships that will last a long time.

PO MacPhail added: 'It was an amazing opportunity for four youngsters from Campbeltown to go down south, spend a week sailing, meeting people from all over the country, and coming away with qualifications.'

To ensure opportunities like this continue to happen, the Campbeltown unit is in need of management team members, including a chairperson, fundraisers and a public relations person, as well as instructors.

New recruits, aged between 10 and 18, are always welcomed.



The TS John Jerwood docked in Yarmouth.



AC James and NE Ben reading charts.



OC Beth, left, reads a map.

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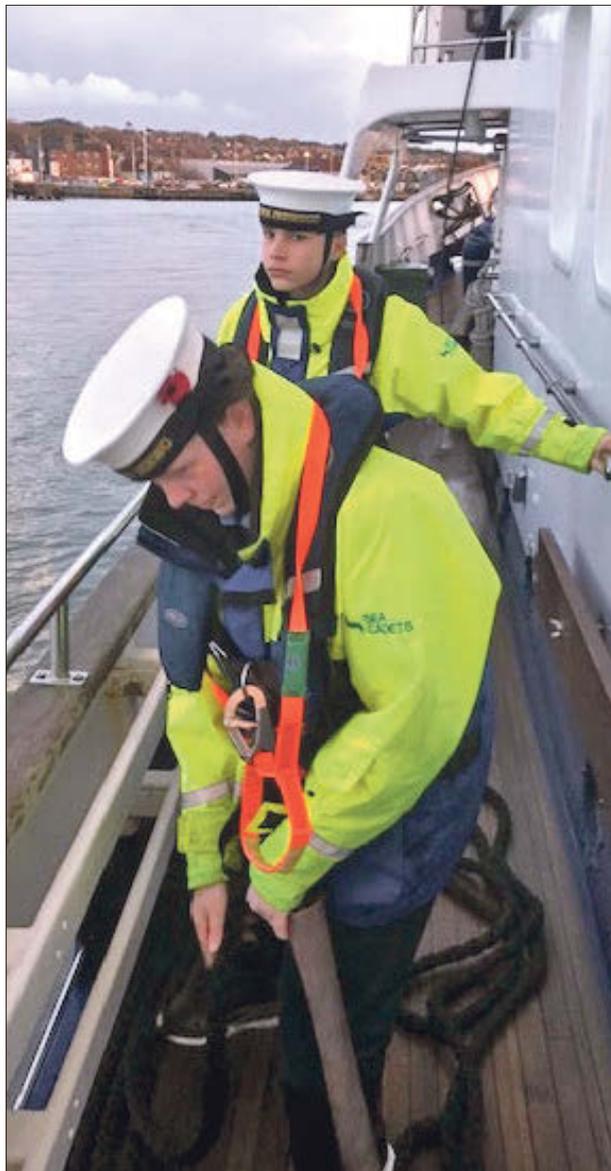
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The 12 cadets on board the TS John Jerwood in Gosport.



OC Beth on board the ship.



CDT James, back, doing some rope-work.

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The 21st century's final teenage year

Disruption has been the major theme of the 21st century.

Last year the rout of retail continued. Just before Christmas it appeared The Original Factory Shop was in trouble and might leave the Wee Toon.

That seems to have been averted and the word on the street is that another discounter, Poundstretcher is coming soon.

In contrast to the big chains woes, small shops, such as Kintyre Larder, Mclvors and Raspberry Pink in Campbeltown, offering levels of service impossible at the giants seem to be thriving and enjoying a renaissance.

The media has also felt the tides of change with daily papers struggling against instant access and social media.

That was illustrated in Kintyre when Machrihanish Golf Club burned down. When the Courier reporter arrived on the scene citizens' images and videos were flooding the internet.

The Courier takes its responsibilities to cover the news in Campbeltown seriously and it has a committed readership and many turn to its website and social media for all that is happening locally – good and bad.

Libraries face uncertain times

by Mark Davey
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This year has seen a literary feast at Campbeltown library with a wide range of talks as well as new publications on offer.

The world of book lending is not all rosy though as a BBC investigation has revealed that almost 8,000 jobs in UK libraries disappeared in six years, about a quarter of the overall total.

That same BBC study revealed that 343 libraries closed in the UK in this six-year period

HM The Queen's Christmas message

Sir,
One of my annual highlights, the Queen's Christmas Day broadcast, was totally ruined for me this year by widespread advance publication of its contents.

Leaking details of the broadcast was once virtually a hanging offence but it seems that this is now actually a duty of palace officials.

Next year, it would be nice for Her Majesty's remarks to come as a total surprise.

John Eoin Douglas,
Spey Terrace,
Edinburgh.

and dozens of libraries across Scotland have been closed in the past year – and the figure has doubled in the space of a year.

In Scotland, there were 3,515 paid library jobs in 2010 and 3,416 in 2015 – a drop of 99 (three per cent), a BBC report found.

Laura Swaffield, library activist and chairwoman of the Library Campaign said: 'The free PCs in libraries are an absolute lifeline to the many who can't afford IT, or figure out how to use it without help – more than 15m people UK-wide.

'Benefits claimants are top of the list – forced to do all their paperwork and job searches online whether they can afford IT or not.

'Libraries are more vital than ever in the digital age.

'But the overwhelming reason people use

libraries is still to borrow books.'

From figures supplied by Campbeltown library its top 10 adult authors, by borrowing, for 2018 were: 1 M C Beaton, 2 David Baldacci, 3 James Patterson, 4 Harlan Coben, 5 Dilly Court, 6 Alexander McCall-Smith, 7 Clive Cussler, 8 Wilbur Smith, 9 Peter May, 10 John Grisham.

The most borrowed books in Scotland in the past year: 1 The Girl on the Train - Paula Hawkins, 2 Even Dogs in the Wild: The new John Rebus - Ian Rankin, 3 Make Me - Lee Child, 4 Coffin Road - Peter May, 5 Night School - Lee Child, 6 Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Jeff Kinney, 7 In the Cold Dark Ground - Stuart MacBride, 8 The Last Mile - David Baldacci, 9 Personal - Lee Child, 10 Rather be the Devil - Ian Rankin.

Council gives £113,000 to boost tourism events

A total of £113,000 will be given to 12 events and festivals in Argyll and Bute to help boost tourism.

Argyll and Bute Council's policy and resources committee chose events that demonstrated the best return on public investment, promotional value to

Argyll and Bute, and a good range of effects for the local economy.

Judging
Another vital component in the judging process was ensuring the event added to the area's visitors and tourism.

Oban Live will receive

£15,000, the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival will receive £5,000, while the Argyllshire Gathering and West Highland Yachting Week each will be given £3,600.

Cowal Highland Gathering will receive the most money at £49,107.60.

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Advertiser chief reporter shortlisted

The chief reporter of the Courier's sister paper, The Argyllshire Advertiser, has been shortlisted in the Highlands and Island Media Awards.

Colin Cameron, from Strachur, will have to wait till February 1 to see if his nomination in Top Story of the Year is good enough to beat three other contenders – former Advertiser reporter, Rita Campbell, of the Press and Journal, the Inverness Courier News Team and freelance Moira Kerr, from Oban.

Judges had the onerous task of assessing 109 entries in 11 sections covering newspaper, online and broadcast news stories and features, as well as the year's top photographs.

The winners will be announced at the Highlands and Islands Press Ball and Media Awards, to be held on Friday February 1 at the Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness, and organised by System2.

Gordon Fyfe, chairman of the Highlands and Islands Media Awards judging panel, said: 'The media awards recognise and reward the best in journalism across our dispersed area which stretches from Shetland to Argyll and from Moray to the Outer Hebrides.

'Once again, we were delighted with the number and high standard of entries and choosing a shortlist has been an extremely difficult task.'

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



A beautiful Brunerican Bay sunrise by James Brown of Blantyre.

This week's photograph is a sunrise at Brunerican Bay Southend by Blantyre toolmaker James Brown.

Mr Brown, who hopes to visit Kintyre again this spring, has nearly 55,000 photos on the image website Flickr which he joined in 2007 and has had 3.9 million views.

The technical details are as follows: Mr Brown

took the photograph on October 20 2018 with a Nikon D90, 18mm lens f3.5-6.3 at f10, shutter speed 1/640th, ISO 250.

Displayed

It is one of 607 photographs from a folder named Dunaverty cottage which is displayed on the photograph sharing website Flickr.

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TEN YEARS AGO Friday January 2, 2009 Drama in Tayinloan

Where would you find the Spice Girls, the Wizard of Oz, a doctor's waiting room and a detective mystery all on the same stage?
The answer is Tayinloan Village Hall's variety concert.
There were two great performances and the hall was packed each night.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday January 7, 1994 Flood chaos hits town

Severe flooding put a dampener on the start of 1994 for many areas in Campbeltown.
Several areas lay under water as torrential rain combined with high tides, stranding people in their homes and closing roads in Saddell Street and Longrow.
Shopkeepers were preparing to barricade their shop-fronts with sandbags.
Residents at Ralston Road were particularly badly affected as the rain exacerbated a long-term problem of flooding behind their homes.
Many of the gardens were flooded back and front, and at 157 Ralston Road, where Mrs Roselle Nelson has lived for 33 years, water, which had poured down the hill behind the houses, coursed round the side of her house to join the small river running down the street.
Mrs Nelson had been expecting people for lunch on Monday but had to cancel as they



The actors and actresses who performed on Tayinloan Village Hall's stage a decade ago.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday January 4, 1919 Festive entertainments

On Christmas Eve the Union Jack Club entertained to a supper and concert the naval ratings at present stationed here, and those belonging to the town at home on leave.
The club's invitation was accepted by a large company, all of whom spent a most enjoyable evening, the proceedings from first to last being marked by that geniality and warmth of comradeship which have all along characterised the entertainments held under the auspices of the Union Jack Club.

Sheriff Macmaster Campbell, president, was in the chair, and expressed the gratification of the club that they should meet with representatives of the Navy on the eve of the first peace Christmas.

Everyone, he said, recognised that if there was any factor more than another which rendered our great victory possible, that factor was the British Navy, and he trusted that their great work done, the men of the Navy would soon reap those rewards of peace which they had so rightly earned.

The concert, which was under the direction of Mr Munn, Master-at-Arms, was of an exceedingly high order of merit.

The programme was contributed to by servicemen and by a number of the ladies associated with the work of the club, all of whose efforts were thoroughly appreciated and called forth unstinted applause.

were unable to reach her front door.
'We've always had a problem with flooding,' she said, 'but lately it has become much worse.'

FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday January 2, 1969 Christmas baby

This Christmas will be one to remember for Mr and Mrs Hamish Reid, of 9 Bolgam Street, Campbeltown.
For Mrs Reid (née Myrtle Anderson) gave birth to a baby daughter in Glasgow's Southern General Hospital on Christmas Day.
The child, doing well, has been named Marie.

Congratulations to Christine

Christine Cameron, 20-year-old daughter of the Rev G Stuart Cameron, is in a pool of 12 badminton players from which Scotland's badminton team for the 1970 Commonwealth Games will be chosen.

Christine was born in Campbeltown where her father was minister at the Highland Parish Church until five years ago, when the family moved to Broughty Ferry, near Dundee.

She attended Millknowe Primary and Campbeltown Grammar schools.

She is now in her final year at the Dunfermline College of Physical Education.

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Johnny Sinclair on his bus. Ms McFadzean did not give a date.

Sarah McFadzean was fascinated to read in last Friday's Courier about the Kintyre buses of old.

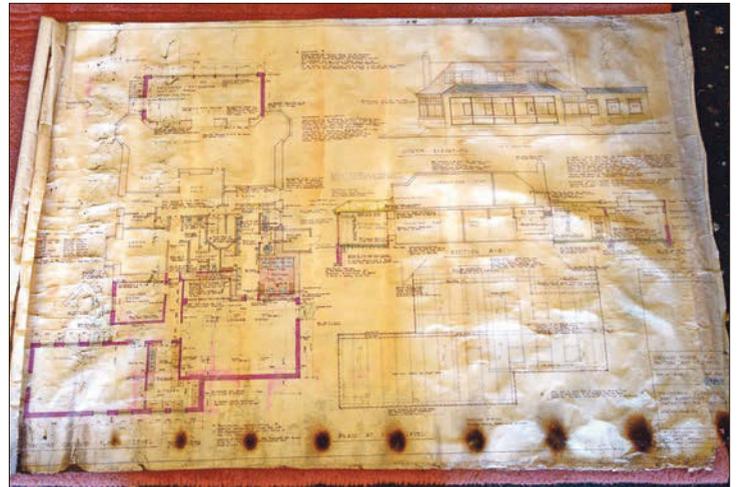
Ms McFadzean said that her grandfather Johnny Sinclair, no relation that she is aware of to the Dr Sinclair who published the book, drove buses himself and she sent the Courier his photo.

Ms McFadzean said he bought the nursery in Glenbarr and brought up his family there, two

sons Peter and Iain. In more recent times Glenbarr Nurseries was sold and the new owners discovered an old bus driver's badge under the floorboards which belonged to Johnny Sinclair.

Display

Ms McFadzean said she has heard that Glenbarr Stores, Cafe and Garden plan to display the badge in the shop along with her photo.



The Machrihanish Golf Club plan from 1980. 25_c01memorylane01

Firefighters attacking the blaze at Machrihanish Golf Club the week before Christmas managed to save virtually all of the most valuable artefacts.

These included an architect's plan drawn up more than 38 years ago on June 12 1980, for proposed alterations and additions to the building.

It shows the ground floor plan section and elevation.

Although the plan is scorched and had been left out to dry from the fire hoses water it is one of many remarkable documents which would have been work-a-day when produced.

Last week the Courier featured

four pages on the HMY Iolaire commemorations at Stornoway on Hogmanay (see also pages 20 and 21).

The Iolaire sank within sight of Stornoway harbour when it hit submerged rocks, named the Beasts of Holm, on Hogmanay 1918.

Perished

Last week's Courier leader column put the dead at 270, that was the number on the boat, in fact 204 servicemen returning from the First World war perished.

Poppy Scotland commissioned a special poppy pin to mark the occasion and all proceeds are to be shared by projects on the Isle of Lewis.

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Castlehill choristers charm Elderberries



Castlehill Primary School's carol-singing choir brought some Christmas cheer to two Campbeltown groups. The pupils, wearing festive Santa hats, performed for Elderberries at Campbeltown Free Church and for residents at Kintyre Care Home in December. Pictured are the Castlehill choir with Elderberries team leader David Lavery.

Cannabis cultivator avoids jail

A woman who admitted growing cannabis with a potential value of up to £3,600 in her Campbeltown flat has avoided jail.

Diane McPherson, 38, of 20 Shore Street, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to producing and being involved in supplying the class B drug, after her flat was searched on May 19, at a Campbeltown Sheriff Court appearance last month.

Police discovered several containers and bags of cannabis, nine cannabis plants and typical paraphernalia associated with cannabis cultivation.

McPherson's defence agent, Ms Reid, said that she had a cannabis habit and made her home available for growing cannabis in exchange for the use of some of the drug.

Imposing a £300 fine as a direct alternative to custody, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: "This is a serious offence – cannabis is a prohibitive and gateway drug and the growing of it would normally incur a custodial sentence."

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Distiller's success at Scottish Living Wage awards ceremony

J&A Mitchell & Co Ltd, the owner of Campbeltown's Springbank Distillery, has received a prestigious award from the Living Wage Foundation.

The company, which also operates Mitchell's Glengyle Distillery and the independent bottler William Cadenhead Ltd, picked up the prize in the Voice of Year category at the recent awards ceremony in Edinburgh.

Judges said that the company was chosen ahead of fellow nominees ScotRail and the Moray Food Bank because of the work it did to promote the real living wage.

It works both internally, by paying the real living wage to its staff, and externally by talking to other businesses about the living wage and promoting its benefits during distillery tours, whisky tastings and visits to other customers around the world.

J&A Mitchell director Neil Clapperton has been widely



Springbank Distillery staff at last year's Malts Festival open day. 25_c22springbank14

quoted on the subject of the real living wage, saying: 'It isn't just about our image, it is about our conscience.'

'The company remains very much committed to paying

everyone a fair day's pay for a fair day's work.'

The real living wage is independently calculated each year based on what employees and their families need to

meet the cost of living.

Paying the real living wage is a voluntary exercise; about 1,300 businesses in Scotland have been accredited as living wage employers.

It was announced last week that the real living wage is now £9 per hour.

The UK government currently sets a national living wage, previously known as the national minimum wage (the least any business is legally allowed to pay its staff), which is £5.90 per hour for those aged 18-20, rising to £7.83 for those aged 21 and above.

In 2016, more than 20 per cent, or one in every five people in Scotland, earned less than the real living wage.

Other award-winners included Standard Life Aberdeen, South Lanarkshire Council and Auchrannie Hotel and Spa on Arran.

For more information on the real living wage, go to www.scottishlivingwage.org

American wall hanging with Jaegar style

Pocket linings preserved from Campbeltown's former Jaegar factory have found a new lease of life in a wall hanging.

An embroidered wall hanging featuring the Wee Toon's landmark buildings, including the Picture House, created using saved artefacts from the Jaegar factory and cloth from Tennessee has been donated to Campbeltown Town Hall.

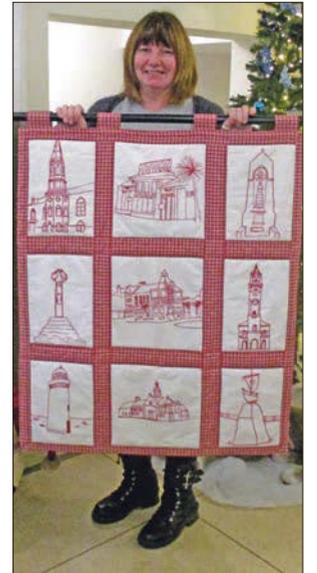
The work, donated by its originator, Jeanette Brodie, was on display at the recent art exhibition, which is featured on pages 20 and 21.

Ms Brodie assisted the creation of the redwork wall hanging with a U3A group of Ann Bolton, Rosie Bennett, Kathleen McGougan and Nanette Paterson.

Each square has an image of a well-known landmark sewn onto pocket linings from the old Jaegar factory.

The quilt is backed with muslin cloth nappies and the check flashing material comes all the way from Tennessee.

Redwork is a form of American embroidery, also called art needlework that



Community access project worker Morag McMillan holds the Red Work.

developed in the 19th century and was particularly popular between 1855 and 1925.

It traditionally uses red thread, chosen because red dyes were the first commercially available colourfast dyes, in the form of Turkey red embroidery floss.

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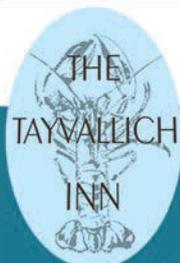
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Queen's Nurse loves 'trying

'It's given me even more confidence and I feel invigorated to continue in my role caring for the community'

A Tarbert nurse is one of 21 health professionals awarded the prestigious title of Queen's Nurse.

Cathanna Smith was selected to take part in a nine-month development programme run by the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland (QNIS).

The Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) at Tarbert Medical Practice was nominated for providing high quality, compassionate care to people in her community.

After completing the programme successfully, Cathanna was awarded the historic Queen's Nurse title along with 20 other community nurses at a ceremony in Edinburgh at the end of November.

It marks only the second time the honour has been made in Scotland in almost 50 years following the re-introduction of the title in 2017.

Cathanna, who has previously been named Citizen of the Year in Tarbert, was selected for her on-going commitment to her patients and dedication to showcasing the important role of the ANP.

She said: 'As an ANP I have the privilege of dealing with everybody – you get to know

the whole community and they get to know you.

'I love my job, I love coming to work, helping people and trying to make a difference.

'I am absolutely delighted to become a Queen's Nurse as the programme has had a life-changing impact on me.

'It's given me even more confidence and I feel invigorated to continue in my role caring for the community.'

Liz Higgins, lead nurse for Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, said: 'I am delighted that Cathanna has been awarded the Queen's Nurse award.

'This is well-deserved and is fitting recognition of all her hard work and her duty to her patients.

Transformational

'She is now the second nurse in Argyll and Bute to complete this transformational development programme and we look forward to continuing to work with the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland in the years ahead.'

Queen's nursing in Scotland dates back to the late 19th century, when nurses completed specific training which allowed them to work as district nurses.

They provided healthcare and health promotion to peo-

ple in their own homes and became well-respected figures within their community.

Following the introduction of a national certificate for district nursing, QNIS ceased training, awarding the Queen's Nurse title for the final time in 1969.

The decision was made to reintroduce Queen's Nurses to Scotland in 2017, with 20 community nurses chosen to take part in a development programme which would see them become the first modern Queen's Nurses.

The process involves employers nominating a community-based nurse who will go forward for interview following a successful written application.

Last year, 21 community nurses were selected to complete the nine-month programme. It consists of a week-long residential workshop followed by two further workshops and coaching sessions in between.

The programme requires them to choose an issue for development which will have a significant impact on those in their care, so that the learning during the nine months is applied in practise.

Other community nurses in the group include an offshore

medic, a Diana Children's Nurse, and a multiple sclerosis and motor neurone disease specialist.

Nurses providing care to people in the community who need support with a wide range of issues such as substance misuse, dementia care, dermatology, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and infant feeding also feature.

Those working in community mental health, district nursing, child health, school nursing, care home nursing and health visiting complete the group.

Designed

Clare Cable, QNIS chief executive and nurse director, said: 'The development programme was designed to ensure that values of Queen's Nurses of the past can be translated to meet the demands of leadership of nursing in the community in the future.

'The 2018 Queen's Nurses really demonstrate the diversity of roles within community nursing in Scotland.

'They all uphold nursing excellence and bring a firm commitment to make a real difference to the lives of the people they work with.

'The Queen's Nurse pro-

gramme has resulted in a truly transformational journey for those involved and they should all be very proud to have been awarded the title.'

Each nurse was presented with a certificate and badge by Scotland's chief nursing officer Professor Fiona McQueen during the awards ceremony at the Principal Edinburgh on George Street.

Prof McQueen said: 'Scottish nurses support the people of Scotland across all walks of life.

'Last year's Queen's Nurses exemplify all that is good about nursing and nurses; supporting people at their time of greatest need and reaching out to people who often struggle to access services.

'Our Queen's Nurses are ambassadors for nursing and truly inspirational.'

Kitty Millar, practice nurse at the Campbeltown Health Centre, was awarded the title in 2017.

**Tarbert nurse
Cathanna Smith is
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The funding comes as a taskforce, appointed by the Scottish Government and COSLA to review CAMHS, publishes its plan for improving services.

The taskforce's recommendations include: cutting the target waiting time for specialist CAMHS treatment by a third, to 12 weeks; preventing young people being referred to specialist care by default; treating more in primary and community-based care and providing young people and families with more information on mental health services and how the system works.

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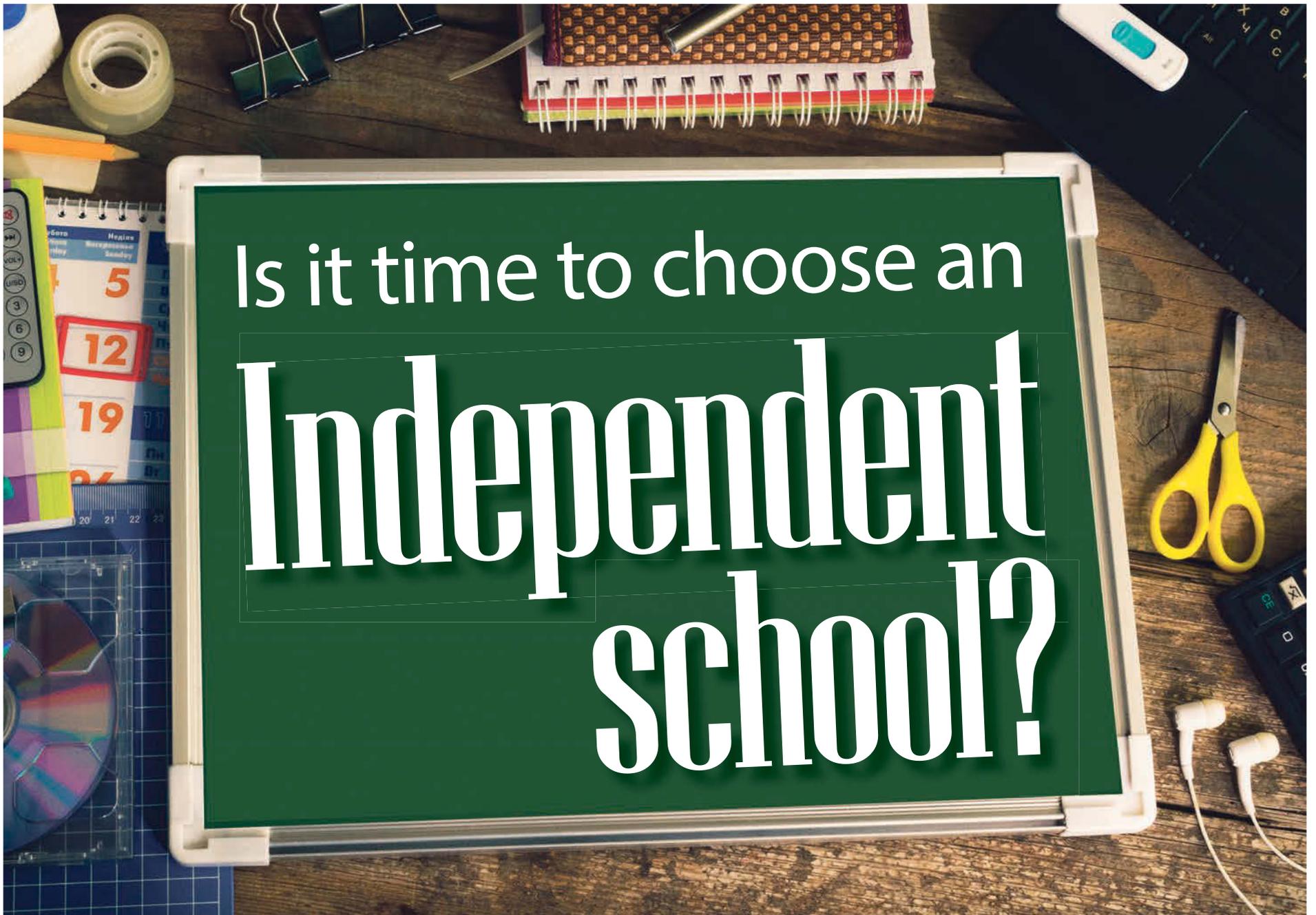


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LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

A feast of performances at Lorne Campbell Court

Words and photographs
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Residents, carers, relatives and children enjoyed a rapid fire afternoon of dance, music and song at Lorne Campbell Court's first Christmas party.

Even Elvis returned to sing and sample mince pies, cakes and dainty sandwiches at the three-hour event just before the Christmas break last week.

The party was organised by Catriona Graham and the staff working for Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership.

They look after the Court's residents who transferred

from Auchinlee Nursing Home last April.

Court Coordinator Fiona Cook has managed the sheltered housing, for independent residents, on a part-time basis for Cairn Housing for about two decades.

Ms Cook said: 'This is a great initiative and quite a few of my residents have enjoyed the afternoon.'

The party was opened by pipers Eve MacMillan and Demi Martin both aged 15. They were followed by Highland dancers.

During Elvis McCallum's great cover of Love Me Tender, he walked round the room kissing the ladies and draping a silk scarf round their necks.

Duo Eilidh Powell and Linzi Shields performed Don McLean's American Pie complete with innovative actions.

The 1pm performance, which was apparently put together at the last moment, appeared very slick and professional.

After a refreshment interval the show continued until 5pm.

Staff who organised the Christmas party from left: Sarah Livingstone, Alice McCallum, Kirsty Brown, Linn Coffield, Catriona Graham, Morag Kletkiene and Moira Ramsay. 25_c52LCCshow04



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Guitarist/singer Kaitlin Jordan, 20, was nervous about performing but was a big hit with her versions of Christmas carols. 25_c01LCCshow01



Kevin McMillan played his accordion. 25_c52LCCshow34



A mixed singing group. 25_c52LCCshow21



Audience members from left: Donald Anderson, Margaret Anderson and Ella Johnston.

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The sailors' dance. 25_c52LCCshow35



Playing the chanter. 25_c52LCCshow22



One lady even took a turn on the floor with Elvis. 25_c52LCCshow28



Elvis singing Love Me Tender. 25_c52LCCshow24



Dancing the Swords. 25_c52LCCshow12



Pipers Eve MacMillan and Demi Martin. 25_c52LCCshow19



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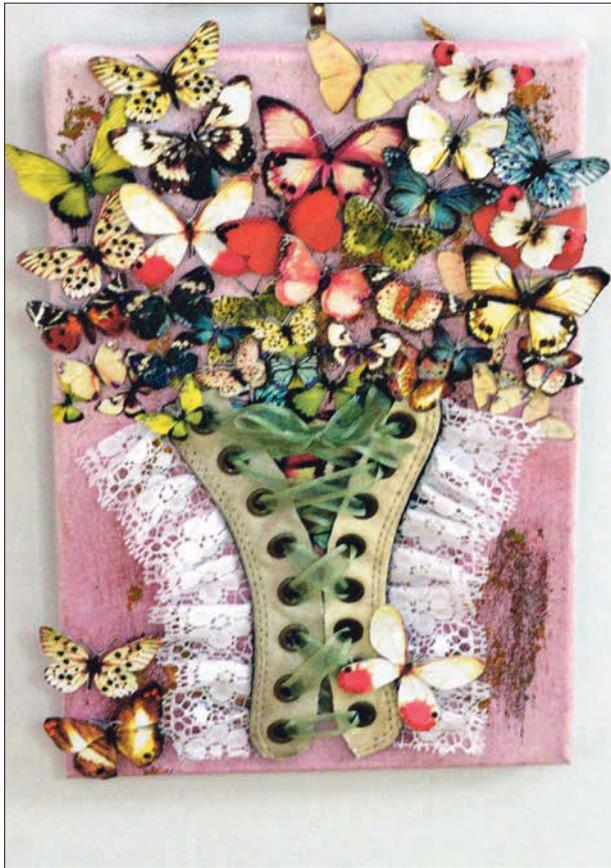
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Town hall art show canvass



A mixed media work titled Butterfly Corset by Eilidh Morris. 25_c52art14

Staff at Campbeltown Town Hall hung paintings not stockings at its first ever art show in the week before Christmas.

A triptych by Campbeltown artist Anne Cousin was particularly poignant commemorating the sinking of Her Majesty's yacht HMY Iolaire off Lewis 100 years ago.

From Hogmanay onwards the Cousin family joined dignitaries including Prince Charles in Stornoway to remember the sinking on

January 1 1919. In a note about the painting Mrs Cousin said: 'This triptych titled 'An Ataireachd Bhuan' - The Ceaseless Surge of the Sea has been painted in memory of my uncle John MacLeod of Uigen on the Isle of Lewis.'

Elder

John MacLeod (Seocan a'Ghobha) of the Royal Naval Reserve, was lost aged 20.

He was the elder brother of Murdoch MacLeod, a former school master of Southend School.

Mrs Cousin added: 'He, along with 200 others returning after serving their country in World War One, was tragically drowned in the early hours of New Year's Day 1919 when the motor yacht HMY Iolaire was dashed on the rocks within sight of Stornoway harbour.'

Campbeltown Town Hall manager Zena Coffield displayed dolls house miniatures.

Ms Coffield is described as a dolls house artisan and her

work has featured in Dolls House World magazine and at the Miniatura International Dolls House Fair.

Miniature

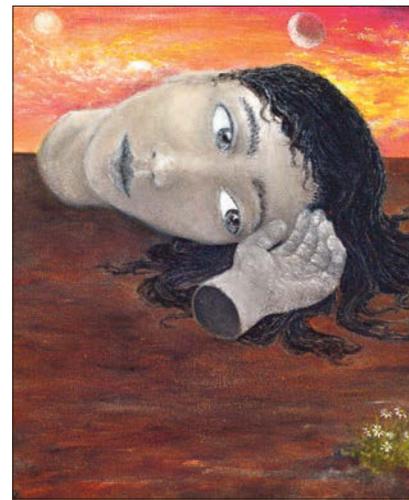
Her specialties are miniature printed kits and unique hand crafted clothing for dolls house collectors and enthusiasts.

Ms Coffield's display was a 1/12th scale dolls house department store where one inch is equal to one foot.

The exhibition ran for five days from December 17 to 22.



A display of dolls house miniatures by Campbeltown Town Hall manager Zena Coffield. 25_c52art05



Bonnie Korner said she loved her cat very much and still misses her. This picture is an attempt to describe her grief at her first experience of death. It was priced at £40.

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Exhibition panels at the art show. 25_c52art02



The sea featured in many pictures: this is Christine Russell's centrepiece. It is an oil on canvas titled 'The Beautiful West Kintyre Coast'. 25_c52art18



A Christmassy display of dolls, not in the art show, comes from the collection at Glenbarry Abbey which was split up this summer. 25_c52art01



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Since coming home many thanks to Tarbert Medical Practice and for all messages and cards and prayers said on my behalf, it has been totally overwhelming. For once in my life I was overjoyed Lisa came home early from a shopping trip! A huge thank you to Rachael and Emma, all my brothers and sisters and my in-laws for being their for me.

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JURA

Island's issues in the spotlight

Although progress has been made in resurfacing roads, repairing lay-bys and filling potholes on Jura more needs to be done throughout Kintyre and the islands, according to one councillor.

Alastair Redman made the short crossing from his native Islay to neighbouring Jura for the island's latest community council meeting, where the condition of the road was not the only issue on the agenda.

Councillor Redman said: 'The question of a 30mph to 20mph speed limit through Craighouse must be addressed as there are justifiable safety concerns particularly in regards to Jura's primary school pupils.'

'There are a number of Jura's street lights that are not working and the slow response in getting them repaired cannot be allowed to become a regular occurrence.'

He added that there needed to be 'much more



Councillor Redman wants to see 'much more joined up thinking' with regards to Jura's ferry and other transport links. Inset: Councillor Redman on the Jura ferry.



Councillor Redman wants to encourage population growth in rural communities.



More housing is required to cater for workers in growing rural industries, according to Councillor Redman.



Jura Distillery is a major part of Jura's economy.

joined up thinking' with regards to ferry and other transport links.

'It goes without saying that the ferries and roads are vital lifelines to our island communities and any problems at all will hit local economic growth,' he said.

Councillor Redman added that throughout

Kintyre and the islands, the need for housing continued to be a pressing issue.

He said: 'If we as a council are to properly encourage population growth in Argyll and Bute then housing must be made available in order to house the workers of our growing rural industries.'

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

Amid all the excesses, all the celebrating, all the extravagance of the last couple of weeks, there was one amazing voice.

I am thinking of an elderly hermit who lived a life of solitude and austerity in an old leaky caravan.

Sister Wendy was a nun who had renounced the world and all its pleasures to live a life of complete and total commitment to God. However Sister Wendy, the self effacing nun who lived in poverty, unexpectedly became a TV celebrity.

She was living a hermit's life in a windowless trailer at an English monastery, praying for hours upon hours and venturing outside only for Mass and to get books from a mobile library.

That is until producer Nicholas Rossiter persuaded Sister Wendy to talk about the paintings in Britain's National Gallery for a 1991 BBC documentary. She and Moving Art were an instant hit.

Her 1997 series, Sister Wendy's Story of Painting, took her 30,000 miles through Europe, the Middle East and the US to talk about works ranging from prehistoric cave paintings to Picasso and Pop Art.

Recently she said of her frugal and faith filled life: 'I give thanks for my life of such unimaginable happiness.'

Sister Wendy has just died at the age of 88, and in her poverty, the riches she had of faith and contentment, were all she needed for her own fulfilment.

It again reminds us that the real gifts in life are beyond price - the gifts of love, of friendship, of health, of children. These are the greatest treasures we can ever have.

These are the gifts I wish for you in this coming year.

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"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" (Romans 11:33).

ENGAGEMENTS

INGLIS - MACDONALD - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Lauren, younger daughter of Christine, Tarbert and John, Leith, to Donald, son of Lorna and Calum, Contin.



O'MAY - BARR

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Rachael Margaret, daughter of Alisdair and Lorraine, Ralston Road, Campbeltown to Robin William, son of Robin and Iona, Calderglen, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

GALBRAITH - Peacefully, at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, on December 25, 2018, in her 94th year, Lorne Galbraith (née MacIntyre), of 6 Achagoil, Minard, much loved mother of Douglas, Alastair and Colin, and dearly loved mother-in-law and nana. Funeral service at Cumlodden Parish Church, on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 12.00 noon. Interment thereafter at Kilevin Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited.

HARRISON - Catriona (Catherine Christina), née McDougall, aged 85 years, of Allanmyo, Minard, Argyll, passed away peacefully with family, on Friday, December 28, 2018. Wife of the late Thomas Harrison, much loved mother of Ann and Kathleen, grandmother of Alasdair and sister to Ian. The family would like to thank all the care services who supported Catriona's wish to remain in her own home. Funeral service will be held from Allanmyo, Minard, Argyll, on Friday, January 11, 2019, at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Red Cross.

IN MEMORIAM

MCCALLUM - In loving memory of Muriel, who passed away January 7, 2018. Time cannot heal the heartache, Or stop a single tear, It won't take away the memories, Of one we loved so dear. Missing you so much. - Richard, Sharon and Wullie.

MCLEAN - Agnes, Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2008. Our dearest Nana, we love and miss you always. - Senga, Sean and Millie and Maureen and family. Precious memories of our dear mum, forever in our hearts. - Rene and Flora. Also our beloved sister and a much loved auntie, Carolin McLean, Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2018.

MCMILLAN - In loving memory of my dear husband, William (Bill), who died January 5, 2000. The years pass by, but memories stay, Loved and remembered every day. - From his wife, Mary and sons, Robert and Laurence. Also remembering a loving son and brother, Dickie Brown, who died January 19, 2017. Always in our thoughts.

WILSON - Flora (née McArthur). In loving memory of our dear granny and great-granny, always in our thoughts, with great memories. Passed away January 7, 2018. - Catherine, Jamie, Craig and Joanna.

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Saturday 5 January 2019 Achnamara Hall Cafe Connect 10.30am - 12.30pm All welcome www.northknapdale.org

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Inveraray Church - 11.30am Service taken by the Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell ALL WELCOME

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Wave of runners raced along Westport beach

The full Slog in the Sand results are as follows: 1 G Muir 37.05, 2 A Souden 40.26, 3 G Turner 41.05, 4 M Turner 41.07, 5 Duncan Cochrane 41.46, 6 S McGeachy 41.49, 7 E Smith Snr 42.00, 8 J Reid 43.33, 9 J Murdoch 44.14, 10 C Armour 45.16, 11 J Anderson 46.10, 12 R McDonald 46.53, 13 I McGougan 47.15, 14 T Cameron 47.29, 15= G Anderson, D Renton, A Reid 48.02, 16 J Teesdale 48.16, 17 S Turner 48.24, 18 A Johnstone 50.04, 19 E Smith Jnr 50.21, 20 E Cameron 51.02, 21 A Armour 51.24, 22 M McMillan 52.20, 23 L

Campbell 52.40, 24= E McGeachy, S McFadzean 55.26, 25 R Pirie 56.29, 26 R McGeachy 59.27, 27= M McKillop, S Ireland 60.30, 28 M Sinclair 61.35, 29 J Burridge 62.30, 30= J Coon, G Birch 64.27, 31 A Galvin 66.38, 32= B Clark, K Clark, B McKay 69.43, 33 K Robertson 70.16.

The full 5k race results were as follows: 1 Niamh Quinn 25.42, 2= Catherine S-D, Stuart Wallace 26.31, 3 Robbie Semple 29.42, 4 Janet S-D 31.58, 5 Nancy Hope 33.07, 6 Val Hope 33.45, 7= Fiona Quinn, Christine Mitchell 36.30.



Slog in the Sand winners.



These rebels were happy to finish.



Unity while running.



Perennial runner Margaret Sinclair was just practising for the MOK half marathon on Sunday May 26. Entries open on January 6 through Entry Central.



Val and Nancy Hope after their 5k run.



The all-important timekeepers.



The real Santa would have had a team of reindeer to help.



Unable to resist a Boxing Day dip.



A reminder that the beach is not just for running.



The coastguards who provided safety cover.



Campbeltown Running Club provided snacks at the finish.

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The runners string out along the beach as some brightness lights the far horizon.

Cool conditions suited super sand sloggers



An overcast but bright Boxing Day proved ideal for the 47 athletes working off their Christmas excess on Westport beach.

Young South Kintyre Harriers Handicap Champion Niamh Quinn crossed the Slog in the Sand line first.

Niamh had competed in the

Men's winner Garry Muir.

5km race while full distance runners battered 10km across the beach. In the men's race Garry Muir, 37.05, returned to winning form having lost his crown in 2017 to Stuart McGeachy.

Muir was more than two minutes ahead of second placed Alex Souden, 40.26. He was followed by third placed Gary Turner in 41.05.

In the ladies' race, winner Jennifer Reid, 43.33, was nearly five minutes faster than runner-up Susan Turner,

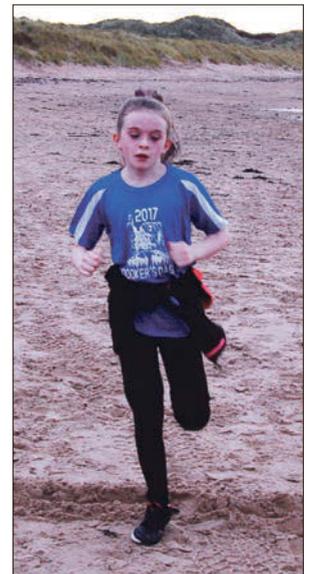
48.24 and Elaine Cameron, 51.02, in third, slipped a bit behind her 50-minute time from 2017.

For further Slog in the Sand pictures and the full results see inside pages 30 and 31.

All photographs by Kenny Craig.



Ladies' winner Jennifer Reid at the finish.



Niamh Quinn crosses the line.



Runners were led at the start by, among others, Santa Claus heading south along Westport beach.



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