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Donor Karen speaks to man she helped save

Reduction in hospital beds

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Nearly five years after making a gruelling bone marrow donation, a former Campbeltown woman is 'ecstatic' after receiving a telephone call from the man whose life she saved.

Karen Thomson Hickson, 45, described speaking on the phone to Duane MacIsaac, 46, from Canada, as 'one of the best feelings ever'.

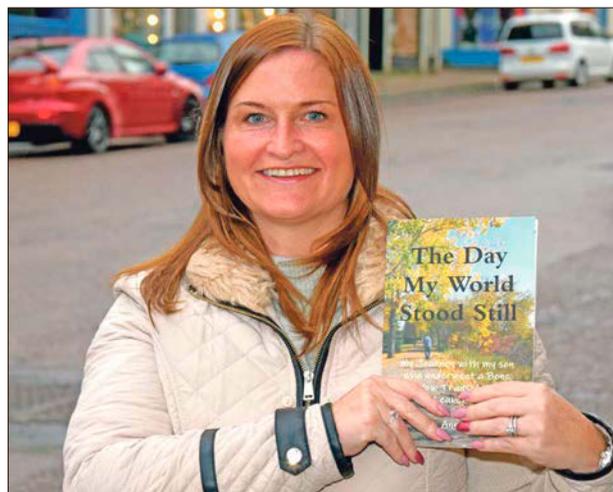
Twist

In a bizarre twist, the same day Karen first made contact with Duane's family, she realised she had bought a book about his journey months earlier, written by his mother.

Anne MacIsaac penned *The Day My World Stood Still* about her son's battle with leukaemia and his need for a bone marrow transplant.

Karen bought the book as it involved a situation similar to hers but she had no idea it was actually her recipient's story.

Her journey to becoming a bone marrow donor started at Campbeltown Fire Station



in September 2011 when the Anthony Nolan charity, which works in the areas of leukaemia and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, was carrying out a donor campaign.

Karen, a leisure receptionist in a health club, said: 'I signed up and did a spit test but I never heard anything from them.'

'In December 2013, I read about the family of a little girl from Glasgow, doing a plea

because she needed a bone marrow transplant. She just melted my heart.

'It said at the bottom of the page about donating and to contact Delete Blood Cancer (DKMS), so I proceeded to do so.'

Karen moved to Blackpool in June 2014, having lived all her life before that in Campbeltown, where her parents and one of her two sons still live.

Karen Thomson Hickson holding the book penned by her bone marrow recipient's mother.

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Shortly after the move, she found out that she was a match with someone, and made her anonymous donation in July.

Karen explained that the process of donating her bone marrow was exhausting, with flu-like symptoms caused by seven days of injections to cultivate her cells in the lead-up to the marrow being harvested.

'I can't lie, the process was awful,' she said. 'I became really lethargic with sickness, cramps, stabbing pains and sweats.'

'I was in so much pain that I nearly pulled out but then realised I had come too far and someone out there needed my help so I went through with it.'

The process of giving the bone marrow took about five and a half hours but later the same day, Karen was told she hadn't produced enough and

would have to make a further donation. Two years after the transplant, she was given Duane's contact details but gave up hope of ever knowing if her donation had helped, as her emails went unanswered.

'I had to respect him and that he might not want to talk to me,' Karen said. 'People react differently in these situations.'

But in January this year, Mrs MacIsaac left a voicemail on Karen's phone in which she said the family had been trying to get in touch.

Thank you

Karen has since spoken several times on the telephone to Duane, who told her he could 'never put into words how to say thank you'.

'Hearing his voice, knowing he is alive, is amazing,' she said. 'I often wondered how he was.'

Despite her ordeal, Karen is encouraging others to sign up to bone marrow registers such as DKMS, adding: 'Hearing now that the recipient is alive makes me feel extremely proud to say I have saved a life.'

A South Kintyre councillor has said that it is 'totally unacceptable' that he found out about a reduction in beds at Campbeltown Hospital by reading last week's Courier.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'As a local elected member I find this totally unacceptable and have since made my own inquiries.'

'The current position is that four beds have been removed from the ward on a temporary basis and the usage of the remaining 15 will be monitored until the end of March to determine if the hospital can operate with just 15.'

Councillor Kelly has asked to attend a meeting in March at which a final decision will be made.

He added: 'I fully appreciate that care in the community has come a long way over the last few years but notwithstanding this I feel we must make sure we have sufficient beds in our hospital to meet the needs of our local community.'

'The last thing I want to see is people being shipped out of the area due to the lack of capacity in our local hospital.'

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POLICE FILES

Tools stolen

A vehicle was broken into and tools were stolen between 3pm on Wednesday January 23 and 2pm on Thursday January 24 in the church car park, Longrow, Campbeltown.

Barman assaulted

A barman in Campbeltown was assaulted by a 24-year-old male customer at 12.40am on Friday January 25. The barman was not injured and the 24-year-old man was issued with a recorded police warning.

Car vandalised

A Ford Fiesta car parked in Kirk Street, Campbeltown, was vandalised between 10pm on Friday January 25 and 2pm on Saturday January 26.

Charged

Police officers stopped and charged a 19-year-old man after they saw him throwing litter onto grass at about 2.35pm on Saturday January 26 in Kinloch Road, Campbeltown.

Drugs possession

A 42-year-old man was arrested after a police search

revealed that he was allegedly in possession of cannabis and heroin on Saturday January 26 in Millknowe, Campbeltown.

Trailer stolen

A trailer was stolen from Smith Drive, Campbeltown, between 11pm on Saturday January 26 and 10.30am on Sunday January 27.

Door vandalised

A close door was vandalised in Main Street, Campbeltown, between 12.30am and 2am on Sunday January 27.

Telephone fraud

Money was stolen from a retired Tarbert man after he was targeted by telephone fraudsters pretending to be from BT Openreach.

He was conned into downloading software onto his computer which gave the fraudsters remote access to his desktop, allowing them access to bank and retail apps resulting in the theft.

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

First lambs of the new year



These Suffolks are among the first lambs to be born in Kintyre in 2019. They were welcomed by Jean McLachlan of Kildalloig in mid January and are photographed with Jean's grandchildren, Lara Sinclair, 16, Joshua, four, and Hollie, 15. 50_c05lambs01

Development trust buys Red Cross hall

South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) is celebrating after purchasing Campbeltown's former Red Cross Hall.

The charity, which bought Campbeltown Town Hall in 2014, has added the Kirk Street building to its growing portfolio with the support of the Scottish Land Fund.

SKDT manager Zena Coffield said: 'We have been trying to source a building for some time which can be developed as a central volunteer base and bring additional rental income to be reinvested in the community.'

'The closure of community halls across the country has had a serious impact on local

area groups and services and we hope this space will bridge the gap and encourage a collaborative approach across the third sector and other services to maximise social impact.'

Anyone interested in renting the hall should email info@skdt.org or telephone 01586 552870.

Witness appeal

Police are appealing for witnesses after two vehicles were stolen overnight between January 29 and 30.

A red Peugeot Boxer van, registration SA68 OOB, was stolen from Crossibeg, while a red Suzuki King quad bike, registration SF64 AKV, was stolen from a farm at Machrihanish.

Anyone with information about either vehicle is asked to call 101, quoting 0441, or call 0800 555 111.

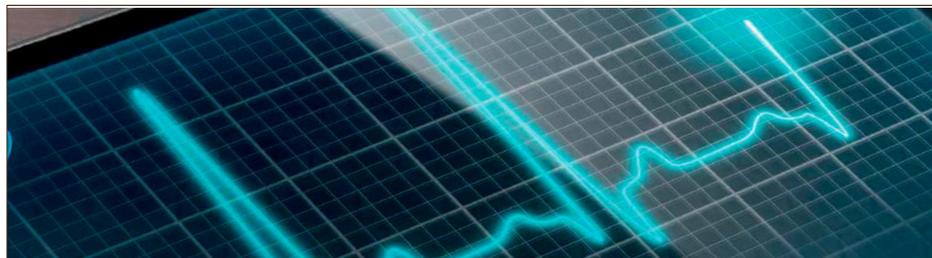
At 11pm on Tuesday police were also called to an attempted vehicle theft in Witchburn Road, Campbeltown.

The unknown parties were disturbed and fled in a silver Mazda 6, which was later found abandoned on Hillside Road, Campbeltown.

Anyone with information should call 101, quoting 3967, or 0800 555 111.

Clarification

In last week's Courier we reported that Jack McLellan, of Flat 4, Murroch Avenue, Dumbarton, pleaded guilty to possessing 0.8 grams of crystal methamphetamine. This was incorrect, the drug was crystallised Methylenedioxymethylamphetamine.



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Parents consulted on plans for senior students at CGS

by Hannah O'Hanlon

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Parents of young people at Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS) had their say on proposals to give senior pupils the opportunity to study a wider choice of subjects.

At an open information evening last week, head teacher David Fyfe updated parents on the progress the school has made since its HM inspection last year, and spoke about plans to increase the number of subjects currently on offer, as suggested by inspectors.

In order to provide six subjects in the senior phase, the school is considering increasing the number of periods in the week to seven a day.

Consultation with pupils and staff began in August last year, and Mr Fyfe emphasised how much the opinions of parents were valued in the



Campbeltown Grammar School head teacher David Fyfe.

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process. The school is looking at a choice of two new timetable models: Monday to Friday with seven periods, giving 35 periods a week; or three days a week with seven periods and two days a week with six, giving 33 periods a week.

At the moment, there are 30 periods a week.

In addition to the timetable change, S5 and S6 students will maximise their time in school instead of being able to 'sign out'.

Pupils will be encouraged to study additional subjects, assist junior students in class, and volunteer in the community to gain Saltire Awards.

Special arrangements will still be possible to enable other wider achievements such as gaining a driving licence.

Mr Fyfe said: 'We want our young people to make the best use of their time at school and gain valuable experiences which will benefit

them when they leave.'

S4 and S5 pupils will soon be required to give their initial option choices to allow the school to judge demand for each subject, although these will not be final.

'We've 51 responses but there is still time for you to let us hear your views'

Mr Fyfe also shared the results of a parents' and partners' survey on the school's visions and values and 'rights respecting schools' charter.

He said: 'So far we have had 51 responses but there is still time for you to let us hear your views.'

'We really value input from parents so it is vital that as many people as possible come forward and make their opinions known.'

The survey showed that 82.3 per cent of parents felt that the school's aims, outlined in last week's Courier, either fully capture what is important to the school, or capture it well.

The survey also found, however, that 41.2 per cent of those who responded felt that they had 'not been involved at all' with the development of the school's vision and values, while 52.9 per cent felt they had not been involved in the development of the new curriculum.

'That is what these consultations are about,' Mr Fyfe said, 'these figures can certainly be improved but only if more people take part.'

The survey on changes to the structure of the curriculum and school day is open until February 8 and people are urged to take part by visiting <https://bit.ly/CGSCurriculum>



Mr Fyfe addressed parents in the school. 50_c05cgs02

Argyll MP pleads for Chinook documents to be preserved

Argyll and Bute's MP has demanded that the government makes an urgent statement on what it intends to do with files relating to the 1994 Mull of Kintyre Chinook helicopter crash.

Brendan O'Hara spoke out in the House of Commons last Thursday after it was revealed that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) could be about to dispose of documents relating to the incident.

Despite a number of inquiries into the circumstances of

the incident, the RAF's worst peacetime loss of life, in which 29 people were killed, no definitive answer was found as to why the helicopter crashed into the hillside near Southend.

In a letter to Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson, Mr O'Hara said: 'Given the controversy that still surrounds the cause of this tragedy, I cannot understand why the MOD would ever consider this course of action. 'There are many grieving

families who are determined to get to the truth of what happened that awful evening and if they dispose of these files, the government could be destroying the only pathway to establishing the truth.'

He continued: 'As we near the 25th anniversary of the tragedy, this MOD-fuelled speculation is particularly insensitive and will only cause further unnecessary pain to the families at what will be an already very difficult and emotional time.'

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The course in Kirk Street Hall on February 27 is free but booking is essential.

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Kintyre tourism chiefs speak out against 'tourist tax' proposals

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Members of tourism marketing group Explore Kintyre and Gigha (EKG) have almost unanimously rejected proposals for a tax on tourists.

An idea for such a tax has been put forward by several local authorities and is currently being consulted on by the Scottish Government.

The tourist tax would see people holidaying in Kintyre having to pay extra on top

of their accommodation. Niall Macalister Hall, chairman of EKG, said: 'We carried out a survey of our 44 members, who are all involved in tourism in Kintyre, so that we could respond as an industry to the Scottish Government's consultation.

'More than 90 per cent of them were opposed to a tax fearing that it will put tourists off coming to Kintyre and damage not only tourism businesses but the wider economy of the area.'

Tourism is an important

part of Argyll and Bute's economy, accounting for 15 per cent of all employment, the most in Scotland.

Mr Macalister Hall added: 'Any proposals that impact on tourism may have potentially greater economic effects in Argyll and Bute than elsewhere in Scotland.'

EKG and its members have raised concerns that in remote rural areas such as Kintyre, not only will recognised tourist providers suffer, but they fear there would be a knock-on effect

for other businesses such as shops, cafés and bars, those which offer arts and crafts, and attractions such as the cinema, cycling or sea sports, as well as whisky and gin distilleries.

Nick Fletcher, owner of the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy and an EKG committee member, said: 'If a tourist tax is brought in it will make Scotland the most highly taxed place for tourists to visit in the UK and one of the most expensive in Europe.

'We think that is madness

in the current economic climate and times of uncertainty.

'Scotland is renowned for its warm welcome; instead it may become seen as a Fagin-like character, from Oliver, picking the pockets of tourists as they arrive in our country.

'Is that the image we want to portray to the rest of the world?'

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Members of EKG who toured Glen Scotia Distillery recently. From left: Johnny Beveridge, Rhona Elder, Niall Macalister Hall, Maurice Whelan, Tommy Millar, Jane Mayo, Mhairi Hendrie, Iain McAlister and John Bell.

accommodation and eating out. A charge of £2 per person per night has been suggested

in some quarters which would mean tourists in Scotland paying significantly more in tax than in many

other countries. Mr Fletcher continued: 'We've done an assessment looking at our near neigh-

bour and tourist competitor, the Republic of Ireland. 'Tourists in Scotland already pay 20 per cent in VAT

for their accommodation – in Ireland it is only nine per cent.

'If we added a £2 tourist tax charge for Scotland on to that, then a couple staying at our hotel will find themselves paying nearly £15 more a night to stay in Kintyre than they would do in Ireland.

'Why choose to come to Scotland if you can holiday for so much less in Ireland where you get great scenery, a great welcome and great whisky – much like Scotland, only cheaper, and they would still have money to spend in the local shops, etc.'

Mr Macalister Hall, who runs Torrisdale Castle and Beinn an Tuirc Distillery, added: 'In submitting our members' views opposing a tax to the Scottish Government, we have also

called on our local councillors and MSPs to support us in ensuring that this damaging tax proposal never sees the light of day.

'Nearly all tourist operators in Kintyre have been fairly optimistic about the future.

'Half of members feel that there is the potential for growth in coming years and another 40 per cent think things will stay the same.

'But add in a tourist tax and nearly everyone feels that it will discourage tourists – as one person said to me, now is not the time, if ever.'

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'A tourist tax would be deeply damaging to our fragile rural economy.

'Many businesses are struggling and the impact of such a tax would be devastating and is totally unacceptable.'

Councillor Rory Colville said: 'I would like to congratulate EKG for an excellent report.

'Perhaps as they continue their good work in promoting the area then at some time in the future those in authority will take on board their constructive comments.'



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Karen's donation is selfless and inspirational

There are few things as selfless as undergoing a week of exhausting medical treatments, putting your own health at risk, for someone you do not know and of whom you may never learn the fate.

Our front page article about Karen Thomson Hickson's journey through bone marrow donation, is eye-opening and inspirational.

Karen gave her donation in 2014 not knowing the identity of the recipient or even where in the world he lived.

Almost five years later, she learned that her actions directly saved the life of a man from Canada, suffering from an acute form of leukemia.

The recipient would undoubtedly not be alive today without her bone marrow donation but is now living a normal, healthy life.

There are constant appeals from families desperate for donors to join registers in the chance they may be a match with sick relatives.

Just this week the family of nine-year-old Chloe Purvis from Fort William, diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, appealed for people to join registers such as DKMS.

Most people would accept these donations, so why are so few willing to give them?

Kintyre needs a modern connectivity system

Sir,

The Scottish Government is seeking views on the proposed future Glasgow to Campbeltown air service prior to it being retendered.

I have discussed this specific issue with friends and we have concerns about the current unreliable ferry, air services and road link. We believe we should receive at the very least the same air service as provided to the island of Islay.

We have the following thoughts on improvements to encourage new businesses to locate here and to promote tourism.

We would like a larger Saab 2000 or equivalent aircraft that can land in more adverse weather conditions – we understand the economies of scale and suggest a service that can fly to Campbeltown and then on to Islay, back to Campbeltown and returning to Glasgow, or vice versa.

We would like the reinstatement of the radar system to assist landings in adverse weather conditions. As there is a separate service between Islay and Edinburgh we suggest that Campbeltown should be included as we also have key tourist attractions such as distilleries and three fantastic 18-hole golf courses and high-standard accommodation.

We would like to see the service continue with a timetable with low ticket prices to allow the full day in Glasgow for NHS appointments, business and shopping trips and the reinstatement of seven-days-a-week flights to enhance

business and tourism. In addition, we want national advertising campaigns inclusive of timetables to promote the area for increased passenger numbers, including weekend breaks.

These aspirations are very much in keeping with the council's Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement 2013/2023 in particular relating to National Policy Priorities i.e. economic recovery, growth and employment.

We are also very much aware of organisations which have worked hard to promote the long-term outcomes in the community plan.

The communities of Kintyre need a modern connectivity system, fit for purpose, if this area is to have any credibility in the big wide world. Decent flight connections to Glasgow and Edinburgh would be a start.

I have confirmed the Scottish Government is collecting views and if you would like to help improve our air service and have comments or suggestions, I urge you to email them to: Michael.Bratcher@transport.gov.scot

**Andrew Hemmings,
Sound of Kintyre,
Machrihanish.**

Fake hospital consultation?

Sir,

The lead article about the reduction in the number of beds at Campbeltown Hospital in last week's Courier leads to a number of questions.

If the decision was made in 2016 why were there so many 'consultation' meetings when the answer was already known? Why did they wait until this year before they announced

what was decided in 2016 and why was it not announced at the time it was decided?

Why were the NHS representatives deliberately being economic with actuality at the meetings and who instructed them to be so?

What was the cost of these unnecessary meetings?

I appreciate that boxes have to be ticked but the population is not as stupid as the Integration Joint Board (IJB) assumes it to be.

When there are genuine consultations they will be ignored because people will think it is a waste of time as the decision has already been made. I think the actions of the IJB should be investigated by an outside body – it is no use it investigating itself.

If it is being devious about the hospital beds I am sure this will not be the only subject it is being devious about.

Name and address supplied.

Kintyre Recycling Limited

Sir,

With reference to the story in last week's Courier concerning Kintyre Recycling Limited (KRL) storing unsorted recycling bags at Bengullion Road, in which I was quoted, my apologies for inadvertently feeding you false information. It was Rory Colville, not Donald Kelly, who put the motion to Argyll and Bute Council to increase the funding of KRL for the council contract at the end of the financial year, if required. John Armour proposed an amendment, which passed, that it be during the financial year, if required.

I would appreciate it if you could print this,

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assigning the blame to me, where it belongs.

I should add that, thanks to Herculean efforts by the KRL staff, the overspill of unsorted bags at Bengullion Road should be cleared by the time you read this, as well as much of the backlog of sorting at the main site.

Congratulations and thanks to them all for clearing up our Christmas excesses.

**Tony Williams,
Chastened Old Man,
Muasdale.**

Named person scheme complex and confusing

Sir,

An independent panel tasked with establishing a 'code of practice' for named persons is facing difficulties.

The chairperson of the panel said it is struggling to create a code to address information sharing concerns that does not make the current situation more 'complex and confusing'. In a letter to John Swinney MSP, the panel's chair also outlined concerns that this complexity could damage support for children and families.

These concerns about data sharing are not going to go away – they are the same issues which were raised by the Supreme Court and by witnesses who attended Holyrood's education committee.

The SNP must stop wasting time and public money on a discredited policy which has virtually no public support.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Islay.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Despite its name, Scotland's Common Blue butterfly does not actually seem to be very common.

An East Kilbride man was lucky to capture a photograph of this male at Claddach beach, north of Portnahaven, on one of his annual visits to Islay, having fallen in love with the island.

Graeme Cumming said: "There are thousands of rocks and smaller pebbles washed up from a number of geological periods – these rocks, when

polished down by the tides, are like multicoloured gems.

"The Scottish Common Blue flew around and settled in acres of rocks – I couldn't see it but scanned with an extended lens where I thought it had landed and luckily struck gold."

Mr Cumming uses a Sony bridge camera which he says is 'ideal' for opportunity photography of passing wildlife.

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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday January 30, 2009

Children focus on the past

Children from Dalintober and Castlehill primary schools attended an event focusing on Campbeltown town centre heritage, supported by the Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme last Thursday.

The young people were previously involved in creating collages of pictures to show the historic past along with images from the current day, which are on display in Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service.



The pupils at the town centre heritage event in the Victoria Hall.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday February 4, 1994

Agnes breaks 'clean' away

Agnes McKerral got the surprise of her life on Tuesday when colleagues presented her with gifts to mark her retirement – after 26 years as a cleaner at Castlehill Primary School.

Agnes received a beautiful watch, a stunning bouquet of flowers, a cheque and cards.

'I'll miss everyone here,' she said, 'as there's a really good working relationship at the school. The gifts are beautiful too.'

'Now I'll spend my time with my grandchildren and playing bowls, but I'll keep in touch with the school.'

'She will certainly be missed,' headmaster Ken Greig said.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday January 30, 1969

Fish landings

One of the strangest catches ever made by the Stonehaven fishing boat 'Bahati' was landed at Campbeltown last week.

The boat, which uses Campbeltown as a port throughout the winter months, trawled up a set of bagpipes in her nets while fishing in Kilbrannan Sound.

Torpedo at Old Quay

Bomb disposal experts from Faslane safely dismantled a wartime torpedo head at Campbeltown on Tuesday, after it had lain on the Old Quay for almost 24 hours.

The torpedo was brought into Campbeltown by the Portavogie, Northern Ireland, fishing

boat, Unity (B11), late on Monday evening after it had been dragged up in the vessel's nets six miles south-west of Ailsa Craig.

Police threw a cordon of fish boxes round the obstruction and people were warned not to go near it.

The local fishing fleet had to be diverted from the main landing area, causing a certain amount of chaos.

The bomb team arrived at 6pm and immediately began dismantling the torpedo.

The harbour was declared 'safe' shortly before 7pm.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday February 1, 1919

The mail service

Mr Don Campbell said the community was again being treated to the unsatisfactory mail

service which had now become an annual grievance.

Notwithstanding the assurance given to the council a year ago that the town would not be more than eight weeks off the regular mail system, they had now for a much longer period been experiencing the inconvenience of the alternate day system, and no notice had been sent to the town council about the change or as to the length of time the present conditions were likely to be in force.

He thought as a council they should take up this question again – the question of the mail service over the whole district, and also one or two matters with regard to the Post Office itself.

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In last week's Down Memory Lane, the Courier featured a fascinating insight into the life of Anne Maley, a land girl in Kintyre.

During the Second World War Anne, going by her maiden name, Anne Watt, a 'city girl' born in Glasgow in 1921, worked for the Women's Land Army and was sent to Rosehill Farm, Glenbarr.

The Courier featured several photographs of life on the farm, courtesy of Anne's nephew Stephen



Another photograph believed to be of Duncan MacKinnon as an infant, with Anne Maley, right.

Laing, and in one, a toddler sits on a piece of wartime farm machinery.

Duncan MacKinnon, 76, whose parents Duncan and Janet farmed Rosehill from 1911, believes he may be the infant.

Duncan, now living at Largie, Tayinloan, was born at the farm in 1942 and lived there until he was 30.

He said he remembers Anne, who returned to Glasgow in 1946, and some of the other land girls.

'I must have been about two or something but I can remember this girl, Anne Watt,' he said. 'I can remember people talking about an Anne Watt - if I can't remember her, I certainly heard plenty about her!'

'After that came a Jenny Oliver, who married Duncan McMillan, who was up in Talatoll Farm, above Clachan - it's a derelict place now but we used to go and see them when I was a child.'

'The McMillans, of that family, are still in Tarbert.'

After Duncan left Rosehill he moved to Killin in Perthshire, before returning to west Kintyre with his wife Margaret and their children.

Stephen, who is keen to share the photographs with Duncan, said: 'These photos have been with our family for almost 80 years - I never thought we would ever know who the small child in three of the photos was.'

'Anne loved the time she spent at Rosehill and often spoke of her work on the farm.'

Stephen and his wife decided to retire to Carradale almost four years ago thinking they had no connection to the area.

'My wife and I both liked Argyll - even though we were not born here we always felt a connection to the place,' he said. 'We lived for a while in Eredine, Loch Awe, about 30 years ago, before moving to Erskine and raising our family but vowed we would come back to Argyll when we retired.'

It was only when researching his family history that he learned his aunt had served in Kintyre.

Two of the photographs in last week's Courier, 'Anne Maley feeding fowl' and 'Anne Maley at harvest time in Kintyre' were incorrectly captioned as Anne Maley when in fact they were unknown friends.



Anne Maley, leaning against farm machinery on which Duncan sits, photographed at Rosehill.



Anne Maley with some of Rosehill Farm's horses.

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City midwife Charlotte rural healthcare in Kin

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A midwife who moved from a birth centre at a busy city hospital to rural Kintyre loves her new pace of life.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) welcomed Charlotte Morbey to the Kintyre midwifery team 18 months ago.

In her role as an integrated rural midwife, she is part of a team of five providing care to women at Campbeltown Hospital and at home.

Charlotte attends births and covers antenatal and postnatal care until six weeks after birth, working alongside other healthcare professionals and third sector organisations.

She applied for the job after finishing another long night shift and wondering if there was a different kind of working experience for midwives.

She said: 'I lived in a village close by my husband's family and as far as I was concerned we would live there forever.'

'Campbeltown Hospital was actually 500 miles from my home down south, but I was really

happy that my crazy plan to move the family to rural Scotland was actually going to happen.'

The move came quickly and the family settled into all aspects of their new rural lifestyle, with Charlotte's children enjoying school and quickly making friends.

The children take part in a range of community activities and groups, including swimming, sea cadets, cub scouts, Sunday school, and fiddle and brass lessons.

'The range of activities and events keeping children active and educated is huge for such a small town.'

'The range of activities and events keeping children active and educated is huge for such a small town,' Charlotte said. 'I am from a musical family, so I was delighted when I found out how many instrument lessons are available.'

Charlotte's husband enjoys outdoor pursuits and he has found 'a million things to do', even purchasing a sea kayak.

'I actually fell over it in the kitchen of the house we are renovating,' Charlotte said. 'He is partial to going out in the shallow bays and rocky coves around the coastline. He takes pleasure in photographing the broad range of wildlife and sealife.'

'There is so many different species of wildlife, including otters, various sea birds and waders - we even spotted a flash of a golden eagle in front of our car.'

Charlotte feels an enormous difference in her new rural midwifery caseload and enjoys delivering continuity of care to women throughout their pregnancies.

Her caseload now includes women she has cared for and each of their babies, and she is relishing the opportunity to build even stronger relationships with the women and families as she cares for them once again.

Charlotte said: 'The difference in rural midwifery is I have a great work and life balance, and do really feel professional job satisfaction in the field of midwifery.'

'Just being able to implement continuity of care is rewarding. I get to meet and build trusting relationships with the family, and also get enjoyment of being

in receipt of cuddles from one Campbeltown toddler who I have known from being a little bump.'

'This kind of continuity of care is priceless for any midwife, and I must also emphasise that I am so looking forward to many more cuddles from Campbeltown babies.'

Research proves that women benefit hugely from knowing their midwife, and having the same carer throughout their antenatal and postnatal care.

Continuity of care is really important to the team of midwives in Campbeltown, as it helps develop and improve motherhood and paternity services.

The midwifery team is now piloting the Scottish 'best start' strategy to enhance maternity services, which will help to ensure even better continuity of care.

Charlotte continued: 'I am really pleased with 'best start' strategies, as this is advantageous in many ways and the midwifery career I had hoped for as a student finally does exist in rural midwifery.'

She has also completed additional training in order to professionally manage and respond to rare rural healthcare emergencies.

This included dealing with ex-

ceptional transfer cases of women by road or air ambulance transport to obstetric units in Glasgow.

Charlotte has found it really rewarding providing care to women in Campbeltown and knows how fortunate she is to be developing strong lasting relationships with the women and families of Kintyre.

Charlotte Morbey is enjoying life as a rural midwife.

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Health and Social Care Partnership launches mental health Facebook page

A mental health Facebook page, @mentalhealthargyllandbute has been launched by Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

The aim of the page is to share health and well-being information, tips and advice and signpost users to digital resources.

Recent statistics highlight that about one in four people in Scotland will experience a mental health problem each year which means more than 20,000 people in Argyll and Bute could be affected.

Whether someone is living with a mental health problem, or supporting someone who is, accessing information, educational resources about mental health conditions/issues, symptoms, treatments, self-manage-

ment and services is vital.

Nicola Gillespie, the HSCP's local area manager for mental health, said: 'I am really pleased that the Health and Social Care Partnership is expanding its use of social media such as Facebook.'

'This is an excellent platform to reach more people in our rural communities and will also be helpful to share awareness of mental health problems.'

'The mental health Facebook page is overseen by HSCP staff and only provides health and well-being information that is trusted and readily available on the NHS inform website and national mental health organisations and partners.'

'This means that people accessing

the service can be assured of the accuracy of the information they view.

'It is important to highlight that the Facebook page is not an alternative for people seeking professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment on any personal or family mental health situations.'

'People should always seek the advice of their own GP, psychiatrist or other qualified health and social care professionals with any questions they may have regarding a mental health or other medical condition.'

'I am really looking forward to developing this Facebook page further and would encourage people in Argyll and Bute who are experiencing mental health problems to have a look at it for themselves.'

Health chiefs ban non-essential spending

Health chiefs in Argyll and Bute have placed a ban on all non-essential expenditure amid fears that their overspend could reach more than £5million.

The integration joint board (IJB) which oversees the work of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) was due to discuss its financial position on Wednesday January 30.

Papers for the meeting revealed the forecast overspend for the 2018/19 financial year is £4.3m - a £300,000 increase on the prediction which was reported at the board's previous meeting in November.

And there are warnings that a further £1.1m could be added to that if NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde does not accept the HSCP's stance

or a service level agreement (SLA).

A report by interim chief financial officer Kirsty Flanagan said: 'The most significant risk affecting the forecast out turn position for health is the SLA for Greater Glasgow and Clyde. At the last IJB a decision was made to reject the increase and the forecast out turn reflects this position. If this position is not accepted by Greater Glasgow and Clyde then there is a risk that the out turn will increase by £1.1m.'

'While there has been variations across the month, the overall HSCP overspend is currently forecasting a similar level of overspend to that reported six months ago in June.'

'This is extremely disappointing and demonstrates that there has either been increased demand and/

or a lack of control over expenditure.

'It is unlikely at this stage that the HSCP will achieve financial balance by the end of the financial year and it will therefore need to look to its partner bodies for additional funding.'

Council leader Aileen Morton, a member of the IJB, welcomed measures that are being taken to bridge the gap.

She said: 'The council has been aware of the risk of an overspend by the HSCP for a number of months.'

'While it is disappointing that the partnership is unlikely to achieve financial balance this year, it's not a surprise at this point.'

'The council will need to consider funding implications later in the year once the final position is known.'

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Castlehill pupils' Burns bash

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Children in P3/2, P4/3 and P4 put on an all-singing, all-dancing Burns bash at Castlehill Primary School on the 260th anniversary of the poet's birth.

The youngsters turned the school's upstairs open area into a café, complete with homebaking and bric-a-brac stalls.

The children served each of the visiting classes juice and shortbread, and provided entertainment by Highland dancing, playing the chanter, singing Scottish songs and reciting Burns poems.

A total of £282 was raised for school resources and the children and staff from these classes would like to thank everyone who contributed to the event's success.

In the afternoon, the three classes had their own ceilidh in the hall and enjoyed taking part in the Canadian Barn Dance and Strip the Willow.



Clockwise from top right: Highland dancers showed off their moves. 50_c05castlehill01; The bric-a-brac stall was run by P4/3. 50_c05castlehill05; A P7 student helps a P2 run the clotie dumpling raffle stall. 50_c05castlehill06; P3/2s sell Scottish-themed bakes. 50_c05castlehill07; Girls from P3/2 sell shortbread and other sweet treats. 50_c05castlehill08

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Southend's Scottish tribute

by Hannah O'Hanlon

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A change of clothes transformed a P5 pupil into Robbie Burns at Southend Primary School's Scottish afternoon.

The school was packed with visitors for an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments last Thursday in honour of Scotland's national bard.

Despite there being fewer than 10 children involved in the production, the school hall was packed.

The pupils, ranging from pre-five to P5, recited Burns' poetry, performed songs and even put on a mini pantomime.

George, in P5, sported a tartan shirt as he carried the haggis into the room but later, after a change of clothes, was transformed into the bard himself to give an extensive and humorous immortal memory off by heart.

Another stand-out performance came from P4's Ashley, who seemed destined for the stage during her



Clockwise from far left: P3 Taylor performs the sword dance. A change of clothes transformed P5's George into Robbie Burns. Ashley's performance of My Hoggie was worthy of the stage. The children 'choking' on hot potatoes while singing Tattie Soup. The children perform The Three Wee Pigs.

performance of My Hoggie, while Taylor in P3 not only performed the address to the haggis with no prompts but also displayed her footwork in the sword dance.

The afternoon culminated in a performance of The Three Wee Pigs, a Scottish twist on the classic The Three Little Pigs tale with the added edition of Wee Reid Ridin' Hood, also known as Little Red Riding Hood.

After a demonstration, the youngsters invited their family, friends and members



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Syne to bring the afternoon to a traditional close.



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String quartet Sinopia set to serenade

A string quartet known to music clubs and societies across Scotland will serenade a Campbeltown audience.

Gabi Maas (violin), Daniel Paterson (violin), Daniel Meszoly (viola) and Laura Sergeant (cello), of Sinopia String Quartet, will perform at a Kintyre Music Club concert next Friday, February 8.

Founded in 2012 by the four young musicians, then at the start of their professional careers, the Sinopia String Quartet is now well known across the country.

The members are also active as baroque and period performers and play other instruments including viola da gamba, nyckelharpa and organ.

Graduates of the Royal

Conservatoire of Scotland, Cambridge University and the Guildhall School of Music, the quartet's members individually play with groups including Scottish Chamber Orchestra, London Symphony Orchestra, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and Scottish Opera.

Collectively their experience includes performing with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Scottish Opera, the Milan Symphony Orchestra and the Scottish Ensemble.

They have also featured at the Edinburgh, St Magnus, and Mendelssohn on Mull festivals.

The players' other musical interests include traditional



Sinopia String Quartet will perform in Campbeltown.

Irish and Scandinavian music and dancing, experimental classical music and modern theatre installations.

They are involved with RCS MusicWorks and Live Music Now Scotland which connects the elderly and disadvantaged youth with live music.

Their programme, at 7.30pm in the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall, will feature music by Borodin, Dvorak and Bartok.

Tickets are £10 with free admission to Kintyre Music Club members, students and children.

70th anniversary drama festival

Organisers of the 70th Scottish Community Drama Association Kintyre District Drama Festival say it is 'guaranteed to be the best show in town'.

Six amateur teams will compete for a plethora of silverware across Friday and Saturday February 22 and 23.

Tomorrow, Saturday February 2, the committee is hosting a fundraising coffee morning in Campbeltown Town Hall from 10am to noon.

Tickets

As well as having a baking stall, raffle and tombola, tickets for the drama festival can be purchased.

Tickets for each night are £8 for adults and £4 for children of primary school age.

After the coffee morning, tickets will be available from the Yorkshire Building Society, Longrow, Campbeltown, or at the door on the night.

A spokesperson said: 'Theatre-goers can save money by buying a 'season ticket' giving access to both nights for £2 less - sounds like the best deal around at the moment!'

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Southend's laugh-a-minute

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Facebook, Brexit and dating apps are among the topics which may have featured in his poetry if Robbie Burns was alive today, according to the speakers at the 62nd Southend Burns Supper.

Stuart McMillan's immortal

memory speech and Jamie Reid's toast to the lassies, at last Friday's event, both looked at how the modern world may have influenced the bard's prose.

After mentioning Burns' own acknowledgement that women's rights deserve some attention, Mr McMillan read a poem in which the author's

wife is his satnav – and he wished he could turn her off!

This, as well as many jokes throughout the evening, elicited a laugh from the crowd, including Mr McMillan's wife, Pat.

Mr Reid picked up where Mr McMillan left off, and in his toast to the lassies, littered with humour, he paid

tribute to the many successful Scottish women in music, politics and sport.

Giving the reply to Mr Reid's toast, Catriona McLean, at her first ever Burns supper, said that although most of women's problems literally start with men (MENstruation, G Y n a e c o l o g y , H Y S t e r e c t o m y), many deserved credit for all they do.

She named and shamed some of the men in the room known for helping their wives by vacuuming, cooking and putting out the bins.

Chairman Thomas Cameron thanked them for their speeches and introduced some of the artistes who provided entertainment throughout the evening, including singers Erin Ferguson, Alison Semple, Iain MacPherson and Peter McKerral, and David Barbour who performed Burns' poem, Tam O' Shanter.

Earlier, the diners tucked into a full meal, including cock-a-leekie soup, haggis, 'roastit side of stirk', desserts and tea and coffee.



One of the many laughs elicited at the event. 50_c05southendburns06



The 62nd Southend Burns Supper chairman Thomas Cameron. 50_c05southendburns01

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Catriona McLean's reply to the lads.
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Jamie Reid gives the toast to the lassies. 50_c05southendburns04



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Alison Semple sang at the event for the first time.
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Wee Toon dancer set for city stage

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A Campbeltown woman, who took her first steps into the world of dance with Footnotes Dance Company, will perform in her first professional show at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

Morgan Irwin, 21, who is in the final year of her BA (Honours) Dance course at Performing Art Studio Scotland (PASS), will join three West End stars in the fifth annual Movies to Musicals production on Friday February 22.

Morgan will dance, act and sing in her role in the musical theatre cast, supporting stars Kerry Ellis, John Owen Jones and Lucy Kay in the Glasgow



Morgan Irwin will perform in the fifth annual Movies to Musicals.

Philharmonia Orchestra production. After leaving Campbeltown Grammar School and Footnotes behind, Morgan moved to Glasgow where she gained NC, HNC and HND qualifications, before moving to Edinburgh to study at PASS, one of the only places in Scotland to teach dance to degree level.

She studies ballet, jazz and contemporary dance, as well as choreography, teaching and dance science.

Despite never professionally singing, a friend convinced her to audition for the Movies to Musicals role: 'I was apprehensive as I had to prepare a song as part of the audition,' Morgan said. 'I have always just danced and done bits of

acting but never singing, but I was successful.'

When she is in Campbeltown, Morgan holds dance classes for nursery, primary and secondary school children.

She said: 'The classes aren't one set style, I change it up every time. They're mostly jazz funk where I do fun dance games, introduction to the basic technique of dance, as well as learning routines and basic gymnastics skills.'

Morgan says that after she graduates in June, her 'perfect scenario' would be to start a professional dance contract in September, somewhere like India or on a cruise ship, adding: 'As long as I'm dancing or teaching dance I'll be living my dream job!'

Old Pals' Burns gathering success

Campbeltown Old Pals' group was treated to live music at its celebration of

Rabbie Burns. The group thanked Les Oman and Anne Leith for performing

along with Alastair Gillies for singing some Burns songs last Thursday.

Members also thanked Joan and the staff of the Royal Hotel for looking after them so well at the event and Iain Johnston and Alex McKinven, who organised

the day. Further thanks went to South Kintyre Senior Citizens Association for providing the finance to pay for the meal.

Campbeltown Old Pals celebrated Rabbie Burns.



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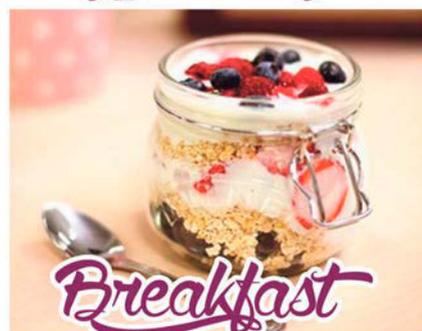
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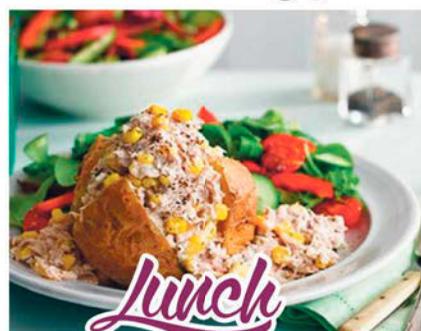
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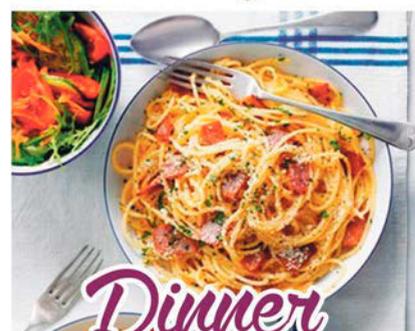
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Window Wanderland goes under the sea

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Following the success of last year's inaugural Window Wanderland, Campbeltown Picture House (CPH) is running another – and moving things into the ocean!

The theme for this year's Magical Neighbourhood Walking Trail, on March 16 and 17, as suggested by some of CPH's Facebook followers, is the sea.

CPH is inviting everyone who has a window – houses, shop fronts, classrooms, cars, boats, sheds – to get creative and make a display according to the theme.

The event is completely free and can be explored and enjoyed by the whole community, whether that is as window-makers or wanderers.

The event is fun, creative, inclusive and gives the community an incentive to explore their neighbourhood on a dark winter's evening and enjoy it in a whole new light.

Window Wanderland was started in Bristol in February 2015 by Lucy Reeves to help bring communities together, ward off isolation and spread happiness in the gloom of winter.

Anyone can take part and almost anything can be a display; from a string of fairy lights to a band playing in the living room, as long as it is family friendly, anything goes. There were 50 displays last year, when the theme



An intricate paper-cut Batman scene from last year.

was 'cinema', including a room transformed into Pandora from Avatar, a precise paper-cut Batman, hand-knitted Minions, nursery displays, balloons and inflatables in Campbeltown Town Hall, superheroes, Disney characters and much more.

Cinema manager Ellen Mainwood said: 'We had a great weekend last year with our first Window Wanderland. There were some brilliant displays, and people really enjoyed getting out and about to see them.'

'It's fun and easy to join in, so we hope lots of people will get involved this year.'

Participants get a welcome pack when they sign up and access to lots of inspiration.

There will be free materials available and drop-in workshops to help window-makers

with their displays at the cinema on March 15 and 16.

Wanderers can see where the decorated windows are on an online map and CPH will have printed copies available during the event.

Cinema staff can help window-makers sign up if they do not have access to the website or need some assistance.

Those with questions, or who would like to sponsor, promote or help with the event should contact Ellen by emailing manager@campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk

For more information and to sign up, visit <https://www.windowwanderland.com/event/campbeltown-2019/>

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Two Burns concerts for U3A choir



The U3A choir pictured at the Elderberries Club with conductor Margaret Nimmo.

Members of the U3A choir brushed up on Burns songs for two concerts last week.

The first was at the Lorne and Lowland Church Guild's Burns afternoon

on Monday and the other was at Elderberries Club on Thursday, the day before Burns Day.

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Scottish gamekeepers are seeking accountability for tagged raptors

Scottish gamekeepers are calling for accountability regarding satellite tags fitted to wildlife.

The call comes after the Scottish Gamekeepers Association (SGA) learned that a tagged hen harrier, reported as disappearing 'suspiciously' in Angus last May, was re-sighted in Perthshire afterwards, according to investigators.

Anti-grouse moor campaigners who owned the tag's data publicly blamed the grouse industry, urging the Scottish Government to licence the sector.

However, no media statements were issued to correct the accusations, leaving estate employees living with the burden of criminal suspicion.

The SGA has also learned of a sea eagle currently flying around Grampian with a tag dangling from its body, potentially endangering its welfare.

The female sea eagle, pegged with yellow wing markings and the letter 'E', has been spotted by concerned land managers.

In recent times, four golden eagles have been independently photographed in the Angus glens with displaced tags; one clearly hanging from a bird's neck.

Another eagle was observed in Perthshire this month with the bird's feathers completely obscuring the tag; something manufacturers acknowledge will distort readings.

Gamekeepers believe tags



Satellite tags hanging from eagles in Angus. Photographs: Mike Groves.

are now being deployed by campaigners as political weapons, aware there is no independent scrutiny.

While the SGA is not advocating a ban, it believes the Scottish Government must act to make fitting and monitoring of the devices accountable.

An SGA freedom of information request to Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) revealed that the heritage body currently holds no information from satellite tags in Scotland, despite hundreds being operational.

Similarly, tag reliability cannot be independently

verified as there is no duty for tag owners to disclose information regarding malfunction.

'At the moment, satellite tags are like the wild west,' said SGA chairman Alex Hogg.

'Anyone with funding can buy one, have it fitted to a protected bird, and retain its data. They can then release interpretations to the media, if the tag stops.

'We saw this with the choreographed 'Fred the Eagle' case near Edinburgh, which remains unexplained despite a concerted attempt to finger a grouse moor.

'Although tag fitters are approved, we have seen basic 'granny knots' used to fit tags and we have just heard of two tagged harriers in Perthshire being killed by foxes within three days, with only one tag and body recovered.

Never hear

'A tagged adult harrier lost on National Trust for Scotland ground this year was never found, neither was its tag, and a predated youngster was only discovered by chance. These are stories the public never hears and it is a shame they have to come out behind a veil of

secrecy. Despite claims these devices are almost infallible, failure rates and unexplained loss are high and there have been numerous examples of lost birds turning up alive or birds re-appearing miles or days from last tag signals.

'If this information was held independently, all this could be scrutinised transparently by experts and the relevant authorities could act accordingly.'

Late last year the SGA commissioned a legal opinion of SNH's report into the fates of satellite tagged golden eagles, a paper which sparked the present review of grouse

shooting. The opinion, authored by QC Ronald Clancy, made a strong case for independent scrutiny of tags as the report relied entirely on manufacturer data for its conclusions.

'The present tagging system gives rise to accusation but no prosecutions,' added Mr Hogg. 'If tags are to be used to identify crime then the information must be held independently so it may lead to court action.'

'If independent data monitoring makes things more difficult for people committing wildlife crime, that surely is in everyone's interest.'

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Commenting on the announcement, Jim Baird, vice chairman and farmer

director, said: 'The impact of downward pressure in the markets during the latter part of last year has taken longer to influence cheese markets than some other dairy commodities, and it is that lag which has resulted in this milk price reduction for February.'

'Hearteningly, dairy markets have recovered in recent weeks, and there are signs of more stability ahead. The uncertainties over Brexit continue, how-

ever, so it is too early to predict what will happen with milk prices.

Stability

'We remain focused on delivering as much stability as we can - something reflected in the scale and timing of our recent milk prices movements.'

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Ayrshire man will judge dairy cattle

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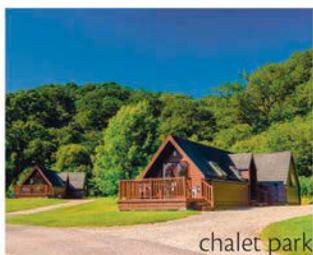
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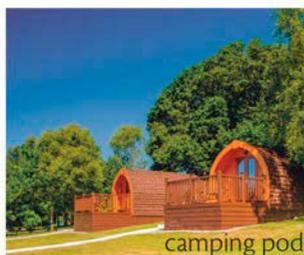
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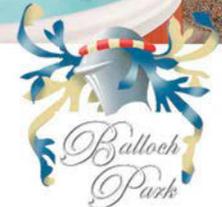
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That is a floor space of 25,000sq metres with an additional marquee of another 1,200 sq metres - all packed with the best that is on offer today to make holiday dreams come true.

'This is the biggest consumer exhibition in Scotland. It is the only event that takes over the whole of the venue. Research we carry out at the show reveals that people come from as far north as Shetland to the north of England in the south to visit the show,' said Jamie Taylor, director in charge of the show. He and his team are putting the finishing touches to the event as we go to press.'

He added: 'We're the only exhibition in Scotland where visitors can compare and

contrast the latest caravans and motorhomes from the country's leading manufacturers without having to travel miles from one dealer to another across the country.'

More than 200 companies selling motorhomes, caravans, and holiday homes from static caravans to luxury lodges, plus accessories will be there along with the owners of all varieties of venues.

'The joy is that you can choose from the smallest, most remote destination to a holiday park with swimming pools, cinemas and bars. We have the products and the destinations and between them people can create their own bespoke holiday,' he said.

Post-show research in previous years has revealed that one exhibitor sold £1million of caravans and another £2½million in motorhomes at the show and in the following couple of weeks as visitors finalise their research and make their purchasing decisions.

The big brands and dealers from all over the UK are there, some with dealer specials; a high-spec model made especially for them by top brands giving customers incredible value for money.

Leading organisations like the Caravan and Motorhome Club UK and Caravan and Camping Club are also at the show with demonstrations and practical advice to help people get the most out of their investments.

Sweeping lochs, majestic castles and awe-inspiring hills – Scotland has plenty to offer the intrepid camper/caravanner. But what to take with you on your adventure?

Obviously what you take depends on the following factors:

Who you are travelling with – friends, family, children?

Where you are going – if it's wild camping then you'll need a different list than if you're visiting a park

How long you'll be away for – a weekend trip may mean you decide to ditch the cooking utensils and eat out

What type of leisure vehicle you own / hire / are visiting and how it is equipped

What the weather is likely to be like – although in the UK it's best to plan for all eventualities.

- Take an old bath-mat (or two!) to leave outside to wipe feet on – they are much lighter and absorbent.
- Sporks – combined spoon, knife and fork – are the best invention, saving space and washing-up.
- Cheap disposable glow-lights (make sure you take them away with you) are a safe and fun alternative for kids instead of torches.
- Before you pack games equipment such as footballs, Frisbees or tennis rackets, check your campsite doesn't already supply them as part of the package.
- It's probably worth checking out where the first aid help is when you arrive. The campsite should provide first aid supplies, and have details of the nearest doctor and hospital.
- Write down the menu for all meals for your trip. This way you'll know what you need to take and what you can wait to buy.
- If you only do one thing, make sure you are warm at night – cold, sleepless nights are no-one's friend and are the one thing guaranteed to make you think twice before venturing out again...



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Beating off strong competition in its category, XV impressed the judging panel at 4x4 Magazine across the board. The safety credentials and suitability of the XV as a family car were praised, with reference to XV being Euro NCAP's highest-scoring vehicle of all time for child occupant protection at the time of its launch.

XV was also admired for its off-road credentials, the unique combination of Subaru's permanent Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive and Boxer engine proven to provide unrivalled capability in mud and rough terrain. X-Mode with Hill Descent Control, standard on all models in the range, was also noted to be very effective in particularly challenging conditions.

4x4 Magazine also recognised that Subaru's new Global Platform, which will underpin all new model introductions going forward, results in further improvements to the sure-footed combination of grip, feel and sharpness for which Subaru is famed, giving XV exceptional ride and refinement.

Alan Kidd, Editor of 4x4 Magazine, said: "The new XV builds on the company's already formidable strengths. It's a very, very fine vehicle with a price tag that makes it the best 4x4 estate you can buy."

Subaru UK Managing Director Chris Graham commented: "We are delighted that the XV has won 4x4 Magazine's Crossover Estate of the Year 2019. This award is testimony to a great product that our customers love and trust to get themselves, and their families, safely from A to B, whatever the conditions. We're proud to produce some of the safest, most capable and reliable vehicles on the market today."



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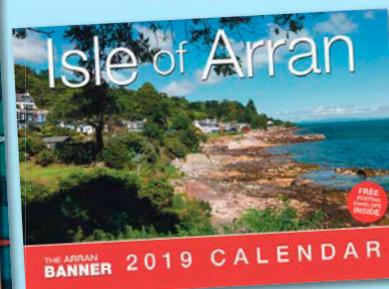
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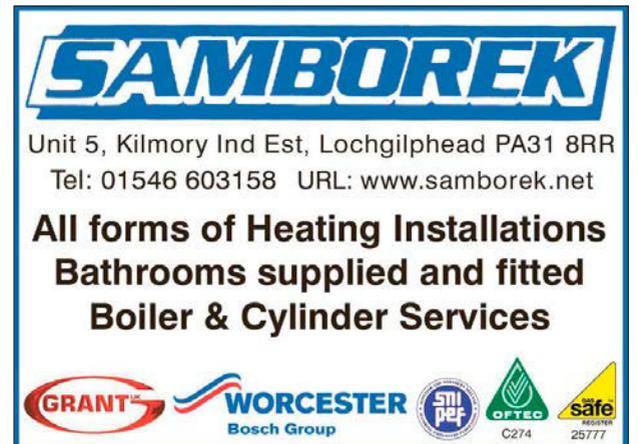
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JURA

Business Gateway to increase business growth

Business Gateway has helped firms from space asteroid mining and artisan bacon production to the renovation of a gin distillery.

Last year the Scottish economy received a major boost after more than 53,000 customers connected with the business trainer.

As a result, Business Gateway will build on its track record with its Missing Pieces campaign aimed at increasing the number of businesses it helps to achieve their potential.

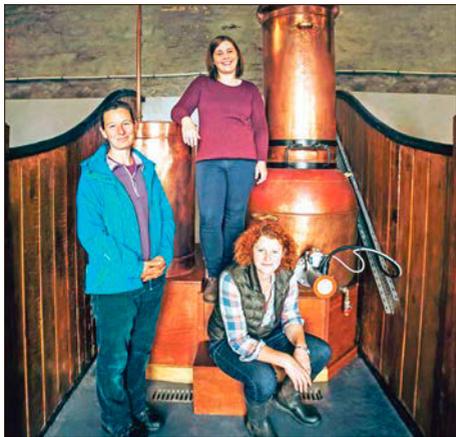
Hugh Lightbody, chief officer at Business Gateway, said: 'Business Gateway has extensive online resources and offers free research services.'

'Brexit offers uncertainty and it is crucial to continue to grow Scotland's indigenous businesses and build on their deep-rooted entrepreneurial spirit.'

Claire Fletcher, co-owner of Lussa Gin, on Jura, said: 'As we live in a remote part of Scotland, the challenge to get our gin recognised in the market was initially problematic.'

'However, with Business Gateway's support, we attended trade fairs and training events and began an online mentoring service in social media training.'

For more information about Business Gateway, visit www.bgateway.com



The Lussa Gin team, from left: Georgina Kitching, Alicia MacInnes and Claire Fletcher.

ISLAY

Islay councillor's street lighting repair concerns

A Kintyre and the Islands councillor fears that 'blacked out streets' and year-long waits for 'quick-fix repair work' will do little to quell his constituents' concerns about their level of service from Argyll and Bute Council.

Councillor Alastair Redman said: 'I spoke to policy lead for roads and amenity services Councillor Roddy McCuish recently about the slow repairs of damaged street lighting in my ward.'

It was revealed recently that repairs to Islay's problematic street lighting could cost £120,000 - half of Argyll and Bute Council's street lighting budget for the year.

Shore Street in Port Charlotte has been in darkness for around two years and, more than a month ago, the same happened in Main Street.

Argyll and Bute's executive director for development and infrastructure Pippa Milne said the outages on Shore Street were caused by degrading wall brackets and water ingress.

'This has caused dangerous electrical load tripping all fuses,' she said. 'This being the case, our electricians have had to disconnect the street lighting to ensure safety to the public to ensure they don't receive an electric shock. This appears to now to be the case on Main Street.'

The council is now looking at installing lighting columns on the streets.



Councillor Redman recently met with Councillor Roddy McCuish, policy lead for roads and amenity services.

Councillor Redman described the £120,000 cost for fixing one street's lights as 'insane', adding: 'When repairs do finally take place some of the work seems unfinished with electrical cables being joined from the tops of lamp posts rather than being put underground.'

'Speed and quality of repairs must be improved in the future.'

An Argyll and Bute spokesperson said: 'We are committed to investing a significant amount of the council's street lighting budget in installing lighting columns in Shore Street and Main Street.'

'Street lighting in this area is coming to the end of its natural lifespan and wall-mounted brackets are no longer an option. We will ensure best value through our procurement process.'

CLACHAN

West Kintyre ladies join forces to learn about health

Two west Kintyre SWI groups joined forces to brush up on women's health.

Members from Largside and Clachan met for a 'very interesting' meeting with guest speaker Dr Sally Darnborough, from Tarbert Medical Practice.

Sally gave the ladies lots of helpful advice and straightforward answers to their many questions.

She showed them some simple exercises

which could be done at home to keep fit and healthy.

Thanked

Elizabeth Ball thanked Sally for a most interesting evening and tea was served.

Sally judged the competitions as follows: Get well card: 1 Zoe Weir, 2 equal Pauline Simson and Jane Griffiths. Action photo: 1 Pauline Simson, 2 equal Zoe Weir, Jane Griffiths and Elizabeth Ball.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

Tomorrow is Candlemas Day, also known as the Festival of Light.

February 2 marks the midpoint of winter, half way between the shortest day and the spring equinox.

For Christians it has a particularly special meaning as it was 40 days after the birth of Jesus and the day when, according to Jewish custom, his grateful parents took him to the temple to give thanks to God.

We believe that Jesus is the light of the world who will guide us through our own dark times.

Many customs have grown around Candlemas and one of the most interesting came from Scotland.

In the olden days, Candlemas was the day when children brought candles to school so that the classrooms would have light on dull days.

As time went on, gas lighting took over from candlelight and the children brought money to school with which the teacher was supposed to buy sweets for the children.

The child who brought in the most money was declared Candlemas King or Queen and they ruled for six weeks.

They had the power to make one whole afternoon a week a play time and to excuse anyone they wished from any form of punishment.

I don't think this will catch on in Argyll!

I think it is a lovely custom to take a child to church or temple for a blessing and to give thanks to God for their birth.

I have the privilege of being chaplain to two primary schools and while I cannot take the children physically to church or temple, I take each one of them to God every day in my prayers to give thanks for them and ask God's blessing upon them.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"
(Romans 6:23).

BIRTHS



FEE - Milo Argyll made a splash into the birthing pool at Campbeltown Hospital on January 16, 2019, delivered by midwives Helen and Isabel. A third son for Daniel and Susanna, a little brother for Saul and Angus, third grandson for David and Ineke Fee and fifth grandchild for Rod and Niccy Angus.

ENGAGEMENTS



CAMERON - MILLAR

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Fraser John, son of Jennifer and the late John Cameron, High Machriemore Farm, Southend to Alison Mary, eldest daughter of Robert and Myra Millar, Craigmore West, Machrihanish.

DEATHS

ARMOUR - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 22, 2019, Mary McIntyre Armour (Maimie), in her 99th year, 102 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, a dearly loved aunt, great aunt and great great aunt.

CAMERON - Peacefully with his family by his side, at the R.A.H Paisley, on January 25, 2019, Sandy Cameron, aged 72 years, of North Park Cottage, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig. Beloved husband of the late Susan Cameron, loving father of Charles and Duncan and much loved and adored grandpa of Colin, Cara, Lilly and Georgia. Respected father in law of Catherine and Katie and a dear brother in law, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service was held in Lochgilhead Parish Church, on Thursday January 31, 2019. Forever in our thoughts.

FLETCHER - Suddenly but peacefully at home, 1 Dochas Place, Lochgilhead, on January 23, 2019, Mary Margaret, nee MacLeod, in her 81st year. Beloved wife of Hugh Malcolm Fletcher, dearest mum of Christine and Morag, loving granny to Mhairi and Nicholas, and a dear mother in law,

sister, sister in law and aunt to all the family. Funeral service will be held at Lochgilhead Parish Church on Friday February 1, 2019 at 12 noon, thereafter to Achhabreac Cemetery. Flowers or donations to The Dochas Centre. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

HOUGHTON - Peacefully after a short illness on January 28, 2019, at the Royal Alexandria Hospital, David in his 86th year, beloved husband of the late Muriel, a much loved dad to Linda and the late Michael, grandpa to Isla, father-in-law to Hugh and a dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held on Friday, February 8, 2019 in Langbank Church at 1.30pm thereafter, Clydebank Crematorium at 2.30pm.

LEWIS - On January 15, 2019, peacefully at her home Redhouse, Tarbert, Carole Linda Lewis, in her 72nd year, much loved best friend of Robert Wilson and a dearly loved sister and aunt. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium on January 24, 2019. With special thanks to all involved in her care, to Rev Robert MacLeod for his support and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional handling of all arrangements, Ardardan Estate for excellent catering and to all who made the journey to pay their last respects to Carole.

MCMILLAN - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 25, 2019, Edward Niel McKay McMillan (IOMHAR) in his 69th year, 12 Burnside Cottages, Stewarton, dearly beloved husband of the late Jennifer Muir, much loved father of Martin, Joanna and Niel and a loving granda of Ryan, Jennifer, Tiana and Cameron. Funeral service in Campbeltown Town Hall on Friday February 1, 2019 at 1.00pm. thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. No flowers please. Retiral collection will be held in aid of Kintyre Cancer and Palliative Care.

TAYLOR - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilhead, on January 23, 2019, Annie (Anne) Graham Taylor, nee Lockie, in her 92nd year, of An Uileann, Kilmory Road, Lochgilhead. Beloved wife of the late Jim Taylor. Former teacher at Carradale Primary School and Deputy

Head of Knightswood School, Glasgow. A dear cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Ardrishaig Parish Church on Monday February 4, 2019 at 11am, thereafter to Achhabreac Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BRECHIN - The Brechin family would like to thank everyone for the many cards and expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Our heartfelt thanks to all carers, district nurses and staff of Glenaray Ward for their compassionate care. Sincere thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for her personal and uplifting service and to organist, Catherine Paterson. Thanks also to Richard and staff at Kilmartin Hotel for excellent catering, to Morna for the beautiful floral tributes and to Donald MacDonald, Funeral Directors, for their professional and caring service. Finally, thank you to all who paid their last respects to Gordon in church and at the graveside, especially those who travelled a great distance in difficult weather conditions. All very much appreciated by his family. The collection for Glenaray Ward and the Macmillan Suite raised £400.

GILCHRIST - The family of the late Florrie Gilchrist, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all staff at Ardfenaig Residential Home, for all the kind care and attention received, to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Stag Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Ardfenaig totalled £110.

HENDRIE - The family of the late Jess Hendrie would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to staff at Glenaray Ward for their care and attention to Jess over the last few months. Also to 'The Golden Girls' for their unfailing friendship and support to Jess. Sincere thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a personal and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for

their guidance and arrangements; to Morna for beautiful flowers, and to the Cairnbaan Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised over £500 for Alzheimer Scotland.

MCCALLUM - The family of the late John McCallum wish to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all medical staff at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, to Rev Christine Fulcher for her kind words and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional handling of all arrangements, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations to Clachan Village Hall Restoration Fund totalled £425.

MCTAVISH - The family of the late Campbell McTavish would like to express their thanks and gratitude to all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for their many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, messages, phone calls and cards received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and compassionate arrangements; to Morna for beautiful floral tributes and to the Stag Hotel for catering. We were overwhelmed by the large numbers that attended at the church and graveside to pay their respects, it was a great tribute to Campbell. The retiral collection realised over £1,100 for Ardrishaig Parish Church and The Beatson Cancer Charity. Campbell will be sorely missed by us all.

ROSS - Bruce, Gail and Olivia, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and wonderful support received in the sad passing of Robert, a dearly loved father, father in law and grandfather. Special thanks to Matthew Ramsay for conducting the service at Tarbert Parish Church, in his own special way, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for most efficient handling of all arrangements, Islay Frigate Hotel for hospitality and excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations for the Fishermen's Mission totalled £455.

IN MEMORIAM

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of a very dear friend and neighbour, Alex who passed away on January 25, 2016. Alex was always close by when help was needed. You will always be close to our hearts and never forgotten. With love, God Bless. xx
- Cathie and Alasdair, Glenside.

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- Anne, Stuart and family.

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Highland Parish Church



SC002493

Sunday 3rd February 2019
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am
Monday 4th February
Session Meeting in Kirk Street Hall at 7.00pm
All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday 3rd February
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Congregational Meeting
Rev W Crossan
Messy Church
Church Hall 3.45pm-5.30pm

Tuesday 5th February
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall

Wednesday 6th February
Guild Coffee Morning
Church Hall 10am - 12 noon

Thursday 7th February
Choir Practice

Friday 8th February
Lunch Club 12.00 noon

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Friday 1st February
SKY Youth Group
7.30pm
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11.00am
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Scottish Charity No SC023277
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4th Sunday after Epiphany
Morning Prayer and Theological Reflection 10.45am
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George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 3rd February
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Colin MacLeod
11.15am Sunday School
Wednesday 6th February
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer
All Welcome
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Sunday 3rd February
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Speaker - Elizabeth Irwin with Sunday School and refreshments after the service
The Ark
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Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 am
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Every Friday at 7.30 pm
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
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Kilmartin
Sunday 3rd February 2019
11.30am
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All welcome
(SC0 02121)

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10am Bellanoch Church
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Charity No. SC016097
Lochgair Church - 10.00am
Service will be taken by Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church - 11.30am
Service taken by Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

Entries open for second Glen Scotia Marathon

Training should already be under way for those competing in the notoriously hilly 2019 Glen Scotia Marathon.

Entries are now open for the event which returns on Saturday, September 7, this year, after the success of the inaugural marathon in spring 2017.

Places are filling up fast for the race which offers a challenge to runners of all abilities; competitors can run on their own, or in teams of two or four.

Organiser Elaine McGeachy, whose husband Stuart won the first ever marathon, told the Courier: 'It is a VERY hilly route, going round the Leaside!'

'It is definitely not for the faint-hearted and requires a lot of training, but we hope that we can attract running tourists to the area to see how wonderful our scenery and hospitality can be.'

The route remains unchanged, starting and finishing in

Campbeltown, at the Ferry Terminal.

The course is run entirely on the road and pavements and the route loops out of Campbeltown, down through Southend and back into Campbeltown.

It crosses some of the Kintyre Way route where runners will witness what organisers describe as 'some of the most spectacular scenery in Scotland'.

This challenging marathon has at least five hills that are beyond 350 feet elevation, many of which are in the last eight miles of the race.

Organisers expect all runners taking part to have previous long-distance running experience and advise that the cut-off time will be 6.5 hours maximum.

No walkers are permitted to take part for health and safety reasons.

There are limited spaces for relay teams of two or four.

Teams of two will run roughly half a marathon each, changing at



Stuart McGeachy, the first ever winner of the Glen Scotia Marathon. 25_c13marathon19



Third overall and first lady home, Jennifer Martin, was all smiles towards the end of the 2017 marathon. 20_c13marathon018



Susan Turner, far left, supports her sons, Gary and Matthew Turner, at the handover in the two-runner relay in 2017. 20_c13marathon06



The inaugural marathon and relay started in the Cutting. 25_c13marathon26

Munero Tearoom in Southend, and teams of four will do about six and a half miles each.

A full welcome race pack including information about registration, relay teams, refreshments and prize-giving will be emailed to all entrants two weeks prior to the event.

Registration will take place from 9am to 9.45am at the Ferry Terminal on the day of the race, at which time relay teams must also register.

Transport will be provided for relay members to specific change-over points but those with their own transport should let organisers know as soon as possible.

There will be four official water stops throughout the course including one in Southend supplied by Munero Tearoom.

Argyll Bakeries will be at the finish area to supply all participants with soup, rolls, tea/coffee and some tasty treats to refuel their glycogen reserves!

The route will be well marked and monitored by marshals.

The event's main sponsor is Glen Scotia Distillery which provides prizes.

All participants will receive refreshments at the finish line as well as a commemorative t-shirt and medal.

The closing date for entries is August 17 but with just a few team places left, it is advised to book soon.



The first race was a family affair, with Rhia Losh helping her mum Gail across the finish line. 25_c13marathon24



Ewan Smith remained high-spirited throughout the race, even during the Leaside's hilly sections. 20_c13marathon016



Sinclair McKinnon, Bobby McColl, Stuart Charnock, Ronald Jenkins and David Hay Thornburn.

Tarbert Gun Club shoots into action

Tarbert Gun Club held its first competition of the year recently which was also the January leg of the winter league team shoot.

There was a big turnout of competitors in damp conditions, with little hail to upset the shooters.

Down the line saw high scoring but no maximums.

Sporting set-up saw a lot of scores spoiled as a very fast and low mini target ruined many of the cards.

High gun was won by Andrew MacDonald. Close behind was Ally McDonnell, thanks to his missing his last target of the day.

Results: Class A: 1 Andrew MacDonald, 2 Ally McDonnell, 3 Brian Baird. Class B: 1 Jonathan Gargan, 2 Ronald Jenkins, 3 Drew. Class C: 1 David Hay Thornburn, 2 Andy Peden, 3 Adam Currie. Class D: 1 Roy Laird, 2 Ian McVicar, 3 Shaun Doy. Class E: 1 Bill Bidmead, 2 S McDonald, 3 Buddy Peterson.

Winning team: Archie MacGilp, Jonathan Gargan, Andy Peden, Roy Laird and Martin O'Keefe.

Medal scores are high

Dunaverty Golf Club's members faced horrendous weather conditions in their quest to qualify for the Muneroy Cup.

Heavy rain and strong winds kept the scores quite high in the January Medal.

Sandy Watson, playing in the first group, finished with a nett 71 to lead but this was not good enough.

John McKinlay and Donald

Brown had a 'ding dong' battle for first place with John just getting the better of Donald by one stroke and also recording the best scratch score with a 76. CSS was 66.

Results: 1 John McKinlay 76-9=67, 2 Donald Brown 87-19=68, 3 Sandy Watson 82-11=71, 4 Bill Brannigan 89-13=76, 5 Don Hardman 105-16=89, 6 Alex Roxburgh 115-17=98.

Wee Toon darts results

Johnny MacIntosh hit a 180 and had a finish of 108, and Alan Duncan hit a 180, both for Ailsa A, in the latest results from Campbeltown District Darts Association.

Jock McLatchie also hit 180 for Kilbrannan A and Charles Robertson hit 180 and had a 15 dart leg for Burnside.

Results: Fiddlers 2 Ailsa A 6, Kinloch A 1 Burnside 7, Kilbrannan A 7 Kilbrannan C 1, Ailsa B v Kinloch B postponed.

Golf club lotto results

There were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three-number lottery draw on Sunday, January 27.

The winning numbers were 2, 3 and 7.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £500, will be on February 10.

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



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Pupils denied a share of the points

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It was another tight game last Saturday in a highly competitive league, but the chance of leapfrogging Ferguslie was eventually scorned by Campbeltown Pupils after a day of frustration at the Kinloch all-weather pitch.

It seems unbelievable that the Pupils' home record this season is poorer than when playing away.

Although 'lady luck' was missing in goalmouth situ-

ations, the local favourites paid a high price for sitting too far off the Paisley-based opposition, a shortcoming that allowed the visitors space and time to build a dangerous passing game.

Glorious chance

The home side passed up a glorious chance to take the lead on the quarter hour – only to see Ferguslie race to the other end and score from almost the identical situation.

In possession of the ball, the home side committed the cardinal sin of giving it away cheaply, a mistake that allowed the visitors to coun-

ter down the vacant attacking left. With the rest of the defence caught flat-footed, the move ended with a simple tap-in as defenders raced back in vain to try and retrieve the situation.

Lone striker Donald McCallum appeared isolated up front because of his team's meagre possession of the ball, but he kept the Ferguslie rearguard on their toes.

It was disappointing from the home side, but certainly not all bad as the occasional flurry of good possession threatened to bring its reward.

A through ball on the attacking left saw Donald McCallum break free to turn the ball across goal, but a miscue from Martin McCallum unfortunately went high and wide of the target.

Speculative

However, the equaliser was only delayed by a few minutes, when a speculative ball into the box was clearly handled by an under pressure defender.

Ryan McConnachie confidently stepped forward to take the kick and he made no mistake to bring the scores level midway through the first half.

Scores even at the break, it was all to play for in the second half, but Ferguslie still managed to maintain the lion's share of possession.

Experienced central midfielder Robbie Macdonald



Ryan McConnachie scored the Pupils' only goal. 50_c05pupils08

was the visitors' star man as he dictated play from defence to attack, a fine performance that contributed greatly to the final result.

Winning a free kick on the edge of the box, the visitors recreated a move straight from the training ground, a deft lob to centre forward Thomson, who headed the ball over the advancing Alasdair Ferguson to regain the lead for his side.

There was still time for the home side to respond, but this was a game the Pupils never really got to grips with.

A number of incidents could have brought the equaliser, none more so than a last minute header when the two McCallums combined to

almost break the deadlock.

Martin McCallum's deadly cross found his namesake, Donald, and the striker's clever downward header looked goal-bound all the way, only for the visiting keeper to produce a tremendous last gasp save to steer his side to victory.

Too little too late

The Pupils will reflect on this game as the one that got away, giving too little too late, costing them at least a share of the points.

In the end the best team won, as the home side's possession and final ball forward were not good enough.

On a day better forgotten, best for the home side was the ever dependable Keith

Mitchell who closed the back door at every opportunity.

There were a few solid performances, with Martin McCallum's dangerous delivery the most notable aspect of a disappointing afternoon.

The youthful Fraser MacBrayne and Kyle Colville were given a chance from the bench and both did well when coming on.

Campbeltown Pupils are at home tomorrow, Saturday February 2, against second-placed Port Glasgow.



Martin McCallum performed solidly throughout the match. 50_c05pupils05



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