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# Merger of two Kintyre GP medical practices scrapped

## CMP forced to pull out due to affordability of doctor contract

The plan for Campbeltown Medical Practice (CMP) to take over Kintyre Medical Group (KMG) has fallen through.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), which had been working towards forming a federated practice, was informed last week by CMP that it will not be progressing with the plan.

Most GP practices in Scotland, including CMP, are run by a consortium of GPs, but a small number, such as KMG, are run directly by the local health board.

At the moment KMG, which serves Southend, west Kintyre and Gigha, relies on locum GPs working alongside practice staff employed by NHS Highland.

A source involved with

the planned merger told the Courier that one of the reasons it has been scrapped is because CMP cannot afford one of KMG's contracted doctors' pay-protected salary. The source said: 'The contract is a few years out of date.'

The source added that in addition to his contracted salary, the doctor also gets paid for two weeks of locum work a month.

Donald Watt, locality manager for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay, said: 'I am disappointed that the proposed merger will not be progressing.'

'We would like to reassure patients served by KMG that locums will be put in place to ensure there is continuity of care and they will receive the same level of services they get at the moment.'

The source added: 'They

talk about the state of the NHS and they are reducing beds at Campbeltown Hospital to make savings but KMG uses many locums.'

'CMP was very keen for this merger and was in talks for five years – a new doctor was even taken on, in good faith, with a view to working some hours at KMG, but it cannot go ahead because CMP cannot afford to pay this pay-protected doctor.'

The Courier sent the source's claims to an HSCP spokesperson, who said: 'We are disappointed that the proposed merger between CMP and KMG will not be progressing.'

'We will be investigating the best way forward for GP services locally and will ensure that the local community is kept informed about any future developments.'



## Dalintober's dazzling daffodils

Today (Friday March 1) is St David's day when the Welsh celebrate and on Wednesday these Dalintober Early Learning Centre pupils made sure they had their narcissi, the flower of youth, better known as daffodils. Since October, come rain or shine, they have been making forays into Craigowan Woods for a morning lesson outdoors. For the full story, see next week's Courier. 25\_c09outdoor01\_St\_David's\_Day

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# Polish tourists are rescued on Davaar

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A group of seven Polish art lovers stranded on Davaar island's dhorlin were rescued on Sunday afternoon by a lifeboat crew.

A Campbeltonian raised the alarm with the Coastguard after spotting the group of nine in trouble, with the two youngest members wading in water up to their waists across the shingle spit as the tide rapidly advanced.

Those two made the shore but two others retreated to Davaar, leaving five on the dhorlin.

Campbeltown's all-weather lifeboat (ALB), the Ernest and May Shaw, with a crew of six under coxswain Stephen Scally was tasked at 1.50pm.

The group was shivering and cold despite the unseasonal February weather, and standing on a patch of diminishing shingle, when rescued

by the Y boat launched from the ALB.

Lifeboat operations manager George Bradley said: 'The group wanted to visit Archibald McKinnon's crucifixion cave painting and checked the tide times online.

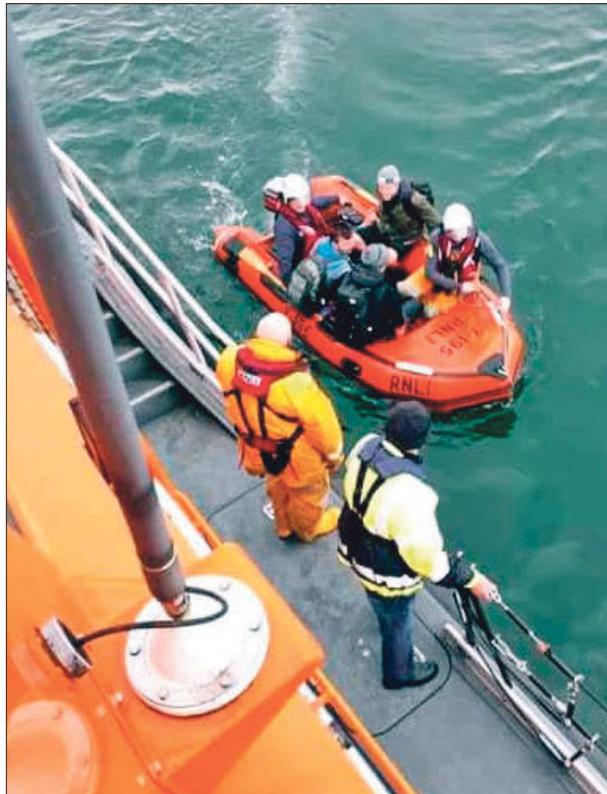
'High tide was at 15.30 hours but they misread this as 5.30pm.

'As most locals know, it is safe walking two to three hours either side of low water.

'They would have been stuck for another four to five hours by which time it would have been dark.'

On Saturday, a race night at St John's 141 Masonic Lodge raised at least £1,500 for the RNLI.

**The tourists were shuttled by the Y boat to the all-weather lifeboat.**



## POLICE FILES



### Abusive

A 24-year-old woman was traced and charged at about 10.40am on Thursday February 21 after behaving in an abusive manner in Ralston Road, Campbeltown. She also possessed cannabis.

### Exhaust defect

A 32-year-old man was charged with having no insurance after a car with an exhaust defect was stopped at 5.30pm on Thursday February 21. Under the vehicle defect rectification scheme, the driver had to show the exhaust had been fixed in 21 days.

### Careless driving

Police are investigating a complaint about a white

van being driven at speed and carelessly on the A83 between Whitehouse and Campbeltown at about 8am last Friday.

### Vehicle seized

A 38-year-old man was charged with not having a valid driving licence or insurance after a black BMW car crashed into a ditch at 12.50pm on Thursday February 21, on the A846, near Port Ellen, Islay. The car was seized.

### Breach charge

Two men, aged 19 and 21, were issued with £40 fixed penalty notices for breaching the peace at 12.45am last Sunday, after reports of two people fighting in Cross Street, Campbeltown.

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## Courier's lesson in the law and Latin

A Campbeltown legal eagle has pointed out a number of errors in last week's story about a painting to be sold for the Sunshine Room.

The correct spelling, of a professorship by royal appointment, is regius and the plural of the Latin word alumnus is alumni.

Joe Thomson was regius professor of law at the University of Glasgow and there are two

regius professors of law in Scotland.

There is no right of appeal from the High Court, which tries criminal cases, to the House of Lords as stated, and the House of Lords was abolished as the supreme appellate court on September 30, 2009.

It was replaced by the Supreme Court and there can be no stalemate between it and the Court of Session.

As there can be no stalemate, the regius professor of law, of which there is one each at Oxford and Cambridge, could not have the 'final say'.

In both legal systems north and south of the border, it is inconceivable that power would be granted to an individual, however prominent or qualified, to decide between, or perhaps overrule, the judgement of any court.



Sunday's Kintyre heat of the Argyll indoor athletics competition will go ahead in the Victoria Hall. The last of the four area qualifiers in the series, promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club, will take place from 1pm. Last year saw Jack Green, centre, watching Ryan Johnstone throw a javelin.

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# Charity quizzier is Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year

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A quiz queen who has boosted many charities' coffers is the Rotary Club of Campbeltown's Citizen of the Year 2019.

At a Rotary dinner last Thursday, Helen Gilchrist, who, the Courier understands, gained 600 per cent more votes than the other candidates from a public nomination, received a signed scroll from the Rotary president John McDowall.

At the same ceremony, the club announced that the Most Promising Young Musician of the Year 2019 is Suen Yee Walker and the Young Stockman of the Year is Greig Gillespie.

Helen's citation for the award stated: 'Helen was nominated for her outstanding fundraising for various charities and organisations. It started nearly 30 years ago when she organised the first Stars in



From left: Citizen of the Year 2019, Helen Gilchrist, Young Stockman of the Year Greig Gillespie and Most Promising Young Musician 2019 Suen Yee Walker.

Your Eyes in Babettes. This was so popular that Helen continued fundraising. This has included the dialysis unit, Campbeltown, Dunblane Tragedy Fund, Nancy Glen

Fund (£9,500) and, most recently, the Machrihanish Golf Club fire.

In 2016, Helen was diagnosed with cancer and, after intensive treatments, she decided to give something back for the wonderful care she received. She organised quizzes that raised more than £2,000 for the Mairi Semple Fund.'

During the evening, Suen Yee gave a 'superb performance' of Schubert's Unfinished Symphony on the keyboard.

Suen Yee's citation included the following: 'Suen Yee has been playing the piano and tenor horn since she was eight years old and the cello since she was 13. Suen Yee has participated in the Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships since 2010, winning all sections. Her group are also the current Youth Ensemble Champions.'

'She started playing with the Northern Sea Cadets and Tri-Service Bands in 2014.'

'She has performed at many prestigious events, including the Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier naming ceremony

in front of the Queen, and the Duke of Edinburgh gold awards ceremony at Holyrood Palace.'

Rotarian Andrew Ronald spoke about the Campbeltown Young Farmers events through the year and explained how Young Stockman Greig became involved in farming.

Mr Ronald said: 'Although Greig was not brought up on a farm, he has had an interest in shepherding from a young age.'

'His passion for the outdoors and livestock enabled him to work on various farms since leaving school. His dream was to one day have his own flock of sheep.'

'After a lot of hard work and determination, Greig is now the proud owner of a flock of Texel and Blackfaced sheep.'

To experience Helen Gilchrist in action, there is a Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association quiz in Stronvaar Bowling Club tomorrow evening.

## The end of Grant's golden era ...

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Receiving a piece of Grant Logan jewellery at milestone birthdays has almost become a tradition in Kintyre.

However, gift-givers of the future will have to think of something else as, after 41 years in business, goldsmith Grant Logan has forged his final piece.

Far from winding down, Grant was inundated with orders when he announced his retirement plans in August last year.

Starting out at 19, Grant worked with gold and silver but after 10 years decided to focus on gold, quickly establishing himself as a leading Scottish jeweller.

Every piece was created in his humble Glenramskill workshop, in the grounds of his home.

Grant said: 'The design, manufacture, casting and finishing stages have always taken place within the four walls of my workshop.'

'The only time my jewellery left the premises during manufacture was when it was sent to Edinburgh to receive the official hallmarking stamp.'

Grant, whose wife Jane joined him in the business full-time in 1992, told the Courier that he owes a big



thank you to the community.

'Without a steady flow of jewellery orders for all these years of trading, the challenges of running a small business in this remote location would have been so much harder,' he said.

'In recent years, I have found myself being asked to make engagement and wedding rings for the children of customers for whom I did the same years ago.'

Grant and Jane acknowledge they have been fortunate to play a part in so many people's lives.

The occasions when people require a special piece of jewellery tend to be joyous, from engagements, weddings and anniversaries, to graduations, birthdays and Christmas.

They feel lucky to have

shared in those celebrations by making a forever reminder of the event which will endure for generations to come.

Grant added: 'We wish our customers to know that the decision to retire did not come easily. I have loved every single piece of jewellery I have made. Being a goldsmith is woven into my core.'

'However, it is time for us to take a bit of time, garden projects are calling, and a desire to explore a little beyond our beloved Kintyre.'

From Monday March 4, all remaining jewellery will be on sale at a 20 per cent reduction, available from the workshop between 9am to noon and 2pm to 5pm.

For more on Grant's life as a goldsmith, see pages 16 and 17.

A pink-themed advertisement for 'Raspberry Pink' jewelry. The text 'Raspberry Pink' is written in a large, elegant, cursive font at the top. Below it, in bold white capital letters on a pink background, is the message 'CLOSING DOWN MASSIVE REDUCTIONS'.

An advertisement for 'Argyll Country Market' featuring fresh local produce. At the top, the text 'ARGYLL COUNTRY MARKET' is in green, followed by 'FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE' in black. Below this, it says '10 - 1pm February to December' in green. In the center is a vibrant photograph of various fresh fruits and vegetables, including a pineapple, grapes, carrots, and leafy greens. At the bottom, the text '1st SATURDAY of the Month: Heritage Centre, Campbeltown' and '2nd SATURDAY of the Month: Co-op Car Park, Lochgilphead' is written in green.

# Carradale's organic h'Airds salon leads the O - Way

Words and photographs  
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A hair stylist and barber have left the west of England's city streets for Kintyre's quality of life.

Vegetarian husband and wife team Annik and Michael Wintle-Brown have opened Kintyre's first salon – one of only 30 in Scotland – using Italian O-Way organic products. These are plastic free and 'cruelty free' as they are

not tested on animals. As well as being made with organic chemistry, they are packed in amber glass bottles which keep the product fresh and are more easily recyclable.

Annik and Michael, who recently opened Carradale's h'Airds salon in a former holiday chalet, fell in love with the area after a stylist, Lucy Freeman, also from Gloucester, shared photos online.

Last Thursday client Lesley Freeman explained as Annik

styled her hair in Carradale: 'We moved here more than three years ago when my husband Darren took a job with CS Wind. Lucy, my daughter, who worked with Michael stayed a few times.'

Michael said: 'The photos looked amazing on Facebook and we started to look at maybe moving to Scotland.'

'We bought one of the Airds cottages at Carradale as a holiday home and did not realise it was in the area to which Lesley had moved.'



Michael Wintle-Brown at h'Airds salon in Carradale. 25\_c09hAirds01

Annik added: 'Originally it was just a holiday home but each time we returned to Gloucester we wondered, "why not move?". We never thought we would have a salon with a view of the sea.'

Neither barber Michael or hair stylist Annik began their careers in hairdressing but both describe themselves as creative and as 'enjoying

working with their hands'. Annik said: 'I graduated from Lincoln University with a master's degree in the conservation of historical artefacts and worked in the heritage sector as an object conservator for 11 years.'

'I love hairdressing, it is very creative. Before I could work all day in a museum workshop and never see anyone.'

'In conservation I had a very niche skill set but the job might have disappeared. Hairdressing is so social and I love listening to people.'

Michael left school part way through A-levels wanting to work in a record shop or fashion, eventually qualifying as a sound engineer.

Before taking up barbering, he worked in Cheltenham Music Library. He transferred

to the main library which was next door to where Annik carried out her conservation work.

The couple gained planning permission for change of use last September and set about creating the salon.

'Carradale's community has been very supportive,' said Michael, who also teaches barbering and is an NVQ level three assessor. 'Hopefully we have brought something different to the area. We offer a high level of service that is very affordable as we do not have the overheads of a city salon. We have already had one client who has been coming to the area for 15 years. Last time she was in Carradale she intentionally booked with us rather than in Glasgow.'



Annik Wintle-Brown styles Lesley Freeman at h'Airds salon in Carradale. 25\_c09hAirds02

## Crime fighting group needs new members

Senior members of a Kintyre crime-fighting group are appealing for volunteers to join their ranks.

Formed in 1984, the Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel (KCPP) is facing closure because of declining membership.

KCPP works with police on crime prevention, the advancement of citizenship, community development and the promotion of civic responsibility.

The group is made up of local people, government and business representatives and community organisations.

The charity also gives priority to initiatives designed to reduce fear of crime.

Panel members meet with the police monthly to discuss crime statistics and decide how they can help officers.

KCPP chairman Andrew

Hemmings said: 'As with any voluntary organisation in these times of constant cutbacks within statutory agencies, we want to increase the number of volunteers willing to support us and Police Scotland.'

'Our membership has declined in the past year and if we cannot attract new people, we will have to consider closure. This year is crunch time.'

'I would like to invite anyone interested to join us. Our meetings are informative and relaxed and potential new volunteers can initially attend as an observer before deciding to formally join the panel.'

Vice-chairwoman Eva MacDonald MBE added: 'If we do not recruit more members, we may have to disband. That would be sad for us especially just one year after

Police Scotland recognised us as an outstanding and valued partner. It will be sad for me if we have to disband as I became a member a year after the panel was formed almost 34 years ago.'

The next meeting is the annual general meeting on Wednesday March 20 at 4.15pm in Campbeltown Fire Station, followed by an ordinary meeting.

KCPP is pleased members of Police Scotland Young Volunteers now attend and hope the new, earlier start time of meetings will encourage even more young members.

Volunteers would be expected to sign a voluntary criminal records disclosure form.

Anyone interested should contact Mrs MacDonald on 01586 553597.

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# Benderloch's duologue drama a festival winner

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A play first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 – English for Pony Lovers – proved a winner for two Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club actors in Campbeltown.

John Finnemore's script allowed Anuschka Miller, playing German woman Elke, and her erstwhile English language tutor, Eilidh Orr as Lorna, to captivate a capacity audience.

Their bravura performance also impressed adjudicator Jim Gibson at the 70th Kintyre-Argyll Drama Festival for one act plays.

The duologue from the club, appearing for the first time at this festival, was drama pared down to its essentials.

In Kintyre's version of the Olivier Awards director and stage manager Mike Rowell collected the Rex Trophy for first place and The Enniskillen Quaich for the best production on behalf of the club at the 11pm finish

of the two-day festival on Saturday night in Victoria Hall.

Mr Gibson said: 'When you bring such a play to the stage you really have to think about how you are going to move the actors.'

'That is up to the listener's imagination when they are listening to it on the radio.'

'The only real directions in the script are the sound effects.'

'Benderloch's staging was very, very simple. It was all centred round the wee table.'

'There were some nice wee simple and delicate touches. The young girl brought out an alarm clock, jaunty music and good closing sounds.'

'Pace was a wee bit slow, almost as though the two actors were feeling their way into it, but that benefited the audience.'

'There was really good use of the pauses, looks, silences, not hiatuses but just the fact a look can make a million pictures.'

Benderloch and North



**Kintyre-Argyll festival winners from left: Dunoon Players' Elaine Graham, Dunaverty Players' Linda Brannigan, Anne Leith of Peninver Players, Benderloch and North Connel Drama Clubs' Mike Rowell, Hilda MacSporran who was at the first festival in 1949 and presented the prizes, Accent Players' Kenny Johnson and Tracy Brogan and Ciaran Norris from Dalintober Drama Club.** 25\_c09drama18

Connel will go forward to the Scottish Community Drama Association's Western Divisional final, at Fullerton Theatre, Castle Douglas, from April 4 to 6, adjudicated by Walker Ewart. Friday night's

performances were somewhat shaded by Saturday's stunning shows.

These opened with a 20-strong cast of primary pupils in *Mystery at Magpie Manor* presented by

Dalintober Drama Club, winners of the Galbraith Cup for a youth team.

Dalintober Drama Club will reprise its play at the youth Western Division in Stewarton Area Centre, East

Ayrshire, on Saturday March 23, adjudicated by Alister Hawthorne.

Runners-up Accent Players, with *Grave Prospects*, took the Rose Bowl and the John Bryce Salver for best comedy performance.

Death took a final turn in the festival's last play, *A Respectable Funeral* by Jimmy Chinn.

It provided excellent material for Dunoon Players to win the Campbeltown Drama Club trophy for best stage presentation.

David Barbour, as Ed in *Dunaverty Players' Mission to Planet Bob*, written by Dollar Drama Club's Andrew Bawn, took the Visitor's Quaich for the best moment of theatre.

Peninver Players' laugh-out-loud *Melons* at the Parsonage by Nick Warburton, a pair of plays within a play, won the Dunaverty Trophy for third place.

For further drama festival news and photographs see pages 18, 19 and 20.



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## Troubled times for tourist information

Although VisitScotland's former tourist information centre (TIC) would not be open in February, it is not too hard to imagine one consequence of its closure following events on Sunday.

A group of tourists who walked across the dhorlin to Davaar island became stuck after misreading the tide times posted online. Disaster was only averted with swift action from the lifeboat called out by a local who recognised the visitors' perilous position.

Following extensive publicity this year about Archibald McKinnon's cave painting, always one of Campbeltown's big tourist draws, there is bound to be increased interest in crossing the dhorlin.

At the former TIC, manager Tommy Millar made sure tide times were prominently displayed. In addition, he was always free with advice to anyone contemplating a trip to see the cave painting.

He will have patiently explained the safe times to walk on hundreds of occasions over the years.

This year there will be no reliable source of this information. Tide tables are available at Keith's and The Old Bookshelf but a visitor is unlikely to know that.

## A pride of lions for Kintyre?

Sir,  
Why stop at re-introducing lynx to Kintyre? How about a pride of lions, a pair of bears, a few wolves, polar bears and perhaps salt-water crocodiles in Campbeltown Loch?

Does anyone know when a polar bear last attacked someone in Kintyre?

Sweeney McGeachy, Campbeltown.

## 1949 play about Europe

Sir,  
Courier readers may be as amused as I was to discover at the commemorative exhibition in Aqualibrium that the winner of the first Kintyre Drama Festival, back in 1949, was Highland Church Drama Club.

The club won with a play entitled Sad about Europe. Prophetic?

William Crossan, Campbeltown.

## Kielder lynx plan rejected

Sir,  
I was not surprised to read that despite numerous attempts by the Campbeltown Courier to contact Dr Paul O'Donoghue, he was unavailable.

This is consistent with his approach to Natural England which recommended to Michael Gove that he refuse the application by Dr O'Donoghue to re-introduce the lynx to Kielder Forest in Northumberland.

In its advice to the secretary of state, Natural

England concluded: 'Despite requests for further information and explanation of the need for evidence to underpin various aspects of the proposal, the applicant has not provided the necessary detail...'

'The application fails to give confidence that the project could be completed in practical terms or that the outputs would meet the stated aims.'

'As a result the proposal lacks the necessary depth and rigour to provide confidence it would succeed...'

'A significant amount of further work would be required to bring this application up to the standard that could be considered for a licence of this nature.'

The application was turned down by Michael Gove on December 4 2018.

It might be useful, for those attending the meeting in Tarbert, to ask Dr O'Donoghue why he is not pursuing the Kielder Forest application and why he thinks Kintyre would be a suitable alternative.

David Byford, High Pluck, Saddell.

## 55 per cent paying less tax

Sir,  
It has been striking to note key sections of the media and opposition politicians heralding the fact those paying higher taxes through the Scottish budget will be packing up their estate cars and heading south.

Let us, however, put some perspective on this.

The fact that someone on £45,000 is paying

an additional £2.50 more per week than their counterparts south of the border, or even someone on £150,000 paying an additional £51 a week, is not going to create a mass exodus of middle and higher-rate taxpayers.

The proposals also mean everyone earning under £27,000 in Scotland, about 55 per cent of taxpayers, will pay less income tax than those on the same salary elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

Those who will pay these moderate tax increases are the same people who enjoy considerable universal benefits not enjoyed by those south of the border.

These include free prescription charges, £8.80 in England, eye tests £20 to £25 in England, university education £9,500 per year in England, elderly bus passes and elderly care.

With house prices lower in Scotland and a better quality of living and public services, these limited tax increases, for the services obtained, provide excellent value for money.

Far from being driven away, this progressive budget, delivering better public services, will attract people here.

It is more palatable and attractive to work in a better-funded health and education system than one which is under-funded.

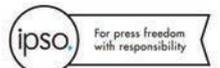
There is no magic money tree. In a decent society, where the poor are given the chance to prosper, there is investment created, it needs finance.

The progressive tax system in the Scottish budget does just that.

Alex Orr, Flat 2, 77 Leamington Terrace, Edinburgh.

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## A83 detour unacceptable

Sir,  
From Sunday March 10 for four nights, the area at the traffic lights on the A83 Rest and Be Thankful is to be resurfaced and will be closed to allow the work to be carried out.

I have received notification of the closure and the usual detour via Crianlarich being forced on Argyll residents.

This is totally unacceptable.

The Old Military Road diversion can be used but BEAR supported by Transport Scotland will not do so because this closure is not because of a landslide.

I believe any closure of the A83 is an emergency in Argyll and alternative routes such as the Old Military Road should be used.

Our MSP Michael Russell has been supportive and vociferous on behalf of his constituents arguing the same.

Could you print this letter in the Courier, with the email address of the secretary of transport and transport minister, to allow the residents of Argyll and Bute to send their response to this ridiculous proposal.

I have also copied in our community councils and urge them to distribute the email addresses and send in their objections to this proposal.

The email addresses are: TSS@transport.gov.scot and CabSecTIC@gov.scot

**Councillor Douglas Philand,**  
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## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week the Courier features the final image of January's sublime snow scenes. Miranda Bone's serene iPhone seven shot of the town and loch was taken at 7.52am on January 30. The camera used an ISO of 100, an aperture of f1.8 and shutter speed of 1/13th second. Snow is tricky to photograph, particularly in a low contrast scene such as this, and often takes on a hue other than white. In this photograph the snow is grey. Some phones and cameras have a beach and snow setting in the menu which tells the processor that a scene of extra reflectivity is being photographed. This allows the camera to compensate and it will either open the aperture wider or set a slower shutter speed, effectively over exposing the photograph. It is possible to post process the photograph in computer software but nothing beats getting the exposure correct in camera. 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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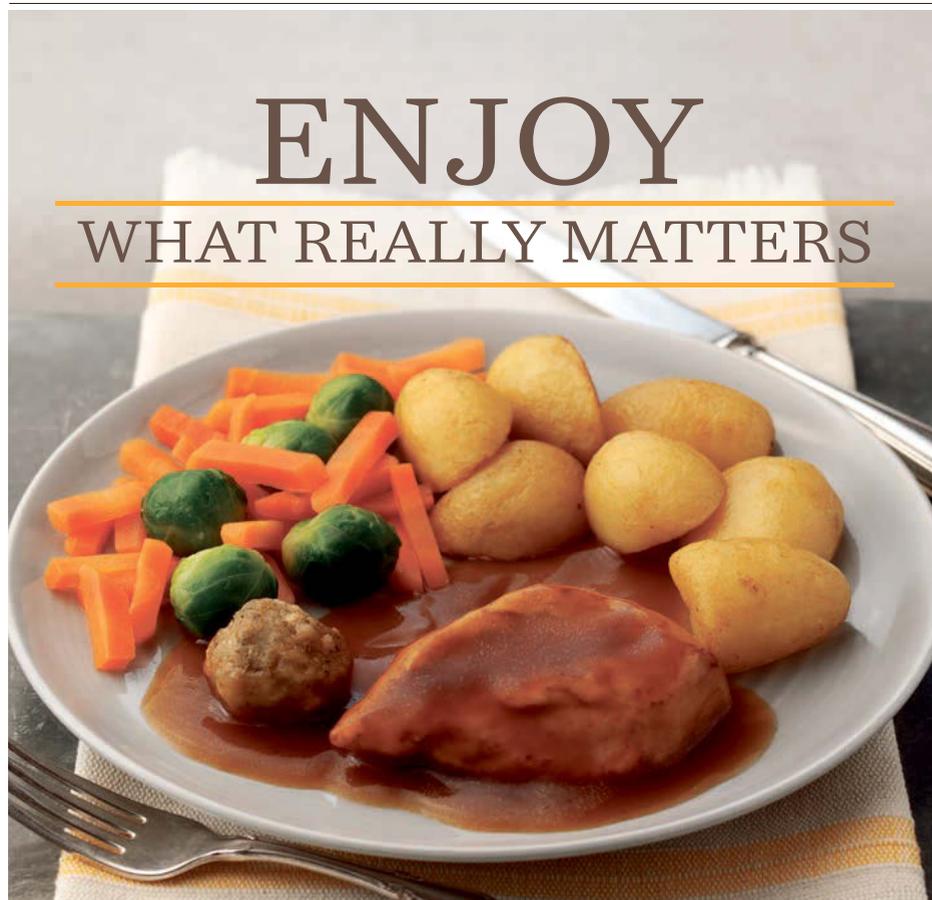
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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

Friday February 27, 2009

### Magical Kintyre drama festival

Kintyre District Drama Festival celebrated its 60th anniversary with two nights of superb one-act plays.

Held at Campbeltown Grammar School on Friday and Saturday, seven plays from clubs across Kintyre and Mid Argyll were competing.

Stars of the show were Accent Players who won with their production of *Growing Pains* and also took the prize for best moment of drama.



Seen here are Millar Irwin, Alison Campbell and Morgan Irwin in the Accent Juniors' production of *Unicorn and Alley Cats*.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday March 4, 1994

### New store shock for town

A three-way supermarket war looks set to break out in Campbeltown.

Shoprite, the discount food store, has lodged an application with Argyll and Bute District Council to build a store on the Rex site in Hall Street.

The threat of even more competition will be another bitter blow to smaller outlets, as well as the town's two existing supermarkets.

The Campbeltown Courier revealed as early as July last year that a discount chain could be targeting the town.

The application has been lodged in the name of Henry Starnes Properties Ltd, which

acquired the site last year, but it was confirmed this week that Shoprite has applied to erect stores in Campbeltown, as well as Oban and Rothesay.

One local food retailer was stunned when the news was broken: 'Have they gone berserk? This is unbelievable.'

'The smaller shopkeepers are already being strangled with two supermarkets, let alone three.'

A spokesman for the council said planning consent was granted for the site a few years

ago when John McGregor planned to develop it for Presto. The deal fell through, but the ground will still hold planning consent.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday February 27, 1969

### Presbytery backs herring men

A Kintyre minister hit out at the Scottish secretary of state, Mr William Ross, and Mr Norman Buchan, joint under-secretary of

state, at their reluctance to listen to Clyde fishermen, who claim that mid-water trawling in the Clyde will bring an end to the famous Clyde herring.

The Rev John D MacInnes, of Carradale, was speaking at a special meeting of the Presbytery, called to discuss the effects of pair-trawling in Clyde waters.

Mr MacInnes told the Presbytery: 'Several efforts have been made to get the attention of Willie Ross. He'll not listen. Neither will Buchan. In fact, the latter has been almost rude, so I understand.'

Mr MacInnes said that last autumn 100ft trawlers appeared in Clyde waters.

Six were from the east coast of Scotland and seven arrived from Ulster.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday March 1, 1919

### Campbeltown Town Council

The monthly meeting of the town council of Campbeltown was held in the Council Room on Wednesday, Provost Lothian in the chair.

A letter was read from the manager of the Campbeltown and Glasgow Steam Packet Co. with reference to damage to the Old Quay caused by the steamer Davaar.

The matter had been before the council at a previous meeting, and the company now offered, without prejudice, to pay a sum of £60.

The matter was remitted to the harbour committee for consideration and report.

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# Thanks go to Courier readers for helping to trace relatives

A Canadian woman has said 'a big thank you' to Courier readers who helped to trace her Kintyre relatives.

Ellen Sager, 70, from Tumbler Ridge, sent a letter to the Courier in August 2009, asking for information about her Campbeltown-born grandfather Thomas Douglas.

Ellen said she knew very little except what her mother, Isabella, who emigrated to Canada in 1930, had written in her grandmother Bessie's obituary.

It read that 94-year-old Bessie was the widow of Thomas Douglas, a lighthouse keeper who drowned at McArthur's Head Lighthouse, Islay, in November 1919, just nine months after Isabella was born.

Ellen received two replies to her 2009 request, from relatives who gave her the name and address of Robert Douglas, Thomas's nephew, who was born in Campbeltown in 1925 but moved to Australia in 1956.

Ellen said: 'When I contacted Robert, he said he did not know that his uncle Thomas had a family.



Andrea Sager and Jean Douglas at the Douglas family's monument in Kilkerran Cemetery, left, and Ellen Sager and her daughter Andrea throw flowers off the Islay ferry in memory of Thomas Douglas.

'I have been blessed to have many letters that Robert has written describing life in Campbeltown. He has shared so much, like the reason the family rented Knockbay Farm.'

Robert's letter read: 'Grandfather [Thomas's father] decided he needed a farm to rent to house his large family, so he occupied Knockbay.'

'He had the choice of two farms at that time, and the other farm was much superior, but he chose

Knockbay - his reason for doing so was that he would be able to see the lights of the herring fishing fleet in the early morning, harness his pony into the buggy and get to the pier first.'

In another letter, Robert described his grandfather's escapades as a young man working on a farm near Grogport, and later at Smerby.

Ellen and her daughter Andrea visited Campbeltown in June 2015.



highlight was going to Kilkerran Cemetery - I had a photograph of the gravestone of William Douglas that had my grandfather, Thomas, memorialised on it.

'My cousin thought the grave was on the hill but the cemetery workers said that the yew trees in the photo meant it was on the flat area.'

'We started looking and came across a stone that was completely covered with yew trees and when we pulled them back, there, a miracle, was the monument!'

'The workers were so wonderful and got the chainsaws out and cleared the front.'

Ellen and her daughter also visited Islay and threw bouquets of flowers, in memory of Thomas, off the ferry as they passed McArthur's Head Lighthouse. Ellen said: 'It is important for this newspaper and its readers to know that not only has my life been blessed, but those who follow me will be rewarded by knowing the information and stories that have resulted from your publishing my initial request.'

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Members of Nimble Fingers Craft Group present the cheque. They are, from back left: Margaret McShannon, May Potts, Vikki McAulay, Jessie MacPhail, Morag Johnston, Andrina McAulay. From front left: Marjorie Lang, Anne Nightingale, Judy Semple – who collected the cheque – Kate O'May and Ellie McKay.

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## Craft group's grand boost for diabetic unit

A group of Kintyre craftswomen sewed, knitted and embroidered their way to a £1,000 diabetic donation.

Kate O'May's Nimble Fingers Craft Group meets every Wednesday evening in Campbeltown Hospital's community room and creates a wide variety of needlework.

The donated money, in memory of the group's late member diabetic Mary Blackburn, who died last March, was collected by Judy Semple of the Campbeltown Diabetic Unit.

It was raised through work sold at the November town hall craft fair and included money

from a raffled quilt. Tickets were sold at Co-op, Hair by Iona and Kintyre Larder, and at Christmas the Hardware Store sold knitted snowmen.

Ms O'May said: 'We are now starting another round of collecting funds which will be for a Kintyre health charity.'

'It is our way of saying thank you to the hospital for letting us use the community room each week.'

'We have branched out a bit because we are running our own craft fairs and the next one will be on May 25 in the town hall.'

'We will be raffling a one-ply heirloom shawl, with thistles in the very Scottish design.'

# Student midwife Gr

by Mark Davey  
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A university scheme to train midwives is already attracting new blood.

Campbeltown Hospital has welcomed student midwife Grace Sutherland, and her sixth week of the programme was especially exciting as she participated in her first birth.

Grace helped to deliver Craig Reid, Denise and Jamie Reid's third son.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is working in partnership with the University of Highlands and Islands (UHI) to help train postgraduate registered nurses in the new Shortened Midwifery Programme.

Grace said: 'I am very grateful to the Campbeltown maternity team and the family for involving me in such a valuable experience.'

'This was the first birth in which I have participated and it was an amazing event that I will never forget.'

'Without a placement in Argyll and Bute I would never have had such a positive first birth experience.'

'I will forever thank the UHI and Campbeltown Hospital.'

The programme has been developed for Highlands and Islands registered nurses who will continue to work in the region at its completion.

The shortened midwifery course, split into 60/40 practice and theory respectively, has been designed and is being given by expert clinical professionals.

All the nurses' clinical practice

placements are being provided in urban, remote and rural island practice areas.

The programme includes flexible learning and combines innovative e-learning technologies.

Wendy Jessiman, the UHI's lead midwife for education, said: 'We are delighted midwives in the Community Maternity Units (CMUs) in Argyll and Bute are able to support a number of UHI students.'

'Without a placement in Argyll and Bute I would never have had such a positive first birth experience. I will forever thank the UHI and Campbeltown Hospital.'

'These placements provide our students with opportunities to experience the midwife's role first hand.'

'They offer a unique perspective in childbearing in remote and rural areas in NHS Highland.'

'There are 19 registered nurses completing the 20-month programme.'

'Six of the student midwives' first

placements are in Argyll and Bute hospitals. The HSCP is really happy that the initiative enables the registered nurses to train nearer their homes.

'It will help with the recruitment of midwives to Highlands and Islands posts in the near future.'

HSCP interim lead midwife Catriona Dregghorn said: 'The new programme is innovative and will significantly improve rural midwifery recruitment in the very near future. Our midwives are really pleased to have welcomed all the students to their placements.'

'HSCP midwives are already involved in training and sharing their transferable skills and knowledge to support and develop the students.'

Midwives have very diverse roles, and are usually the first and main contact for women during their pregnancy.

Midwives provide care to women in maternity units and at home, attend births and cover antenatal and postnatal care until six weeks after birth.

They also work closely with other health and social care professionals including: doctors, specialist nurses, social workers, health visitors and third sector organisations.

The midwives strive to develop and improve motherhood and paternity services to ensure better outcomes for all their patients and families. This can include providing up-to-date health and well-being information and advice, delivering parent education classes and helping to prepare women and their families for the arrival of their new baby.

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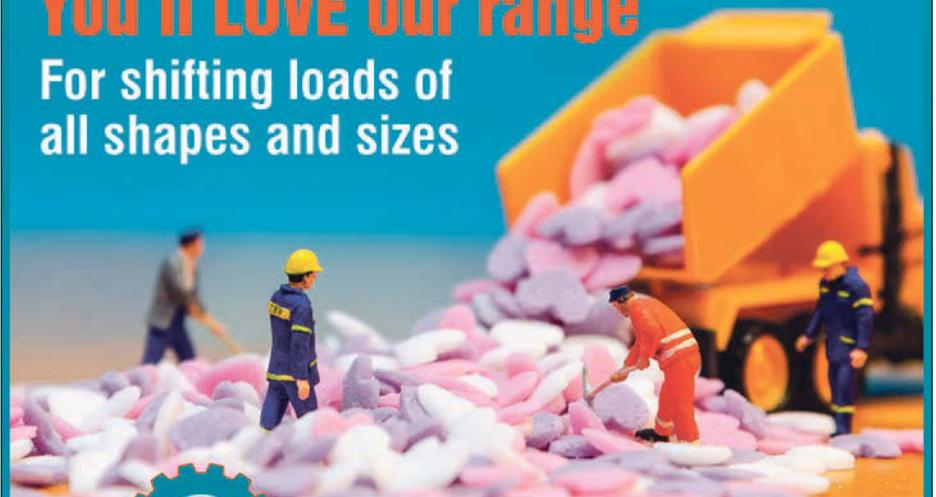
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# Family's first Kintyre birth



Dad Jamie Reid and mum Denise Reid, with children Jack and Archie. Midwifery student Grace Sutherland holds latest Reid arrival Craig.

## Diabetes funding

Gestational diabetes which occurs in pregnant women is to form part of an investigation.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) has been recently awarded £22,500 to investigate support for people living with type two diabetes.

This funding is part of a national healthy weight strategy launched by the Scottish Government in 2018.

It is being used to investigate what people living in Argyll and Bute think needs to happen to reduce their risks of getting the disease.

If someone already has a diagnosis, the study may discover what could be done to help them to better manage their symptoms.

Type two diabetes is a serious, long-term health condition with many debilitating complications such as visual impairment, circulatory problems and amputations.

This costs the NHS more than a billion pounds each year in Scotland, yet the risk can be reduced.

Alison McGrory, HSCP's health improvement principal, said: 'My job is to enable the people of Argyll and Bute to lead healthy and well lives.'

'Type two diabetes is on the rise in Scotland and although we all know a friend or family member with diabetes it is a very serious condition.'

Debbie Kirby, HSCP's lead dietitian, said: 'Research has shown that weight loss and maintenance can reduce the risk of type two diabetes.'

People can give their views at: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VJQDKYM](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VJQDKYM)

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# Next phase in Campbeltown'

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A former town council housing convener has claimed it is a 'disgrace' perfectly good flats are being demolished.

Newsagent George McMillan, a former coal miner, now in his late 80s, was Campbeltown Town Council housing convener from 1965 to 1970.

Mr McMillan spoke out as

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) flats were demolished this week.

Mr McMillan said: 'In 1965, there were 700 people living in unfit housing.'

'We replaced the prefabricated houses and were building flats, for between £3,000 to £4,000, with the money borrowed over 60 years.'

Mr McMillan added that the late Conservative prime minister Margaret Thatcher's 'right to buy', which ended

in Scotland for council and housing association tenants on August 1 2016, ruined the boom of council house building.

Right to buy had originally been a Labour proposal and was written into its 1959 general election manifesto. It became Conservative policy in 1974 and was enshrined in law by the 1980 Housing Act.

Mr McMillan said: 'I would have wanted a very good reason for demolition.'

Argyll and Bute Council transferred its housing stock to ACHA in 2006 and any amendments to the 'original transfer agreement must be agreed by ACHA, Argyll and Bute Council and the Scottish Government'.

On December 14 2017 ACHA made stock restructure proposals to the council's planning, housing and regulatory community services committee. In Saddell Street, Prince's Street and Queen Street, ACHA proposed to demolish a total of 27 flats.

Referring to both streets, an association spokesperson

stated: 'There is no demonstrated housing need or demand in this area. The proposed reuse of the site will be grassed amenity space.'

The committee agreed to recommend that the council: agreed ACHA's proposals to remove 89 units from its affordable rented stock, including the Saddell, Prince's and Queen Street properties, by means of sale or demolition by a formal amendment to the transfer agreement; support ACHA's request to the Scottish government to exclude any disposals undertaken as part of these proposals from the tripartite disposal clawback agreement and advise ACHA that the proposed demolitions will require to be the subject of separate approvals from the council as the planning and building control authority.

ACHA was also to be reminded it would remain responsible for the maintenance of the areas of land detailed in this report and advised ACHA that any future proposals to dispose of



any of the land freed up by the demolitions would be subject to approval from Argyll and Bute Council. The demolition work in Saddell, Prince's and Queen Street is being undertaken by McFadyens Contractors.



Workers lift Queen Street slates.

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# s regeneration



Left: The former council offices in Witchburn Road are also being demolished. In a plan, promoted by Councillor Rory Colville, the council hopes to create five serviced plots.

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Left: An old vista was opening up in Saddell Street by Tuesday afternoon.

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A McFadyens spokesperson said: 'McFadyens Contractors has been engaged by ACHA to demolish the properties on Queen Street, Prince's Street and Saddell Street.

'This process required careful consultation with the client, specialist sub-contractors and utility providers to ensure the buildings were made safe in advance of demolition.

'Work included the disconnection and diversion of

overhead and buried services, asbestos removal by specialist contractors and controlled inspection and co-ordination with ecology experts to carefully remove bats found in some properties.

'McFadyens Contractors has used its in-house construction plant to carry out the work. There have been up to 15 operatives working on site at any one time and work is anticipated to be complete within the next four weeks.'



The roof was off the Saddell Street flats last week.

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By Monday afternoon, slates were being 'recycled' at Queen Street.

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# Cuts slash jobs in youth and adult learning services

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Argyll and Bute Council has cut more than half its youth and adult learning services staff, despite protests from pupils, including 150 Campbeltown Grammar School students.

At last Thursday's budget meeting, the council's spending plan for the next year was decided, and it was agreed to cut 17.1 full-time equivalent positions.

An extra £23,330 was handed to Kintyre Recycling Limited and an additional £500,000 for winter maintenance on roads.

Kintyre and the Islands Councillor Alastair Redman said: 'I am delighted to have played my part in making sure our council administration will fund an extra £500,000 for winter road maintenance.'

'Having received numerous justifiable complaints from my constituents about the lack of gritting on icy roads and regular flooding, I made getting extra funding for winter maintenance a top priority.'

South Kintyre Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'The administration of the council had the option to support us and not take the cuts to music tuition, the road safety unit, environmental wardens, and youth and adult services



Pupils protested in the Campbeltown Grammar School atrium. Photograph by Krystal Allen.

– instead they supported a £500,000 increase to the winter maintenance budget.

'If roads require to be gritted, this will be done. The impact of their decision on the wider community and everyone who delivers these essential services will be immense.'

Lollipop crossing patrollers were spared the axe, but the council's road safety unit will be scrapped and five jobs will be cut from the authority's environment warden service.

The council approved a 4.79 per cent rise in council tax for the next 12 months.

Policy options not approved were a 10 per cent reduction in grounds and environmental maintenance, closures of customer service points, and fee increases for on-street and off-street car parking.

Argyll and Bute Council leader Aileen Morton said

the local authority had to deal with a funding gap of almost £8 million – equating to £50 million in savings over the past nine years.

'Cuts mean we have had to make tough decisions about even the most valued council services,' Councillor Morton said. 'We didn't receive more funding overall. Once we take into account the rising costs, our overall budget gap is nearly £8 million.'

The ruling administration's budget from Liberal Democrat, Conservative and independent councillors was countered by three amendments, including one from the opposition SNP group.

All amendments proposed saving the road safety unit and maintaining the environmental warden and youth and adult learning services budgets at current levels.

Amendments came from Councillor Douglas Philand, seconded by Councillor Donald Kelly, and by Councillor George Freeman, seconded by Councillor Jean Moffat, as well as one from the opposition SNP group.

The administration's motion received 21 votes, while leader of the SNP group Councillor Sandy Taylor's amendment was backed by the 10 members of the group present at the meeting.

## Dogs can have free microchips

Fyne Homes, in partnership with the Dogs Trust, is offering free microchipping in a bid to promote responsible dog ownership.

A change to the law means failure to have a dog chipped could result in a £500 fine.

There will also be free health checks, advice and



information leaflets at the drop-in event in the former Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street, on Wednesday March 6, from noon to 4pm.

As well as the Campbeltown session, events will be held in Lochgilphead, Dunoon and Rothesay.

Proving popular in the past, 158 dogs were examined by a qualified veterinary nurse and 68 were microchipped at previous events.

Craig Baxter, Fyne Homes' tenant participation officer, said: 'Although Fyne Homes arranges the events, they are open to the whole community and everyone and their dog, of course, is welcome.'

'The response in the past has been fantastic and the team at the Dogs Trust has been delighted with the turnout.'



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Successful partnership working between Argyll and Bute Council and Police Scotland secured a conviction following a horrific livestock attack last year.

The joint operation has led to improved working practices which could be shared throughout Scotland.

Graham Hatton, from the council, and PC Ben Rusden, from MAKI police, will tell the Scottish Parliament of how, with support from SSPCA and local farmers, they successfully tracked the out-of-control dogs, gathered the evidence and took the owner to court.

They will be joined by

Brian Walker, the farmer whose flock suffered in the dreadful attack.

The campaign has widened to provide farmers with signs instructing dog owners to keep their pets under control.

Leaflets have also been shared for stock owners advising them how to preserve evidence in the event of a sheep worrying incident and specific training will be provided for police officers in dealing with livestock attacks.

The campaign has been developed by the council, police, NFUS and SSPCA, and has been supported by vets and businesses.

Mid Argyll and Kintyre area inspector Julie McLeish said: 'I would like to thank

farmer Brian Walker for his support for this campaign.

'He championed it among his peers following the savage attack caused by two large uncontrolled dogs.

'Due to the effective joint working that took place, we secured a conviction with improved working practices and recognition of the role each agency and individual plays in this process.'

Already this year police are investigating several attacks on sheep in Oban, Mull, Lochgilphead and Cowal.

Three sheep were killed on Wednesday February 13 in a field near Mull Hospital at Craignure.

Robbie MacDougall, owner of the sheep killed

on Mull, said: 'I have never in my life seen anything like this. It is devastating. I have a croft and that was my stock.'

Three of Mr MacDougall's nine sheep were killed, three were left with life-threatening injuries, two were missing and only one survived unscathed.

He continued: 'The dogs certainly know how to kill. They took them out by the throat and every [sheep] had chest wounds.'

Sergeant Iain MacNicol said: 'These incidents are particularly serious attacks and would have been extremely traumatic for the animals involved.'

'Such incidents are also emotionally distressing for the farmers and witnesses.'



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Grant and Jane Logan will spend more quality time together. 50\_c09grantlogan02

# Glittering career was

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Goldsmith Grant Logan, who has retired after 41 years, does not remember a time when he was not interested in making things.

As a child, he loved 'messaging around' with bits of wood and metal and had a flair for technical subjects. He was educated at Dalintober Primary School until he was 10 before attending boarding schools in St Andrews and Edinburgh.

On leaving school, Grant worked under an award-winning Glasgow jewellery designer, where he honed his skills and natural talents. He also received hands-on experience at Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen.

At just 19, Grant returned home to Kintyre where he built his own workshop in the garden of his then parental home at Glenramskill on the shores of Campbeltown Loch.

The early years were a struggle – combining design, manufacture and sales was a massive responsibility for



Grant used different gemstones in his creations.

such a young business owner.

There was very little advice or support for emerging rural businesses in the late 1970s and no internet to promote one's name or business.

Grant's mother, Janet, was a great help in the early years of the business, joining Grant to attend trade shows.

When his wife, Jane, joined him, not only did she take on the administrative side of the business, she gained a thorough working knowledge of jewellery making processes. This helped take the business forward, and it evolved into a husband and wife team.

Living and working in

his native Kintyre has been hugely important to Grant, who said: 'The rich source of inspiration that surrounds us in Kintyre has been massively significant over the years: the ebb and flow of the tide, the wildlife, our rich history.'

Being such a small business has meant long working days with brief, infrequent holidays. Typically putting in 60 to 70 or so hours a week, there has been little time for anything else.

Grant believes that recharging with snatched breaks for watersports or restorative walks in the hills or beaches with Jane and the couple's

children, twins Iain and Helen, 24, has been crucial to finding some degree of work-life balance.

Although Kintyre's remoteness was a disadvantage in establishing a wider customer base, this became less of an issue with the arrival of the internet.

Grant said: 'In 2005, we were earlier than many jewellery manufacturers in establishing a web presence, and this widened our customer base significantly while still allowing me to stay in the workshop to do what I love. This development was massively important to the business.'

Grant is one of very few goldsmiths who has maintained the traditional skills, and is proud to have done so.

He said: 'I feel humbled that customers from all over the world have chosen to have a piece of gold jewellery that I have created and inevitably contains a forever essence of Kintyre within its design.'

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The Logans made this compilation to mark the 40th anniversary of Grant starting his business, aged 19.



Nature inspired some of Grant's work.



Kintyre's landscape influenced some of Grant's pieces.

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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

## Drama festival's farcical first night



Peninver Players' adjudicator Ted (David McCallum) is nearly crushed by Maid (Kay Johnston).

Words and photographs  
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Comedy in the form of farce dominated the first night of Argyll-Kintyre's 70th drama festival.

Accent Players' Grave Prospects, by Isabella C Rae, a mix of ghosts and the living, set in a contemporary graveyard, gave plenty of scope for laughs.

Mission to Planet Bob, set in 2121, staged by Dunaverty Players, cut the stage cast down to three suspended animation astronauts: Amy (Patricia Healey), Katie (Elizabeth Barbour) and Ed (David Barbour).

Peninver Players' slapstick

Melons at the Parsonage was the final Friday act with two plays within a third at an imaginary drama festival.

At times Peninver's action became confusing and caused adjudicator Jim Gibson to declare that he hoped he was not like its adjudicator Ted (David McCallum).

Mr Gibson said the connection between all three plays was that they all ended in controlled lunacy.

Speaking about Accent Players, Mr Gibson said: "There were very good different levels of set on the stage. The make-up was nicely judged, particularly the ghosts, shades of grey but not 50. I would have liked to have seen patchier lighting on

stage, as it was fairly uniform, and perhaps some spots.

'What was really nice was the fog coming on from stage left which reminded me of ectoplasm. There was lots of good off-the-ball acting. They were not static but they did not upstage the other actors.'

Mr Gibson said that Mission to Planet Bob was a really good piece of simple but effective stage presentation. He added: 'I really liked the effect created by the pods and how the actors, as they were introduced, stepped out of suspended animation.'

'The costumes were really well done and looked just right. Make-up for these three actors, who were a very good team and all worked well together,

was very good and they looked really old.'

Mr Gibson said that Peninver Players' Melons at the Parsonage, a tale of two plays within the main show battling it out at a drama festival, was a very interesting piece all round. 'The stage presentation was simple and effective, just what you would have.'

'The music crashed a wee bit to start but I really liked all the disco stuff that was going on, and to finish with the Rocky theme was a good laugh.'

Mr Gibson added that there was a lot of really subtle work particularly in the beautiful but 'truly awful scenes' where each group was staging the other's play.

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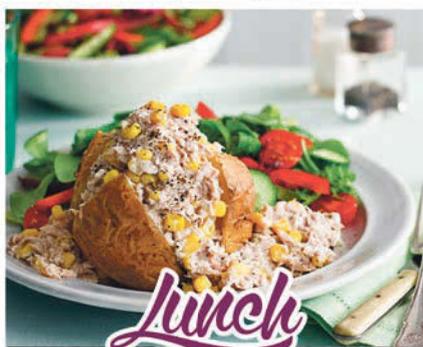
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Utter Mayhem from Peninver Players.



The Mission to Planet Bob crew in suspended animation.



From left: Jinty (Maureen Johnson) reveals in life she was a prostitute and is restrained by Billy (Eric Spence) as Mildred (Martha Rennie) realised who she was buried beside.



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Magpies circle the stage at the start of Dalintober's production. 25\_c09drama20\_Magpies

## Dramatic Dalintober debut at 70th festival

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Every actor in Dalintober Drama Club's 21-strong cast added to this entertaining musical.

Adjudicator Jim Gibson, a former primary head teacher from Kilwinning, Ayrshire, praised Mystery at Magpie Manor's 1920s style of music and the varied numbers.

He added a cautionary note to slightly shorten the length of the production and its sound offering.

Mr Gibson's comment, 'I particularly liked the magpie costumes' was well received by the 'birds' themselves, eagerly listening in the audience.

He added: 'I really enjoyed Honey Devine - Isla Anderson - and for some weird reason she reminded



The full cast of Dalintober Drama Club's production. 25\_c09drama19\_Dalintober\_Drama\_Club



Utter shock as a crime is uncovered at Magpie Manor. 25\_c09drama23\_shock

me of Dolly Parton. Having worked with this type of cast, I have to empathise with the director because to me dealing with these young actors on stage is a bit like herding cats. The director Ciaran Norris did an excellent job. There were lots of other good

parts of the production. I really liked the Charleston at the ball.

'Perhaps the ending of the dance could have had a final flourish.

'One really good piece of direction was the walk-down at the end with everyone on

stage singing and moving and it showed how happy, relaxed and effective all the actors' characterisations had been.'

The production will move to the youth district final at Stewarton Area Centre, Ayrshire, on Saturday March 23.



Agatha Christie - Carys Martin - gets down to some serious sleuthing at Magpie Manor.

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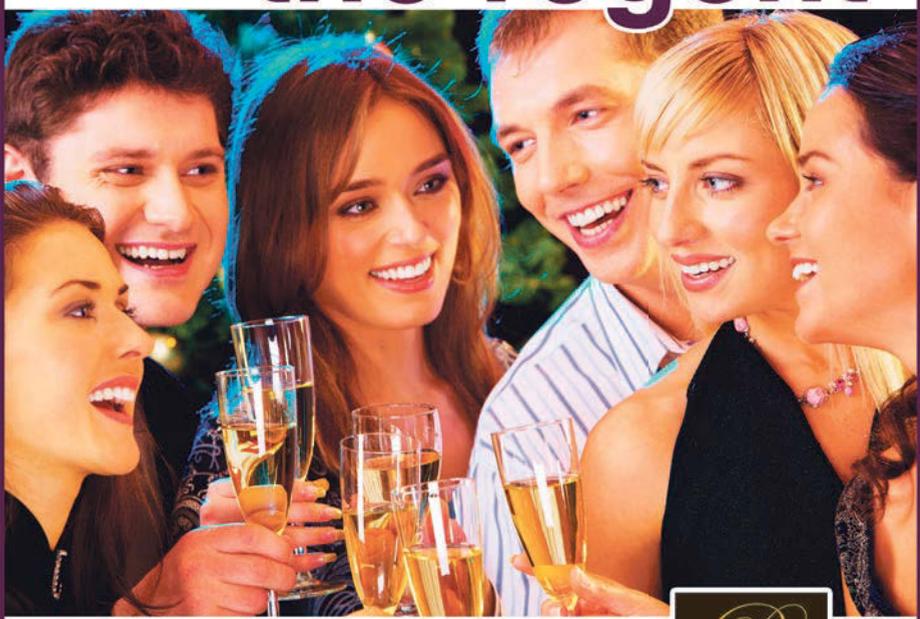

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Many owners want their craft launched before Easter. It may be that work that needs to be done has already been completed over the winter but, for many, fitting out is always last-minute, so it's time to prioritise jobs and get down to work.

The quality of de-winterisation can affect the life-cycle of a boat massively, so as a first step it's always useful to find out from the yard when they want to launch your boat, so you can work to a deadline.

If you need any work carried out by the boat professionals, get in touch as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, since this is their busiest time of year.

Set your workload list down alongside tools and materials required. Add an array of rags, silicone and grease, petroleum jelly, lubricating and penetrating oils, cleaning products, brushes, wet and dry sandpaper, rollers and tray, degreaser, rolls of tape, engine spares and treatments for your water and fuel tanks.

It's often the best idea to work from the outside in so that if you are pushed for time, any work required inside can be done after the launch.

It is also important to note that each make and model of boat is different, so the procedures for equipment testing will vary. Individual owner's manuals should be consulted in conjunction with the advice below, for in-depth instructions specific to each boat.

### HULL AND TOPSIDES

Removing all the old anti-fouling is a time-consuming task.

This is an important job, especially if it has built up over the years, since it reduces efficiency of a boat's movement in the water.

Wood and gel-coat scrapers are available but care has to be taken, so that the hull does not become damaged. A smooth surface will pay dividends for re-application and help keep fouling at bay for the season.

This is a good time to inspect the keel and keelboats for signs of rusting or pitting and wear at the keel to hull joint that may be more evident after winter lay-up.

If anything looks suspect, ask the experts for the best course of action. Deep pitting on the keel may indicate anode problems and will need taken back to bare metal and an epoxy protective coating applied before anti-fouling.

Check the rudder, skeg fitments as well as the propeller and look for any play in bearings, stock or quadrant. Ensure that the bonding wires from the anode are sound and replace the anode as required. Grease the shaft, steering cables and the log's paddle wheel where fitted.

An extensive range of anti-fouling products is available on the market from powerboat finishes to racing and cruising coatings. Choice will depend on boat type, use and where it is kept. Your local chandler or boatyard will advise on what suits best. Follow instructions for application with a stronger build-up in high impact areas – the leading edge of the keel and skeg and the keel to hull joint.



A long-handled radiator roller can be a good option to give an even finish with a paint brush to reach more inaccessible points. Some antifouling requires only one application; others need a few depending on longevity required. If stored on a cradle or stocks, leave some antifouling for painting the underside of the keel and cradle support points before the boat is launched while in the hoist.

Topsides and deck will require a thorough clean up after lying for a winter. If a polish was applied before layup, this will make the process easier.

Repair any problem area such as chips or crazing in the gelcoat as required. Where gelcoat is older it may need hard work to get the original finish back. Then apply a protective wax and polish well to keep the boat looking pristine throughout the season.

Ask the chandlery for advice on the extensive range of products that are available for all requirements.

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Both inboards and outboards need serviced and this is most often done by a professional whether by your boatyard or an independent engineer.

If undertaking on your own oil, filters and anodes should be renewed and exhaust fitments checked. Impellers and engine belt tension and mounts should also be inspected as well as the underside of the shaft – re-bed if any leaks are apparent. Keep spares of everything you think you may need on the boat during the season. With sail-drives the oil level and gaiter seal need checked as well as the earthing wires from the starter motor. Replace if there is any wear on hose and electrical connections.

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tilled water and checked for charge. If they have not been on trickle charge over lay-up, recharge now and monitor electrolyte levels if unsealed. Ensure the battery tray is dry and tighten securing straps making sure all gas vents are clear. Clean terminals and coat with petroleum jelly.

Fuel tanks should be full from laying up. If not, drain water off and treat with a diesel biocide. Inspect the gas system regularly and thoroughly. A qualified gas engineer will ensure the system conforms to current gas regulations and any suspect hoses and fittings should be replaced to manufacturer's recommendations.

#### ELECTRONICS

It is essential that the switches, dials and any other electrical equipment on the boat be tested. All electrical systems are interconnected, so ensure that every switch in the cabin and the helm are tested as one faulty one could cause a lot of trouble.

#### BILGES

Inspect bilge pump impellers and gaskets, grease and replace if necessary. With automatic bilge pumps, see float switches work and the strum box is clear. Manual strum boxes should be pumped through to see hose is clear of blockages. Seacocks need serviced. When the battery is running, switch it off and see if the automatic bilge pump float switch is working.

#### DECK GEAR, RIGGING AND ANCHORS

Dirt will have built up over the winter on deck and will most likely need cleaned with an anti-mould treatment. Deck gear needs checking for wear and tear.

Check the stanchion bases for any cracks and any corrosion in lifelines, particularly under plastic sheathing. Replace if in any doubts. Inspect rigging for broken strands and any cracking at terminals and renew if necessary. If rigging has not been kept in good condition, this can invalidate boat insurance in the event of a claim. Your local sail rigging firm expert will carry out a rig inspection for you if you have any doubts.

Check all instrumentation and furling equipment at the masthead in case work is required before the mast is stepped.

Overhaul winches and strip down any that are seized – soak components in degreaser and re-grease. If warps and sheets were removed for winter then this is the time to check over, renew and replace them.

Similarly, look for corrosion on anchors and chain. Clean manual windlasses, check for wear and grease. Remove the gypsy in powered versions, grease the

drum, look at the foot switch for wear, clean and grease electrical connections.

All wood on deck, teak slats etc should be oiled or varnished and paintwork touched up and stainless polished. This is an ideal time for maintenance of spray hoods and other cockpit coverings.

#### INTERIOR

The cabin will need a good clean up if not already attended to over the winter. Most owners have a dehumidifier and heater installed to keep mould at bay so this will help greatly in the fitting out preparation.

Clean all the lockers before replacing everything and remember to display a list of where everything is in the boat. Clean the galley and check burners on gas cookers. Inspect any soft furnishings such as berth cushions, checking for any damp if they have not been taken off for the winter for storage. Reinstall for the season ahead and keep everything well aired to ensure a fresh start come summer.



#### WATER TANKS, GAS TANKS, FUEL LINES AND HEADS

Any water in the water tank should be pumped through and a purifier added before refilling for use. Flush through the heads adding washing up liquid/vinegar to lubricate the hoses and pumps. Check the boat's central heating system if there is one. All communication, navigation and other equipment that was removed for winter storage must be re-installed. Gas tanks and fuel lines are prone to rusting over the winter. Check to see if fuel lines have cracked during the cold temperatures as they often do during the winter, and replace. The cooling system should be filled up with water and antifreeze in equal measure. If the mixture has been lying there all winter, then the cooling system needs to be drained and refilled with a fresh mix. The hoses should be inspected in case of cracks and leakages.

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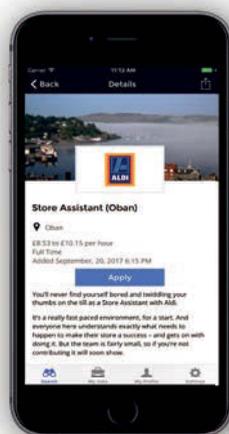
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**The role:** A new and exciting opportunity has arisen for an apprentice Depot Operator to join our team at our Campbeltown Oil Fuel Depot, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, Argyll & Bute, Scotland. The successful candidate will be enrolled on a brand new two year Bulk Liquid Terminal Apprenticeship programme.

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The first year (approximately 30 weeks) will be based at the Depot and HCF Catch Training Facility in Immingham. The first year will be structured around a term time framework with the successful candidate required to attend HCF Catch Training Facility over a number of weeks.

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Our Bulk Liquid Terminal Apprenticeship Program will ensure a well-rounded exposure to all of these areas of Depot Operations and we will provide you with the opportunity to make a genuine impact in a company with a pioneering spirit.

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Here are some of the tasks that the successful candidate will be doing:

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- Operation Oil Water separators.
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- Manual tank dipping
- Product sampling
- Fuel measurement before, during and after issues, receipts and returns;
- Operation of a range of machinery and pumps used in the storage and fuelling operations
- Part of a team carrying out grounds maintenance tasks

**The candidate:** We are looking for Candidates who are hardworking, reliable, trustworthy and keen to learn and develop themselves within the Bulk Liquid Storage Industry.

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**Interviews to be held: May/June 2019.**

**Possible start date: July 2019**

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Ardrihaig  
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
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18/02551/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Land North East Of Laurall Bank Barmore Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute
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# Wind farm's £750K community windfall

## Delight as three turbines open after 11 years' planning

A triple turbine Glenbarr wind farm backed by a housing association will boost community projects by £750,000 a year.

Fyne Energy, a trading arm of social landlord Fyne Homes, welcomed minister for energy, connectivity and the islands Paul Wheelhouse MSP to Kintyre on Wednesday last week to officially open the 6.9-megawatt scheme.

The development by Fyne Futures at Auchadaduie, the second in Scotland led by a housing agency, was funded by £10.8m from Triodos Bank and £2.82m from the Renewable Energy Investment Fund.

It took 11 years of planning and development plus construction over the past year. It has started to produce energy which, it is estimated, will generate £15.6 million of community and charitable benefit in the next 20 years.

The project was born from the motivation that communities in Scotland could and should be able to generate income from renewables and was initiated by Fyne Homes and the Fyne Group.

The Scottish government has supported the project, one of a number of pilots to enable housing associations to develop renewable projects to generate income for reinvestment in affordable housing and community priorities.

Fyne Homes chief executive and Fyne Energy director Colin Renfrew said: 'The Fyne Group is delighted the three turbines are now producing energy.'

'It will provide long-term income to enable Fyne Group and Glenbarr Community Development Association (GCDA) to reinvest in social housing and employment.'

The community benefit will be distributed equally to three initiatives: Fyne Homes social housing; charitable employability and environmental priorities led by Fyne Futures and other schemes.



MSP Paul Wheelhouse, top left, joined project officials and members of the Glenbarr community to officially open the Fyne Energy development.

### GLENBARR

Glenbarr residents recently established GCDA and identified priorities for the investment.

The community investment plan includes support for developing woodlands and environmental projects and employment.

The need for investment in a community meeting space, play areas, road safety and transport provision has been highlighted.

Norrie Cruickshank, relationship manager at Triodos Bank, said: 'Fyne Energy's three turbines will generate income to tackle affordable housing and clean energy.'

'It's the determination and innovative think-

ing of everyone at Fyne Homes that will help create a better world for us all. Community renewables have already made a significant impact in west Harris, Gigha and Tiree.

'This project will generate significant income to tackle some of the priority issues for the area, such as depopulation, through provision of affordable housing and employment.'

Mr Wheelhouse added: 'Community benefit is a valuable source of income for communities located near renewable developments.'

From turbine one at Auchadaduie, the four dancing ladies on the Isle of Gigha stand out and it was Alan Hobbett, previously of Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust, who encouraged Fyne Homes to consider renewable developments.

## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

The children spent ages preparing the questions; their teachers supported and encouraged them; the mums spent ages baking; the dads worked faster to make sure they got there in time.

Finally Friday night came. I was worried there would not be many folk there for various reasons – a quiz the previous night, Kintyre Drama Festival, panto rehearsals and many other things which could have precluded people from turning up. However, I could not keep smiling as folk piled into Tayinloan Village Hall to support these youngsters.

We had to put out more tables and chairs and the place was buzzing.

Finally we all settled for the questions.

The children had us stumped on many questions and were firm on what, and what was not, allowed as an answer.

The questions were many and varied – from Minecraft, on which I scored zero points, to dogs, football, the Second World War, paintings, famous ships, television, bicycles, crabbing, capital cities, general knowledge and books.

It was a wonderful evening with the whole community coming together.

There was more to it than just a fun night, however, as the children hope to have somewhere to play in their village and are raising funds to develop the playing field. Many people have been generous and supportive and this is greatly appreciated. Their vision is to have a play area which would be safe and provide fun things to do. It would also be a place where folk could gather to find company and build friendships.

We had a wee taster on Friday night and I hope there will be many blessings on this exciting venture.

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'Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge'.  
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**ENGAGEMENTS**



**TAYLOR - MCPHEE**

Both families are very happy to announce the engagement, on February 21, 2019, while on holiday in Mexico, of Suzie, daughter of Logan and Frances Taylor, Glasgow, and Alasdair, son of Alasdair and Fiona McPhee, Lornale, Campbeltown.

**GOLDEN WEDDINGS**

**MCMILLAN-BROWN** - At Lorne Street Church, Campbeltown, on February 28, 1969, by the late Rev J Hood, Iain to Margaret. Present address, Belmara, Limecraigs Road, Campbeltown.

**DEATHS**

**COOK** - Peacefully, on February 23, 2019, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, with his family by his side, John McPhee Cook, aged 76 years, of 3 Allt Na Ceardaich, Furnace, beloved husband of the late Christina, loving father of Marion, John, Nancy, Gilbert and Gail, much loved grandfather and great grandfather to many and a dear brother and uncle to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Cumlodden Parish Church, Furnace, on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae. Flowers welcome. Donations to the Glenaray Ward (Dunadd Room). All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**CRAWFORD** - On February 21, 2019, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, John Crawford, in his 80th year, beloved husband of the late Donella Crawford, brother of James and the late Peter and brother-in-law of Wilma. At John's request a private interment has taken place.

**MCWHIRTER** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 24, 2019, Francis McWhirter, in his

92nd year, 22 Longrow South, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Madge McKenzie and a much loved and loving uncle. Funeral service in the St Kieran's RC Church, on Thursday, February 28, 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 the Parish Needs Fund, St Kieran's Church.

**TEESDALE** - Peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, on February 26, 2019, Ian Dudley Teesdale, in his 88th year, Ardbeg, High Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Jean Teesdale, much loved father of John, Elizabeth and Diana and a loving grandpa of Finn, Sally, Kini, Aimilia and Hugh. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. A private cremation will take place at a later date. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

**WATSON** - Peacefully at home, 11 Glebe Street, Campbeltown, on February 21, 2019, Amy Orr McMillan, in her 95th year, dearly beloved wife of the late John Watson, much loved mother of the late Karen and a loving sister of Daniel and Charlie. Funeral service in the Highland Parish Church, on Wednesday, February 27, 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 MS Society, Scotland.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**WAGGETT** - Dot and family would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers and messages of sympathy on the sudden and sad loss of Mike. Also to everyone who attended the service and graveyard. Your support was very much appreciated. Special thanks to Flora for her help and support, making things easier for Dot during this time. We wish to thank the Rev William Crossan for the lovely and personal service on Mike's life, David McEwan for music, before, during and after the service, Kenneth and Rhys Blair

for their professional care and compassion shown to us at this sad time, and the Ardsheel Hotel for excellent catering after our return from the graveyard. Special thanks are given to the police and ambulance men for the compassion and care shown to us on our sudden loss. The retiral collection was donated to the Salvation Army, as per Mike's wishes.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BROWN** - Janet Nicolson MacLean, passed away February 28, 2011. The roses are for our beautiful mum in Heaven. Missing you always, Forgetting you never. - Brown family, home and away. In loving memory of our granny. Always on our minds, Forever in our hearts. Love and miss you. - The grandchildren.

**BROWN** - In loving memory of Janet Nicolson MacLean, died February 28, 2011. Remembering you is easy I do it every day It's the heartache of losing you That never goes away. - Love from Peter Marshall.

**MACDONALD** - In loving memory of Christopher Beaton MacDonald (Chris), slept away on March 4, 2013, a devoted and loving husband, dad and papa. Loved and remembered always. - Eva, Christine and Christopher.

**MACKINLAY** - In loving memory of Alex (Snr), loving partner of Nan, much loved father and papa, who died February 24, 2015. Always remembered. Sadly missed. - Love from all the family.

**MCTAVISH** - In loving memory of our father, Douglas, who died February 27, 2001. Always in our thoughts. - Malcolm and Ross.

**MCGEACHY** - In loving memory of my dear wife, Jasmine, who passed away on March 2, 2013. The years roll on but the good memories will always remain. - Love, John and family xx.

**O'MAY** - In loving memory of our dear brother, Malcolm, who died March 1, 2018. Time slips by and life goes on, But in our hearts you're never gone. We think about you always, we talk about you too, We have so many memories, but we wish we still had you. - From all the family, home and away.

**SCALLY** - In loving memory of Mary T Scally, beloved mother of John and David Paterson, taken on March 3, 2016. Always missed and remembered with a smile.

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**CHURCH NOTICES**

**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
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*"It is good to sing praises to our God"*  
Friday 1st March  
World Day of Prayer Service  
Ardrihaig Church Hall at 2.30pm  
Sunday 3rd March Services in Ardrihaig at 11.00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm (including the Lord's Supper) All Welcome  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
Sunday 3rd March 2019  
Cumlodden and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Lochgair Church - 10.00am  
Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell will lead A Sacrament of Communion  
Glenaray and Inveraray  
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Inveraray Church - 11.30am  
The Sacrament of Communion will be led by Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell  
ALL WELCOME

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
Friday 1st March  
SKY Youth Group 7.30pm  
Sunday 3rd March  
Family Communion Service 11.00am  
Pastor Steve Davies  
All welcome  
Wednesday 6th March  
Bible study 7.30pm at the manse  
Enquiries 01586 551200  
www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
SC014646

*Highland Parish Church*  
Friday 1st March 2019  
World Day of Prayer will be held this year in the Episcopal Church at 7.00pm  
Saturday 2nd March 2019  
Coffee Morning in Kirk Street Hall from 10am - 12 noon  
Do come along  
Sunday 3rd March 2019  
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am  
All welcome.

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Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)  
Sundays 11.00am  
Eucharist & Coffee  
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Rev W Crossan  
Monday 4th March  
Messy Church 3.45 - 5.30pm  
Church Hall  
Tuesday 5th March  
Tiny Tots 9.45am  
New Hall  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
Wednesday 6th March  
Kirk Session Meeting 7.30pm Session Room  
Thursday 7th March  
Choir Practice  
Friday 8th March  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon

**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church:  
Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
Sunday 3rd March  
Sunday before Lent  
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9.00am Prayer Breakfast  
Sunday 3rd March  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Rodger Crooks  
11.15am Sunday School  
Wednesday 6th March  
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer  
2.00pm - 4.00pm  
Water of Life Cafe  
All Welcome  
All Rodger Crooks' sermons can be found through our website:  
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk  
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
Kilmartin  
Sunday 3rd March 2019 11.30am  
Service will be taken by Rev Liz Gibson  
Monday 4th March 2019 - 11.00am  
Baton Rouge Singers  
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Burnside Street, Campbeltown  
01586 552046  
Sunday Services  
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
Wednesday  
12.15pm Lunch Club  
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.  
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group  
Major Ruth Russell  
All welcome

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday 3rd March  
11.00am Family Service  
Speaker - Ken Watson  
with Sunday School and refreshments after the service  
The Ark  
Baby & Toddler Group  
Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 am  
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Sunday 3rd March 2019  
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Mrs Margaret Sinclair  
Monday 4th March 2019  
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Tarbert Church hall  
Everyone very welcome  
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10am Morning Worship  
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Saturday 2nd March  
Achnamara Hall  
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10.30am - 12.30pm  
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# Personal bests for Kintyre swimmers

A number of Kintyre swimmers competed in Glasgow for the fourth time in 2019 after recent West Districts and Scottish Schools finals.

At Drumchapel Pool, they swam in the Milngavie and Bearsden Amateur Swimming Club Winter Graded Meet.

The first event of the weekend's meet saw Kintyre's Evie Judge take gold in the girls' 10-11 100m butterfly.

This initial success was shortly followed by an excellent bronze for Henny Jones in the girls' 8-9 50m breaststroke.

Personal best times were achieved by all Kintyre swimmers at this early stage and further medals followed, with Evie Judge collecting bronze in the girls' 10-11 50m backstroke.

In the afternoon, 13-year-old Sophie McSporrán made the podium after finishing third in the girls' 12-13 100m freestyle in a time of 1:11.33.

With 30 girls swimming in the first event of the Sunday morning, the girls' 10-11 50m butterfly, Kintyre swimmers started day two of the meet strongly.

Evie Judge won bronze and there were sixth and seventh place finishes for Emma Millar and Rianne Coffield.

Evie Judge continued her superb form with an outstanding swim in the girls' 10-11 100m freestyle, finishing in a time of 1:11.20.

This led to Evie gaining an 'I swam too fast' award as she



was way inside the Graded Meet's entry time.

Kintyre's Emma Millar was awarded the silver medal at this event in an excellent personal best time of 1:20.59.

Sophie McSporrán started Sunday as she had finished the previous day with a fantastic swim in the girls' 12-13 50m backstroke. She took more than three seconds

off her previous PB to take second place.

Four events later, she was back in the pool with an excellent swim in the 100m butterfly where she finished third in yet another personal best time.

Personal best swims were continuing throughout the afternoon's events. It was fitting that, in the penultimate event,

Kintyre's Evie Judge rounded off her superb swimming with another gold, in the girls' 10-11 50m freestyle, against no less than 41 other swimmers.

The first round tie of the Clyde Coast Mini League saw swimmers take to the pool last Sunday in Irvine against Kilmarnock and Dunoon.

A full report will follow in next week's Courier.



Left: Kintyre swimmers at Drumchapel pool, from back left, Alice McKendrick, Evie Judge, Emma Millar and Hannah Millar and, from front left, Grazia Graham, Henny Jones and Cara Macpherson. Above: Kintyre swimmers and medalists at the Aqualibrium, from back left, Sophie McSporrán and Evie Judge with, from front left, Emily Hunter, Alice McKendrick, Emma Millar, Hannah Millar and Rianne Coffield. Below: Kintyre medal winning swimmers: Sophie McSporrán, Emma Millar and Evie Judge. Henny Jones was away.



## South and west battle to be bowling's best

Members from across Kintyre battled it out in Kintyre SWI Group's annual bowls tournament.

Umpire Kathleen McGougan kept a close watch during the five-hour competition, to which Southend members turned out in force.

The heats started with seven ends being played in each competition match at the Masonic Hall, Campbeltown.

Southend worked hard to reach the nine ends final as the Largiesiders, though scarce in numbers, put up a good challenge at every stage.

Persistence and experience eventually paid off for Jane McCorkindale and Marion Warnock, who took the 2019 trophy and winners' title back to Southend, leaving Jessie

Main and Enid Williams from Largieside in their shadow.

An evening meal held at the Argyll Hotel brought a very energetic and enjoyable day to a close.

Group chairperson Patricia Fair thanked everyone who had helped make the event happen.

**Christine Jardine and Elsie Ronald in action as Jane McCorkindale and Margaret Bakes wait their turn to bowl; umpire Kathleen McGougan measures the distance between bowls and the jack; and winners Jane McCorkindale and Marion Warnock, with chairperson Patricia Fair, centre.**



# Spot the Ball - new, bigger jackpot!

From next week Spot The Ball is changing. The first and most important change is that the jackpot is being massively boosted.

The second is that we are joining forces with our friends at The Oban Times and introducing a Spot the SHINTY ball competition to add a bit of fun and variety.

This means that if no-one wins either jackpot before next week then it will be more than doubled when the prize funds are merged. So, more money and a new sport, what's not to love?

If you already play, keep on playing. If you have never played, why not give it a go?



The U13s with their fair play award.

## Under-13s footballers secure fair play award

A junior team from Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association netted the fair play award at Gartcairn Winter Football Festival.

The U13s, coached by Rhys Blair and Dougie Renton, took home the award which recognises exemplary behaviour from players, parents and coaches. They joined CDJFA's 2011, 2010 and 2009 teams at the annual indoors festival last weekend.

It was a late shift for the U13s with their last game at Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility at 8.40pm on Sunday before travelling home.



The 2009s team at Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility, above left, and the 2010s, below left, who played at the football festival.



## Windy conditions for Muneroy Cup qualifier

Dry but windy weather made things interesting for Dunaverty Golf Club's members in their quest to qualify for the Muneroy Cup. The tournament will be played later in the year.

Don Hardman shaded Sandy Watson on the inward half of the golf course to lead with a net 67.

It was John Dreghorn who came to the fore by carding the best scratch score of the day with a 75 to give him a winning net score of 65. CSS was 66.

Result: 1 John Dreghorn 75-10=65, 2 Don Hardman 83-16=67 (bih), 3 Sandy Watson 78-11=67, 4 Grant Edmondson 82-13=69, 5 Alistair McConnachie 79-9=70, 6 John McKinlay 80-9=71.

## Dunaverty Golf Club's lotto results

There were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three-number lottery on Sunday. The winning numbers were 5, 16 and 19. The next draw, for a jackpot of £700, is on March 10. Tickets are available from committee members, the club steward, Muneroy Tearoom and the Burnside bar.

# SPOT THE BALL

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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.

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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.

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Kintyre swimmers

# Campbeltown Pupils rue the match that got away

Port Glasgow	4
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SAFL Premier Division One	

Campbeltown Pupils left Port Glasgow with a distinct feeling of injustice after 90 minutes on the narrowest of parks against a side intent on playing route-one football.

It is obviously a tactic that works well for the home side as they lead the first division going into the final quarter of the season, but the scoreline doesn't come close to telling the truth as it was a match in which the visitors dominated possession for most of a frustrating afternoon.

The game began badly for the visitors when they fell behind within five minutes, an unwelcome habit that has dogged Campbeltown for much of the current season.

The home winger worked space on the flank and sent a shot across goal from the dead ball line.

It slipped through the grasp of the Pupils goalkeeper and landed at the back post for a simple tap-in.

The McFadyen-sponsored Pupils recovered well from this early setback, piecing together some fine possession football, with the midfield, in particular, playing their part in the recovery.

The equaliser arrived just before the half hour when a scramble in the box led to

a fine half-volley by Fraser MacBrayne. This was his first goal for the Pupils and just reward for his perseverance.

It was good to see two teenagers making their mark for the club, with Ross Brown joining his academy teammate MacBrayne in a fine first half performance on opposite flanks of midfield.

Nevertheless, the home side 'stole' into the lead in the 61st minute, a comic-cut situation that saw Ellis Robertson unbelievably penalised for stumbling over his own heels.

The resultant free kick was delivered with venom and a headed deflection thundered into the net to restore the home side's lead.

The setback was short-lived as almost immediately the in-form Donald McCallum cut inside past two defenders to drive the ball high into the roof of the net for a superb equaliser.

This heralded the Pupils' best spell of the match, with Ross Brown ending a great move with a volley that left the keeper rooted to the spot.

But the goal, arguably the best of the match, was ruled out for offside.

Ryan McConnachie was next to try his luck with an audacious overhead kick that just cleared the bar.

Lady luck deserted the cause when the referee awarded a soft penalty kick to the home club.

The visitors were a goal



Fraser MacBrayne in action earlier this season at Kintyre Park. 50\_c47pupils04

behind despite dominating most of the second half.

With 10 minutes remaining the league leaders looked to have sealed the points when a tactical long throw was forced home to give 'the Port' a two-goal advantage. However, in an exciting end to another

close fought match, Lee Allen scored a towering header from a Donald McCallum corner to make the score 4-3.

Despite a great effort in the closing minutes, the Pupils couldn't score to get their just reward.

Having played well and

given everything, the visitors returned home with nothing to show for their efforts.

Tomorrow (Saturday March 2) Campbeltown Pupils return to home action with another difficult match against third-placed Hillington at Kintyre Park with a 2pm kick

off. See social media and posters for confirmation of venue.





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