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Kintyre business bosses call for clarity on Brexit

'Brexit is putting an extra hurdle in people's way'

by Mark Davey and Hannah O'Hanlon
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As Brexit political turmoil beset the UK capital Campbeltown business bosses called for clarity.

At Glen Scotia Distillery, which is owned by Loch Lomond Distillers, manager Iain McAlister said: 'Brexit is putting an extra hurdle in people's way.'

'People in Germany, Belgium and Holland are passionate about Glen Scotia and Campbeltown in general.'

'I fear we could be in the same position in June if there is an extension to the Brexit timescale.'

Along at the Glen Scotia shop, the firm's latest recruit is tour guide Roseanne Powell, 32, from County Tipperary in the Republic of Ireland.

Mrs Powell, a biology graduate, said: 'Presently if you are from Ireland you have the right to travel anywhere in the

UK and Ireland because of the Good Friday Agreement.

'Before coming to Campbeltown I worked in Hampshire and prior to that I was an aquarium technician in Sweden.'

Mr McAlister added: 'Sales were a bit slow at the start of this year but our two whisky dinners, during the malts festival in May, have sold well with a few tickets left.'

'It is fantastic to see the international travellers at these dinners who keep coming back and have become our friends.'

'It is also great to see local people mingling with them and meeting new people.'

'Movement is a lot freer within Europe but a lot of visitors are concerned about how the European situation is going to develop.'

'There is concern about how it could affect people taking bottles home. That is a small proportion of overall sales but

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A demolition squad of recyclers



Storm Gareth was unable to stop a McFadyens Contractors demolition squad deconstructing flats at Queen Street. The men are reclaiming building materials, such as copper piping, floorboards and slates. Monday evening's squad on site were from left: Davie Mitchell, Robert Blackstock, Daniel Conley, Jamie Burns, Kenny Blackstock, Charlie Lang, Ryan Blackstock, Sandy McNaughton and Craig 'Rooster' Robertson. 25_c11demolitionsquad01

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Careless driving

A 66-year-old man was traced and charged after driving a blue Skoda Octavia car in a careless manner and at excessive speed on the B842, south of Stewarton, at 3.40pm on Monday March 4.

Drunk driver

A 45-year-old man was arrested and had a blood sample taken for analysis after providing a positive breath test when he was stopped by police while driving his car on the Moss Road, near Campbeltown, at 9am on Saturday March 9.

Woman assaulted

Police are investigating after CCTV captured a woman assaulting another woman at 1.10am on Sunday March 10, in Longrow, Campbeltown.

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



Relief lifeboat

Royal National Lifeboat Beth Sell, 17-33, is tied up at Campbeltown's pontoons.

RNLB Beth Sell, a Severn-class vessel, is part of the relief fleet. It is stationed at Campbeltown while essential repair work is carried out to the Ernest and Mary Shaw.

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A83 Rest resurfacing on Sunday

A £375,000 resurfacing improvement project across six locations on the A83 has been revised following inclement weather.

The project planned to begin with resurfacing at the Rest and Be Thankful, from last Sunday March 10, has been postponed until next Sunday night.

The revised programme subject to ongoing weather conditions is:

A83 Inveraray bridges

Thursday March 14 – 7pm to 7am.

An overnight road closure is required.

The diversion route is via the A82, A85 and A819, adding an additional 25 miles and 38 minutes to the journey.

Access for public bus services and emergency vehicles will be maintained.

A83 Rest and Be Thankful Sunday to Tuesday March 19 – 8pm to 5am.

Due to the ongoing catch-

pit landslide mitigation works at the Rest and Be Thankful, an overnight road closure is required for safety.

The Old Military Road diversion route will be in place to provide an alternative route for motorists during the surfacing works from 8pm to 5am.

A83 Strone Point – Wednesday March 20 – 7pm to 7am.

Due to the narrow width of the road, an overnight road closure is required.

The diversion route is via the A82, A85 and A819, adding an additional 25 miles and 38 minutes to the journey.

Access for public bus services and emergency vehicles will be maintained.

There is no alternative route at these locations:

A83 south of Whitehouse – Thursday March 21 – 7pm to 7am surfacing improvements for one night with an over-

night road closure.

A83 Stonefield – Sunday to Wednesday March 24 to 27 – 7pm to 7am.

A stretch of the A83 almost a kilometre long will be resurfaced at Stonefield, with overnight road closures in place for safety.

The projects have amnesties in place for road users at the following times: 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am and 4am.

Motorists are encouraged to arrive prior to these times to ensure they are accommodated within the amnesty period. Local access and access for emergency services will be maintained at all times.

A83 Shira to Inveraray Bridge – Friday March 29 – 7am to 7pm.

The A83 will remain open throughout this daytime project, however a 10mph convoy system will be in place for safety.

Man who assaulted woman avoids jail

A man who assaulted a woman was warned that he was lucky to avoid a custodial sentence.

Jordan Thomas McKenzie, 19, of 4 St John Terrace, Campbeltown, pushed the woman onto a sofa and seized hold of her neck at a Campbeltown address on December 8 last year.

Defence solicitor Stephen MacSporrnan told the court that McKenzie has issues with anger management when under the influence of alcohol. He said his client apologises to all involved and has sought employment out of the area.

Sentencing McKenzie to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work in 12 months, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'This is a very disturbing incident for the victim and the sentence could have been custodial.'

Drugs man fined

Off-duty police officers, on a Christmas night out, discovered a man with two types of drugs in a Campbeltown bar.

Procurator fiscal deputy Eoin McGinty told Campbeltown Sheriff Court the officers saw Stuart Gillies, 20, of 10 Killeonan, Campbeltown, holding a bag of white powder in the pub toilet after 1am on December 22 last year.

He pleaded guilty to having 0.9g of cocaine and cannabis of minimal value.

Fining Gillies £200 for possessing the cocaine and £70 for the cannabis, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'These are significant offences on your record.'

Business bosses call for Brexit clarity

Continued from page one it builds a relationship with customers.'

Across at Springbank Distillery, sales director Ranald Watson said: 'A disorderly

Brexit is already affecting us as shipping companies are today warning us of week-long delays to shipments due to port congestion.

'I can only assume that these delays are going to get worse over the next few weeks and months, which is a pretty bad situation for us or any other exporter.

'And that's just an immediate, visible effect of the situation as it stands.

'We still don't know what terms we'll be leaving the EU on or even when we'll be leaving, which is a disgrace with just two weeks until we're due to exit, despite the referendum having been held in summer 2016.

'Around 80 per cent of the whiskies we produce and bottle are exported, with the EU making up around half of those exports, and it's very, very difficult, if not impossible, to do any sort of future planning.'



At Glen Scotia from left: Roseanne Powell makes a sale to foreign visitors, with assistant manager Hector McMurchy and manager Iain McAlister. 25_c11brexit01

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Weed warriors campaign to 'Bring Back the Boat'

by Mark Davey
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A pair of green fingered amateur gardeners are campaigning to return an old boat planter at the entrance to Campbeltown.

Last year Catherine Dobbie and Liz Kennedy made headlines, as weed warriors when, working for two hours a week, they voluntarily cleaned up the shrub and flower beds at Campbeltown bus terminus.

At Campbeltown Community Council's (CCC) meeting on Tuesday evening, Ms Dobbie said that she had spoken with Zena Coffield and hopes to unite South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) and CCC to recruit volunteers.

In July 2017, SKDT

smartened up the area behind the Fiddlers Inn with funding from Stalled Spaces Scotland.

This year Ms Dobbie hopes that elbow grease and perhaps an old boat, from someone's garden, will start the ball rolling, to Bring Back the Boat to its rightful place opposite the Dellwood Hotel.

Ms Dobbie said: 'I will go to the Common Good Fund and last year CCC helped with buying bulbs.

'Volunteers will be asked to commit two hours a week - it is not a big ask.

'No gardening knowledge is needed but if anyone comes with expertise, that would be great.

'We could add whisky barrels and it would end up being more than just a boat and it would be nice to see an interpretation sign.'



The Aqualibrium Avenue stalled space turned into a feature by SKDT in 2017. 25_c11boatofflowers01

Ms Dobbie added that it was not their intention to take on work already done by the Argyll and Bute Council staff.

She said: 'We will never touch the roundabout or Hall Street as they are beautifully maintained by the council.

'In many other towns, their roundabouts are major features sponsored by businesses.

'We need people to be proud

of the town where they live.' Anyone interested should go to the inaugural meeting next Thursday at 7pm in the Red Cross Hall.

Man who left woman 'unrecognisable' is jailed

A man who left a woman 'unrecognisable' after an assault has been jailed.

James Duncan Docherty, 43, whose address was given as an inmate in the prison at Greenock, previously pleaded guilty on indictment to a charge of assaulting the woman at a Campbeltown address on November 25 last year.

He admitted repeatedly punching her, kicking her on the head and body, knocking her to the ground, stamping on her head, seizing hold of her head and hair and strik-

ing her head against walls and the ground, all to her severe injury.

During the assault, the woman feared for her life and begged Docherty to stop. She managed to break free and ran into the street without her shoes, covered in blood and begged for help.

Unable to speak

When police arrived they found her 'unrecognisable' with considerable injuries and unable to speak.

Docherty's defence solicitor, Stephen MacSporran, told

the court that his client, who has 'very limited recollection of events', understands the impact of his actions, is remorseful and offers his apologies to the victim.

He said Docherty's family is 'horrified' by his behaviour.

Sentencing Docherty to three years' imprisonment, with a 12-month supervision order after his release, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'This is your fourth crime of violence, a crime which is horrifying in its savagery and requires a significant punishment.'

Deferred sentence for offensive text man

A Lancashire man who settled in Tarbert, midway through walking the coastline of Britain to conquer his post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), has admitted behaving in an abusive manner towards a woman.

Pleaded guilty

Samuel Gerald Max Doyle, 32, of 23 Oakhill, Tarbert, represented himself at Campbeltown Sheriff Court and pleaded guilty to punching holes in a wall, shouting and swearing, and smashing a guitar in front of the woman at a Tarbert address on February 25.

He also admitted sending a text message to her which was grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character, in

which he swore and made derogatory remarks about her.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty said that Doyle arrived at the house drunk and had an argument with the woman before falling asleep. He woke up, became argumentative again and began to punch holes in the wall.

Doyle admitted sending the text and said that he was 'stressed out'.

He told the court that he 'deeply regrets' his actions and said that he has been receiving help for his PTSD and issues with alcohol.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes deferred sentence for four months for Doyle, who has no previous convictions, to be of good behaviour.

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Over-60s walk miles together for mental health

A Campbeltown social club for those aged 60-plus is pounding the Free Church boards to 'walk a mile' regularly for mental health, writes Mark Davey.

Elderberries members, who meet from noon to 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, are taking part in an activity created by Scottish mental health charity See Me and Chris McCulloch Young.

Elderberries spokesperson Joan Stewart said: 'The idea is that people get paired up with someone they don't know and then walk a mile together speaking about mental health.'

The activity was inspired by Mr Young's walk around the UK to tackle mental health stigma.

Mrs Stewart added: 'One of the main focuses of Walk a Mile is health and social care, to bring together professionals, carers and people with lived experience, people who may normally stigmatise each other, to walk together, to get to know each other and walk a mile in each other's shoes.'

'It's a great activity in which anyone who cares about tackling stigma can take part.'

Elderberries staff, volunteers and members started their Walk a Mile after a recent talk from Tracy Chambers of the Kintyre Link Club.

The Free Church Hall had been measured by Dougie Lang and a route set out for them.

The walk will take a number of weeks for all members to complete but allows them to walk in pairs and discuss any issues they have.

As this was the start of their walk they were accompanied by Mr MacKinnon on the accordion.

There will be an outdoors walk in Campbeltown, organised by PC Karen Cairns, on Saturday April 6. The walk is open to all, with full details to follow.

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Farmers' frustration over lynx re-wilding event in Inveraray

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The man behind controversial plans to bring back a long-extinct big cat to the forests of Kintyre said he was 'very happy' with an Inveraray consultation day.

Farmers, though, were less impressed.

Dr Paul O'Donoghue and his Lynx UK Trust hopes to bring lynx – a cat around the size of a German shepherd dog – to Kintyre as one of three trial sites in Scotland.

Dr O'Donoghue, the trust's chief scientific adviser, was at Inveraray church hall for the public event on Tuesday March 5 after a late change from Tarbert.

The move, however, failed



Dr O'Donoghue displayed a cardboard cut-out of a lynx at the meeting.

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'It played out exactly as expected, with concerns being raised from the sheep farming community and support being given from other sectors.'

The chairman of NFU Scotland's environment and land use committee is Oban farmer Angus MacFadyen. He said: 'I've got great concerns about where this project may lead and what effect it could have on the environment as well as the local farming community.'

'As farmers, we are the people who look after most of the environment in this area and that includes ground-nesting birds, squirrels, wildcats and many other species. We're trying to improve and maintain that and what we don't need is an apex predator coming in and affecting it.'

Asked why the trust had changed venue for the event, Dr O'Donoghue replied: 'Inveraray is a very accessible place and allowed good attendance, which was evidenced by the number of people there. Future events will be held further down the peninsula in due course.'

to stop a number of farmers from across Argyll, Kintyre included, travelling to voice concerns.

The Lynx Trust is looking for a licence to bring four female and two male lynx to Kintyre for a five-year trial. By the end of this period, Dr O'Donoghue estimates there could be up to 14 animals in the region.

Claiming 90 per cent public support, the Lynx Trust says there would be 'zero risk' to humans and that across Europe lynx kill on average 0.4 sheep per lynx per year. This predation level is dismissed by farmers who say this Europe-wide figure means little as it includes areas where no lynx are present.

Dr O'Donoghue said that

roe deer make up around 95 per cent of the diet of a lynx, but farmers are concerned that control by forest managers has left the deer population particularly low, leaving sheep as an obvious alternative prey.

His Kintyre plans are at the 'very early stages', said Dr O'Donoghue, and the potential of 'numerous sites' was being assessed.

The farmers who came along were far from convinced by Dr O'Donoghue's claims. One left the hall with fists clenched in frustration saying: 'There's no point in talking to that man. He is not listening to us.'

Dr O'Donoghue said he was 'very happy with the way things went'. He continued:

It's all a matter of balance

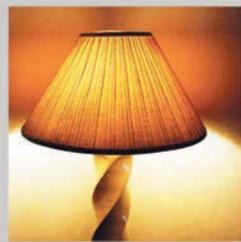


A photograph of a rock at Bellochantuy beach perhaps proves the Bible verse 'the wise man built his house on a rock'.

David Pearson from Slockavullin, Kilmartin, was walking on the beach recently when he spotted rocks left high and dry as the tide receded, supported on a column of sand.

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Kintyre Schools Novice B band impresses

Kintyre Schools Novice B band achieved a great fourth place in the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships.

Last Sunday's Livingston performance was the first time a pipe band of any grade from Campbeltown has taken part in these championships and it was difficult for them to know what to expect.

The band was in a category of 20 others and they needed a good performance to get a place as there were a number of top bands playing.

Kintyre Schools Band, the top band from a non-fee-paying school, gave a great performance playing Sweet Maid of Glendaruel, Greenwood side, Farewell to Aberdeen and Campbell's Farewell to Redcastle.

After everyone had played it was over to the judges and the Novice B band was placed as follows: piping adjudicator

(PA) one: J Wilson - 4, PA two: J Connor - 7, drumming adjudicator: A Dudgeon - 5, ensemble adjudicator: D Brown - 5.

When added together, this gave the Campbeltown band a total of 21 points and gave them a very credible fourth place and only two points off the second placed band.

After the results were confirmed Pipe Major Fiona Mitchell said how proud she was of her young band and thought fourth place was a very good start to the season.

Both KPBA bands, KSPB and Beinn an Tuirc Kintyre are now practicing hard for the first major pipe band competition of the season when the bands perform at the British Championships in Paisley on Saturday May 18.

KSPB Novice B band perform at Livingston.



Free chips and checks for Campbeltown canines

Campbeltown's canines received free health checks and microchips from the Dogs Trust.

The free Campbeltown drop-in event, one of a series throughout Argyll organised

by Fyne Homes to promote responsible dog ownership, saw 45 dogs checked, with 10 microchipped.

Familiar faces from the Dogs Trust, campaigns assistant for Scotland

Ellie Upstill-Goddard and campaigns veterinary nurse Jillian Rose welcomed dog owners and their pets to the former Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street, last Wednesday.

As well as health checks, they offered information leaflets, training advice and some basic pet accessories.

Craig Baxter, Fyne Homes' tenant participation officer, said: 'It was the busiest event we have had to date and it was great to see so many dogs.'

'It was also gratifying to know that there are so many responsible dog owners out there - thanks to all who came along.'

'If anyone missed the event, don't worry, we will definitely arrange another event later in the year.'

'Thanks must also go to South Kintyre Development Trust for the lease of the former Red Cross Hall, which was a fantastic venue.'

One-year-old 'cockalier' Maya was one of 45 dogs who attended the Campbeltown event.

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Distillers' justifiable concerns about Brexit

Campbeltown's whisky distilleries' bosses have expressed justifiable concerns about their foreign exports in the lead-up to Brexit.

With two weeks until Brexit D-Day, on March 29, members of parliament (MPs) have again rejected Prime Minister (PM) Theresa May's plans.

On Tuesday, MPs voted against the PM's deal by 149, with 242 in support and 391 voting against.

As Springbank Distillery's Ranald Watson said, it is unbelievable that having held the Brexit referendum almost three years ago, we are still in the dark about the terms on which we will be leaving in 14 days.

We can rest assured that the classic British gin and tonic is safe – it was revealed in the Financial Times this week that after four years of debate, the European Commission has allowed tonic water to keep its name, despite not possessing any medicinal health benefits.

Beinn an Tuirc Distillers director Niall Macalister Hall quipped: 'Perhaps we are better off out of the EU after all when you read nonsense like this!'

Many people tout themselves as Brexit experts but only time will tell what the future holds.

Live Argyll price increase

Sir,

I have just received three envelopes from 'Live Argyll' in Oban.

On opening the first I found it to be a leaflet headed 'We've taken the £££'s OFF with our new membership prices'.

I am well aware that you know what is written on your leaflet, but for those people who haven't read it I enclose the leaflet's next paragraph:

'Following a detailed analysis of our pricing structure, Live Argyll are introducing a new low cost membership scheme.

'In short, we've decided to shed some pounds. From 1st April your direct debit will be amended in line with the new pricing structure. Same fantastic facilities, at a much reduced cost.'

What good news I thought as I rushed to open letter number two.

This letter told me that from 1st April my wife's swimming concession membership would be increasing from £12.40 to £16.99 per month.

This is a 37 per cent increase in charges, I then went back to letter one and read it again and it definitely said 'at a much reduced cost'.

I then slowly opened letter three wondering what it would be about.

Possibly news that the car park was now

ready for use after months of work, but alas no. It just gave details of when the new direct debit would be collected.

I feel a 37 per cent increase in pensioners' swimming concessions is really excessive in the present climate.

I also think that the department which writes your leaflets and your finance management should get together and try to explain to the public how they interpret the sentence: 'Same fantastic facilities, at a much reduced cost'.

Next time the three letters should be in one envelope – it's cheaper.

**Geoffrey Bell,
Kilkerran Cottage,
Kilkerran Road,
Campbeltown.**

'Spin doctor's' letter has no place in Courier

Sir,

I have always subscribed to the maxim that letters to local newspapers should reflect points of view, concerns, local topics of interest and similar items and should not be a platform for political dialogue.

I refer specifically to the letter published in the March 1 edition of the Courier attributed to Alex Orr of Edinburgh, who happens to be the managing director of Orbit, an Edinburgh Communications

Consultancy. Any 'spin doctors' interpretation of a political point of view tends to be marginally disingenuous, generally by omission by not containing the full facts.

The letter in this case promoting the SNP, the content about which I do not wish to comment.

The point I wish to promote is, that letters of this nature, particularly ones from professional bodies, should be addressed to the national newspapers either daily or Sunday editions and not, as I have intimated, to local newspaper editions.

**John R Newall,
MoDhachaidh,
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Dog mess despoils Quarry Green

A social media post appealing to owners to pick up after their dogs has attracted much support.

Last Thursday, on Facebook's page The Wee Toon Community Noticeboard, William Crossan wrote: 'To dog owners who walk their dog(s) on the Quarry Green, along Kilkerran Road: "Please make sure you pick up its plop and not just leave it lying there."'

'This area has become appalling with the amount of doggy do just left behind by

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feckless owners. It's the worst I've ever seen it in nearly 20 years walking my own dogs there.

'For goodness sake show some common decency and pick up after your dog.'

Maryflora Macphail agreed: 'It's a disgrace, as a dog walker myself I'm disgusted with the mess of such a lovely spot.'

Bobbiemarie Stalker added: 'Also along Longrow it's everywhere and it's disgusting, if you can't pick up after your dog you shouldn't have one.'

Stuart Lawson commented: 'I think the council needs to put covert CCTV around the worst places in town to catch the culprits.'

Donna McCrimmon said: 'It's everywhere near Dalintober School, I can't believe people leave it.'

Lisa Nicolson said: 'There is not one single environmental enforcement officer, in other words dog warden, in the whole of Argyll and Bute either.'

'No deterrent for these ignorant folk.'

Karen Mcgougan added: 'It's actually getting really bad, I can understand that it's not always possible to get every bit but the s**t I see on way down to Tesco could easily be picked up.'

'I see mums walk down there every day with kids and buggies and I dread they stand on it or push a pram through it.'

'Something definitely needs to be done.'

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Margaret Richardson sent in this photograph from her iPhone 6s of the Zea Servant finally loading a wind tower section last Thursday.

The ship left the New Quay for Hull at noon on Saturday. The trip is expected to take a day-and-a-half. It will be a further two days to discharge the cargo of 12 wind tower sections destined for an offshore

development. The 11,619 tonne vessel was built and is registered in Hong Kong. It was delayed by an accident, reported in last week's Courier.

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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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday March 13, 2009

Come-bye with the burgers!

It's hungry work watching sheepdogs. Steffan Cox, Dhyllon Cox and Millar Irwin got stuck into hot dogs and burgers at the Scottish finals of the nursery trials at Clochkeil Farm, Kintyre, on Saturday.

It was the first time the event visited Kintyre and more than 300 spectators and television cameras turned up at Clochkeil which hosted the event by kind permission of J and R Barr.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday March 18, 1994

Warped window fears

The residents of Parliament Place are on the warpath over the state of their windows which they say are dangerous.

Residents claim ill-fitting windows, broken hinges, broken handles and a lack of safety catches are threatening their children's lives and their health.

Heating bills are high because of heat lost due to ill-fitting windows. Dampness and mould problems have also been blamed on the windows.

Christine Mitchell, who lives at 5 Parliament Place with her husband Archie and two children Keith and Fiona, has been unable to open a small window in her kitchen for four years.

After the handle broke it was locked shut but



Steffan Cox, Dhyllon Cox and Millar Irwin get stuck in.

wards the right shoulder. Traces of what may have been the rood can be seen behind the head and the right hand.

Dr Steer adds that no precise parallels for this type of cross exist in Scotland and although it was undoubtedly carved locally, it seems probable that it is of Irish inspiration.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday March 8, 1919

Notable Argyllshire man dead

The death has occurred at the age of 79, at his residence in Edinburgh, of Sir Malcolm McNeill, C.B., who for a long period was a public official identified with local government administration in Scotland.

Educated at Sandhurst, he served for some time in the 78th Highlanders, but retired and entered the Civil Service in 1867, under the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor.

He was a pioneer in poor law reform, and to reports by himself and his colleague, Mr Campbell of Auchindarroch, on the defective methods of poor law administration then in vogue was due the step the board took in 1878 to insist on the more economical and efficient administration of public funds by parochial boards for the relief of the poor.

During his period of service he was called upon to undertake important special duties on behalf of successive governments, particularly in connection with crofting troubles in the Highlands and destitution in the Hebrides.

a storm blew it out and now it is nailed shut.

When the kitchen steams up, she has to wedge the other window open with a clothes peg as it has no safety catch.

In the children's bedroom, the window opens outwards and again it has no safety catch, so Christine has had to secure it with a piece of ribbon otherwise it would bang against the outer wall.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday March 13, 1969

Wheel cross found

Part of the head of a wheel cross was found re-

cently on the beach at Southend. Dr Kenneth Steer, secretary to the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, says that the stone is worn from long immersion in the sea.

The only decoration now visible is a worn representation of the crucified saviour carved in relief on the front.

The cross head was carved from the local old red sandstone conglomerate and it measures from five to six inches in thickness, while the diameter of the wheel has been about 18 inches.

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Graffiti, featured in last week's Down Memory Lane, stripped back the years for a former Campbeltown painter aged 81.

Peter Docherty, born and brought up in the Wee Toon, lives in a first floor flat, in Tangy Place

tenement, at the end of the High Street, with a 'marvellous' view of all the comings and goings on Campbeltown Loch.

Back in 1953, aged 15, he was an apprentice painter and decorator for a town firm, which he thinks

might have been Galbraith and Cochrane.

Mr Docherty's son, also Peter, 58, talked to the Courier on Monday and said: 'Dad told me that the young apprentices were always given the awkward, high up places to paint.'

'Back then this wall must have been under a ceiling as now the graffiti chipped into the plaster is at waist height.'

'Painters always used to leave their mark on a building, many will be painted over in people's houses.'

'Marks'

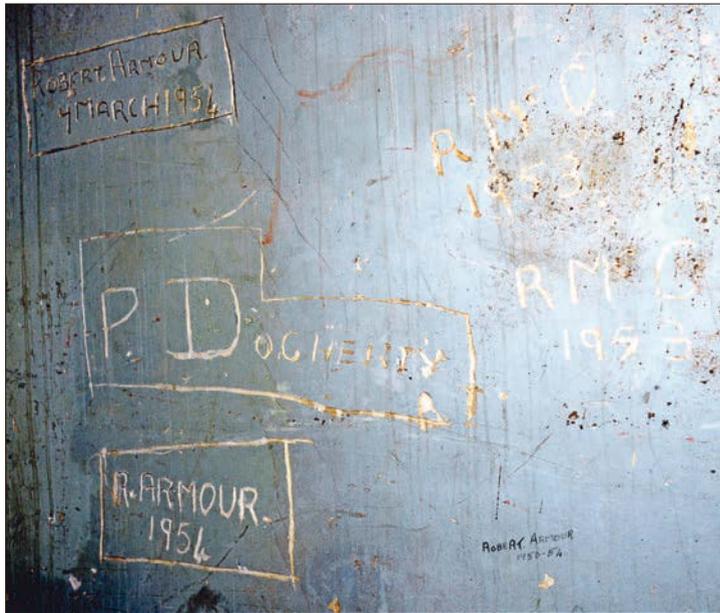
'They often wondered if their 'marks' would be uncovered in the future.'

'On this wall they could see the names of people who had painted it in the past.'

'When he saw Down Memory Lane last week, dad said he was the only P Docherty in the town at the time.'

Peter Jr, who visits two to three times a year, said: 'I was born in Craigard. When I was aged two dad left the town for a career as a policeman in Bedfordshire.'

Following 25 year's police ser-



P Docherty etched into a wall for posterity. 25_c10memorylane02



If anyone recalls who M.M.S. or JW is from 1958, as carved in this Craigowan tree and featured last week, the Courier would like to print the story. 25_c10memorylane01

vice, PC Docherty retired, having spent his final time at Kempston, the Bedfordshire police headquarters.

Peter Jr added: 'Dad moved back to Campbeltown in 2005.'

'My sister Karen was also born in Campbeltown in 1959 and today she lives three doors away from me in the same Milton Keynes street.'

'Karen is a keen photographer and

takes about 10 pictures a day and has documented the family.'

'My brother George was born in 1962, in England and he lives in Lincolnshire.'

'When we used to come to Kintyre, for holidays as children, we joked that we would need to bring George's passport to allow him across the border.'

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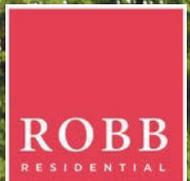
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Cancer charity heroes are in need of more volunteers

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Some of Kintyre's most dedicated charity fundraisers are looking for volunteers to join their award-winning group.

The Kintyre branch of Macmillan Cancer Support, one of the UK's largest charities, providing specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer, needs more people to support its 16 regular volunteers.

Events throughout the calendar raise an average of £12,000 to £14,000 a year.

The group, which fund-raised for the Sunshine Room, a palliative care suite at Campbeltown Hospital, hosts two bingo nights and about three coffee mornings a year, including The World's Biggest Coffee Morning – one of Macmillan's biggest fund-raising events nationally.

Each June, the group has a grand raffle and volunteers also help run a charity competition at Machrihanish Golf Club, where money is raised from a raffle and a club donation.

A big event, usually in November, is Thoughts of Christmas, with two demonstrations and a supper includ-

ing a glass of wine. It is very well supported, as are all the events, for which the group is 'eternally grateful'.

The Kintyre branch was represented by a former chairperson at an awards ceremony in York a few years ago, where it was recognised for the work its volunteers do, and the amount of money they raise.

Another awards ceremony for which the group was nominated was held at Buckingham Palace and attended by two committee members.

Specialist

The money raised is sent to a central Macmillan Cancer Support bank, to fund specialist cancer treatment facilities including the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre, where many Kintyre people receive treatment, while some comes back to support local initiatives.

Kintyre committee chairperson Wilma Stevenson told the Courier: 'We really urgently need some new volunteers to help us carry out this worthwhile work for many more years to come.'

'We have a lovely community of regular supporters and it is amazing what we can achieve when we work



Wilma Stevenson, second left, joins fellow volunteers Valerie Graham, Janice Mcshannon and Sheena Ramsay in the kitchen at a previous coffee morning. 50_c38macmillan03

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The group's next coffee morning is in Kirk Street Hall,

tomorrow (Saturday) from 10am to noon.



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Council to consult on new waste strategy

Consultation is to start on a waste strategy to meet the government ban on biodegradable municipal waste (BMW) going to landfill which comes into operation in 2021.

From 2021, any waste capable of undergoing anaerobic or aerobic decomposition, such as food, garden waste, and paper and cardboard will be banned from landfill.

To meet the demands of the new legislation, the council, businesses, community and visitors will have to work together to increase recycling, reduce waste and prevent it in the first place.

The waste strategy will outline some of the approaches that can be made to reduce waste across the area.

It will offer solutions as to how the council can meet the challenges raised by the landfill ban, felt more keenly in a rural and island area of over 2,712 square miles – more than 4.5 times the size of London.

Separate solutions

There will need to be separate solutions for different areas – islands, mainland and Helensburgh and Lomond.

Another factor to be considered is the introduction of a Scottish deposit return scheme for drinks containers.

With the waste strategy set to be complete in September 2019, consultation on the draft will begin in April and run for six weeks.

Councillor Roddy McCuish, roads and amenities leader, said: 'I would urge people to take part in the consultation, which will be promoted through social media and our community councils.

'This is something that affects everyone.

'From reducing waste in homes and businesses, to improving our recycling efforts, and the disposal services offered by the council, we all play an important role.

'The ambitious targets facing us can't be achieved in isolation.'

For more information on reducing waste go to: www.zerowastescotland.org.uk.



Workmen scraping off the old surface last week. 25_c10hutcheonroad01

Council contracted to fix town road

Workmen surface-scraped Hutcheon Road leading to the Grammar School as part of an upgrading project.

Last Tuesday, Argyll and Bute Council road menders resurfaced the length of Hutcheon Road from Kilkerran Road

to Campbeltown Grammar School's entrance.

The work was part of the contract to build the new school which opened in February 2018.

An Argyll and Bute spokesperson said:

'The council had been sub-contracted by the contractors at Campbeltown Grammar School to undertake some repairs at Hutcheon Road.

'This is in fact generating income for the council.'

Driver who crashed into garden escapes ban

A man who crashed into a garden after driving carelessly and at excessive speed has avoided losing his licence.

Stewart Mathieson, 29, of Torchoillean Farm, Drumlemble, lost control of his car on a corner of the B842, at Arden Lea, at 10.30pm on September 15

last year, while it was raining heavily.

His car left the road, collided with 20m of fencing and went through a hedge, coming to rest in a residential garden, causing extensive damage.

Mathieson knocked on the home owner's door, who invited him inside due to the

weather. After contacting his family, he went back to the corner with a brush to clear the debris which was gone when police arrived.

Did not realise

Representing himself in court, Mathieson said he did not realise how much harm he could do to himself and

others and that he has a part-time job which requires him to have a licence.

Imposing seven penalty points and a £400 fine, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said Mathieson's efforts to clear up the scene and plans to repair the fencing are reasons he was not disqualified.

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Ashleigh Conner in a truck's driving seat. 25_c11apprentice03

Words and photographs
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A former Campbeltown Grammar School girl is leading the way for women as one of two female Argyll and Bute Council vehicle apprentices.

Ashleigh Conner, 20, is described by her ultimate boss, the council's fleet manager, Sandra Black, 60, also from Campbeltown and based in the Roading depot, as a 'mini-me'.

Across the top of all the garage's Campbeltown computer screens is a label the apprentice mechanics have made up, which states: 'Mrs Black's Boys and Girl.'

Ashleigh has always taken a keen interest in all things mechanical and is following in her father David Conner's footsteps. He is Kintyre Recycling Ltd's transport manager and is based next door in Glebe Street.

Last week Ashleigh, who recently passed her heavy goods vehicle test, joined Mrs Black to give S4 presentations about apprenticeships at the

Grammar School. Before the talks, Ashleigh, who is also a retained firefighter and is sometimes seen driving a fire tender in town, said: 'I worked in Co-op for a year before starting the four-year apprenticeship with the council in November 2017.'

'In sixth year at school, I had taken an engineering course with Argyll College and I loved every minute.'

'Every day I am buzzing and never think in the morning: "Oh no! I don't want to go to work."'

'In Campbeltown, there are at least 30 vehicles to service, including minibuses, bin lorries and trucks.'

'In addition, one day a week I have to get up early to catch the first ferry from Kennacraig to go to Islay where the council maintains a fleet of vehicles.'

Mrs Black added: 'The council has 17 mechanics and vehicle depots on its islands as well as in Lochgilphead, Dunoon, Helensburgh and Oban.'

Things were very different when Mrs Black left school

and she said: 'My father, a farmer, passed away when I was 13 and my life changed.'

'I first worked as a catering assistant and subsequently worked 20 years in catering before taking part in an Argyll and Bute Council scheme called Grow Your Own.'

'It was similar to an apprenticeship but for older people who the council wanted to develop.'

Qualifications

In addition to the many qualifications, taken at night school, for her current role, Mrs Black holds a certificate of professional competence in national and international haulage.

Ashleigh is also learning the theory of vehicle maintenance and once every six weeks attends block release courses in Glasgow.

There she joins the council's other female vehicle apprentice, Kelly Crawford, from Lochgilphead and nine lads at GTG Training.

It is the first time GTG, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Arnold Clark, has taken

on female apprentices but Ashleigh says: 'We don't get treated any differently to the boys and so far I have passed everything.'

'There is lots of additional study needed outside the classroom.'

'It is very technical at college and much more in-depth. For instance, we might learn about how an air brake works.'

'At work we know a part is broken or needs fixing and that is what we mend.'

Chargehand mechanic Michael Renton supervises all tasks allocated to Ashleigh.

Mr Renton said: 'Ashleigh is very capable at everything. Sometimes we have people on work experience who say they don't want to do some things.'

Ashleigh added: 'No one thing is my favourite, it is all interesting and every day is different.'

'On my very first day I had to get into the back of a bin lorry because the sensors were faulty.'

Giving advice to S4 pupils, Ashleigh said: 'As an apprentice you have the benefit of being paid while learning.'

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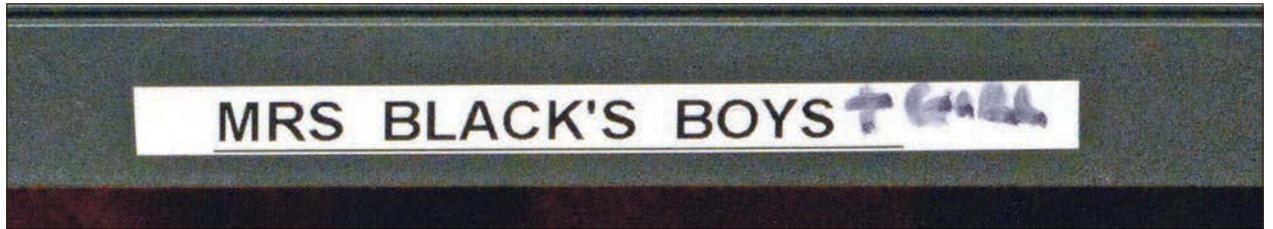
Argyll and Bute Council HGV mechanical apprentice Ashleigh Conner, 20, checks a truck wheel from the garage pit. 25_c11apprentice04



Checking a truck's tyre pressures. 25_c11apprentice07



Ashleigh torques up wheel nuts. 25_c11apprentice08



The sign on all Argyll and Bute's fleet computers. 25_c11apprentice01



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Keith's newsagents' refit is a family affair

Words and photographs by Mark Davey
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An octogenarian and his 20-year-old grandson are re-fitting part of a Main Street shop.

Last Saturday, George



The refurbished and slabbed deck. 25_c11keiths02

McMillan, 88, assisted his young relative Bradley McMillan as the pair installed wall-hung retail gondolas for fancy gift bags.

Mr McMillan senior was a Argyll colliery coal miner, until the pit closed in 1967 when he took over a fish and chip shop. For the past 43 years, he has managed Keith's Newsagents, at 22 to 24 Main Street, which originally opened about 110 years ago.

The staunch Labour Party member, who was both a Campbeltown town and Strathclyde regional councillor was told at the start of his business career that a 'Labour man would not be able to run a business'.

Last June, the Courier reported that, after years of battling water ingress through the decking above his shop, Mr McMillan had joined a £625,000 repair scheme.

In 2014, he joined forces

with other tenants and owners to form the Main and Longrow South Property Owners Association, which includes Wyvex Media Ltd, the Courier's parent company, to bid for cash from Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and Argyll and Bute Council.

The project, following 10 to 14 McLean Place, was the latest part of the Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS).

Scaffolding

Building work, by Glasgow conservation specialists John Fulton (Plumbers) Ltd, started during May last year and the scaffolding came down at the start of January, following roof and decking repairs.

Last week Mr McMillan's shop frontage was repainted and he started refurbishing the interior, at the rear of the shop, which had been closed off for the building works.



George McMillan and his grandson Bradley McMillan during work in the shop on Saturday afternoon. 25_c11keiths01 Inset: a rotten deck beam above Mr McMillan's shop.



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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Seahorses frontman to headline songwriters' festival

The former frontman of the band founded by Stone Roses guitarist John Squire will headline this year's Kintyre Songwriters' Festival.

Chris Helme, who usually travels to his shows by train,

is making an exception to perform at the 12th annual celebration of singing and songwriting, this year from Friday May 3 to Sunday May 5.

The Seahorses have sup-

ported The Rolling Stones and U2, and enjoyed four UK top 20 hits and a Scottish number one in the late 1990s including Love Is The Law, Blinded By The Sun and Love Me And Leave Me, co-written with Liam Gallagher of Oasis.

York-based Chris, who now travels the UK performing solo material, will join musicians from Kintyre and further afield at Campbeltown Town Hall on the final day of the festival.

Winners of the Billy Kelly Songwriting Award and the Burnsong Songwriting Award 2007, Dumb Instrument bring the songs of Tom Murray to life.

The band is perhaps best known for its single Suffering

From Scottishness, which was adopted by the Scottish independence referendum's Yes campaign.

Djana Gabrielle is a French-Cameroonian singer/songwriter who won the prestigious Danny Kyle Award at Celtic Connections in January this year.

After graduating from law school, she travelled extensively before moving to Paris to focus on music and started playing small gigs around the city.

Kintyre acts performing at the town hall on Sunday include Gullion, Judith Jones, Under Smoke, Thomas Jordan and Jenni Martin.

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Machrihanish Bay has just missed out on being named Beach of the Year.

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After a long and detailed judging process to determine the shortlist for each category, the magazine's readers

and website visitors were given a month to vote for their favourites, with winners announced last week.

The magazine's editor, Fergus Collins, said: 'Congratulations to each of the winners – and all the people and places who were shortlisted.'

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Westport beach looking towards Machrihanish Bay.
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Folk duo's love and life song feast

by Mark Davey
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In a change of venue, Ardshiel Hotel's packed Arran lounge created an intimate evening for a pair of folk singers.

The duo Gill Halliday and Chris Sesar backed clever lyrics with wind instruments and the guitar.

Neither had played Campbeltown in the past, despite extensively touring Scotland since it became Chris's adoptive home more than two decades ago.

They soon warmed to the receptive audience who equally appreciated the chance to hear singer-songwriters performing largely their own material.

Chris spoke about the act of falling in and out of love and said: 'Mathematically, I think there should be as many falling in love songs as there are

falling out but sometimes the maths do not work.

'A disproportionate number of sad songs get written so to start we will have to get one of them out of the way.'



Chris Sesar picks out a song. 25_c11ceolcampbeltown24

Gill said that the audience should be aware it was not her with whom Chris was falling in and out of love.

Introducing another song, Gill revealed how both of them had wanted to join a circus when they grew up. She said: 'Chris wanted to be

a juggler but I just wanted to be a lion.'

Gill's teenage son, who was not named, was the subject of a number of songs about bringing up teenagers.

Introducing the first song about him, Gill said: 'When you first realise that you are going to have a "bundle of joy" in your arms, you think this is going to be the most amazing thing.'

Gill added when they are aged two, and lying on the supermarket floor bawling their head off, the reality is somewhat different.

'In their teenage years, they grow horns,' Gill added.

Chris said: 'He's a good boy and a real inspiration.'

Gill said: 'I have a young daughter too and recently, after she attended a concert, she wanted to know why there was not a song about her.'



Gill Halliday and Chris Sesar share a mic. 25_c11ceolcampbeltown25

Following a short interval, the duo sang a song about Raasay.

They introduced it by talking of a family holiday when a child kept asking: 'What are we going to do now?' The parents asked themselves the same question when, exhausted, they finally got the children to bed at 11pm.

The second half also saw the pair move briefly into political territory with a protest song about the man in the White House.

Overall, the songs, despite the sometimes sad themes, were inspiring and uplifting.

Their musicianship was well rehearsed and virtually flawless except when Chris's

guitar occasionally went off tune. Although many would have liked to buy a disc, at the close, it was quite refreshing when Gill said: 'If you want to hear more you have to look us up online as we don't have any CDs for sale.'

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The fun, for teams of four, although singles, duos and trios are welcome too, starts at Campbeltown Bowling Club from 7.30pm.

An SCDA spokesperson said: 'After staging a very successful 70th drama festival, funds have been depleted.'

'Teams of four are normally the script but don't worry if you can't form a team of four, as individuals, duos, and trios are also very welcome.'

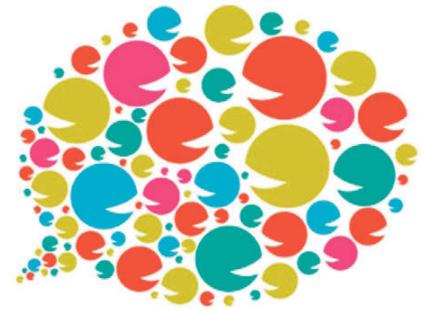
'Helen will ask an eclectic mix of questions, so it is guaranteed to be a fun-filled evening.'

'There will be a prize for the winning team as well as a booby for the team finishing last.'

'Lots of nibbles, drinks and a raffle will help with brain function.'



Helen Gilchrist on the microphone at last year's regatta. 25_c32regatta06



Mental health's Walk a mile in my Shoes

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers and Campbeltown's Link Club have joined forces to challenge the stigma of mental health discrimination.

PC Karen Cairns and Link Club organiser Tracy Chambers will run an event titled Walk a mile in my Shoes on Saturday April 6.

During a mile-long walk, starting from the Esplanade war memorial at noon, it is hoped participants will strike up conversations challenging mental health stigma 'one conversation at a time'.

The walk is supported

by See Me Scotland's programme to end mental health stigma and discrimination.

Walkers will head towards Jock's boat from the war memorial, across towards the Ardsheil, down by the White Hart and finish at the Town Hall for afternoon tea and cake and hopefully a buffet.

PC Cairns said: 'PSYV will be helping out and we are hoping to get as many people as possible wearing the See Me slogan T-shirts.'

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Join the fun

CPH spokeswoman Ailsa MacKenzie said: 'To join the fun make a window or garden display from fairy lights to a band in your living room, simple to spectacular - it's completely up

to you as anything goes. It's easy to do, fun to participate in and open to everyone and all windows - house, car, boat, caravan, at home, work, shops or school - are welcome.

'Our theme this year is The Sea but don't let that put you off doing whatever you want to do - it's just a starting point for inspiration.

'Anything goes as long as it's PG rated.'

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Richard E Grant and Melissa McCarthy in a still from the film.

Can You Ever Forgive Me? One night only...

The latest in Campbeltown Picture House's distilled series, for one night only, is Can You Ever Forgive Me?

Melissa McCarthy stars in the adaptation of the memoir Can You Ever Forgive Me? being screened at 7.45pm on Monday March 18.

It is the true story of best-selling celebrity biographer (and friend to cats) Lee Israel who made her living in the 1970s and 1980s profiling the likes of Katharine Hepburn, Tallulah Bankhead, Estee Lauder and journalist Dorothy Kilgallen.

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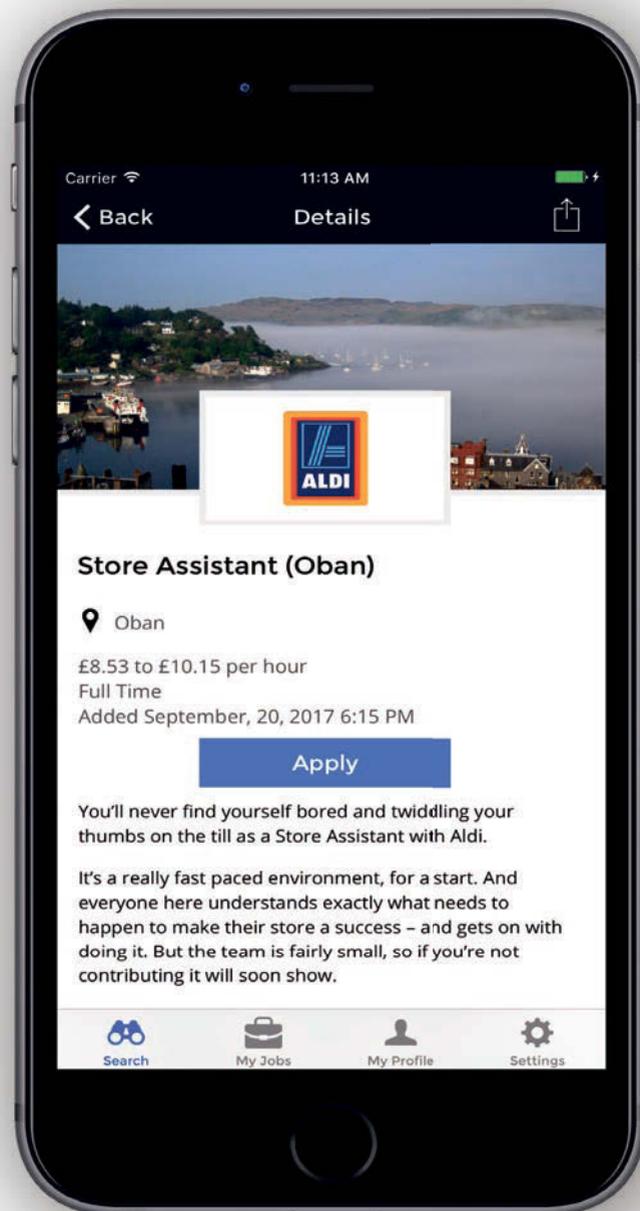


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A summary of the proposals are as follows:-

1. Introduction of all year round parking charges in the car parks that already have seasonal parking charges.
2. Inclusion of the south section of the Avenue Car Park within the order to allow control of its use. This section of car park will remain free to cars however all other provisions of the traffic order will apply.

Full details of the proposals, together with a Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Traffic Regulation Order can be inspected by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/trafficorders or viewed during normal office hours at the offices of:

- (i) Inveraray Post Office, Londis Store, Inveraray;
- (ii) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead;
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It was highly commended by the organisers and subsequently displayed at Glasgow School of Art.

An SWI spokesperson said: 'Following her most interesting talk, Mrs Macrae kindly judged the evening's competition.'

The results were: baking a lemon drizzle cake: Mrs D Roberts and Mrs S Turner - gold, Mrs L Fell, Mrs P Fair, Mrs M McKinnon - silver. Handicraft: a greeting's card: Mrs M Campbell and Mrs M McKinnon - gold and Mrs L Fell - red.

CARRADALE

Carradale police officer will not be replaced

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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It was revealed at an East Kintyre Community Council (EKCC) meeting that Carradale will lose its police office.

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, area commander for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, said that given the area's low number of calls to police and subsequent crime reports, an office in the village could not be justified.

The decision comes after the last officer to man the station, which includes accommodation, transferred out of the area.

At last Thursday's meeting, CI Baillie revealed that in the past year, there were 36 calls to police, averaging three a month.

The reasons for the calls

ranged from a lost dog and a dead sheep washed up on the beach to a lorry stuck on the road.

She said none of the calls required an 'immediate response', therefore an officer was not required at the office.

The crime reports revealed that there was, on average, one crime committed a month and most were deemed 'low level'.

CI Baillie said: 'We really cannot justify putting additional resources into that post.'

From November 2017 to January 2018, Police Scotland carried out a public consultation on the disposal of 53 police premises which were 'no longer required'.

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands offices under review at the time were Inveraray, Tarbert and Tainuill.



Chief inspector Marlene Baillie.

As a result of the consultation, 49 properties, including the offices and attached police houses in all three villages, were put up for sale.

Ms Baillie assured members of EKCC and the Carradale public that their needs would be taken into account when future policing decisions are made.

Asked if Carradale could have a designated community officer from Campbeltown police office, CI Baillie said that it was a possibility and that surgeries may also be held to keep in touch with the community.



Carradale police office.
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Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

I overheard someone saying: 'I'm not religious but Lent is a good time to give up something in your diet.'

It made me wonder why someone would choose the period of Lent for that purpose. Why not give up something at any time if Lent is irrelevant?

For centuries, Christians have chosen to deny themselves things they enjoy on their journey during Lent. This usually takes the form of chocolate or alcohol or whatever luxury would be sorely missed.

It is a time of abstinence and is meant to focus attention on the spiritual journey as we walk the Easter road once again.

However, it is becoming more popular now to take something on, rather than give something up.

People engage in various activities from committing to write a letter to a prisoner of conscience every day via Amnesty International, to serving in a soup kitchen.

There is much we can do in this world - a world in danger from climate change, war, abuse of power and general disregard for the fragility of the planet.

Online petitions flood into our mailboxes every day asking us to sign them for a multitude of worthy causes, and it is difficult to keep up with it all.

However, maybe we could make a decision this Lent to focus on one of these issues, and make a personal resolution to do something to help.

As we think of Jesus taking on the power of the Roman army and the might of the establishment, we know that even one person can make a difference.

Yes, that one person was Jesus. But didn't he promise to send his spirit to be with us - to make a difference?

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

God says, 'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease' (Genesis 8:22).

BIRTHS

TOMLINSON - On February 24, 2019, to Stephen and Jenny (Shaw), a beautiful daughter, Mollie Louise. A sister for Skye and James, a fifth grandchild for Wendy and Ron Shaw, Smailholm, and an eighth grandchild for Betty and David Tomlinson, Lochgilphead.

DEATHS

HUNTER - On March 8, 2019, peacefully at home, after a short illness, John, in his 81st year, beloved husband of Jess, much loved father of Steven and Michael, and a dearly loved grandfather. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, today, Friday, March 15 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers

only please, donations if desired to Tarbert Nursing Aid.

MACMILLAN - Peacefully at St Raphael Hospice, near Wallington, on Friday, March 8, 2019, after a long illness bravely borne, Tina, aged 63, dearly loved and loving wife of Francis, much loved mother of Cara and step-mother of Debbie and Paul, devoted grandmother, and beloved daughter-in-law of the late Rose and Willie MacMillan, Kilmichael Glassary. Dearly loved sister-in-law, niece, aunt and cousin. Sadly missed.

MARLIN - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on March 8, 2019, Margaret Marlin (Peggy), in her 84th year, formerly of Craigenreoch, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Marlin.

WRIGHT - On March 9, 2019, suddenly but peacefully, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, Patricia (Tish) Wright, in her 75th year, beloved wife of Alasdair and much loved aunt of Tom and Alice. Funeral service at Kilmalmonell

Parish Church, Clachan, on Friday, March 22 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Clachan Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the Labrador Lifeline Trust.

IN MEMORIAM

CLARK - In loving memory of our dear father, John, who died, February 1977, and our dear mother Peggy, who died March, 1993. Always in our thoughts.

- Janette and Ian, Ardrishaig and Dunbeg.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our son, Alasdair John MacDougall, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. Alasdair, you should be here, still find it so difficult that you're not.

Why are the good guys taken? Love and miss you always.

- See you later, Mum and Dad xxx.

MACDOUGALL - Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure,

You are loved beyond words, And missed beyond measure!

Always in our thoughts. - Nikki, Mhairi, Codi and Esmée xxx.

- Keli and Neily xxx.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of Alasdair, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007. Memories are a gift to treasure,

Ours of you will last forever. - From all the family in Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead and Ayrshire xxx.

MCALLISTER - In loving memory of my husband, Roderick, who died March 18, 2013. Always in our hearts.

- Mary and family.

MCGEACHY - In loving memory of Margaret. Always in my thoughts. Forever in my heart.

Aye fond kiss. - Leslie.

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CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Sunday 17th March 2019
Cumlodden and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Cumlodden Church - 10.00am
Service will be taken by the Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church - 11.30am
Service will be taken by the Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

Highland Parish Church

SC002493
Sunday 17th March 2019
The service will be conducted by Rev David Carruthers and will be held in the church at 11.15am
Sunday 24th March
Annual Stated Meeting
Session Meeting in James Angus Room at 10.30am
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George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 17th March
11.15am Worship Service
Rev David Parker
11.15am Sunday School
3.00pm Christianity Explored
Wednesday 20th March
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Water of Life Cafe
Sunday 24th March
3.00pm Christianity Explored
All Welcome
All Rodger Crooks' sermons can be found through our website:
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Saturday 16th March
Guild Sale of Work
Church Hall 2.00pm
Sunday 17th March
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev W Crossan
Tuesday 19th March
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 21st March
Choir Practice
Friday 22nd March
Lunch Club 12.00 noon

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES
Christ Church
Bishopton Road,
Lochgilphead
(SC013787)
Sundays 11.00am
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3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
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Sunday 17th March
Second Sunday of Lent
Holy Communion 10.45am
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Church of Scotland
Sunday 17th March 2019
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Dr John L Morrison OBE
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Margaret Sinclair
Monday 18th March 2019
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
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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
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ST. KIERAN R.C. ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 17th March
10am Morning Worship
Inverlussa Church
Saturday 16th March
Achnamara Hall
Cafe Connect
10.30am - 12.30pm
All welcome
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Kilmartin
Sunday 17th March 2019
11.30am
Service will be taken by Rev Robert MacLeod
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Sunday 17th March
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The Ark
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Saturday 16th March
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Machrihanish Golf Club members approve plans

Members of one of the world's most historic golf clubs voted heavily in favour of a clubhouse design by Glasgow firm G1 architects.

Machrihanish Golf Club's clubhouse was completely burned down in a devastating fire on December 19 last year, which also destroyed the family home of its steward.

A club extraordinary general meeting was held on March 1 in the Argyll Arms Hotel, attended by 137 members, of whom 117 had voting rights.

The club committee put forward proposals by Glasgow architects G1 and 109 members voted in favour of the principle design, five against and there were three abstentions.

At the meeting a sub-committee, which will administer the club's side

of the project and see it through the two-year build period, was formally announced.

The sub-committee is the current captain Calum MacMillan, vice-captain Willie Ross, Keith Crawford and Willie Livingstone.

Professionals

G1 will project manage and employ the necessary professionals to see the project through.

Speaking exclusively to the Courier, Calum MacMillan said: 'We hope to be open by or before December 9, 2020, as the club has a two business interruption insurance policy.'

'The architects are already working day, night and at weekends.'

'In the new clubhouse everyone will be in together. It is the perfect



McFadyens Contractors have demolished the Machrihanish clubhouse. In the background, right, are portable changing facilities. 50_c11machgolf02



An artist's impression of the new clubhouse.

opportunity to make everyone feel part of the club, with ladies, gents and juniors in one clubhouse.

'It will have a lift and accessible toilets and showers. In future, for every 20 car parking spaces we will require one accessible space.'

'We hope to have access at the front of the building.'

'The current design is a principle one but it is open to change, the club's constitution says that if there are substantial changes to the clubhouse or course there must be an EGM.'

Insurance

A portable unit village has been erected behind the ladies' clubhouse paid for through the club's insurance and it has 260 lockers, changing facilities, an office and a meeting room.

Mr MacMillan added: 'We would like to give particular thanks to McFadyens Contractors for their professional work and their quotation at a very competitive price.'

Temporary

'We are constructing a temporary car park across the back wall which McFadyens will start in the near future.'

'We also want to thank the Argyll Arms for hosting the EGM and G1 Architects for their excellent presentation.'

Next Saturday the Machrihanish 2019 season kicks off with the Peace Cup, a medal play for gents, ladies and juniors.

The club's annual general meeting is on Friday April 5 at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown.

'Dale see signs of recovery in tough conditions

Carradale	1
Glasgow University B	3
GGFL Division 2	

After a series of heavy defeats, partly due to injuries, Carradale performed very well against a side second in the league and looking for promotion.

Carradale chose to play with the strong wind in the first half and pressed forward with the advantage it gave.

Early on DJ slipped a ball through to Nanek who beat the keeper only to see the ball slam into the post and the danger was cleared.

'Dale played a high line attacking position, but with all credit to Glasgow University they passed the ball round and were always a

danger on the break. 'Dale had three free kicks from corners of the box but none disturbed the opposition keeper.

Midway through the first half a lull in the weather gave Glasgow a chance and slick passing manoeuvres, with eight players involved in each finished with Deans scoring from 12 yards out in the 29th minute.

The Kintyre side were very unfortunate not to equalise a minute later, when Elliot Gemmill, on the right wing, cut inside the full-back and his first time effort, from the corner of the box, came crashing off the crossbar.

The McFadyens Transport-sponsored 'Dale finally equalised in the 37th minute, again the students were playing from the back but DJ

took full advantage. He scored with a thumping shot into the back of the net having dispossessed the keeper.



David Johnstone scored for Carradale.

On the stroke of half-time Matthew Lang, playing with Nanek, had a chance to put 'Dale ahead but the keeper saved the shot.

Carradale knew they would be under pressure from the well-drilled university side, when playing against the wind and tried to play a high level going into the second half.

But the away side caught them offside. Craig Galbraith worked well playing with, eventual man of the match, Calum Johnson, for the first time.

In the 59th minute there was a skirmish in the box after a corner, Johnson cleared the ball but it ricocheted off the incoming player into the net.

The Glasgow students had more possession with the wind advantage. With 18 minutes left, a tremendous

fingertip save by Neil McMillan pushed the ball over the bar.

With four minutes left, the away side put the game beyond 'Dale's reach when Matthew Lamont tried to clear a corner shot but unfortunately scored an own goal.

In high winds and driving rain, the game fizzled out.

Both sides had played well in the conditions and kept the ball on the deck. In addition referee Archie Mitchell said it was an easy game to ref with no bad tackles.

The match ball was sponsored by Wee Toon Sports and a Carradale spokesperson thanked Food for Thought for the post-match hospitality.

Tomorrow Carradale travel to Helensburgh for an early kick-off at noon.



The new match secretary, Steven Dickson, presented the trophy and prizes. From left: Alex Black, David Brown, Archie Johnston, Gavin Semple, Hugh McCorkindale, Ryan Johnston, Bobby Dalziel and Robert Todd.

Indoor carpet bowls ends at Stronvaar

Amid all the prize bingo and quiz sessions at Campbeltown Bowling Club, Stronvaar members have fitted in a winter of carpet bowling.

As the indoor season comes to a close, last week the club hosted its open pairs competition sponsored by Andrew Thompson Plastering and Decorating.

Two round robin sections of six games were played on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The qualifiers contesting the semi-finals were: Alex Black and

David Brown, Archie and Ryan Johnston, Hugh McCorkindale and Gavin Semple and Robert Todd and newly elected president Bobby Dalziel.

Hugh and Gavin and Robert and Bobby emerged as finalists.

The opening ends of the final were very close until the sixth end.

When Hugh and Gavin took a four-shot lead, it allowed them to settle for losing single shots, in the last three ends, to win the Archie and Fiona Smith Cup by a single shot.

Darts man's triple 180 lands league singles

There was a good entry for the popular league singles and great darts especially in the semi-finals and the final.

The matches at the Kilbrannan last Monday saw semi-finals between Charles Robertson and Ryan Deans and Jamie McGougan verses Gavin McLachlan.

Charles and Jamie went on to the final and, after a close match, Jamie took the singles title.

Jamie scored three 180s and a 150 finish during the evening, Charles 180 and 120 finish, Gavin 180 and Alan Glen a finish of 115.

A Campbeltown darts spokesperson said: "Thanks to the Kilbrannan for the use of the venue and providing the prizes."



Left: the winner, Jamie McGougan, and runner-up, Charles Robertson.



Winners, runners-up, beaten semi-finalists and sponsor.

Argyll Bowling Club's indoor open pairs

A hard-fought game in the finals of Argyll Bowling Club's indoor open pairs required an extra end to decide the winners.

Last month's competition winners were David Reid and Gavin McLachlan, who beat Malcolm Maguire and Kathleen McGougan.

A club spokesperson said: "Thanks to all the competitors and everyone involved in making sure the competition ran smoothly. Special thanks to AM Transport for its generous sponsorship of the competition."

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LAST WEEK'S SHINTY BALL WAS HERE...



The two entries who got nearest the ball and each receive £25 are:

G Roberts
Isle of Islay
J Daye
Ardrishaig



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Machrihanish Golf Club
members approve plans

Runners across the world train for MOKRUN 2019

by Mark Davey
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Runners around the world are in training for Kintyre's largest mass participation athletics event.

With only nine weeks to go before MOKRUN weekend on May 25 and 26, runners young and mature, both at home in Campbeltown and abroad, are in training for the 10k and half-marathon.

As in previous years, the juniors will race on the Saturday with the adult 10k and half-marathon races on the Sunday.

The traditional ceilidh for all ages will complete the proceedings on the Sunday evening. All the race places are full, but a few tickets are still available for the ceilidh.



Main photograph: MOK runner Holly Hardie, a dairy farmer from Lansing, New York, shows that it is important to put in the training, even in the snow; and right, MOK runners Skip and Holly Hardie in Lansing, New York.



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Sunday 31st March

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