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# Kintyre's Kirstie and Violet are Argyll athletics winners

by Mark Davey  
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Castlehill Primary's girls dominated the U11 and U13 competitions at the Argyll Athletics indoor finals.

Last Sunday, the under-11 girls' contest was the most competitive and of a high standard, with only two points between first and second overall.

Kirstie Renton from Castlehill Primary in Campbeltown was the champion ahead of Ellen MacRae from Salen on Mull.

Kirstie won the javelin and speed bounce with an excellent 79 jumps and placed second in four other events scoring 26 points.

Ellen dominated in the running events, setting a new age mark in the two-lap race with 24.7 seconds, almost half a second under the old record.

Ellen later won the four-lap race, this time equalling the record of 54.5 seconds. Ellen also won the long and triple jumps, and was placed second in the high jump, which was won by Eleanor Dale from Ardrishaig who



Argyll Athletics winners.  
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cleared 1.23 metres on her last attempt.

In the under-13s, Castlehill's Violet Campbell won five events, including an impressive 53.8 seconds in the four-lap race. Violet also won the two-lap race, shot putt and both the long and triple jumps.

Runner-up Evie Kellett from Salen won the speed bounce and Ruby Jo Phillips from Lochgilphead won the

Sunday's under-11 girls' contest was the most competitive

high jump. Jamie MacIntyre from Rockfield won the javelin and both the long and triple jumps to secure the under-sevens' title ahead of two girls from Castlehill, Emma Johnston and Eleyna McEachran.

Eleyna dominated in the

running events with her winning time of 65.2 seconds in the four-lap race, only a fifth of a second off the age record.

There was an entry of more than 90 young athletes at the Argyll final of Sports Hall Athletics, held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban.

The final was the last in a series of five competitions held in Argyll over the winter months, promoted

by Mid Argyll Athletic Club. After more than four hours of intense competition, four Argyll age records were broken and one equalled.

The top performance of the day in the boys' events was by Donald Campbell from Rockfield Primary, Oban, who was the under-nine champion, winning all seven events with some style.

James Muir from Rockfield was the under-11 champion,

ahead of Jack Green from Dalintober, who won the triple jump.

Jacques Coates from Park Primary, Oban, won the under-13 contest, with Oliver Reid from Campbeltown the runner-up.

In the boys' under-sevens, Charley Gilchrist from Dalintober was third overall thanks to a win in the triple jump.

The organisers thanked all competitors and said special thanks are due to the families from Mull and Kintyre for making the long journey to Oban.

For full results and more athletics news, turn to pages 54 and 55.

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## Roadworks require additional night

Due to a machinery breakdown affecting material supply, the A83 resurfacing works at Stonefield will require another additional night to complete.

A spokesman from BEAR Scotland said the extra work will be done on Sunday, March 31, with the road closed from 7pm to 7am the following morning.

The project will continue until Thursday night this week as planned, with no works taking place overnight on Friday and Saturday night to avoid impacting weekend traffic. As there is no alternative diversion route for road users, the project has been arranged so that amnesties are in place for road users during the following times; 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am, 4am and 6am.

Motorists are encouraged to arrive prior to these times to ensure they are accommodated within the amnesty period.

Local access and access

for emergency services will be maintained at all times. The work at Stonefield is one of six locations to be addressed in a £375,000 surfacing project for the A83.

Surfacing improvements have already been completed at stretches of the route at the Inveraray Bridge, Rest and Be Thankful, Strone Point and south of Whitehouse.

Once works at Stonefield are complete teams will move to address a section of the route between Shira and Inveraray Bridge on Tuesday April 2. However, this will be completed during the daytime, 7am to 7pm, under a 10mph convoy for safety.

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# Better late than dead on time...

by Mark Davey  
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A quartet of actors took the long and winding route to stage a road safety play at Campbeltown Grammar School.

Better Late Than Dead on Time, featuring Gary Morrison, Rachel Macpherson Graham, Ross Ian Martin and Melissa Davie, showed in an improvised space in the new sports hall on Tuesday evening.

The Baldy Bane Theatre production, billed as multi-generational, looks at the impact of driver and pedestrian behaviour in one family.

The issues are dealt with sensitively but are presented in a realistic and humorous way to focus awareness and spark discussion among the audience.

The event was well supported by the Police Scotland



Police Scotland youth volunteers with police traffic officers before the road safety play.

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Youth Volunteers, with PC Karen Cairns, organising the evening.

Also in attendance were members of Campbeltown's traffic police, led by Sergeant Archie McGuire, members of Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel and Campbeltown's Scottish Fire and Rescue Service firefighters.

This initiative, funded by Road Traffic Scotland, was aimed at all drivers, young and old, and particularly those in a hurry.

The play showed the effects of careless driving, the consequences on the victim, families and surrounding communities.

It also raised awareness

of health implications that can impact on one's ability to drive, including eyesight, hearing and mobility issues.

Following the show, Sergeant McGuire said: 'The cast highlighted everything I could possibly tell an audience about road safety.'

Baldy Bane Theatre was launched in 1991 and has toured all over Scotland ever since.

The theatre company has worked with a broad range of partners, including the Scottish Government, NHS, Police Scotland, Zero Tolerance and Road Safety Scotland.

It has developed dramas in collaboration with supporting

organisations on issues such as bullying, gender-based violence, knife crime, road safety, bogus calling, abuse in teenage relationships and internet safety.

Its board of directors come from a varied background bringing a diverse range of skills and expertise.

Other road safety productions include Friends Disunited, for S5 to S6 pupils who may be new drivers.

The drama follows four secondary school friends whose lives are shattered by the inexperience and over-confidence of one young driver. It highlights the enjoyment and responsibility that comes with being a new driver.

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Alastair MacGregor joins Alistair Cakebread, senior grounds maintenance officer, Phil Burn managing director of Argyll Homes for All, and the new grounds maintenance team.

## ACHA puts down green shoots

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) has forked out to launch its own grounds maintenance team.

Historically, ACHA has contracted work out, but this has now been brought in-house under the new scheme.

The association has extensive areas of land throughout Argyll and Bute, located around and neighbouring its 5,100 properties.

One of ACHA's strategic objectives is to maintain and improve the neighbourhoods in which its tenants live.

For six months of the year the primary focus will be on grass-cutting and plant maintenance during the growing season.

The remaining six months of the year will see a focus on neighbourhood improvement involving a series of projects to modernise public areas in ACHA estates.

Commenting at the launch of the new team, ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor said: 'Feedback from recent conferences indicates the association's tenants want to

see a priority given to estate improvement and neighbourhood management.

'Bringing the service in-house will afford us a greater opportunity to do that through a number of planned initiatives to go along with routine grounds maintenance.'

In addition to the annual grounds maintenance budget of £363,000 there will be a specific five-year programme of £300,000 per annum for five years to support environmental projects.

# Community shop stocks life's essentials

by Mark Davey  
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Running out of milk or bread in Carradale and being faced with a 30-mile round trip is no joke.

That has been the reality for East Kintyre residents since their village shop closed last August.

It will all change from today at 10am, when, for a period, expected to be no more than two years, Carradale

Community Trust (CCT), aided by 24 volunteers, will run a temporary shop in a £7,000 Portakabin at the village hall car park.

The community shop scheme has been made possible with a £5,000 donation from salmon farm company Mowi, a £4,000 grant and a £3,800 loan from the East Kintyre Windfarm Trust.

CCT trustee David Prag said: 'The idea is not to provide a shopping venue.

'The rationale is that if you run out of something it will not mean a 15-mile trip to Campbeltown.

'We are a temporary essentials shop with one shelf of local produce such as Kintyre eggs.

'It is possible for a community shop to work but it must be emphasised it is a temporary solution which will not be permanent.

'The underlying word is temporary and the trust is not in this for financial gain.

'It will disappear as soon as a shop opens in the village.

'CCT is trying to establish a permanent shop which is why we are looking at this for a maximum of two years.

'Hopefully by then some sort of decision will have been made about a permanent shop.'

The shop will be open four hours a day, from 10am to 2pm, from Monday to

Saturday and will only take cash with at least two members of staff on duty at any one time.

There was a decision-making team of four – Margaret Richardson, Nudita Smithson, Jenn Lee and Lesley Prag. They applied for the grants and negotiated with the wholesaler as it was unlikely the shop would meet minimum order requirements.

'In most villages the shops are a lifeline, particularly during bad weather, for the elderly, those without transport and the vulnerable,' said Mrs Prag. 'Village shops provide a focal point, a place to meet, a communication hub and are the linchpin of everyday life.

'They help us recognise our neighbours and give us an opportunity to interact.

'This, in turn, helps develop our sense of community, belonging, responsibility and



The shelves were stocked this week.



David Prag explains how to change a till roll.



Lesley Prag, second from left, demanding a refund as part of training at the shop.

## Social care board chairman

An Oban councillor is the new chairman of the area's health and social care partnership (HSCP) integration joint board.

Councillor Kieron Green will take the post officially from Monday, when he succeeds Robin Creelman, to whom he has been vice-chairman for the past year. He was previously chairman of the integration joint board (IJB) for a spell between 2016 and 2017, succeeding now MSP Maurice Corry in the post before handing over to Mr Creelman. He is due to serve as chairman until March 2021.

His vice-chairwoman will be Sarah Compton-Bishop, nominated by NHS Highland, which operates the IJB with the council. Ms Compton-Bishop volunteers with Isle of Jura Community Development Trust.

The council is also represented on the IJB by its leader, Councillor Aileen Morton, deputy leader Gary Mulvaney and Sandy Taylor, leader of the authority's opposition SNP group.



Councillor Keiron Green, policy lead for health and social care.

## POLICE FILES

### Tyres slashed

A blue Peugeot 206 car had four tyres slashed, a door mirror broken and paint thrown on it between 11.30pm on Tuesday March 19 and 7.50am on Wednesday March 20, in a car park at Tormhor, Carradale.

### House break-in

The door of a Davaar Avenue house, in Campbeltown, was damaged but nothing was stolen during a break-in on Friday March 22.

### Drugs

A 37-year-old man was charged after he was found with cannabis when he was searched by

police at about 12.01am on Saturday March 23, near Campbeltown Airport.

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



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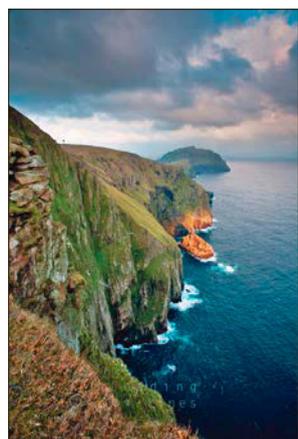
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# Scottish scenes snapped in four-year photo project

A Glaswegian author has criss-crossed his homeland for four years to produce Photographing Scotland.

On Monday April 8, Campbeltown Camera Club will hold a special evening open to all in the Ardsheel Hotel's Arran Room at



Sunrise on St Kilda.

7.30pm, when Dougie Cunningham will speak about putting the book together.

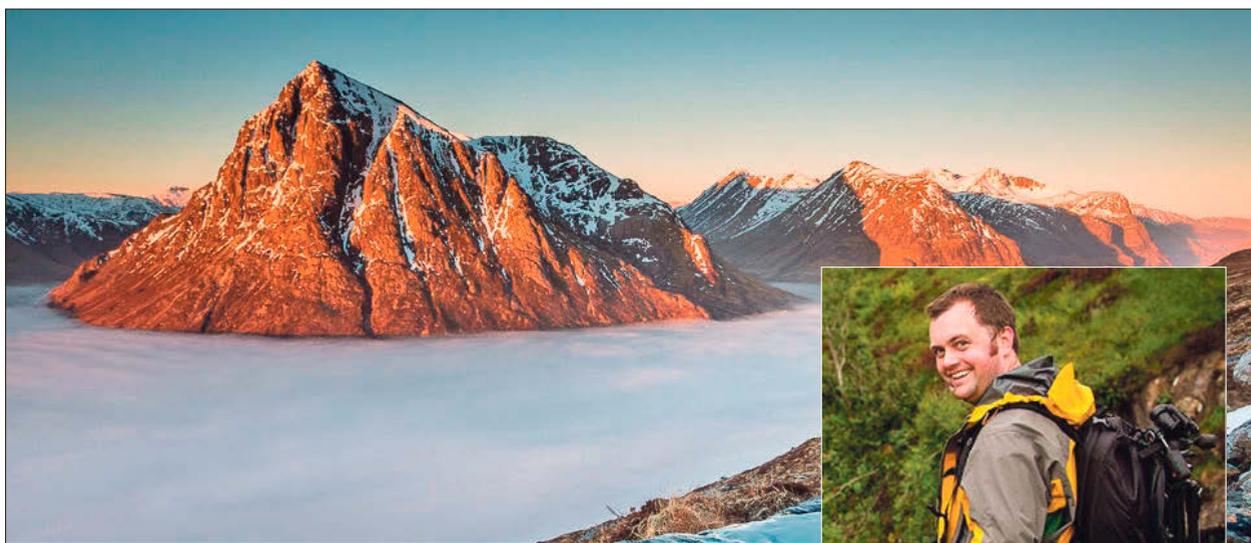
Mr Cunningham's book not only illustrates the images taken, but lists each location, where to park, information on viewpoints, camera settings and the month the scene was photographed.

## Useful

Divided into areas, with maps indicating each location, this book provides a guide to scenic locations around Scotland and would be useful to photographers and non-photographers alike.

Mr Cunningham's regular clients include Aberdeen Asset Management, Red Bull and the Keswick Mountain Festival, and his landscape images have been bought by corporate clients from as far afield as Davos and New York.

He was recently on the



Mountains rise from a sea of clouds.

BBC's One Show, in a feature on the solar eclipse, and has previously featured on both the Fred MacAulay Show and on Scotland Outdoors.

Mr Cunningham said:

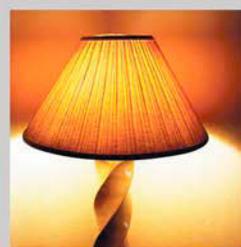
'I think I can reasonably claim to have been the best photographer on the radio all morning.'

For more camera club news, turn to page 12.

Dougie Cunningham.

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## MP supports Earth Hour

While the Brexit debate rages in Westminster, a group of MPs, including Argyll and Bute's, are supporting Earth Hour.

They are calling on everyone to take part in the annual global lights-out event between 8.30pm and 9.30pm tomorrow.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara has added his voice for Earth Hour and joined a movement to safeguard nature and to set it on the path to recovery.

Mr O'Hara has joined more than 100 MPs in the House of Commons this week as they made a pledge to the environment.

Mr O'Hara said: 'We must do more to protect our environment, we cannot sit back and watch the destruction of nature.'

'Earth Hour gives a voice to



Argyll and Bute MP  
Brendan O'Hara.

people everywhere who want to raise awareness of some of the biggest environmental challenges that we as a planet are facing.

'Small changes in everyday life will help to protect our environment and I hope by adding my voice to this campaign, I can encourage my constituents in Argyll and Bute to do the same.'

In the UK, every year millions of people take part in Earth Hour, joining hundreds of millions more around the globe.

Earth Hour has helped to find solutions for the environmental challenges we face globally.

## SSE electrifies Kintyre Way Ultra

Running is just one of the things renewables developer SSE will do to support next month's Kintyre Way Ultra.

The firm which owns Kintyre's Tangy wind farm will be powering the very people taking part in the event on Saturday May 11, by contributing towards the sponsorship.

Seventeen members of the Tangy wind farm team will either volunteer to help



participants find their way or will take on the gruelling endurance challenge, running the 32-mile track on the northern part of the Kintyre Way, beginning at Tayinloan

and finishing at Tarbert. Project manager Andy Gregory said: 'This community has been so supportive of us over the years and we are so pleased to have a chance to give back to them by helping with an event so close to its heart.'

'It's fitting SSE is providing the catering, as Tangy wind farm has provided energy for 15 years and we will boost the competitors energy.'

# Scottish schools rated: where do Kintyre's come?

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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A Kintyre school is one of the top 50 Scottish state secondary schools, according to the annual league table results, published by The Times last week.

Tarbert Academy was ranked 42 out of 339 schools, while Campbeltown Grammar School was placed 258, with Islay High School just behind at 259. Nearby Lochgilphead High School came in at 232 and Oban High School was placed 242.

While the results are both positive and slightly less positive for Argyll and Bute, a council spokesperson said the figures could be 'very misleading'.

The spokesperson said: 'These league table comparisons are based solely on the Scottish Credit and

Qualifications Framework (SCQF) and can be very misleading.

'The results are based on only one aspect of attainment and it is therefore a crude tool for rating performance.

'Schools currently measure their attainment performance using the Insight tool which incorporates a range of attainment measures and is used nationally to benchmark attainment.'

The spokesperson added that across SCQF measures, Argyll and Bute schools are generally above the national average in most categories, with 100 per cent of National 3 and National 4 students passing in 2018, and a rise in the number of Higher and Advanced Higher pupils achieving pass marks this year.

The spokesperson added: 'Attainment needs to be

considered more widely – for example, a number of our young people go on to achieve alternative non-SCQF qualifications which are most suited to their career aspirations than just SCQF qualifications.

'Participation measure figures from Skills Development Scotland also show that 94.2 per cent of young people in Argyll and Bute aged between 16 and 19 years of age are currently in employment, education or training – the national average being 91.8 per cent.

'This puts Argyll and Bute in the top eight of 32 local authority areas.'

Campbeltown Grammar School.



Police and the Coastguard attended the scene. 50\_c13incident01

## Body of missing Northern Irish woman is discovered

The body of a missing Northern Irish woman was found washed up on the beach near Tayinloan.

Police and the Coastguard attended after a report that the body, which was later confirmed to be 43-year-old Nicola Murray, from County Antrim, was found on the shore at Beachmenach at 9.15am last Saturday.

Ms Murray, who was reported missing a week before, on Saturday March 16, was last seen walking by the shoreline near her Cushendall home.

The incident is now being dealt with by the Police Service of Northern Ireland and it is understood a post-mortem examination will be carried out to determine the cause of death.

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### Readers respond to dirty road signs story

While MPs struggle to find a Brexit direction, there has been a large response to the Courier's story last week about dirty road signs.

Some people have asked: 'Why worry about signage when the potholes are such a menace?' but perhaps it should be the other way round.

If a driver is peering at a sign hidden by filth, a pothole might be missed which could have been avoided.

One correspondent to the Courier's Facebook page, Colin Bellamy, shared a link to a BBC Radio Nottingham video of a 22-year-old window cleaner who uses his jet washer to voluntarily clean signs.

When the Courier shared the original video, it provoked further comment.

Notable was Daniel Tetstall stating: 'No one should have to do this voluntarily.'

He is right: nobody should have to volunteer to do this job. It should be done as a matter of course, either by BEAR on the trunk roads or by Argyll and Bute on all the other roads.

Roads and amenities really should get on top of this problem before the summer.

### News of young director is a refreshing development

Sir,  
I was delighted to be informed that the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust has appointed a young man, Brandon Clements, to the trust with other new directors.

At a time when most community councils and trusts are trying to draw young people to their numbers, it is refreshing that Brandon has stepped forward to help with the challenges and rewards of living on an island.

I am sure Brandon will bring fresh innovative ideas and help to address the depopulation issues that affect our remote and rural communities.

I would like to offer the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust my best wishes as it moves forward with its new plans.

**Councillor Anne Horn,  
Lochgair Place,  
Tarbert.**

### Winter ferry service a detriment to Kintyre?

Sir,  
Ken Thorburn of the Lochranza and Catacol Community Association (Letters, March 22) makes a plea for a winter ferry service between Lochranza and Claonaig.

His request was reported in your sister paper, The Argyllshire Advertiser, on March 15, in which it was revealed that CalMac is

considering reducing the Tarbert/Portavadie service from eight sailings per day to just two in order to make a Lochranza/Claonaig winter service possible.

The Tarbert/Portavadie service is an important one, taking tradesmen, council employees and other workers from Kintyre and Mid Argyll to Cowal, and vice versa, as well as enabling visitors and locals to access the facilities of the Portavadie marina and spa. It takes schoolchildren to and from Tarbert Academy.

A swingeing cut from eight daily sailings to two might serve the north Arran community, but it will leave Kintyre and Mid Argyll largely without a link on which many have come to depend.

With all respect to Mr Thorburn, it is to be hoped that improvements for his community will not be achieved at the cost of such massive detriment to another.

**Name and address supplied.**

### Ken Butters spreads welcome memories

Sir,  
I enjoyed reading Down Memory Lane in the March 22 edition of the Courier re Ken Butters.

Although I don't really keep up with social media, I know Ken from other sources but there were a couple of things that I didn't remember.

Ken said he lived at number three Hillside Road. I was at number four. His photograph at the prefab was interesting as I have one

very similar of me just next door. Ken also mentioned his grandmother's flat above McIlchere's bakery on Main Street. I remember being in the flat as a schoolboy with Ken.

I feel sure it was indeed above McIlchere's shop but not on Main Street. I think it was on the corner of Longrow and Saddell Street, down a bit from the County garage but I may be mistaken.

Ken and I used to go to the Cubs together and swap comics on our return. I don't know how I remember all this as it was more than 60 years ago.

Ken and I didn't keep in touch after his family emigrated but did meet up more than 30 years later.

I wonder if any of your readers noticed the square and compass on Ken's kilt pin?

Ken's mother, Belle, was in Campbeltown, I think, around 1990 and happened to be visiting a friend who, at the time, was a colleague of my wife at Campbeltown Hospital.

I talked to Belle and she remembered me but I didn't remember her. I said I could only wait a little while as I was on my way to the Masonic lodge.

She remarked that Ken was a member of the lodge in Cornwall, Ontario, and passed on my details. This was before the digital age and we exchanged a couple of snail mails.

Ken visited Campbeltown with his wife Judy in 1993.

We met up and I took him into the lodge where he took several photographs, one of which I believe was shown in the Old Campbeltown Facebook page featuring yours

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truly. It was amazing to see Ken's photo in the Courier, so thank you for the memories.

PS: I must get into this social media thingy though I have emailed Ken regarding the story.

Ron Gay,  
Dunoon.

## Earth Hour helps protect the planet

Sir,  
I'm writing to encourage Courier readers to join the thousands of people across Scotland, and millions around the world, taking part in the biggest event to protect the planet, Earth Hour.

It takes place at 8.30pm tomorrow and there are hundreds of Earth Hour events happening across Scotland.

Climate change is already happening and one in 11 Scottish species is endangered, including the capercaillie, puffin and the white-beaked dolphin.

People can help by pledging to change an aspect of their life such as switching to a green energy provider, turning the washing machine to 30 degrees or going on a staycation.

Why not share your pledge and your Earth Hour actions tomorrow night by tagging #EarthHourScotland on social media, and join millions round the world taking action to protect our planet?

Lang Banks,  
Director of WWF Scotland,  
Edinburgh.

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



A very Gothic sunset on the Kintyre peninsula, at Patchen Cemetery, by Neil Lea, Dunoon.

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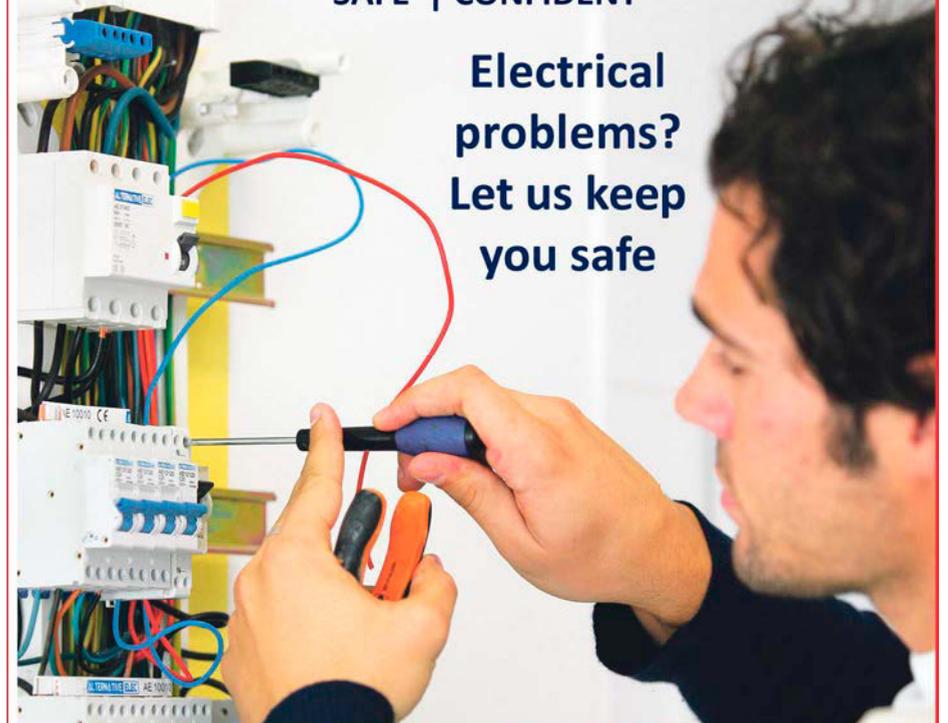
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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

Friday March 27, 2009

### Carradale firefighter honoured

Crew commander Robert Strang of Carradale Fire Station was presented with the fire service medal for 20 years' service and good conduct on Tuesday night.

Robert was presented with the medal by Area Commander Paul Connolly, watched by his fellow Carradale firefighters and members of the Campbeltown team who also attended.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday April 1, 1994

### Seal of approval

The call of the wild sounded loudly for a seal pup released at a secret location in Argyll last week just over two months after being found on a Kintyre beach more dead than alive.

The seal was found on a beach at Bellochinty in January by local couple Robb Falconer and his wife Judith.

'He was all tangled in seaweed and I noticed his eyes were rolling,' said Mr Falconer.

The Falconers made a stretcher from a plastic bag to move the pup off the beach.

'He was very sickly and we were told that he wasn't expected to live overnight,' said Mrs Falconer. Police at Campbeltown eventually took charge of the sickly pup and delivered him to a local vet.

The pup, by now christened Titch, was



Robert, centre, collected his long service and good conduct medal surrounded by his colleagues.

eventually taken to Oban Sealife Centre. Eventually Titch recovered and was fattened up enough for release into the wild. He swam off with hardly a glance back at the Falconers and staff from the sealife centre on the beach.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday March 27, 1969

### Who was at Windhoek?

A London man, who was a prisoner of war with a number of Campbeltown men during the Second World War, is trying to arrange a

reunion with them this summer, when he will be touring Scotland.

The man, Mr George Burnett, who served in the Rifle Brigade, has written to the Provost of Campbeltown, Mr Dan McKinven, asking him for his assistance in tracing his wartime mates.

He says that in August 1940, he was in a prisoner of war work camp at Windhoek, a small village in western Poland.

In one room, where 24 men lived, 22 of them were from Campbeltown - 'and a fine bunch of men they were'.

Mr Burnett says that to the best of his knowledge they belonged to a TA anti-aircraft battery attached to the 51st Highland Division and they had been captured at St Valery.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday March 29, 1919

### Workers' memorable gathering

The Campbeltown branch of the British Red Cross Society rounded off its years of war work with a social gathering, held in the Christian Institute last Friday night.

There was a splendid representative gathering of workers and friends. The hall was pleasingly and appropriately decorated, and the tables were tastefully laid.

The function from beginning to end was free and sociable, and the gathering made a memorable period to a succession of years of labour in which all who participated are entitled to take pride.

Sheriff Macmaster Campbell presided. The chairman, in opening the proceedings after tea, said they had come pretty near to the end of five of the most wonderful years in the history of this country in that it was good to be alive to attend a meeting like this.

That night they looked back upon the stirring, cruel period through which they had passed with mixed feelings. They thought of the lives that had been sacrificed, of the men who had been maimed for life, of the men who had been enfeebled for life, and on that account they all felt sad.

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The Kintyre Magazine's latest edition is available from the usual outlets.

It is packed with historical and contemporary stories and some tasters are printed below:

Open water swimmer Mercedes Gleitze, who attempted to swim the North Channel and was the first woman to swim the English Channel, features on the front page.

Angus Martin, the magazine's editor, has reviewed a 288-page book about her exploits.

Swimming was not her only accomplishment and Mercedes was a notable charity worker.

Mr Martin quotes her as saying: 'I know of no sensation but that of calm pleasure at the prospect of another tussle with those "calling" waves. When one loves, one is not afraid.'

A tattered notebook of Gaelic poetry, by Kintyre's Anna NicFhearghais was deposited with the National Library of Scotland 39 years ago.

It forms the basis for a seven-page essay investigation into the poet's roots.

The study by Dr Anne Macleod Hill, digging into census records

and family history, discusses the era and context in which Ms NicFhearghais set down her poetry; the end of the 18th century.

A 19th-century distiller, John Ross, known for his 'wit and racy anecdotes' and hailed as 'perhaps the greatest' in the history of Campbeltown, features in an extract from a forthcoming book.

Page 12 features a conversation, which may have been imagined, between interviewer, art historian and journalist Edward Pinnington and animal artist Sir George Pirie.

The text tells us Pirie had a Kintyre connection and, in a footnote, Mr Martin explains he was born in Longrow and that Pinnington's interview appeared in The Art Journal 1907.

Another investigation of paintings by Archibald MacKinnon, by Mr Martin, follows on page 16 and this leads into an appreciation of 'Jamie Morrison: Wandering Packman', a worthy painted by MacKinnon and displayed in 1885.

A history of the Macharioch Memorial Cross by Murdo MacDonald describes a December 2017 mini-tour of Southend led by 'an enthusiastic Elizabeth Marrison

on her home turf'. Mr Martin's regular 'By Hill and Shore' starts with a Tarbert nature ramble in the company of his grandson Innes before expanding to cover the thorny subject of rewilding.

He argues that the feral goats, often seen at Machrihanish, should be reclassified from domestic to wild.

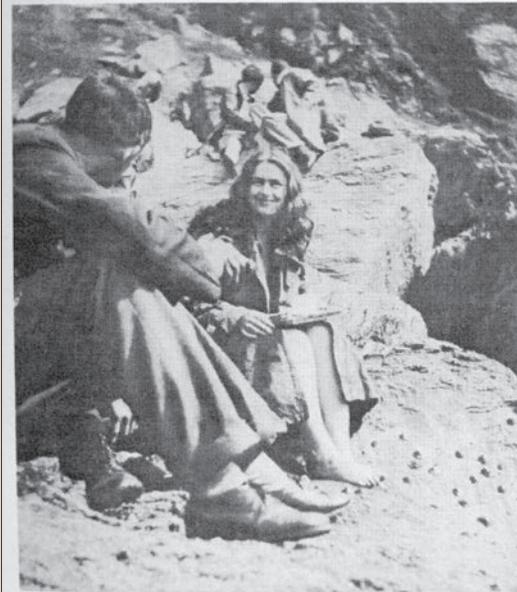
Mr Martin is not so keen on Kintyre as the location for the release of Eurasian lynx and states it is 'a project in which I fail to find any merit, no matter from which angle I look at it'.

Agnes Stewart's report Botany and Butterflies 2018, reveals her nature notes and the fact that flower counts were down in April, May and June perhaps as a result of the cold snap colloquially named the Beast from the East.

In January, the Courier reported that the Benny Lynch Story will be staged in June at Victoria Hall.

Mr Martin recalled that Lynch, 'Scotland's first world boxing champion', fought a 1936 exhibition match in Campbeltown. It was recorded in the Courier of July 25, 1936, and in number 79 of the Kintyre Magazine.

## THE KINTYRE ANTIQUARIAN AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY MAGAZINE No. 85



Open-water swimmer Mercedes Gleitze at the Mull of Kintyre, 1929.

The Kintyre Magazine front cover reproduces a rare photograph of Mercedes Gleitze.

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# Macmillan gives £33,000 to help Argyll cancer patients

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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Macmillan Cancer Support gave about £33,300 in grants to people with cancer in Argyll in 2018, thanks to the hard work of volunteers, including in Kintyre.

About £21,100 helped people pay for heating or clothing, while £3,030 was given to people struggling to cover travelling costs to and from hospital.

Having cancer can make patients feel the cold more and many spend more time at home between treatments so it is essential that they keep warm.

The grants also covered the costs of other essentials to help manage the impact of having cancer, such as beds, chairs, kitchen appliances and washing machines.

Four out of five people living with cancer experience a financial impact, with the average in Scotland being £420 a month.

Increased costs can happen because the income of people with cancer goes down while their costs for things such as heating and travelling go up.

In total, the charity gave grants to 4,900 people with cancer in Scotland last year, with Glasgow



Macmillan volunteers Elizabeth Galbraith and Viv Campbell sold raffle tickets at the group's most recent coffee morning.

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having the highest number of recipients.

Grants were most commonly given to people living with breast cancer in Scotland.

Janice Preston, head of services (Scotland) for Macmillan Cancer Support, said: 'Half of us will get cancer at some point in our lives,

so I'm pleased Macmillan awarded around £33,300 in grants last year to ease their money worries of people with cancer in Argyll and Bute.

'Cancer can affect so many parts of your life and our Macmillan grants, funded by our supporters, covered essentials

from heating to travel costs for more than 200 people with cancer in Argyll and Bute in 2018 helping to make money one less worry.

'Grants are just one way Macmillan is there for people with cancer. Thanks to the public's support and I'd urge anyone

with cancer to get in touch to find out how we can support you.'

To find out more, call the Macmillan support line for free on 0808 808 0000 or visit [macmillan.org.uk/moneyworries](http://macmillan.org.uk/moneyworries).

Macmillan is funded almost entirely by donations and grants are only possible thanks to its supporters.

To join the Kintyre branch of fundraisers, contact Wilma Stevenson on 01586 553065.

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Sitting, from left, are Katherine Macpherson, Susanna Fee with son Milo, Karine Irvine and her son George, and Isla Hales with son Joseph at one of the infant feeding support group's most recent meetings. Playing on the mat below are Anna and Charlotte Hales and Saul and Angus Fee. 50\_c13feeding01

# Kintyre mums set up feeding support group

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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A group of UNICEF-accredited infant feeding peer support workers has formed to help Kintyre's parents and expectant parents.

Karine Irvine, Lea Watson, Isla Hales, Katherine Macpherson, Catherine McTaggart, Carol McEachran and Laura Watson are all trained to support breastfeeding mothers.

They have joined forces and created an informal group, which meets every Thursday, and all parents are welcome, whether they are breastfeeding or bottle-feeding their infants.

A Kintyre Health and Wellbeing Network grant of £500 helped get the group, which held its first meeting last month, off the ground.

Karine, who is mother to Grace, eight, Andrew, four, and two-year-old George, explained: 'We are all volunteers trained to the same standard. If we think there may be any underlying

health issues, we can advise parents to seek medical advice.

'We are always here to support people but it is very informal, often we just sit and have a cup of tea. I don't just want people to come along if they have an issue with feeding.'

Isla Hales, mum to Anna, seven, Charlotte, four, and 18-month-old Joseph, said: 'It's a really good way of getting together to encourage other mums and is not about bottle versus breast.'

'It's just about supporting each other and being there for each other, in a safe place to talk.'

'I find it really helpful listening to other people who have been through it.'

Katherine Macpherson, whose daughters Cara and Aimee are now in primary school, agreed, and said: 'I was a bit of an older mum and I found it really helpful chatting to other parents. It's nice to be there if people do need support.'

Isla added: 'Family mem-

bers are welcome too, to find out how to support someone who may be expecting. I think attitudes may be a lot to do with people's decisions on how to feed their babies.'

Susanna Fee was at the group's meeting last week and said her sons, Saul, three, Angus, two, and Milo, two months, enjoy playing with their friends as much as she enjoys catching up with other parents.

She added: 'If you haven't spoken to an adult all day, it can be nice to come and chat about anything.'

The group meets every Thursday in the Community Education Centre from 2pm to 3pm and all new members are welcome.

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## Future bright for town centre shopping firms

In the age of online shopping, a visual merchandising expert has encouraged Campbeltown retailers to work together to revamp the town centre.

Almost 30 shopkeepers attended a talk in Campbeltown Town Hall last Thursday evening by Lynda Murray, former director of visual merchandising at House of Fraser, who has run her own agency for 11 years.

The event was arranged and funded by Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, which has already orchestrated £10 million of improvements to the town's historic buildings.

Ms Murray explained that visual merchandising is the act of promoting the sale of goods through presentation which can help high street retailers prosper despite online opposition.

As well as improving the appearance of shops' interiors, through lighting, displays and

layouts, she said it was every bit as important to enhance a shop's exterior, which should relate to each shop but remain in keeping with the style of the street.

'Neighbouring shopkeepers can work together to create a fabulous looking high street,' Ms Murray said, adding: 'Individual shops need to choose a style that relates to their business.'

Simple things like having plants and hanging baskets can improve the ambience of the street, while lettering, lighting and signage can get across each shop's unique brand.

Throughout the talk, Ms Murray showed before and after photographs from high streets and shops which she had helped improve.

Some of the retailers booked one-on-one consultations with Ms Murray, so watch this space for a new and improved town centre.



Lynda Murray advised Campbeltown's retailers on how to boost their shops. 50\_c13vismerch01



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# Mid Argyll Camera Club snaps up trophy

It was a photo finish when Mid Argyll Camera Club won a major county trophy for the first time in a quarter of a century.

Leaving Campbeltown and Carradale trailing, Mid Argyll won the annual Frank

Walton competition between all nine Argyll photo clubs for the first time in 25 years.

Cowal and Mid Argyll both scored the same total points but Mid Argyll was declared the winner, having entered the highest scoring individ-

ual image. The top image – scoring 20/20 – was In Safe Hands, Verina Litster's photo of baby Nia held by her father Derek Robertson, a firefighter at Inveraray and Clydebank.

Verina also scored joint second highest with Dreich Night in Glasgow, an image that she took on her mobile phone.

Helen Phillip was joint third with Café Life, giving the club a first, second and third placing.

See all MACC entries at <http://www.macc.ukphoto.com/19-fwcomp.html>

On Thursday evening, March 14, about 50 amateur photographers from across Argyll and Bute braved the wild weather, many making a long detour to Arrochar due to the A83 being closed overnight at Inveraray.

The competition was hosted

this year by the Three Villages Camera Club in the Three Villages Hall in Arrochar.

A record number of nine Argyll photo clubs entered this year, demonstrating the upsurge of enthusiasm for improving digital images through friendly competition for the Frank Walton Argyll Inter-club Trophy.

The Bute Photographic Society was added to clubs in Campbeltown, Carradale, Cowal, Helensburgh, Mid-Argyll, Oban, Peninsula (Cove) and Three Villages.

Each club submitted 10 images to be judged by Neil McGregor of the Kirkintilloch Camera Club.

Neil made useful comments on each of the 90 images, with encouraging suggestions for improvement rather than criticism.

The trophy was donated in 1981 by Frank Walton, the



**In Safe Hands, Verina Litster's photograph of baby Nia held by her father Derek Robertson, a firefighter at Inveraray and Clydebank.**

photographer who had the camera shop in Oban, and the last time Mid Argyll won the cup was back in 1994 when it was a slide competition.

The clubs take turns to organise the event in their home towns. The next competition will be held in Dunoon in March 2020.

Scores out of 200: Mid Argyll CC 166, Cowal CC 166, Peninsula CC (Cove) 163, Oban Photographic Club 161, Helensburgh Digital Photography Club 156, Campbeltown CC 152, Bute Photographic Society 150, Carradale CC 150, Three Villages CC 150.



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# Kent couple's Ceol Campbeltown date

Acoustic duo Wildwood Jack sold their home to finance a non-stop rocking road trip.

Husband and wife Adam Piggott and Jayne Freeman

longed to hit the road full-time and in June 2013 they sold up. This started an inspirational journey that has taken them across the UK,

Europe and New Zealand. Playing at acoustic clubs, folk clubs, festivals, house concerts and even busking brings new people to their music.

The duo were brought together by a love of music when they first met in 1991 at Hull University and they've been travelling on musical

journeys ever since. Settling in East Sussex in 2002, they played in musical projects from samba bands, ukulele sextets and a cabaret trio while gathering and writing songs with music taking them further and further afield.

Their stories and adventures are deeply rooted in their

music and their songs speak of amazing journeys both real and imagined.

Wildwood Jack is their name for the independent spirit of music that knows no boundaries and their wide repertoire draws from an eclectic songbook as well as instrumentals and

heartwarming original songs. Their latest album Liberty Ship brings together the sound of folk, Americana and world music and also features legendary drummer Liam Genockey from Steeleye Span on four of the tracks.

Catch them at Ardshiel Hotel on Friday April 12.



Adam Piggott and Jayne Freeman of Wildwood Jack.

## CalMac on course to cut carbon emissions

Ferry operator CalMac is on course to cut its carbon emissions by five per cent this year with the progress report being highlighted in the company's new environmental strategy.

The strategy outlines the steps the company is taking to better protect the environment. Targets include reducing the company's carbon footprint by five per cent by the end of 2019 against a 2016 baseline and reducing its water consumption by 10 per cent by 2020, based on 2016 baseline.

The company also wants to deliver action-led biodiversity plans at half of CalMac sites by 2020 and increase recycling rates by a minimum of 15 per cent by 2020 from 2017 baseline.

The reduction in carbon produced is mainly down to the use of fuel monitoring systems, increasing operational efficiency and working with industry academics to deliver energy efficient vessels.

Reducing and eliminating waste is another cornerstone

of CalMac's environmental pledges. It is working to reduce single-use plastics on board and is looking at introducing more efficient waste management systems to help reduce, reuse and recycle more effectively. This will be backed with a new programme designed with partners to raise awareness of the impact of marine litter.

### Key part

CalMac environmental manager Klare Chamberlain said: 'Delivering this strategy was a key part of our winning bid for the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service contract. We wanted to set achievable objectives that would really make a difference to protecting and enhancing the environment in which we operate.'

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# Primary players act out



The P7 actors who performed in the play. 50\_c13scotplay01



Margaret, Maid of Norway, travels to Scotland. 50\_c13scotplay02

Words and photographs by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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Castlehill Primary amateur actors transported an audience back to 13th/14th century Scotland.

Their show taught family, friends, teachers and fellow pupils about the country's wars of independence.

Last Thursday afternoon's production began in 1284 when the last of King Alexander III's children died, leaving him with only an infant granddaughter, Margaret, living in Norway.

The P7 thespians, who doubled up as narrators, dancers and singers, waved floaty blue material, representing the ocean, back and forth as they acted out Margaret's voyage to Scotland to become queen at three years old.

When Margaret died, aged seven, 13 men came forward to become king - cue 13 children stepping forward on the flag-adorned school stage. Edward I of England over-

saw the selection process, which saw John Balliol crowned king of Scotland in 1292.

The children explained that Edward I was actually looking for a weak, feeble person to become king so he was really still in charge. His plan worked as he had John Balliol arrested and taken to the Tower of London as he took control of Scotland.

The young actors used hand-crafted props in a scene depicting the removal of the Stone of Destiny, on which Scottish kings were crowned, from Scone Palace, to sit underneath the English coronation chair at Westminster Abbey.

The next segment looked at William Wallace's rise in prominence, becoming Guardian of Scotland, before being betrayed and tried for treason.

As hand-crafted props representing Wallace's hung, drawn and quartered limbs were placed on 'spikes' on stage, one actor roared

Wallace's dying word - 'FREEDOM!' - eliciting a surprised response from the younger audience members.

When Edward I of England died, his 'weak' son, Edward II, took control, allowing Robert the Bruce to begin a campaign to take back control of Scotland.

Some children put on their dancing shoes to act out the famous cave scene in which Bruce was inspired to keep fighting after a defeat by watching a spider finally spin its web after several failed attempts.

The children used faux swords to act out the Battle of Bannockburn, near Stirling Castle, during which Edward II was defeated by Bruce.

The final act of the play described the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath, a statement of Scottish independence, signed by 51 Scots nobles in 1320, as a copy of the document was held up.

Three actors became musicians and picked up the bagpipes as the story turned to

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# wars of independence



The children act out the Battle of Bannockburn. 50\_c13scotplay05

the modern day, in the 1990s, when the Stone of Destiny was piped back into Scotland and placed in Edinburgh Castle, where it sits today.

The afternoon culminated in a rendition of Flower of Scotland in which the audience was encouraged to participate.

Class teacher Fiona Watson described her pupils as 'superstars' and said she hoped they would never forget the information they had so quickly absorbed.



William Wallace meets Edward I in battle. 50\_c13scotplay08



Thirteen children came forward with a claim to the throne. 50\_c13scotplay03



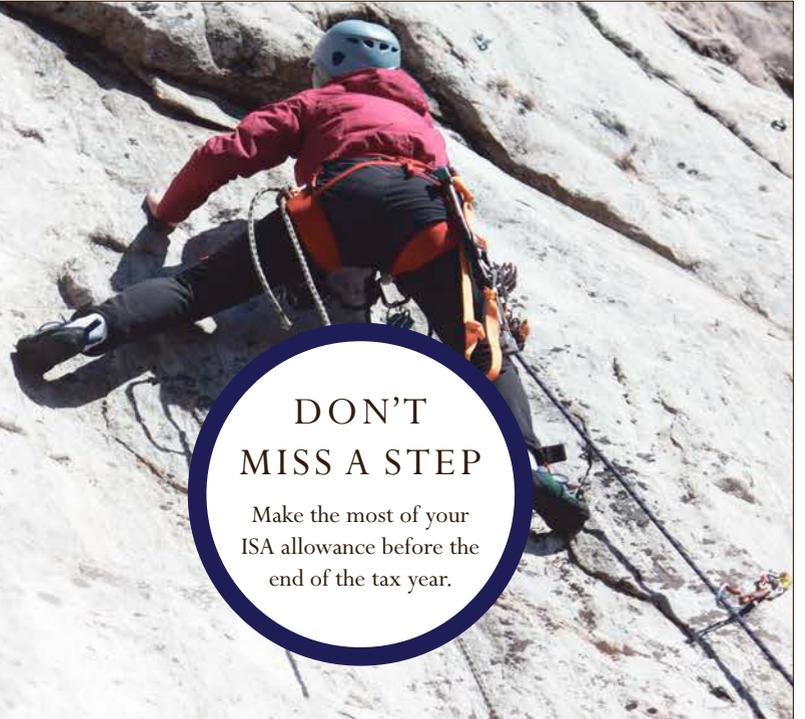
Dancers depict the spider in the famous Robert the Bruce cave scene. 50\_c13scotplay04

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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

## Rock band entertains Campbeltown crowd



Gubbed rocked the Masonic hall. 50\_c13gubbed01

An Ardrishaig band rocked Campbeltown's Masonic hall. Indie rock covers band Gubbed performed modern and retro classics in St John's 141 Campbeltown Recreational Club last Saturday night. The Courier popped along to the gig and photographed some of the high-spirited revellers.



Donald Mackinnon, Janet Thomson, Jane Hill, Mhairi McPherson, Mairi Mackinnon, Ralph Hill and Andrew Thomson. 50\_c13gubbed02

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Kenny Blair, Stewart Wareham, Joanne Tiffin and Joanne Blair. 50\_c13gubbed03



Daryn and Kim Mathieson. 50\_c13gubbed05



Linda McKellar, Margaret Wilson, Sarah McGeachy, Janna Scally, Janna Brown, Robert Wilson and Raymond Harvey. 50\_c13gubbed08



Nancy and Val Hope. 50\_c13gubbed04

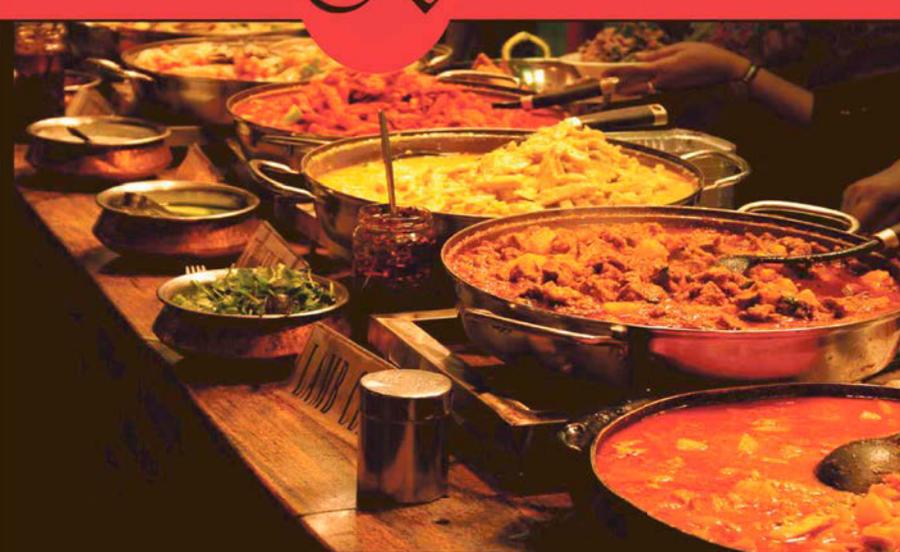


Donnie Cameron, Kate Cameron, Greg Grogan and Hugh Wilson. 50\_c13gubbed09



Jackie McLatchie, Kirsteen Anderson, Karen Anderson and Stephen Wyper. 50\_c13gubbed06

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THROUGHOUT  
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### How do we manage to cram so much into a year?

OK – here's the plan: we live in one of the best places in the world; we have some of the best food, drink, music and culture on the planet so it would seem downright rude not to celebrate all this with the rest of the human race.

This isn't idle boasting, the evidence speaks for itself: between now and the end of the year HUNDREDS of THOUSANDS of people will visit the West Highlands and islands.

They are coming for the stunning scenery, the history, the Gaelic culture, the music and song. They are coming to celebrate the birthplace of one of the world's most famous drinks, whisky; to enjoy food produced in some of the clearest waters and least polluted landscapes.

Not forgetting the craic either!

This is where we live and what we are and if that isn't worth a festival, then what is?

Music is at the heart of Gaelic and we do not just celebrate our own: you will hear classical, rock, jazz, blues and much more here on the west coast and the islands. What you should also remember is that the vast majority of the talent will be home grown.

When it comes to food and drink, we have something to show the world: lush pastures filled with dairy herds to give our cheese makers the finest raw ingredients, plus there is the rise of some seriously good local ice cream manufacturers. Our hills and upland pastures are full of sheep and beef cattle being raised as nature intended. Oban is the seafood capital of Scotland.

Our whisky distilleries are the stuff of legend. People come from all over the world to visit and they've even been known to get married in them.

The number of book and film festivals continues to rise, with authors and film lovers coming from all over and heading to the remotest of locations as people enjoy the written word together. And all these events take place in some of the most stunning and unspoiled locations in Europe so it is only right that we throw festivals for the wildlife and countryside – and the dark skies of Coll for star gazers.

This festival guide is just the beginning – our guides to all the Highland games and gatherings and agricultural shows will be published in coming weeks.

So start planning your festivities.

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# Fàilte don Ghàil

The Gaelic language is in safe hands thanks to the mòds and fèisean and every year thousands of people compete, further their education and talent thanks to them.

Performance is at the heart of both organisations and many more people attend their concerts and festivals. These events are not just supported by local people but by tourists from the UK and abroad who go home having sampled a real experience of Scottish culture.

An Comunn Gàidhealach was founded in Oban in 1891, and ever since the organisation has been at the heart of promoting and keeping alive Gaelic culture through its teaching, lobbying and the famous network of Mòds and has developed many international links and friendships not only with other Gaelic speaking-countries but around the globe.

The 'provincial' mòds are smaller events in communities throughout the Highlands and also towns and cities that have Gaelic-speaking populations. They all build towards October and the annual Royal National Mòd – a glorious event lasting for more than a week, full of the finest that Gaeldom has to offer with a great social scene.

Those in the know make their way to Mull for its mòd only weeks beforehand as many of the top choirs and soloists use this as their final 'warm-up' performances before the big event.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is the National Association of Scottish Gaelic Arts youth tuition festivals.

The organisation was founded in 1988 to expand and support the organisation of Gaelic arts tuition festivals and develop these community-based festivals throughout

Scotland with immersive teaching courses, specialising in traditional music and culture. You might end up taking part; if not, each fèis usually ends with a concert where the participants showcase all that they have learned.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is currently putting the finishing touches to its programme for this year's Blas – a nine-day celebration each September of the music, language, song and culture of the Highlands, taking place across a number of venues.

Also eagerly awaited are the details of the year's ceilidh trails, cèilodhean air chuairt, which showcase the talents of young performers aged 16 to 25 in a professional summer tour in their local area, with the support of their tutors and teams of professional musicians. Check the Fèisean nan Gàidheal website for the final details.

These events give the young musicians incredible experience to help them develop as performers at the same time creating fantastic evenings for everyone to go along and enjoy. The Scottish music scene is packed full of musicians who will tell you they got their first taste of performing in front of live audiences at these events.



# dhealtachd

*An Comunn Gàidhealach  
and Fèisean nan Gàidheal  
are driving forces behind  
Gaelic's summer festivals*



## Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail Glaschu 2019

This year we are exporting one of our biggest festivals to Glasgow. For the first time in 29 years the week-long Royal National Mòd will be held in the city which has such a strong Gaelic tradition, thanks to generations of Gaels heading to the city to work or study. The event runs from October 11-19.

### The provincial Mòds\*

Stirling, 17-18 May  
Uist, 24-25 May  
Skye, 29 May - 1 June  
East Kilbride, 31 May-1 June  
Oban, 31 May-1 June  
Sutherland & Caithness, 8 June  
Lewis, 4-7 June  
Lochaber, 7-8 June  
Glasgow, 8-9 June  
Harris, 14 June  
Perth & Angus (Aberfeldy), 14-15 June  
Ardnamurchan, 14 June  
Islay, 15 June  
Inverness, 21-22 June  
Mull, 13-14 September  
Barra, 21 Sept  
Edinburgh, to be confirmed  
Mòd Loch Aillse, to be confirmed

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## Let the good times roll! Start filling up your diary now

Lorn Drama Festival	Oban	27-29 March
Loch Shiel Spring Festival	various locations	19-21 April
Mull Music Festival	Tobermory, Isle of Mull	25-29 April
Gintyre	Campbeltown	13 April
Fiddlers' Rally	Oban	27 April
Carradale Music Festival	Carradale	19-21 April
Walk Islay	Islay	21-26 April
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull, and other locations	26-27 April
Colonsay Book Festival	Isle of Colonsay	27-28 April
Colonsay Spring Festival	Isle of Colonsay	29 April-19 May
Highlands & Islands Music and Dance Festival	Oban	3-5 May
Moladh Uibhist (In Praise of Uist)	South Uist	3-5 May
Kintyre Songwriters' Festival	Campbeltown	3-5 May
Scapa Yoga Fest	Ardkinglas, Loch Fyne	3-5 May
Ullapool Book Festival	Ullapool	10-12 May
Coll Bird Festival	Isle of Coll	10-12 May
Bèo Festival	Isle of Skye	17-18 May
Gig in the Gail	Lochgoilhead	17-19 May
Campbeltown Malts Festival	Campbeltown	21-24 May
Skye Accordion & Fiddle Festival	Portree, Isle of Skye	23-25 May
Bluebell Music Festival	George Hotel, Inveraray	24-26 May
Islay Festival of Music & Malt	Isles of Islay & Jura	24 May-1 June
Mhòr Festival	Balquidder, Perthshire	24-26 May
FyneFest	Glen Fyne, Inveraray	31 May - 3 June
Oban Live	Oban	7-8 June
Arran Folk Festival	Brodick, Isle of Arran	7-9 June
Killin Music Festival	Killin	14-16 June
Skye Food & Drink Festival	Portree, Isle of Skye	24-29 June
Scottish Rally Championship, Round 4	Dunoon	22 June
Arran Malt & Music Festival	Isle of Arran	28-30 June
Gigha Music Festival	Isle of Gigha	28-29 June
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull, and other locations	4-8 July
Ceòlas Uibhist	South Uist	7-12 July
Carradale Harbour Day	Carradale	20 July
Tarbert Seafood Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	6-7 July
Cantilena Festival	Isle of Islay	7-12 July
Fèis an Eilean, Skye Festival	various venues	12 July - 20 August
Loch Fyne Viking Festival	Tarbert Loch Fyne	13-14 July
Tiree Music Festival	Isle of Tiree	12-14 July
Heb Celt	Stornoway, Isle of Lewis	17-20 July
Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	20-21 July
Bute Studio Trail	Various open studios across Isle of Bute	20-21 July
Scottish Series	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	24-27 July
Tarbert Fair	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	25-27 July
Eilean Dorcha Festival	Benbecula	26-28 July
ButeFest	Isle of Bute	26-28 July
Belladrum	Beauly, Inverness	1-3 August
Bute Noir, crime writing festival	Isle of Bute	2-4 August
MOKfest, Mull of Kintyre Music Festival	Campbeltown	21-25 August
Art Map Argyll	Various open studios across mainland Argyll	23-26 August
Mendelssohn on Mull	Isle of Mull, and other locations	1-7 September
Skye Live	Portree	5-7 September
Clachan Smallholders Gathering	Clachan, Kintyre	7 September
Blas	venues still being confirmed	TBC
Ceòl Cholas	Isle of Colonsay	12-15 September
Lagavulin Jazz Festival	Isle of Islay	13-15 September
Tarbert Music Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	20-22 September
Hebrides International Film Festival	Lewis, Harris, Uists & Barra	12-14 September
Cowal Open Studios	Various open studios across Cowal Peninsula	27-30 September
Three Lochs Books and Arts Festival	Sunart Centre, Strontian	20-21 September
Jura Music Festival	Isle of Jura	27-29 September
Bookends Festival	Benderloch	20-27 September
Islay Book Festival	Isle of Islay	29 Aug - 1 Sept
Loopallu	Ullapool	27-28 September
CowalFest	Cowal Peninsula	27-29 September
Callander Jazz & Blues Festival	Callander	4-6 October
Ullapool Guitar Festival	Ullapool	4-6 October
Fèis na-Mara	Arisaig	4-6 October
Coll and the Cosmos	Isle of Coll	26-27 October
Colonsay Autumn Food & Drink Festival	Isle of Colonsay	9-23 October
MOJO Argyll	Ardfern	19 October
Tarbert Book Festival	Tarbert, Loch Fyne	26-28 October
Mallaig Book Festival	Mallaig	8-10 November
Scottish Comedy Film Festival	Campbeltown Picture House	15-17 November
Fèill Leabraichean Uibhist (Uist Book Festival)	Across Uist	18-24 November
Oban Winter Festival	Oban	15-24 November
Fèill Leabraichean Uibhist	(Uist Book Festival)	18-24 November
Seall Festival Small Halls	venues across Skye & Lochalsh	22-30 November
Oban Festival of the Sea	Ocean Explorer Centre, Dunbeg	TBC

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# Fyne Ales gets set to celebrate 10 years of FyneFest!



Argyll brewery Fyne Ales will celebrate 10 years of their award-winning family-friendly festival of beer, food, later this year.

FyneFest, winner of Beer Event of The Year at the Scottish Beer Awards, takes place at the Fyne Ales brewery estate near Cairndow from May 31-June 3, once again seeing almost 3,000 thirsty festival-goers visit scenic Glen Fyne to sample beers from the award-winning host brewery and over 50 guest breweries from the UK and Europe.

'When we held our first FyneFest in 2010, we never anticipated the festival would grow to be such a huge event for us,' commented Fyne Ales MD Jamie Delap.

'From 300 people at our first festival to around 3,000 this year, the event has gone from strength-to-strength over the past 10 years, and we can't wait to celebrate its birthday with attendees this year.'

This year's festival will celebrate the history of FyneFest with music and beer line-ups featuring a 'best of' line-up of artists and breweries.

Among the 40 breweries already confirmed for the festival are Oakham, Ashover and Thornbridge, three breweries which had beer pouring at the first FyneFest event plus Verdant, Magic Rock, Fierce Beer and Cloudwater among many others.

Across three stages, a mix of talented local artists, festival regulars and high profile bands will perform, including headliners Bombskare on Saturday June 1. FyneFest also offers kids' activities, tours, talks, tastings, Glen Fyne walks and food from more than 15 street-food vendors including Loch Fyne Oysters.

Tickets for FyneFest 2018, including discount tickets for those local to the brewery, are on sale now and selling fast. Under-13s and dogs go free, visit [www.fynefest.com](http://www.fynefest.com) for all the info and to book.

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# Trail West headlines a superb line-up at Killin



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Finalists for Event of the Year in the 2017 Scots Trad Music Awards, Killin Music Festival is carving its own niche as a relatively small and intimate family weekend in the very heartland of Scotland, whilst still delivering a star-studded lineup.

The new Trail West big-band lineup returns to the 2019 festival to cap off the Friday events in their inimitable west coast style. Elephant Sessions will continue their recent industry domination with their impactful set to close off the Saturday main stage. The

seated concert on Sunday evening will be headlined by three-times Scots Singer of the Year – the bright, unforced and precise Siobhan Miller.

Alongside the headliners, the fully packed 2019 line-up also includes: Blue Rose Code, Kinnaris Quintet, Torridon, Ryan Young, Gness, Tom McGuire and The Brassholes, Beinn Lee, Eabhal, DLÙ, The 101, Headland, Greig Taylor Music Blues Combo, Katie and Abi and the Open Stage Sunday competition. The festival runs Friday June 14 through to Sunday x June 16.

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## Cantilena Festival on Islay



Cantilena is a week-long festival of classical chamber music on the beautiful and romantic island of Islay. Along with five professional players, Cantilena selects gifted students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland to perform and learn alongside musicians who have all worked with Britain's major orchestras. This is a rare and highly sought-after privilege for these young professionals and Cantilena is the only opportunity for Islay residents and visitors to hear music which ranges from Renaissance to the present day. The festival is now in its 19th season and has become a near sell-out event, attracting audiences from as far afield as Germany and Italy, thanks to the intimate and informal atmosphere of the venues which include some of the island's famous malt whisky distilleries. The 2019 festival runs from Sunday July 7 to Friday July 12. The programme includes music by Mozart, Vivaldi, Bach, Mendelssohn and Puccini. Tickets are available from the Celtic Shop, Bowmore from June 1, or by contacting admin@cantilenafestival.co.uk.

<b>Sunday July 7</b>	<b>Columba Centre Bowmore</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
Opening Concert with music by Mozart, Brahms and Shostakovich		
<b>Monday July 8</b>	<b>Laphroaig Distillery</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
Student Showcase featuring young musicians from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland along with works from the full ensemble		
<b>Tuesday July 9</b>	<b>Lagavulin Distillery</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
Corelli, Vivaldi, Rossini, Richter and Mendelssohn		
<b>Wednesday July 10</b>	<b>Columba Centre Bowmore</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
A piano recital by young professional Daniel Silcock and Bach from the full ensemble		
<b>Thursday July 11</b>	<b>Ardbeg Distillery</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
Bach, including Brandenburg Concerto No.3, Telemann, and CPE Bach featuring two trumpet soloists from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland		
<b>Friday July 12</b>	<b>Bruichladdich Village Hall</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
Final concert including Vivaldi, Puccini, Bartok, our trumpet soloists and the usual Classical Ceilidh		

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Book early – we can't tell you that often enough. Get your pitch booked and your place on the ferry secured if heading to the islands or taking a short cut across a peninsula.

And if it is a short ferry crossing with no bookings make sure you plan your journey to arrive at the pier in plenty of time; these routes can build up a tailback when big events are on.

Many people now make a festival the highlight of a bigger holiday and book a holiday cottage or other self-catering. That way you get to enjoy the buzz of the build-up to the festival, watching the stage and equipment arrive, hearing the sound checks – it can all add to the festival-going experience.



By the time our prevailing weather systems have crossed the Atlantic they are bored and want to have fun. You will be amazed at how many different types of weather you will encounter in one day and your camping equipment should be able to cope with this and so should your clothes: think layers, lots of them.

Do practise pitching your tent beforehand and using your kit, even if it is only in the back garden. This will save you a lot of heartache.

Camping at a festival is just like ordinary camping, but magnified. Everyone's stories of festivals include having to rescue someone who had never been camping before. Don't let that be you.

When God invented wellies He did so with festivals in mind – remember to bring yours.

Bring water, lots of it, to keep hydrated, also non-perishable food. You will want to eat at some of the amazing food trucks but keep the budget balanced with some cheaper meals in between.

At 4.30am you will wish you had spent more money on a good quality sleeping bag and sleepmat. You might not be planning on getting much sleep but when you want to, you will want to be warm and cozy.

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Cantilena Festival on Islay Ltd is a Scottish Registered Charity No SC033071

## Strange but true Why?

These two facts might sound crazy when attending a festival, but believe us, they are true.

Bring your sunscreen and a hat and never lock your tent.

Ambulance crews and on-site first-aiders say they deal with more cases of severe sunburn, dehydration and heatstroke than they do hypothermia, which is a rarity.

We have a lot of weather, and some of it all in the same day and on a repeat cycle at that, but no-one is prepared for heat. Everyone thinks oh yeah, Highlands, better take my thermals and wellies, so no-one is ever prepared. Never mind what the national weather forecast says, the islands, sea lochs and mountains create crazy little weather micro-systems.

And when it comes to tents, a securely locked-tight tent just screams: 'Hey, we have something worth stealing.' Apply common sense along with your sunscreen and keep valuables with you at all times.



## Culicoides impunctatus – on tour this summer

*Culicoides impunctatus* is not the name of a band; it is the Latin name for midge. Not just any midge, mind you, our own, special, native-born variety.

When the weather conditions are right they like to party just as much as any festival goer. Their idea of a good time will not be yours, so go armed with the midge spray, lotion or potion of your choice.

By the way, the Gaelic for midge is *Meanbh-chuilleag*, which IS the name of a theatre group visiting schools as part of *Fèisean nan Gàidheal*.

# A new kind of festival

The Isle of Skye sees a brand new festival, *Beò* launching in May this year. A celebration of the music, culture and heritage of the Highlands and Islands, the two-day event will see renowned bands across the west coast of Scotland come together to enjoy the best of Gaelic culture and craic.

Situated in the lesser travelled south end of the island, the festival will take place in the historic grounds of the Armadale Castle with views over the sound of Sleat, the silver sands of Morar, and the hills of Knoydart. The picturesque backdrop is matched only by the high calibre of fresh musical talent taking the stage. *Hòr-gheallaidh* legends *The Vatersay Boys* will be joined by the roaring success of west coast favourites *Trail West* and *Beinn Lee*, the world-touring 'Gaelic Supergroup' *Dàimh*, and a line-up of the finest musicians the *ceilidh* scene has to offer.

Taking its name from the Gaelic word 'Beò' meaning 'Live', the festival is a celebration of the Gaelic language and culture, which thrives particularly in Sleat where the Gaelic college, *Sabhal Mòr Ostaig UHI* is situated. Brothers John and James Robertson were inspired to create

the event to help promote the use of Gaelic in a non-educational environment and allow all that attend to enjoy the unique Highland heritage that makes a place like Skye special. Supported by fellow Scottish businesses including *CalMac*, the festival will run on May 17 and 18.

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Also this year

Mendelssohn on Mull Spring Music – April 26 & 27  
The foundation of a new ensemble drawn from last year's participants

Mendelssohn on Mull Summer Music – July 4 – 8  
The Calgary Quartet, Festival graduates, return to perform on Mull and on the Hebridean Princess cruise ship

Details on our website:  
[www.mendelssohnonmull.com](http://www.mendelssohnonmull.com)

## Mendelssohn on Mull Festival 2019

The Mendelssohn on Mull Festival was founded in 1988 by the revered violinist Leonard Friedman. It celebrates the composer's visit to this part of the world in 1829 with a week of music-making specialising in the chamber music for strings that was so important to him.

The festival presents a dozen concerts, between Monday September 2 and Saturday September 7, in venues all over the Isle of Mull, on Iona, and in Oban, but its focus is on training. This year 12 gifted musicians, who are starting in the profession, will collaborate with the world-famous Doric String Quartet in a variety of groupings. Not only are the concerts generally admission free, it is possible to attend open rehearsals, and there will be introductory talks and chances to meet the artists.

This year five artists from last year's festival meet for a week's



retreat to begin to create a new ensemble. They will give three public concerts, including in Iona Abbey, during April 26 and 27.

And we welcome back the Calgary Quartet, graduates of past festivals, who will present concerts on Mull and on the Hebridean Princess cruise ship, between July 4 and 8.

The September festival is the second of four in which the Doric Quartet will be our

artistic directors. They have selected musicians of great promise and the standard of their performances will be as high as any in the great concert halls of the world. The chance to be present in an unassuming venue on Mull and witness this magic at work is what makes the Mendelssohn on Mull Festival unique.

Details are available on the festival's website – [www.mendelssohnonmull.com](http://www.mendelssohnonmull.com)

## Three days of fine whisky and music await you on Arran



Every year, the Arran Malt and Music Festival is held in the grounds of the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza. This year it will take place from Friday June 28 – Sunday June 30. The weekend has become an important date in the calendar for whisky and Arran enthusiasts, bringing together some of the best island food producers, Arran musicians and bands from the mainland in a celebration of

matching some delicious locally made chocolates along with some specially selected single malts from the distillery...a real gourmet experience. There will also be the chance to taste rarely available limited expressions of The Arran Single Malt Whisky by the dram from our fully stocked bar.

The annual special Festival Single Cask Release will be available to purchase on the day – a small batch bottling which is chosen each year by the participants of the Ultimate Masterclass. The Saturday festivities are set to continue long into the evening with a celebratory ceilidh led by the Scottish folk band Heron Valley and the official Arran Distillery band James and the Staves.

Entry to the festival on the Saturday, 11am – 5pm, is FREE. Masterclass and Saturday evening ceilidh tickets can be purchased from [www.arranevents.com](http://www.arranevents.com).



all things malt and music. On Saturday June 29, the festival starts at 11am and features whisky masterclasses where you have the opportunity to get really involved, chat to the people who make the whisky and hear about their experiences in the industry. This year there will also be the opportunity to take part in a whisky and chocolate tasting,



## The Arran Malt & Music Festival 2019

EVENTS HELD 28<sup>TH</sup>, 29<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

FESTIVAL DAY  
SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

[www.arranevents.com](http://www.arranevents.com)

### DISTILLERY TOURS & TUTORED TASTINGS

#### Standard Distillery Tours

£10.00 - Concessions £8.00

Children 8 - 17 years old free of charge. We regret that children under the age of 8 are not permitted to take a Distillery Tour due to health and safety restrictions. Groups of more than 12 please telephone in advance. Approx 60 mins 2 drams 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm\* daily.

#### The Arran Malt Tour

£15.00 - 1hr 30min

4 drams incl. £5 off Malt Whisky Voucher 1pm daily.

#### Tutored Tastings

£15.00 - 1hr 15mins

4 drams incl. £5 off Malt Whisky Voucher 12pm, 3pm daily.

#### Whisky & Chocolate Pairing

£15.00 - 30mins

3 drams & a selection of hand-made chocolates incl. £5 off Malt Whisky Voucher. 11am, 4pm daily.

#### Combined Tour & Tasting Discount Ticket

£20.00

You can combine a Standard Distillery tour with either a Tutored Tasting or a Whisky & Chocolate pairing and spend a little longer in our company! The latest combination tour you can do is the 3pm Standard Tour with the 4pm Whisky and Chocolate pairing.

#### 'Drop Inn' Tour

£4 - 15mins

Short film & dram Ideal for families, Usually between regular tour times, ask staff for details.



[www.arranwhisky.com](http://www.arranwhisky.com)



# Malts festival showcases the best of Kintyre whisky

Springbank, Kilkerran and Cadenhead lovers from across the world will travel to Kintyre in May for the 2019 edition of the Campbeltown Malts Festival.

This year's festival takes place from Tuesday May 21 - Friday May 24 and we will be hosting a range of events to display our variety of whiskies from across the three companies.

Our events start with a special tasting for Cadenhead Club members on the Tuesday, with the Springbank Society's exclusive tasting happening the following morning. Our traditional Distillery Dinner will take place on Wednesday May 22, this year being held at Glengyle.

The Springbank Open Day on Thursday May 23 will see hundreds of visitors in the grounds of the distillery which will be full of stall holders and local businesses. We will be hosting a number of whisky tastings throughout the day, with the opportunity to buy tickets for certain events on the day. There will also be free tours of the distillery throughout the day and live music in the yard until around 9pm.

Friday May 24 is dedicated to Scotland's oldest

independent bottler, Wm Cadenhead's and Kilkerran Single Malt. Tickets are still available for the Evolution of Kilkerran Tasting on this day: please contact us (details on advert) or visit [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk) to purchase tickets.

The benefits of the event are enjoyed throughout Kintyre as accommodation, restaurants and bars will all be packed for the duration, contributing hundreds of thousands of pounds to the Kintyre economy.



Fellow whisky producer Glen Scotia and Torrisdale-based gin distillery Beinn An Tuirc are also part of the Campbeltown Malts Festival and will be hosting their own events during the week.

## SPRINGBANK

### Open Day

**Thursday 23rd May 2019 from 10:30am - 9pm**

**Special Open Day Bottlings**  
 Warehouse Whisky Bar • Free Distillery Tours  
 Local Craft & Food Stalls • Fyne Ales Bar

Live music from Rhuvaal and other artists until 9pm

## GLENGYLE & CADENHEAD'S

### Open Day

**Friday 24th May 2019 from 11am - 5pm**

**Special Open Day Bottlings**  
 Lucky Dip Whisky Bar • Cocktail Bar  
 Free Distillery Tours • Local Craft & Food Stalls

Campbeltown Malts Festival Ceilidh in The Town Hall from 8pm

For more information please email - [mairi@springbank.scot](mailto:mairi@springbank.scot)



[www.explorecampbeltown.com](http://www.explorecampbeltown.com)

# 22nd Lorn Drama Festival

This year's Lorn Drama festival is taking place over three nights, until March 29, in the Corran Halls.

The festival continues to be supported by local clubs and those from further afield and we're always delighted to see Accent players making the trip up from Campbeltown. This year we welcome Dunoon Drama Club for the first time and we're really pleased that all the clubs take the time to come to Oban and perform for you, the audience.

Festivals like this give amateur actors and directors the opportunity to take the audience to different places and tell a wide variety of stories, some unashamedly comic, others more serious. It also allows creative writers to try their hand at writing for the stage and we are pleased to be awarding the Drama Festival Quill again after its inaugural outing last year. This award is for the best original script, written by or for the clubs and in its first production. It is hoped that this award will continue to encourage clubs and local writers to produce interesting and original work for the festival.

This year's festival promises a mix of youth and experience, and comedy and drama. Writing talent is also on show with Seil performing an original script written by John Colston and Caroline Morgan.

The work of established writers is also welcome and this year we have 'A Respectable Funeral'

by Jimmie Chinn performed by Dunoon Players. This play is one of Chinn's earliest plays and was originally performed as a double bill with 'From Here to the Library' on stage and then on BBC Radio 4 in the early '80s. This is a well-observed piece examining in a tragi-comic way the family tensions that are uncovered immediately after a funeral. A more recent BBC Radio 4 writer, John Finnemore, wrote 'English for Pony lovers' and 'Hot Desk' as part of his Double Acts series of two-handed plays. Finnemore is well known for comedy writing for The Now Show and the award winning series Cabin Pressure. Both these plays are presented by Benderloch and North Connell Drama Club.

A much darker two-handed play 'When a Man Knows' is performed by Taynuilt and District Drama Society adults. Taynuilt juniors are presenting 'Bad Reception' by Paul Vincent, a comedy play. The other junior play this year is 'Charlotte Holmes: future detective' by Richard James performed by Benderloch juniors.

Accent Players are performing 'Grave Prospects' by Isabella C Rae, a dark comedy set in a graveyard where the living interact with the recently departed.

Accent, Dunoon and Benderloch recently performed at the Campbeltown Festival. Benderloch won first prize and the inaugural Jenny Black Memorial Trophy for best acting. Accent were second. Both these teams will go to the SCDA Wester Division final in Castle Douglas in April.

Oban audiences will have a chance to see these award-winning plays, along with all the other festival plays at the Corran Halls until March 29.





## LORN DRAMA FESTIVAL

### CORRAN HALLS, OBAN

**27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 7:30pm**

Tickets £7 concession £6  
 Season Ticket £15 & £12.50

**Box office 01631 567333**

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# Seahorses frontman and rising Scottish

## The 12th annual Kintyre Songwriters' Festival will be held in Campbeltown from Friday May 3 to Sunday May 5 2019.

The famous open stage events begin on Friday night and continue over the weekend in The Commercial Inn. The open stage draws singer-songwriters and bands from all over the country to perform alongside local talent. The open stage will be headlined by The Gilchristians, performing the songs of festival founder Kenny Gilchrist, and will be hosted by The Twisted Melons.

On Saturday, local acts like The Dubious Blues Band, Gareth Croll, Eddie McGuire, Chris Annetts and newcomers The Endorphins will be joined by the cream 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 Martyn and has a sound that encompasses Scottish influences and Americana. Adam previously performed a headline show in Camp-



Adam Holmes

beltown in 2013 with his award-winning folk band Rura and this time round will be performing songs from his solo albums with hit band The Embers.

MALKA is the latest project by UK singer-songwriter Tamara Schlesinger. Tamara began her career as the lead singer and songwriter of critically-acclaimed Indie folk outfit 6 Day Riot. Following three successful albums which saw her music

featured in the 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.

Cara Rose is a 21-year-old singer/songwriter from Glasgow influenced by the likes of Amy Winehouse, Lianne La Havas and Lauren Hill. Exploring what it means to be a young person in these uncertain times, Cara's soulful musings have won over fans young and old as she honed her craft across the city's venues. Distinctly Glaswegian, Cara's direct, passionate and insightful lyrics hold no punches as they traverse topics of young love, humanity and political discourse.



MALKA

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.

On Sunday, the festival casts its net even further afield to bring the best songwriting talent to Kintyre.

# MOK Fest 2019 set to rock the Wee Toon

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The 27th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival or MOK Fest, as it is more commonly known, runs from August 21 – 25.

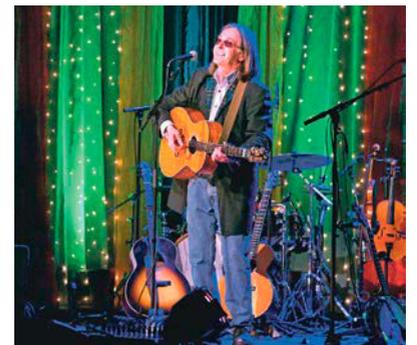
The Saturday night concerts on August 24 promise a fantastic night of music with folk-rock legends Manran in the Victoria Hall 'West Coast Rocks' concert with Heron Valley and Rhuvaal. The traditional concert the same night in Campbeltown Heritage Centre will headline with premier Scottish singer-songwriter Dougie MacLean supported by Ceann Tir, featuring a host of young musicians from the Campbeltown area.

The Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band is guaranteed to get everyone dancing at

the Festival Ceilidh Night on August 23. Young folk fusion band Eriska, along with The Dalriada Connections Band, will also perform with Kintyre Schools Pipe Band getting the night started in their usual rousing style.

The Mitchell's Glengyle Dalriada Connections Concert on August 25 will have another great line-up with headline act Chris Stout and Catriona Mackay supported by Western Sound, Ciaran Mulholland and Scooter Muse, Ross Conner plus many more. Don't forget to pick up the sponsor's free whisky miniature at the door.

The Festival Gaelic Night on August 21 features a host of outstanding



Gaelic performers, great tunes, stories and songs. The following night on August 22 the Young Folk Night promises another great selection of young performers from across Kintyre.

The festival ends on August 25 with Survivors' Night, headliners Slainte Davaar Allstars and many guest bands including Rhuvaal, we.R.soul, Gilchristians and many more acts across the night. There are also free open air events including Up the Close and music in the hotels and bars around the town.

For further information visit [www.mokfest.com](http://www.mokfest.com) or email [mokfest@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mokfest@hotmail.co.uk)

# stars to headline songwriters' festival



**Chris Helme**

Chris Helme is probably best known as the frontman of The Seahorses, the band formed by former Stone Roses guitarist John Squire. The Seahorses supported The Rolling Stones and U2 and enjoyed four UK top 20 hits and a Scottish number one in the late '90s including Love Is The Law, Blinded By The Sun and Love Me And Leave Me, co-written with Liam Gallagher of Oasis. Chris usually travels to all his shows by train but is making a special exception to get to Campbeltown for the festival!

Winners of both The Billy Kelly Song Writing Award and a Burnsong songwriting award, Dumb Instrument bring the songs of Tom Murray to life. The band is perhaps best known for its single 'Suffering From Scottishness' which was adopted by the Scottish independence referendum's YES campaign. The focal point of a Dumb Instrument song is most definitely the lyric, with diverse subject matter negotiated in each record, from wheelie bin theft to mortality. Stylistically the band weave hints of disco, ragtime, gypsy or even Latin.



**Dumb Instrument**

Djana Gabrielle is a French-Cameroonian singer songwriter who won the prestigious Danny Kyle award at Celtic Connections in January 2019. After graduating from law school, she travelled extensively for a few years before moving to Paris to focus on music and started playing small gigs around the city. She then moved to Glasgow, a city she chose for its vibrant music scene and where she recorded her debut EP released in December 2015. She spent most of 2016 touring around Europe to promote her music and wrote, recorded and released a



**Djana Gabrielle**

brand new song each month in 2018. The Kintyre Songwriters' Festival brings her to Campbeltown for the first time.

Local acts performing at the Town Hall on Sunday include Gullion, Judith Jones, Under Smoke, Thomas Jordan and Jenni Martin.

With 13 acts per night, the festival has something for everyone. 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.

More information from [www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk](http://www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk)



A festival to showcase Kintyre's songwriting talent

Tickets available from:  
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EDDIE MCGUIRE  
CRAIG BEDSON  
HOPE STRANG  
THE ENDORPHINS

Sunday 5th May

**CHRIS HELME (THE SEAHORSES)**  
**DUMB INSTRUMENT**  
THE GILCHRISTIANS  
DJANA GABRIELLE  
THE TWISTED MELONS  
GULLION  
UNDER SMOKE  
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Saturday night Big Marquee:-  
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## How to get to the Isle of Jura Music Festival



Getting to Jura could not be easier. For the very rich: charter a sea plane or pilot your jet into Islay Airport. Super yachts should anchor off-shore and passengers use one of the motor launches; helicopters can be accommodated on the island with advance notice or use Islay Airport.

For the rest of us heading to Jura for the music festival, who aren't yachties, or don't have some handy cousins who own a fishing boat, the secret is to get yourselves to Tayvallich to catch the Jura passenger ferry to Craighouse.

You can arrive at Port Askaig by CalMac ferry or by flying into Islay Airport on a scheduled service and booking a taxi.

CalMac's most frequent sailings are from Kennacraig to Port Askaig or Port Ellen; if you catch the boat for Port Ellen, then it's the bus or a taxi for you.

But once on Jura, whatever your bank balance, whatever the weather and whether you are young or old, a good time is guaranteed. See you there. And don't forget the Jura Hotel offers a camping package.



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## Gig in the Goil returns to Argyll

Back for the fourth consecutive year, Argyll Holidays' Gig in the Goil is set to be bigger and better than ever before.

The brainchild of award-winning holiday park operator Argyll Holidays, the boutique festival will showcase the very best musical talent, plus food and drink between May 17 and 19 for what is sure to be a fantastic weekend.

More than 60 acts are set to perform across three stages at Drimsynie Estate Holiday Village, set within the unmistakable backdrop of Loch Goil and the Arrochar Alps.

Former Runrig frontman Donnie Munro tops this year's bill which also includes popular trad outfit Mànran and Trail West – returning by popular demand after closing the festival in 2017.

They'll be joined by some of the country's finest acoustic, contemporary, folk and traditional artists, with the likes of Clann An Drumma, Beinn Lee, Vistas, Shambolics and Rollin Drones taking to the stage at the 'Goil this May.

Festival-goers have also been promised delicious food and drink options including street food and craft beers, children's entertainment and plenty of family fun, with face painting, stalls and games. In addition, kids aged 10-and-under go free.

More than 500 tickets for Gig in the Goil have already been snapped up, with organisers anticipating another sell out

weekend. Ross Coutts, event manager, said: 'Gig in the Goil is a highlight of the summer for us here at Argyll Holidays, and we're delighted at securing such a strong line-up for 2019.'

'Donnie Munro is one of the finest Gaelic singers this country has ever produced. As well as all the Runrig favourites, he has a fantastic back catalogue of material to keep the crowd entertained on the Saturday evening. Mànran and Trail West are both award-winning groups with plenty of energy and a huge draw for a village like Lochgoilhead – we're absolutely buzzing to welcome them here.'

'It's great to offer something a little different from the bigger festivals and really showcase the immense talent we have right here in Scotland, in an intimate surrounding.'

For those looking to enjoy the festival in style, Argyll Holidays has a limited number of luxury lodges available over the weekend, with prices starting at £80pp. Guests will also be able to take advantage of a number of Go Active outdoor activities over the weekend, with everything from archery to WaterWalkerz available.

Tickets are available at early-bird prices until the end of March from [argyllholidays.com](http://argyllholidays.com). Follow @giginthegoil on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for all the latest updates.

## Eighty on stage for the 75th consecutive fiddlers' rally

The Oban and Lorne Strathspey and Reel Society members are busy practicing for their next annual fiddlers rally which will be their 75th consecutive rally concert. The society was founded in 1944 by well known Oban musician Charlie Hunter. Their current conductor, Helen Jordan, is also a well known musician in the town.



Gold Medallist and well known in the Oban area and throughout the west coast.

Guest artists this year will be Paul Anderson and Paul MacCallum. Paul Anderson is a Glenfiddich Fiddle Champion, as well as an Oban Masters judge, from the north east of Scotland. Paul was a friend of Maurice Duncan, who died last year, and plans to include some of Maurice's tunes, as a tribute to Maurice, in his repertoire. Paul MacCallum, accompanied by Hamish Menzies, is a Mod

As usual, the rally will not only include local members but also fiddlers from several strathspey and reel societies from as far north as Caithness to as far south as Wales. The concert will be held in the Corran Halls on Saturday April 27, 2019 and will start at 7.30pm. For further information, please see our Community Notice Board nearer the date of the concert.

## Clachan Smallholder's Gathering an autumn extravaganza

For at least a decade Clachan Smallholders' Gathering has punched far above its weight as one of Argyll and Bute's best annual seasonal festivals.

Last year's event saw woodworkers and artists become guitarists and violinists to spur on a Wild West themed event encompassing crafts, industry culture and music.

On the Saturday afternoon events centre round the village hall and in various marquees on the surrounding grass.

In 2018 Wild West games were played as hardy visitors tested their strength on a bucking bronco fair ride and younger guests had their faces painted.

Meanwhile, fitting with the season, freshly harvested vegetables, art, soaps and various crafts were both demonstrated and for sale in the hall.

Arran woodcarver Henry Murdo brought some of his masterpieces as well as a work-in-progress, a rabbit on which people could try their hand at carving.

Mark MacSporran involved people of all ages in Samba drumming, using a variety of instruments to create a carnival rhythm.

At night local performers join a headline act on stage as the action becomes musical and outside a barbecue, weather permitting and campfire enhance the 'romantic' carnival atmosphere.

This year's event is on the weekend of August 31 and September 1 with the theme to be confirmed.

Visit us at Facebook to see announcements for daytime stalls, Demonstrations, activities, evening acts, musicians and headline band confirmations. Or contact the Smallholder's Gathering Team on 01880 740 660 for more information or to discuss sponsorship opportunities.



Raphael MacLachlan tries his balance on the bucking bronco in 2018.

# Loch Shiel Festival 2019

## 19-21 April 2019

A cultural treasure of the West Highlands of Scotland, the Loch Shiel Festival is arguably Scotland's most picturesque chamber music festival, renowned for making use of spectacular and unusual settings around Loch Shiel and hosting performances from internationally acclaimed chamber musicians.

The Loch Shiel Festival marks its 23rd year with a micro-festival on the theme of "Inspirations", exploring some of the great masterpieces of the chamber music repertory which have

changed the course of history.

Scotland's esteemed Maxwell Quartet takes centre stage this year, fresh from their recent tour of America, during which they were heralded by the New York Times: "striking arrangements of folk music ...the sound of traditional fiddle playing carried over beautifully into fresh readings of Haydn and Beethoven". They are joined by violinist of the Kapten Trio and soprano Rachel Spencer, and Scottish Chamber Orchestra

violinist Felix Tanner. The programme features music by Haydn, Mozart, Debussy, Shostakovich and Eddie McGuire, as well as a guided walk along the shores of Glenuig. As always, world-class music is partnered with the chance to enjoy excellent food from local chefs.

More details about this year's programme and tickets for all festival events are available on the festival website: [www.lochshiel festival.com](http://www.lochshiel festival.com)



**LOCH SHIEL FESTIVAL** 19-21 APRIL 2019  
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**Price: £250 (full price); £175 (Western Isles rate); £75 (youth rate; 14-17yrs); £10 (drop-in rate per class, Western Isles); full scholarship (Highland Music Trust: 16-25yrs)**



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# Oban Winter Festival returns November 15 - 24



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**oban WINTER FESTIVAL**

**Award winning festival returns this year**

**Friday 15th November - Sunday 24th November**

- Parades / Ceilidhs • Markets / Shopping
- Food & Drink / Competitions
- Live Music / Street Parties
- Art Exhibitions / Fireworks

Image by John Gibb

Now in its ninth year, Oban Winter Festival has grown to accommodate an extensive programme of events aimed at people of all ages. Organised by six volunteers and supported by the community, it is a 10-day celebration of Oban's unique culture and community with street parades, international and local performance acts, fire artists, crafts, pipers, parades and family fun. Festival action takes place mainly in the centre of town which means getting from place to place is easy.

Discover Oban's great shopping, bars and restaurants that make this town tick. Take a tour of Oban Distillery to sample its malts, or enjoy a relaxing coffee in one of our many cafés while soaking up the beautiful view of the bay.

For those seeking more refined entertainment, there are various literary, language, cinema, music and theatrical events throughout the festival, offering a chance to learn, participate and celebrate our culture.

Should you choose to stay overnight in Oban to enjoy one or more of the winter festival events there are various options for your stay, from top class hotels and apartments in the town centre to the many excellent bed and breakfast establishments. You can find more details at [www.obanwinterfestival.com](http://www.obanwinterfestival.com), or [www.visitscotland.com](http://www.visitscotland.com) or [www.oban.org.uk](http://www.oban.org.uk)

So why not join the biggest winter party in the west? We are waiting to welcome you.



# Get wild at Mhor Festival 2019

Rediscover your wild side this May with one of the UK's most loved food and music festivals.

Set in the stunning surrounds of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, the Mhor Festival is a celebration of musical talent, internationally-acclaimed artists, inspirational makers and creators, jaw dropping performances and more award-winning food and drink than you can shake a ladle at.

Taking place between May 24-26, the Mhor Festival is the lovechild of The Mhor Collection and takes place in the grounds of the award winning Monachyle Mhor Hotel, on the banks of Loch Voil and in the midst of Rob Roy country.

In an era when what you have seems increasingly less important than what you do, the Mhor Festival is leading the way in putting experience at the heart of wellbeing and encourages guests to rediscover their wild side by getting back in touch with nature and themselves.

Guests will be treated to a line-up of experts and specialists including foragers, herbalists, yogis and nutritionists, on hand



to help tailor what you do and eat with what your individual body needs, through a range of talks and workshops. Experts in mental health and wellbeing will also take to the stage to share their journeys and give advice on how to make sure you take care of yourself.

Food is something that makes us feel good and brings us together and this year's Friday Night Feast will do just that and more. This year, held in honour of the festival's great friend and champion Andrew Fairlie, the feast will raise funds for the Cornhill Macmillan Centre, Perth.

Fantastic food will be a recurring theme throughout the weekend with the festival introducing its Food Hall for the very first time. Packed with sweet and savoury delights from the likes of Mhor Bread, Mhor Fish, Chick and Pea, Babu Kitchen and Nomad Pizza, guests can sample the goods of some of the UK's finest fare. From coffee to kombucha, churros to charcuterie, there's something to tingle every taste bud.

Next door in the Dutch Barn, a rolling programme of talks, demos and workshops will keep everyone from toddlers to teenagers (and their parents) entertained. Whether you've always wanted to try your hand at bread making or have a hankering for lino printing, we've got just the thing and you can sign up to join in on the day.

Another highlight is an appearance by Balquhider's Clare Hunter, who will be talking about her new novel and Radio 4 book of the week, *Threads of Life*. Part

memoir, part journey through time it is, as its subtitle says, 'a history of the world through the eye of a needle'.

For those wanting to get a little more active, Outdoor Swimming Society Ambassador Calum MacLean will be sharing some of his daring, water-based escapades, detailing the adventures this increasingly popular past-time has taken him on. If you're feeling extra brave why not take a dip in the loch yourself and see how it makes you feel.

Gabriella Bennet, acclaimed journalist, author and wild swimming aficionado, is delighted to see one of Scotland's only family run festivals embrace the sport and embody the philosophy contained in her newly published book 'The Art of Coorie'.

Literally meaning to 'cuddle in' the word coorie is most typically used in the winter months, but the definition has evolved to include the sense of oneness and a strong connection to what surrounds you, be they landscapes, people, activities, or vibes.

Mhor Festival invites you to get wild and coorie in all weekend.

For more information visit [www.mhorfestival.net](http://www.mhorfestival.net) or call 01877 384 622 for more information.

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# Tarbert – a whole world of festivals!



**T**HE CHARMING fishing village of Tarbert, photographed above by the world renowned, late, great Dennis Hardley, plays host to several festivals this season that celebrate its rich heritage in sea, food, music and literature.

The excitement begins May 24-27 with The Scottish Series, Scotland's premier annual yachting regatta. The Clyde Cruising Club organises this long-running event, in which keen sailors enjoy passage racing and Olympic triangles in Loch Fyne.

This year's programme includes the opening Clyde Challenger Race from Largs for white sail, family class and cruisers.

The laid-back atmosphere and good craic of this event have sailors and non-sailors alike coming back year

after year. All visitors, whether into sailing or not, will love the spectacle and everyone is welcome. The Tarbert Harbour Authority, whose facilities are ever-improving, provides a warm welcome for all competitors from the harbour master and staff.

The Seafood Festival, which is held in July 6-7, gives visitors the opportunity to sample Tarbert's culinary delights. The harbour bustles with food stalls, cookery demonstrations and tastings.

A highlight of the weekend is the crowning of the Seafood Festival queen and her princesses, who arrive in a flourish by sea and parade through the village led by the Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Live music and kids' activities abound at this wonderful family-friendly festival.

The Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival, July 20-21 draws beautiful vessels of all kinds from across Scotland and Ireland over the weekend, providing a spectacle in the harbour for on-lookers. Visitors enjoy boat tours, stalls, live music, demonstrations and family activities.

Tarbert Fair has been held since 1705 and is one of the oldest fairs in the Highlands. It starts every year on the last Thursday of July (25-27) and continues

the festivities over the weekend. Originally a cattle fair, it's now about live music, amusements and fairground rides.

One of the longest-running music festivals in Argyll, the Tarbert Music Festival has been celebrating song and food for 29 years.

Held the weekend of September 20-22, it features a full programme including the popular fèis for children in the morning and adults in the afternoon plus concerts by local talent, turning out everything from rock to reggae to traditional music. Impromptu sessions are encouraged and attract musicians from far and wide. Visitors will enjoy the relaxed vibe and fantastic local seafood in the hotels and restaurants.

Tarbert Book Festival, in the pretty fishing village, is a cracker. Hear book readings by a selection of authors and meet the people behind the characters. There's lots to enjoy for adults and children across various venues from October 26-28.

Camping is available in the shadow of Robert the Bruce's castle and scenic walks along the Kintyre Way make Tarbert an ideal destination weekend for the whole family, so pack a tent and come along: [www.tarbertfestivals.co.uk](http://www.tarbertfestivals.co.uk)

And also remember the Tarbert Christmas Fair with crafts, stores, Santa's Grotto and the switching on of the village Christmas lights – date to be confirmed.

## TARBERT FESTIVALS 2019

Tarbert is an enchanting and beautiful fishing village sitting on the west shores of Loch Fyne.

There are several festivals held during the year which encompass Tarbert's fishing heritage and its affinity with the sea.

Come to Tarbert and experience life on Scotland's west coast - you will be made most welcome.



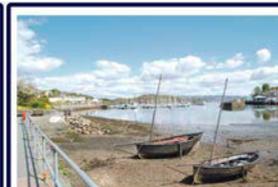
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20-22 September



**Tarbert Book Festival**  
26-28 October 2018



[www.tarbertfestivals.co.uk](http://www.tarbertfestivals.co.uk)

# Clean, green festival machine



## Let's get our act together and keep our beautiful festival locations unpolluted and litter-free

The growth in popularity and number of festivals across the West Highlands and islands has coincided with the rise in consciousness about the environment and the use and abuse of plastic.

So let's make sure that our festivals get a name for being the greenest as well as the best in Scotland.

- The biggest single threat to the environment from a festival will be litter. Help by not being the cause of it and by helping to prevent it.
- Look out for recycling points around the festival grounds and use them.
- If you take extra batteries for torches and gadgets remember to take them to the right recycling point or take them home to dispose of carefully.
- Remember the 4Ps – only pee, poo, paper and puke should ever go down a toilet.
- When you buy baby wipes to take with you, buy a bag of nappy sacks as well – use them for disposing of the wipes and everything else that isn't going down the loo. (See above).
- If your cans of drink come with plastic loops keeping them together, then snap open the loops before disposing of them safely. Birds, fish and other wildlife can get caught in them.
- Don't launch sky lanterns – they may say the paper is biodegradable but the wire falls to earth threatening wildlife and farm livestock.



Is this an old-fashioned answer to a new problem? The traditional Indian Tiffin carrier, a set of food boxes fashioned together, is a great way to take-away. Take your own reusable food containers and cups with you to the food trucks.

# Welcome to the Highlands and Islands Music & Dance Festival

May 3 - 5 2019

This year the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival celebrates its 36th anniversary from May 3 to 5 2019, and Oban will again see an influx of young performers all ready to compete. Come and join the town celebrate the talent of our budding Highland dancers, fiddlers, pipers, pianists, accordion and classic players and not forgetting woodwind, brass and singing at a variety of venues throughout Oban.



Each year there are performers from near and far, making the trip and entering more than 1,100 class competitions.



The festival provides quite a spectacle of dancers at Atlantis Leisure Centre, Highland Dancing Choreography at the Corran Halls and some of the best fiddle and accordion players in the Masters in St John's Cathedral on the Friday night.

The Highlands and Islands festival promotes a long tradition of music and dance, and the opportunity for many young people to show off their talent. Argyll is rich in music and dance heritage and the festival provides a great outlet. In conjunction with Feis Latharna, this year the festival is hosting new workshops at Oban High School for any children interested, from five-18 years, who might want some tops or to pick up a new instrument for the first time, on Sunday May 5.

Feeling up to the challenge, visit our website [www.obanfestival.org](http://www.obanfestival.org)

# Family-friendly festival fun

Don't just go on holiday, create memories your family can share

A good family holiday has something that each member of the family can enjoy so a family-friendly festival ticks all the boxes.

Mum and dad and older kids can get stuck into the main events and the smaller members of the family can have a great time being entertained by all the face-painting, game-playing, model-making, bubble-blowing machines and everything else the event organisers can conjure up – including magicians.

A secure, well-run kids' section is such a joy for all involved; the kids can enjoy running free and parents can relax and have fun, knowing the wee ones are happy and safe.

The same rules for camping and festival going apply to the tiniest of festival goers: good camping kit, clothing in layers,

sunhat, sunscreen and wellies. Pay attention to hydration levels and keep them topped up with snacks – you will be amazed how much energy your children will burn off.

Camping with babies and tots is just a more intense version of daily life. Getting out of the door with a baby or pre-schooler is a major logistical operation at the best of times. A wee tip: it can be reassuring to know that an extra pack of baby wipes or disposable nappies, loo roll or bottled water is tucked away under the seat or the back of the car boot or caravan. Do remember the nappy sacks to help keep litter under control.

Take loads of photos and video and remember to download it and keep it secure. You will be amazed at how much five-and-six-year-olds are fascinated by, and proud of, film and pictures of themselves as babies and toddlers.



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## DEFEND YOUR EARS

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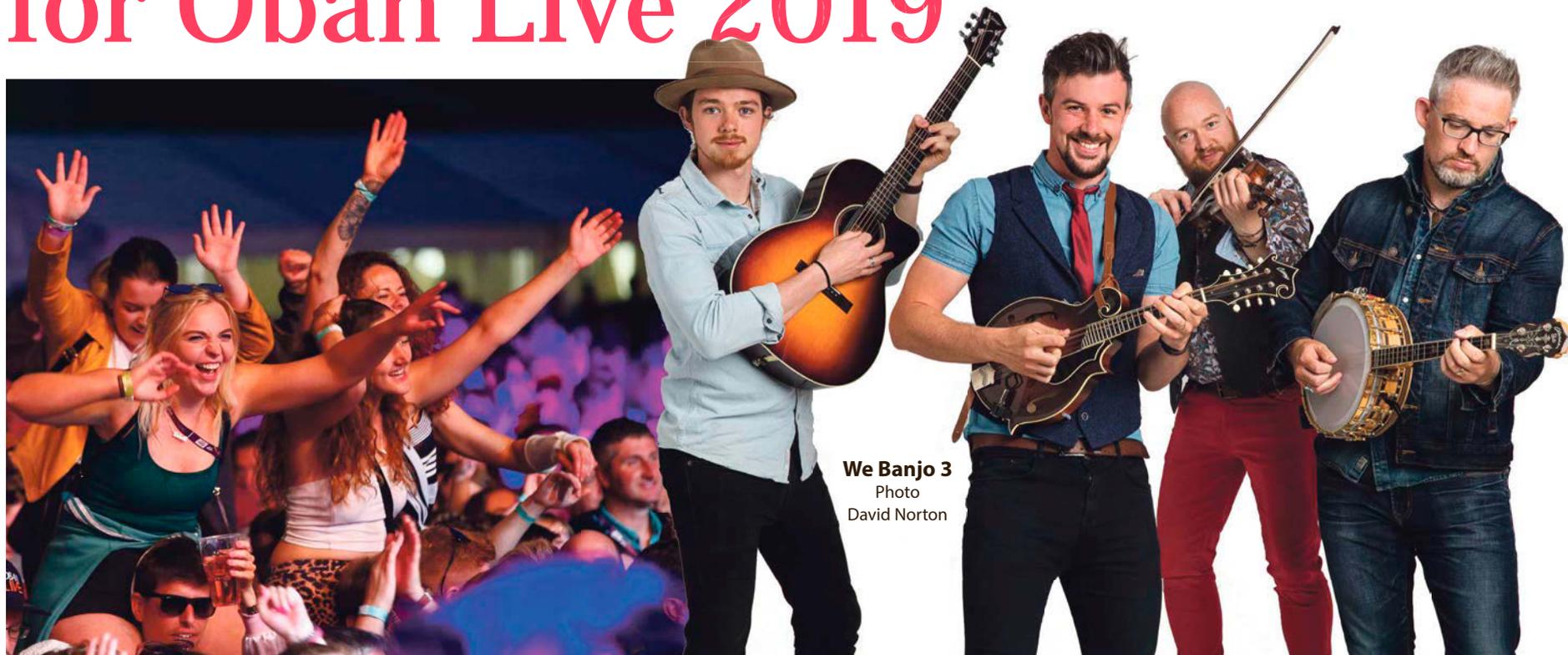
We write this every year and we will keep on doing so – this is really important.

Action on Hearing Loss says sounds over 80 decibels (dB) can cause hearing loss that may leave your child with permanent damage or ringing in the ears.

Ordinary spoken conversation is 60dB and shouting is 80dB, so if you have to shout to make yourself heard, then your kids should be in ear defenders.



# Scottish exclusives announced for Oban Live 2019



**We Banjo 3**  
Photo  
David Norton

Argyll's biggest outdoor live music event Oban Live has announced it will be the only place in Scotland in 2019 to see multi-award winning Irish quartet We Banjo 3.

We Banjo 3, described as one of the best live acts to come out of Ireland in recent years, will reunite with international trad-fusion Scots band and headline act Skerryvore for a special collaboration on the Saturday as well as performing their own energetic set on the Friday night. The two bands caused a comedy storm on social media during their joint American tour earlier last year as they fought for votes in their widely popular Bagpipes versus Banjo campaign.

Meanwhile, international bagrock sensation Red Hot Chilli Pipers have announced their new album Fresh Air will be out June 7 and will be launching it at Oban Live 2019.

Lucy Spraggan, Elephant Sessions, Talisk and JigJam are also amongst the first confirmed acts to join headliners Skerryvore at their signature event in June. More acts are to be announced in the coming months and this will also include two winners of the event's recent Scottish Sea Farms Unsigned Oban Live campaign.

The Oban Live Fringe is all set to extend the party across the town over the weekend with live music, events and special offers for party goers. Details are expected to be released in May.

Tickets are on sale now for Oban Live 2019 which takes place on Friday June 7 and Saturday June 8 at the town's Mossfield Stadium. Visit [www.obanlive.com](http://www.obanlive.com).

## WIN TICKETS TO OBAN LIVE 2019!

### 3 pairs up for grabs!

**As Oban Live media partners, we've teamed up with the spectacular event to offer readers the chance to win one of three pairs of tickets!**

Argyll's biggest annual outdoor live music concert takes place on June 7 & 8, 2019, at Mossfield Stadium in Oban. Winner of Best Cultural Event at the Highlands & Islands Tourism Awards 2018, Oban Live plays host to thousands of visitors from all over the world who come to see an eclectic line-up of incredible 'Trad', rock and pop artists in a rural stadium sized setting. A stellar line-up is planned for 2019 including Skerryvore, We Banjo 3, Red Hot Chilli Pipers, Lucy Spraggan, Elephant Sessions, Talisk, JigJam and more to be announced! The Oban Live Fringe extends the party across the whole weekend with live music & special offers on offer across the town. [www.obanlive.com](http://www.obanlive.com).

To enter, simply answer this question, complete the coupon and send it to:

**OBAN LIVE COMP, Wyvex Media, Lochavullin Industrial Estate, Crannog Ln, Oban PA34 4HB** by 15th April, 2019.

**QUESTION: We Banjo 3 come from which country?**

- a) America
- b) Ireland
- c) Scotland

Answer.....

Name.....

Address .....

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Terms and conditions: Tickets are subject to the Oban Live terms and conditions which can be found at [www.obanlive.com/ticket-tcs](http://www.obanlive.com/ticket-tcs). The prize is 2x2-day standard tickets to Oban Live 2019 (June 7 & 8) per winner. Three winners with the correct answer will be chosen at random. Entrants must be over 18. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Winners will be selected at random after the closing date and will receive a 2x2-day standard tickets to Oban Live 2019 (June 7 & 8). The prize is not transferable or redeemable for cash equivalent. The Editor's decision is final. Photocopied entries will not be accepted. Winners may be asked to take part in publicity and may appear in a Wyvex Media publication and website. The competition is not open to Wyvex Media and associated company employees and their families. Digital subscribers can enter by printing this page and submitting their entry accompanied by a letter explaining that you are a digital subscriber. The closing date for entries is midnight, 15/04/19. We will protect your personal data. We only gather what we need for the requirements of this competition. Entry data will be deleted/disposed immediately upon the competition entry deadline and in a manner appropriate to GDPR regulations. Entrant's details will not be used for any other activity.

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# Needlework map peaks at



From left, Jane McCallum won the Baking Cup, Zoe Weir won the Liz Dale Trophy for most points in the arts and handcrafts section, and Glynis Lewin won the Floral Cup.  
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Words and photographs by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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A cross-stitched map of the Highlands, six months in the making, was the best entry at Largside, Clachan and Whitehouse SWIs' joint bulb show.

Margaret Pratt, from Whitehouse, could not be at the Tayinloan Village Hall event last Thursday to collect the MacGregor Smith Trophy for best exhibit in show be-

cause of an overnight closure on the A83.

She told the Courier: 'I do a lot of cross-stitching and craft works during the long winter nights. That particular piece took about six months to complete because it wasn't pre-drawn on canvas so I had to copy a map.'

The individual entrant who accumulated the most points in the show was Zoe Weir, who also won the Liz Dale Trophy for most points in the arts and handcrafts category.

Glynis Lewin won the Floral

Cup and Jane McCallum won the Baking Cup for most points in their respective categories.

The entries were judged in about two hours by Southend ladies Jen Ronald, Jean Ives and Margaret McLean, who said they were very impressed by the standard of entries.

As well as countless classes for the SWI members, there was a mask competition for children from the local primary schools and pre-five units.

After Helen Steel revealed

the results, the ladies enjoyed tea, coffee and home-baking.

Results: Floral Cup: 1 Glynis Lewin 26 pts; 2 Agnes Sillars 23 pts. Baking Cup: 1 Jane McCallum 28 pts; 2 Pauline Simson 22 pts. Arts and handcrafts, winning the Liz Dale Trophy: 1 Zoe Weir 32 pts; 2 Pauline Simson 29 pts. MacGregor Smith Trophy for best exhibit in show: Margaret Pratt. Individual winner with most points: Zoe Weir 57 pts. Total institute points: Clachan: 326. Largside: 193. Whitehouse: 169.



Best exhibit in show was a cross-stitched map of the Scottish Highlands by Margaret Pratt.  
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Some of the primary and pre-five children who made masks for the show. 50\_c13bulb06



The aroma from the colourful floral entries filled the hall.  
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# SWI bulb show



There were numerous entries to the art section. 50\_c13bulb04



There was stiff competition in the baking section. 50\_c13bulb07



The plants made an impressive display. 50\_c13bulb05



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The restaurant, overlooking Loch Sween in Tayvallich, now has a breakfast offering featuring Lochfyne smoked haddock, Loch Fyne kippers & a full Scottish breakfast in addition to our usual focus on seafood.

Owners, Brian and Kathryn Masson, took over the restaurant in 2017 and have expanded their staff, their opening times and their service with a new breakfast offering starting on Saturday March 30.

Long-time fans of the area, Brian and Kathryn have invested heavily in the Inn.

Brian said: 'We had a holiday home here and have been coming here for years and we were given the opportunity to take over. Since then we have been developing the premises and food offering.'



**Brian and Kathryn Masson, Tayvallich Inn owners**

Breakfast will be available from 10am seven days a week and will feature a choice of: porridge, homemade granola, warm croissants, full Scottish breakfast as well as a full range of coffees from Matthew Algie.

Brian said 'We have spent time sourcing high quality produce wherever possible'

The Inn's lunch and dinner menu includes various seafood classics such as West Coast or Shetland mussels, hand-dived Tayvallich scallops, Sound of Jura langoustine as well as a few alternatives such as steak and pork belly with traditional Scottish cranachan or banoffee pie amongst the options to finish.

An afternoon menu is available between the full lunch and dinner menu, this includes our classic fish and chips,



mussels, langoustine and crab along with a choice of salads and lighter options.

Tayvallich is popular with locals and tourists, due to its local activities and lovely scenery. Scenery which can be enjoyed from the restaurant of the Tayvallich Inn, with tables looking out over the loch. 'It's a beautiful place to visit,' Kathryn said. 'It's a lovely spot that makes you feel like you are on holiday. The area offers a large variety of outdoor activities from beaver spotting, walking, cycling and kayaking.'

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# NFUS pleads for responsible dog ownership

NFU Scotland is urging dog owners to be responsible and control their pets on farmland this spring.

Marking the spring equinox – the first day of spring, this year on March 20 – NFUS wants owners to pick up after their pets and keep them on a lead around livestock.

With many lambs now in fields, it is imperative that dogs are under the full control of their owners and attacks on sheep are avoided.

This message ties in with the union's awareness-raising campaign, Control Your Dog on Farmland, launched last month to tackle the problem of irresponsible access by dog walkers in Scotland's countryside.

Attacks on livestock on farmland are still on the increase, as is the problem of

dog fouling which can cause livestock to contract dangerous diseases.

The key messages, aimed at farmers and dog owners, include: Be informed – know your responsibilities under the Outdoor Access Code; Plan ahead – know your route, ensure you have poo bags and a lead; Control your pet – keep dogs on a lead around livestock; Know the steps to take if things don't go to plan – including cattle charging, dog escapes; Don't leave it hanging – picking up your dog's poo is not enough, take it with you and put it in a bin, even if on the fringes of farmland. Do not just 'flick it' into the bushes.

In early December, NFUS surveyed farmers, crofters and landowners about the issues they have with irrespon-

sible access, either through livestock worrying by dogs, or the impacts of owners failing to pick up after their pets on or near farmland.

The survey had more than 340 responses, which showed that: 72 per cent of respondents had an issue with livestock worrying on their land; 100 per cent of survey respondents said they have an issue with dog fouling on their land – this included plastic bag pollution as well as instances where livestock have contracted diseases from eating dog poo and plastic bags; 84 per cent of responses felt the Outdoor Access Code requiring 'on a lead or under close control' did not provide sufficient protection to them or their livestock.

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## Islay's annual early spring sale report

A strong force of mainland buyers attended United Auctions' annual early spring sale of 817 grazing cattle at Islay Auction Mart on March 9.

Bullocks sold to an average of £854.41 or 231.1 pence per kilo, up £0.62 per head.

Heifers levelled out at £736.48 per head or 208.2 pence per kilo, less £38.02 per head.

With cattle in general weighing around 25 to 30 kilos more on the year, this resulted in less impact on the values per head while all classes sold at levels around 15 pence per kilo less on the year.

#### Principal lots and prices:

Top prices per head: Bullocks: AAX: £1,330 - Uiskentuie; £990 (9) Octomore; £950 (5) Aoradh; £950 Craigfad; £945 (7) Octofad; £940 (6) Tallant. BRBx: £995, £945 and £930 Eorrabus. CHARx: £1,180 (2) and £1,050 (7) Craigfad; £1,035 Eorrabus; £1,010 (5) Tallant; £950 (3) Eorrabus; £950 (5) Aoradh; £940 (8) Eorrabus; £935 (2) and £930 Aoradh; £930 (5) Craighens; £930 (5) Octofad; £930 (10) Aoradh; £925 (5) Craighens; £910 (9) Tallant; £905 Eorrabus. LIMx: £1,135 (2) Balaclava; £1,105 (4) Lossit; £1,100 (2) Craigfad; £1,080 (2) Lossit; £1,080 Uiskentuie; £1,075 Ardbeg; £1,075 (2) Blackrock; £1,070 Uiskentuie; £1,065 Balaclava; £1,060 Uiskentuie; £1,055 (6)

Lossit; £1,050 Ardbeg; £1,030 (3) Uiskentuie; £1,015 (3) Tallant; £1,005 and £1,000 (3) Blackrock. SIMx: £855 (2) Cladville; £805 (3) Carrabus. SHx: £710 Paic A Chlassan. LUINGx: £590 (5) Duich. BLG: £505 Ballymeanach. Heifers: AAX: £940 Tallant; £815 Craighens. BRBx: £635 Bayview. BAX: £870 and £830 Eorrabus. CHARx: £1,145 Craigfad; £900 Aoradh; £870 (5) Eorrabus; £870 Tallant; £870 (8) Eorrabus. LIMx: £975 (2) and £970 (4) Balaclava; £955 (2) Blackrock; £940 Ardbeg; £940 Brybruich; £905 (2) Claggan. SIMx: £840 (2) Cladville.

Top prices per kilo: Bullocks: AAX: 256p (5) and 253p (8) Tallant; 251p (11) and 250p (5) Aoradh; 249p (7) and 236p (5) Tallant; 236p (7) Octofad; 233p (3) Mansefield; 229p (9) Octomore; 227p (5) Octofad; 226p (2) Uiskentuie. BRBx: 224p Eorrabus. CHARx: 266p (3) and 265p (5) Tallant; 258p Aoradh; 254p (5) Tallant; 253p Aoradh; 253p (4) Tallant; 252p (7), 249p, 248p (5) and 247p (5) Aoradh; 245p (5) Tallant; 244p (10)

Aoradh; 244p (2) Tallant; 244p Eorrabus; 243p (2) Aoradh; 241p (8) Eorrabus; 241p (2) Aoradh; 241p (5) Eorrabus. LIMx: 284p (5) Tallant; 277p (6) Ardbeg; 272p (4) Lossit; 268p (7) Tallant; 267p (2) Ardbeg; 264p (4) Blackrock; 264p Grulinbeg; 263p (2) and 260p (2) Balaclava; 260p (5) Ardbeg; 258p (5) Octofad; 257p (3) Ardbeg; 249p (6) Lossit; 248p (3) Octofad; 248p (3) Tallant; 246p Ardbeg; 244p (4) Eorrabus; 242p (2) Blackrock; 242p (3) Lossit; 241p Eorrabus. SIMx: 218p (4) Carrabus. Heifers: AAX: 216p Craighens; 213p (6) Aoradh. BAX: 210p Eorrabus. CHARx: 228p (4) Tallant; 222p (6) and 219p (4) Aoradh; 219p (8) Eorrabus; 216p (5) Craighens; 216p (4) Tallant; 215p Craigfad; 214p (6) Craighens; 214p (9) Eorrabus; 213p (9) Tallant. LIMx: 263p and 244p (5) Ardbeg; 237p Brybruich; 234p (4) Blackrock; 232p (6) Ardbeg; 229p Claggan; 229p (5) Ardbeg; 228p and 227p Tallant; 226p (4) Uiskentuie; 220p (2) Grulinbeg; 220p (2) Blackrock; 219p (9) and 217p Ardbeg. SIMx: 204p (2) Cladville.

## Prices down at grass lets sale

Caledonian Marts Ltd conducted its annual sale of grass lets for 2019 on Thursday March 21.

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MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013  
REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997  
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/00380/PPP	Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse	Land West Of Dubh Artach (Plot 4), Roothing, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
19/00419/PP	Change of use of agricultural land to form additional garden ground, engineering works to form level work platform, erection of workshop and formation of decking area (part retrospective)	Kilmaho Cottage, Kilkennie, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6QD
18/02686/PP	Erection of 2 holiday lodges	Land West Of Strathholm, Clachan, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
19/00531/PP	Erosion protection works, installation of anti-climb measures to pipebridge and associated works	Pipebridge Over Clachan Burn, North East Of Kilmalmonell Parish Church, Clachan, Argyll And Bute
18/02757/PP	Installation of replacement rooflight	3 Cross Houses, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute, PA32 8UE
19/00506/PP	Installation of wood burning stove with external flue	9 Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8JL
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# Dash cams and your car insurance

## A guide to in-car camera systems

In the heat of the moment, even when you think you had a full view of the road, there are still times when we miss what really happened in an accident. A dash cam could be the answer in settling insurance disputes and claims, and may help you to improve the way you drive.

### What's a dash cam?

They're in-car camera systems that make a video and audio recording of your journey. Public awareness of car cameras has increased and many insurance policies already accept dash cam evidence in the event of a car incident.

Some dash cams even include a parking mode, which starts recording whenever an impact is detected. If someone knocks a wing mirror or hits your car when they're parking and doesn't leave a note, you'll have a better chance of finding out what happened and who's responsible for the damage.

### There are 3 main types of dash cam:

Front view cameras are among the best dash cams for capturing everything in front of you, including traffic you're following. They're the cheapest to buy, but lack the ability to see what's happened behind you.

Front and back view (or front and rear) dash cams offer the advantage of recording both the view in front and behind your car. Most accidents on the road happen

at low speeds and involve rear-end collisions. Investing in a dash cam that offers both views could be worth the extra spend in case you're involved in an accident.

Cabin view car cameras provide you with a bird's eye view of what's happened inside your car. Mostly used in taxis and car services, it might be up your street if you share a car or maybe wish to check your own driving habits.

### Why install a dash cam?

You've seen them on the news, crime programmes and some of the footage even goes viral on social media. And they're becoming increasingly popular with motorists in the UK. In fact, from research we carried out, dash cam ownership has gone from 1% to 15% in just 4 years.<sup>1</sup>

They're an effective way to see how we and others drive and useful for finding out who was at fault in a car accident. If you suspect you've been a victim of a crash for cash fraud, submitting dash cam evidence could help you be properly compensated and prevent it happening to others.



### Dash cam and insurance policies

Many car accidents aren't clear cut. If there is any doubt over fault and if it's your word against theirs, footage recorded by a dash cam can help to resolve the dispute quickly. If the footage proves the other party was at fault, you may not have to pay your excess, or if you've already paid, your excess may be reimbursed.

The evidence could also help in protecting your no claims discount (NCD). As dash cams become more common, they could lower car insurance premiums, reduce theft and help deter insurance fraud.

### Will a dash cam change the way I drive?

Maybe. As well as becoming more road-savvy, dash cams could also provide

learner, new and returning drivers with priceless information on what they're doing behind the wheel.

If you're using the wrong lights or not keeping a safe enough distance from the car in front of you, a car camera could help you pick up on any bad driving habits and improve the standard of driving on our roads as a whole.

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I would like to thank all family and friends for their kind wishes, cards, phone calls and gifts during my time in Oban and Campbeltown hospitals. Thanks also to hospital staff for all their care. Much appreciated.

Jan Robertson.

BELLOCHANTUY

Blooming bulb show



Best exhibit in show, a child's pinafore by Libby Kerr, left, and the best plant in show, right, entered by Patricia Fair.

Despite unusually cold weather before Bellochintuy SWI's annual bulb show, the bulbs, flowers and floral arrangements blossomed.

Other classes in the recent competition in Glenbarr Hall included art, photography, preserves, baking, knitting, embroidery and sewing.

Mrs E Semple and Mrs J Ronald from Southend SWI judged the show, after which they took great care to explain their decisions and to advise on improvements where necessary.

The best plant in the show was won by Patricia Fair and the best exhibit was a child's pinafore made by Libby Kerr.

Results: Foliage pot plant: A Smith - Silver; P Fair - Silver. Flowering pot plant: M Littleton - Gold; L Kerr - Red. Small flower arrangement: L Fell - Gold; D Roberts - Silver. Bowl of spring bulbs: P Fair - Gold. Five trumpet daffodils: L Kerr - Silver. Photography: D Roberts - Gold; L Fell - Silver. Art: L Kerr - Gold; L Bryce - Silver. Special competition: Family heirloom: L Bryce - Gold. Knitting: Cushion cover: L Fell - Gold. Knitted article in black/white: L Fell - Gold; L Kerr - Gold; M McKinnon - Gold. Embroidery, ribbon: J Macrae - Gold; E Hemmings - Silver; P Fair - Silver. Sewing - child's pinafore: L Kerr - Gold. Baking: Gluten free muffin: L Fell - Gold. Battenberg cake: L Kerr - Gold; D Roberts - Silver. Gingerbread man: L Kerr - Gold; M McKinnon - Silver; L Fell - Red; E Hemmings - Red. Preserves: Jelly, any flavour: L Kerr - Gold; M McKinnon - Gold; D Roberts - Gold. Confectionery: Coconut ice: D Roberts - Gold; E Hemmings - Red.

The next meeting will be the AGM on April 15 at 7.30pm in Glenbarr Hall.

ISLAY

Book festival's new coordinator

Kirsty Izat has been appointed as the coordinator of this year's Islay Book Festival, in a move she described as 'an amazing opportunity'.

Portnahaven-based Kirsty was chosen ahead of some strong competition for the new part-time post, and she will work closely with the festival committee to deliver the event from August 29 to September 1.

This year's event will be headlined by top crime writer Ian Rankin, with cookery writer and novelist Sue Lawrence, Mortal Engines author Philip Reeve, and high profile historian Tom Devine also attending.

Committee chairwoman Isla Rosser Owen said: 'We've been run entirely by volunteers up to now, but the festival has grown to a point where we needed to bring someone on board as our organisational linchpin.'

'With our schools programme and events across Islay and Jura, the festival takes a lot of organising, so we were delighted to find someone local with the right combination of skills, contacts and enthusiasm.'

Kirsty is a legal studies graduate who worked as a paralegal on the mainland before coming home to Islay with husband Graham in 2012.

Kirsty said: 'The past few years have been very child focused and I was looking for the right opportunity. When I saw the book festival advert, I just thought, "That's perfect, it combines my organisational side, my creative side and my love of books." For



Kirsty Izat joins the Islay Book Festival team.

something like this to come up on Islay is amazing.'

Last year's Islay Book Festival was the biggest yet. The committee is currently looking for sponsors for this year's event and on a longer term basis to make the festival sustainable.

Anyone or any business interested can get in touch with Kirsty on hello@islaybookfestival.co.uk.

Individuals can support the festival through the JustGiving link on www.islaybookfestival.co.uk.

CLACHAN

Flood prevention open evening at Clachan

An open evening on Monday April 1 will identify possible flood prevention measures for Clachan.

The drop-in session in the

village hall from 6pm to 9pm has a presentation from 7pm to 8pm followed by questions and answers.

The village, which has

spent years battling for flood prevention measures to be installed, has been selected to put its case to the Scottish Government for funding.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

They're back! Known as LM12 and LF15, the osprey have returned safely to Loch of the Lowes.

What an amazing return journey they have completed from Africa of about 6,000 miles.

Once again we will watch them as they prepare and repair the nest, as they lay their eggs, and then the joy of watching the chicks hatch.

All around us are signs of new life. The new buds are appearing, the oyster catchers are pairing up and the lambs will soon sprinkle the fields with white.

New birth will come again and each mother of whatever species will know the call of her own baby.

I heard a fascinating programme about voice recognition. Evidently the best form of security is not a pin number or a code, but simply your voice recording.

I was invited to do this recently so that when I next need to prove my identity I will be known by the stored recording of my voice.

Like our fingerprint and the retina of our eye, our voice pattern is unique.

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This must be the same with the other animals.

I am always intrigued when I watch a flock of sheep with a field full of lambs that each lamb knows the call of its mother among so many.

I have watched nature programmes where chicks know the call of the adult and the elephant calf responds to the right mother.

We know, too, that God calls us by our name, and we know that call to be different from any other, for God's voice is also unique.

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A prayer, 'Hear from heaven, your dwelling-place, and when you hear, forgive' (1 Kings 8:30).

**MARRIAGES**



**MCAULAY - BARRETT**

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage, on Saturday, February 23, 2019, in Glasgow, conducted by the Rev Gary McIntyre, Gemma, younger daughter of Duncan and Malina, to Mark, son of Mandy and Duncan. A wonderful day was had by all.

**DEATHS**

**DUNCAN** - Suddenly at home, 2a Burnbank Place, Campbeltown, on March 23, 2019, Andrew Ferguson Duncan, in his 71st year, dearly beloved son of the late Andrew and Mary Duncan, much loved brother of Hector, and a loving uncle of David, Kirsteen and Andrew. A private cremation will take place in Cardross Crematorium.

**KENT** - Margaret Mary, passed away on March 19, 2019, peacefully listening to her favourite operas, with her son by her side. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends, near and far.

**LINDSAY MACDOUGALL** - James, Younger of Lunga, unexpectedly at home, much loved dad of Kenna and brother of Antonia, Johanna, Lucien and Aiden, beloved eldest son of Colin Lindsay-MacDougall of Lunga. Funeral service at Craignish Parish Church, on April 2, 2019, at 12.00pm, followed by interment at Kilvaree.

**MACKENZIE** - Peacefully at Airlie House, Ayr, on March 22, 2019, Agnes, aged 98 years, beloved wife of the late Donald (both formerly of Stewarton) and also of the late Robert Fraser, loving mother of Billy, mother-in-law of Isobel, dearest granny of Ona and Iain, great granny of Ewan and Corale and dear sister of Bessie.

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**MCARTHUR** - Peacefully at home, in Minard, Argyll, on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, William (Bill), aged 89 years, beloved husband of Lily and loving daddy of Billy. Funeral service at William Scott Funeral Home, on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Polmont Cemetery, at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

**ROBERTSON** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 26, 2019, Mhairi Robertson, in her 36th year, 11c Hillside Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved mum of Jack, much loved daughter of Davie and the late Rosemary and a loving sister of David and Jamie. Funeral service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today, Friday, March 29, 2019 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

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**SHAW** - Obe, daughter of Mary Shaw and dedicated Ward Sister at the Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead, got her wish, on March 17, 2019, she died peacefully at her home, 3 Argyll Court, Lochgilphead, with her adored Hamish curled up beside her. Obe will be greatly missed by her friends. Funeral service will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Retiral collection for Macmillan Nurses and Marie Curie. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

**LOGIE** - A memorial service for the late James Logie Jr, son of James D Logie and the late Rhona Logie, of Inverneill Cottage, Inverneill will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Friday, April 5, 2019, at 12.00 noon. Retiral collection for MS Therapy Centre, Lochgilphead. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**DOTT** - In loving memory of Charlie, died March 28, 2017.

Loved and missed every day.

- From your loving wife, Isobel, and all the family xxxx.

**MACAULAY** - In loving memory of my wee sister and 'special' auntie, Diane.

Always in our thoughts. Missed everyday.

- Love, Julie and Chloe x.

**MACBRAYNE** - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, Colin, who died March 28, 2018.

Remembered always.

- Mary, Margaret and family xx.

**MACBRAYNE** - In loving memory of a dear sister-in-law and auntie, Prunella, who died March 31, 2018. "Happy memories."

- Mary, Margaret and family xx.

**MCEACHRAN** - Gary, died March 30, 2017.

Loved and missed forever. - Mum, Dad, Ross and Beth. Uncle Gary, we cherished your love.

- Christopher and Alyssa xx.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre**  
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009399  
Burnside Street, Campbeltown  
01586 552046

**Sunday Services**  
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)  
6.30pm Evening Worship

**Wednesday**  
12.15pm Lunch Club  
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.  
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group

Major Ruth Russell  
All welcome

**Highland Parish Church**

SC002493

**Sunday 31st March 2019**  
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in the church at 11.15am  
All welcome.

**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
(The Church of Scotland)  
"It is good to sing praises to our God"

**Sunday Services In**  
Ardrihaig at 11.00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm  
All Welcome

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**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686

**Sunday 31st March**  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1  
Rev W Crossan

**Tuesday 2nd April**  
Tiny Tots 9.45am  
New Hall

**Thursday Choir Practice**  
**Friday 5th April**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**  
**Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead**  
(SC013787)

**Sundays 11.00am**  
Eucharist & Coffee

**St Columba's, Pottaloch (SC031391)**  
**1st Sunday of the month**  
9.00am Holy Communion

**3rd Sunday of the month**  
3.30pm Evensong

All Welcome  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
01546 602315

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

**Friday 29th March**  
SKY Youth Group  
7.30pm

**Sunday 31st March**  
Family Communion Service  
11.00am  
Pastor Steve Davies  
All welcome

**Wednesday 3rd April**  
Bible study  
7.30pm at the manse  
Enquiries 01586 551200  
www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
SC014646

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**

**Sunday 31 March 2019**  
Cumlodden and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097

**Cumlodden Church - 10.00am**  
Service will be taken by the Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell

**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665

**Inveraray Church - 11.30am**  
Service will be taken by the Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell  
ALL WELCOME

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Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
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Rev Tony Wood

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(except 1st Saturday of the month)

**Sundays, Holy Mass**  
**10.00am**  
All welcome (SC002876)

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 31st March**  
11.00am Family Service  
Speaker - Ken Watson with Sunday school and refreshments after the service

**South Kintyre Youth**  
Every Friday at 7.30 pm  
Visit our Facebook page for details of venue.

**Induction Service**  
Induction Service of Mark Jasper as Pastor of Campbeltown Community Church  
Saturday 6th April at 2 pm  
Town Hall  
Reception follows after the service

**Please note our Sunday service is now held at the Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street**  
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Kilmartin**

**Sunday 31st March 2019**  
**11.30am**  
Service will be taken by Rev Liz Gibson  
All welcome (SC0 02121)

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002

**Sunday 31 March**  
10am Morning Worship  
Bellanoch Church

**Saturday 30 March**  
Achnamara Hall  
Cafe Connect  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
All welcome  
www.northknappdale.org

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY**  
Church of Scotland

**Sunday 31st March 2019**  
Skipness service 10am  
Marion MacDonald

**Tarbert service 11.30am**  
Rev Christine Fulcher  
Tarbert & Kilberry Church  
Annual Stated Meeting - after the service  
all are welcome to attend.

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George Street, Campbeltown

**Sunday 31st March**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Rodger Crooks

11.15am Sunday School  
3.00pm Christianity Explored

**Wednesday 3rd April**  
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer  
2.00pm - 4.00pm  
Water of Life Cafe

**Saturday 6th April**  
9.00am Prayer Breakfast

**Sunday 7th April**  
3.00pm Christianity Explored  
**All Welcome**

All Rodger Crooks' sermons can be found through our website:  
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk  
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

**Monday 1st April 2019**  
Tarbert Guild Meeting  
2.30pm in the church hall

Everyone very welcome  
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622  
Skipness SC004280

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**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church:  
Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277

**Sunday 31st March**  
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# Sure-footed Sharkey is winner of Crinan Puffer

From more than 80 pairs of running shoes strapped on for this year's Crinan Puffer, Kintyre man Dom Sharkey's proved the quickest.

Sharkey may have taken the overall win but the record breaker was Hazel MacCormick from Edinburgh, who beat the previous female mark with a time of 51 minutes and 43 seconds. Athletes from Dunoon, Camp-

beltown and all points of Mid Argyll joined the race, billed as one of Scotland's friendliest and most inclusive running events.

Organised annually by Lochgilphead's Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool), the race starts at Crinan and follows the canal for eight miles to Ardrishaig.

The weather couldn't make up its



**First place overall winner Dominic Sharkey.** 51\_a13CrinanPuffer01



**First place male veteran, Iain McGougan.** 51\_a13CrinanPuffer09



**The winners.** Photo by Gavin Brown.

mind, with runners soaked by rain one minute then running in the sun the next. That didn't deter the racers who sprinted for their medals at the end of the road.

Kirsty Young, MACPool's deputy manager, said: 'The Crinan Puffer is a fundraising event run by Mid Argyll Community Enterprises in aid of Mid Argyll Swimming Pool.'

'We would like to extend our thanks to our sponsors, Scottish Sea Farms, for their continued support and to all our volunteers and helpers who came out to help

make the event a huge success. We are delighted with the turnout we had on Sunday and, despite the poor weather conditions, we had some very fast times with the winning lady, Hazel MacCormick, taking a new ladies' course record.'

Crinan Puffer full results: Overall and senior male: 1 Dominic Sharkey, 48:45; 2 Kevin Campbell, 49:44; 3 David Carey, 50:01. Senior female: 1 Hazel MacCormick, 51:43; 2 Ailsa Lopez, 58:16; 3 Laura Thomson, 1:02:56. Vintage male: 1 Brian Hughes, 51:58; 2 Andy Law, 54:29; 3

Peter Boyd, 1:06:17. Vintage female: 1 Jane Barrington, 1:11:47; 2 June MacLeod, 1:17:51; 3 Jacqueline Glass, 1:21:23. Super veteran male: 1 Ross Morley-Trapnell, 58:46; 2 Iain Crawford, 1:03:51; 3 Ronnie MacEachen, 1:04:40. Super veteran female: 1 Jean McLennan, 1:05:31; 2 Jacquie Maclean, 1:11:47; 3 Gail Williams, 1:11:58. Veteran male: 1 Iain McGougan, 55:19; 2 Roger Stewart, 57:10; 3 Matthew Watkiss, 57:37. Veteran female: 1 Kathryn Munro, 1:02:21; 2 Morag Neilson, 1:04:38; 3 Rebecca Fulton, 1:05:03.

## Swimmers dive to mini league round victory

Junior swimmers from Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club (KASC) secured their first ever mini league round win.

Aimed at swimmers aged 11 and under, mini league is one of the noisiest and most exciting competitions in swimming.

For the uninitiated, clubs compete in three rounds to try to earn a spot in the June final, with swimmers competing individual and relay swims according to their age groups.

Last year, KASC was drawn against five of the top six teams and missed out on a place in the final.

Being picked for the mini league squad is a big honour – for some, it is their first competition outside of the club.

Dedicated training has been ongoing since the start of the year to practice the key skills of dives, turns and relay takeovers.

Mini league is one of the few galas

where the club competes as a team and there is no doubt it brings out the best in the youngsters.

The atmosphere at a mini league tie is incredible – everyone wants to do their best for the club and brings their A-game.

### Buzzing

Team spirit is already buzzing and that is a lot to do with the coaches, who always make sure training is fun and exciting, as well as hard work.

In the recent round one, 24 KASC swimmers, along with coaches and parents, travelled to the Portal in Irvine to compete against Kilmarnock and Dunoon.

After the warm-up, this year's mini league captains, Kirstie Renton and Max Graham, went forward for the lane draw which saw Kintyre swimmers take to lane five.

The host club, Kilmarnock, were drawn in lane four with Dunoon in



**The young swimmers who competed in round of the mini league.**

two and additional lanes allocated to each club.

After some excellent swimming in the medley relays, Kintyre held a very narrow lead going into the individual swims.

Swimmers from Kintyre continued to impress with a number of wins

in the individual events and, going into the freestyle relays, KASC was looking to secure its first ever mini league round win.

### Final scores

After all 46 events were swum, the final scores were announced with Dunoon in third place on 122

points, Kilmarnock in second with 149 points and Kintyre in first place with 179 point – a first ever mini league round win.

The next round is a home tie in Aqualibrium against South Ayrshire Swim Team and Milngavie and Bearsden on Sunday April 28.



Campbeltown Kintyre rugby juniors in Oban.

## Enthusiastic mini-rugby players home fixture

Mini-rugby players will scrum down on the Meadows at noon tomorrow.

Fresh from a visit to Oban, an enthusiastic group of P4/5 and P6/7 will play a Campbeltown Kintyre Dalriada. Last week six clubs took part in the Oban event, supported by travelling parents who gave encouragement and support from the touchlines.

There is an obvious improvement

within the members although tackling is still suspect but tries were scored.

Despite a few lapses, it was an improvement on the day from their last outing at Lochgilphead.

Coaches praised Aiden and Jack who joined Mid Argyll to allow them to make up a full team.

Tomorrow five rugby clubs are due in Kintyre and it is hoped that two full teams will be fielded.

## Emma is Kintyre Wheelers winter league winner

A woman who as a schoolgirl 'fell off three times in one competition' won Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club's (KWCC) winter league.

Despite a puncture in the final event, Emma Smith rode to victory with 64 points, three more than KWCC secretary Robbie Semple on 61 and seven ahead of third-placed Lynsay McGeachy on 57.

The two-wheeled warriors return to burn rubber this weekend at Machrihanish Airbase as the summer cycling season opens.

Semple pronounced that the

early forecast is good and, if so, bike checks and maintenance will be followed by a ride.

If the weather turns out wet and windy, there will be indoor bike maintenance and riding tips.

KWCC members and any others interested should follow signs at 10am from the main gate to the building with the tall rectangular tower near the south gate.

KWCC's End of the World event on the weekend of May 4-5 is selling well and entries can be made via the British Cycling events web page.

## Sports hall athletics final placings

The Argyll Sports Hall Athletics final results are as follows: U7 girls: 1 Jamie MacIntyre Rockfield 21, 2 Emma Johnston Castlehill 19.5, 3 Eleyna McEachran Castlehill 16.5, 4 Ciara Cameron Bunessan 12, 5 Ranya Bakali Inveraray 6, 6 Louise Ralston Castlehill 5.

U9 girls: 1 Palmo Jones Bunessan 26, 2 Erin Greig Salen 23, 3 Isla Muir Rockfield 21.5, 4 Esme Bain Ardrishaig 9, 5 Megan Johnston Bunessan 8, 6 Sienna Munro Salen 7.

Under 11 girls: 1 Kirstie Renton Castlehill 26, 2 Ellen MacRae Salen 24, 3 Mia Mason St Columba's 14, 4 Eleanor Dale Ardrishaig 8, 5= Jemma MacDonald Lochgilphead, Beth Johnstone Tarbert 7.

Under 13 girls: 1 Violet Campbell Castlehill 31.5, 2 Evie Kellett Salen 24, 3 Ruby Jo Phillips Lochgilphead 23, 4 Amber Bain Lochgilphead 18.5.

Under 15 girls: 1 Eilidh Cameron Lochgilphead 30, 2 Amy Gibson Oban High 28, 3 Izzy Crawford Lochgilphead 26, 4 Karis Kidd Lochgilphead 4.

Under 7 boys: 1 Quinn Soames Bunessan 25, 2 Ruairidh Charnock Lochgilphead 20, 3 Charley Gilchrist Dalintober 12, 4 Fergus Hunt Lochnell 11, 5 Craig McMillan Castlehill 9, 6 Murray MacKay Drumlembie 5.

Under 9 boys: 1 Donald Campbell Rockfield 35, 2 Duncan Hunt Lochnell 20.5, 3 Joe Hill Park 11.5, 4 Bailey Brown Salen 11, 5= George Balkeen Lochgilphead and Ciaran Johnstone Park 8.

Under 11 boys: 1 James Muir Rockfield 29, 2 Jack Green Dalintober 22, 3 Logan Gibson Salen 16, 4 Rufus Hughes Rockfield 13, 5 Daniel Cullen Rockfield 12, 6= Murdo Morrison Salen and Innis MacCallum Bunessan 4.

Under 13 boys: 1 Jacques Coates Park 27.5, 2 Oliver Reid Campbeltown 24.5, 3= Murray MacDonald Lochgilphead and Rhys Millar Rockfield 20, 5 Robin Haddock Farrier Bunessan 10.

Under 15 boys: 1 Finlay MacLean Oban High.

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**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**

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# Plenty of possession but 'Dale suffer heavy defeat



Elliot Gemmill on the ball. Photos; Hannah O'Hanlon

Carradale	0
Eastwood Parkmount 'B'	8
GGPL Division 2	

Carradale played host to Eastwood Parkmount 'B' in



Ryan Blackstock shields the ball from his marker.

a Greater Glasgow Premier Division Two match on the Campbeltown all-weather pitch last Saturday.

Unfortunately, the Kintyre side ended up on the wrong end of an 8-0 defeat.



Ryan McGrory shows great determination.



Calum Johnstone seen here blocking an Eastwood player in another heavy home defeat for Carradale.

# Gutsy away performance as Pupils share the spoils

FC Argyle	3
Campbeltown Pupils	3
SAFL Premier One	

The McFadyen-sponsored Pupils FC collected their seventh draw of the current season.

It is a campaign which has seen the greatest number of games ending with shared points since the club entered the SAFL system in 1977/78.

Nevertheless, over 90 minutes, this was a gutsy away performance by the visitors, a team who have proved time and again that they will not

be easily beaten. This is especially encouraging given the relative inexperience within the club's emerging squad.

The game opened in explosive fashion when the Pupils used the width of the pitch to create an opportunity for Bailey Freeman.

The youngster's well-judged parting volley found the net from 18 yards - his first goal for the Pupils and only five minutes on the clock.

Argyle, however; were in no mood to be passive, replying almost immediately.

A fine cross from the right was headed home by ex-

Haldane striker Ross Davies, a man with a history of causing problems for unsuspecting defences.

The Pupils regained the lead midway through the first half.

A fine through ball allowed Sary Rahma to outpace the home defence and score with a low drive beyond the advancing goalkeeper - a typical goal from the Pupils' jet-paced front man.

However, the visitors failed to learn from earlier lessons, and were punished in similar fashion when centre forward Davies scored once more with a towering header to

bring the scores level at half-time.

Discussions at the break must have involved attention to marking at the cross ball, as the visitors appeared to be more comfortable in the second period against the home side's tall frontmen.

Nevertheless, a change in tactics saw Argyle grab the lead early in the second period, a through ball exposing Pupils' goalkeeper Alasdair Ferguson to a one-on-one situation with striker Thomas Kelly who scored with ease.

For a short time, the visitors stood firm during the home

side's best spell of the match, and showed their mettle by bouncing back with an equalising goal in the 74th minute.

A speculative effort, inside the box, from Rahma was parried by the home keeper, but only into the path of the incoming Ryan Deans who brought the scores level with a fine strike from an in-form player.

It was all to play for, and the Pupils could have won in the closing stages when Keith Mitchell weaved his way into the penalty box only to be chopped from behind.

The player tried to retain

his balance, but eventually tumbled to the ground.

In the game's only controversial moment, the referee allowed play to continue for advantage.

The match ended in a hard-fought draw, but for both sides it was probably a fair share of the points.

Campbeltown Pupils travel to Kings Park Rangers tomorrow.



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