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# Rhona petitions for changes to flat head syndrome treatment

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A former Campbeltown woman is petitioning the UK government for changes to screening and treatment of flat head syndrome ahead of International Plagiocephaly Awareness Day on April 4.

Rhona Kench's son, James, was born with a condition called congenital muscular torticollis which meant he could not turn his head as the muscles on one side of his neck had not developed properly.

Rhona, who grew up in Campbeltown but is now a therapeutic radiographer in Oxford, is campaigning for better awareness of plagiocephaly, which James developed as a result of his condition, and its proper treatment.

She told the Courier: 'I was told by my GP and health visitors that in time, the torticollis would improve on its own.'

'We had a chance meeting with a physiotherapist who was extremely concerned that we had been given this advice and she referred us for urgent physiotherapy, which we have been attending weekly since my son was six weeks old.'

'His neck movement is slowly improving but as a result of this, he developed plagiocephaly, also known as flat head syndrome.'

Rhona and her husband Nick were also told that this condition would improve itself over time but sought a private opinion when James's head gradually became more and more uneven, to the point that his eyes and ears were growing in opposite directions.

'We ended up paying privately for my son to wear a corrective helmet,' Rhona said. 'This treatment is not currently available on the NHS as it is seen as a cosmetic procedure.'

James is now nine and a half months old and, with his helmet therapy almost finished, is making 'fantastic progress' with ongoing physiotherapy for his neck as he grows.

Rhona started an Instagram account, @jamesplagiojourney, to document the family's experience through physiotherapy and helmet therapy and to raise awareness of flat head syndrome.

She made contact with three other 'helmet mummies' in the UK and together they have started a campaign,

petitioning the government for change, as currently no screening, action plan or stratified pathway exists for babies who are affected by the condition.

Rhona said: 'We would like the NHS to educate primary care teams – health visitors and GPs – on diagnosis, prevention and treatment of flat head syndrome to ensure that other babies do not have to go through what ours have.'

'If the condition is nipped in the bud, helmet therapy is not needed. We'd love to be able to empower more parents to advocate for their children and speak up if they have concerns and feel like the advice they have received is not adequate.'

James has visited Campbeltown to spend time with Rhona's parents, Moria and Willie Watson, who live on Limecraigs Road, and has participated in some of the town's toddler groups so people may have seen him about the town.

To find out more about Rhona's campaign, visit Facebook page 'Plagiocephaly: Action for change UK' or visit <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/239812> to sign the petition.

James is making 'fantastic progress' through helmet therapy.



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# Teen becomes director of island heritage trust

Few 19-year-olds can claim to be on the board of an organisation with multi-million pound assets, but one who can is Gigha's Brandon Clements.

He has just become a director of the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust (IGHT), the community-led body which completed the historic buyout of the island in 2002.

## Returned

Brandon left the island on which he grew up to study software development in Glasgow, but returned to save some money and now works on one of the island's two fish farms.

He is on a mission to persuade others of a similar age to build their lives on Gigha



Brandon Clements.

to counter its ageing profile.

Brandon said: 'I decided to join the IGHT to see what we can do to keep some of my

age group on the island, or persuade other young people to return or come here.

'Like lots of island com-

munities, the population is getting older. This is an issue in itself, as we need to make sure we have the right services and help to make sure they can stay on the island if they want.

'However, we also need young people to fill the jobs, provide the care, keep the school and shop and hotel open and make Gigha a better place to live.'

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust bought the island in 2002 for just more than £4 million. It repaid a £1 million loan to the Scottish Land Fund more than 15 years ago, as part of a £3.5 million support package. The IGHT's portfolio of assets has been valued at £7.5 million.



Award-winner Pat McPherson bumped into Paddington Bear at the World's Marmalade Awards.

## Jammy awards for Kintyre Preserves

A former modern languages teacher who found a second career making preserves in her retirement has received four awards in an international marmalade competition.

Pat McPherson, the woman behind Kintyre Preserves, won two golds, a silver and a bronze from four entries to the World's Original Marmalade Awards.

Golds were awarded for Pat's lime and lemon marmalade and Seville orange marmalade, the silver was for her orange and lemon marmalade, and the bronze was for her three fruit marmalade.

Pat, who bumped into arguably the most iconic lover of marmalade, Paddington Bear, while at the awards ceremony in Cumbria, told the Courier she was 'thrilled to bits' to receive the accolades.

She said: 'I received an email inviting me to the gold winners' reception at Dalemain Mansion. It was lovely chatting to gold winners from Taiwan, Japan, Europe and America, etc.'

Pat's preserves are available from several local outlets as well as regular Kintyre Crafters Group markets.



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## ACHA is calling all green-fingered tenants

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) is seeking its green-fingered tenants to enter its annual Garden in Bloom competition.

Entries to the competition, which began in 2010 and has proved popular throughout Mid Argyll and Kintyre, will be welcomed from April 1.

As an opportunity to recognise the hard work and commitment from tenants in maintaining their gardens, residents and neighbours can nominate ACHA gardens from April until July 2019.

Categories include best garden, best container, best allotment and, new for this year, best wildlife garden.

### Nominated garden

Members from Mid Argyll and Kintyre will judge the nominated gardens at their annual general meeting scheduled for August 14.

Winners will receive a trophy and vouchers from a garden centre of their choice.

Betty Rhodick, chairperson of the Mid Argyll and Kintyre Area Committee, said: 'Please take part in the Garden in Bloom competition. It will brighten your garden and your neighbourhood. Give it a try, you never know what you can achieve!'

ACHA is also encouraging entries for the largest sunflower from all pre-five nurseries throughout the area.

Last year's winner was Rosie Hill from Campbeltown Nursery Centre, whose sunflower towered to more than eight feet tall.

For more information or an application form, contact ACHA's Campbeltown office on 01546 605880.



Rosie Hill from Campbeltown Nursery Centre grew the tallest sunflower in 2018.

# Brexit uncertainty is still a major concern for Kintyre

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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Last week, the Courier reported that Campbeltown's whisky bosses were calling for clarity on Brexit.

With uncertainty still looming over Britain's departure from the European Union (EU), scheduled for next Friday, March 29, other Kintyre businesses have expressed concerns.

Georgina Wright, head of sales UK, for Mowi, the company which owns Carradale's salmon farm, told the Courier that the EU is Mowi Scotland's largest foreign market, with France being the biggest within the union.

Ms Wright said: 'A hard Brexit indicates an immediate move to World Trade Organization (WTO) rules and the UK and Scottish governments do not currently have the infrastructure to manage exports under these terms.'

'The Scottish salmon industry is a business that operates seven days a week, which requires government infrastructure to match. The continued lack of clarity is most frustrating but fortunately our sector has a strong Brexit working group which continues to highlight the importance of frictionless trade to both the UK and Scottish governments.'

'Our voice is very important in this discussion as Scottish



Niall Macalister Hall of Beinn an Tuirc Distillers is worried about the implications of a hard Brexit.

salmon is both the UK's and Scotland's single largest food export.'

Ms Wright said the company was not 'overly concerned' about any long-term impact of Brexit since global demand outstrips supply.

She added: 'We have a premium food product that will be sold regardless of Brexit, but a two per cent export tariff under WTO rules is negative and as we have pointed out the UK does not currently have the infrastructure to

manage a no-deal exit.

'At all times we advocate for free trade within the UK, free trade between EU and the UK, and free trade between UK and other countries around the world. The freer the trade, the better the deal - and politicians must be reminded that Brexit is about trade and business, not politics.'

Julie Eastaugh, of Tarbert-based C&J Shellfish, told the Courier that it was a 'worrying time' for the company, which exports to Spain and

France, with Spain as its largest foreign market.

She said: 'We have received so much information from different authorities with regards to new documentation that will be required to be completed for all exports if we leave the EU with no deal.'

'It's all so last minute and no-one really has the answers to how the new systems will work.'

'It is not only going to be time consuming for companies to complete the required documents but also very costly.'

'We do not know at this stage how the shellfish markets will be after March 29 if we are to leave with or without a deal, so it is a worrying time for everyone, in all industries.'

Niall Macalister Hall at Beinn an Tuirc Distillers, which produces Kintyre Gin, also told the Courier that he was worried about the com-

pany's exports as the EU was its biggest foreign market.

He said: 'We have not been trading for a long period, but we are building up the export side of our business which now accounts for around 15 per cent of turnover. This will rise in the next few years, but the rate of the increase will depend on the deal reached, there is to be one.'

Mr Macalister Hall added that a disorderly Brexit would add a lot of administration to the company's workload.

He said: 'We import and export goods, and without having a clear idea of costs and tariffs, it is very difficult to plan ahead.'

As the Courier went to print, it was expected that Prime Minister Theresa May would formally request that Brexit be postponed until June but EU officials said an extension would have to be agreed by all 27 EU member states.

## Road resurfacing requires extra night

Planned resurfacing on the A83 at Stonefield, near Tarbert, will require one additional night to complete.

The scheme, covering almost one kilometre of road, is now expected to run from Sunday March 24 to Thursday March 28 between 7pm and 7am each night, with overnight road closures.

There will be amnesties in place to allow road users through the works at 8pm,

9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am and 4am.

A BEAR Scotland spokesperson said: 'Following feedback from members of the public, an additional amnesty will be provided each morning at 6am in order to accommodate ferry traffic.'



Road resurfacing on the A83 at Stonefield will require an additional night.

## Abusive behaviour

A 56-year-old man was traced and charged after police received a report of a man behaving in an abusive manner in Burnbank Street, Campbeltown, at 2am on Monday March 11.

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# Star songwriters complete their festival line-up

Last week the Courier announced that former Seahorses frontman Chris Helme would headline this year's Kintyre Songwriters Festival.

Chris will rock Campbeltown on the final day of the festival which runs

from Friday May 3 to Sunday May 5.

He joins musicians from across the country at the 12th annual festival which showcases and promotes songwriting talent from Kintyre and further afield.

The festival kicks off with

Friday's famous open stage events in The Commercial Inn, continuing across the weekend.

Hosted by The Twisted Melons and headlined by the Gilchristians, performing songs of festival founder Kenny Gilchrist, the open stage draws singer/songwriters and bands from across the country to perform alongside Kintyre talent.

On Saturday, local acts like The Dubious Blues Band, Gareth Croll, Eddie McGuire, Chris Annetts and newcomers The Endorphins will join the best of Scotland's songwriting talent in Campbeltown Town Hall.

Widely regarded as one of the Scottish folk scene's brightest young talents, Edinburgh-born singer/songwriter Adam Holmes has been compared to John



Adam Holmes.



MALKA is a project by Tamara Schlesinger.



Marc Rooney.

Martyn and has a sound that encompasses Scottish influences and Americana.

Adam performed a headline show with his award-winning folk band, Rura, at the 2013 festival, and this time round will be performing songs from his solo albums with his band, The Embers.

Adding to the line-up, MALKA is the latest project by Tamara Schlesinger, who began her career as the lead singer/songwriter of critically acclaimed indie folk outfit 6 Day Riot.

Following three successful albums which saw her music featured in TV show Skins, Scream 4 and Danny Boyle's 127 Hours, Tamara's solo album, The Procession, also found widespread critical acclaim and was followed by second album, Ratatatat, in 2017.

Glasgow's Zoe Graham, also appearing at the festival, makes utterly charming dream-folk that sticks in the head for days.

Her debut EP Hacket & Knackered has won her a



Zoe Graham.

prestigious support slot with The Proclaimers and at the Stag and Dagger festival in Glasgow.

Saturday's guests are completed by Marc Rooney, who is best known as the frontman of Scottish alternative rockers Pronto Mama who headlined the festival in 2017.

Marc returns this year with a stripped-down show that lets the songs do the talking.

Discounted early bird weekend tickets are available for £35 from Campbeltown Town Hall and AP Taylor, and online from Ticketweb. Individual event tickets are £20.

## Kintyre Medical Group to be sold

Following the Courier's revelation that a planned merger of Kintyre medical practices was doomed, one practice will be sold.

An NHS Highland spokesperson said: 'For a number of years, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) had been working with Campbeltown Medical Practice (CMP) and Kintyre Medical Group (KMG) with a view to forming a federated practice.'

'Following the announcement that CMP will not be progressing with the merger the HSCP has decided to advertise the KMG as an independent practice.'

Donald Watt, locality manager for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay, added: 'I appreciate the upset that this prolonged process has had on the local community.'

'The HSCP is committed to ensuring a safe and sustainable service for the residents served by the KMG, and as such will be advertising this practice shortly.'

'I will continue to keep the communities up to date through communication from

Argyll & Bute  
HSCP

the KMG project steering group which has representation from each location affected by the change.

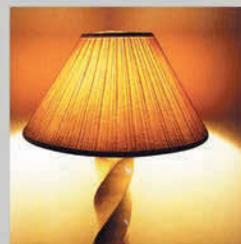
'I would also like to thank the staff within KMG for their ongoing support during this period of change.'

The vast majority of GP practices in Scotland, including CMP, are run by a consortium of GPs however a small number of GP practices are, for a variety of reasons, run directly by the local health board and KMG currently falls into this category.

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# Are dirty road signs in Kintyre dangerous?

Dirt-covered, unclear road signs were cause for concern at the latest East Kintyre Community Council meeting.

Members again voiced their concerns that signs in Carradale and across

Kintyre, particularly at Claonaig, are difficult to decipher and could be a danger to road users.

## Concerns

Particular concerns were raised about 'passing place' signs on the area's

single-track roads which are grubby and corroded.

Councillor Alastair Redman, who was at the recent meeting, said: 'While road repairs and winter maintenance, including gritting, must always take



A corroded 'passing place' sign on one of Kintyre's single-track roads.



One of a number of signs causing concern in the Carradale area.



Unclear signs at Claonaig could be confusing for road users.

priority our road signs must not be left in this poor state.' An Argyll and Bute spokesperson said: 'Road sign

repairs are prioritised when there are safety reasons, for example 'stop' or 'give way' signs.

'Our funding restrictions mean that we will rationalise signage where there is clutter and confusion.'

## Deferred sentence for man who threatened woman

A man who represented himself in court pleaded guilty to behaving in a threatening or abusive manner towards a woman and trashing a house.

Connor Thomas George Francis Miller, 26, of Ciaran Court, Campbeltown, admitted shouting, swearing and acting in an aggressive and intimidating manner towards the woman at the house in which he lived on July 1 last year.

He also admitted damaging items in the house by maliciously repeatedly kicking internal doors, throwing a kitchen table, from which crockery fell, and slamming the back door, causing its glass to smash.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty told the court that Miller returned to the house at 4am and 'for no reason' began shouting and swearing at the woman, grabbed her by the throat and dragged her from the sofa on which she had been sleeping.

As well as damaging the door and crockery, he also pulled the landline telephone cable from the wall.

The incident was reported to police at 7.25am and Miller



Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

was traced nearby and arrested, admitting his abusive behaviour to officers.

Miller, whose mother was terminally ill at the time, told the court: 'You have to bear in mind the situation - my mum was dying in hospital.'

'The house was full with empty wine and vodka bottles. I came back to that and

I lost my temper.' He added that the matter had already been resolved between himself and the woman.

Deferring sentence for six months for Miller to be of good behaviour, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'If the report is good, we can draw a line under it but if not, there could be a custodial sentence.'

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## Volunteers' altruism is admirable

There are various articles in this week's Courier about people giving up their spare time to help others.

From manning stalls and serving refreshments at coffee mornings to completing sponsored walks despite bitterly cold weather, each volunteer acted selflessly.

With such busy lives of their own, the altruism shown by these individuals is admirable and should be commended.

It seems to be the same familiar faces which welcome Courier reporters to events and it makes you wonder when these people take some time for themselves.

Four people registered their interest in volunteering to help the Kintyre branch of Macmillan Cancer Support after an appeal in last week's Courier so hopefully now the volunteering can be shared by a few more people.

This week's front page story, on Rhona Kench's campaign for better awareness and treatment of flat head syndrome, also shows what can be achieved when people care about others.

Rhona has found a treatment she is happy with for her child but she wants to make sure other parents receive the same – good luck to her with her campaign.

## My brother Duncan McGeachy

Sir,

I have something to say about my brother Duncan McGeachy who is 80. At about 8pm, on Monday March 11, in the Fiddlers Inn, he lost the power of his legs. He was not drunk.

My niece came and told me so I went down to the Fiddlers and tried to get him in the car, it was not possible so I called an ambulance.

The lady on the phone said that there would be no ambulance sent for Duncan and we managed to get him in the car.

We took him to my house and put him on the sofa with sheets to keep him warm.

Duncan has dementia and I look after all his affairs. He kept getting up and down and I was with him till about 1.30am, when he fell asleep.

I heard a small noise later and he had slipped off the couch and was lying on the floor on his back.

I put pillows under his head and wrapped him in sheets before going back to bed.

I came down about half an hour later and he was sitting with his back on the fireplace. I put him on the floor again and covered him up.

In the morning I went to the health centre and asked for an ambulance.

He is in hospital now and looks very poorly. If anything happens to him I think it is their fault.

I am going to go on social media with the story and expect some reaction from carers who have similar problems.

What is happening to the old who have no family to look after them?

Samuel McGeachy,  
44 Crosshill Avenue,  
Campbeltown.

## Arran ferry service plea

Sir,

As chairman of the Lochranza and Catacol Community Association on the Isle of Arran I have written to the chief executive of Transport Scotland.

The association has asked him to revisit the recently rejected proposal for a Lochranza to Claonaig winter ferry service.

The association firmly believes that the potential strategic benefits of piloting such a service would, given time, prove highly significant.

Businesses in Arran and Argyll, of all kinds, would benefit greatly, and the through Arran route would open up lines of communication, and closer ties in terms of tourism, transport and infrastructure.

The perceived benefits would be felt on Arran, but more so on the mainland, particularly in Kintyre and Argyll, which have much to gain from an enhanced all-year service.

It is worth mentioning that this service seems, in terms of weather and technical reliability, to have significantly better resilience than the Brodick to Ardrossan service.

Offering a year-round alternative means of getting on and off the island, particularly in unforeseen circumstances, is in the views of many, not only desirable, but essential.

I have copied this letter to other interested parties including the first minister Nicola Sturgeon.

Ken Thorburn,  
Chairman,  
Lochranza and Catacol Community Association.

## Lanzarote meeting result

Sir,

Following recent correspondence in the Courier, March 8, regarding a meeting in Lanzarote, with a gentleman from Campbeltown, I am pleased to say I had an email the day after it was published.

I thank the Courier for making this possible.

I must say that you appear to be providing an excellent local newspaper which, I am sure, is much appreciated within the widely scattered communities it covers.

David Coulston,  
Lancashire.

## Budget winners and losers

Sir,

Another year and another budget for the council and as always there are winners and losers.

I have to congratulate all the officers of the council, particularly Kirsty Flanagan, head of strategic finance and her team, for being so helpful during this process.

I also thank the leader of the council for the manner in which the papers were presented this year which made alternative motions possible.

However what did this year yield?

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## YOUR PICTURES



Steve Partridge has written to thank the Courier for featuring his recently submitted photograph, of a Highland bull, as the picture of the week. Mr Partridge says he has had encouraging feedback, prompting him to submit a further photograph. Once again using his Samsung mobile phone he has snapped the ruins at Braids on the Killean Estate near Tayinloan. It was taken on Sunday February 17 and Mr Partridge used Adobe Photoshop to convert it to black and white to make the shadows more striking.

The main differences in the budget came down to the administration of the council proposing £500,000 more for winter gritting, outwith the A83 which is covered by the contract with BEAR.

This was against cuts in the road safety unit, an award-winning safety programme for young children, a cut in youth and adult learning, a cut in environmental warden services, which means a focus on more fines but less time for fly tipping and dog fouling and a cut to music tuition in schools.

There were amendments lodged by Councillor Donald Kelly and myself, the SNP group and councillors George Freeman and Jean Moffat.

While gritting our roads is important Councillor Kelly and I, along with other council opposition groups, thought the other considerations were important to our communities which strangely enough is also supported by our corporate plan.

Alas the gritting won the day.

However, it was more disappointing that Councillor Kelly and I included in our motion a scheme to change funding due for Helensburgh and Dunoon.

Just more than £1 million would be moved to the regeneration project of Tarbert/Lochgilphead/Ardrihaig.

This was defeated by the rest of the council which was particularly galling.

**Councillor Douglas Philand,**  
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Friday March 20, 2009

### Hairy Bikers roar into Argyll

The Hairy Bikers took to the water last week when they visited Kintyre and not only cooked but caught their supper.

The television chefs, who are just as famous for their motorbikes as their love of good food and the craic, were well at home in Campbeltown and Tarbert with wonderful scenery to drive through and fabulous fresh produce to sample.

Simon King and Dave Myers went out on the fishing boat Perseverance with Hughie and Richard McAllister and Spud the dog and came back to port with langoustines.



Simon King, Richard McAllister and Hughie McAllister with Spud the dog, and Dave Myers.

the four lay-offs brought the workforce down to 30 people.

'That is about half our normal strength,' he said. 'But there is no question of us closing the yard on Monday and throwing away the key.'

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday March 27, 1969

### The 'Albion' handsels the new yard

The first ship to be worked on inside the Campbeltown Shipyard Company's yard at Trench Point was hauled up and safely launched again at the weekend.

She is the 15-ton Campbeltown fishing boat 'Albion', skippered by Mr Murray Shaw.

She had a new bilge pump and sea-cock fitted while she was high, and very dry, inside the huge shed at the yard.

Mr John Alban, managing director of the yard, said the work on the boat could have been done at the New Quay slipway or at low tide in the harbour area, but with the appreciated co-operation of Mr Shaw, it had been arranged to 'slip' the boat at the yard to try out their methods and gear.

The whole procedure had gone very successfully and the yard was now ready to slip boats of various sizes.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday March 22, 1919

### Disturbance at farm house

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Monday - before Sheriff Macmaster Campbell - a young miner from Drumlemble was charged with having on February 4, at the farm dwelling-house of Kilkivan, occupied by Agnes Cunninghame, widow, invaded or forced his way into the said dwelling-house against the wishes of the said Agnes Cunninghame and inmates thereof, alarmed and annoyed them and committed a breach of the peace.

Accused pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr Archd. Stewart, solicitor. Mr D. Mactaggart, procurator fiscal, prosecuted.

Jessie Shearer, domestic servant, Kilkivan, deponed that she was at Drumlemble on the night and got back to the farm at about 9.30pm.

When she came near the back door she noticed some young fellows standing over at the shed.

She intended to get to her room by the back door and through the kitchen. She found the door barred. She knocked and the door was opened by a girl, Maggie Conner.

When she had gained admittance, she found the young fellows following her through the door. She did not attempt to shut the door.

The young fellows did not ask permission to enter the house, and she did not invite them to come in.

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A man whose family emigrated from Campbeltown to Canada when he was 10 years old has been reminiscing with old friends through social media.

Ken Butters, now 72, who moved to Ontario in 1957 with his father Donald, mother Christabel, older brother Donnie, and younger sister Lynne, shared some photographs with members of Facebook group 'Old Campbeltown and surrounding area'.

Ken told the Courier: 'When we emigrated, the economy was not

great and the fishing was poor. My mom and dad used to smoke fish for sale and dad bought a wee van to get around in.

'He then worked for Sloan's, a retail company, and would deliver goods to the farm houses and in town. The company had a Canadian connection in Hamilton, Ontario, and they offered him a job.

'Not having much money, like most folk at the time, he worked his way over on a steamship. We followed him a year later but we flew on a Super Constellation, a propeller plane.

'It took us 14 hours, if I remember correctly, and we stopped at Gander, Newfoundland, to refuel. I was in shorts and a blazer, and when I looked out the window, there was what looked to me like an Eskimo in a huge parka - it was -25°F.'

The family landed in Montreal, Quebec, and travelled along the mighty St Lawrence river to Cornwall, their new home.

With snow everywhere, the like of which Ken had never seen before, the first task was to find some winter clothing.

'We went to a local store and my mom asked if they had pants for the 'wee fla'. The shop assistant replied, "Sorry Madam, I don't speak French!" I guess she'd never heard the Campbeltown accent before,' Ken said.

'My accent caused me trouble at school as a lot of the children didn't understand me. I crafted a Canadian accent, but can still skip intae the Scots brogue!'

Ken and his wife Judy now have two grown children, Neil, who has a PhD in pharmacology and toxicology, and Janice, with a BEd degree.

He is known in the area in which he lives for delivering the Address to the Haggis at St Andrew's balls



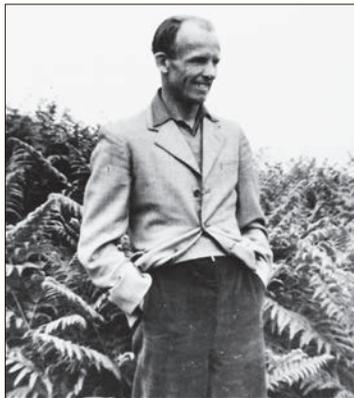
Ken's grandmother Sarah (née McAllister) and her husband Neil Lang McKenzie, who lived above McIlchere's bakery on Main Street.



Ken, today, in full Scots attire.



Ken outside 3 Hillside Road, the family's Campbeltown home.



Ken's father, Donald, who at one time fished off the Golden Dawn.

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# Castlehill pupils with their new



Pupils, parents, carers and staff planted saplings at the school.

## Glenbarr youngsters plant free Woodland Trust trees

Pupils, parents, carers and staff at Glenbarr Primary School mucked in to plant 30 free saplings.

The school was given the seedlings as part of a countrywide tree-planting initiative by the Woodland Trust Scotland, supported by Sainsbury's, IKEA FAMILY, players of the People's Postcode Lottery and Yorkshire Tea. Ten hardy volunteers re-

cently planted the trees, including hazel, dog rose and hawthorn, to provide a wildlife corridor to the nature habitat corner of the playground.

Acting head teacher Briony Avery said: 'We had a wonderful time planting our native trees and it is great to think they will be around to improve the playground for decades to come.'

'Many thanks to our band of planters and to

Woodland Trust Scotland for the free trees.'

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by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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P5 pupils from Castlehill Primary School became so proficient in Gaelic after eight weeks of lessons that they held a show featuring songs and a play written in the language.

As part of a topic on Scotland, class teacher Alison Semple invited David McEwan, formerly a music teacher at Campbeltown Grammar School, to teach the children some Gaelic.

By listening to music and drawing pictures of what they thought the songs were about, writing descriptions of the songs in English, learning some simple phrases and composing their own tune, the students developed their existing music, drama and art skills.

They adapted to the Scots language so well that they invited their families, friends and fellow students to watch them display their new skills on Monday afternoon.

They showed off their drawings and two descriptive passages were read out, giving members of the audience who may not be as accomplished in Gaelic a real feeling of what the songs encompassed.



They sang eight songs, and their own composition, accompanied by Mr McEwan on the piano.

They shared some simple phrases with the audience, said their names in Gaelic and also various place names across Scotland.

The afternoon culminated in a play, which put together all the phrases they had learned into one seamless production – the only problem was the audience trying to keep up with their impressive Gaelic!

At the end, each child – and Miss Semple – was given a certificate, written in Gaelic, to acknowledge their achievements.

Mr McEwan said: 'Miss Semple asked me to come in and do some work with the

children and when I heard the word "Gaelic" I couldn't resist.

'I've been delighted by all these young people who have given me great attention. I've been buoyed along by their enthusiasm and I hope that was communicated today.'

Miss Semple said: 'All the pupils adapted extremely well, acted enthusiastically, worked hard and learned so much, as did I.'

'We would like to thank Mr McEwan very much for his patience, passion, hard work and dedication – he is extremely inspirational.'

Afterwards, the youngsters created mock newspaper front pages about the show and dropped some examples into the Courier office.

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# Pupils impress all with Gaelic skills



Above, The pupils performed eight Gaelic songs, accompanied by Mr McEwan. 50\_c12gaelic01  
Far left, they performed a play putting together everything they had learned. 50\_c12gaelic02  
Left, Mr McEwan has been teaching the students Gaelic for eight weeks. 50\_c12gaelic03  
Below, they sang about activities, including reading. 50\_c12gaelic05

mance took about 50 minutes. We all enjoyed it. All that hard eight weeks of work for that one performance.'

Jade wrote: 'I spoke to the very talented Mr McEwan and he said it was an honour to work with this class.'



## Pupils dress up for World Book Day

Children at Castlehill Primary School recently dressed up as their favourite book characters and authors in celebration of World Book Day. Each class took time within the day to meet in the school hall and talk to each other about the value of reading and discuss their favourite characters.



Children dressed as their favourite authors and characters.



Pupils discussed the value of reading.



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# Wonderful underwater Window Wanderland



There was a shark attack in this Glebe Street window.  
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by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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The weather added to the oceanic theme of this year's Window Wanderland with rain pouring for much of last weekend.

Half price hot chocolate from Campbeltown Picture House, which organised the event, warmed walkers up as they wandered round window displays inspired by the sea.

Windows in homes, schools, businesses and even vehicles throughout Campbeltown and beyond were decorated as part of the 'magical neighbourhood walking trail' designed to encourage people to see their town in a new light.

Ellen Mainwood, the cinema's manager, told the Courier: 'Window Wanderland was a great

success with displays featuring mermaids, shipwrecks, sharks, lighthouses and all manner of sea creatures - everything from SpongeBob SquarePants to Hokusai.

'We were also able to brighten up some of the empty shop fronts thanks to landlords allowing us access to put up displays. A huge thank you to everyone who put in so much effort, and to everyone who braved the elements to wander.'

Some displays, which were made using a variety of materials, were better seen in daylight, while others that were backlit, shone at night.

Many featured movie and song references while some came straight from the artistic minds of their creators.

There were even political messages, with Campbeltown Town Hall reminding wanderers to protect the ocean



Above, this Meadowburn Place window was inspired by action film The Meg.  
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as 'there is no planet B'. Two stand out exhibits were a mother and baby mermaid, and a jumping dolphin scene involving a colour-changing background, both in a stained glass effect but every display was impressive.



Drumlemble's colourful jumping dolphin scene.  
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A painted octopus in a Main Street flat. 50\_c12windows03



A Roading window inspired by topical children's song Baby Shark. 50\_c12windows06



'Granda's fishing boat' in Lochend Street. 50\_c12windows05

# Storm Gareth greeted TV weatherman

A strong wind whipped up by Storm Gareth blew STV's weatherman to Dalintober Primary School, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

After broadcasting last Tuesday evening's weather from Machrihanish, Sean Batty and Philip Petrie spent the next morning with the Dalintober Eco-Committee, learning all about its recent fifth Eco-Schools Scotland Green Flag success.

The Eco-Schools Scotland programme is a set of seven elements that are used to plan action on environmental issues and that form the criteria for the Green Flag Award.

To earn a Green Flag Award, schools pursue the elements as follows: they set up an eco committee, conduct an environmental

review, have an environment action plan, conduct measuring, such as using tally charts of litter, link to the curriculum, link to the community and have a school eco code. The programme is funded by the Scottish government and was developed by Keep Scotland Beautiful.

It starts in the classroom and expands to the whole school, eventually fostering change in the community at large.

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Sean Batty celebrates the award with Dalintober pupils.



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# Charity walkers defy wild weather

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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Biting wind and driving rain threatened to put a dampener on a sponsored walk in aid of the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund but more than 20 hardy walkers were not deterred.

Their perseverance paid off as last Saturday morning's inclement weather waned ahead of the afternoon's walk from Westport to Machrihanish.

Although the walkers were not seeing the beach, which just missed out on being named Britain's beach of the year in the Countryfile Magazine Awards, to its full advantage, the northerly wind helped blow them towards their destination.

Their efforts were rewarded

as free sweets, cakes and warming tea and coffee awaited them at Machrihanish Village Hall at the end of their trek.

About £840 was raised from sponsorship and initial donations but money was still coming in as the Courier went to print.

Organisers thanked the walkers, the Coastguard for providing support and Machrihanish Village Hall for hosting the after event.

The charity, which currently supports 22 families in Kintyre, helps meet the extra expenses people with cancer face. Referral by a Macmillan Cancer Support nurse results in confidential monthly installments of aid for an initial period of six months.



Some of the hardy walkers before the trek began.  
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Finlay Blair, six, tucked into sweet treats with his great granny, Janet Blair, after completing the walk.  
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The northerly wind blew walkers along Westport beach.  
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Maggie Wilkieson, a Macmillan Cancer Support nurse, completed the walk with her daughter Caitie and husband Robin.  
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Mary Wilson and 13-year-old Megan Lines served the weather-beaten walkers.  
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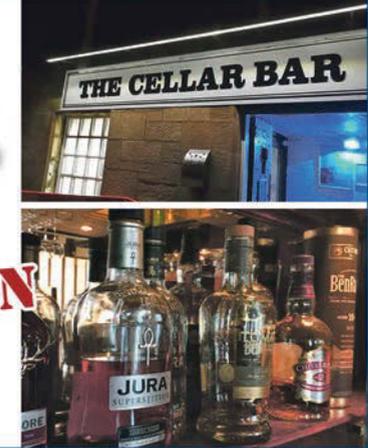
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Mother's Day here in the UK is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent, this year it is on March 31.

Sunday lunch out has always been a favourite; once upon a time it was to give mum a break from cooking. Today, when mums and dads alike share the cooking duties a Sunday lunch out is equally important – perhaps even more so – because it is now seen as an occasion amidst a far more hectic family lifestyle, that everyone makes sure they all sit down together as a family.

When it comes to presents, a favourite perfume, chocs or tipple are always

popular and flowers play a big role, whether a bouquet or plants for indoors or the garden.

You might be thinking of one single, larger gift paid for by all, perhaps a piece of jewellery and a charm bracelet in its many modern forms can become a special family tradition for Mother's Day. 'But we've done all those!', you might cry.

Remember that gifts are not just to own or consume – experience makes for an

equally special gift because it creates memories. So how about a beauty or spa-day treat or cinema tickets because a bit of pampering never goes amiss.

Maybe, just maybe, your mum would much rather be hurtling around an all-terrain course driving a 4 x 4 or a quad-bike; having a go on a zip wire, or a climbing wall. Perhaps a try-dive or a kayaking or sailing taster lesson with one of our many activity schools is more her style?

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## MOK Fest 2019 set to rock the Wee Toon

Folk-rock legends Manran, will blow the roof off the Victoria Hall at MOK Fest 2019's headline Saturday night show.

The 2019 Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (MOK Fest) brings some of the best bands and performers from across Scotland to perform at the five-day event which runs from August 21 to 25.

The Saturday night concert in the Victoria Hall on August 24 will be a celebration of some of the best folk-Celtic

rock bands, headlining with folk-rock legends Manran making their debut at the festival.

### Return

They will be supported by Heron Valley making a much-requested return along with Argyll outfit Rhuvaal, now well established on the festival scene.

On the same night, the Traditional Concert in Campbeltown Heritage Centre will headline with Scotland's internationally

renowned singer/songwriter Dougie Maclean.

Originally famed for writing the song Caledonia, Dougie has built an international reputation as songwriter, composer and extraordinary performer.

The support band is Ceann Tir featuring a host of young musical talent from south Kintyre.

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MOK Fest 2019 headliners Manran.

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Also playing are young folk fusion band Eriska, featuring artists from Argentina, Italy and USA.

This will be the second time Eriska has played at the event having previously performed in the Festival Club two years ago.

The hugely popular Dalriada Connections Band will start the concert sets with the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band getting the night started in its usual rousing style.

The Mitchell's Glengyle Dalriada Connections Concert on August 25 will have another great line-up with Chris Stout and Catriona Mackay supported by Western Sound, Scooter Muse and Ciaran Mulholland.

More acts are to be confirmed for this event which promises to be another afternoon of musical delights.

The Festival Gaelic Night on August 21 opens the festival and the Young Folk Night on August 22 will feature some new and well-known young musicians from across Kintyre.

Survivors Night on August 25 headlines with Slainte Davaar Allstars and many guest bands including Rhuvaal, we.R.soul and The Gilchristians.

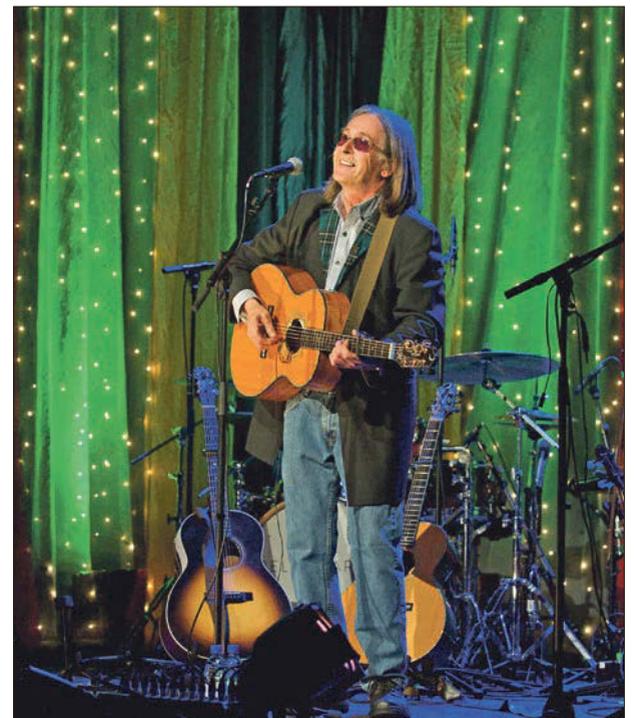
Watch out for more acts to be confirmed for these concerts.

Event manager Iain Johnston from J.I.G. Events said: 'We are looking to offer a wide variety of concerts this year.'

'The Saturday night concerts encapsulate this featuring singing/songwriting legend Dougie MacLean headlining the all-seated Traditional Concert while Manran, Heron Valley and Rhuvaal give us the full-on west coast festival experience in the Victoria Hall.'

'We are also delighted to have so much young home musical talent on stage with Rhuvaal, Ceann Tir, Western Sound, the Niamh MacKaveney Trio, the Dalriada Connections Band and many more all performing across the seven ticketed events.'

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# Rousing end to music club's concert season

A toe-tapping jazz concert ended Kintyre Music Club's 2018/19 season in style.

The Quattro MacJazz performance had the audience singing and clapping their hands in obvious enjoyment of the pieces played.

With their mature years, the musicians brought a wealth of playing experience to the audience.

From start to finish they played full pelt with a repertoire ranging from jazz classics such as Basin Street and Bugle Boy March to gospel songs such as The Old Rugged Cross and including a version of the well-known Scottish song The Road to Dundee.

Many numbers featured solo spots from the players and while all were outstand-

ing, the virtuosity of bass player Roy Percy, no stranger to Kintyre Music Club, was phenomenal.

He reminded the crowd of his enormous talent as a bass player and used his 'slap' technique in playing the instrument with wonderful effect.

Alastair McDonald brought his great communication

skills to bear throughout, his cheery banter and introductions to songs keeping the evening going with a swing, together with his outstanding banjo playing.

Lennie Herd, on trumpet, played with a mature style and acute understanding of the jazz genre.

Hamish McGregor played on his famous 'white' clarinet and introduced some stunning breaks into the performances as well as revealing his skill as a singer.

The artists played to a capacity audience and remarked on the warm reception they received in Campbeltown.

Even after an encore, the audience was reluctant to let them go – a sign of a great evening's entertainment!

A music club spokesperson said: 'This was a splendid end to the season of six concerts and we look forward to what the new season brings.'



**Trumpeter Lennie Herd, double-bassist Roy Percy, banjo player Alastair McDonald and Hamish McGregor, playing his signature white clarinet.**

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**Volunteers Janice Mcshannon, Valerie Graham, Lorna Millar and Lorna Hume in the kitchen.** 50\_c01macmillan03

## Coffee morning raises Macmillan money

Charitable Campbeltonians who met for coffee, cake and company raised hundreds of pounds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

As well as refreshments, visitors to the Kirk Street Hall coffee morning last Saturday

indulged in the baking, bottle and lucky dip stalls and helped to raise £641, with donations still coming in.

There was also a table of Macmillan-branded items for sale, as well as an extensive raffle.



**Jade McCallum, nine, scooped plenty of prizes in the lucky dip stall.**

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**Ailsa Ronald sold Macmillan-branded goods.**

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### Quizzly Rascals are drama quiz champions

Quiz legends Quizzly Rascals reigned supreme at a fundraiser for next year's Kintyre Drama Festival.

There was a good turnout of teams last Friday night and not far behind the winners were Dunaverty Rocks and Tam's Accent.

After an evening of quizzing hosted by the inimitable Helen Gilchrist, £315 was raised.

Organisers from the Kintyre district of the Scottish Community Drama Association would like to thank everyone who attended including the Campbeltown Bowling Club helpers who kept everyone well 'lubricated'.

They also said a huge thank you to Helen for giving up her time to support the cause.

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# All ages gather for Guild sale

Words and photographs by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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A queue built up alongside the extensive baking stall before the Lorne and Lowland Church Guild's annual sale of work was declared open.

Catherine Spence, known for her love of hats, officially did the honours, donning a red number which matched her outfit.

Mrs Spence encouraged visitors to buy from the various stalls catering for people of all ages.

In addition to baking, there was a bottle stall and sales tables offering fresh flowers, hand-crafted items, including knitting and embroidery, and second-hand books.

An army of guild members volunteered in the kitchen as well as behind the stalls, offering home-baked goodies, and tea and coffee, to each table in the church hall.



Clockwise from top left: Catherine Spence dons a red hat to open the sale. 50\_c12guildsale06, and with a young visitor, four-year-old Isla Graham. 50\_c12guildsale01; Many guild members helped in the kitchen. 50\_c12guildsale04; Doris Newlands and Annie Colville manned the bottle stall. 50\_c12guildsale03; The baking stall was as busy as ever. 50\_c12guildsale07; Alison Best sold hand-crafted items. 50\_c12guildsale05; Moira Merrilees and Ellen Stewart sold beautiful fresh flowers. 50\_c12guildsale02



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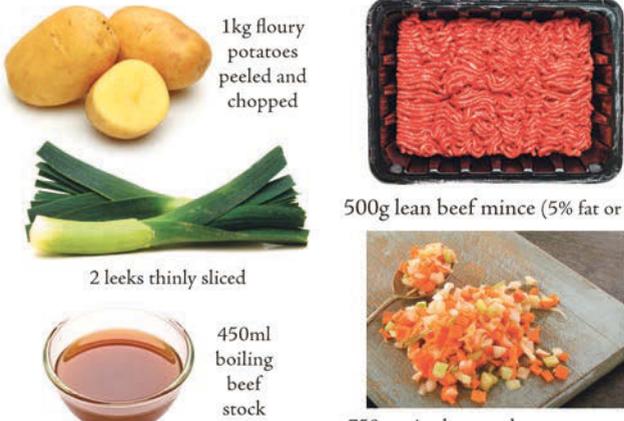
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## Salvation Army fundraiser



Bad weather was a possible reason for a lower turnout than usual at a Salvation Army coffee morning. Pictured are Leah Russell, 14, Major Ruth Russell, her husband Ben and son Jonathan, nine.

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## Cash? That will do nicely!

*Half of Argyll and Bute house sales are to cash buyers.*

NA h-Eileanan Siar and Argyll and Bute had the highest proportion of house cash sales of all local authority areas in 2017-18, where more than 50 per cent of residential sales were cash sales; 50.3 and 50.1 per cent respectively.

In 2017-18, cash sales accounted for an average 31.7 per cent of the 102,430 residential sales across Scotland. This was the highest proportion of cash sales recorded over the reporting period; 10 years ago the figure was 15.5 per cent (2007-08).

A total 69,983 residential sales were registered with a mortgage in 2017-18, a fall of 44.5 per cent over 10 years.

The latest Monthly House Price Index, for December 2018, has been published by the Registers of Scotland and the volume of sales is down but prices are up.

The average price of a property in Scotland in December 2018 was £148,711 – an increase of 2.4 per cent on December in the previous year and a decrease of 0.9 per cent when compared to the previous month. This compares to a UK average of £230,776,

which was an increase of 2.5 per cent on December in the previous year and an increase of 0.2 per cent when compared to the previous month.

‘Average prices in Scotland continued their upward trend in December with an increase of 2.4 per cent when compared to December 2017. While the average price has increased each month since March 2016, when compared with the same month of the previous year, the trend in sales volume has not been as positive,’ said Janet Egdell, Registers of Scotland operations director and accountable officer.

‘The volume of residential sales in Scotland increased in October, but has decreased in most months since November 2017, when compared with the same month of the previous year. This downward trend is also reflected in the cumulative volume of sales for Scotland for the financial year to date.

‘From April to October 2018, the cumulative sales volume was 63,033. This is a decrease of 2.5 per cent on the equivalent year to date position in the previous financial year 2017/18.’



## Caring for your stove

Although many of us in the West Highlands use our stove all year round it's important to find time to carry out annual maintenance. Giving your stove regular TLC will reward you in the long term by prolonging its life and costing less in spares. Here's what you need to do:

### Check over your stove for problems.

The internal parts are most prone to damage. Pay special attention to the door and glass seals, baffle/throat plate which sits above the fire, grate bars, and glass for cracks. Externally fire cement round the flue pipe may require replacing if it has disintegrated over time.

### Clean your stove inside.

If you burn wood, retain at least an inch of ash to cover the grate bars. Wood and peat should be burnt on an ash bed so don't remove your ash daily as this traps embers which hold the 'heart' of the fire in place and also helps protect the grate bars. Clear any debris that may have settled on top of the baffle plate as this can prevent heat from dissipating properly causing it to buckle. Replace fire-bricks if they are badly worn or disintegrating.



### Clean the glass and external body.

Any cracked glass should be replaced. Glass can be cleaned using a little ash on a damp piece of kitchen paper and then wiped off with a clean cloth. Alternatively use a specialised stove-glass cleaning product. A paint scraper blade is useful for stubborn tarry marks. Regular glass cleaning helps prevent acids in

the tar from etching the glass causing permanent damage. The stove's external body can be cleaned with a lint free cloth or soft shoe brush to wipe away dust and soot. Stove paint will revive any tired looking paintwork.

### Clean your chimney and use the correct fuel.

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- Loch views
- Oil central heating
- Conservatory
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- Driveway
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- Approx 7 acres
- Private rural setting
- Services on site
- Full planning in place for 2 styles of home
- 10 minutes to town
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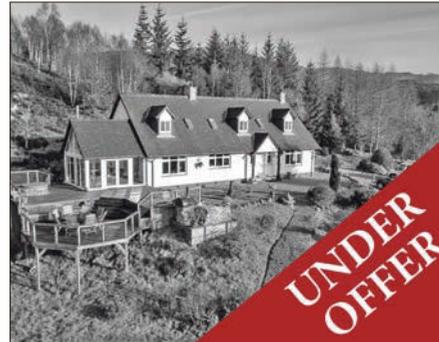
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River View Park is located directly across from the highly regarded Spean Bridge Primary School and is only a short walk to the local facilities. Spean Bridge is a very desirable location offering a wide range of amenities for a village, including a local Spar shop, hotels, cafes, bistro, restaurant and golf course. The village connects to the rest of The Highlands through its own train station, bus links and main "A" road.

**Price On Application**

### Tigh Na Geal, Kingie, By Invergarry, PH35 4HS

- Charming Detached Cottage
- Stunning Countryside Views
- In Very Good Order
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Oil Fired Central Heating
- Garden
- Wooden Garage
- EPC Rating: E 51



Enjoying an idyllic rural location with uninterrupted views over Kingie Pool to the surrounding hills and countryside, the subjects of sale form a deceptively spacious, wooden cottage. In very good order throughout, Tigh Na Geal offers comfortable accommodation in a convenient layout. The property benefits from oil fired central heating and double glazing, while the bright lounge/diner features a most attractive wood-burning stove.

The property is situated within the small hamlet of Kingie, forming one of a cluster of cottages in this remote part of the West Highlands. The nearest main village is Invergarry, some 15 miles distant, which offers a range of local amenities (Primary School, Filling Station/shop, Post Office, Hotel and Community Hall) and Fort Augustus (with its Secondary School) is just 7 miles further. Fort William is some 40 miles to the south, while the Highland capital city of Inverness is approx 60 miles to the north-east. The area provides opportunities for access to an abundance of outdoor activities and an ideal base to explore the West Highlands, or is simply an ideal retreat to 'get away from it all'.

**Price Guide: £125,000**





## NEW BUILD NEWS

- The average price for a new-build residential property in Scotland in 2017- 8 was £250,904, an increase of 24.2 per cent in the last 10 years.
- New-build sales per annum in Scotland have decreased by 35.4 per cent over the last 10 years
- 11.7 per cent (11,969 sales) of all residential property sales in the £20k to £1million price range in 2017-18 were new builds.
- The value of the new-build residential property market in Scotland increased to £3 billion in 2017-18
- In 2017-18, almost a third of all residential properties sold in Scotland were located within one of the seven cities.
- The average house price in Inverness for 2017-18 was £163,722, the third highest average house price after Edinburgh and Aberdeen. The average price for 2017-18 was 3.1 per cent up on 2016-17.

## Your perfect place? Small is definitely beautiful

The Grant family, David, Judy and Penny the dog, have just spent a cozy first winter in their new Wee House in Contin.

'We have only been in the house since last August but winter was very cosy. The insulation in the house is very good; it is all very sound,' said David.

The couple chose gas central heating for their two-bedroomed cottage-style property from the Wee House Company, adding the bespoke touches of a utility room and a small office to keep both laundry and paperwork firmly in their rightful places.

The Grants had looked at a number of options for their new build, and when on his way to a boat jumble sale in Irvine, David decided to pay a quick call to the Wee House Company offices and show home in Ayrshire.

What he saw impressed him so much that he and Judy came back.

The whole concept appealed and after experiencing the Wee House Company their verdict is 'delighted'.

'Obviously there are always little things that you think you might have done differently but are entirely delighted and our advice would be if you want one - go ahead.

'I really like the look; it looks like an old steading; it sits well within the village. It looks right,' said David. They also liked the choice of interior fittings and fixtures and the choices of bathroom and kitchen ranges.

The couple were also very impressed with the Wee House Company's logistics; everything

that the company said would happen did within the agreed timescale.

'The ground crew arrived and they worked in all weathers,' said David. 'We are on the main road in the village so access was no problem and the lorries and the crane arrived on time.

'The logistics from the office in Ayrshire were fantastic.'



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# Are you ready to refresh, refurb

*It is spring, time to rescue that spider from the paint roller tray and wish you had made a better job of cleaning the mower before you put it away last autumn*

In spring the first thing we all want to do inside is paint, paint, paint – with some papering going on as well. After all, who wants to be decorating indoors during winter when we can't have the windows wide open?

Outside, once the bulbs are in full bloom, we are all in the garden checking to see our favourite perennials starting to come through, and how much moss there is in the lawn. (Relax, it's the West Highlands, everyone has moss in their lawns).

Every year, the first heady days of spring make us all want to throw the windows wide open, scrub, refresh, refurb and recycle; it's like we have come out of hibernation.

Smartening up a property before putting it on the mar-

ket is just plain old common sense.

Make sure your home is not only looking its best but also that the host of tiny jobs have been sorted out. On their own they aren't significant but together, be it a dripping tap, a broken door handle or a scuff in the plaster work, they all conspire to drag down the look and feel of the place.

Even if you are not planning to move it pays to carry out a 'house audit' in the spring; cast a critical eye around and plan your repairs and refurbishments for the coming spring and summer.

Never forget that your home is your family's biggest asset so keeping it in excellent condition makes sound financial sense.

Perhaps you've spent the winter planning a major improvement or extension.

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Whether you are an experienced renovator or self-builder, or planning your first ever project a visit to the Scottish Homebuilding & Renovating Show will give you practical help to turn your plans into reality.

At the show visitors can -

- Meet over 140 local and national specialist suppliers - see, touch and try 1000s of products.
- Get free advice from architects, designers, legal experts, craftspeople and self-build specialists and suppliers of everything from flooring and roof tiles to windows, doors and heating systems.

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- Check out 22 educational masterclasses and 8 in-depth seminars each day offering practical answers to common questions

The show is taking place at the SEC, Glasgow on June 1 - 2. Opening hours: Saturday 10am - 5pm; Sunday 10am - 4.30pm. For more information contact 0844 858 6754\* or <https://glasgow.homebuildingshow.co.uk>

To sign up for 2 free tickets visit [www.homebuildingshow.co.uk/pr8](http://www.homebuildingshow.co.uk/pr8)

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# Award-winning Jura gin distillery in high spirits

Three women, who set up their own gin business on the Isle of Jura, are celebrating an award win after less than three years of operation.

Claire Fletcher, Alicia MacInnes and Georgina Kitching founded Lussa Gin in 2016, producing the drink from 15 locally grown and gathered botanicals.

Following unprecedented demand in its first year of business, Lussa Gin renovated and moved into an old stable building to upgrade their still and increase production.

They now produce up to 7,000 bottles of Lussa Gin each year, which are sold online or at one of the 50 retailers across Scotland who stock the unique product.

The trio's hard work and investment has paid off, as Lussa Gin was recently awarded the FSB Small Business Start Up of the Year Award 2019.

Celebrating the award win, co-founder Alicia said: 'We wanted to convey our thanks to Business Gateway, which

has offered us invaluable support whilst navigating our way through a competitive gin marketplace. Our Business Gateway adviser was the very first person outside the three of us that we turned to for help and support.

'From helping us at the very beginning with the advice to 'focus', to grant funding processes, fully-funded workshops, help with cash flow work and business plan writing, we really appreciate Business Gateway's contribution to the success of our business.'

Barbara Halliday, business adviser for Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, added: 'Since we first spoke to Claire, Alicia and Georgina in 2016, they have accessed our one-to-one advice, EU-funded grant support from our Local Growth Accelerator Programme, DigitalBoost support (such as website development, search engine optimisation and social media marketing) and recently moved through the Business Gateway growth pipeline to work with Highlands and Islands Enterprise. Lussa Gin has also been exported to Sweden and Germany and works with six different distributors.'

Lussa Gin, which was recently voted one of Scotland's

top 10 favourite gins in the Scottish Gin Society's consumer survey, is a fresh, zesty and smooth gin with a subtle, aromatic finish. It is made with Jura spring water with all elements of the process including bottling and labelling taking place on the island.

Claire said: 'As we live in a remote part of Scotland, the challenge to get Lussa Gin recognised in the market was initially problematic.

'However, with Business Gateway's support, we attended training events, trade fairs across the country and accessed specialist advice on using social media. As the presence of Lussa Gin grew in the industry and online, we earned our own identity in the market as the Isle of Jura's only gin distillery.

'We wanted to use the place we love as the foundation for our business and to find something that will enable us to stay here. We have had great community support and we love venturing out in our rowing boat or climbing trees to collect ingredients for our product.'

**Georgina, Alicia and Claire are not resting on their laurels after getting help from Business Gateway.**



## Let the council's Business Gateway guide you

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway service includes a team of experienced businesses advisers who can offer free and impartial advice, in confidence.

In the last year nearly 600 meetings with business advisers have taken place right across Argyll and Bute, ranging from regular Meet The Adviser sessions hosted in the towns of Dunoon, Helensburgh, Oban, Lochgilphead, Rothesay and Campbeltown, to adviser visits to

the isles of Islay, Lismore, Coll, Mull and Gigha.

Ninety-six per cent of businesses who have met with an adviser in Argyll and Bute say they got what they wanted, with the most common reasons for satisfaction being the relevance and clarity of the advice received and the knowledge and helpfulness of the advisers.

Whether anyone is looking to get a new business off the ground, or expand an existing business,

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### Brexit planning for business

The 'Prepare for Brexit' campaign is a one-door approach jointly delivered by Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Skills Development Scotland, with a range of other organisations helping to promote the campaign, including Business Gateway. The

aim of the campaign is to encourage businesses to prepare now for the changes that may come.

During this period of uncertainty, preparing a business for Brexit is about developing a flexible planning approach so that it can adapt and be resilient across a range of potential Brexit outcomes.

Business Gateway Argyll and Bute is encouraging business owners to take advantage of the tools and information available to help with

planning at [www.prepareforbrexit.scot](http://www.prepareforbrexit.scot).

This dedicated website hosts a Brexit self-assessment tool to help businesses identify how Brexit might affect them and provide recommendations for action to help preparations.

It is also home to a 12-point checklist of actions businesses need to take now, expert advice, events, workshops and access to financial support.

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19/00373/PP	Erection of extension to dwellinghouse, terraced area and erection of detached summer house	Ballyshear, Southend, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6RF
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19/00010/PP	Formation of vehicular access	Land Approximately 1521 Metres South West Of Lochorodale, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
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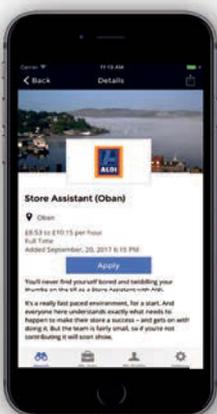
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## CARRADALE AND SOUTHEND

## Spring in Jen's step after bulb show success

A Southend woman blossomed in every class at the village SWI's annual bulb show.

Jen Ronald picked up special prizes for bulbs, baking and handicrafts at the competition on March 11, winning the trophy for most points in show.

Competition was strong with a great range of entries from the members across the classes.

Afterwards, members were fascinated by a talk from fellow Southender Jaqui Willis, about her travels to Japan from Antigua by yacht several years ago.

Jaqui was a chef on board the vessel and cooked for the crew during the long voyage.

Some memorable stops were made along the way, to restock provisions and refuel, and Jaqui shared some photographs she took along the way as well as memories of the trip.

An SWI spokesperson said: 'From the Galapagos Islands to small Pacific islands, it looked idyllic.

'Jaqui spoke about her training in the art of sushi making while in Japan, where she shadowed a master chef for some of her six-month stay.

'She shared some examples of tasty sushi with the audience.'

The SWI's next meeting is on April 1 in Dunaverty Hall.

It will be a members' night with demonstrations on making pancakes, paper decorations and marzipan fruits. The competition will be three pancakes and a favourite vase.

Bulb show results: Bulbs: Bowl of hyacinths, three of any colour: Jen Ronald - Gold; Mary Cameron - Silver; Fiona



Jen Ronald won the most points in the show.

Rowland - Red. Bowl of hyacinths, five of any colour: Jen Ronald - Gold; Mary Cameron - Silver; Marion Warnock - Silver; Fiona Rowland - Red. Bowl of daffodils any variety: Fiona Rowland - Gold; Jen Ronald - Silver; Marion Warnock - Silver. Bowl of trumpet daffodils, five bulbs: Fiona Rowland - Silver. Bowl of polyanthus narcissus, five bulbs: Jen Ronald - Gold; Fiona Rowland - Silver. Bowl of tulips: Gold - Jen Ronald (also special prize for best bulbs). Bowl of small spring bulbs: Marion Warnock - Gold; Margaret Bakes - Gold; Jen Ronald - Silver; Fiona Rowland - Silver. Foliage plant: Fiona Rowland - Gold; Inez Ronald - Silver; Jen Ronald - Red; Margaret McLean - Blue. Flowering plant: Margaret Bakes - Gold; Jen Ronald - Gold; Alison Eynon - Silver; Fiona Rowland - Silver; Margaret McDowall - Silver. Large flowers, arrangement in an old boot/shoe: Inez Ronald - Gold. Small flowers in a sugar bowl: Margaret McLean - gold; Inez Ronald - Silver; Jen Ronald - Silver; Margaret McDowall - Red; Fiona Rowland - Green.

Baking: Three savoury muffins (gluten free): Moyra Jane Paterson - Gold; Inez Ronald - Silver; Fiona Rowland - Red; Alison Eynon - Blue; Jen Ronald - Blue. Battenberg cake: Jen Ronald - Gold; Fiona Rowland - Gold; Margaret McDowall - Silver. Fresh fruit flan: Jen Ronald - Gold (and special prize); Inez Ronald - Silver; Fiona Rowland - Red. Lemon drizzle cake: Moyra Jane Paterson - Gold; Alison Eynon - Silver; Fiona Rowland - Silver; Marion Warnock - Silver; Margaret McLean - Silver; Inez Ronald - Red; Jen

Ronald - Red; Margaret McDowall - Blue. Three pieces of rum and raisin fudge: Jen Ronald - Gold; Fiona Rowland - Silver; Inez Ronald - Red; Moyra Jane Paterson - Red. Three jelly sweets: Fiona Rowland - Gold; Alison Eynon - Silver; Jen Ronald - Red. Lemon curd: Jen Ronald - Gold; Marion Warnock - Gold; Margaret Bakes - Gold; Alison Eynon - Silver; Fiona Rowland - Silver; Inez Ronald - Red; Margaret McDowall - Red; Margaret McLean - Blue; Moyra Jane Paterson - Blue. Tomato ketchup: Alison Eynon - Gold; Moyra Jane Paterson - Silver; Inez Ronald - Red; Jen Ronald - Green.

Handicrafts: Literature, growing old gracefully: Margaret McDowall - Gold; Christine Jardine - Silver. Knitting, child's jumper/cardigan (two or more colours): Moyra Jane Paterson - Gold; Jen Ronald - Gold; Margaret McDowall - Silver. Crochet, beaded jug cover: Christine Jardine - Gold. Crochet (heavy), item in Tunisian crochet: Christine Jardine - Gold; Embroidery, picture of a nature scene: Alison Eynon - Gold; Jen Ronald - Silver. Six Dorset buttons: Alison Eynon - Gold; Jen Ronald - Silver; Moyra Jane Paterson - Red. Sewing, cushion pad: Jen Ronald - Gold. Sewing, apron: Alison Eynon - Gold; Jen Ronald - Gold; Moyra Jane Paterson - Silver. Photography, design in nature: Christine Jardine - Gold; Fiona Rowland - Gold; Alison Eynon - Silver; Margaret Bakes - Red; Inez Ronald - Blue; Jan Ronald - Green. Photography, tall building: Margaret McDowall - Gold; Fiona Rowland - Silver; Margaret Bakes - Red; Inez Ronald - Red; Jen Ronald - Blue; Christine Jardine - Green. Art, still life with shells: Alison Eynon - Silver; Christine Jardine - Silver. Design, RAF poster: Christine Jardine - Gold; Fiona Rowland - Silver. Design, square scarf (by hand): Alison Eynon - Gold. Special competition, three greeting cards (different crafts): Jen Ronald - Gold; Alison Eynon - Silver; Christine Jardine - Silver; Fiona Rowland - Red.

Winners: Bulbs: 1 Jen Ronald, 2 Fiona Rowland, 3 Marion Warnock. Baking: 1 Jen Ronald, 2 Fiona Rowland, 3 Inez Ronald. Handicrafts: 1 Christine Jardine, 2 Jen Ronald, 3 Alison Eynon. Special prize for bulbs: Jen Ronald. Special prize for baking: Jen Ronald. Special prize for handicrafts: Jen Ronald. Most points in show: Jen Ronald.



There was a range of baked goods.



Ladies look at some of the floral entries.

Thought for the Week  
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**DEATHS**

**ANDERSON** - It is with heavy hearts that we have to let people know that Mr Alasdair Anderson, formerly of 1 An Croit, Carradale, passed away, peacefully in his sleep, on Sunday, March 10, 2019. He was a very much loved dad, papa and grandfather, who will be sorely missed. His funeral is on Monday, March 25, 2019, at South Lanarkshire Crematorium, at 12.30pm, and thereafter the funeral tea will take place at the Masonic Hall, Green Street, Stonehouse.

**BLACK** - Suddenly, on February 20, 2019, Archibald Black (Archie), in his 63rd year, Mistral, Knockscalbert Way, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Lachie and Christina, much loved brother of Gus and Lachie, loving partner of Roy, much loved brother-in-law of Eileen and Lesley, and an adored uncle of Kirsty, Sandy, Laura and Hannah.

**MCIVOR** - Suddenly, on March 13, 2019, Margaret McIvor, in her 69th year, 54c Longrow, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late James and Margaret McIvor, much loved sister of Janet and Jim, dearly loved aunt and great aunt and a much loved friend.

**MCMURCHY** - Peacefully, after a short illness, surrounded by his family, on March 16, 2019, Bruce McMurphy, in his 85th year, previously of 50 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Marion, much loved dad of Bruce, Douglas, Catherine and Neil, much loved father-in-law of Jean, Wilma, Stephen and Denise and a loving granda and great granda. A funeral service will take place in the Highland Parish Church, on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 2.00pm, 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 British Heart Foundation and Alzheimer Scotland.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BLACK** - Gus, Lachie and their families would like to sincerely thank friends and family for the many expressions of sympathy and support, flowers, cards, messages and calls received following the sad and sudden loss of their dear brother, Archie. Special thanks to the police and CID officers for their compassion and professionalism at this very difficult time. Grateful thanks to T A Blair Funeral Directors, to Reverend Steve Fulcher and Mr David McEwan for the lovely funeral service, and to the Glen Restaurant, Carradale for the excellent catering. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who paid their respects and offered their support at the church and graveside, it was a great comfort to the family. The retiral collection raised £507.07, to be divided between Saddell and Carradale Parish Church and Diabetes Kintyre Locality.

**SARGENT** - Senga, Roger and families would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls received following the sudden loss of their dad, Roger. Special thanks to Dr C

Millar and staff at Ward B HDU, Oban Hospital for the care of their dad. Thanks to Rev W Crossan for the comforting service, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for the caring and efficient arrangements, and to Elaine and James at the Kilbrannan Bar for the excellent purvey. Our thanks are extended to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside, and donated to Ward B HDU, Oban Hospital. The amount raised was £420.

**IN MEMORIAM**

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**MACKINNON** - In remembrance of my husband and our dad, Hector, who passed away on March 21, 2015.

We never part from those we love  
No distance can divide in memory's garden  
Day by day we still walk by your side.  
- Mary and family.

**MCDUGALL** - Fond memories of Iain, who died March 27, 2016. - From family home and away.

**MCLAUGHLIN** - Remembering Maureen, a dearly loved wife of 54 years, mum, grandma and great grandma, who is always in our hearts and thoughts. - Andrew and family. - From family, home and away.

**MCMILLAN** - In loving memory of Mary McMillan, died on March 22, 2018.

"Remembering you is easy, I do it every day, but missing you is a heartache that never goes away." - Loved and missed by all the family.

**O'MAY** - Malcolm, remembering with love and special memories, a dear dad and grampa. Simply the best! - Love from all the family xxxxxx.

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**Sunday 24th March 2019**  
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**Tarbert service 11.30am**  
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**Sunday 24th March 2019**  
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Service will be taken by Mrs Margaret Sinclair  
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**Sunday 24th March**  
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**Saturday 23rd March**  
Achnamara Hall  
Cafe Connect  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
**Wednesday 27th March**  
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11.00am Family Service  
Speaker - Ken Watson with Sunday school and refreshments after the service  
**The Ark**  
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9.00am Holy Communion  
**3rd Sunday of the month**  
3.30pm Evensong  
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Father Simon Mackenzie  
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SCO02493  
**Sunday 24th March 2019**  
Session Meeting in James Angus Room at 10.30am  
The service will be conducted by Rev David Carruthers and will be held in the church at 11.15am  
The Annual Stated Meeting will be held at the close of service  
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**Sunday 24th March**  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
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Rev W Crossan  
**Tuesday 26th March**  
Tiny Tot's 9.45am  
New Hall  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
**Wednesday 27th March**  
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Session Room 7.30pm  
**Thursday 28th March**  
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Rev Rodger Crooks  
11.15am Sunday School  
3.00pm Christianity Explored  
**Wednesday 27th March**  
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer  
2.00pm - 4.00pm  
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**Sunday 31st March**  
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# Islay High rugby youngsters home but certainly not dry

The rugby players of Islay High School really wish spring would arrive as soon as possible after battling wind, rain, cold and snow over the last few weeks.

However, some hot action on the pitch has kept spirits up.

After a trip to Oban in February was cancelled due to a snow-covered pitch, both boys and girls made it to Lochgilphead on Sunday March 3.

The under 14 boys played three games, gaining a brilliant win against Oban, a narrow defeat against Lochaber and a forgetful run out against a strong Mid Argyll team.

The under 15 girls played a tough match against a combined Oban/Mid Argyll team.

The girls took some time to 'defrost' after a three-month gap since their last game, but eventually got back into their usual hard tackling and devastating running.

The score was 15-8 to Oban after 40 minutes, with the last 20 minutes spent in 'coached game', to give both teams some final tips before their respective upcoming cup matches.

While the boys were travelling to Murrayfield, the girls made their way to Biggar RFC for the first round of the Scottish Club Cup. After glorious sunshine for the journey over on the Saturday, the weather took a



Islay High School's rugby teams.

turn for the worse at breakfast time on the Sunday.

After getting over the excitement of seeing snow, the girls prepared themselves for battle, and shortly afterwards 15 ice maidens emerged from the changing rooms to face

extremely challenging conditions.

The continuing snow flurries replaced the usual blizzard of tries and tackles, and the match lasted a mere 22 minutes before being abandoned due to the deteriorating weather.

The Islay girls were losing 15-0 at

that point so they will now continue in the Shield competition.

The girls showed great strength of character and team spirit to get through such tough conditions and will regale their friends and family with tails of their heroic feats – and

frozen feet – for weeks to come.

The boys and the girls are looking forward to their future matches, with the boys travelling to Argyll again for the Dalraida Festival, and the girls awaiting the next draw in their competition.



The Kintyre competitors at the Argyll and Bute Badminton Championships.

## Kintyre youngsters land primary badminton prizes

Kintyre badminton aces landed some of the best results at the Argyll and Bute Badminton Championships.

The recent competition, at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, saw about 50 players from schools across Argyll participating, including Tayvallich, Oban, Mull and Campbeltown.

### Retained

Kirstie Renton and Violet Campbell, last year's runners up, won the girls' doubles and Imogen

Todd and Daniel Semple retained the mixed doubles title.

Full results: Boys' singles: Winner – Malik Clowes (Dervaig); Runner-up – Joris Hutton (Dervaig). Girls' singles: Winner – Violet Campbell (Castlehill); Runner up – Kirstie Renton (Castlehill). Girls' doubles: Winners – Violet Campbell and Kirstie Renton (Castlehill); Runners up – Imogen Todd and Emily McMurchy (Dalintober). Boys' doubles: Winners – Malik Clowes and Joris Hutton (Dervaig); Runners up – David Simpson and George Pagan (Rockfield). Mixed doubles: Winners – Imogen Todd (Dalintober) and Daniel Semple (Castlehill); Runners up – Violet Campbell and Daniel McEachran (Castlehill).

## Plans progressing for Port Ellen playing fields

Islay's South Island Development (SID) organisation has announced that consultant architects and business specialists have been commissioned to design plans for the development of Port Ellen playing fields.

Alyson MacGillivray and Pat McGrann have been leading the steering group, with support from the community. Both have been extremely impressed with the commitment of all volunteers, whether it be baking cakes or grass cutting.

In recent years, Glenmorangie set up the Kildalton Fund which raised £300,000 for the specific purpose of upgrading the South of Islay and SID is keen to ensure this money and additional funding is invested properly, meeting both current needs and sustainability in the long term.

### Upgrading

The focus of the development plan will be on upgrading the pavilion and the site itself, to become the central focus for community events all year round.

The pavilion has been standing since the '50s, with the first bowls club champion inscribed on the wall of fame in 1956.

Ideas for the area include a potential kitchen, the repositioning of the children's play area, the effective use and landscaping of the total area, and potential uses for the building itself, which probably needs replacing.

Alyson's work in engaging the community has already seen her being asked to speak at events on the mainland and she will be flying off to Germany to help a local community there understand how best to enlist people in community action and projects.

With activity and development happening just across the road at the Maltings and further schemes in progress, things are shaping up for an even brighter future for Port Ellen.

SID welcomes more ideas from the community.



Catherine McEachran, left, and Roberta Lafferty.

## New ladies' president takes singles title

As the indoor bowls season winds down and the opening of the green, on April 13, approaches, Campbeltown Bowling Club competitions keep coming at a fast and furious pace.

On Sunday the club's ladies' section held the Mary Meenan Memorial Singles which was well attended and supported by members.

The final between new ladies' president Catherine McEachran and Roberta Lafferty was won by Catherine.



The Kintyre Angling Club members who took part in the 'bitterly cold' opening day competition.

## Anglers' season opener was 'bitterly cold'

Cold wind and sleet greeted the few hardy anglers who ventured into and onto the banks of Lussa Loch to officially welcome the new season.

Kintyre Angling Club's opening day competition, which was open to all club members, with an entrance fee of £2, saw 13 rainbow trout landed.

The loch was closed to all non-entrants until the end of the competition for which a stiff north easterly

breeze with sleet showers made conditions tough.

The weigh-in revealed a close result with Reid Anderson coming out the first winner of the season, with three for 6lbs 1oz, while John McCallum got three for 4lbs 12oz.

Archie McCallum got two for 3lbs 13oz, Duncan MacDougall had two for 2lb 15oz and John MacDonald got two for 2lbs 13oz. Cameron McKinven got one for 1lb 11oz.



The winners of the Kintyre heat, who are invited to perform at the Oban final. 50\_c10athletics01

## Indoor athletes race to Argyll final in Oban

Young athletes from Kintyre will descend on Atlantis Leisure in Oban for the final of the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics this weekend.

Sunday's competition starts at noon in the leisure centre's large games hall, where youngsters from across the area will compete in running, jumping and throwing events.

The final is the last in a series of competitions promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club, in

Lochgilphead, Mull, Oban and finally in Kintyre on Sunday March 3.

As many as 110 young athletes, from five to 16 years old, are expected to participate in what should be an enthralling competition.

Athletes are reminded to register between 11am and noon ahead of the first events starting.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third overall in each age group.

## Scottish Amateur League – results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: West of Scotland Cup, quarter final - Oban Saints 3, Cambria 1; Premier Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star no game, Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division Two - Duncannrig v Tarbert, postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Alba Thistle v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - FC Argyle v Campbeltown Pupils; Lochgilphead Red Star v Claremont; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Houston United.

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**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
Indoor athletes race to  
Argyll final in Oban

# Victory for young Pupils after run of eight defeats

Campbeltown Pupils	4
Kilbowie Union	3
GDYFL Under 14 League	

It has been a tough season for the young Campbeltown Pupils Youth U14s side as they toil in Glasgow's top league for the 2005 age group.

With a run of eight consecutive defeats to some of Scotland's finest teams in the 2005 age group during winter, better teams may have folded and given up.

But the young players were determined to continue to see the season through and simply play football and use this as part of their development.

On Sunday the Ardshiel Hotel-sponsored side welcomed Kilbowie Union from Clydebank to the 3G pitch on Kinloch Green.

The trend of the U14s' season continued with players out injured and not available. The Pupils reverted to

putting Lorne Paterson in between the sticks with neither goalkeeper available and the coaches switching to an adventurous 3-4-3 formation.

Early exchanges were even with Kilbowie electing to play with the wind.

With 22 minutes gone Ryan Shields played a wonderful inch-perfect defence-splitting pass from his own half to young Stewart Phillips who raced in on goal to slot the ball and make it 1-0 to the home side.

Seven minutes later the Campbeltown side were 2-0 up - Calum Ellis was upended in the box to secure a penalty. Young Ellis made no mistake from 12 yards to give his side a two-goal advantage going into the half.

The second half continued as the first with end-to-end football and it was the West Dunbartonshire side which capitalised first to pull one back.

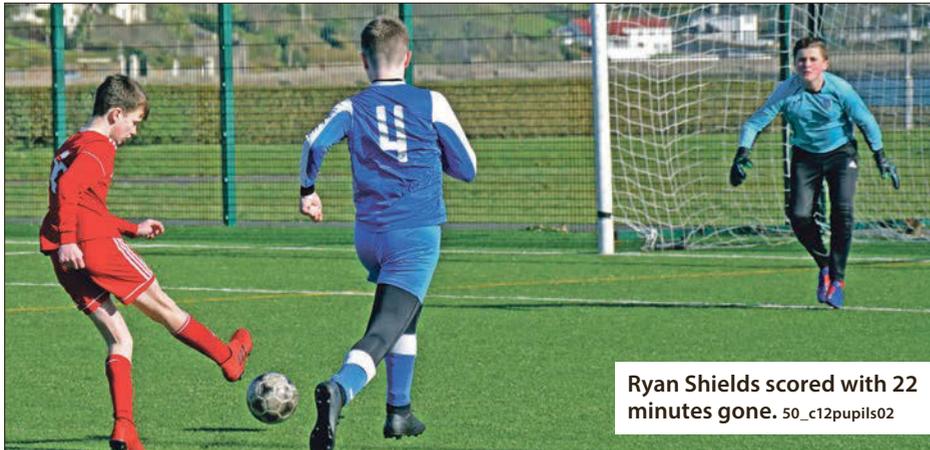
With 47 minutes gone the Pupils extended their lead to 3-1 when Shields latched on to a through ball from Michael Campbell to finish from 18 yards.

Last year's top scorer Calum Ellis continued his fine form into this season by making it 4-1. Leaving two defenders for dead in the penalty box, the pint-sized dynamo cut in from a sharp angle to finish with a sublime left-footed shot.

It was a nervous final 10 minutes, as Kilbowie pulled two goals back to make it 4-3 but the Kintyre side managed to hold on to collect a valuable three points.

The delight in winning was evident among the players at the final whistle.

While there have been many difficult moments during this season the boys will continue to learn more from playing in this league rather than not playing at all.



Ryan Shields scored with 22 minutes gone. 50\_c12pupils02



Calum Ellis scored two goals for the Pupils side. 50\_c12pupils03



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