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Sheep farmers 'totally against' lynx in Kintyre

by Mark Davey
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A community interest company (CIC) based in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, has proposed a plan to reintroduce lynx to Kintyre.

Lynx UK Trust CIC, incorporated on January 13 2015 by directors Doctor Paul O'Donoghue and Emily O'Donoghue, has announced a roadshow at Tarbert Village Hall from 2-4pm on March 5 to discuss the possible release of the big cats.

Councillor John Armour, a Kintyre sheep farmer, reacted with horror to the plan.

Councillor Armour said: 'I am totally against this proposal.

'I cannot believe Kintyre



A Eurasian lynx.

Photograph: Chris Godfrey.

has been identified as a possible reintroduction trial as Kintyre hills are still home to many sheep.

'While deer control may or may not be required, I am sure sheep would become an easier target for lynx than deer.

'Hill farming is difficult enough and with the prospect of Brexit it is likely to become even more so.

'The introduction of lynx, in my opinion, would mean the end of any chance of a sustainable future for hill farming.'

Dr O'Donoghue, the Lynx UK Trust's chief scientific advisor, said: 'We've spent about 18 months looking at habitats across Scotland and talking to various stakeholders about a trial reintroduction.

'Based on ecological factors like deer density and habitat suitability, three areas have been identified for much more intensive consultation.

'This will ultimately lead to a multiple site application to Scottish Natural Heritage

to carry out a trial reintroduction. No lynx attack on a human has ever been recorded anywhere. Lynx reintroduction is a controversial issue with sheep farming unions concerned the cats would decimate herds.

'Numerous independent studies make clear that sheep are an exceptionally rare target for lynx, even when the two live side by side. Farming unions have repeatedly over-stated the threat, even claiming that lynx could threaten the food security of the entire UK which is pure fantasy. We will offer farmers a range of support with predator mitigation techniques and provide full insurance against lynx predation.'

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Scottish Intermediate Champion Amy Paterson.

Brass player is a Scottish champion

Campbeltown Brass players blew their way to success at The Scottish Youth Solo and Ensemble Championships in Livingston.

Amy Paterson, described as a 'tenor horn ace' by Les Neish in The British Bandsman magazine's Christmas special, was crowned Scottish

Intermediate Champion. Amy also featured as one of the quartet of Hannah Oman, Rebecca Semple and Suen Yee Walker who won the youth ensemble, playing together for possibly their last major competition.

See page 17 for a photograph of the youth ensemble.

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Keil school painting sale for the Sunshine Room



Mike Healey's painting of Keil School.

Wife of late professor donates artwork

A painting of a former Scottish independent school by a nationally acclaimed Southend artist is to be sold.

Annie Thomson, wife of the late Professor Joseph McGeachy Thomson, Regus Professor of Law, has given Professor Michael Healey's Keil School to be sold or auctioned to raise funds for Campbeltown Hospital's Macmillan Palliative Care Unit, known as the Sunshine Room.

Mrs Thomson has offered the work, painted two decades ago, to show her gratitude and respect for Sunshine Room staff who looked after her husband.

Both professors are ex-pupils of the school which opened as a technical college at Keil House, Southend, in November 1915.

In the winter of 1924, a fire destroyed the building and the following year it reopened at Helenslee House, Dumbarton. It closed in July 2000.

Professor Healey said: 'Professor Thomson was one of the most prominent alumnus of the school. He

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was Regus Professor of Law in Scotland which is a Royal appointment.

'In the instance of a stalemate after hearings in the High Court and House of Lords, Professor Thomson would have final say in law and his pronouncement would carry.

'There can be one such Regus of Law in each of the four countries.

'There is no country appointment if none is considered suitable.

'Professor Thomson created new law in the Scottish Office and was an international expert on family law.'

See pages 18 and 19 for a full feature on Professor Healey.

POLICE Files

Vehicle damaged

The wing mirror of a black Range Rover Evoque car, travelling north on the B842 near Stewarton, was struck by a white or silver vehicle, travelling south, which failed to stop or report the incident, at 6pm on Wednesday February 13.

Offensive articles

Racially offensive articles were placed on the path to a house in Tormhor, Carradale, sometime between 2am and 10am on Sunday January 13.

Abusive behaviour

A 49-year-old woman was charged at 10.15am on Thursday February 14 following a report of a person behaving in an abusive manner in Main Street, Campbeltown.

Police are investigating the above incidents and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Sheep farmers totally against lynx in Kintyre

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'There are clear examples of lynx bringing phenomenal eco-tourism revenue and jobs to remote rural areas,' he added.

Wildlife biologist Dr O'Donoghue, a former senior lecturer at Chester University, sued Woburn Safari Park for unfair dismissal in 2009.

He sued Bedford Estates, which owns the safari park, after he left his job, saying he was forced out after raising concerns about the park.

After hearings at Bedford Employment Tribunals Service, he dropped his case for constructive dismissal in 2011. An official from the Bedford Employment Tribunals Service confirmed the case had been settled.

Andrew Gemmill, of Ifferdale Lamb, at Saddell, agreed with Councillor Armour and said: 'From a farmer's point of view, keeping sheep is not easy with the existing predators, including foxes, hooded crows and ravens. In addition, over forestation gives predators plenty places to hide. I don't see any merit in this suggestion.'

The Campbeltown Courier attempted to contact Dr O'Donoghue on several occasions but he had not responded by the time the paper went to press.

Pupils protest against proposed council cuts

Campbeltown Grammar School pupils' protest against Argyll and Bute Council's cuts to youth services took place inside the school building.

The peaceful protest was billed as a 'strike' and was mirrored by others across Argyll and Bute, at Oban High School and Hermitage Academy, Helensburgh.

It took place at about 11am on Wednesday in the recently-built school's atrium.

On Tuesday, pupil Krystal Allen told the Courier: 'We are planning to have a miniature protest/strike tomorrow at 11.05am for around 20 minutes in the atrium for everyone who disagrees with the cuts to the youth services.

'We are not planning to make a large disruption. We

would just like to see how many people disagree with the council's decisions. This does effect a lot of young people who attend Campbeltown Grammar School.'

Argyll and Bute Council met on Thursday to discuss its 2019/20 budget and any cuts to services.

On Tuesday council leader Councillor Aileen Morton said: 'Our core funding has been reduced by a further £3m this year.

'This means that we, like all Scottish councils, have had to look at some very difficult proposals this year, with a shortfall of almost £8m to consider and very significant budget gaps forecast for the next two years too.'

One proposal is to increase council tax by 4.79 per cent.

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The charred Spindrift fishing boat on Tuesday.

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Firefighters' rapid reaction saves boat

Crew in action within six minutes

by Mark Davey
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Campbeltown firefighters were scrambled at 11.08pm on Monday night to the Old Quay, where fishing boat Spindrift was ablaze.

The crew of six, in one tender, were in action within four minutes and quickly established with the skipper John Brown that there was no-one on board.

The vessel had been refuelled that evening with 1,000 gallons of diesel and there were connected gas canisters and flares on board.

Watch manager Ronnie Souden said: 'On arrival at the incident, we found a well-developed fire in the vessel's wheelhouse.'

'The fire crew worked initially with one main jet deployed from the hard standing on the pier with the

water supply augmented by hydrants.

'A second main jet was deployed and the fire was brought under control very quickly allowing two fire fighters wearing breathing apparatus to take a hose reel on board to extinguish any remaining hot spots.

'They discovered the seat of the fire was in the wheelhouse and galley and the rest of the boat was undamaged.

'The gas canisters were another potential risk and firefighters disconnected and made them safe during firefighting on board.

'Fire fighters using thermal imaging equipment searched for any further hot spots.'

'Campbeltown coastguards provided support on shore and the RNLI lifeboat crew safeguarded firefighters in case anyone fell overboard.

'It was a great example of working together at a mul-

ti-agency incident and the fire fighting crew worked very well under extreme pressure.

'Carradale volunteer unit turned out and stood by while the crew from Tarbert covered Campbeltown in case there were any more incidents that night.'

Harbour master Stephen Scally watched the blaze on the quay's CCTV and afterwards praised the firefighters' quick reaction.

Mr Scally said: 'The CCTV timestamp showed 23:11:50 and within a minute of the Campbeltown crew attending they were attacking the fire.'

'Within another minute the fire was under control. The firefighters' professionalism and speed was first class.

'The people of Campbeltown take the fire brigade for granted.

'Their performance on Monday night was absolutely impressive.'

Sheriff spares van thief jail

A man who stole a council van and crashed it in Tomaig Road in Campbeltown was barred from any licensed premises for three years and had his liberty restricted for 12 months.

At a recent sentencing hearing, following a social work report, Kevin Shields, 29, of 43 New Parliament Place, appearing without a lawyer, told Campbeltown Sheriff Court: 'I'd like to apologise for my actions.'

'It was very silly and stupid. It was a one-off and will never happen again.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'From your record it is clear you have been a repeat offender most of your life.'

He added it was also clear that since 2014, employment and family life had kept Shields as a useful member of society.

At a previous hearing last month, Shields pleaded guilty to three charges of stealing the van on April 5 last year, driving the 14-plate vehicle without a licence and without

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

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty told the court the van's keys had been left under the visor when it was parked in the Argyll and Bute Council depot at the Roading.

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

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

Under the restriction of liberty order, to be enforced with an electronic tag, Shields was told to remain within his home from 9pm to 6am.

He was also ordered to carry out 250 hours of unpaid work within 12 months, fined £500 and disqualified from driving for 17 months.



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Kintyre gin giants just pipped in brand survey



Head distiller Su Black and distillery assistant Gareth Scott-Dodds.

by Mark Davey
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A consumer survey by The Scottish Gin Society attracting more than 6,000 votes placed Kintyre gin second.

The not-for-profit organisation, which promotes and celebrates the Scottish gin industry, produced a top 10 from more than double the vote of 2018.

Last year Kintyre gin placed fourth, behind the giants of Harris, Edinburgh and Caorunn Gins and this year skipped up two places, second to Harris, which once again topped the polls.

While brands such as Edinburgh Gin, Caorunn Gin and Hendrick's appeared in the top 10 in 2018, the most recent survey shows a departure from the big names in favour of the rise of smaller distilleries.

Managing director Niall Macalister Hall said: 'It's great to achieve such a high placing.

'After less than 20 months in production this is fantastic news for Beinn an Tuirc Distillers and thanks go to everyone who voted for us.

'We are really building up a loyal following and our gin is now available throughout the

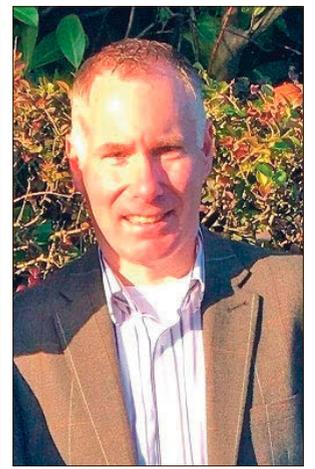
'We are really building up a loyal following and our gin is now available throughout the UK and other countries.'

UK and other countries.' The Scottish Gin Society's A-Z of Scottish gins now lists 139 separate gins from nearly 70 separate distilleries.

It is estimated 70 to 80 per cent of UK-produced gin comes from Scotland.

Marketing director Emma Macalister Hall sees no shame in coming behind Harris Gin. Mrs Macalister Hall said: 'Harris is an outstanding brand which has set the bar high for the gin industry in its marketing, bottle design and product quality.

'That doesn't mean we won't be looking to maintain our upward trajectory in years to come as we have huge ambitions for our brand and the benefits it will bring to the whole of Kintyre.'



Councillor Gary Mulvaney.

Depute council leader censured

Argyll and Bute Council's depute leader has contravened two elements of the code of conduct for councillors.

Conservative Helensburgh councillor Gary Mulvaney was the subject of a Standards Commission for Scotland hearing last month after new parking restrictions were introduced near a sheltered housing development run by Dunbritton Housing Association in Cardross.

The hearing found that Mr Mulvaney – a member of Dunbritton's board – failed to declare an interest when the parking limits issue was discussed by the council's Helensburgh and Lomond area committee in December 2017.

The panel censured Mr Mulvaney, although the panel also noted his long service to public life as a councillor and was satisfied he had made no personal gain.

The panel's report was due to go before the full council yesterday (Thursday).

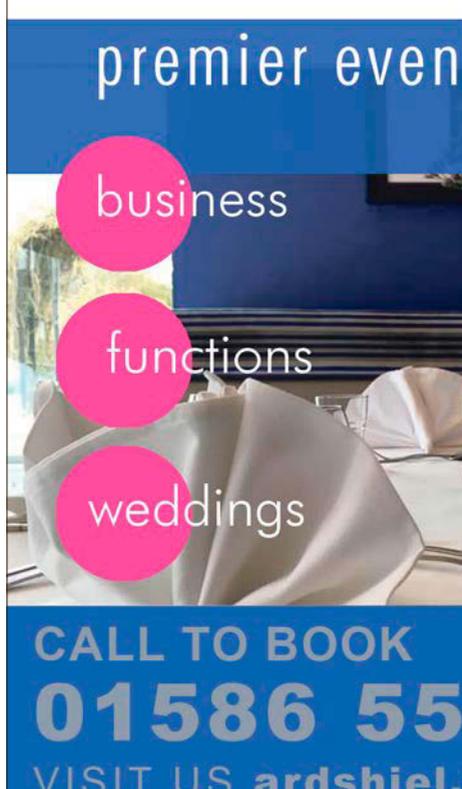
Councillor Mulvaney said: 'In practical terms, this was an issue whether the council put double yellow lines in a layby, which is adjacent to a small number of Dunbritton homes. The panel accepted the matter was clearly one of road safety and that I was trying to act in the overall public interest.

'They agreed that I had a finely balanced judgement to make and that I was diligent in applying the code and acted in the proper manner.

'However, in what was for them a finely balanced decision, they considered that when faced with such a fine judgement call, I should have erred on the side of caution and withdrawn. That is something I accept and will be bear in mind in the future.'







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Mull of Gintyre set for second festival

Gin geniuses will pack Campbeltown Town Hall in April at the second Gintyre.

Tickets for the second festival of Scottish gins on Saturday April 13 are selling fast.

Festival goers will have the chance to meet the producers and try gins from Kintyre's Beinn an Tuirc Distillers (Kintyre Gin) and William Cadenhead's (Old Raj) as well as invited guest producers from around Scotland.

A number of fringe events are also planned for the weekend, including a gin dinner at the award-winning Ardshiel Hotel, an open day at Beinn an Tuirc Distillery on the Torrisdale Estate, a Cadenhead's cask-aged gin tasting and a special screen-

ing of Breakfast at Tiffany's at the historic Campbeltown Picture House. Gintyre is a collaboration between Beinn an Tuirc Distillers, Explore Campbeltown and Campbeltown Town Hall.

Beinn an Tuirc Distillers director Emma Macalister Hall said: 'Our aim is to encourage visitors to come to Kintyre to experience this unique part of Scotland, whilst taking the opportunity to sample some of Scotland's finest gins.'

For more information on all the Gintyre events and to buy tickets, visit www.gintyre.com or contact Kate Watt, at Explore Campbeltown co-ordinator. explorecampbeltown@hotmail.com, info@kintyregin.com or morag@skdt.org

Driver slams police after car impounded

The warden of Machrihanish's bird observatory has criticised the police after he claims his car was lifted 'illegally'.

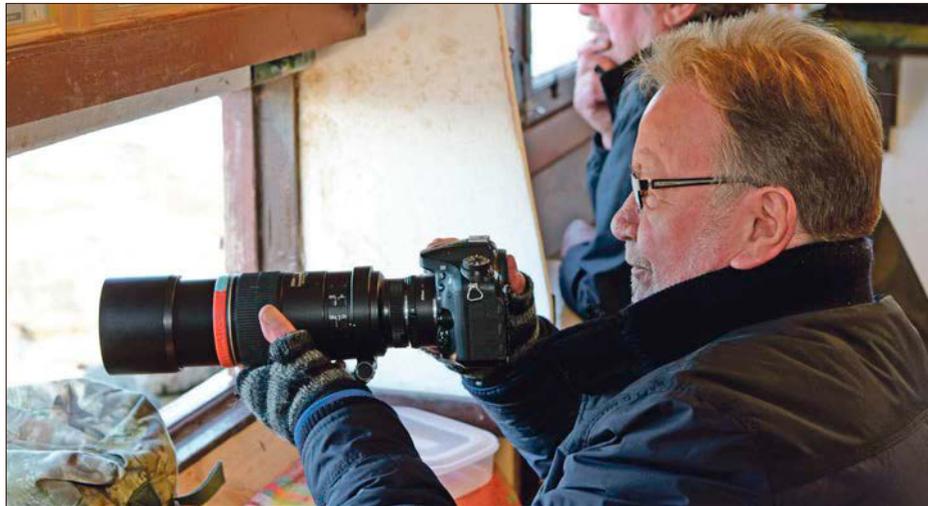
Pensioner Eddie Maguire, 72, was stopped by police officers on Saturday February 2 at 4.15pm in Main Street, Campbeltown, for a routine check.

There was allegedly no insurance to cover his car for third party risks and the vehicle was seized.

Mr Maguire said: 'I bought the car last August and it was road taxed from August 1, fully insured and MOT-ed.

'When the police stopped me they said there was a Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN) in force on my vehicle.

'They contacted a bureau to



Eddie Maguire, the warden at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory.

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the SORN. The police confiscated my car and it was taken to Stag Garage, Lochgilphead.

'I took the documents to the police the next morning

and they found everything in order. An officer phoned the insurance company to check I was insured on February 2.

'The police initially said

they would get my car back from Lochgilphead.

'Minutes later the police revoked this offer and said I would need to pay the £150

Managerial job cuts 'carry risks'

Management cuts 'carry risks that we are not familiar with' a senior Argyll and Bute councillor has warned.

Councillor Ellen Morton spoke during discussions on the council's spending plans for the next financial year at a policy and resources meeting last Thursday.

Proposals have been made to streamline managerial roles in some departments of the council.

The budget for the 2019/20 financial year was set to be fully discussed and finalised yesterday (Thursday).

Councillor Morton said: 'In terms of the public perception of the council and our own perception about reducing management costs, it is a very easy thing for people to say.

'But a good manager is worth his or her weight in gold.

'We have an opportunity to review how best to run services - whether that is with fewer people or doing things differently.

'But it carries risks we are not familiar with.'

towing charge and £20 per day while the car was in storage and reclaim it from my insurance company.

'My insurers told me there would be no refund because the police stopped me when the car was SORN-ed.

'My car was lifted illegally by the police because if you have a car which is SORN-ed it cannot have tax.

'As a pensioner I cannot afford to lose all that money.'

A Police Scotland spokesperson said: 'Police have been in contact with Mr Maguire and the incident is currently under review.'



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Will big cats come back to Kintyre?

Wild bears were last seen more than 1,000 years ago and wolves were hunted to extinction in Scotland as the land was tamed.

The main reason, aside from sport, for hunting large predators was to protect stocks of royal deer and the cattle and sheep on which the population depended for food.

Humans, and in particular farmers, have moulded Kintyre's landscape, which is primarily agricultural and arboreal.

On page one this week, we have a story about a wildlife biologist, whose Lynx UK Trust wants to reintroduce the strictly carnivorous large cat to Kintyre.

Dr Paul O'Donoghue lives in a densely populated urban part of north-west England and his trust is registered to an address on a business park.

The public meeting to debate this issue should be held in Campbeltown in south Kintyre, not Tarbert, 38 miles away, at the far end of the peninsula.

Or is the meeting in Tarbert to save Dr O'Donoghue an extra 76-mile drive?

It proved impossible to ask him as he did not respond to any calls.

Split in the SNP?

Sir,
It appears the Nationalists have a divergence of opinion about the way independence should be approached.

Andrew Wilson suggests a soft end to the Union would 'recognise the level of integration and all the ties that have bound us for centuries'. This has been challenged by Joanna Cherry and Alex Salmond with the latter calling for an immediate re-run of the 2014 vote.

That's the same Alex Salmond who assured us the independence referendum then was a 'once in a lifetime event'.

Ms Cherry wrote on Twitter that many of the 27 EU states are sympathetic to Scottish independence. One wonders how few actually constitute 'many' in the opinion of Ms Cherry but, be that as it may, I can think of a couple who will be far from sympathetic and their veto would scupper any application to join the EU, as would being unable to comply with the condition of entry, that the country's deficit must be less than three per cent of GDP.

An independent Scotland's entry to the EU is yet more pie in the sky.

Brian Gee, Lefkara, Carradale East.

No SNP car park tax proposal

Sir,
Do Tories, like Councillor Alastair Redman, imagine we are all stupid?

There is no SNP proposal to charge a car park tax.

However, the deceitful Tory party insists

on describing a permission given to councils which – please note – is already in place in Tory England as an 'SNP tax'.

This is pathetic and manifestly untrue. This hypocrisy is breathtaking.

It will be entirely up to councils to decide whether they wish to make use of it.

Many of the councils in Scotland, facing the result of massive Tory austerity slashed council budgets, have been demanding the SNP government gives them permission to raise tax. Then, helped by lots of the media, they go bananas when the SNP government gives them the permission they asked for.

It is, of course, a diversion aimed at the easily deceived to take their minds off the disaster the Tories and the sleep walking Labour party are carrying us to.

How is that Brexit thingy going, Alastair?

This level of rubbish is all the unionists seem to have.

David McEwan Hill, Sandbank, Dunoon.

Deteriorating A83

Sir,
I have been contacted by many of my constituents in Tayinloan about the deteriorating condition of the A83 in that area because of regular flooding and drainage issues.

I have contacted BEAR Scotland about this matter and have been informed there is 'a resurfacing scheme planned for delivery in early May 2019'.

The spokesperson said: 'The drainage through this section will also be inspected and any repairs carried out. We are continuing to

inspect the carriageway weekly and carry out temporary repairs as they are required to keep the carriageway in a serviceable condition.'

Across Argyll, road users have been forced to put up with the A83 that is seemingly left to deteriorate, coupled with lengthy delays in repair works.

Argyll residents should not be forced to fork out large sums of money to repair our vehicles as a result of driving on this substandard road.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Islay.

Autism Awareness Week

Sir,
I am writing to urge Argyll and Bute residents to help the National Autistic Society Scotland increase understanding of autism by taking part in World Autism Awareness Week (WAAW) from April 1 to 7.

Autism is a lifelong developmental condition that affects how a person communicates with and relates to other people and how they experience the world around them.

About 58,000 people in Scotland are autistic and we know that, although 99.5 per cent of people in Scotland have heard of autism, only 16 per cent of autistic people think it is understood in a meaningful way.

Argyll and Bute residents can visit www.autism.org.uk/waaw to download a WAAW pack full of ideas for increasing understanding of autism and raising funds for our charity.

With your support, this year's WAAW will be bigger, better and do even more to help create a society that works for autistic people.

Nick Ward, director of NASS.

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Jan Mattison, West of Scotland regional fundraiser, Parkinson's UK.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK

Where winter meets spring

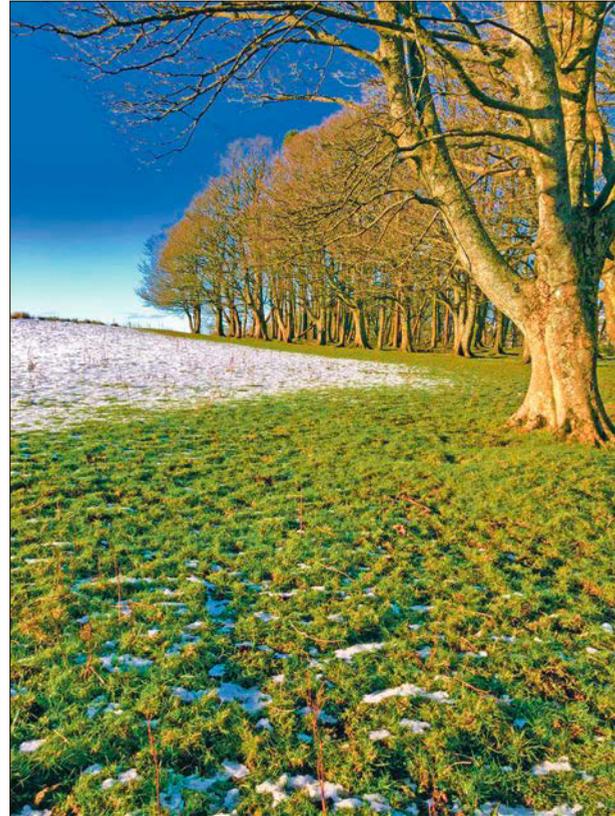
Continuing the series of snow snaps, this week's photograph of the week has been titled 'Where Winter Meets Spring'.

Mary McAulay, from Campbeltown, recently captured the scene on her mobile phone while on a family walk in fields beside Kilkeran Road.

The pale white snow contrasts with the vibrant blue sky and green trees and grass, capturing the essence of both seasons.

Mrs McAulay's photograph is particularly relevant as the spring equinox approaches, which traditionally heralds the start of spring, this year on March 20.

If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk, send it via the Courier's Facebook page or bring it into the Courier office to be copied.



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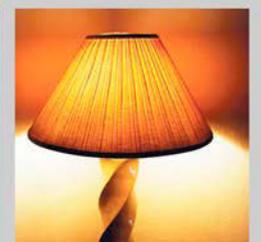
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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday February 20, 2009

Mark wins framed print

After entering a calendar competition Mark McKinnon's entry was chosen from more than 2,000 others to receive a framed print of his work.

The Southend Primary School pupil also received £50 for his entry into the Food Standard Agency's annual calendar competition and the school was able to purchase PE equipment worth £250.

Mark proudly shows off the framed print of his artwork which he was presented with by Peter Midgley from the Food Standards Agency.



Mark is presented with his prize by Peter Midgley.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday February 25, 1994

Shinty aces!

St Andrews 0 – Kintyre 3

Kintyre produced a stunning away victory, somehow winning with only 11 taking the field – and with four regulars unable to play.

The youngsters got down to business straight away, taking command of the game. Indeed St Andrews were lucky to have a keeper who was in good form, making several fine saves.

And when the home team ventured forward, they found the Kintyre defence in a mean mood, and John McLellan was also in good

form as the last line of defence. The first half ended 0-0.

Kintyre dominated the second half from the outset, and if McLellan and Motherwell could have had more luck they would have gone

ahead earlier. But Alistair Campbell made the breakthrough with a cracker, hitting a 30-yarder into the top corner. Then newcomer Bobby Sharp finished off a fine move to score from close in.

It was now one-way traffic, although poor finishing prevented a score explosion.

The third came in the last minute, Motherwell grabbing the glory – ending a fine performance from an understrength squad.

Team: J McLellan, K Campbell, R Robertson, S Cook, M Graham, C McKinven, A Campbell (Capt), A Motherwell, S Campbell, C McLellan, R Sharp.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday February 20, 1969

Irish fish buyer to move in

William Donnan & Company, the fish-salesmen, are starting up in business in Campbeltown on Monday.

The firm will be represented here by Mr Ricky Donnan, who is currently at their Whitehaven branch. Mr Donnan is well-known to local and Clyde fishermen.

Mr Donnan told the Courier on Tuesday that the company decided to come to Campbeltown because of the large number of Irish boats which use Campbeltown as a port throughout the year.

They own several boats which fish out of their Portavogie, Northern Ireland branch.

Campbeltown is served by only one fishshelling company at the moment, R. McPherson &

Co., and the move by Donnan is welcomed by local fishermen.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday February 22, 1919

British Red Cross Society

The annual meeting of the Campbeltown Branch of the British Red Cross Society, held in the Town Council Room last Friday afternoon, was of more than ordinary interest.

The cessation of hostilities having brought about a relaxation in the activities of this and kindred organisations, the conveners of the various committees of the branch were able to indulge in retrospect with regard to the work of the branch during the war period, with results which will be read with interest and in which they and the whole community of Kintyre are entitled to take not a little pride.

The attendance was large and representative, and Sheriff Macmaster Campbell, the president, occupied the chair.

He was supported by, among others, Provost Lothian, Bailie Campbell, Mr J. N. Mactaggart, Rev. Norman Mackenzie, etc.

The chairman, at the outset, welcomed all to what he was sure they hoped and felt pretty confident would be the last annual meeting during the war, for technically the war was still with us, although they all hoped and prayed that within a very few weeks a conclusion would have come to it and they would have entered upon the complete enjoyment of a conclusive peace.



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Out of the blue the daughter of an artist, who painted Kintyre scenes, called the Courier from Bordeaux.

Violinist Judith (née Shapiro) Nemantu has lived in the famous wine region since marrying a Frenchman in 1981.

Mrs Nemantu called after discovering the Courier's Down Memory Lane feature online, published on August 24 last year, about an oil on canvas, shown at Clachan Art Show, which caused much debate.

The provenance of every work on show was well known to the organisers, except one, which had been donated to help boost restoration funds for the village hall.

That painting, in a battered gold-coloured wood frame, was titled Village in the Valley, by H Shapiro and priced at £50.

It was decided that the village looked most like Glencoe and due to the absence of television aerials it must have been pre-1965.

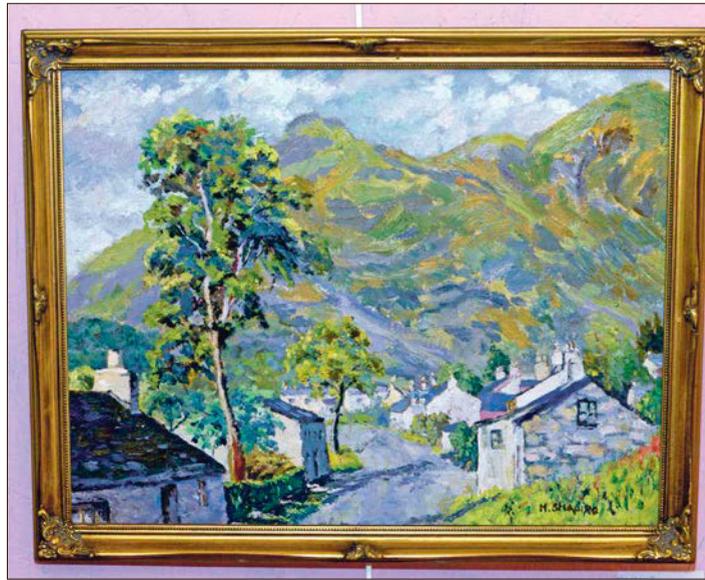
The artist's identity opened another discussion, with Arthur Duff taking centre stage.

Clues to the painting's age lay in the method of stretching the canvas.

It was nailed to the stretcher rather than the modern method of stapling. At some stage a further bar of yellowed wood had to be added to keep the canvas taut.

Further internet research revealed a painter known as H Shapiro, who was born in 1933.

A painting with a similar style, titled Loch Long, appeared on eBay and was described as:



Village in the Valley by Hyman Shapiro, far left. 25_c33clachanart16; Arthur Duff reveals the back of the painting at Clachan Art Show. 25_c33clachanart16

'Oil on canvas, possibly an early work by the artist Herman (Hermon) Shapiro.'

That theory was debunked last year when Molly Smith from Tarbert wrote the following week.

She revealed that the painting, was by the late Hyman Shapiro, who had a holiday house at Dippen Cottage, by Tarbert.

His wife, Gretel, was a potter. Mrs Nemantu said the painting, Village in

the Valley, and most likely of Clachan, was by her father Hyman, who passed away, aged 71, in 1979.

She added that he often sold his works on the spot to finance the family holiday and harboured a dream of retiring to Kintyre.

Mrs Nemantu, 61, told the Courier the cottage was sold in 1981 and she had not spoken to Molly, who lived nearby, for at least 30 years.

'My father Hyman was brought up in Glasgow

but his parents were from Latvia and Lithuania.

'In his working life, Hyman was a teacher of English, history and politics at Stow College and painted as a hobby.

'Our family always holidayed in Dippen Cottage and my mother Gretel, a potter, often sold works in Tarbert.'

Mrs Nemantu has a brother, David Shapiro in Glasgow and a sister Jessica Shapiro in Cheltenham.

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Two views of pupils, parents and class teachers taking part in the evening event.

Dalintober teachers share best practice

Argyll Labour backs second Brexit vote

The Argyll and Bute Labour Party is calling for a referendum on Brexit, with one of the options being to stay in the EU.

The party meeting, in Inveraray last week, called for the Scottish Labour Party Conference in Dundee next

month to back the move. Rob Bray, local party secretary, said: 'The Tory government has made a mess of these negotiations, causing division and uncertainty. Whatever happens in Parliament, we need a public vote to allow the people to have their say.'



Votes being counted at Lochgilhead in the 2016 referendum to leave the European Union. 25_c27euroref01_counting

Class teachers at Dalintober Primary School led a 'Sharing Practice' evening. Parents and pupils partici-

pated in interactive learning experiences from early to second level literacy, numeracy and health and well-being.

CalMac business conference cruise

CalMac's independent community board has organised a business cruise aboard MV Clansman. The non-landing voyage from Oban to Colonsay on Wednesday March 27 is targeting people thinking of locating to an island to set up a business or expanding an existing operation. Speakers includes representatives from Isle of Colonsay Oysters, the Loch Melfort Hotel, Gael Force Group Holdings, Gigha Halibut Limited, the Tthree Music Festival and Kilchoman Distillery Company Limited.

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Passenger numbers down at Campbeltown airport



Jonathan Hinkles, managing director of Loganair and Sharon Williams, Loganair cabin crew collecting the award last October.

Campbeltown joined Barra, Dundee and Wick in seeing passenger journeys drop from their airports in 2018.

The latest figures in a Highlands and Islands Airports Limited (HIAL) report show overall passenger numbers at the group's 11 airports were down 0.7 per cent at 1,762,871 in 2018, compared with 1,775,168 in 2017.

Islay, Kirkwall, Stornoway and Tiree all reported increases year-on-year.

Inverness Airport continued to see a rise in passengers with an increase of 1.8 per cent, up to 903,157 in 2018 from 887,123 in 2017.

Benbecula in the Western Isles reported the largest percentage increase in passenger journeys, up 6.2 per cent at 37,224. Sumburgh, which serves the Shetlands and the North Sea sector, saw passenger movements dip 8.5 per cent to 372,064 from 406,537 in 2017. This reflected a reduction in helicopter traffic as oil and gas firms altered flight patterns to support their offshore operations.

HIAL managing director Inglis Lyon said the performance represented a consolidation of demand across the

group's 11 airports. Mr Lyon said: 'Inverness Airport continues to grow and is playing an ever-more important role in improving connectivity to and from the Highlands. Its international connections and regular flights to hub airports in Amsterdam, London and Dublin make it an attractive proposition for travellers.'

This year sees BA start its double daily flights from Inverness and KLM will operate up to three flights per day between the Highland capital and Amsterdam for the peak summer season.

Mr Lyon added: 'The overall figures illustrate the need for continued investment and support in regional airports that offer connectivity for the communities they serve.'

'We continue to work with our colleagues at Transport Scotland to nurture and develop our network and ensure long-term sustainability for our airports. HIAL will continue to invest in our airports and we continuously work to improve and enhance the passenger experience for everyone who uses our facilities.'

Inverness Airport has been ranked one of the top airports

in the UK and Europe in customer satisfaction surveys for 2018. The report came out before the collapse of FlyBMI into administration, last weekend, which saw Loganair, the operator which serves Campbeltown, take on extra flights. Loganair, which split from parent Flybe in 2017 was, last October, named the Airline of the Year by the European Regional Airline Association.

Loganair was honoured as an 'exceptional regional airline which has rebuilt its commercial infrastructure after the end of its franchise' while implementing 'a complete rebrand' undertaken by a 'young and inspirational chief executive officer'.

It was commended for its 'handling with success of the instant competition from its previous franchise partner' across six crucial routes in the Scottish islands communities it serves 'in tough and challenging conditions'.

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Campbeltown A83 crossing points 'not a priority'

In a written reply to a councillor, a Transport Scotland (TS) officer has indicated that despite Campbeltown's A83 crossing points not being a priority there will be a questionnaire type survey.

TS North West area manager Norman J Hutchison wrote to Councillor Donald Kelly in advance of last week's Campbeltown Community Council meeting.

Mr Hutchison wrote: 'As I hope you will appreciate, I am still catching up on matters relating to the A83.

I travelled to Campbeltown with George Fiddes last week in order that he could pass on his detailed knowledge of the entire route.

'George had made me aware of the crossing points matter and that a pedestrian survey had been undertaken by BEAR.

'I have had advice from BEAR on that report and note the following:

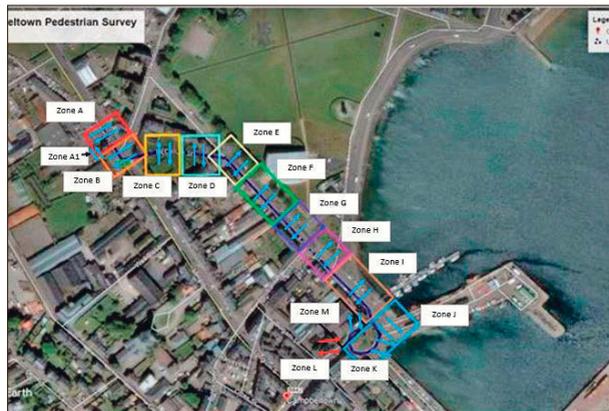
'The pedestrian survey was undertaken following concerns raised by the community regarding the existing crossing points along the A83 Kinloch Road, Campbeltown.

'The character of the road is fairly open and wide – a necessary requirement to facilitate the abnormal vehicle movements.

'This, combined with the perceived lack of forward visibility at certain locations could be a factor in making pedestrians feel vulnerable.

'Subject to maintaining the ability to accommodate abnormal vehicle movements, consideration could be given to providing footway build outs at the existing crossing points and/or the provision of pedestrian refuge islands.

'Introduction of these features would help pedestrians cross in that they reduce the width and time to cross the carriageway.



The sites used for the BEAR survey last summer.

'In addition, narrower lane widths would also serve as a visual indicator to drivers to reduce speed.

'It may be that a combination of controlled (signalised) and un-controlled crossings could provide the most appropriate solution.

'The pedestrian survey indicates that demand to cross the A83 is fairly high along

the length of the section surveyed.

'The results also show there is no single desire line or pedestrian generator, apart from the community centre, which would determine the most appropriate location for any controlled crossing.

'The existing crossing arrangement, which pre-dates trunking of this section of

the A83, has developed over time and the existing crossing points are placed in the most appropriate locations to cater for demand.

'The site does not have an accident history and is not therefore listed as a current road safety priority.

'Given the concerns raised, TS is happy to undertake a consultation exercise with interested groups.

'This would enable it to understand the concerns and any problems experienced, including those with a disability or less able to cross the road. We would appreciate input on how this consultation exercise could best be undertaken, which we would intend to carry out in the next financial year.

'Any issues and potential solutions identified would be considered and the most appropriate solution taken forward in line with the available budget.'



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Above: Baking stall regular James McKerral holds some of the perfectly-packaged home-baking. 50_c08salarmy03

Right: Some of the colourful handbag charms created at the Make and Munch craft group. 50_c08salarmy04



Brooke Oxborrow, Margaret Raeside and Tianna McMillan making perfect pancakes. 50_c08salarmy01

Young bakers' perfect pancakes

Words and photographs by Hannah O'Hanlon
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The future generation of Salvation Army bakers produced perfect pancakes under expert guidance.

Pancake professional Margaret Raeside helped Brooke Oxborrow, 12, and Tianna McMillan, 13, make enough of the flat round cakes to feed an army last Saturday.

As well as honing their baking skills in the kitchen, the girls served tables of visitors in the hall.

In addition to freshly flipped pancakes and perfectly packaged home-baking, trinkets and gifts, created at the church's Make and Munch craft group, were also for sale.

The event raised £154.29 for church funds.



Myrtle Reid, left, holds knitting she created, while Michelle Plant holds a frame made at the church's craft group. All items were for sale on Saturday. 50_c08salarmy02

Resurfacing postponed on A83 at Snipefield

Transport Scotland (TS) is to ask its contractor BEAR to fix pavements and drainage before resurfacing the A83, just past the 30mph sign at the entrance to Campbeltown.

This short stretch of road has been rough with many potholes for months.

In a letter to South Kintyre Councillor Donald Kelly,

TS said: 'BEAR will shortly begin work on design of a scheme which will combine drainage improvements, carriageway and footway resurfacing.'

'It may be necessary to postpone the planned carriageway resurfacing for a short period in order that the drainage improvements can be undertaken first.'



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Coffee adds to Cancer Research coffers

A regular contingent of charity fundraisers boosted Cancer Research UK funds.

The Kintyre committee of the national cancer research and awareness charity, which aims to reduce the number of deaths from cancer, hosted a coffee morning last Saturday.

The Campbeltown Town Hall event featured an extensive raffle as well as bottle and baking stalls.

The usual selfless volunteers manned stalls and served tea, coffee, juice and biscuits to visitors of all ages.

The tables at the event, which raised £665.35, were beautifully decorated with flowers.



Elaine Hemmings and Margaret Littleleson fold raffle tickets as they man the baking stall. 50_c08cancerresearch01



Above: Cousins Amelia McLean, four, and Tess MacKinnon, three, attended the event with Tess's mum Rhona McLean and their grandfather Donald McLean. 50_c08cancerresearch05



Right: Alison Brown and Valerie Nimmo sold raffle tickets. 50_c08cancerresearch03

Right, Pat Healey and Valerie Mackay behind the bottle stall.

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Mary Cameron and Inez Ronald worked hard in the kitchen.

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London show for artist Mike's Scottish seascapes



Mike Healey in his Southend studio. 25_c08healey04_studio

Words and photographic portrait by Mark Davey
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A Southend artist whose studio faces the Atlantic ocean is putting the finishing touches to a series of seascapes for a London exhibition.

Deadlines are nothing new for former internationally acclaimed graphic designer Mike Healey, an ex-Glasgow School of Art (GSA) student and latterly the professor at the head of its design and applied art department.

Speaking to the Courier last Thursday, Professor Healey said: 'I have to complete 20 canvases by April 16 for a spring show at Thompson's Marylebone Gallery.'

Mike's professional art career was boosted after his 1974 graduation, with a first class GSA honours degree in

graphic design, although in reality it began much earlier at Keil School, Dumbarton, which he attended, partly funded by a foundation award.

At Keil he was influenced by teacher and painter John Cunningham, who also went on to lecture at GSA, and Mike was further pushed towards GSA by his next teacher John Mathieson.

Mike said: 'I attended GSA from 1970 to 1975. The first four years were spent following a classical arts course in art, architecture, design and photography. I loved photography, processing film and making prints in the darkroom. I especially liked the work of Henri Cartier-Bresson and the war photographer Don McCullin and their use of the flexible 35mm format. We were taught by an ex-BBC man who used

to light everything with six lights and I came to like using available light without anything artificial.'

In the holidays, Mike worked as a medical artist at the Royal Infirmary. Mike added: 'For some professors photography was not selective enough and when they were lecturing medicine they used illustrations. I did a series on oxygen therapy and once drew a tracheostomy as it was performed on an Irish navy.'

Mike said everyone was told to 'do graphic design' and, following a postgraduate year, he landed the prestigious Design Council's Leverhulme Postgraduate Design Travel Award. This single award funded a year in the United States where Mike visited some of the New York advertising greats such as McCann Erickson, J Walter Thompson and Pushpin Studios.



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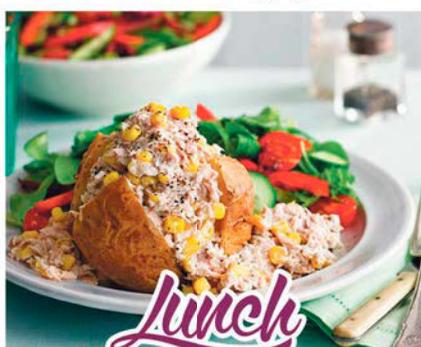
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He returned in 1977 to become a graphic designer at Glasgow textile firm J P Coats but the following year wanderlust took him back to Brazil, the country of his 1951 birth, and a spell as a freelance in Rio de Janeiro.

The start of the 1980s found Mike at the largest advertising agency in Scotland, Rex Stewart and Associates but by 1983 he had returned to academia as a GSA lecturer in the graphic design, illustration and photography department.

A year later he was appointed head of the department and in 1991 became head of the school of design and craft, all the time pursuing a design consultancy.

Mike completed a wide variety of designs including work for the European Parliament, the Scottish Tourist Board, Robert Wiseman Dairies, Tunnocks, Ferranti, British Rail, TSB Bank and the Royal Mail.

Dugald Cameron, who Mike replaced as GSA head of design, writing an introduction to a Mike Healey exhibition in New York, wrote: 'It used to be called 'commercial art' and used to be so described in the GSA prospectus until its relatively recent emergence as 'graphic design'.

'Is there a hint of pretension here, a disavowal perhaps of the decency of an art form at once truly democratic in its availability yet capable of scaling the heights of visual imagination in the useful service of commerce?'

Mike first came to Southend when he dated a Greenlees girl from Campbeltown and later bought Dunaverty House, which was originally built for the village doctor by a duke of Argyll.

Mike's studio is below the main house in what would have been the stables for the doctor's horse. Round the house are signs of Mike's fascination with all things designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

The nameplate is completed in a Mackintosh script, the gates and fencing, although partially hidden by a hedge, are made up in the same square pattern.

Mike retired early from GSA in 1997 but did not stop producing art. He said: 'Moving to Kintyre full-time was inspirational.'

For more than 20 years he has been represented as a painter by London's Thompson's Gallery and the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are among his patrons.



Mike Healey working 'en plein air'.

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Double bassist's name error

Rachel Robinson has asked the Courier to point out it was her dad Alex Johnson pictured playing double bass in last week's Courier.

Mr Johnson travelled back to the 1930s to play double bass with the band supporting the Ensemble Choir at Campbeltown Town Hall.

Here is another photograph of Mr Johnson that night. 25_c07ensemble05a

Funny farmer hopes to harvest laughs

A Perthshire farmer-come-funnyman hopes to milk a few laughs when he lands in Campbeltown during a comedy tour.

Jim Smith, famous for his 'farm diary' video clips, has announced he will appear at Campbeltown Town Hall on Friday September 6 during his sell-out Back to the Teuchter tour.

Billed as Countryfile meets The Only Way Is Essex, Jim hits the stage with quirky characters, distinctive regional slang and perfectly pitched impressions to show what the outside world looks like to those that 'bide up the glen'.

Hot topics include internet dating for farmers, village nightlife and how to pimp your Land Rover.

After catching the comedy bug writing sketches for the Young Farmers panto and making his stage debut five years ago, Jim is now one of



Funny farmer Jim Smith.

Photograph: Eilidh Robertson.

Scotland's most exciting up-and-coming performers.

Still a working farmer, Jim's unique insight into rural living coupled with his sharp observational humour creates a show that is suitable for country bumpkins as well as

'dead trendy townie folk'.

The autumn tour extension comes hot on the heels of his BBC mockumentary mini series The Farm and will see him perform in Inverness, Aberdeen, Skye, Kelso, Oban, Kilmarnock, Dumfries,

Falkirk and Perth as well as the Wee Toon. With TV and radio credits including BBC Radio Scotland's Breaking The News, BBC Scotland's Scot Squad and BBC Short Stuff The Farm Diaries, Jim is in demand across Scotland.

Carradale Community Trust buys woodland

A £13,960 grant from the Scottish Land Fund has allowed Carradale Community Trust (CCT) to branch out and buy a 4.75-acre woodland.

MSP Michael Russell has congratulated CCT after it received a share of the Scottish Government fund to support community ownership. In total, more than £700,000 supported communities to buy land and buildings.

The woodland bought from Forest Enterprise Scotland will create a garden waste recycling point for the village and provide access to walks in the area's other woods.

Mr Russell said: 'I am delighted CCT has been successful in its application, with the whole community set to benefit from this investment. Community ownership can transform the prospects of an area, giving people a real stake in their future. I hope the success of CCT will encourage others in Argyll and Bute to consider how community ownership could benefit them.'

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The official title for this project is The Dunbeg Development Corridor, Phase 3 which is 300 new properties in partnership with Link Group Ltd and West Highland Housing Association.

The mix of properties include 1,2,3 & 4 bed flats & houses.

Work officially began on January 21 with the official sod-cutting ceremony where Kenny MacLeod (Snr) represented the company which he founded with his twin brother, the late Murdo MacLeod.

'For everyone here at MacLeod Construction this represents regeneration of the area, with affordable, sustainable and economical housing,' said Kenny MacLeod (Jnr). 'The project will help grow the population of the Oban area and create employment and careers to allow families to settle and thrive in the local community. We at MacLeods will be hiring a wide range of skilled and unskilled workers and will create a lot of employment for local people including apprenticeships in joinery, roofing, bricklaying and other construction trades.'

Scottish housing minister

Kevin Stewart MSP was at the sod cutting ceremony. He said: 'We want rural communities to thrive and I know that this investment will make a real difference, not just by providing



Kenny MacLeod (Jnr), Neil Sagewood, Derek Black, Neil Gillies.

more homes, but also by supporting the economic regeneration of the area.

The Dunbeg corridor is seen as key to the growth of the Oban area; more homes are planned in the future and, when linked with the traditional village base and existing enterprises such as the Dunstaffnage Marina, Scottish Association for Marine Science and University of the Highlands and Islands and European Marine Science Park, the whole area looks set to thrive in years to come.

Councillor Elaine Robertson, who chairs the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee, said: 'This development will be a huge



Kenny MacLeod Snr, far right at the sod cutting ceremony with, Kevin Stewart MSP, housing minister; Jon Turner and Ross Martin, chief executive and chair of Link Group Limited; Councillor Elaine Robertson, Dougie Mackie, West Highland Housing Association; Matt Mulderrig Argyll and Bute Council and Linda Robb Dunbeg Community Council.

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to perfect your swing on the golf course or your casting from the riverbank?

How about a cookery book as you indulge yourself in the kitchen, with plenty more time to experiment. It might be that you decide to put this new book on hold and stay on in employment; after all you and your experience in the field of work have probably never been more valuable.

The great thing about retirement today is that it can be truly on your own terms - you can decide when you want to move into this phase of life.

Whatever you decide there is one very important factor: money. It is never too early - or in some cases, too late - to get in touch with a financial advisor and we are very lucky to have some excellent ones available.

And remember one important thing: now is the time to sit back and give your advice to others even though you never followed any of it in your own life!

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Joan Stewart from Shopper Aide said "Through my experiences I have found out that through volunteering, you get back a lot more than you give." She stated that "By harnessing the skills and generosity of members of our local community we are providing those in need with help and hope."

We have Volunteering opportunities for Social care experience; Community Work; IT Skills, Team Work and Delivery Drivers.

Our volunteers assist Kintyre's older people (over 60's) to remain independent in their own homes and feel more connected within the local community. All our volunteers are registered with PVG.

So what do I need to do to volunteer? All you need to do is to call us here at Shopper Aide for a chat and we will do the rest. Giving somebody who lives alone an hour of your time is making our community a better place and helping to improve the lives of others.

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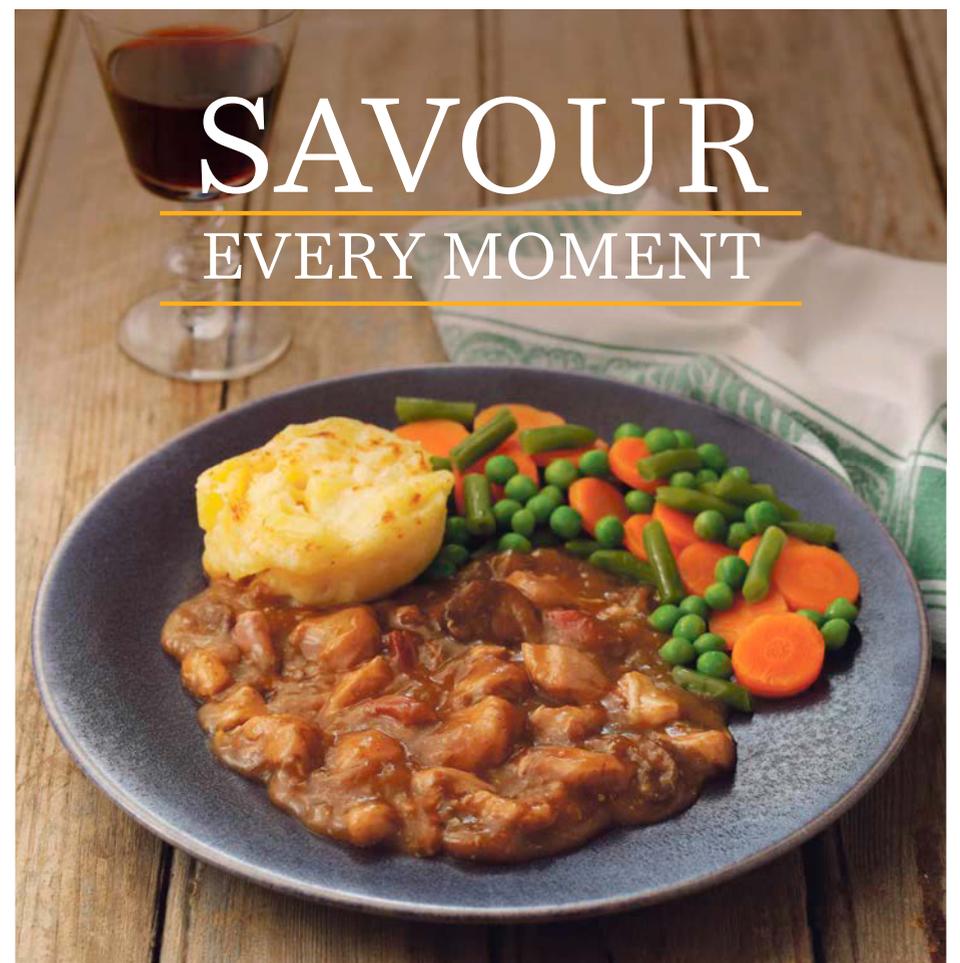
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Sheep scanner visits Kintyre



Mr Hardie points out a leg in the ultrasound image.
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Words and photographs
by Hannah O'Hanlon
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With many ewes due to lamb in the spring, ultrasound contractors are in high demand in farms across Scotland.

Linlithgow-based scanner Rob Hardie visited a number of farms in Kintyre last weekend.

Using his specially-adapted trailer, through which sheep pass relatively stress-free, Mr Hardie scans ewes individually to check how many lambs each is carrying.

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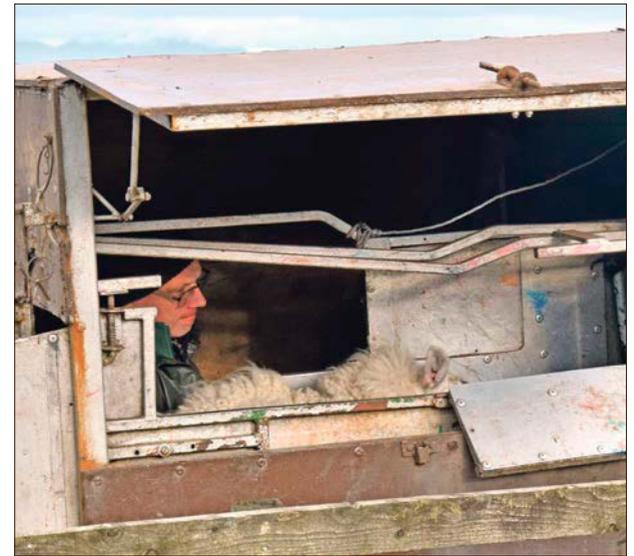
next to each sheep's udder. Mr Hardie keeps a tally of the number of empties, singles, twins and triplets and the sheep are marked accordingly.

He operates the exit gate using controls at his feet, so the sheep can be released one of two ways, depending on the results of the scan.

Those carrying multiple lambs are prioritised and fed more while those which are empty are fed less or sold.

This minimises the risk of lambing difficulties caused by oversized singles or reduced survival rates due to under-sized twins or triplets.

During summer, when demand for his services falls in Scotland, Mr Hardie travels to New Zealand to work.



Mr Hardie scans sheep in a specially-adapted trailer.
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Twins are pointed out in the scan as the sheep is marked accordingly. 50_c08scanning02



Heavy cross-bred cobs Joice, Joe and Finn pull Mr Jones in his traditional plough. 50_c08ploughing01 Photograph: Hannah O'Hanlon

Fine furrows herald new season

With spring round the corner, farmers are ploughing fields to plant fresh crops.

Among those digging new furrows is Stephen Jones of South Muasdale Farm, who used a traditional plough pulled by heavy cross-bred cobs, Joice, Joe and Finn, to cultivate one of his fields this

week. Mr Jones said: 'The field is going to be planted with mangels or turnips so I can strip graze it with some of the cows this winter.'

He explained mangels are similar to fodder beet but are softer so can be fed without the need to chop them first.

He added: 'Sixty to 70 per

cent of the root is above ground so they are an excellent crop to be grazed in situ.'

The plough Mr Jones used was made by an Amish company in the USA and was bought new two years ago.

He added: 'It has a spring reset which is great for stony ground and has a standard

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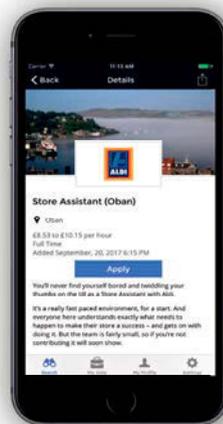
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- 42 per cent of builders have detected signs of a weakening housing market;
- One in five construction SMEs have had projects stalled in the past three months due to delays to loans, or loan refusals, from the banks;

- Carpenters overtake bricklayers as the trade in shortest supply with nearly two-thirds (64 per cent) of construction SMEs struggling to hire carpenters and joiners and 61 per cent struggling to hire bricklayers;
- 87 per cent of builders anticipate that material prices will rise further in the next six months, slightly up from 86 per cent in Q3 2018;
- Two-thirds (66 per cent) of construction SMEs expect wages and salaries to increase over the next six months, up from 58 per cent in the previous quarter.

Gordon Nelson, director of FMB Scotland, said: 'There was no change to activity levels reported by Scottish construction firms in the final three months of 2018. Although not overwhelmingly positive, these results demonstrate the strong resilience of the sector in Scotland, given the significant barriers firms are facing. Now is no time for complacency, however, and Scottish firms have much to contend with. Not least, building firms across Scotland are facing problems accessing the finance they need to build. This



Secretary's welcomed move of recommitting the establishment a Scottish National Investment Bank. The bank will provide much needed finance to small building firms.'

Mr Nelson continued: 'The growing political uncertainty is also starting to have a noticeable effect on Scottish firms. Political uncertainty goes hand in hand with low levels of consumer confidence and if consumers are less confident, the building industry suffers. Homeowners are the lifeblood of the local builder who relies on people commissioning new-builds, extensions, loft conversions and new kitchens and bathrooms. Indeed, this new research shows that nearly half of builders reported signs of a weakening housing market in the final quarter of the year. Consumer confidence may well take a further

hit in Scotland if the divergence between the income tax regime in Scotland and the rest of the UK will continue to grow. We will await to see whether this dampens consumer and investor confidence as 2019 unfolds.'

latest research shows that a worrying one in five construction SMEs have had projects stalled in the past three months due to delays to loans, or loan refusals, from the banks. The only light at the end of the tunnel here for Scottish construction firms is the Finance

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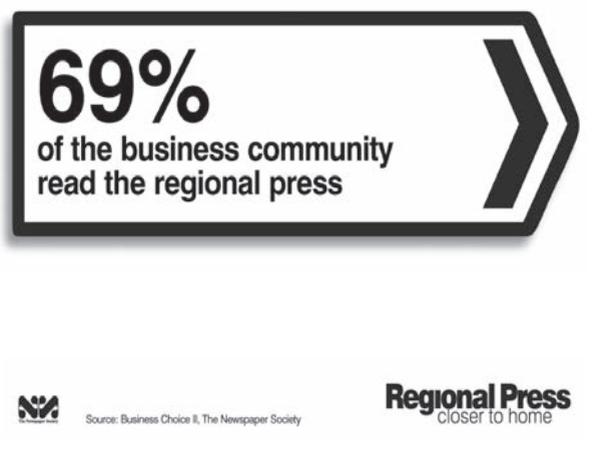
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John Wyllie, from Clachan, who has studied and lectured on the topic, gave members an interesting introduction to the subject.

Mr Wyllie is a qualified herbalist and masseur, for which he uses a blend of essential oils. He showed members how tinctures, aromatic oils and lotions can be made and used as different remedies. He explained he mainly used plant material that he grows or gathers from the wild locally and tasked members to identify nine pressed plants and identify the plants from which six aromatic oils were made.

One of the members said the tasks proved 'challenging but fun'.

Mr Wyllie brought a lot



Identifying aromas, from left: Jane McCallum, Pauline Simson, Lori Silvan and Liz Ball.

of plant material and books about the subject and answered many questions.

He was thanked for sharing his knowledge and tea was served and the raffle drawn.

Liz Ball judged the compe-

titions as follows: Flower arrangement in a sugar bowl: 1 Glynis Lewin; 2 Gill Francis; 3 Sue Francis. Funniest newspaper clipping: 1 Lori Silvan; 2 Zoe Weir; 3 Louise Stanesby.



Studying the exhibits and literature, from left: Glynis Lewin, Louise Stanesby, Jill Francis, Sue Francis and John Wyllie.

Council fix for Carradale school path problems



The 'dangerous' drain cover.

Uneven slabs and a faulty drain cover on the path to Carradale Primary School will soon be fixed.

Councillor Alastair Redman said: 'At the latest East Kintyre Community Council, I was informed about the dangerous condition of the Carradale Primary School path. Some of its slabs are sticking up and a drain cover is exposed. These problems are resulting in numerous potential trip hazards

on the way in to Carradale Primary School. I have raised this issue with our roads department and the policy lead for education Councillor Yvonne McNeilly. As this is a safety concern, I would hope for a speedy solution.'

An Argyll and Bute spokesperson said: 'Part of the path has become uneven because of the impact of tree roots pushing up the paving slabs.'

'A contractor will re-bed the slabs as soon as possible.'



The uneven slabs highlighted by Councillor Redman.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

I do not think I ever remember seeing the daffodils dancing so early in our gardens.

I also heard that later this month we can expect the warmest February day ever recorded.

People have asked: 'Will we continue to have distinctive seasons in the future as global warming becomes a reality?'

The temperatures between the seasons are not so vastly different these days and we find ourselves wearing similar clothing throughout the year.

However, we are fortunate in the country to be so close to nature and the farming year. We will still have intimation of the seasons as the farmers sow and plough, reap and harvest and lambs appear to delight us in the spring.

However, I think the thing I look forward to most of all is waiting for the first blackbird's song. I love that glorious medley as it drifts across the still early summer morning's dewy air.

I love the joy the blackie himself takes in his own song.

Evidently, he practises this unique song, which is individual to each bird, until he has it just right.

There is nothing that quite intimates summer as the blackbird's morning aria and we also know summer is slipping away again when he stops singing.

We sing in a lovely hymn: 'Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird'.

Maybe God created the blackbird purely to give himself pleasure and when he realised how glorious it was, he decided to share it with us all.

So, as I wait and listen for the blackie's unique and wonderful song, I feel I am waiting to hear a whisper of God.

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DEATHS

MCCUAIG - Suddenly but peacefully, on February 19, 2019, at the Royal Infirmary Glasgow, Kirsty McCuaig, aged 49 years, of 11 Argyll Court, Lochgilphead, beloved youngest daughter of Alex and the late Mary McCuaig, dearly loved sister of Donald and the late Margaret, sister-in-law of Ailsa and Ronald and a proud auntie and great auntie. Dear niece and cousin to all the family, and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Kirsty will be sadly missed by all who knew her in the extended local community. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 11.00am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers welcome. Donations to Lochgilphead Parish Church. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

SARGENT - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Lorn and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on February 17, 2019, Roger Sargent, in his 77th year, 6 Lady Mary Row, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the

late Senga McLellan, much loved dad of Senga and Roger, loving papa of Sean, Darren, Daniel, Ainsley, Brooke, Ryan and Greg and great papa of Katelyn, Lillyannah, Kaylen, Kami-Lee and Miller. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today, Friday, February 22, 2019, at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Ward B HDU Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BOYD - Alison and Laura would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to friends and relatives for all the support and kind expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of Alistair. We would like to thank the Rev William Crossan for his support and comforting, personal service, Rhys and Kenny Blair, funeral directors, for their compassion and professionalism during this sad time, the Ardshiel Hotel for their excellent catering, Maggie Wilkieson and the Macmillan Day Care Unit in Oban for their kindness and gentleness towards Alistair, and finally, the nursing staff at the Sunshine Room, along with Campbeltown Medical Practice, in particular doctors Villalba and Toledo. The retiral collection raised over £1,550 for Kintyre Cancer and Palliative Care.

MACAULAY - The Macaulay family would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, kindness and sympathy following the death of Alec, slowly taken from us following a series of illnesses. Thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a personal and uplifting service; to Roddy, Fiona and staff for professional, personal and caring services; to the Stag Hotel for providing fine purvey, and to Morna for beautiful floral arrangements. Grateful thanks to all who attended at church and graveside, especially those who travelled a distance, including Terry, his neighbour from Slough, and all good and loyal friends. Thanks also to the cemetery staff,

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LOVE - Wee Jamie, we think of you every day, miss your cheeky grin and the fun times! Remembered with a smile.

- Much love, Mum, Dad and Andrew xxx.

LOVE - Wee Jamie, ten years now since you left us.

We all miss your craziness! You're in our hearts every day. Remembered with a smile.

- Love always, Emma, Steven, Shona and Calum xxx.

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Wednesday 12.15pm Lunch Club 1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Friday 22nd February SKY Youth Group 7.30pm
Sunday 24th February Family Communion Service 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies
All welcome
Wednesday 27th February Bible study 7.30pm at the manse
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 24th February 11.15am Worship Service
Mr Robin Gray 11.15am Sunday School
Wednesday 27th February 12 noon Bible Study & Prayer
Saturday 2nd March 9.00am Prayer Breakfast
All Welcome
All Rodger Crooks' sermons can be found through our website:
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Sunday 24th February 2019
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in the church at 11.15am
All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 24th February Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1 Congregational Meeting
Rev W Crossan
Tuesday 26th February Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 28th February Choir Practice
Friday 29th February Lunch Club 12.00 noon

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Sunday 24th February 2019
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Cumlodden Church - 10.00am
Service will be taken by the Lay Worship Team
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church 11.30am
Service will be taken by the Lay Worship Team
ALL WELCOME

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
(The Church of Scotland)
"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Sunday Services in Ardrishaig at 11.00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm
All Welcome
For all church enquiries and pastoral care contact DCarruthers@churchofscotland.org.uk

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES
Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays 11.00am Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's, Pottaloch (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong
All Welcome
Father Simon Mackenzie 01546 602315

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor 01546 602380
All Welcome (SCO002876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Kilmartin
Sunday 24th February 2019 11.30am
Mr Douglas McHugh
All welcome (SCO 02121)

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE AND KILBERRY
Church of Scotland
Sunday 24th February 2019 Skipness service 10am
Rev. Christine Fulcher
Tarbert service 11.30am Mrs Margaret Sinclair
Kilberry service 2pm Mrs Margaret Sinclair
Friday 1st March 2019 World Day of Prayer - 2.30pm
Tarbert Church hall
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280
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Teams share the spoils in exciting Argyll derby draw

Red Star	2
Campbeltown Pupils	2
SAFL Premier Division One	

A game of two halves is an old football cliché, but nothing could be more accurate in describing a tumultuous Argyll derby that ended with a share of the points.

With both Campbeltown Pupils and Lochgilhead Red Star desperate for league points, it was always going to be a hard-fought affair, at Ropework Park last Saturday.

Anyone who witnessed this encounter would have been royally entertained by two teams giving everything in pursuit of the ultimate prize.

The McFadyen-sponsored Pupils started the game on the front foot, winning the lion's share of possession and looking for an early breakthrough goal to gain match advantage.

However, they found the home back four in an uncompromising mood, their grim determination soon rewarded when a swift counter attack down the attacking right produced the first goal of the match.

Breaking at pace from the back, the ball was played diagonally into the path of the wide midfielder runner who immediately transferred a fine ball across the box to leave his centre forward with a simple tap-in.

Although against the run of play, this goal gave the home side renewed belief and the tables were truly turned when another fine move produced a second home goal.

This time it was a break down the opposite flank, the ball once more delivered across the box with accuracy.

Desperately trying to clear his lines, Lee Allan could hardly avoid contact with the incoming ball and it flew into the back of the net to give the home side breathing space at the break.

It looked an uphill struggle for the visitors, nevertheless, local derbies are always torrid affairs and the second half would prove to be exactly so.

The Pupils came roaring



Ryan McConnachie faces a tough tackle. 51_a08RedStar02. Photographs: Laura Maxwell



Fraser Wylie is nailed by a pair of Red Star players watched by a large contingent of travelling Campbeltown support. 51_a08RedStar01

out of the traps to produce a memorable comeback, dominating possession for the second half with a performance that almost lifted them to victory.

This was a team performance from back to front, but special mention goes to Donald McCallum for his unselfish front running in difficult circumstances.

Indeed, it took a bit of magic from Donald to pull his side back into contention.

A harmless ball through the middle seemed to be well-covered by the home centre-half and goalkeeper,

but a timely intervention allowed McCallum to flick the ball beyond the two defenders and another deft touch found the back of the net.

Minutes later the visitors had a strong claim for a penalty kick turned down, but the defender was adjudged to have played ball first and the game raged on.

The equaliser finally arrived after another fine move, with Martin McCallum sending a pinpoint delivery to the near post where it was rammed home by the incoming Ryan Deans. It was all hands to the pumps for the home side

as they tried to hang on and it took a miraculous save by the home goalkeeper in the dying minutes to give his club a share of the points.

A deft header looked net-bound all the way, but the 'keeper' clawed the ball to safety from under the bar.

Both sides played their part in an entertaining game, a fine advert for Argyll football as each retired with a deserved share of the points.

Campbeltown Pupils are once more on their travels tomorrow, this time to Port Glasgow for another important league fixture.



Kintyre's retired prove to be sharp shooters

Members of a group known as Retired Not Expired proved they are shooting stars when they took aim at a Kintyre gun range.

The group, organised by Third Sector Interface's (TSI) 1000 Voices project, attended an action-packed day of shooting with Landrail Firearms at the Hutton Range at MACC Business Park on Wednesday February 6.

This was an opportunity for new and existing shooters to try their hand at target practise.

The group was welcomed by husband and wife team Peter and Paula Davie,



The pottery medals from CDJFA's football festival are highly prized. 25_c23cdjfafootballfest49

Right: 2018's sunny summer boosted numbers at the festival. 25_c23cdjfafootballfest09



Well-funded teams from Islay played in the 2018 festival.

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At the shooting range, left to right: Michele Prout, Phil Jackson, Yvonne Joyce, Andrew Rathey, Lesley Mitchell, Dennis Joyce, Angela Mathieson, Terry Leahy, Anna Leahy and Anna Brown.

who run the range, and members were treated to a buffet lunch and an informative talk including examples of antique guns.

Mr and Mrs Davie restored the former Navy SEALs indoor shooting range, which was purpose-built in the late 1980s, after discovering it was lying redundant at the business park.

They extensively refurbished it and opened it as a commercial shooting range in 2014.

Mr Davie, a keen shooter, firearms enthusiast and gunsmith, is a qualified range conducting officer.

Michele Prout, from 1000 Voices, said: 'Once again we had a fantastic day and we were pleased to welcome new people to the group.'

'Pete and Paula offer an outstanding experience and were so attentive to us, even providing everyone with Valentine's gifts on departure.'

'These days out are so popular that we are fully booked for the March trip and now taking names for the April event.'

If anyone is 65 and above and interested in taking part or seeing what other activities are on offer, contact Michele on 01586 554744.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £750

We have removed the football from the photograph below. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1.

If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons.

The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball. If the crosses overlap the entry will be void. If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery. The Company's decision is final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time. Winners agree to have their photograph taken for publicity purposes. Winners names and hometowns will appear in the newspaper. Employees of Wyvex Media, their immediate relatives and any person otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter. We will protect your personal data. We only gather what we need for the requirements of this competition. Entry data will be deleted/destroyed within 30 days of the competition entry deadline and in a manner appropriate to GDPR regulations. Entrant's details will not be used for any other activity.

Winter football festival promises to entertain

Half a dozen players in three age-group teams, 2007s, 2009s and 2010s, will battle it out at the ninth Gartcairn Winter Football Festival.

This weekend's events, at Ravenscraig Regional Sports Centre, Saturday and Sunday offer a winter version of the successful Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association

event which will be held on Saturday June 1.

That event is filling up fast and has the following spaces left: Two 2007, 2009 and 2011, one girls' team and a few 2012 and 2013 spaces.

This year play kicks off at 1pm on the Meadows Playing Fields and interest can be registered at cdjfafestival@yahoo.com



Young players at the 2018 festival.

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Right: Further play from 2018. 25_c23cdjfafestival33



Please remember to enclose £1 for 10 crosses. The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 10, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish. No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules. How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen. Ten crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. Crosses must not overlap. Send to 'Spot the Ball' Competition, Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE

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LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:
R Gosling
Carradale
J McNeill
Isle of Gigha



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
 Kintyre's retired prove to be sharp shooters



Honours even in Argyll derby

Pupils player Donald McCallum deserves special mention for his Lochgilhead performance against arch foes Red Star. A piece of magic from the unselfish forward pulled the Pupils – down 2-0 – back into contention in the second half. A harmless ball through the middle seemed to be well-covered by the home centre-half and goalkeeper. A timely intervention allowed McCallum to flick the ball beyond the two defenders before another deft touch found the back of the net. For the full match report and pictures from the game see page 38.

Donald McCallum in action against Ferguslie Star last month.
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