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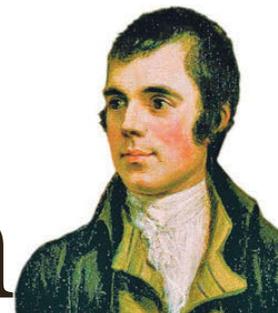


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Kintyre band's Burns Google gig in London



by Mark Davey
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Kintyre trad band Rhuvaal will rock London at an exclusive Google UK HQ Burns night gig.

Rhuvaal drummer Raymond Gosling said it was 'a no brainer' for the five-piece band to accept the capital date.

It involves a round trip of more than 1,000 miles, to play at the multi-billion-pound search engine giant's exclusive celebration of the Scottish national bard.

The band heading off on

the road, including its two latest additions, is Arran McAllister (lead vocals and acoustic guitar), Raymond Gosling (drums), Niall Gemmill (keyboard), fiddler Bronwen Davies and Kate MacPherson on the bagpipes and whistles.

Gosling said: 'This will be our first gig south of the border since we formed back in 2015.'

'We head to London next Thursday morning and will be performing in the Google headquarters for a Burns supper evening.'

'We were approached by a

relation of one of our band members who put us in contact with Google's event organiser for the performance.

'This came as quite a shock to us as we had never thought we would be playing in a city like London and to be offered a gig at the Google HQ in London was a no brainer to accept.'

The band, which mixes Scottish festivals with private gigs and smaller engagements in village halls, will come back to earth next Saturday.

Gosling added: 'After performing in London, we fly back into Glasgow on Saturday afternoon before heading to a gig in Oban.'

Rhuvaal has confirmed various festivals across Scotland for 2019, including Carradale Music Festival on April 19 and 20, Gigha Music Festival, Eden Music Festival, Gig in the Goil and MOKFest.

Gosling said: 'Make sure to keep an eye on Rhuvaal's social media platforms for further details of where the band will perform throughout 2019.'



Rhuvaal at a Jura gig.

Campbeltown Pupils AFC is 100



The Pupils are pictured in 1926/26, with the famous Italian international Johnny Moscardini, inset, top left, and John Durnan, captain of Swansea in the English League circa 1920, inset, top right.

Kintyre's premier football side, formed in 1919, has reached 100 not out and kicked off a year of centenary celebrations.

Last week's Down Memory Lane featured some of the Pupils' top teams of the past and there is a further selection on pages 34 and

35, plus a match report on the back page.

The roaring 20s was a particularly successful decade.

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American-based Royal Hotel owners seek a buyer



'We will be very careful as to whom we would sell the hotel, as its future remains important to us'

The American owners of Campbeltown's Royal Hotel have promised there will be no jobs lost in any sale of the premises.

It was announced on Monday that Southworth Europe Ltd will be listing the hotel for sale and last week staff received letters from the management warning them about the plan.

There is no proposal to sell Southworth's holdings in Machrihanish, which include the Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club, The Ugadale Hotel and

Just a year ago Southworth's Kevin Lewis formally handed over to Andy Hogan the current Kintyre boss. 25_c02southworth01

Cottages, The Old Clubhouse Pub and The Kintyre Club.

The Royal holds a special place in Campbeltown history.

Built in 1907 by Kintyre proprietor Archibald Johnston, The Royal was designed by renowned architect James Monro of Glasgow, who would later design the Grand hotel in St. Andrews.

After years of economic difficulties in the area, the aging property closed its doors.

In 2008, David Southworth and Joe Deitch bought The Ugadale and The Royal hotels, created the Mach Dunes golf course, and began the development of the Village at Machrihanish Dunes, which includes both hotels and the golf cottages.

The Royal is also home to The Black Sheep Pub and the elegant Harbourview Grille.

'We love The Royal and what it has become, but we have made the decision to list the property for sale,' said David Southworth, founder and chief executive of Southworth Development, 'It will afford us some operating efficiencies and is not vital to our operations in Machrihanish.'

'We will be very careful as to whom we would sell the hotel, as its future remains important to us.'

'There will be no loss of jobs within the community.'

'We truly hope that whoever the next owner is will have even more resources to attract added visitors to the area.'

Southworth added that in

addition to bringing valuable jobs to the area, the development revitalised the Kintyre economy, providing a high quality tourism product to draw new, high-spending visitors from around the world.

Since 2008, Southworth has invested more than £33 million in the overall project.

In addition grant aid has come from Highland and Islands Enterprise, the European Regional Development Fund and Argyll and Bute's Campbeltown Town Centre Regeneration Project.

Plus a special grant to the Royal by the Scottish ministers, through Historic Scotland under the Historic Environment Regeneration Fund.

Boys' Brigade cheque presented

First Campbeltown Company Boys' Brigade welcomed Howdens' manager Archie Martin.

Mr Martin attended the brigade's regular Tuesday evening in Lorne and Lowland old church hall to present a Howdens' cheque for £250 which will go towards the group's July visit to Heads of Ayr Park.

Donated

A former Campbeltonian, Nancy Morgan from Dorset, has also donated £150 to the company.

First Campbeltown Company Boys' Brigade members with from top left: Nigel



Ferguson, Archie Martin, captain Alister Nimmo and Heather Spree. 25_c03boysbrigade01

POLICE FILES

Abusive behaviour

A man, aged 51, was arrested after allegedly behaving in an abusive manner on January 10 in Craighouse, Isle of Jura.

He was charged and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Alleged assault

At 9.45am last Friday a 26-year-old man was arrested in Campbeltown.

He was charged with assaulting a woman the previous night in Albyn Avenue and behaving in an abusive manner.

Resisted arrest

A man was allegedly abusive when refusing to leave licensed premises in Cross Street at 10.30pm last Sunday.

The 41-year-old later resisted arrest, was charged by police and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Report submitted to fiscal

The 38-year-old driver of a crashed grey Vauxhall Zafira states that he has not been charged with drink driving.

A report in last week's Courier police files should have read that following a blood test on the man, traced and arrested by police as the driver, a report was submitted to the fiscal.

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Grammar school heads into the future

Staff and pupils at Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS) are making positive changes following the inspection last year.

Some of these have come from Education Scotland's recommendations following that visit.

The head teacher, staff and pupils are looking forward to discussing the progress made when Education Scotland returns on March 4.

Since the initial visit, the school received the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) in October 2018 and the steering group, which led this development, has produced a charter to help illustrate what is important at CGS.

An extensive consultation of pupils, parents, staff and partners led to some key words and values being identified and reflected in the charter.

About 200 stakeholders participated in the consultation survey and provided suggestions for a statement which would 'fully capture or articulate the school's unique identity in a way which underpins the school values and gives overall direction to its work' - something Education Scotland suggested could be refreshed.

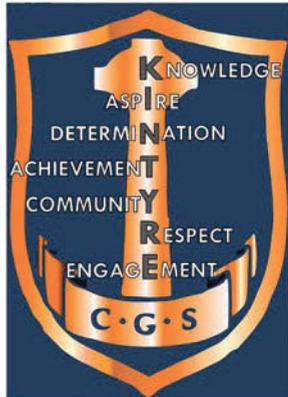
These suggestions have led to the following draft for CGS's 'Vision and Values' statement:

Vision: Inspiring Achievement: Campbeltown Grammar School aspires to be at the heart of the South

Kintyre community, providing consistent, high quality learning opportunities for all our young people and inspiring them to achieve their full potential.

Aims: To welcome and encourage diversity and individuality and foster a shared commitment to respect for all, inclusion, honesty, equity, compassion and justice.

To provide for the health and wellbeing of every member of our school community



A graphic of the CGS charter.

though effective engagement with parents and partners, ensuring our young people feel happy, safe, equal, valued and inspired to achieve their best.

To develop resilience and determination in times of increasing pace and challenge through inspirational teaching, a supportive environment and an intrinsic desire for knowledge.

To fully develop our

young people's academic, social and emotional skills and ensure everyone leaves CGS as responsible citizens, successful learners, effective contributors and confident individuals who are ready and eager to take on the next exciting steps in their lives.'

A consultation survey on the proposed vision and values statement is available on the school's website until the end of January. To comment go to <http://bit.ly/CGSVision2018>.

Another major development is a proposal to increase the number of national qualifications that S4 to S6 can study in an academic year.

This will involve an increase in the number of periods per week to create time for six subjects with five periods.

Additional periods are required for compulsory 'core' subjects: physical education, personal social and health education, and religious and moral education.

Head David Fyfe said: 'There are two models being considered and the school is very keen to hear your views.'

A short survey has been created and to participate follow this link <http://bit.ly/CGSCurriculum>.

'An information evening on the curriculum and progress has been arranged for Wednesday January 23 at 7pm when everyone is welcome to attend.'

'The school is keen to engage the South Kintyre community in its further improvement plans.'

Mr Fyfe added: 'I am deter-

mined to build on CGS's previous successes and, together with staff, pupils, parents and partners, ensure that it is at the community's heart, inspiring achievement and equipping our young people with the knowledge and skills to lead happy, fulfilling lives.'

'Participation of all concerned in future consultation surveys and information evenings is vitally important.'

Argyll and Bute Council's education leader, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, said: 'It's clear that Campbeltown Grammar School lies at the heart of the local community and I look forward to seeing things continuing to move forward.'



Grammar School head David Fyfe.

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Fraudster ordered to repay £23,000

A Campbeltown sheriff gave a fraudster six months to repay £23,000 under proceeds of crime legislation.

At a hearing last year, Joan McCallum, 47, of 19A Calton Avenue, Campbeltown pleaded guilty to obtaining payments of tax credits to the value of £29,000 by failing to report a material fact, namely that she was living with her husband Niall McCallum.

Last Thursday, Sheriff Patrick Hughes also made a compliance order and said that McCallum must cooperate in the remortgage of her property if necessary to pay the confiscation order.

During a sentencing hearing last October, McCallum

was electronically tagged and, with a restriction of liberty order, told to remain at home from 9pm to 5am.

At that court, McCallum's defence agent said she accepted responsibility and

that she posed little risk of re-offending.

He emphasised that although £29,000 seemed a lot of money, most was used for childcare and not extravagances.

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Jill urges New Year resolutioners to stub it out!

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A smoking cessation specialist is urging people to kick their unhealthy habit in 2019.

Jill Denton, who supports people from Kintyre and Mid Argyll in quitting smoking, wants more people to sign up to her free service.

Supported by NHS Highland, she holds sessions in Campbeltown Library on Tuesdays and in Lochgilphead on Wednesdays offering support and advice.

Jill recently presented a cheque for £90, from donations to a collection tin in the library, to the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation, the only UK charity to focus solely on lung cancer care.

As well as supporting those with the disease, the foundation invests money in researching the prevention and treatment of the illness.

Jill told the Courier: "Thanks to the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation treatments for lung cancer have improved dramatically and people with the disease are living longer than ever before."

Founded by thoracic surgeon Professor Ray Donnelly as the Lung Cancer Fund in Liverpool in 1990, it was renamed after UK entertainer Roy Castle in 1993.

Recovery

Roy was diagnosed with the disease in March 1992, and having been told his chances of recovery were slim, agreed to raise £12 million to build, equip and run the new centre.

Roy, a passive smoker who blamed his illness on playing the trumpet in jazz clubs, continued to fundraise for the charity until his death in September 1994, aged 62.

His wife Fiona campaigned for the British smoking ban



Jill Denton in Campbeltown Library with the cheque for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

which came into effect in Scotland in 2006, banning smoking in almost all enclosed public places.

Jill added: "Thank you to everybody who has donated and to the library for keeping the collection tin."

As well as one-to-one support, Jill offers group sessions and telephone support for those who

cannot attend meetings. To find out how Jill can help you stop smoking, call 07707 868351.

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Nine-month jail sentence for Islay assault

A man who failed to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court to be sentenced for assaulting a woman on Islay has been jailed for nine months.

James Gillies, 23, of 21 Wallbrae Road, Carbrain, Cumbernauld, pleaded guilty to failing to appear in court on September 20 last year without reasonable excuse.

Kicking her

He faced sentencing for assaulting the woman at an Islay address on July 2 by kicking her on the head and striking her on the body with a glass bottle or similar object while on bail, as well as behaving in a threatening or abusive manner by shouting and swearing.

His defence solicitor Ruben Murdanaigum told the court that Gillies had been arrested on September 19 and appeared at Falkirk

Sheriff Court the day he should have been in Campbeltown.

Mr Murdanaigum said that Gillies 'deeply regrets' that he did not inform authorities that he should have been at court in Campbeltown but was 'very concerned' about the matter in Falkirk.

He continued: 'It could be seen as a reasonable excuse but he knew the date and he knew he should have been here.'

Sentencing Gillies to nine months imprisonment for the assault, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: "These are serious offences - you have a record of violent offences against women and of committing offences while on bail."

Sheriff Hughes also imposed a two-month prison sentence for his failure to appear in September, to be served concurrently.

Campbeltown knife man tagged and fined

Police responding to an incident at a Campbeltown property arrested a man carrying a knife.

Last Thursday at Campbeltown Sheriff Court, James Deavy, 29, was sentenced for the offence and ordered to stay in his home, monitored by an electronic tag, from 7pm to 5am for eight months, fined £500 and told to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work.

Deavy, of 7 Glenside, Campbeltown, appeared on indictment on December 13 and pleaded guilty to having the knife, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, on April 23 last year.

Sentencing Deavy, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: "The carrying of knives is something which the public is particularly worried about."

Sentence had been deferred and after hearing that Deavy showed contrition and has

taken steps to improve his situation, including meetings with the Kintyre Addiction Service, Sheriff Hughes said: "As a general rule anyone who carries a knife could expect a custodial sentence but you have made good progress."



Campbeltown Sheriff Court

Charity footballers battered by wind

by Mark Davey
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High winds and intermittent rain could not stop 31 brave young footballers netting funds to send a Campbeltown girl to Vietnam.

The Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association players took part in three, 20 minute, seven-a-side games to raise £221.

Cash

The cash was handed to Additional Support Needs assistant Amy McCallum after the games.

As the Courier reported, last November, Amy, who works at Castlehill school, will give up the first month of her summer holiday to jet to Vietnam and help children.

Ms McCallum said: 'I will be based in Ho Chi Minh city and I think it will be quite an eye-opener because children who need additional support in Vietnam are hidden away.'



The CDJFA players with Rhys Blair back, Amy McCallum and Claire Mitchell.

'Apparently there are not many support staff and the children do not attend mainstream schools like in Scotland.'

CDJFA's Claire Mitchell said: 'A very big thank you goes to Campbeltown Co-op

for providing the children with hot sausage rolls and cookies to warm them up after the game, they went down a treat.'

Amy has already held a fundraising tea and plans a bingo night at Argyll Bowling

Club, on March 28, to go towards her target of approximately £2,000 to pay for the trip.

Amy has a gofundme page at: <https://www.gofundme.com/amys-project-vietnam> which has collected £800.

Campbeltown van thief pleaded guilty

Sentence was deferred on a man who stole a council van and later crashed it in Tomaig Road.

Appearing without a lawyer at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday, Kevin Shields, 29, of 42 New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to three charges of stealing the van on April 5 last year, driving the 14 plate vehicle without a licence and without insurance.

Not guilty pleas to two further charges of driving without due care and attention and failing to report an accident were accepted by the crown.

Procurator fiscal deputy Eoin McGinty told the court that the van's keys had been left under the visor, when it was parked, in the Argyll and Bute council depot at the Roding.

Forensic

After the crashed van was found, police forensic experts recovered DNA from blood on the dashboard which was a match for Shields.

In addition, CCTV from a premises next to the council yard showed a person approaching a number of vehicles before driving away in the Transit van.

Shields told Sheriff Patrick Hughes that there was another person involved who was an employee of BT but he had proved impossible to trace.

Shields added that he is in full-time employment and asked if social work reports could be prepared before he is sentenced.

Sheriff Hughes disqualified Shields and said that with his previous bad record, either a restriction of liberty order or custody would be at the forefront of his mind at the sentencing diet, on February 7.

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A musical education

International classical music stars played to an intimate Campbeltown audience.

Later reflecting on cellist Jamal Aliyev and pianist Jâms Coleman's visit, memories resurfaced of school days.

Despite many of us being quite unmusical, trips were organised to listen to the greats of the day, both popular and classical.

Monday's senior Kintyre Music Club audience was treated to a virtuoso display.

Kintyre is noted for its musicianship but pupils, who can attend the club's concerts free, were noticeably absent.

It was a school night, although the same is largely true of the club's Friday night concerts.

There was much advance publicity, including a picture of young Jamal hugging his cello like a rock star.

The pair are playing parish and church halls on their Scottish tour but next month Jamal will play a two-night show, as a soloist, with the Presidential Symphony Orchestra in Ankara, Turkey.

On page three there is much about the Grammar School's progress – watching Jamal and Jâms perform was equally an education.

It was different when the BBC SSO visited and took the show to schools.

Thanks to wonderful community

Sir,

I have always been proud to be a Campbeltonian but never more so than in the difficult weeks following the disastrous fire at Machrihanish Golf Club.

In our family, we have experienced what Robert Burns described as: 'The naked truth, the real guid and ill.'

The naked truth is that no lives were lost. We are still part of a loving and very supportive family.

Each one of us has many good and helpful friends, and we are part of this wonderful community in Campbeltown and Kintyre and also throughout the country and the wider world.

Thank you, all of you, for you are holding us up.

Agnes R Stewart,
Campbeltown.

Dalintober Beach Group thanks

Sir,

Dalintober Beach Group would like to thank all who donated during Dip for Dosh 2019 with nearly £600 collected on the day.

There was great support for the swim and numbers rose significantly and hopefully 2020 will be even bigger.

Specific thanks are due to the RNLI,

Campbeltown Coastguard, the ambulance service, piper Ian McKerral, Dalintober Beach Group members and Campbeltown Sailing Club for use of the premises.

A second Campbeltown regatta is planned for August and further details will be announced soon.

Jamie Mclean,
Chairman,
Dalintober Beach Group.

Kintyre needs an Ireland car ferry

Sir,

MSP Michael Russell has voiced the concerns of residents and businesses of Mid-Argyll and Kintyre, at the continuing risks of road closures at the Rest and be Thankful.

Clearly a permanent solution will be neither simple nor without considerable cost.

Our MP Brendan O'Hara has expressed concern that Northern Ireland will be advantaged in comparison to Scotland under Brexit proposals.

He claimed that Northern Ireland 'will be in a very strong position to attract jobs and investment at the expense of Scotland'.

Both the above matters will have a detrimental effect on the economy of Mid-Argyll and Kintyre.

At the same time, VisitScotland has closed the main tourist offices in this area. The result of this is likely to be a reduction in tourist numbers, and further loss of business.

In the years 1997-8-9, a limited summer

vehicle ferry service to and from Northern Ireland was used by both commercial and private traffic, as well as tour buses and caravans.

This was considered to have benefited local businesses by up to 25 per cent in turnover during the period of its operation.

This was despite several alterations to the intended schedule. For two weeks in the month of June each year of operation, the ferry boat was taken off the route to provide a service to the Isle of Man, for the TT races.

In 2007, a press release, issued on behalf of the SNP stated that 'the future economic success of Kintyre' was dependent on the restoration of a Campbeltown to Ballycastle vehicle ferry link.

It further pledged that, if elected, as the governing party in Scotland, an SNP administration would reinstate such a service on an all-year basis.

I have written to both of the above Argyll representatives requesting their co-operation to have this ferry service restored.

Ian Y Macintyre,
Tarbert.

Universal credit not working

Sir,

It is outrageous that people may be starving while Tory MPs decide how cheaply they can run Universal Credit.

This is done to scrape together enough money to spend billions on unneeded nuclear weapons. It would be better to look after the nation's poor. An independent Scotland, man-

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**Susan Swain,
Dunbar.**

Kintyre index disappoints

Sir,
The bonus of the Kintyre index was that you could read it – decent-sized print, spacing between names and great to find anyone.

Imagine the disappointment when the miniature, small print and busy effort appeared with the Courier.

Not user-friendly for anyone far less for those with poor sight. Can we request a large print version under disability discrimination? What happened to equality?

It is certainly not customer friendly.

**Susan Paterson,
Southend.**

Editor's reply: Many seemed pleased with the redesign, commenting that A5 is handier than A4 and more likely to find a place on the hall table.

The typeface is still considerably larger than that in the BT Phonebook and Yellow Pages.

Plus, on pages 38 and 39, there is a mine of useful Kintyre numbers not found elsewhere grouped together.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Squally rain blown in on high winds occasionally gave fleeting glimpses of special scenery last weekend.

This view of sun rays, on ridges of the Mull of Kintyre hills, was taken from the West Road, using a telephoto lens.

It has the effect of compressing the distance between the hills. This makes them overlap, appearing closer together than they are in reality.

Most phones' short focal length makes these shots impossible without using digital zoom which degrades the image.

The scene only appeared for a moment before rain hid it from view. For the technically minded it was taken at ISO 400, 1/2000th, f11.

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday January 16 2009

Natasha reaches regional finals

Grammar School pupil Natasha Lee emerged as winner of the Argyll and Bute heat of the Future Chef competition when she travelled to Rothesay last month.

The S3 pupil's menu was a pork mushroom medley with pancetta and black pudding pilaf which was served with roasted tomatoes in garlic oil.

This was followed by berry and lemon mille feuille served with an almond-infused quenelle of cream.

Since she was very young Natasha has wanted to become a chef and enjoys home economics at school.

She is planning to study hospitality and work as a chef in a restaurant, making her success in the Future Chef competition an impressive first step towards her future career.

25 YEARS AGO

Friday January 21 1994

D-Day!

District councillors gave the thumbs-up to controversial plans for the Cloanaig Estate when decision-day arrived on Monday.

However, there was only one vote in it.

Councillors on the planning committee voted six to five in favour of the project being approved after carrying out a site inspection – as long as certain conditions are met before



Natasha went forward to the Scottish regional final at the Thistle Hotel, Inverness, on January 14 and if she is successful she will be off to London for the UK final.

the Forestry Authority makes a final decision.

The proposals have sparked bitter debate in the district since the estate came under the control of the Danish AAGEV Jensen Foundation, with petitions both for and against the plans attracting hundreds of signatures.

The conditions are aimed at maintaining views towards Arran and the Paps of Jura, nature preservation, preventing potential pollution, securing public access and diversifying the tree species.

50 YEARS AGO

Friday January 16 1969

Deafating the pong

Are Campbeltown ratepayers prepared to pay

an extra 8½d on the burgh's rates to try to get rid of the notorious pong on the Esplanade at low tide?

This, in the estimation of Councillor W S G Craig, is what it would cost to have a small dredger built to be used for clearing up sewage and keeping the inner harbour's deep water channel free of silt.

Councillor Craig told the council's monthly meeting on Monday evening that the 8½d would provide for the cost of the ship and its annual running expenses with a crew of two men.

He said: 'I don't think any ratepayer would grudge 8½d to get rid of the smell.'

Provost Daniel McKinven said this was a step in the right direction and suggested the

matter should be handed over to the Public Health Committee to be looked into further.

Councillor Craig, who has always been concerned with the ugly smell in the Dalintober area when the tide is out, agreed with the rest of the council.

100 YEARS AGO

Friday January 18 1919

Military Medal for Piper John McLean

It is officially intimated that the Military Medal has been awarded to Piper John McLean, Canadian Infantry, for conspicuous gallantry on the field on September 14, 1918.

Piper McLean is the second son of Private John McLean and Mrs McLean late of Summerhill Farm and now The Walk, Dalintober. He is one of five brothers, all of whom have served their King and Country, and all of whom have been wounded; while one has paid the supreme sacrifice.

We cordially congratulate Piper McLean on the distinction conferred upon him.

In thus gaining honour for himself, his family and his unit, he has done credit to his native district, the country of his adoption and the Empire at large.

That he may be long spared to wear his decoration will be the wish of all who know him.



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Notes from Kintyre Magazine

A current Kintyre publication is packed with more than a dozen fascinating stories, many of which would make good entries in Down Memory Lane.

The latest issue of The Kintyre Magazine, edited by Angus Martin, opens with an eight-and-a-half page feature on the history of explorations into Beinn Ghuilean's Piper's Cave, by the editor.

Mr Martin has uncovered some gems from the Courier archive, including finding possible pre-historic animal bones, in the cave, which he states was in an over-dramatised report – surely not.

The Road Surfacemen by Murdo MacDonald is particularly apposite given the huge number of potholes afflicting Kintyre roads.

When the first motor car arrived in Campbeltown finding any surface may have been a problem. The tale is recounted in Early Motoring in Campbeltown by Angus Martin.

Elizabeth Marrison has investigated a ledger for a Muasdale

shop dating from 1806 to 1810 in: A Rural Shop in 19th Century Kintyre.

Items purchased include a black silk handkerchief, half-a-pound of Spanish indigo, and a roll of 14lbs twist tobacco.

Methods of payment include nine carts of peat, for often bills were settled in kind.

Peter McIntosh delves into Irish history in: The 1798 Rebellion and the Saddell Volunteers.

Being in jail

A Case of Mutiny: The Strange Story of the Arriero, by Ian Wilson begins with a quote from Dr Johnson who said that 'being on a ship is like being in jail with the chance of drowning.'

The significance of that quotation is discovered on learning about the five mutineers' appearance in front of Sheriff Gardiner.

Genetics and genealogy is the subject of Jerry Loynachan's Loynachan Family Y-DNA.

Even non-Loynachan family will find interest in his explanation

of the Y-chromosome in tracing male genetic roots. Angus Martin's regular item By Hill and Shore, a diary of trips from February to August, last year, picks out his main subjects such as PRIMROSE, HERRING GULL AND OTTER in block capitals making them easy to spot in the text.

A Courier From our Files tale of an adder bite, from last August, has prompted Sandy McMillan to write about his own meeting with Britain's only venomous snake in: An Encounter with an Adder.

In advance of the Kintyre Antiquarians talk, by Ronald Togneri, featured in last week's Courier, Mr Martin, in Two Archibald MacKinnon Paintings tells the tale, from the Courier's discovery, through to purchase, by the friends of Campbeltown Museum, of a pair of artworks.

It is not all praise, though, and the Courier's July 6 report, of the purchase, is corrected for stating that MacKinnon taught at the Grammar School, which he did not.

THE KINTYRE ANTIQUARIAN AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY MAGAZINE No. 84



Nellie Barnes wearing her Kintyre Club dux medal.

The Kintyre Magazine front cover featuring photographer Nellie Barnes. The publication is available from The Old Bookshelf in Cross Street.

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Miniature dolls' house business is standing tall

A Campbeltown business that creates hand-crafted dolls' house items has seen sales soar after introducing downloadable digital 'do it yourself' kits.

Zena's Miniatures specialises in unique hand-crafted 1/12th scale dolls' house miniature printed digital downloads, ready-made clothing and accessories.

Zena Coffield launched the business after she began making tiny hand-crafted dolls'

houses a few years ago and recognised a gap in the market for well-made miniatures.

Working alongside her Business Gateway Argyll and Bute adviser, Zena has received consistent one-to-one advice on how to best market the business and create a digital strategy.

Specialist support

Business Gateway's Digital Boost programme has provided Zena with specialist support that has increased

her understanding of graphics software and the potential of data analytics, resulting in Zena's Miniatures' profile growing.

Zena said: 'People sign up to the website every day and now that I have figured out how to sell the kits as downloads, it's really picking up. I want to sell miniatures full-time and begin offering online tutorials.'

'The amazing response has encouraged me to increase my stock and I have plans to include ready-made items like dressed furniture and other unusual accessories.'

'I want to start attending dolls' house fairs, initially in the UK, but they also take place all over the world.'

'Business Gateway has been tremendous in helping me along the way, and I have picked up many hints and tips that have helped increase my reach on social media.'

'When an issue has come up, my adviser has been able to provide me with appropriate suggestions.'

Zena sells a range of products for dolls' houses, including clothes and accessories, while her kits allow people to make items for themselves such as hat boxes, shop displays and vintage paper items.



Zena Coffield.



Some of Zena's Miniatures at the recent Campbeltown Town Hall art exhibition. 25_c52art05

Prior to launching Zena's Miniatures, Zena spent more than 19 years selling women's clothes and accessories and providing a clothing alteration service through her shops Miss Fitz and ZENAS.

Now, with her focus firmly on expanding Zena's Miniatures, she's confident that she can increase her sales

not only in the UK but across the world.

Popularity

Donald Melville, Business Gateway adviser, added: 'This business stands out in many ways because of its popularity. 'Zena's Miniatures has exhibited at the International Miniature Fair Miniatura in Murrayfield and has recently

expanded to offer digital downloads of kits.'

'There is plenty of room for Zena's Miniatures to grow and I look forward to continuing to work with Zena on achieving all the goals she has set out for her business.'

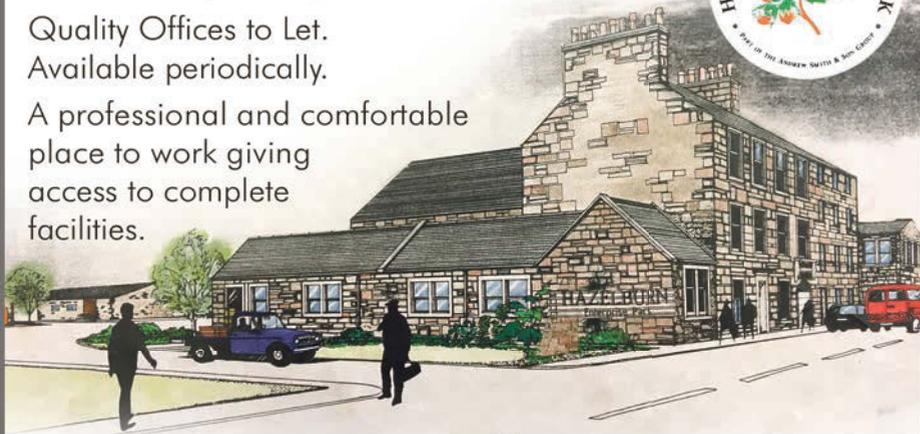
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Business Gateway Argyll and Bute is encouraging business owners to take advantage of a range of nine DigitalBoost workshops.

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The starting point for anyone not sure how their business might benefit from digital marketing is the Enhance Your Business With Digital workshop running in Dunoon on January 22 and Helensburgh on March 6.

Explore how to overcome some of the fears and perceived barriers to getting involved along with some simple next steps to enter the

world of digital. Ideal for businesses which have dabbled with social media but have yet to see real results is the Digital Marketing Strategy workshop is in Helensburgh on February 6.

It includes time-efficient techniques for driving traffic to a website, digital trends and how to work more strategically with the big search engines to improve the quality of search results.

New this year is Pinterest, Instagram and Photography for Business Online, running in Oban on February 1, Lochgilphead on February 7, Helensburgh on February 19 and Dunoon on February 26.

This workshop covers using image-sharing apps Pinterest and Instagram to grow a business, including how to shoot,

process and upload photos.

Learn how to create short and effective videos without pain or expense, including how to plan, shoot, edit and upload without specialist kit or expertise at the Video Production for Social Media workshop in Lochgilphead on February 21 and Dunoon on March 12.



Paid For Advertising in Helensburgh on January 23 and Inveraray on March 13, aims to increase the effectiveness of paid-for online advertising.

It covers the merits of different types of paid-for online options and the mix of platforms to choose from, including tips on ad content,

sizes, keyword planning, tracking and analysis.

Twitter and Hootsuite runs in Lochgilphead on January 31 and Dunoon on February 20 and is a workshop for businesses that already use Twitter as part of their digital marketing strategy and wish to produce more engaging content, reach a wider

audience and measure the effectiveness.

Web and Social Media Analytics in Oban on February 8 unlocks Google Analytics so you can clearly see where your website traffic is coming from and why, transforming your website's effectiveness.

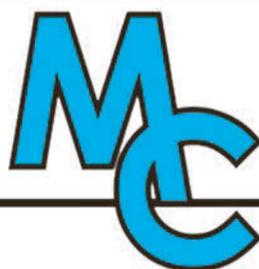
Other workshops include Producing Engaging Online Content in Lochgilphead on February 27 and Email Marketing in Oban on February 28.

DigitalBoost is funded by Digital Scotland and delivered by Business Gateway.

To book a place or to find out more about the full range of workshops, contact the Business Gateway team by emailing bg@argyll-bute.gov.uk or calling 01546 80 83 63.

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Early learning and childcare – the title now given to nursery – is now enrolling and the dates can vary within all different council areas, so don't get caught out!

Children born between March 1, 2016, and February 28, 2017, are entitled to a funded early learning and childcare place with starts from August 2019.

In Argyll and Bute, enrolment is during the week beginning March 4.

Full details are available on the council website, including forms to download.

Early learning and childcare is free to parents and is funded via the Scottish Government.

Children three to four years old can get up to 600 hours of funded early learning and childcare a year; around 16 hours a week in term time.



Campbeltown Nursery Centre – supporting a successful transition to Primary School

Campbeltown Nursery Centre offers free quality early learning and childcare for all children from 3 years until they commence primary school. The Centre benefits from hosting Meadows Under Fives within the building which enables children to access all day care as they can attend sessions at both, along with the lunch club if required.

Campbeltown Nursery Centre follows Curriculum for Excellence and offers a range of fun learning activities which supports children's holistic development. The nursery has an excellent outdoor provision which enables children to participate in a range of fun outdoor learning opportunities through recourses such as the mud kitchen and the bug hotel.

Campbeltown Nursery Centre works hard to ensure a successful transition takes place

from Nursery to Primary School, regardless of school choice. Although Campbeltown Nursery Centre works in very close partnership with Castlehill Primary School they also work well with all local primary schools to support successful transitions to school meaning parents can make their decisions on school at a later date.

Campbeltown Nursery Centre uses various toolkits to track, monitor and plan for children's learning and has recently revamped their PE Programme which incorporates opportunities for children to participate in a range of sports such as football, swimming, gymnastics and golf.

Registration Week at Campbeltown Nursery takes place week commencing Monday 4th March. If your child turns three between 1st March 2019 and 28th Feb 2020 you are invited to register them for their FREE Early

Learning and Childcare Place at Campbeltown Nursery Centre.

You can choose to register your child for 5 FREE weekly sessions. Either a morning or an afternoon space, or a combination of both if preferred.

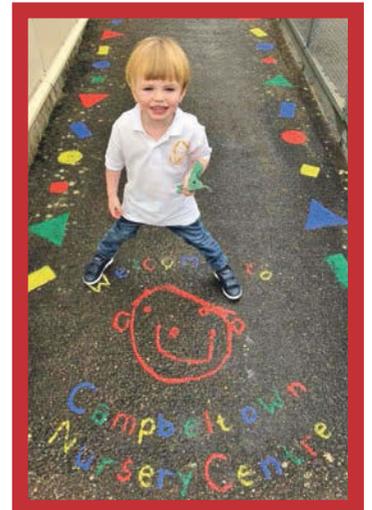
Morning Sessions: Monday to Friday; 8:50am until 12noon

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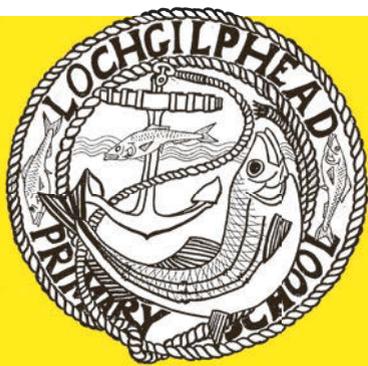
- A lunch club is available for children to attend prior to their afternoon nursery space or following their morning space.

Parents and Carers are welcome to pop in anytime throughout the week to complete a registration form or for a look round and to find out more information.



If you have any questions or would like further information with regards registering your child at Campbeltown Nursery Centre please contact **Miss Fiona Armour** at **Campbeltown Nursery Centre** on **01586 552397** or by e-mailing fiona.armour@argyll-bute.gov.uk.





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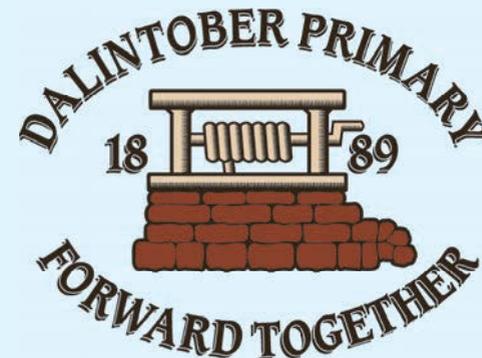
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requirements. This will also include a hot lunch being offered free of charge to all Pre-school children. From being finalists in the Scotland wide Nursery of the Year competition to working hand in hand with our families, Badden Farm Nursery offers parents a very special and highly individual learning environment of which we are very proud. We would be delighted to welcome parents and families to come and see for themselves our unique setting. Please call Jennifer or Jean on 01546 600072 Or email baddenfarm@btconnect.com



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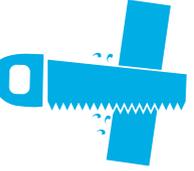
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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE



Hotel promises a night Rabbie Burns would like

A Campbeltown hotel offering a vegan option and traditional fare says its alternative Burns night would have attracted the bard himself.

Ardshiel Hotel's event on Saturday January 26, the day after Burns night, offers dinner including haggis, neeps and tatties before a music

session from 8.30pm featuring Anne Leith, Les Oman, Angela Paterson and a piper.

Posters advertising the party say: 'Celebrate like Burns. Robert Burns knew how to party and we aim to create a night he might have attended himself with music and whisky.'

Southend holds its annual Burns night on Friday evening, at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, from 7pm, featuring the Immortal Memory by Stewart McMillan.

Tickets for the Southend

bash are available from many: including David on 830223, Robert on 830251 and Willie on 553369.

The same evening, Whitehouse Village Hall committee hosts its Burns night from 7pm.

At least two Burns lunches are planned for Thursday January 24. The Rotary Club of Campbeltown's regular meeting will incorporate a Burns celebration.

Campbeltown Old Pals will celebrate the Bard's life at the Royal Hotel during its regular meeting.

Kintyre Songwriters' Festival call-out

Songwriters and bands are needed to rock the 2019 Kintyre Songwriters' Festival (KSF).

The 12th annual KSF will be held in Campbeltown on the spring holiday weekend from May 3 to May 5 2019.

KSF spokesman Stephen Johnson said: 'The festival was set up to let locals hear the music of local songwriters and support the performing arts in Kintyre.'

'It aims to accommodate as many local performers as possible, so if you write and/or perform songs, the organisers want to hear from you.'

There is more information at <http://www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk>

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Mountain biker proves age is not a barrier

Words and photographs
by Mark Davey
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A pensioner who was given a headstart at a Kintyre mountain bike time trial posted the second best time of the day.

Sue Allen, from Mid Argyll, rode the tough 10-mile circuit, based on Loch Ciaran near Clachan, in 48 minutes, 35 seconds having started with a slower group well ahead of the known faster riders.

James Murdoch won last Sunday's event in 44.14 and third was Joe R in 49.06.

The course was devised by Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club secretary Robbie Semple and featured 3.5 miles of solid uphill followed by a three-mile connecting loop before a 3.5-mile descent to finish.

At the start, the 13 riders were given a full safety briefing, including mention of a fallen tree and advised not to



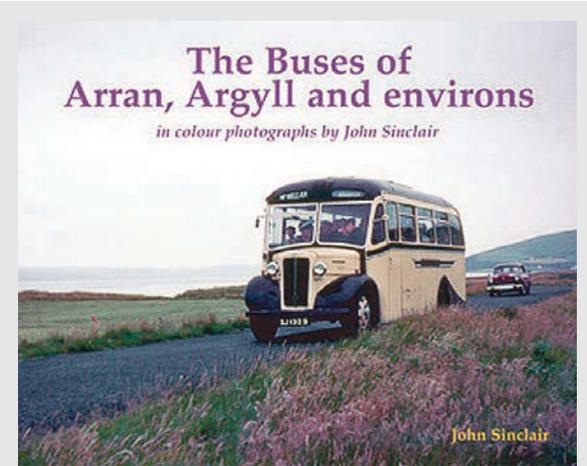
Timekeeper Ian Brodie with the early starters. 25_c03KWCCCT04

pedal so hard they missed the spectacular views.

The 13th day of the month proved unlucky for the 13th rider, who did not want to be named, as she did not finish due to taking a wrong turning and was rescued by a four-wheel drive vehicle.

Full results: 1 J Murdoch 44.14, 2 S Allen 48.35, 3 J R 49.06, 4 E Smith 51.21, 5 R Semple 52.25, 6 Sam 52.36, 7 L McGeachy 52.35, 8 Tanya J 57.25, 9 K McGeachy 1.03.15, 10 J Jackson 1.03.45, 11 T Millar 1.03.57, 12 C Semple 1.07.12.

Smiling on the rise to the finish. 25_c03KWCCCT10



The front cover of Dr Sinclair's book.

Bus book author's offer to readers

A retired surgeon who has just published his latest buses compendium is prepared to cut a deal for Kintyre readers.

Dr John Sinclair, 78, from Glasgow, travelled to the end of the line, last Saturday, when he visited his friends at West Coast Motors (WCM) and said he is able to supply, free of charge, electronic copies of images from the publication.

He is also hopeful that The Old Bookshelf in Cross Street will be able to stock his book *The Buses of Arran, Argyll and environs: in colour photographs*.

Dr Sinclair told the Courier on Monday that he retains a soft spot for Campbeltown where he used to consult every three months before retiring in 2005.

To request historic pictures of buses in Kintyre, contact Dr Sinclair at: johnsinclairuk@bopenworld.com

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Quiz help for golf club staff after major fire

Campbeltown quizmeister Helen Gilchrist organised a benefit event to help Machrihanish Golf Club staff following the devastating fire there.

Ms Gilchrist attracted a large group of quizzers to Stronvaar Bowling Club last Saturday afternoon to raise funds for staff who lost their

jobs and incomes when the clubhouse burned down just before Christmas.

The £10 ticket price included buffet, raffles and all the usual fun.

A Machrihanish team, Pan's People, including Don McLean and Alison Brown, won the quiz, which raised £1025.



Alistair MacKay, Carole Anne Shields and Helen Gilchrist at the quiz. Photos by Kenny Craig.



Quizzers get their heads down at Stronvaar.

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Parish's Polish Epi



Irene O'Neill and Archie Wilson tuck in to the Polish feast.



Kathleen McGeachy with her granddaughter Beau, left, and her great-niece Emily, right.

St Kieran's Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany with a banquet of Polish delicacies.

The parish meal was part of the church's Christmas celebrations, commemorating 'the revelation of the child Jesus as the saviour to all nations'.

Father Tony Wood, whose parents were Polish, conclud-

ed Mass on Sunday January 6 with the blessing of chalk and frankincense with which members of the congregation were to bless their own homes for the New Year.

Afterwards, 40 adults and children enjoyed the traditional Polish food, a break from the usual turkey dinner, in the church hall.

A few parishioners helped

Fr Tony to organise and prepare the feast, which included clear Bortsch soup, sour rye soup, pork schnitzel, pork and beef cutlets, cabbage salad, sauerkraut, poppy seed cake, and apple and custard cake. The meal began with the breaking and sharing of blessed wafer bread and mutual heartfelt wishes.

Those present were enter-

tained by an audio-visual presentation of Polish Highlander Christmas celebrations and John Campbell playing some traditional Scottish songs.

Fr Tony said: 'A good afternoon was enjoyed in the spirit of Christmas, which, of course, did not end until January 13, the baptism of the Lord Jesus.'



Ronald Togneri and Fr Tony Wood, who 'loves Polish food'.



Fr Wood dishes up some delicacies to Wioletta Nawrot.

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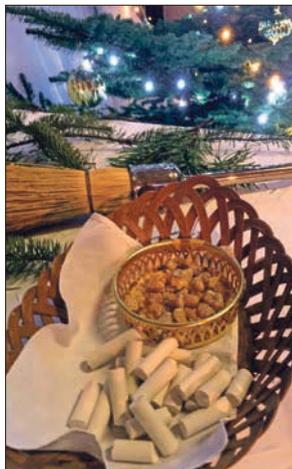
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Mary Wood serves tables as Polish Highlander Christmas celebrations are displayed in the background.



Fr Wood concluded Mass with the blessing of chalk and frankincense.



Bread wafers shared by the congregation and the sprinkler which blessed them with holy water.



Betty McIntyre, Ailsa Stewart and Irene O'Neill enjoyed a catch-up at the event.



Lachy and Emily Gillies and Iona McGrory.

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Farming is vital to Argyll, chairman tells members

by Colin Cameron
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Travelling from all corners of the Argyll and the Islands, around 50 members of National Farmers' Union Scotland met in Tarbert for the regional AGM.

Members also had the opportunity at Stonefield Castle Hotel to meet and quiz the three candidates for one NFUS vice-president's position – but more on that elsewhere in this edition.

At the meeting John Dickson continued as regional chairman, with Peter Kennedy from Glendaruel and Duncan Macalister from Glenbarr remaining vice-chairmen.

'Horrible year'

In his address to members, Bute farmer Mr Dickson described 2018 as 'a horrible year' for farmers and crofters across Argyll and the Islands.

Despite hopes of a good early spring to ease the fodder crisis from the previous year, what arrived was the Beast from the East, a late spring and one of the worst lambings in living memory.



Delegates packed the meeting room at Stonefield Castle Hotel. 06_a03NFUS_delegates01

A warm, dry and sunny summer failed to undo the damage, leaving many farmers and crofters with depleted bank accounts and resources, along with fewer lambs and calves to sell and a lacklustre autumn store trade due mainly to Brexit uncertainty.

He added: 'Last year I used

the phrase "resilient" to describe farmers and crofters in

the region. That resilience is running out, and this is par-

ticularly true for hill sheep and suckler cow farmers.

'And you would think that with the weather we've had through 2017/18, the results of the lambing and store lamb sales this season we would have a cast iron argument to maintain LFASS support – and to increase it with a top-up for harsh weather. Instead we are faced with a 20 per cent cut for 2019 and an even bigger cut in 2020.'

Claiming that without this 'lifeline support payment' farmers cannot keep going in the high hills, Mr Dickson said NFUS continues to press for a full reinstatement of the LFASS money.

'A recent report by the five Highlands and Islands councils shows that Argyll and Bute, Highland, Western Isles, Shetland and Orkney are the most vulnerable to the loss of agricultural support

from the EU. It also shows that we deliver the most benefit in public goods of any region in the UK. We deliver on landscapes, biodiversity, air and water quality, cultural heritage, animal health and welfare.

Biodiversity

'Think how biodiversity would be maintained without farmers and crofters managing the grazing land.

'In many parts of Argyll you're lucky to see sheep and cattle grazing. It's no longer viable, yet without grazing by farm animals the biodiversity changes. We end up with wild areas the public cannot access without large amounts of money being allocated to maintain tracks.

'In the same report, it said that 85 per cent of tourists came to Scotland for the scenery and landscape – that's what you and I provide.'

80 years a shepherd – and now a stalwart

Shepherd Sandy McKirdy from the Isle of Bute is the recipient of the 2019 Stalwart Award, presented annually by NFU Scotland Argyll and the Islands region.

The inaugural recipient of the award two years ago, Sybil MacPherson, described this year's winner as 'one of nature's true gentleman' as she presented the quaiach at the regional AGM.

At the age of 94, Mr McKirdy is still active looking after sheep and training dogs for sheepdog trials.

Sybil said: 'He is someone of outstanding strength and vigour of body, mind and spirit; loyal, reliable and hard-working.'

'Sandy is never one to blow his own trumpet. But very few people will have spent over 80 years tending sheep. Fewer still with his level of knowledge, interest care and dedication. And none with Sandy's ability to ken sheep. What a gift for a shepherd.'

Sandy started farming with his father at Dunagoil Farm

on Bute, worked as a shepherd in Argyll before spending almost 40 years shepherding for Bute Estates and the Marquis of Bute.

He retired at 65, but Sandy keeps a daily routine checking on ewes and hogs while training sheepdogs for the local trial.

The Stalwart Award was created in 2016 in memory of Mull's Bert Leitch and Lachlan MacLean. Both men, who represented NFU Scotland regionally and nationally for many years, sadly passed away in 2015.

The award is presented annually to either an NFUS member who has given time and effort to the union's work in Argyll and the Islands, or someone who has made a significant contribution to agriculture in the area.

Regional chairman John Dickson said: 'The true measure of someone considered a stalwart is the respect and admiration they get from young and old. The fact that Sandy's advice continues to be sought



Argyll and the Islands Stalwart Award winner Sandy McKirdy with John Dickson and Sybil MacPherson.

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after and valued underlines the esteem in which he is held by his fellow farmers.

'There cannot be a worthier winner and I am sure Lachlan and Bert would be in full agreement.'

The ever-modest Sandy joked: 'I didn't expect this. I wouldn't have got it if I hadn't lived so long.'

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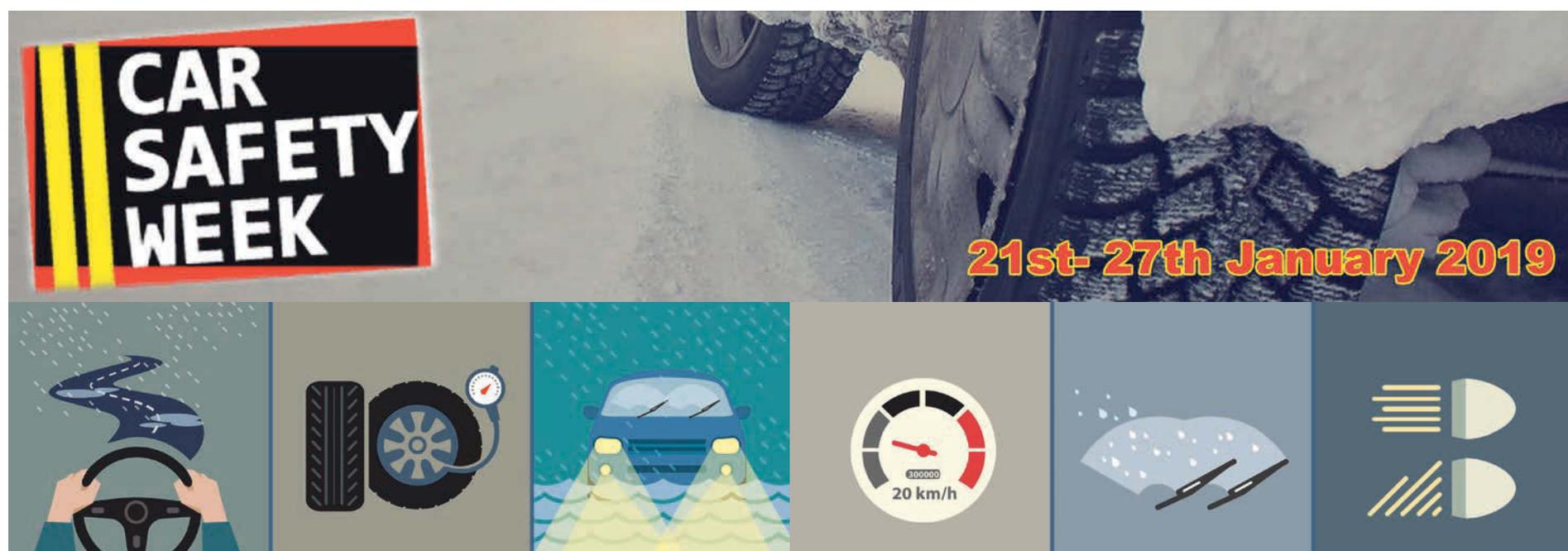
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- Slow down around schools and in residential areas. This may not be rocket science but it's easily forgotten whilst rat-running on the morning commute. If you want to be on time, simply leave earlier. Remember we have speed limits, not targets, and in busy traffic '20 is often plenty'.

- Seatbelts are a must. If you are the driver, it's your duty to ensure all passengers are wearing their seatbelts. Passengers over 14 are responsible for their own seatbelts but it is you as the driver who

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- Jumping red lights. We have all seen drivers, motorcyclists and cyclists do this but the traffic lights are there for all of our safety. If they have been green for some time, plan for them to change and be ready to stop.

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THANK YOU

As we try to express our gratitude, 'thank you' doesn't seem nearly enough. We are truly humbled by the support we have received from our incredible community and beyond. Local businesses, family, friends, colleagues, even people we don't know; thank you for donations of food, clothes, toiletries, offers of places to stay, cars, cash, fundraisers and the countless supportive messages.

Thank you also to station officer, Ronnie Souden, and his extended team of fire officers who tried so hard to save the Machrihanish Golf Clubhouse and our home. Best wishes and all our love, Iain, Agnes and Kirsten.

HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY RHIANNA LOTS OF LOVE FROM ALL THE FAMILY



THANK YOU

Graham and Esther Thomson would like to thank most sincerely family, friends and neighbours for the lovely presents, flowers and cards they received on the occasion of their golden wedding.

TARBERT

Tarbert dangerous driver banned not jailed

A Campbeltown sheriff warned a Tarbert woman she was very lucky to have not been jailed for dangerous driving that destroyed a shop front.

In November, sentence was deferred on Isla MacDonald, aged 35, of 1 Glenfield, Tarbert, who pleaded guilty at Campbeltown Sheriff Court to driving with 177 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood, 3.54 times above the 50 milligramme limit, in Harbour Street, Tarbert, on September 2.

She also pleaded guilty to driving dangerously and at excessive speed, losing control of the vehicle in a built-up residential and commercial area, and colliding with the parked vehicles. She caused one of the parked vehicles to mount the pavement and smash through a shop front, causing extensive damage to all vehicles involved as well as the shop.

On Thursday of last week, Sheriff Patrick Hughes fined MacDonald £600, disqualified her from driving for two years on both charges, ordered her to take an extended driving test before getting behind the wheel again and gave her 200 hours of unpaid work.

He said the length of the ban could be reduced by 25 per cent if MacDonald took a drink driver's rehabilitation course.

Summing up, Sheriff Hughes said that if someone had been in front of the window the case would have been at the High Court and MacDonald would be facing a prison sentence.

Sheriff Hughes warned MacDonald that any breach of the unpaid work requirement would leave no alternative but prison.

Earlier MacDonald's defence solicitor, Stephen MacSporran, said: 'My client pleaded guilty at the earliest opportunity.'

'This incident has caused her severe embarrassment and regret. She is very aware that she was lucky not to have injured anyone.'

Mr MacSporran added that MacDonald is of limited means from her job as a housekeeper at the Kilberry Inn and could only afford fine repayments of £20 per month.

He said MacDonald has had to take out a trust deed for repayment of the outstanding debt on the vehicle.

ISLAY



Councillor Alastair Redman met Openreach staff in Port Charlotte.

Councillor praises prompt broadband engineers

A Kintyre and the Islands councillor has praised the work of telecommunications engineers who reconnected Islay to the national broadband.

Councillor Alastair Redman was 'delighted' to find that disruptions in Port Charlotte are fixed after speaking to Openreach staff.

Councillor Redman said he hopes to see more Openreach teams operating across Kintyre and Islands as he campaigns for better broadband.

He said: 'Many are pleased to see a speedy response from Openreach - at least this time - to complaints, the same cannot be said for the roads and street lighting department.'

Councillor Redman explained that Port Charlotte's Shore Street has not had a single functioning street light in more than two years, and Main Street for more than a month.



Teams were fixing the broadband connection that has caused concerns on Islay.

'The entire centre of Port Charlotte is now in darkness,' he continued. 'Many locals have said to me that it will take a lawsuit before our roads department takes any action.'

'Seeming inaction for two plus years is not acceptable.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

As I write this on Monday evening, the air is filled with foreboding and uncertainty for our country.

Tomorrow evening is decision time at parliament.

As you will gather, I do not use this column for any political platform and I do not intend to start today.

However, I am saddened and concerned that the entire country is torn apart in the whole Brexit fiasco.

The country is divided, communities are divided and families are divided.

These are not differences of opinion which are aired with respect and rational discussion. Unfortunately, people are no longer listening to one another but just seeing who can shout the loudest.

Comments are becoming more vitriolic and nasty, they are personal rather than political and tempers are raised to fever pitch.

It is unhealthy for our country, it is unhealthy for our community and it is unhealthy for ourselves to be in such a state of hateful rhetoric.

Surely the time has come for some calm and rational voices to prevail - on all sides of this issue.

Our children are growing up into a country divided and are certainly not learning the art of skilful conversation or respectful debate from our politicians.

The example set by the most powerful in the land leaves much to be desired and this is trickling into every aspect of life.

Whatever our opinion on this contentious matter, we must find a way forward with reconciliation and respectful listening or we will self-destruct and there will be no winners at all.

It may sound naive and unrealistic, but what we need is a peacemaker to save us from ourselves.

I pray for this country and her people today.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'When I said, "My foot is slipping," your love, O Lord, supported me' (Psalm 94:18).

ENGAGEMENTS



MACMILLAN - MCGEACHY

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on Hogmanay, of Ashleigh, second daughter of Calum and Laura MacMillan, Tigh Grian, Southend, to Andrew, son of Andrew McGeachy and Roxanne Docherty, Campbeltown.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

RONALD - MCARTHUR - At Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on January 14, 1969, by the late Rev C M Henderson, assisted by the late Rev J Marks, Andrew to Margaret. Present address, East Laggan, Peninver.

DEATHS

BRECHIN - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on January 13, 2019, Gordon Brechin senior, in his 93rd year, of 3 Barrmor View, Kilmartin, and formerly of Upper Largie Farm, Kilmartin, beloved husband of the late Margaret Paterson, dearly loved father of Marion, Robert and Gordon, a cherished grandpa and great grandpa and a much respected member of the local and farming community. Funeral service will be held in Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church, Kilmartin (former Living Stones Christian Centre), on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Glenary Ward and the Macmillan Suite, Mid Argyll Hospital. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

BROWN - Suddenly, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 11, 2019, Caroline Anne Stewart McAllister (Carol), in her 70th year, 12 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late John and Roseanne McAllister of Park Square, Campbeltown, and a loving and much loved sister, aunt and great aunt.

GILCHRIST - On January 13, 2019, peacefully, at Ardfenaig Care Home, Flora (Florrie) Law Gilchrist, in her 95th year, beloved sister of the late Greta, Betty and Agnes Jane, and a dear aunt of Peter and George. Funeral service at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Tuesday, January 22, at 11.00am,

interment thereafter at Achhabreac Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Donations if desired, to Ardfenaig Care Home.

HENDRIE - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital on January 14, 2019, Jess Hendrie, née Walker, aged 93 years, of Ardnish, 14 Fernoch Drive, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late Bobby, much loved mum of Marlyn, Linda and Myra, cherished gran and great gran and a dear aunt to all the family. A good neighbour and very dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Monday, January 21, 2019, at 11.00am, thereafter to Achhabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Alzheimer Scotland, Action on Dementia. Black ties not essential. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MACLEOD - Suddenly, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on January 12, 2019, Norman MacDonald MacLeod (Mac), in his 76th year, 38 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Betty McIntyre, much loved dad of Norrie and a loving granda of Hannah and Hailey. A funeral service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cancer Research. A cremation service will be held in Daldowie Crematorium, Glasgow, on Thursday, January 25, 2019 at 10.00am.

MCCALLUM - On January 13, 2019, peacefully, at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, John McCallum, in his 77th year, beloved husband of Margaret MacDonald, much loved father of Alison and Elaine, dearly loved grampa of Scott and dear brother of Donnie. Funeral service at Kilcalmonell Church, Clachan, on Wednesday, January 23 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, Tarbert, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Clachan Village Hall Restoration Fund.

MCLEAN - Peacefully, with her family by her side, in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on January 11, 2019, Robina McLean (Bina), in her 85th year, 4 John Street, formerly of Bellfield Farm, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Alex McLean, much loved mum of Duncan and Elizabeth, mother-in-law of Lesley and Roger and dearly beloved granny of Cara, Frances and Rosemary.

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MCTAVISH - Tragically, as the result of an accident, on January 4, 2019, Campbell McTavish, aged 50 years, late of 5 Kilduskland Drive, Ardrishaig, beloved younger son of the late Donald and Mary McTavish (Ardrishaig), much loved brother of Kevin, Angela, Annette and Donna and an adored uncle. Loving partner of Sharon. A good friend to many, who will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, today Friday, January 18, 2019, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achhabreac Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

NICOL - Peacefully, on January 11, 2019, Judith Pamela Armour Nicol, in her 45th year, precious daughter of Hugh and the late Agnes Nicol, much loved sister of Hugh-Andrew and Wendy, sister-in-law of Christine and aunty to Cara and Andrew. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today Friday, January 18, 2019, at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

SLEBODA - Suddenly but peacefully, at home in Muasdale, after a short illness, on January 13, 2019, Paul Zygmunt Sleboda, in his 63rd year, dearly beloved husband of Geraldine McAnerney and a much loved brother and uncle. Funeral service in Greenock Crematorium, on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at 11.00am, to which all friends and family are respectfully invited.

WEBB - Suddenly, after a short illness, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on January 10, 2019, Doreen Margaret Webb (Brown), in her 70th year, Heathcliffe Cottage, Kirk Street, Campbeltown, beloved wife of Duncan Brown, loving mum of Neil, Amanda and Lesley-Anne, much loved and loving granny of Daniel, Jamie, Mary, Katie and Rosie, and a loving great granny. A funeral service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, January 19, 2019, at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cancer Research and the Dogs Trust.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCLATCHIE - The family of the late Mary McLatchie would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support following their sad loss. Grateful thanks to the Rev William Crossan for his comforting and very fitting service. Thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their guidance, compassion and care at this difficult time, and to the Argyll Bowling Club and Argyll Bakeries for their catering. Finally, our most sincere thanks to everyone for their kind expressions

of sympathy, cards, flowers and messages, and those from near and far who attended the church service and graveside. The retiral collection raised £847.87 and will be split between Alzheimer Scotland and Parkinson's UK.

IN MEMORIAM

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of my dear husband, Duncan, who was tragically taken from me on January 18, 2018. I have lost my soul's companion, A life linked with my own; And day by day I miss you more, As I walk through life alone. - Love you, always and forever, Dawn.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our dad, Duncan, who was tragically taken from us on January 18, 2018. We think of you with love today, But that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, And days before that too. We think of you in silence, We often speak your name. Now all we have is memories, And your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, With which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping, We have you in our heart. - Lots of love, your boys, John and Campbell.

MACDOUGALL - In memory of our dearly loved son, Duncan, who is in our thoughts each and every day, tragically taken from us on January 18, 2018. Remembering you is easy, We do it every day, But missing you is a heartache, That never goes away. - Mum and Dad.

MACDOUGALL - In memory of Duncan, a much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle, who tragically lost his life aboard the Nancy Glen, on January 18, 2018. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same... - Alison, Stephen, Ella and Jack. You're the brother I've adored since I was small, and for me the day you left us is the saddest time of all. Love and miss you Duncs, so so much. - A x.

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of our son-in-law, Duncan, taken from us, as the result of a tragic accident, on January 18, 2018. The blow was great, the shock severe, We little thought his death was near, Only those that have lost can tell, The sorrow of parting without farewell. Loved and remembered always. - Lachie and Moira.

MACDOUGALL - Duncan, taken too soon, on January 18, 2018, much loved cousin and nephew. Never more than a thought away. Loved and remembered every day. - The McIntyre family.

MCCALLUM - In loving memory of Peggy McCallum. Though absent, Mum, you are always near, Still loved, still missed, still very dear. Sorely missed. - Family at home and away x.

MUIR - Loving memories of a dear mum, gran, great gran and great great gran, Bessie, died January 22, 2011. Always in our thoughts. - Love, Jean, Jessie and family xx.


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Saturday 19th - 12 - 3
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Cumlodden Church - 10.00am
Service will be taken by Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
Tea after the service
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church - 11.30am
Service taken by Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

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Highland Parish Church

SC002493
Sunday 20th January 2019
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am
Communion service in Kirk Street Hall at 2.00pm, conducted by Anne McIvor
All welcome.

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Sunday 20th January
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev W Crossan
Monday 21st January
Guild New Hall 2.00pm
A Scottish Afternoon
All welcome
Tuesday 22nd January
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 24th January
Choir Practice
Friday 25th January
Lunch Club 12.00 noon


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An Argyll derby between Carradale and Helensburgh seemed finely balanced until disaster struck.

It was 1-1 in the 22nd minute when a tough clash changed the shape of the match.

Helensburgh's Tadlock collided with Archie McKellar and moments later an ambulance raced to the pitch, with 'Dale player Jamie Morris on board and the young goalie was stretchered away.

It had all started so differently, as the McFadyen's Transport-sponsored Carradale took the lead after nine minutes.

DJ passed to Elliot Gemmill, eventual man of the match, whose pace outran the Helensburgh defence and the 15-year-old slotted the ball into the far corner.

Helensburgh equalised four minutes later, when Makeham beat Stuart MacPhail on the left

and Tadlock's shot went through McKellar's legs.

The incident, 10 minutes later, which will see McKellar sidelined for the rest of the season, put Ryan Blackstock in goal and 'Dale brought on Maciej Romanowski.

'Dale had no chance to settle in and three minutes later Helensburgh capitalised on a poor ball out and Rowe lobbed his shot over Blackstock.

Carradale pressed on and Gemmill was unlucky, on 34 minutes, not to make it two each when he beat two defenders and the keeper. Unfortunately, his shot hit the outside of the post.

There was a double blow minutes before half-time. A second serious injury saw MacPhail twist his knee and cause cruciate ligament damage.

It gave Helensburgh another chance and a cracking low shot from Jones made it 3-1.

Into the second half, Matthew Lang replaced MacPhail but 'Dale lost two in quick succession in the opening minutes, when the

makeshift defence was caught short. Carradale kept fighting and in the 65th minute a strong cross from the right found Michael McKinlay. His perfect header beat the goalie for 5-2.

Another defensive error from a clearance found Tadlock and Rowe's shot, for 6-2, gave Blackstock no chance.

The Kintyre side remained dogged in attack and created lots of chances until Robert McGarrie's powerful chip.

From outside the box, McGarrie slotted the ball between two Helensburgh defenders and lobbed the goalie, it seemed it could not go in but it was a peach for 6-3.

Minutes later 'Dale were unlucky not to get another. Gemmill beat two men again but this time the keeper, at full stretch, tipped the ball over the bar.

The last chance for some Kintyre magic came when Lang was set-up by Maciej but his fresh-air shot did not trouble the keeper.

In the final 10 minutes 'Dale con-



Elliot Gemmill was in the thick of the action. 25_c03dalehelensburgh09

ceded another two. Shots created in the wings were tapped in by Tadlock and the South Argyll side went home happy.

Carradale are at home tomorrow and hope to be on grass against Boswell at 2pm with the venue to be confirmed.

Town's top football club's centenary celebrations



A team in 1968, a decade after the club started up again following the Second World War.



The Pupils team which won the Rothman Shield in 1971/72.

In last week's Down Memory Lane, the Courier looked back at the first photograph of Campbeltown Pupils Amateur Football Club, ahead of the group's 100th anniversary.

Founded in 1919 as Campbeltown Grammar School Former Pupils' Association, the club is the longest surviving and most successful football organisation in Kintyre, and has had several national and international stars as players.

This week, we take a look at some more moments from the McFadyen-sponsored club, which has the Feathers Inn as its hospitality sponsor.



Pupils win Oban Sevens circa 1980.



SAFL seventh division champions in 1977/78.



The CDJFA coaches.

Live Argyll football coaching course

A team of coaches scored some training from Live Argyll's football development coach Martin Rae.

The group from Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association took part in the level 1.1 Development Activities SFA course last Sunday.

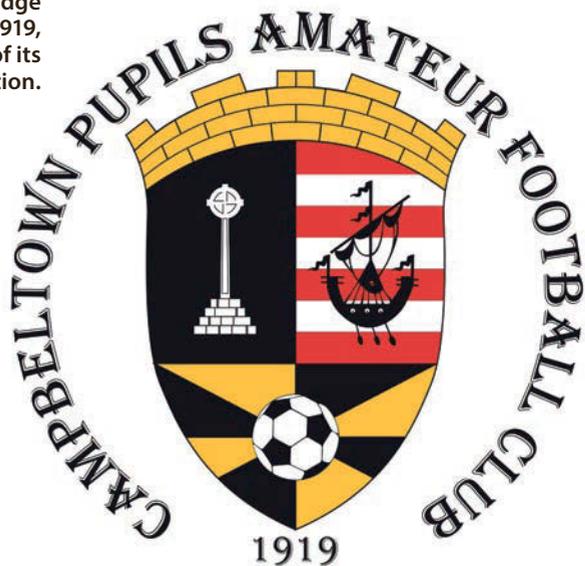
CDJFA's Claire Mitchell said: 'An extended thanks to Campbeltown Common Good Fund which gave funding towards our coaching framework to allow us to attend such courses.'

Dunaverty Golf Club lotto

The winning numbers in Dunaverty golf club's three number lotto drawn on January 13 were 4, 10 and 17.

There were no winners and the next draw for a jackpot of £400 will be on January 27. Tickets available from committee members, the club steward, Muneroy Tearoom and the Burnside bar.

The club's badge includes 1919, the year of its inception.



Pupils league and cup winners in 1972/73.

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Pupils suffer self-inflicted wounds

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The McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils were simply out-muscled by a team recently rejuvenated by a plethora of new signings.

Accepting this, they also contributed massively to their own downfall by poor retention of the ball.

Even so, given the margin of the final scoreline, the visitors managed to dominate the first 45 minutes of this cup tie, starting on the front foot while in receipt of a strong following breeze.

First, Gary Grumoli, then Donald McCallum brought out the best in the home goalkeeper, forcing Glenburn's last line of defence to make telling saves during the first quarter of the match.

With the Pupils' goalkeeper almost a spectator, Martin McCallum pushed forward to strike the crossbar with an in-swinging corner.

This was before he was again denied when shooting wide as the home goalkeeper did well to narrow his approach on goal.

At last the visitors made the breakthrough, when Donald McCallum was unceremoniously upended in the box and Gary Grumoli duly scored from the resultant spot kick.

However, it went horribly wrong for the visiting side, as within five minutes the scores were level.

The root cause could be called a self-inflicted wound, the ball given away from the Pupils' own throw-in.

The recipient of the error wasted little time before squaring the ball across goal, the result being a simple tap in and equaliser massively against the run of play.

Worse was to follow.

The visitors once more gifted possession on the stroke of half-time, an untimely error that was punished ruthlessly by the home side with a fine curling finish into the roof of the net.

Unbelievable, at this point the Pupils' goalkeeper hardly had a save to make, yet his side somehow managed to turn into a goal behind at the interval.

Like the first half, the Pupils started the second period on the front foot when a Ryan McConnachie shot was turned onto the underside of the crossbar by the home goalkeeper.

With 68 minutes on the clock, the visitors were 'mugged' again, this time by an interception from a slack pass across the back four.

Text book instructions ignored, the home forward had the easiest of tasks to run in on goal and steer the ball behind a completely stranded Alastair Ferguson.

Not quite game set and match, but nothing seemed to go the way of the visitors; it was confirmed when a powerful McConnachie header cannoned of the upright after a fine near-post run.

The home side finally put the result to bed with a late penalty kick, although this was icing on a cake that was unfortunately baked in Campbeltown.

On a day best forgotten, Ellis Robertson and Keith Mitchell were best for the Pupils. Ross Brown, Kyle Colville and Finn Scott also appeared from the subs bench to try to stem the incoming tide.

The Pupils will benefit from this outing, if not by the result, then at least from their first game in almost five weeks.

Campbeltown Pupils play away to Hillington tomorrow.



Ellis Robertson in action last October. 25_c41pupilsvkinross07



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