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New Year New You
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Kintyre is gearing up for cycling's End of the World

by Mark Davey
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A bicycle event in similar spirit to Kintyre's famous run has been named End of the World (EOTW).

The two-day Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club (KWCC) EOTW series, in partnership with MACC base is planned for the weekend of May 4 and 5.

All the events will be on the former airbase's traffic-free roads and it is hoped to include a 10-mile time trial, a two-up time trial and a feature sportive six-hour endurance event.

EOTW is the brainchild of KWCC secretary Robbie Semple, who re-formed the club after a break of many years.

At a Monday evening committee meeting in the Ceann Loch Diner, Scottish Cycling's Fraser Johnson endorsed the scheme after being driven round the MACC circuit, which was used for time trials last summer, attracting more than 30 riders.

Mr Semple told the meeting

that the 'brand' was coined by round-the-world cyclist Mark Beaumont.

Mr Semple told the Courier: 'Mark Beaumont said, "It's like going to the end of the world when you drive to Machrihanish".'

'It is the end of the world – that is the way we will market it,' added Mr Semple. 'Cycling in all genres has experienced a massive rise in popularity country wide.'

'By hosting an event we can promote safe cycling and competition which in turn maximises the benefits of the sport while promoting health and wellbeing.'

'MACC offers a unique venue to create an event. We are being given a golden opportunity by MACC.'

Mr Johnson said: 'There is a ready market for whole weekend cycling events.'

'EOTW does not clash with any other Scottish events. People are travelling a bit further and this is the type of event that is wanted.'

Details are to be confirmed and a date for pre-entry online will be advised shortly.

Dippers' refreshing New Year plunge



Dippers race down the beach and into the water. 50_c02dipfordosh09

More than 60 hardy souls plunged into Campbeltown Loch as part of a bracing New Year's Day tradition.

The brave dookers were taking part in the sixth annual Dalintober Dip For Dosh.

The challenge aims to raise awareness and support for the regeneration of

the beach which received 150 tonnes of sand from Langa quarry in July last year. It was the first time in more than 30 years that sand was added to the beach which once received yearly deposits.

The Dalintober Beach Regeneration Group, responsible for organising

the dip, was praised at the time for its efforts in trying to return the beach to a good condition.

Hundreds of people turned out to watch as the dippers entered 2019 thoroughly refreshed.

For more on the dip, turn to pages 34 and 36.

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Nominate a Campbeltown Citizen of the Year 2018

The Rotary Club of Campbeltown has asked the public to nominate a Citizen of the Year and Most Promising Young Musician of the Year, 2018, writes Mark Davey.

A Rotary spokesperson said: 'If you know anyone who has gone the extra mile to help a neighbour, or someone who has worked really hard to raise funds for a worth-while cause, or has given any kind of outstanding service to the community, please nominate that person.'

'Even if your nomination was not successful last year, it

could well be worth repeating a previous nomination.'

'If you are unsure of the past recipients of this award, there is a book in the library where the names and citations can be read. Your help is really needed to find a suitable person for the award.'

The Rotary Club also requires nominations for the most promising Young Musician of the Year, who will receive the Norman and Phyllis Milne memorial award.

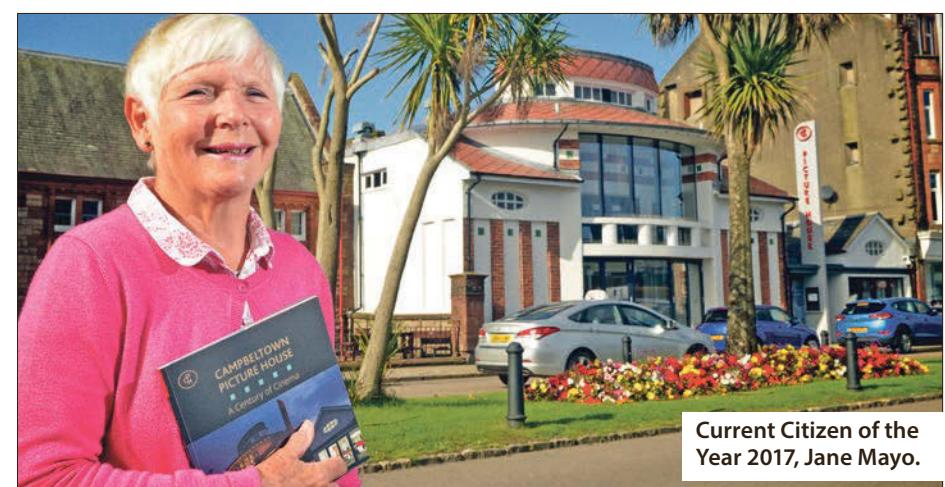
The award includes custody of the engraved cup for one

year plus a generous cheque.

The Rotary spokesperson added: 'If you know of anyone, or if there is anyone in your family who has shown outstanding progress during 2018, please nominate.'

Forms for both awards are now available in Keith's Paper Shop, and advertisements appear in the Courier.

Nomination forms for both awards should be left in the Argyll Hotel Campbeltown no later than mid-day on January 31 and should be addressed to the Secretary, Rotary Club of Campbeltown.



Current Citizen of the Year 2017, Jane Mayo.

ADVERTORIAL Family firm has evolved from farming to construction

A contractor with primary clients in the major utilities has expanded to employ at least a dozen workers.

For almost 20 years, Donald McLean Contractors (DMC), based at Tangytavil Farm, has offered a range of professional services which this year was bolstered by receiving the coveted accreditation in quality standard ISO9001.

Speaking about the accreditation, Donald Jnr said: 'This achievement will allow us to build a stronger relationship with the three main utility companies, providing them with confidence that we have quality systems in place for dealing with the management aspects of a contract as well as the practical.' Since Donald Jnr became a partner with his father Donald the firm has expanded, but at a controlled pace, with the aim of being competitive and on a manageable scale.

School was not for young Donald, 42, and he said: 'I have always been interested in construction.'

'I left Campbeltown Grammar School one month before I turned 16 and took a job with one of the many Irish firms that were in Argyll at the time installing new ducting for telephone lines.'

'I learned a lot about road works and tar reinstating while working on this contract and from then I knew that this was the type of work which interested me.'

'I worked on a number of other construction projects before becoming a partner with my father in 1999.'

The fledgling partnership invested in plant which allowed it to supply labour as well to some of the larger firms working in and around Argyll and Bute. Donald added: 'We have 12 full-time employees, plus me and my father and two part-time in the office.'



'This year we purchased our first tar paver. I always wanted our own machine for laying tar. Laying tarmac by hand, on some of the larger jobs, is back-breaking work and slow going.'

'With the paver we are in a position to competitively quote for larger jobs such as farm roads and large driveways.'

In the past 12 months DMC has also invested in its hire division, renewing the fleet of excavators which ranges from 14 tonnes to one tonne.

DMC provides a range of hire equipment to private clients, utility and construction companies with or without an operator as well as a busy skip hire service for Kintyre. Services carried out throughout the year include: hard and



soft landscaping, drainage installation and repairs, drain jetting and drainage surveys.

Donald Jnr said: 'We have squads which provide 24hr emergency backup service for Scottish Water, SSE and domestic customers that have issues with drainage or private water supplies.'

'We keep a large stock of water pipe repair fittings of all sizes, along with drainage materials.'

Recent works have included jobs in Islay, Oban and Tarbert as well as in South Kintyre. DMC has won contracts from SSE and Scottish Water in the past year giving a good building block for 2019.

'The secret of our success is hard work and maintaining good customer relations with our clients,' said Donald Jnr. 'I like to keep overheads low and production high to enable us to stay competitive.'



POLICE FILES with Sergeant Iain MacNicol

Women assaulted

A 27-year-old woman was arrested and charged after allegedly behaving in an abusive manner and assaulting two other women at 2am on Thursday December 27, in Main Street, Campbeltown.

Vehicle damaged

The passenger side wing mirror of a white Ford Transit van, parked on Ralston Road, Campbeltown, was knocked off between noon on Monday December 24 and 10.30am on Thursday December 27.

Careless driving

An 88-year-old man has been charged with careless driving after the red Dacia car he was driving pulled out in front of another vehicle on Campbeltown's Main Street, at the junction with Longrow South, at 3.50pm on Saturday December 29.

Car crash

An 18-year-old man was charged with careless driving after the car he was driving crashed off the A846 between Bowmore and Bridgend, Islay, at 6.50pm on Saturday December 29.

A passenger in the vehicle, which overturned, was injured and taken to hospital.

Vehicle damaged

A silver Vauxhall Astra car had its driver side wing mirror knocked off between 3pm and 4.30pm on Sunday December 30, on Saddell Street, Campbeltown.

Woman assaulted

A 63-year-old man was arrested and charged after allegedly assaulting a woman at 8.40am on January 1 in Southend.

Man assaulted

A 20-year-old man was arrested and charged after allegedly assaulting another man at 4.40pm on Tuesday January 1 in Burnbank Street, Campbeltown.

Window smashed

A 28-year-old man was issued with a record-

ed police warning after smashing a window at about 8.45pm on Tuesday January 1, in Burnside Street, Campbeltown.

Window smashed

A window of a flat in Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, was smashed after something was thrown at it at 11pm on Wednesday January 2.

Resisting arrest

A 17-year-old man who was charged with behaving in an abusive manner at 5.50pm on Thursday January 3, in Park Terrace, Campbeltown, resisted arrest.

Teen arrested

A 15-year-old has been referred for intervention processes after being arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner at 11.15pm on Friday January 4, in New Parliament Place, Campbeltown.

Woman assaulted

An 18-year-old woman was issued with a recorded police warning after assaulting another woman at 12.05am on Sunday January 6, in Longrow, Campbeltown.

Anti-social driving

An 18-year-old man was issued with an anti-social behaviour warning after he drove a silver Honda Civic car in an anti-social manner, with excessive speed and revs, at 12.50pm on Sunday January 6, on Main Street, Bowmore, Islay.

Drink driving

The 38-year-old male driver of a grey Vauxhall Zafira car which was found crashed off the B843 near Stewarton, Campbeltown, at 3.30am, on Saturday January 5, was traced and charged with drink driving after a blood sample was taken.

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

Sombre Somme shrouds inspire a former soldier

by Mark Davey
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A former soldier who bought a Somme Shroud is proud to have a certificate for Kintyre's Private Daniel Docherty.

When Paul Squire, from Southampton, bought the boxed miniature shroud of Private Docherty, who fell during the Battle of the Somme in 1916, he was determined to find out more about the soldier whose life he was commemorating.

Mr Squire said: 'When I bought the shroud, I promised myself I would do some research into whoever it was going to be.'

'It was quite easy, I Googled his name and the Campbeltown Courier was the second result.'

On November 16, 2018, the Courier featured a memorial, at Kilkivan cairn, to the Docherty brothers who died in the First World War.

The story was about their nieces Moira Graham and Margaret McCallum unveiling the memorial plaque.

Mr Squire's certificate



The shroud for Private Daniel Docherty.

states: 'Shrouds of the Somme, to commemorate Private Daniel Docherty, Royal Scots Fusiliers, died 12/8/16, No Known Grave, Thiepval Memorial Pier, face 3C, remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, number 3639 certificate of authenticity.'

Mr Squire added: 'Once I had cross-referenced the details I had already looked up on ancestry.com and another forces website, I knew it was the Kintyre Private Docherty aged 32.'

'None of the shrouds are alike and each one has a separate name with his own history.'

'Full details are at: www.shroudsofthesomme.com'

'They have been displayed around the country. I saw them at Winchester and it culminated in a huge display on Remembrance Day 2018 in London.'

The shrouds were created from an art installation, which physically represents each of the 72,396 British Commonwealth servicemen killed at the Battle of the Somme.

It was started by artist Rob Heard in 2013. In 13,000 hours he has hand sewn about 1.6 million stitches in the calico shrouds round a small figure.

The work is supported by two charities, SSAFA and the Commonwealth War Graves

Commission, as well as a large number of individuals and companies.

Customers receive one of the actual shrouded figures from the installation, after it was dismantled last November and are warned that it will not be in pristine condition.

Mr Squire added: 'I am originally from Yorkshire but have lived in Southampton since finishing my 22 years' service in the Royal Corps of Transport in 2000.'

'I love all military history. My grandad on my mother's side never returned from the Second World War.'

'He was captured by the Japanese and put to work on the Burma railway where he died, so I know just how the nieces feel.'

'Mr grandad also has no grave in the UK, but I have managed to find his in the Kanchanaburi military graveyard.'

Racial abuse trial delayed

A father and son's racial abuse trial which was adjourned in November for two months has been further delayed until March.

Witnesses, lawyers, a translator and court staff were all in Campbeltown Sheriff Court for Tuesday's sitting but, due to the ill-health of one of the accused, it could not go ahead.

Graeme Thomas Carlyle, aged 59, of 99 Kirkwood

Street, Clydebank, and Graeme Robert Carlyle, aged 39, of 20 Shore Street, Campbeltown, were charged with shouting racially abusive remarks and making threats towards a Polish couple at Kilmashenachan Caravan Park, Southend, in June last year.

Carlyle Snr's defence agent, Mark Chambers, told the court that his client had been admitted to hospital the day

before and was unfit to participate in the trial.

He said: 'My client says he feels like he is going to pass out and that he cannot concentrate.'

'In the interests of justice, I am duty bound to make this motion [to adjourn the trial].'

Continuing the trial until March 5, Sheriff Valerie Johnston said she was concerned about the waste of court time.

Campbeltown Cinema highlights

Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy's big screen reunion opens at Campbeltown Picture House today with three showings: 2.45pm, 5.30pm and 8pm.

Laurel and Hardy set out on a variety hall tour of Britain in 1953.

Diminished by age and with their golden era now behind them, they face an uncertain future, but the show, starring Steve Coogan and John C Reilly becomes a hit...

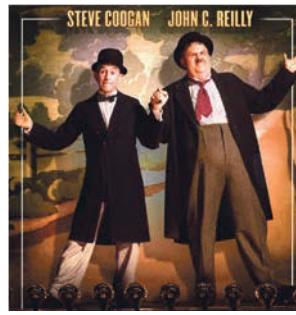
National Theatre live: The

Tragedy of King Richard II.

William Shakespeare would have embraced the possibilities of filmed high definition live theatre to immerse the audience.

Simon Russell Beale plays Richard II, in a visceral new production about the limits of power broadcast live from the stage of the Almeida Theatre.

Richard II, King of England, is irresponsible, foolish and vain. His weak leadership sends his king-



Steve Coogan and John C Reilly as Stan and Ollie.

dom into disarray.

There is one showing at 7pm on Tuesday.

Rotary Club of Campbeltown YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

The Norman and Phyllis Milne Fund will award a trophy and £200 to the most promising young musician of the year 2018.

Applications by letter or nomination form to 'Young Musician' are invited from young musicians in secondary school age, resident in South Kintyre or from other persons on their behalf, stating name, address, date of birth, telephone number and musical experience, with a short outline of why they should be nominated.

Nomination forms are available at Keith's Newsagents, Main Street, Campbeltown.

Letters and nominations forms for the award should be sent in confidence to:

The Secretary, Rotary Club of Campbeltown, Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, PA28 6AB

Marking the envelope "Young Musician of the Year"

Entries to be received by 12 noon Thursday 31st January 2019.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominations are invited for the recognition of good citizenship in Kintyre.

If you feel someone has given outstanding service to the community in 2018, put their names forward to

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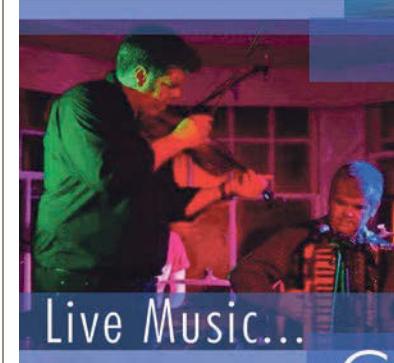
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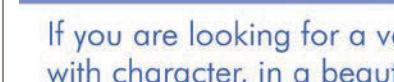
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Campbeltown Community Council has about £2,800 to disburse from the Scottish Hydro Tangy Two windfarm fund.

Applications are invited from constituted and unconstituted groups which support charitable activities.

Applications should include a statement of use for the money, how it will be monitored and assessed, when a progress report will be made and an email address.

Applications should be made to the chairman Alan Baker, Ailsa House, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, PA28 6JL, by the closing date, February 1.

Campbeltown football fixtures

There are two Kintyre home games tomorrow. In Campbeltown, Carradale take on Helensburgh, with kick-off at 1.30pm on the 3G.

In the Jimmy Marshall Cup first round, Campbeltown Pupils are away to Glenburn Athletic, while Cardross travel to Tarbert for a 2pm kick-off.

Satnav leads Hull removal men astray

by Mark Davey
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A pair of removal men from Hull saw more of the Scottish scenery than they planned after their satnav sent them via Gourock to Campbeltown as the quickest route.

On arrival in the ferry port, Mark Tennant was surprised to find there was not a bridge across the Firth of Clyde.

Mr Tennant's satellite navigation had taken no heed of the £62 charge for a commercial panel van on the ferry from Gourock to Dunoon.

There would have been a further charge for the Portavadie to Tarbert ferry, which Mr Tennant said was outside his budget.

Mr Tennant and his co-driver Craig Bridgeman had left the English east coast port at 2am to collect former carer Jill Skellorn and furniture from her Longrow South flat.

The pair reversed their steps from Gourock and drove round on the A82 and A83 to



Mark Tennant and Craig Bridgeman with Jill Skellorn. 25_c52tiger01_Jill_Skellorn

arrive after nearly 12 hours on the road.

After 15 years in the Wee Toon, Ms Skellorn has put

her flat on the market and returned to her native Hull to care for her 95-year-old father.

CAMPBELTOWN JP COURT

A Campbeltown driver who pleaded guilty by letter to driving at 86mph on the A83 was fined £200 at Monday's Justice of the Peace court.

Samantha Mackenzie, 50, of 62 Sound of Kintyre, Campbeltown, was also given three penalty points in relation to the offence at Corpotechan Farm Road end, on October 22 last year.

A Glasgow driver admitted driving at 71mph in a van, for which the highest allowed speed is 50mph, on the A83 at Corpotechan Farm Road end. Justin John Cahill, 29, of 5 Rhindmuir Drive, Ballieston, Glasgow, was stopped by police on October 31 last year.

Justice of the Peace Margaret McDowall fined Cahill £200 and ordered three points to be put on his licence.

A 21-year-old with 11 points on his licence was told, 'You have nowhere to go', after being given another three at Campbeltown JP court.

Aiden William Laing, of 51 High Street, Campbeltown, who was stopped by police on October 25 last year, pleaded guilty to driving at 90mph near Glencraig Farm on the A83.

In reply to the citation, Laing said: 'No explanations are needed. I was being stupid and I drove too fast.'

Before fining Laing £200, JP Margaret McDowall said: 'Is there any reason why I should not disqualify you this morning?'

'This has you sitting on 11 points on your licence - you have nowhere to go.'

JP Margaret McDowall set February 4 for an exceptional hardship hearing when a driver changed her plea to guilty of failing to have insurance.

Earlier procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty told the court that Louise Bradley, 32, of 21 John Street, Campbeltown, had been stopped by police in Saddell Street, on August 21 last year, for having a defective brake light.

Checks on the police national computer revealed that Bradley did not have insurance in place for the vehicle and she was charged with that offence.

During the hearing on Monday, JP Mrs McDowall said she hoped solicitor Ruben Murdinaigum would attend the hardship hearing on behalf of his client.

Lewis man is new NHS Highland chief

A Stornoway health professional currently working in Nottinghamshire has been appointed chief executive at NHS Highland.

Iain Stewart, pictured, who has a home on the Black Isle, takes the reins as NHS Highland battles with an expected deficit of nearly £20 million for 2018-19.

Mr Stewart will take up his



post at the end of January and said: 'Having lived in the Highlands for more than 40

years, with close ties to Argyll and the Scottish islands, the health and wellbeing of NHS Highland's population is exceptionally important to me.'

'I am delighted to be appointed to this role and am looking forward to leading, innovating and improving health and social care services across the Highlands and Argyll and Bute.'

Free senior citizens' concert

Acts have been booked for Campbeltown Community Council's senior citizens' variety concert next month.

Admission to the event is free of charge.

The mixed programme of entertainment, in Victoria Hall on Saturday February 2, runs from 2pm-4pm and includes refreshments, sandwiches, cakes and a raffle.

Although admission is free, it is recommended that tickets are collected from George McMillan's newsagents to avoid disappointment.

Community council members and volunteers will start preparing the hall that morning at 10am.

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Rotary posties' bags were lighter

The Rotary Club of Campbeltown has seen a decline in demand for its Kintyre postal service as fewer Christmas cards are being sent, writes Mark Davey.

Just before Christmas, Rotary members were busy sorting and delivering the annual post which is one of its vital fundraisers.

A Rotary spokesperson said: 'Although this is a huge amount of work, it enables the club to continue the work of helping others locally, nationally and internationally.'

Slightly less

'The total amount of money raised was slightly less than in 2017, as people send fewer cards.'

'It was still a worth-while exercise from a Rotary point of view and although some expenses need to be deducted, it leaves a substantial amount for the club funds, and members would like to thank the public for their continued support.'

'Thanks are also due to the non-Rotarians who helped



Sorting the Rotary post at Campbeltown Heritage Centre. 25_c52rotarypost02

and without whom the task would have been much greater.'

'One or two of these people need to be named, for their help was substantial. They were: Maureen Mathieson, Brian McClement and Ian Ronald.'

'Help was also given by wives and partners of Rotarians, by honorary Rotarians, and by the shop-keepers who allowed posting boxes to be

left on their premises namely Wallpaper Shop, McGeachy Butchers, Keiths Newsagents, Glenbarr Stores and Muneroy Stores Southend. Thank you all and we hope to see you

again next Christmas.'

'Once again, Rotarian Ann Gallacher is collecting used Christmas cards.'

'There is a box in Tesco where old cards can be left.'

Rotary



Van driver banned after destroying £600 fence

An East Ayrshire van driver who destroyed a 25-metre stretch of fencing but failed to report the accident was banned from driving for six months.

Campbeltown JP court heard that Paul Alan Burns, 45, of 27 Braeside, Catrine, Mauchline was traced by police after a fragment of his number plate was found.

On Monday Burns pleaded guilty to not giving his name and address to any person with reasonable grounds for requesting it. He also admitted failing to report the accident to police within 24 hours. Burns' plea came just before a trial with four witnesses having attended.

Summing up the incident, procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty said that at 5am on Friday May 25 Burns was heading for Campbeltown on the A83.

Near to Craigruidh, Tayinloan, Burns collided with fencing valued at about £600. After the accident he returned to Glasgow.

Later that day a witness found a section of Burns' number plate and police found a match with nine vehicles from two companies. One company confirmed it had a man due in Campbeltown that day.

At 5.10pm Burns reported the accident to police in Cumnock. The police said he would have passed at least two police stations as he left Argyll and Bute.

Burns' solicitor, Stephen MacSporran, said that his client is not working, has suffered depression and is on benefits.

JP Margaret McDowall said: 'The impression I get is that had Burns had not left part of his number plate he would not have gone to the police.'

Mrs McDowall ordered eight penalty points be put on Burns' licence which, under the totting up procedure, meant he was automatically banned for six months. In addition he was fined £250.



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Cycling event treads in runner's tracks

Since Bradley Wiggins won the Tour de France (TdF) in 2012, rapidly followed by Olympic success, cycling has taken off in the UK.

Mountain biking had already changed the face of the sport and road cyclists have been further lifted by Chris Froome's multiple TdF wins.

It is barely two years since Robbie Semple's determination saw Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club (KWCC) reformed. This week comes news of a two-day KWCC event.

Since 2006, MOK Run has lit a torch for athletics in the area and cycling aims to follow the same path.

The run's 1,000 places sell out in hours and it has been voted Runner's World magazine's top UK race many times.

If the End of the World (EOTW) cycling event proves as popular, May could be bookended by national level events.

The EOTW event aims to start small and organisers say they would be happy with 100 entries but MACC base could accommodate many more.

Kintyre Way Ultra's cycle event has already proved the scenery is a big draw. Will EOTW prove the same?

Lorne Campbell Court thanks

Sir,

The staff of Lorne Campbell Court, working for Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, would like to say a big thank you to the Campbeltown Co-op for its very kind donations of a fridge and toiletries for the residents at their unit.

Also for supplying some party food for the Christmas concert.

Thanks must also go to the pipers and entertainers, Demi Martin, Eve MacMillan, Kevin McMillan, Robert McCallum, Kaitlin Jordan, the carol singers and Highland dancers, who all gave their time to make what was a most enjoyable afternoon.

Moira Ramsay,
Campbeltown.

Broken record grinds on

Sir,

The broken record grinds on.

Alastair Redman (Letters, December 28) says Scotland's economy is lagging behind that of England, ignoring the fact that the majority of the powers necessary to manage the economy are retained by Westminster.

If our economy is not performing as it should, the bulk of the blame attaches to his party in government there.

Holyrood lacks the powers over the economy it was promised to win the 'No' vote in the 2014 referendum.

Before he repeats himself about an unwanted second independence referendum – an assertion also unsupported by the facts – could he let us know how he and his Westminster colleagues are getting on with fixing the broadband in Skipness?

Name and address supplied.

Speed limit reduction

Sir,

Proposed legislation which looks to reduce the speed limit in urban and residential areas has been put out for consultation by the Scottish parliament's rural economy and connectivity committee.

The bill, which is being proposed by the Scottish Greens along with SNP backing, could see the speed limit in most urban and residential streets reduced from 30mph to 20mph.

Whether you are in favour of changing residential speed limits or not, it is clear that this bill will have an impact on local communities if it is passed, so it is very important that MSPs are aware of people's opinions on it.

Several constituents have already been in contact with me about it, so it is vital that all views are taken into account and a sensible decision is taken.

Individuals and organisations can submit responses until January 28 at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/20mphBill

Donald Cameron MSP,
Highlands and Islands.

'Fat Cat Friday' is sickening

Sir,

Nicknamed 'Fat Cat Friday', January 4 was the date by which the average CEO of a FTSE 100 company pockets the equivalent take-home pay of a typical full-time worker in the UK.

Executives are earning 133 times more than the average worker, at a rate of around £1,020 per hour or £3.9 million annually.

That's up 11 per cent compared to a year earlier.

It means they would only have to clock in for 29 hours in 2019 to earn the median £29,574 of British staff.

It's sickening.

Three days into the year and the fat cats have already made what average workers will earn all year.

It's not fair, and it makes no sense in how we value people's contribution to society and it makes no sense for the economy.

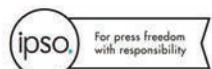
Too much wealth is being hoarded at the top by too many people who hide their money in offshore accounts and don't contribute to society.

Corporate remuneration committees, which decide executive pay levels within each company should abandon the idea of a 'superstar' business leader when business is a collective endeavour and reward should be shared more fairly.

This imbalance does nothing to help heal the many social and economic divides facing the country.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Many New Year's resolutions aim to improve people's health and one Kintyre resident believes mountain biking is the perfect resolve for 2019.

Aaron O'Hanlon, from Tayinloan, thinks the trails catering for riders of all abilities on Campbeltown's Bengullion are 'amazing' assets which are undervalued.

Invited

He told the Courier: 'I generally ride my mountain bike on forest roads throughout Kintyre

but I was invited by a friend to try the trails at Bengullion.

'I was blown away by them and amazed that I hadn't heard more about them. What a great asset they are for the area, and much credit is due to Simon Freeman and the rest of the boys who created and continuously maintain them.'

He took this photograph of the town and Davaar with his Huawei P20 Pro smartphone during one of his latest mountain biking trips.

Ideally we should have a maximum wage law or a progressive tax system which make excessive wages impossible and so free up billions of pounds for society.

Brian McKenna,
Overton Avenue,
Dumbarton.

Dechox for your heart in 2019

Sir,
This is a call-out to all chocoholics, cocoa bean lovers and confectionery enthusiasts.

A suggestion, a plea, an idea that will exercise willpower and strength while helping those in Scotland who are living with heart and circulatory diseases...dechox!

I am asking the people of Scotland to forget the ordinary New Year detoxes, which attempt to banish all pleasure during the darkest months of the year, and instead just cut one beloved item from your pantry throughout the month of February – chocolate.

Each year, heart and circulatory diseases kill one in four people in the UK, 15,300 of which are from Scotland.

Last year, we saw more than 18,000 chocolate lovers raise an astounding £1 million towards vital research, but with your help, we think we can raise even more in 2019.

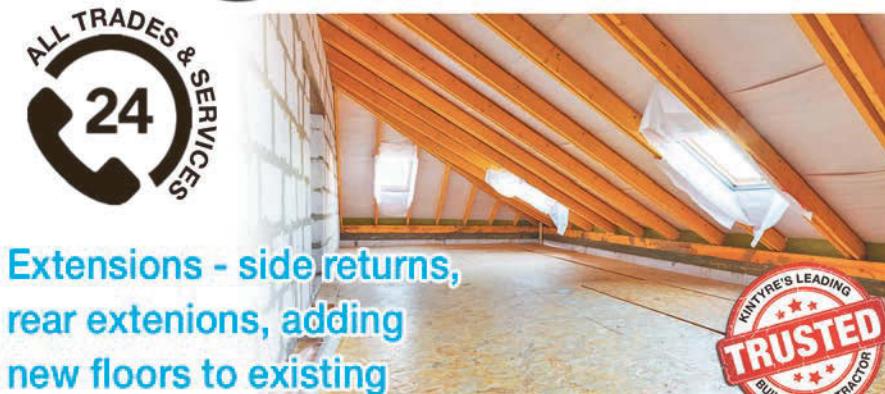
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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday January 9, 2009

Awards for Campbeltown United players

Players from Campbeltown United received awards at a meeting last week.

Craig Robertson received young player of the year, with Chris Thomson getting top goalscorer of the year.

Robin Barr was voted player of the year by his teammates and David McGeachy received manager's player of the year.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday January 14, 1994

The end of an era

Decommissioning became a reality for the Campbeltown fishing fleet this week when two skippers started the long process of breaking up their boats.

John Reid and Michael Foreman took part in the first tranche of the government's decommissioning scheme.

This scheme was introduced as part of the Days at Sea Bill, designed to reduce the British fishing fleet.

However, the remaining two tranches are on hold for the moment while English fishermen's representatives challenge the bill in court.

The Sea Quester and the Amazing Grace will be broken up on the New Quay slip, a process which has to be completed by March.



The team, photographed before a friendly match between different age groups, in 2009.

Only when this has been achieved do the two men qualify for their share of an EC grant.

Mr Foreman, skipper of the Sea Quester, said: 'With care and attention, both boats could have worked for another 30 years.'

'It's a pity they can't go to a third world country.'

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday January 9, 1969

Poisoning; six make progress

The six Campbeltown people who are detained in the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, suffering from carbon tetrachloride poisoning were yesterday stated to be making good progress and to be quite comfortable.

They are tobacco wholesaler Mr Jim Daniels,

of Rothmar; local chemist Mr Archibald Fleming and his wife, Marion; Mrs Rhona Wallace, wife of Dr Archibald Wallace; Mr Lennox Harrison of the County Garage; and local accountant, Mr George Gardner.

All were attending a New Year's Day party in Mr Daniels' house.

During the course of the evening three of them were served drinks which accidentally contained a quantity of pure carbon tetrachloride.

The three others tasted the affected drinks when it was indicated that there seemed to be something wrong with them.

The fault was traced to a soft drinks bottle which had the original label on it but actually contained carbon tetrachloride, a poison for which there is no antidote and which can affect the function of the liver.

Mr Daniels, Mrs Wallace and Mr and Mrs Fleming were flown by air ambulance to Glasgow early on Thursday morning.

Mr Harrison and Mr Gardner were taken to the Southern General on Saturday for tests and observation.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday January 11, 1919

Flooding in Campbeltown

A recurrence of the disastrous flooding which took place in the burgh and district on November 5 last as a result of an abnormal rainfall occurred on Wednesday, when the low-lying parts of the town were submerged to a considerable extent, several of the streets being like a veritable lake.

Thunder and lightning in the early morning was followed by a downpour of rain, and between six and seven o'clock the water began to rise in the streets.

It increased in depth and area during the morning and forenoon, and a number of thoroughfares, principally Main Street, Bolgarn Street, Shore Street, Union Street, Burnside, Longrow, Lochend and Lady Mary Row were quite impassable, the flood having attained a depth of, in some places, from 18 inches to two feet.

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One of Campbeltown's most successful sports clubs is celebrating its centenary.

Campbeltown Former Pupils Amateur Football Club, founded in 1919 as Campbeltown Grammar School Former Pupils Association, originally provided hockey for ladies and football for gentlemen.

1919 was the first year of competition after the end of the Great War, a catastrophic conflict that affected every community in terms of injury and major loss of life.

Such was the carnage,

Campbeltown's senior football league was reduced from a pre-war membership of eight well-founded clubs down to the bare minimum of three.

Into this void stepped a new organisation that would not only increase the number of teams available, but also allow the town's young people greater sporting opportunity in the years that lay ahead.

From humble beginnings, the club became the longest surviving and most successful local football

organisation in the history of the beautiful game, competing and gaining major success at both local and national levels on a regular basis.

The club's top achievement was winning the Scottish Amateur Football League Premier Division in 2000, the first Argyll side to achieve the honour.

The Pupils have counted among their numbers several amateur international players who represented Scotland, including the Reverend B B Blackwood (circa 1919), Keven Gilchrist (circa 1987) and Paul McWhirter (circa 2001).

Other players who have kicked a ball for the club include: Johnny Moscardini, who was capped nine times for Italy at full international level, scoring seven times as centre forward; John Durnan, captain of Swansea in the English League circa 1920; Duncan McAulay, who played senior football at Greenock Morton, and Thomas Maguire at Aberdeen, both in the 1980s; and Donald McCallum at Dumbarton until 2018.

In the modern era, the club shortened its long-winded title to Campbeltown Former Pupils AFC,



The first ever 'Pupils' team, photographed at Limecraigs Cricket Club in 1919.

but is still better known to one and all as the 'Pupils' Football Club.

At present, the club is honoured to act as the parent organisation to all football in Campbeltown, a partnership that includes the juvenile association, Kintyre schools and ladies' football under the umbrella of Campbeltown Community Football Club.

As in the past, the future of football in the community looks secure at all levels.

Celebration plans are in their infancy, but organisers hope to include a match against senior opposition, a dinner/dance and a pictorial publication to mark the occasion and history of football in Campbeltown through the years.



Players celebrate another championship Scottish AFL fourth division title in 1981.



Consecutive Scottish AFL champions, pictured in 2013 after winning Premier Two division in 2011/12, and Premier One division in 2012/13.



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Artist uncovers Davaar island



Ronald Togneri in 2018. 25_c50cavepainting02

by Mark Davey
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The latest interpretation of Davaar Island's unique crucifixion cave artwork includes a loin cloth styled after Diego Velázquez.

At a Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History meeting last month, former grammar school art teacher Ronald Togneri, who has inherited the role of preserving Archibald MacKinnon's artwork, spoke about the painting's history from his experience of its continual restoration.

Opening his talk, Mr Togneri said: 'I am heavily indebted to others who have ploughed this furrow before me.'

'I can add some subjective opinion and bring the story up-to-date perhaps by talking about the post-MacKinnon years.'

'I am indebted to sources like Angus MacVicar's Salt in my Porridge and Angus Martin's Kintyre the Hidden Past.'

'Probably the soundest work

is Murdo MacDonald's in The Kintyre Magazine, issue 65, spring 2009, a magisterial study of the subject.'

'It is remarkable that in a population of 7,000 people, Campbeltown between 1819 and 1865, produced five artists all of whom, with the exception of MacKinnon, found considerable eminence.'

These included William McTaggart, 1835 to 1910.

'McTaggart supported the young MacKinnon in his Campbeltown ventures.'

Narrative

'Like McTaggart, MacKinnon's earlier work was in a narrative style, genre painting, always with a characteristic vein of humour bubbling up through it.'

'His work was often labelled naive but the naivety is perhaps in its technical proficiency not in the thought processes behind his work.'

'MacKinnon worked in Campbeltown for a scant three years. He had returned from Glasgow where, apprenticed as an engineer, he had studied art at Glasgow School of Art at night classes.'

'MacKinnon's early years in Glasgow saw him finding quite a degree of success.'

'He exhibited at the RSA, Glasgow Institute and there is a watercolour, called Tirfergus Glen, which he submitted to the Glasgow Institute.'

'His Campbeltown Fair, from 1886 is, to my mind, his masterpiece, the finest thing he ever did.'

'It was exhibited that year in the Edinburgh international exhibition of science, industry, technology and art.'

Mr Togneri said that the work clearly owed much to genre paintings by an earlier artist, David Wilkie, whose genre paintings looked back 100 or more years as did MacKinnon's of the fair.'

Mr Togneri said the painting's flowing crowd of figures showing humour is held together by the architecture.'

He added that MacKinnon marketed images of the painting as a way to make money and of his painting Hogmanay in Campbeltown.

These paintings were donated to Campbeltown Museum

anonymously in 1904. Mr Togneri added: 'MacKinnon's mother had been widowed quite young and poverty had driven him to Glasgow.'

'Eventually she found work and must have bettered her financial position quite a bit because Archibald decided he was going to be a professional artist.'

'That's how he was going to make his living having trained as an engineer. He came back to Campbeltown to pursue that, things were going well for him making a living as an artist.'

'But, in August 1887, he took a crucial life-changing decision and that was when he surreptitiously crossed the Dhorlin and embarked on his cave painting.'

Response

'He did this he said, in response to a dream, he saw the painting in a dream in a cave.'

'He later said he had never been on Davaar Island before and I find both of those statements a wee bit hard to accept.'

'Even though MacKinnon painted that in Glasgow, I

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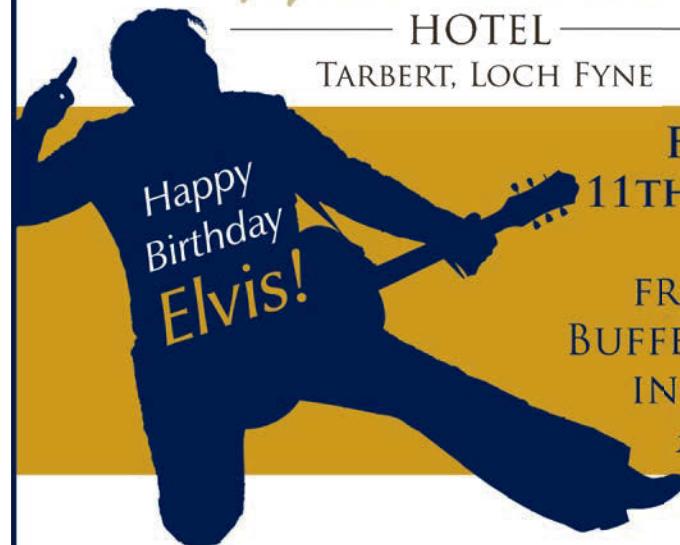
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Archibald's historic cave painting

think he must have been sketching and drawing in Kildalloig Bay and I am sure he would have been on Davaar.'

Comparing religious works by McTaggart to MacKinnon's Crucifixion in the cave, Mr Togneri said: 'It was full-on in your face, quite shocking.

Gothic vaulting

'Looking at it now in its setting, if you walk round towards the cave, the columnar basalt faulting soaring up immediately suggests Gothic vaulting, it is like a cathedral.

'It seems an appropriate site for a religious work.

'It looks as though it belongs, it looks as if it has grown out of the rock. Although we only have monochrome photographs of it, possibly retouched, you can see that Archibald MacKinnon's figure has a strength and a vigour.

'It also links to perhaps the more modern work of someone like Georges Rouault, in that simplified, stylised figure of heavy outlines, sombre colouring and dark tonality.

'These qualities are what

caused offence to people eventually.'

Mr Togneri added that one of the paintings of the day was Golgotha by Mihály Munkácsy and in 1887 it was exhibited in Glasgow.

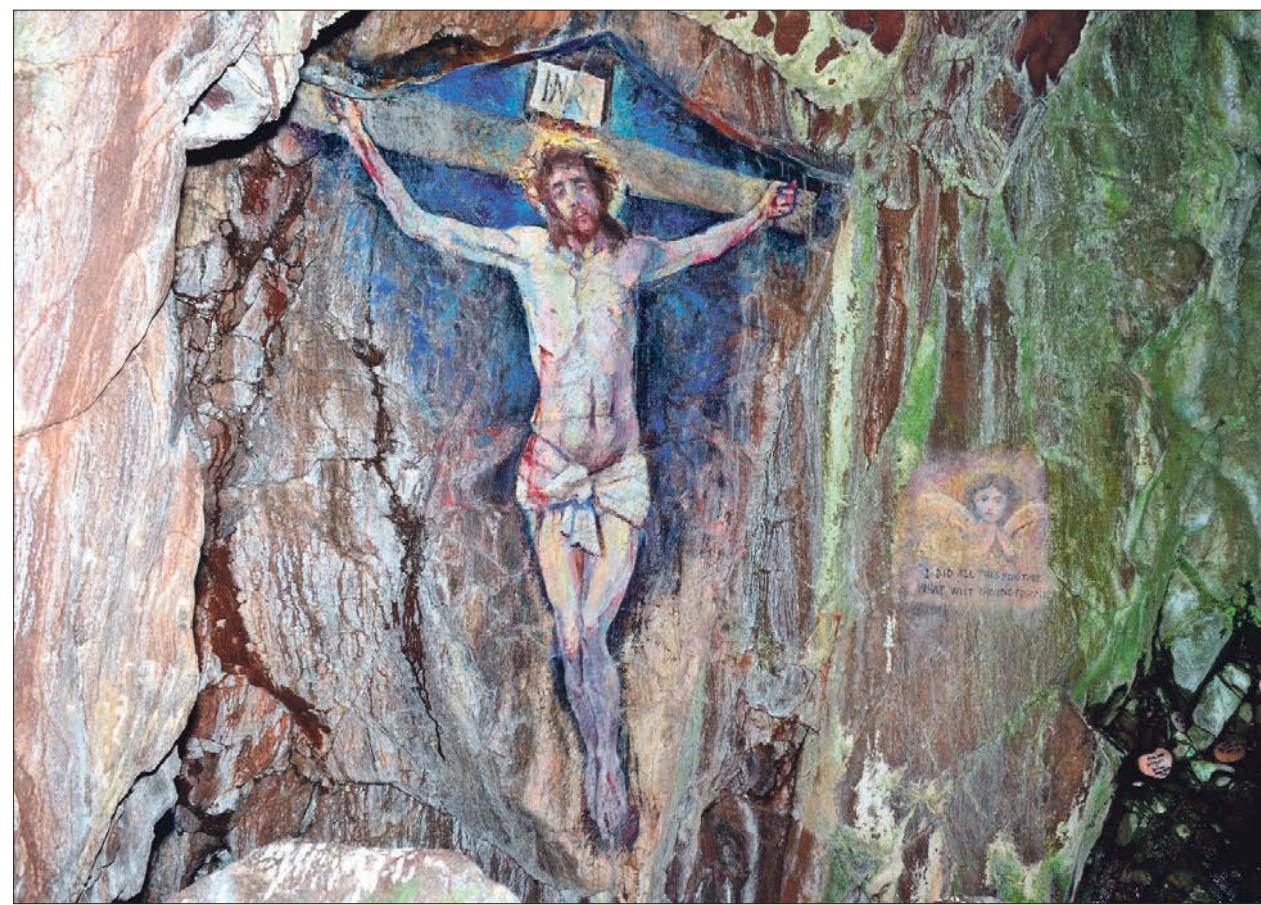
'It was a cause célèbre, everyone knew about it,' said Mr Togneri.

People flocked to the cave and Mr Togneri said one report told of an Episcopalian minister, who had been seen going backwards and forwards, but that he had been dead for some years.

'Art students and journalists came in increasing numbers, between 4,000 and 5,000 by the end of the first week.

'A local wag told a journalist, as he queued in line to view the cave: "Beware of Campbeltown, one half of the lies told in it are not true and the others most certainly doubtful".

The next edition of the Campbeltown Courier revealed that Archibald MacKinnon had come forward with photographic proof of himself as the artist.



The current eighth Christ. 25_c48crucifixionpainting01

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HAPPY NEW YEAR, HAPPY NEW YOU!

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2019 stretching out before us just as blank as the pages of our brand new diaries, ready and waiting to be filled in.

Ask yourself: with what are you going to fill the coming months? Right now is the time to get planning the best way to turn those resolutions into reality.

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The festivities and fireworks have fizzled out and here we are in early January, with

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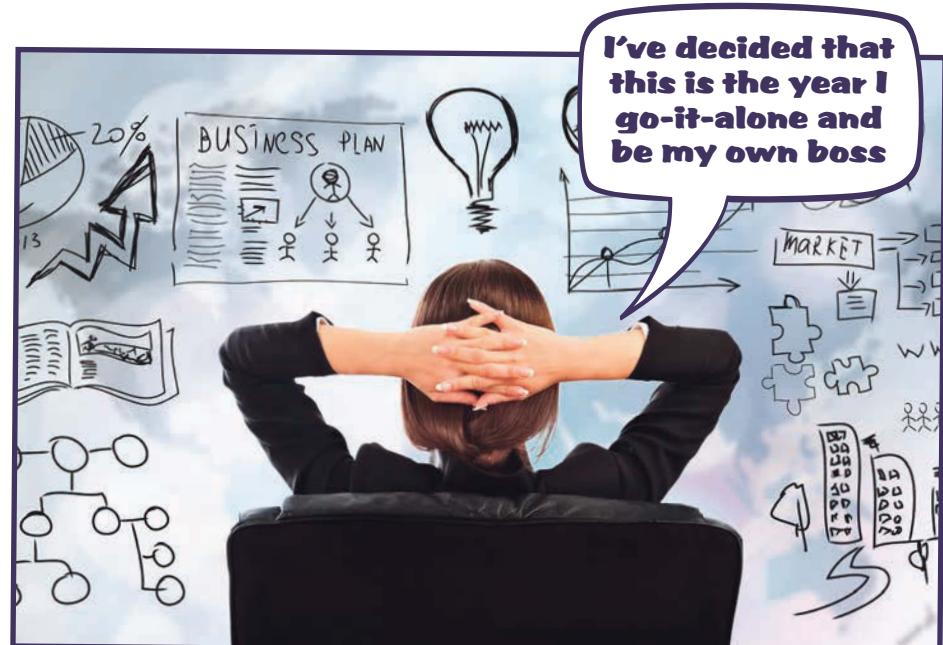
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Were you one of those people who went: 'RIGHT! New Year's Day, turn over a new leaf, I am going to jog/walk/lift weights/start each day with an exercise video, THIS IS IT PEOPLE!'

Chances are that by now you have probably come to a grinding halt!

Revisit that resolution and resolve to turn 2019 into your turn-around year. You got into bad shape slowly but surely over a number of years, you will stand a far better chance of succeeding in getting back into good shape slowly but surely.

The good news is that serious help is at hand.



Did you realise that here in Oban, Atlantis Community Leisure is one of the best places to go to in Scotland to get fit?

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There are more than 60 fitness classes a week including Les Mills, Zumba and Pilates, giving Oban the largest selection of fitness and dance classes anywhere in the west of Scotland.

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The company is also actively involved in the use of renewable energy and always looking out for the next innovation; researching and testing new technologies as they come onto the market.

At present MacLeods is working on air-

source heating and researching web-linked heating control systems which will allow users, maintenance teams or housing associations to monitor, review and control a building's heating system remotely via a secure link.

This makes the firm one of the biggest employers in the region; not just for the traditional building trades and professions but a wide range of administrative and support roles, including IT.

At MacLeods the company 'grows its own' with a firm commitment to apprenticeships and training to grow within your job. If you are looking for a new job or to learn a new skill, one of the smartest resolutions you could make in 2019 is to go along and talk to their recruiting team and keep an eye on its job advertisements.



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Before they decide whether to join, their consultant will explain Slimming World's programme and they'll be invited to observe a group session – and join in if they wish. If they decide to join, they'll be weighed and enrolled by the consultant at the end of the group.

Our group support system combines individual attention and group participation in a carefully structured forum. Group discussions range from practical sharing of tips and ideas to a deeper understanding of each individual's danger zones and slimming pitfalls. On a practical level, there is a strong emphasis on sharing favourite recipe ideas and discussing local stores and special offers on healthy foods. There is also a focus on basic cooking skills rather than reliance on convenience foods, and general cooking tips are shared. Our advice and literature take cost, cultural preferences, cooking ability and time constraints into consideration.

For those in need of a deeper level of support, our consultants have a number of methods and tools to help members become aware of individual obstacles

Slimming World - Not just for women



and barriers to change and through carefully facilitated discussion, develop personal strategies to overcome them.

All sessions last for around 1hr 30mins, with additional support provided between groups in the form of a series of 'lifelines':

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Pregnancy and Post-natal support

Slimming World is the only national weight management organisation in the UK to provide healthy lifestyle support to pregnant women and breastfeeding mums.

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MEET THE TEAM



Rhona Galbraith
Consultant

Hi, I'm Rhona and have been a SW consultant, for six years. I cover Lochgilphead/ Campbeltown and absolutely love my job. Running between five classes then offering driving lessons in between keeps me on my toes but I love to help people achieve their goals. Announcing the weeks weight loss gives the members a real boost and makes it all worth while so come along to one of our classes and meet our friendly groups. We cant wait to see you!



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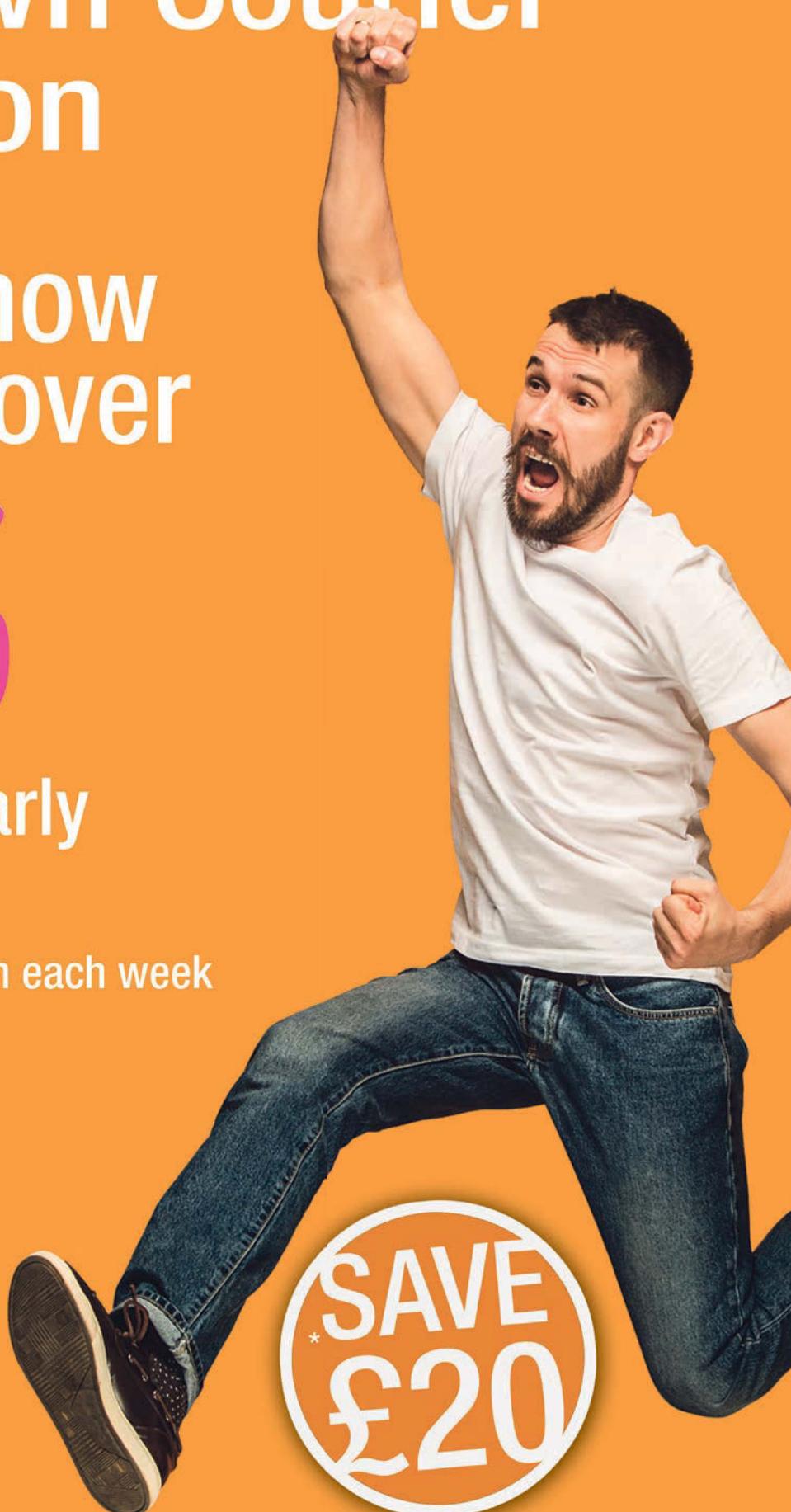
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LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Cellist hopes to strike a chord in Campbeltown

An Azerbaijani cellist will join a Welsh pianist to perform on a Campbeltown stage.

Jamal Aliyev, who has played cello across the globe, and Jâms Coleman will perform works by Beethoven, Bloch and Frank Bridge at the Kintyre Music Club concert in the Lorne and Lowland Hall at 7.30pm on January 14 – not the usual Friday.

Born in Baku, Azerbaijan, Jamal studied at the Yehudi Menuhin School and at the Royal College of Music with Thomas Carroll, where he is completing his master's degree.

His highlights include performing at the Menuhin, Kronberg and Enescu Festivals, the Atheneum (Bucharest), Forbidden City Concert Hall (Beijing), Rachmaninov Hall (Moscow), the Arts Parliament House (Singapore) and the Presidential Concert Hall (Turkey).

In 2015 he was selected as one of the first BBC Introducing classical artists, regularly appearing on BBC Radio 3's In Tune and with the BBC Concert Orchestra.

In 2017 Jamal made his debut at the BBC Proms and won the Arts Club – Sir Karl Jenkins Music Award.

In the last year, he has performed as a soloist with the London Philharmonia Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall, and with the Symphony Orchestra Simón Bolívar of Venezuela.

Joining him on stage, pianist Jâms hails from Anglesey, North Wales.

Jâms enjoys a rich and varied musical life performing as a soloist, chamber musician and vocal accompanist.

He finds it inspiring and fascinating to collaborate with different musicians and values the rewards of this process.

Chamber music engagements include performances in the UK and across Europe with instrumentalists Luke Hsu, Clio Gould, Maggie Faultless, Timothy Ridout, Laura van der Heijden, Joy Lisney, Marcin Zdunek and Jamal.

He has performed live on BBC Radio 3, BBC World Service, BBC 2's Proms Extra, BBC Radio Cymru and S4C.

As a vocal accompanist, he enjoys collaborating with many singers and his engagements include recitals with Ailish Tynan, James Gilchrist, Sir John Tomlinson, Robert Murray, Nicholas Mulroy, Robert Murray and Andrew Kennedy.

Tickets for the concert, which is free for Kintyre Music Club members, students and children, are £10.

Cellist Jamal Aliyev will perform in Campbeltown.



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Davaar island's historic cave

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'Outrage replaced awe and approval.'

Mr Togneri told of a letter from Proteus (he must have been an educated man) writing to the Courier. He wrote a lengthy denunciation notable for its viciousness.

The letter said that the face was that of a ruffian and vulgarity is writ large in every tone. The writer added he cannot paint higher than his own level and Mr MacKinnon's level is a pretty low one.

Mr Togneri added that MacKinnon's career had been going well in 1887 and said: 'As he ruefully confessed to the Argyllshire leader in 1934, the cave picture finished all that.'

MacKinnon bolted to Liverpool where a friend found him a job with Cammell Laird, the shipyard. He worked there until he moved to Nantwich.

MacKinnon returned to Davaar 11 years after leaving, in September 1898, completely repainting a more conventional image and adding a

little angel, with feathered wings, at the side.

Mr Togneri said: 'I think the harsh criticism he had received had preyed on him leading to the revision.'

MacKinnon made a postcard of the painting, adding gulls and a puffin to make it quite clear that it was a painting in a sea cave.

Later postcards were produced by Valentines.

MacKinnon's final return was in 1934 accompanied by his daughter Dorothy, who also returned one last time in 1966 to look at her father's work.

Supporters

His 1934 visit was covered by radio, cinema newsreels and reporters. He was met at the pier by the council and crowds of supporters.

Mr Togneri said: 'This painting was rededicated by the moderator of the Kintyre presbytery and the Roman Catholic priest standing side by side, a rare ecumenical event for Kintyre.'

'Angus MacVicar was then working for The Campbeltown Courier and

he asked MacKinnon if he had made a good living as an artist.

'He said: "I was only an artist when the mood was on me and that mood didn't come very often. I made my bread and butter as an art teacher."

'He was later to hit the jackpot, posthumously, with a painting of the first point-to-point at Nantwich which sold at an auction for £250,000 to the racing fraternity.'

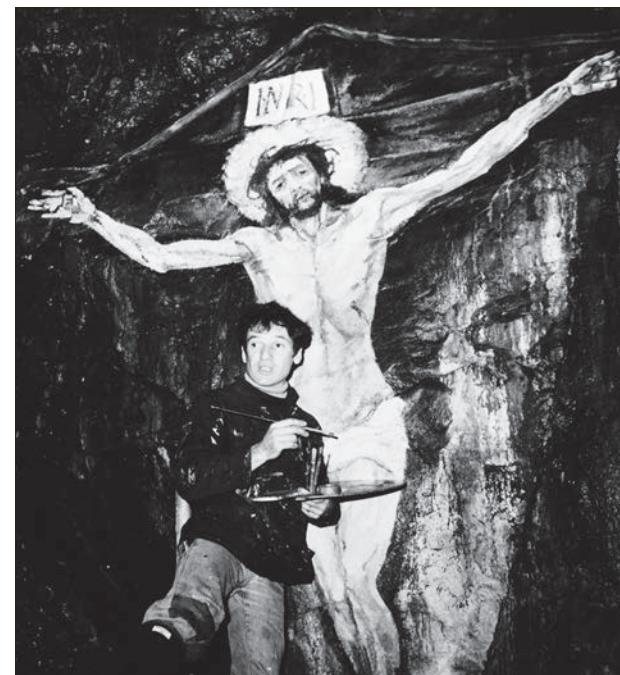
'MacKinnon passed away on his birthday in 1935.'

The crucifixion scene has been in a constant state of decay and within 20 years there was a drastic deterioration in the cave painting.

Water percolating round from all the soil and the rock above was running down the wall constantly, the paint became friable and the town council appointed John McAnally to restore and repaint the image.

Mr Togneri added: 'He was my art teacher at the Grammar School and I have to thank him for getting me into Glasgow School of Art.'

'John was a devout Catholic



Ronald Togneri restoring Archibald MacKinnon's historic artwork in 1979.

and he saw this work as a labour of love and a privilege.

'He used MacKinnon's figure and kept the pose with much stronger better proportion.'

The painting did not fare

any better and further erosion led to John MacKinnon Crawford, who had succeeded McAnally as art teacher, being asked to carry out further restoration in 1963.

Mr Togneri said: 'John,

being John charged a fee, he said that professional integrity demanded it and pride said that he paint his version.'

'John Crawford was a brilliant draughtsman and a very fine painter. It was a homage to late renaissance painting.'

'Colour very subtle and the paint handling really a bravura performance. John used the newly developed acrylic paints to make sure it would last.'

'This was the finest of all the cave paintings.'

Restoration

By the mid-1970s the community council had taken up the reins of restoration.

Under the leadership of David Gardener, a lead gutter was installed above the painting and this stopped the water penetration.

Mr Togneri said: 'I worked from scaffolding put up by the community council. For continuity, I painted in the style of John.'

'When I removed the peeling paint there was nothing to be seen of the previous work.'

'With the confidence and egotism of youth I did my

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painting

own thing, instead of the upturned gaze I painted Christ as a man, and a man of our own time in 1978.

"The painting remained untouched, until July 2006, when disaster struck.

'An anonymous vandal used stencils with car spray paint to paint in red and black images of the Che Guevara poster across most of the painting.

'How did I get it off?

'It was still wet when I saw it. I used solvents but that took most of the paint off.

'The Turners from Killalloig gave me £100 worth of acrylics.

'I tried to correct some of the previous drawing and restored the little angel which seemed to have disappeared.

'I changed the loin cloth in tribute to my hero Diego Velázquez.'

'If restoration of the cave painting were ever necessary again, I am inclined to think that it shouldn't be of the current painting, my last version, Christ number eight.

'I think it should be of the first one. In 1978 I had

no knowledge of the first painting I had never seen the image.

'If it were recreated I think people would be able to appreciate what all the fuss was about in 1878.'

'The concept remains unique, whatever version, and I think it must remain an obligation to Campbeltonians to ensure its preservation.

Custodianship

'I would like to see the custodianship of it formalised to a public body, the museum, the library, the common good fund or Historic Scotland.

'I think it should be in Campbeltown public hands if possible.'

Mr Tognetti added that perhaps a public information board about the painting could be created, maybe housed in the museum for those unable to go to Davaar to see the painting.

I know of no other remotely similar painting anywhere at anytime, ever.

Archibald MacKinnon surely put Davaar Island on the map with his great leap of creative imagination.'

News in brief... news in brief

Picture House feedback wanted

Administrators at Campbeltown Picture House (CPH) want to reel in customers' views.

The survey is at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VFXSZWJ>

A post on the CPH website states: 'As part of a few projects in which we're participating, we're required to collect feedback from our customers.'

'We'd really appreciate it if you could fill in a feedback form below.'

'It's anonymous, simple, should take no more than two minutes and you can skip anything you don't fancy answering.'

MOK Bookfest 2020 meeting

The committee planning a 2020 Campbeltown book festival is keen to attract further members.

It plans to hold a third meeting at 7pm next Thursday January 17 in the Town



Campbeltown Picture House

Hall Chambers and all are welcome. At the November meeting, a date of spring 2020 and a potential length of two days was agreed but all other festival decisions remain on the table.

MOK Fest finance

A Courier story about Argyll and Bute Council's strategic tourism funding failed to mention that MOK Fest has been granted £7,920 for 2019.

The grant was part of a total of £113,000 awarded to 12 events and festivals which are seen as helping to boost tourism.

In May last year Creative Scotland's open project fund granted MOK Fest £10,000 for the 2018 programme.

Darts results

Gavin McLachlan hit two 180s for the Burnside and Jamie McGougan hit 180

and had a 101 finish for Kilbrannan A in the latest results from Campbeltown District Darts Association.

Scott Shields had a score of 171 for Ailsa A, Kenny Docherty had a finish of 120 for the Burnside, Jimmy Umpherston 109 for Kinloch A and Matthew Connely had a 100 finish for Kilbrannan A.

Results: Fiddlers 2 Burnside 6, Ailsa A 4 Kilbrannan C 4, Kinloch A 5 Kinloch B 3, Kilbrannan A 7 Ailsa B 1.

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High spirits at Hogmanay bash



Linda and Craig Robertson, Christine and Archie Mitchell, and Donna Graham and Iain Galbraith in the party spirit.



Classics like Tina Turner's Proud Mary and Rolling On The River got the audience involved.

As Campbeltown Town Hall clock struck midnight on Hogmanay, revellers inside the building toasted 2019.

A countdown timer projected on the wall inside gave everybody at the New Year's Eve party plenty of time to prepare for 'the bells'.

Music was provided by Argyll-based band Treble Trouble, while a buffet of Scottish fare added to the traditional event.

Campbeltown Grammar



Neil McNaughton piped in the new year.

School-educated Neil McNaughton, who is head of bagpipes for the Royal Cavalry of the Sultanate of Oman, piped in the new year as everybody in the room crossed arms in celebration.

Gold party hats added to the festive atmosphere and ensured the new year was brought in in style.

On behalf of Treble Trouble, member George Durnan said: 'What a fabulous night to welcome in the new year.'

'There was a great atmosphere in Campbeltown Town Hall and first-class hospitality from all the town hall team.

'It was our pleasure and privilege to perform and entertain everyone at such a fabulous venue.'

A spokesperson for the town hall said: 'A special mention to everyone in the town hall team, particularly Bobby Cairns, Morag McMillan, Tina, Peter and Felicity.'

'Thanks also to Willie

Durnan for the amazing lighting inside and out, to Neil McNaughton who piped in the New Year, to the fantastic Treble Trouble who had everyone on their feet from the start of the evening until the very end and finally to everyone who joined us in making it a night to remember.

'Happy New Year everyone and may 2019 bring you everything you wish for.'

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Fiona Mitchell and Shannon McCallum celebrated the beginning of 2019.

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People crossed arms and sang Auld Lang Syne, as is tradition at 'the bells'.



Julia McGeachy, Jane Millar, Darren Souden, Hazel Currie and Rachael O'May at the event.



Even the police got in on the festivities as constables Jack Baker, left, and Elaine Ross, second right, joined off-duty officer Karen Cairns, second left, and Catriona Lang, right.

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NFUS enters 2019 on a healthy financial footing

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How many actually do this?

Lunch will be provided, so booking is essential

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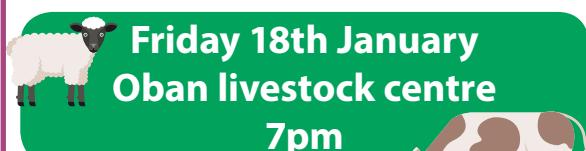
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Farmers in Scotland are being told they must pay closer attention to how they manage workplace risk or face serious penalties.

The UK Government's Health and Safety Executive

(HSE) will soon begin a programme of inspections to review health and safety standards on farms across the country.

The inspections will ensure those responsible for protecting themselves and workers are complying with the law to prevent death, injury and ill-health.

If not, HSE will not hesitate to use enforcement to bring about improvements.

Inspectors will check that risks are being controlled in areas including: machinery, falls from height, children and livestock.

According to HSE, agriculture has the poorest health and safety record of any industry in Britain, with

the latest figures showing that 33 people were killed in agriculture across Britain in 2017/18 - around 18 times higher than the all industry fatal injury rate.

HSE head of agriculture Rick Brunt said: 'Everyone involved in farming has a role to play.'

'Those working in the industry need to understand the risks they face and the simple ways they can be managed. Those who work with the industry can be part of the change that is so badly needed.'

'Farmers, managers and workers are reminded that death, injuries and cases of ill-health are not an inevitable part of farming.'

'In order to achieve this, we need to be underpinned by a robust financial base to give us the resources to employ the right people to be the advocates for the industry and to do the activities that will make a difference.'

'I am pleased that once again we have had a good financial year. A lot of hard work by many people has seen our membership grow for a second year.'

'I set a goal a few years back to grow affinity income and to return an amount equal to the value of subscriptions back to our members in the form of discounts on goods.'

'Our affinity income continues to grow, and we now return discounts equal to the value of members' subscriptions.'

'We will once again plough back our surplus into growing the activities we do. We will be putting new part-time regional policy advisers in Orkney and Shetland to enhance the support we provide to members, and we will continue to strengthen our lobbying activities to ensure that the voice of Scotland's farmers and crofters is heard.'



Scott Walker, NFUS chief executive.

leaving an operating deficit of £28,000 as opposed to a surplus of £32,000 in 2017.

Investment income of £72,000 means NFUS ended with a net surplus of £44,000 compared to £111,000 in 2017.

As a result, the balance

sheet remains strong with net assets increasing by £58,424 to £2,968,225.

Membership at financial year end was 8,315, up from 8,258 at the same time in 2017, an increase of 57.

NFUS chief executive Scott Walker said: 'NFU

Scotland exists to lobby. We are here to bring pressure to bear on policy-makers and commercial organisations to gain favourable outcomes for Scotland's farmers and crofters in order to achieve a sustainable and profitable future for Scottish agriculture.'

New year, new farming attitudes needed, says HSE

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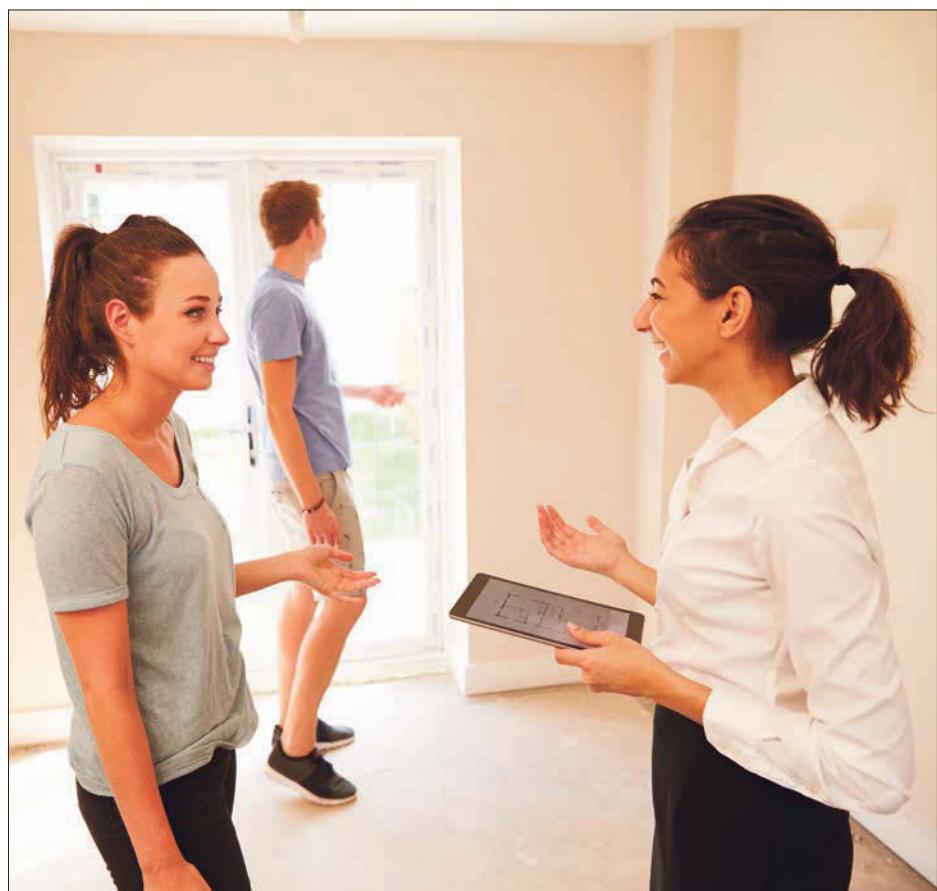
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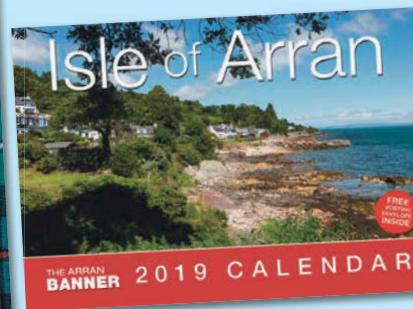
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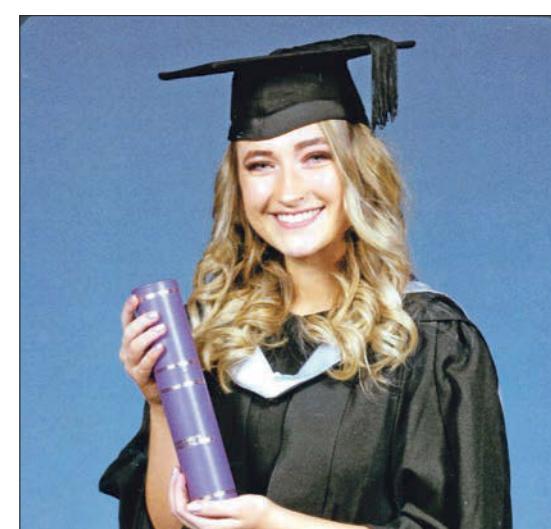


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KIRSTY BLAIR

Graduated from Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen with a Bachelor of Midwifery. Daughter of Lynn & Gordon, grand-daughter of Mary and the late Chubby Ferguson and the late Archie and Anne Blair. Kirsty is now working as a Community Midwife in Elgin.



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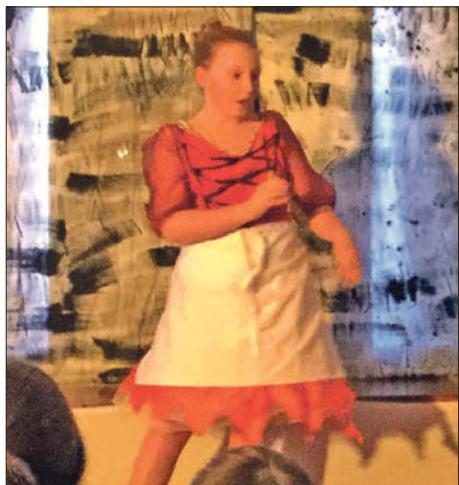
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Cindereilidh comes to Clachan

Clachan primary pupils brought a classic fairy tale with a Scottish twist to the school stage for its festive show.

At the end of last term children performed in Cindereilidh, a local take on the classic Cinderella.

Village ceilidh

The pantomime was set in Clachan, and instead of a grand ball, the cast attended a village ceilidh.

Lots of laughs came courtesy of the ugly sisters, Skippy and Nessie, while Cindereilidh and the prince danced a St Bernard's Waltz.



The children performing a song during the pantomime.



The school's chanter group played on stage.

Breaking with tradition, instead of a stepmother and a fairy godmother, Clachan had a stepfather and The Godfather.

The Godfather also acted as a narrator, bringing a magical feel to the evening, especially in the scene where the pumpkin transformed to the carriage and when he placed a magic spell on the house.

The school's two P1 pupils played Buttons the Cat and Ron Achan, adviser to the prince.

A school spokesperson said: 'We had a full house and the audience took part in all the traditional panto fun.'



The cast of Clachan's Cindereilidh.



The Godfather arrives.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheddell

I have often thought that age is a strange thing.

I find it hard to imagine my parents younger than I am, and as I get closer to the age at which they died, I wish I could just have one more conversation.

I am not really sure what I would say, other than to thank them for the love, the time, the fun and the wisdom they shared with me.

Maybe I would ask them to jump into our life as it is now – just for a few moments – with all the technology, the social media, the world of internet and emails, and ask them what they think about it.

We have enjoyed the next generation staying with us over the holidays, and have realised just how much of their time has been spent looking at their gadgets.

Life now revolves around iPads and Kindles, text messages and social media, and conversation often does take second place.

And, of course, we are all guilty of spending time on our devices rather than with each other.

It is so easy to get caught up in cyberspace.

So, as I think of my folks and wonder what they would have thought about this, I think I know.

They would not have understood the need to have a conversation online rather than face to face.

They would not have considered sitting isolated in their room using FaceTime rather than calling round to their friend for quality time.

So, while we love our gadgets and their easy access to our friends, let us always remember to call in person, to take time with those we love and to share the air, rather than the airwaves.

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Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on Hogmanay, of Kathryn, younger daughter of David and Anne Howell, Kilchiaran, Campbeltown, to Stuart, elder son of David and Ailie MacBrayne, Low Machri more, Southend.

DEATHS

AGNEW - Peacefully, at his home, 4 Ionad Shomhairle, Achahoish, by Lochgilphead, with his family by his side, on December 30, 2018, Kenneth Agnew, in his 83rd year, beloved husband of Esther Durnan and a dear uncle and great uncle. Funeral service was held at South Knapdale Parish Church, Achahoish, on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

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CAUSTON - Peacefully, at Ardfenaig Nursing Home, Ardrishaig, on December 26, 2018, Margaret Brown Causton, in her 97th year, formerly of Saddell, last surviving daughter of the late Thomas Glen of Saddell, beloved wife of the late John Causton and a loving mother of the late Johnnie and Tommy.

DUNCAN - Peacefully, after a long illness, with his family by his side, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 28, 2018, Robert Riddell Duncan (Bobby), in his 81st year, 35 Castleacres, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Archie and Elsie Duncan, much loved brother of Jean and the late Grace, devoted uncle of Duncan, Jane, Archie, Elizabeth-Anne and Sandra, and a loving great uncle.

KELLY - Suddenly, but peacefully, with her family by her side, and at her home in Alexandria, on January 1, 2019, Elizabeth Helen Jordan Kelly, in her 72nd year, formerly of Knockscalbert Way, Campbeltown, devoted wife of Richard, dearly loved and adored mum to Audrey-Anne, loving mother-in-law of David, much loved, cherished and proud nana to Darren, and loving sister to Robert and William. Funeral service in Alexandria Cooperative Funeral Parlour, on Monday, January 14 at 1.00pm, followed by a service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Tuesday, January 15 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Family and friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Alzheimer's. She will be sorely missed by all, including her many dear friends and neighbours.

MCKERSIE - William Norman, died December 16, 2018, widower of Fay, father of Michael and Andrew, and grandfather of Robert. Formerly of Norwood, High Askomil, Campbeltown.

STEWART - On January 6, 2019, peacefully, at Lochside Care Home, Shandon, Helensburgh, Hamish Stewart, known as Skinner (former painter), of Chalmers Court, Inveraray, and formerly of Arkland, in his 79th year, first son of the late David and Catherine Stewart, Inveraray. Funeral private.

SWEENEY - Elizabeth Walker Ferrier (née Fleming), aged 75 years, dearly beloved wife of Charles and loving mother and grandmother, died peacefully at Strathcarron Hospice, on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Funeral service at Falkirk Crematorium, on Thursday, January 17 at 11.30am, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, but if desired, donations in lieu to Strathcarron Hospice welcome.

WILSON - In memory of a much loved mum, granny and great granny, Flora, who died January 7, 2018.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL - The family of the late Rosina Campbell would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received during their sad bereavement. Special thanks to Rev Robert MacLeod for a very fitting and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral

Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations to Tarbert Parish Church totalled £330.

MAUCHLINE - Jane and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all the lovely flowers, phone calls and visits after the sad passing of Duncan. Thanking everyone who attended the church service and at the graveside, Rev Fulcher for his uplifting and comforting service, and doctors and all the staff at Kintyre Care Home who looked after Duncan so well. Our thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for personal attention and professional services, and to the Argyll Hotel for a lovely tea. The retiral collection for Kintyre Care Home Residents Fund raised £405.80.

IN MEMORIAMS

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of Kenneth, died January 14, 2006. We think about you every day, with so much love and pride. We miss you so much and wish that you were still here by our side.

- Love, Mum and Dad.

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of our dear brother, Kenneth, who was taken from us on January 14, 2006.

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JOHNSTONE - In loving memory of Morag, a mum, gran and great gran, who passed away on January 12, 2018.

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MCCALLUM - In loving memory of our beloved sister, Muriel McLellan, died January 7, 2018.

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WILSON - In memory of a much loved mum, granny and great granny, Flora, who died January 7, 2018.

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Daring New Year's Day dippers make a splash

Words and photographs
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More dippers than ever took part in the sixth annual Dalintober Dip For Dosh.

Here are some photographs from the New Year's Day event.

For the full story, turn to the back page.

Right, the sea was flat calm throughout the dip. 50_c02dipfordosh11



Coastguards Gary Anderson, Stuart McConnachie and Jamie Girvan on stand-by. 50_c02dipfordosh08



Safety officials were at the event in case anything went wrong. 50_c02dipfordosh12



The hardy dippers make a splash entering Campbeltown Loch. 50_c02dipfordosh10



The beach wasn't just for dipping – James McAllister, two, built sand castles with his grampa Hughie McAllister while his parents, Michelle Paterson and James McAllister, took the plunge. 50_c02dipfordosh07



Piper Ian McKerral offered encouragement as spectators snapped photographs. 50_c02dipfordosh05



Spectators lined Dalintober pier and North Shore Street. 50_c02dipfordosh13



Sarah Livingstone looked the part for her first ever Dip For Dosh. 50_c02dipfordosh06



Hamish Taylor, left, presents Alistair McConnachie with the Taylor Tankard.

McConnachie is first winner of Taylor Tankard

Dunaverty's New Year competition had an extra incentive this year in the form of a beautiful silver tankard presented to the club by the Taylor family, including Eve and family, Hamish and family and Ian and family, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Competition was fierce for the Taylor Tankard and the winner was only decided by a better inward half with two players on net 61.

The youngest player in the field, Alistair McConnachie, reached the turn in 39 strokes but in the inward nine he put together an excellent 32 to finish on gross 71, giving him a net total of 61.

Vice-captain John Brown continued his good form by recording a gross 73, less his handicap of 12, to also finish on 61 but Alistair's back nine proved to be the better and he became the first winner of the Taylor Tankard. He also won the captain's prize for the day, a bottle of whisky.

Alistair had the best scratch score of the day with 71 and the CSS was

64. Adding his New Year score to that of the Christmas event, Alistair won the combined score by the narrowest of margins from Sandy Watson, the oldest player in the competitions, defeating him by one stroke.

Captain John Morrison, on behalf of the club, thanked Hamish Taylor and the family for donating the tankard for the New Year competition and asked him to present it to Alistair.

Result: 1 Alistair McConnachie 71-10=61(bih), 2 John Brown 73-12=61, 3 Sandy Watson 76-11=65, 4 Alex Arkell 79-13=66 (bih), 5 John Morrison 82-16=66, 6 Donald Hardman 83-16=67(bih).

Combined Christmas and New Year competitions: 1 Alistair McConnachie 66+61=127, 2 Sandy Watson 63+65=128, 3 Danny Halliday 67+67=134, 4 Malcolm Ronald 67+71=138, 5 Robert Irvine 71+69=140, 6 Robert Coffield 74+67=141.

scratch score with 69 and the CSS was 64.

Results: 1 David MacBrayne 73-12=61, 2 John Brown 75-12=63, 3 Campbell McCallum 69-5=64, 4 Bill Brannigan 79-13=66(bih), 5 Danny Halliday 83-17=66, 6 John McKinlay 78-9=68.

Golf lotto results

There were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's final three-number lottery draw of 2018.

The winning numbers on December 30 were 4, 12 and 13.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £300, will be on January 13.

Tickets are available from the club steward, committee members, Muneroy Tearoom and the Burnside bar.

Campbell McCallum had the best

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:
McConnachie is first
winner of Taylor Tankard

Loony dookers dip for dosh

Words and photographs
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More than 60 people plunged into Campbeltown Loch as part of a bracing New Year's Day tradition.

The sixth annual Dalintober Dip For Dosh saw more people than ever take the plunge to raise the profile of the beach's regeneration.

The event, for which fancy dress and sponsorship have become optional, saw elves, pirates and scarecrows take to the water, while some wore traditional swimwear.

Members of the Coastguard, and RNLI and volunteers looked on from the shore and kayaks as the dippers took to the chilly water at noon.

Dippers

Piper Ian McKerral stood at the end of Dalintober pier and played tunes, including Campbeltown Loch, to spur the hardy dippers into the water.

Last year, high tides meant swimmers were forced to jump off the slip but this year, the traditional run in from the sand returned.

The sun shone and the sea remained flat calm as the challenge took place but, despite this, everybody was back on dry land within a couple of minutes.

Some were still recovering from their Hogmanay celebrations and, as is tradition, returned to the party after the dip.

The event was well supported, with hundreds of spectators lining the pier and North Shore Street offering encouragement.

The final amount raised had not been revealed as the Courier went to print.

For more photographs, turn to page 34.



More dippers than ever before took part in this year's Dip For Dosh at Dalintober. 50_c02dipfordosh01



Clockwise from above: Joanne Blair, Dalintober Beach Regeneration Group chairman Jamie McLean and Kenny Blair strike a pose after coming out of the water. 50_c02dipfordosh02; Team Elf were all smiles after taking the plunge. 50_c02dipfordosh03; Cath Black and Mairi Cosgrove felt refreshed after the dip. 50_c02dipfordosh04



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