



Campbeltown tenement residents are evacuated

'A woman was trapped in her flat and it was quickly decided, for safety reasons, to evacuate her by ladder'

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A young boy narrowly escaped a potentially fatal accident when a stair high in a Main Street tenement building collapsed.

The Courier understands that the boy was on a section of stair when five concrete steps collapsed.

Quick-thinking

The steps fell onto the ceiling of the ground-floor shop below and apparently the boy was saved by a quick-thinking adult who grabbed his arm.

The boy was taken to hospital but a woman in a first floor flat was unable to leave the building. She was evacuated by Campbeltown firefighters on a ladder through her

window high above the street. The drama unfolded last Friday evening and one fire tender was called out at 7.27pm.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service watch commander Ronnie Souden said: 'The middle five steps had fallen onto the ceiling of McKellar's Confectionery store below.'

'A woman was trapped in her flat and it was quickly decided, for safety reasons, to evacuate the woman by ladder.'

All the tenement's residents were evacuated from the building. Up until the Courier went to press they had been given accommodation in the Argyll Arms and Craigard hotels.

McKellar's Confectionery shop, which employs five

staff, was closed and barriers erected on Main Street round the entrance.

Archie McKellar, who has owned the shop for 35 years, said: 'Structural engineers have told us it could be four to five months before the building is safe.'

Coincidence

Mr McKellar's daughter, Karensa Glendinning, said: 'By coincidence we have been working to open the small shop next to our grocery store on Main Street. 'We have accelerated that and hope to be open in three weeks.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'As soon as we were made aware of the incident, we attended and made the area safe.'

'A structural engineer has

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Rio is the chanter champion

As well as brass and woodwind prize-winners, Kintyre showcased its very own piping pro at the 40th Mid Argyll Music Festival.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band's Rio Arkell picked up the Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal in the chanter competition.

He joined a contingent of Kintyre musicians who picked up silverware at the Lochgilphead Joint Campus contest.

Rio Arkell won the Mid Argyll Music Festival Medal. 51_a13musicfestival04

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Vehicle damaged

A white Fiat campervan had its door mirror damaged by a lorry which failed to stop and report the incident between noon and 3pm on Friday April 5, in Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown.

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

Spice up Easter with a chilli eating contest

Brave souls can dare to take on a chilli eating contest on Jura this Good Friday.

The hotly-contested event is part of a curry night at the island's hall starting at 7.30pm on April 19.

More games are on the menu with prizes to be won as part of the entertainment and curries on offer, of course.

Tickets are £15 from Jura Community shop, Jura Surgery or Louise at jurajuniors@gmail.com.

Residents moved out after staircase collapses

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been appointed to carry out an inspection.

'We await the engineer's report and the outcome of discussions with the building's owners before a decision will be taken on the next steps.'

A police spokesperson added: 'The incident was reported to the police at 7.30pm last Friday April 5.'

'The stair in a common close at 9A Main Street, Campbeltown, collapsed with a man and a boy on the stairs at the time suffering minor injuries. All flats were evacuated and the council alerted to have the building assessed by a structural engineer.'

'Occupants of flats affected were housed in alternative accommodation.'

George Rowley told the Courier: 'I live at Flat 3, 9 Main Street. I've been evacuated because the building is said to be unstable.'



The emergency services at the Main Street tenement on Friday evening. 50_c15tenement07 Photograph by Hannah O'Hanlon.



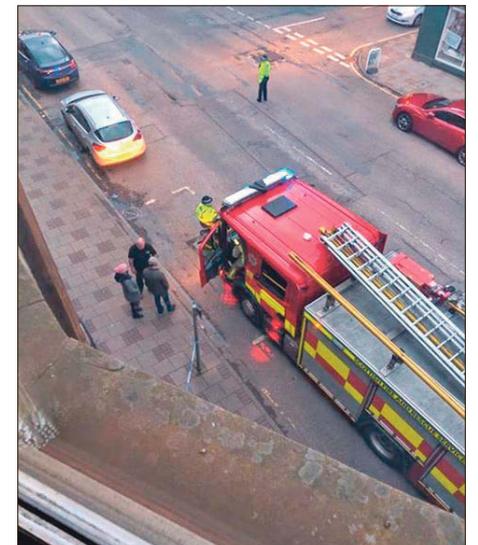
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Fri, 5 Apr 2019				18:35	15:35	21:05
Sat, 6 Apr 2019				19:03	16:03	21:33
Sun, 7 Apr 2019	07:11	04:11	09:41	19:33	16:33	22:03
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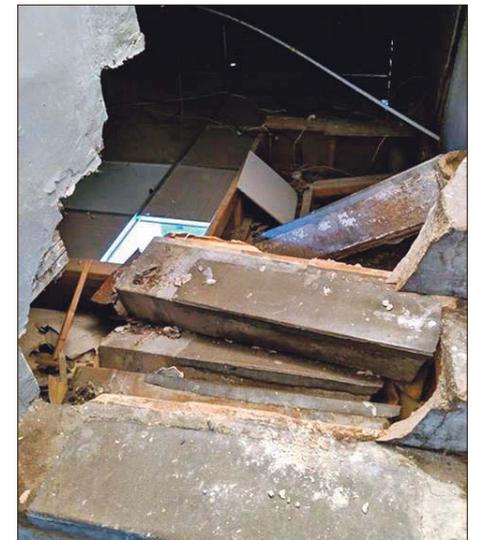
Firefighters rescue a Main Street resident from the tenement.



The fire tender arrives in Main Street.



The collapsed stairs photographed by resident George Rowley.



Looking through the collapsed stairs to the shop below.

Organised criminals steal five Kintyre quad bikes

by Mark Davey
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A police chief was grilled at Campbeltown Community Council after five quad bikes were stolen in one night last week.

On Tuesday evening Chief Inspector Marlene Bailey was put on the spot by council member Jim Martin.

Mr Martin, who runs an agricultural supplies firm, said that farmers were concerned about potentially confronting gangs of at least four men, suspected of being behind the thefts.

Chief Inspector Bailey said: 'Lines of inquiry are being followed by detectives across Scotland.'

Ignition

She said some of the bikes had the keys left in the ignition. She added that crime prevention advice had been given to farmers on how to make sure equipment was secure.

She added that motorists had been asked for dash-cam footage which may help identify the culprits and any unusually large lorries being driven round at night.

Overnight between Wednesday April 3 and Thursday April 4, in an area from Skipness to Saddell in East Kintyre, five quad bikes were stolen and appear to have vanished.

Stolen

A red Suzuki was stolen from Ballochgair Farm, Peninver; a green 500cc Suzuki King, registration mark SF64AMX, was stolen from a shed at Dippen Farm, Carradale; a red Suzuki King was stolen from a shed which was forced open at Saddell Home Farm, Saddell; a red Honda TRX 420 was stolen from a shed at New Peninver Farm, Peninver; and a green 500cc Suzuki, registration mark SF68KXB, was stolen from a shed at Claonaig, Skipness.

Mr Martin added that two of the bikes, which can typically cost about £10,000 including vat, were stolen from locked sheds and that the thieves must have had inside knowledge.

A quick search of some of Kintyre's younger generation of farmers' social media pages, such as Facebook and Instagram, shows many pic-

tures of machinery together with the farm address at the top of the page.

All Terrain Vehicle Services (ATV) Ltd Scotland's managing director John Yuill Jnr, whose firm has a branch in Lochgilphead, said: 'There are several security products available for ATVs that can assist as theft deterrents or recovery tools, it is unfortunate that these devices now become relevant in Kintyre.'

Chief Inspector Bailey said that quad bike thefts across Scotland had reached epic proportions and Kintyre was not unique.

Closed lorry

The Courier understands the thinking is that the bikes were stolen in a closed lorry as CCTV footage from outside Lochgilphead police station has not shown any trailers carrying the machines.

Mr Martin added: 'Perhaps there should be CCTV cameras at Ardrishaig as it is possible to bypass Lochgilphead police station.'

One farmer said that after equipment was stolen last year all the shed locks were upgraded.



A Suzuki King quad bike similar to two of the stolen machines. Photo: ATV Services

Car thief fined and jailed

A car put into a Dalmally garage for service was later stolen and turned up in Ullapool.

Last Thursday, at Campbeltown Sheriff Court, its thief, Michael Green, who has been in custody since January, appeared for sentence.

At an earlier hearing, Green, 37, had pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing the 04 plate car on December 16 2017 in Dalmally on the A85 and a further charge of driving the vehicle while uninsured.

Green was caught by police, on January 16, while sleeping rough in a hut on Machrihanish Golf Course, having failed to appear at Oban Sheriff Court in relation to the charge on November 6 last year.

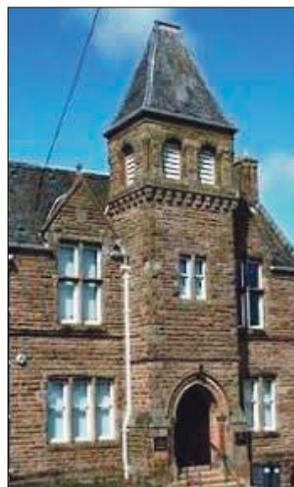
He was discovered on the golf course due to a tip-off to the police.

Police searched Green and he later pleaded guilty to being in possession of a Stanley knife with no reasonable

excuse. During Thursday's hearing, procurator fiscal depute, Eoin McGinty, told the court that the car owner had put in for service.

When the work was completed the garage had left the car out with the keys on top of a front tyre.

The owner did not go to collect it for a few days and when he did it had



Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

disappeared. On December 20 2017 the car was found abandoned in Ullapool with £1,500 of damage.

Green was identified from DNA in the car and on August 18 last year he was arrested and admitted the offences.

In mitigation, defence solicitor Stephen MacSporrán said that Green has an unidentified psychiatric condition.

Mr MacSporrán added that as a result of Green's nomadic lifestyle he just wanted to get out of the Oban area when he stole the car.

Sheriff Simon Fraser ordered a psychiatric assessment and sentenced Green to four months in prison for possession of the knife.

Sheriff Fraser said that as Green has been in custody since January that just leaves a month to serve.

For the car theft Green was fined £200 and disqualified from driving for eight months and he was admonished for the failure to appear.

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Kintyre Piping Society's junior competition winners

Pipers blew their best notes at one of Scotland's premier junior competitions held in Kintyre.

Last weekend at the Ardshiel and Seafiel Hotels Kintyre Piping Society (KPS) held its annual junior piping competition.

A total of 40 competitors took part, performing in front of judges Iain Hurst and Euan Dewar from Oban and Julie Blue and Hamish Colville from Campbeltown.

A KPS spokesperson said: 'The society would like to thank Flora Grant and Marion MacKinnon for the use of the hotel facilities and their staff for taking care of everyone during the day.'

'A special thanks also to Flora for presenting the prizes to the trophy winners.'

'Thanks also to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle, tuned pipes and helped on the day.'

'To all our sponsors including Pipedreams, McCallum Bagpipes and the Gordon Duncan Memorial Trust which donated prizes for the competitions.'

'We would also like to thank Donald and Chrissie MacKinnon (Edinburgh) for their generous donation to our funds.'

Kintyre Piping Society, full Junior Piping Championship results: Event One: The Royal Celtic Society Cup: Chanter 10 and under: all winners from Campbeltown: 1 Freya Borthwick, 2 Rio Arkell, 3 Arran Brown, 4 Hannah Gilchrist, 5 Jake Anderson, 6 Emma Millar. Event Two: The Pipe Major J M MacKenzie Cup: Chanter 11 to 14: 1 Maia McNeillie, Campbeltown, 2 Grace McTaggart, Campbeltown, 3 Euan McCartan, Lochgilphead, 4 Aiden Brodie, Campbeltown. Event three: The Dugald McShannon Cup: March on Bagpipes (novice): 1 Calum McAllister, Campbeltown, 2

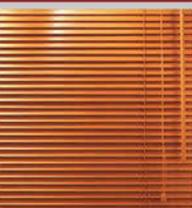
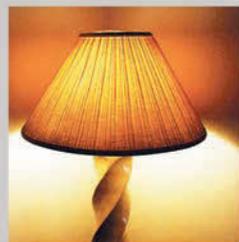


Pipers and their trophies from left: Bobby Allen, Catriona Norman, Calum McKillop, Matthew McKerral and Euan Lindsay.

17: 1 Bobby Allen, Glasgow, 2 Ruairaidh Logan, Ardrishaig, 3 Calum McKillop, Drumlemble. Event 13: The Campbell Challenge Cup: Piobaireachd 15 to 17: 1 Bobby Allen, Glasgow, 2 Calum McKillop, Drumlemble. Event 14: The Hector MacNeill M.A.Cup: 2 x 2/4 Marches 15 to 17: 1 Bobby Allen, Glasgow, 2 Calum McKillop, Drumlemble, 3 Murray O'May, Kippen. Event 15: The Netta McGougan Memorial Trophy: MSR 15 to 17, judges' choice: 1 Bobby Allen, Glasgow, 2 Calum McKillop, Drumlemble, 3 Murray O'May, Kippen. Junior Champion, winning the PM Ronald McCallum MBE Shield and The John D Burgess Medal, Bobby Allen. Overall and special trophies: Youngest competitor: Cara MacPherson. The Margaret Anderson Memorial Trophy for best local in Event one: Freya Borthwick. The John Sinclair Memorial Trophy for best local in Event two: Maia McNeillie. The Murdo MacLeod MA Memorial Trophy for best local in Event three: Calum McAllister. The George Cathcart Shield for best local in Events four and five: Matthew McKerral. The Dugald Stewart Memorial Cup for best local in Events 10 and 11: Calum McKillop. The Islay Trophy presented to the girl with most points overall: Catriona Norman (Callander). The Friends of Ireland Trophy for the most promising competitor not in the prize list in Events one and two: Cameron Ralston. The Pipe Major Ronald MacCallum MBE Shield and the Royal Scottish Pipers Society Bronze Star: presented to the junior champion: Euan Lindsay (Kilmacolm). The McCallum Memorial Cup and the Pipe Major John D. Burgess Medal: presented to the senior champion: Bobby Allen (Glasgow).

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eight: The Margaret McCallum Memorial Cup: 2 x 2/4 Marches under 15: 1 Euan Lindsay, Kilmacolm, 2 Christopher McCartan, Lochgilphead, 3 Catriona Norman, Callander. Event nine: The Campbell McGougan Trophy: Slow Air under 15: 1 Euan Lindsay, Kilmacolm, 2 Matthew McKerral, Campbeltown, 3 Catriona Norman, Callander. Event 10: The Kintyre Piping Society Trophy March 15 to 17: 1 Bobby Allen, Glasgow, 2 Ruairaidh Logan, Ardrishaig, 3 Calum McKillop, Drumlemble. Event 11: The Charles Bowen Cup: Strathspey and Reel 15 to 17: 1 Bobby Allen, Glasgow, 2 Ruairaidh Logan, Ardrishaig, 3 Murray O'May, Kippen. Event 12: The Pipe Major Willie Wilson Cup: Hornpipe and Jig: 15 to



Young pipers with their prizes.

CalMac charity link-up supports seafarers' children



Disadvantaged young people living in seafaring communities are to benefit from a £5,000 grant from ferry operator CalMac.

The company, which operates the Campbeltown to Ardrrossan summer ferry service, has made the donation to the Sailors' Orphan Society of Scotland to help fund its work. As well as supporting young people living in coastal towns, the charity is also committed to feeding, clothing and educating children of deceased seafarers.

CalMac's director of community and stakeholder engagement Brian Fulton said: 'In the charity's 130th year it seemed a very good fit to make a meaningful donation to support the valuable work it does with young people.'

'CalMac is deeply ingrained in the fabric of the communities we serve, so it is a logical

step for us to help charities which support people within these communities.'

CalMac is the UK's largest ferry operator serving 28 routes to island and remote mainland destinations with a fleet of 33 vessels. Last year it carried more than 5.3 million passengers and 1.4 million vehicles.

The Sailors' Orphan Society of Scotland was established in 1889 and initially focused on running children's homes for orphans. By 1907, 545 children were being cared for in homes.

Today, the charity's focus has shifted from residential homes to giving grants to support young people in the community.

It currently supports 47 individuals with grants of £110 a month.

Chairman of the society Michael Abram said: 'We



CalMac's director of community and stakeholder relations Brian Fulton, left, presents the donation to Sailors' Orphan Society of Scotland chairman Michael Abram.

are currently looking at ways of increasing our funding streams to finance and sus-

tain our work for the future, so this donation is extremely timely and we will be using it

to support our core work with young people in seafaring communities.'

Church to hire Gaelic expert

The Church of Scotland is looking for a Gaelic development officer to support Gaelic religious life within the church.

The new role is a year-long consultancy post that will work closely with the kirk's Gaelic group to create a three-year plan and help ensure it has the resources to succeed.

Professor Boyd Robertson, acting convener of the Church of Scotland's Gaelic group, said: 'The creation of this post is a statement of intent by the Church of Scotland and confirms its commitment to developing the role of the language in its ministry and mission.'

'The Gaelic group is grateful for the support given by Bòrd na Gàidhlig and by the Council of Assembly to this initiative which will, inter alia, cater for the ever-growing number of children educated through the medium of Gaelic.'

The consultant will need to be fluent in Gaelic, understand Gaelic culture and have knowledge of theology and the Bible.

Guilty plea halted assault trial

An Ardrishaig man who 'punched a DVD player four times' off a woman's head pleaded guilty to assault part way through a trial.

Fraser James Mullany, 26, of 14 GlenFyne Crescent had pleaded not guilty to repeatedly striking the woman on the head with a DVD player, seizing her on the body and punching her on January 10 and 11 at a Campbeltown property.

Mullany changed his plea to guilty after lunch last Wednesday and his not guilty plea to a further charge of behaving abusively was accepted.

The offence originally came to light when Mullany turned up, intoxicated, at Campbeltown Police Office on January 11 at about 8.30am. He asked officers if they could give him a lift home to Ardrishaig as he had no money.

Subsequently Mullany told them that he had been in a fight with a woman and officers rushed to her address where they found her conscious but very shaken.

During the Campbeltown Sheriff Court trial graphic pictures of the woman's injuries were projected on screens.

These included a huge bump on her forehead, long red weals on her neck and arms

and marks on her back all sustained in the attack.

Giving evidence during the trial, the woman said the pair started arguing after drinking alcohol and added: 'We were sitting listening to music and drinking Buckfast, the fridge was full of drink.'

'He was roaring and shouting and told me he was going to kill me.'

'He punched holes in the doors and it took four hours to get him out.'

'I was not aggressive, I pushed him away.'

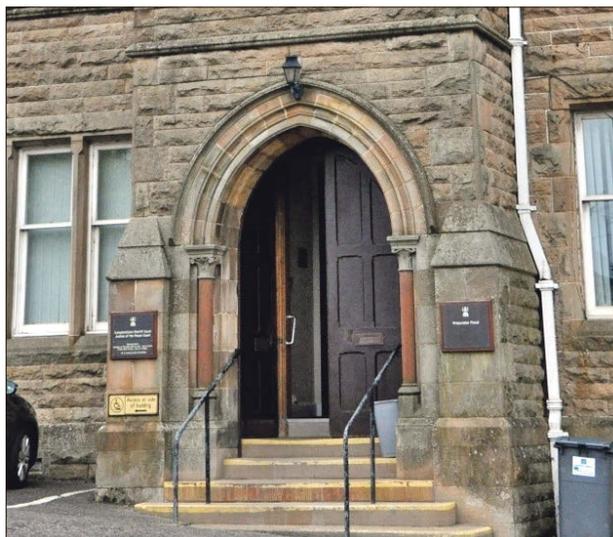
Mullany's defence agent, Ruben Murdanaigum, claimed that injuries on

Mullany's face were caused in the fight. The court was told the woman had a long history of violence including six convictions for assault.

The woman added that she was not as strong as Mullany and all she could do was push him away. She said at one point she thought he was trying to rip a contraceptive implant out of her arm.

She added: 'I did not go to the police because I would not go to the police on anybody.'

Sheriff Simon Fraser deferred sentence until Monday April 29 and called for social work reports and a restriction of liberty assessment.



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A fix of faith as Easter approaches

George Michael sang 'You gotta have faith', it was not about religion. But this week with Easter round the corner there is a dose of faith in the Courier.

Campbeltown Community Church has a new pastor and surely Reverend Mark Jasper has made a bold 'leap of faith'.

His family has swapped the sunny, warm Mediterranean climes of Mallorca for Kintyre's distinctly cooler climate with wind ever present.

There are many similarities, though, apart from the temperature. Kintyre is like a mainland island with the sea on three sides and is at least as remote as Mallorca from the 'mainland.'

Reverend Jasper was welcomed last Saturday at an inter-denominational service.

It may have shown the pastor that Campbeltown's faith underpinnings are still strong despite being buffeted by the vagaries of the modern world.

His family will step back to a more relaxed way of life, complete with many traditional trappings and they will find that religion, in all its hues, is healthy in a land where there is no such thing as time.

Kintyre Link Club's thanks

Sir,
What an amazing turnout for our first See Me Walk a Mile event, held last Saturday.

The sun shone and more than 120 people joined the walk to promote awareness of mental health and reduce the stigma which surrounds it.

We would like to thank the following: Acumen for funding the T-shirts; PC Karen Cairns, her team and her very helpful Police Scotland Youth Volunteers; South Kintyre Development Trust – Morag, Bobby and their team for the hall and refreshments; the Kintyre Link Club members; the Co-op and Tesco for their donations; Wee Toon Trends for supplying and printing the T-shirts; all the lovely bakers who supplied delicious cakes; Kenny Craig for taking lots of photos; the Courier for its coverage; and not forgetting everyone who turned out on such a glorious day to walk, talk and support this event.

We are looking forward to doing it all again next year.

Tracy Chambers,
Kintyre Link Club.

What is it really like caring for a loved one?

Sir,
More than 750,000 people in Scotland are caring, unpaid, for a loved one who is older, disabled, or seriously ill.

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hours a week in their own home or for someone at the other end of a motorway – caring can have a huge impact on people's lives.

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Yet many find themselves stretched to the limit; often financially, without access to support or unable to take a break.

Carers in Scotland deserve to have their say on what affects them and their ability to care – what is working well and what needs to change.

By filling in Carers UK's State of Caring survey, at www.carerscotland.org, they can help inform Scotland's most comprehensive research into experiences of looking after a loved one.

The survey answers will help the charity make life better for carers.

They will give us the evidence to push carers up the agenda for policy makers and politicians and campaign for support and change.

It has never been more important for unpaid carers to share their experiences.

Simon Hodgson,
Director of Carers Scotland.

Remote fuel pump prices unfair

Sir,
Rural communities across Scotland and par-

ticularly on the islands are being forced to pay substantially more for vehicle fuel than urban areas.

This means deep unfairness for households already facing budget pressures.

Residents of the Kintyre and Islands ward rely on their cars to get to and from work as well as visiting family and friends, due to limited public transport links.

Pump prices are being inflated in rural areas, as prices are reduced in cities because of competition.

On top of getting hammered at the petrol pump, 35 per cent of those living in rural parts of Scotland are likely to be in fuel poverty, compared to 30 per cent in urban areas.

Energy prices tend to be higher and incomes tend to be lower in rural areas.

Many households rely on fuels like heating oil, electricity, LPG and solid fuel. These markets can be limited, restricting consumer choice and increasing costs.

About 31.5 per cent of rural households rely on heating oil. Heating oil prices can be volatile, and collective purchasing clubs, which can reduce costs, are uncommon in many parts of rural Scotland. High pump prices and disproportionate levels of fuel poverty are yet more examples of how we in rural Scotland are getting a raw deal.

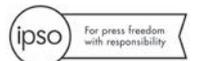
I would implore central governments of all political stripes to rectify this imbalance.

I will continue to give a voice to the often ignored everyday rural residents.

Councillor Alastair Redman,
Kintyre and Islands ward.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Regular photography correspondent Steve Partridge was investigating a ruin when he came across a long abandoned tractor.

Sunny weather

It is near High Clachaig and, taking advantage of the sunny weather on Mother's Day, March 31, Steve

cycled up the glen above Muasdale to look at the ruin he had spotted, from afar, earlier in the week.

Steve said: 'I thought the tractor was a bit more interesting than the ruin given the strong sunlight.'

'As previously, this was taken using my Samsung phone camera.'

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TEN YEARS AGO Friday April 10, 2009 Life's a beach!

Sixteen people cleaned up more than 60 bin bags of rubbish from the shores of Campbeltown Loch last weekend.

They joined in the beach clean organised by Mary Turner of Campbeltown Beachwatch, assisted by Louise Robertson, the project worker from the GRAB Trust.

As well as a number of volunteers, there were also some people doing community service who made a valuable contribution.



Volunteers at the Campbeltown Loch beach clean.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday April 15, 1994 From BT to the high seas

Former BT engineer Charlie Morrans has opted for a life on the ocean wave by investing his redundancy money and his future in a fishing boat when other skippers are decommissioning and giving up their vessels.

No stranger to the sea, Charlie knew what he was taking on, as his holidays were spent on fishing boats from boyhood.

His job with BT prepared him for the unsociable hours at the fishing as he was often called out in the middle of the night in stormy weather.

Having worked out of town in the past, Charlie, now aged 44, wanted to stay in Campbeltown and he has planned this move for the last four years.

His plans came to fruition a few weeks ago when he saw an advertisement for a fishing boat.

'I saw the advert for Storm Drift on the Friday, went to see it on Sunday and bought it on Monday,' he said.

He drew on the experience of his friend, David Martin, a fisherman for 25 years and the new skipper of Storm Drift, who gave the boat the all clear, and he went over the following Sunday to collect the boat.

FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday April 10, 1969 Laird dies in castle fire

The funeral took place privately at Skipness yesterday of Mr Charles A. M. Oakes of Skipness Castle who died on Sunday while trying to rescue a guest from the castle which was largely destroyed by fire.

The fire was noticed just before 5am on

Sunday morning by Mr Oakes himself. It started in the dining room of the 19th century building and spread rapidly.

Mr Oakes roused his wife and the three servants who were in the building. Mrs Oakes wakened her 30-year-old son Simon.

Mr Oakes went to the assistance of his guest, Miss Margaret Parks, an invalid who was staying at the castle for Easter.

Mr Oakes and Miss Parks were later found by leading fireman David Scally of Campbeltown, lying in a passageway in the west wing of the building.

They were carried out of the building into the garden. Mr Oakes was found to be dead. Miss Parks, although affected by smoke, was unhurt, but was treated for shock.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday April 12, 1919 Fishing

The fishing this week was light, and the quality disappointing.

On Tuesday about 400 baskets of herring landed made from 10s to 18s 6d per basket.

On Wednesday 50 baskets made from 23s 6d to 31s 6d. The great line boats had fair success, two of them landing over 20 score cod: prices from 35s to 150s per score.

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Shinty is a sport revered across the Scottish Highlands.

While Kintyre is not part of the Highland region, it often shares the same cultural traditions but shinty is an exception.

A team game played with camans (shinty sticks) and a ball, shinty is likened to hockey and Irish hurling, but it is its own unique game.

When an undated, black and



A 2005/06 Kintyre Camanachd Club team with silverware. From left, back row: Catherine Muir, Leanne Barrett, Catriona McLean and Valerie Mackay. Front: Leona McArthur and Alyson MacPherson.

white photograph of a girls' sports team was found among an archive of old images in the Courier office, it was, at first glance, assumed to be a shinty team. On closer inspection, it appears to be a school hockey team.

There are not many weeks without football, golf and bowls in the Courier's back pages, while tennis, rugby, athletics and cycling are also regular features, but it has been years since shinty appeared.

A further delve into the archive produced plenty of historic photographs of other sports teams but the only shinty images are, surprisingly, from within the last 20 years.

Taken in about 2005/06, according to one former player, both are of ladies' teams, one sponsored by Springbank Distillery and the other by the Burnside Bar, with many of the same faces in both photographs.

A Wikipedia web page dedicated to Kintyre Camanachd Club – camanachd is the Gaelic word for shinty – states that the Campbeltown team no longer holds membership of the Camanachd Association and has not fielded a senior side or a ladies' side for several years.

According to the online page, the club was founded in 1985 and won the South Division Four

Championship in 1992.

The reason for the club's history of abeyance is cited as the area's remoteness but that rarely prevents football teams from travelling for matches.

The page adds that shinty 'is being kept alive in Kintyre by the ladies' team' although it has not entered a competition since 2009. This appears to be consistent with the all-female photographs the Courier discovered from the period leading up to that date.

In one photograph, the ladies pose around a trophy so the team must have had some success.

The Camanachd Association was involved in youth development in 2011 and it was hoped at the time to lead to a re-emergence of the sport in Kintyre.

Shinty is even played by Highland migrants in Scotland's major cities, so why does it fail to thrive in Kintyre?

The undated photograph of a school hockey team which sparked a look at Kintyre's shinty history.



A Kintyre Camanachd Club side from about 2005/06. From left, back row: Valerie Mackay, Lorna Armour, Morag McCorkindale, Isabel Milloy, Leanne Barrett and Leona McArthur. Front: Catriona McLean and Sarah Muir.



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The celebration got a 'thumbs up' from Sonny Scott and Ruairidh Wallace.

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There were two cakes to celebrate the anniversary of Youth Impact opening.

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Youth Impact i

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A group set up to help and support Campbeltown's young people has celebrated its first birthday.

Youth Impact opened on April 3 2018, exactly one year to the day before a party to celebrate its first anniversary.

Project managers Lesley Renton and Phil Edwards, who previously worked together at Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service, hoped the group would last for six months.

A year on, Youth Impact has achieved charity status and is going from strength to strength.

Thanks to funding from the Kilfinan Trust, Youth Impact, in Burnbank Street, is guaranteed to be open for three years.

The Kilfinan Trust was set up by former BskyB chairman and Argyll resident Nick Ferguson, who is a passionate believer in giving young people opportunities.

When Youth Impact first opened Lesley and Phil had other jobs, so volunteered on Tuesday and Thursday nights, from 6pm to 9pm.

As of last Monday, Lesley is employed full-time and Phil began working part-time in June, hoping to become full-time in the future.

Now young people are welcomed from Monday to Friday, noon to 5pm, with

Lesley and Phil continuing to volunteer on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Typical drop-in sessions can involve anything from playing pool or Playstation to doing homework and crafts.

'Some people just come in for a cup of tea or coffee,' Lesley said. 'Sometimes it is a meeting place where young people come to decide what they are going to do that evening.'

Youth Impact caters for young people aged between 12 and 25, with different meeting times and workshops set up for 12 to 18-year-olds and 16 to 25-year-olds.

Lesley's salary is paid for by grants from The Gannochy Trust and The Robertson Trust and Phil's part-time salary and the group's running costs for three years are funded by The Kilfinan Trust.

Currently they are in the middle of a six-week employment workshop for the older group, which runs every Tuesday morning with advisors from Skills Development Scotland.

'We have been asked to roll that out to sixth years at Campbeltown Grammar School,' Phil added, 'as part of their curriculum.'

There are plans for other employment workshops, where, for example, a representative from DM Fabrication will speak about engineering.



The workshops can be adapted to suit the needs of those who would like to attend, and it is hoped that more employers will come and offer advice. This may include what they look for in potential employees and at job interviews.

Lesley and Phil stressed that community support has been fantastic throughout their first year.

'Everything in here is donated,' Phil revealed, adding that 24 hours after putting out a request for second-hand mirrors for a project, there were 28 offers.

One financial donation allowed the purchase of four computers and a printer, and Argyll Community Housing

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s one year old!



Some of the partygoers at the one-year celebration. From left: youth engagement officer, PC Karen Cairns, Samuel Clements, Heather Claffey, Phil Edwards, Rachel Renton, Lesley Renton, Alec Black and Jason Wagstaff. 50_c15youthimpact02

Association contributed towards another higher specification computer to be using for housing support.

Phil said: 'We have a music group which meets on Fridays after school. We have a lot of equipment that people donated but there is a lot we still need. Our aim is to get someone to come in as a sessional worker who is musically minded, unlike us. We've got a great group of volunteers but we would like to pay people.'

Lesley added: 'We are doing more and more and we need more staff members.'

'The youths ask us why we can't open every night and we wish we could. Once we have more funding to employ

sessional workers, we want to open at weekends too.'

The group has a lot planned for the future, like teaching city survival skills.

'A lot of young people have only been in the city with their parents,' Phil said. 'We intend to take a mini bus of young people to the city and take them on the underground and to colleges and things like that.'

Lesley added that there would be workshops on home skills and life skills, focusing on things like budgeting, cooking and how to use washing machines.

Phil said: 'We are in the process of setting up a young people's committee. They can hold meeting themselves, and

then when we have meetings they can give us their thoughts. They run this place, really - we just facilitate it.

'But money is always a stumbling block.'

The group, which runs an intergenerational project with Kintyre Care Home, welcomed about 40 people to its birthday celebration, including four residents and one member of staff from the home.

Phil said: 'The party was fantastic. Food For Thought provided soup and sandwiches - thank you to them and all the volunteers, and most importantly all our visitors.'

Lesley added: 'It's been a great first year. It's still so exciting.'



Youth Impact's project managers, Phil Edwards and Lesley Renton, hosted a first birthday party.

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Four-year-old Jessica Ferns attended the party with her dad, Lindsay.



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Australasian minister goes back to his Kintyre roots

A minister has swapped Australia's east coast for Kintyre's west coast to lead worship at A'Chleit, Clachan and Gigha churches.

Reverend Clive Pearson, originally from New Zealand, and his Scottish wife Mary, also a minister, have moved from Sydney to Muasdale, close to where both have ancestral connections.

Clive, who taught at the United Theological College in Sydney from 1997 and was principal from 2007 to 2014, will lead worship at the churches for the next four months.

He studied at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, receiving his PhD from the University of Cambridge.

The couple decided to spend some time in Scotland as it is the place of Mary's birth but specifically chose Argyll



Mary and Clive Pearson have moved to Kintyre from Australia.

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as Clive's great-great-grandparents were married at Kilmartin Parish Church and Mary's great-great-grandfather was the minister at Southend.

Clive said he was 'delighted' to be in Kintyre, adding: 'We are quite interested in some of the history of where our families come from, and being in Scotland gives my wife a chance to visit family and friends.'

Despite Mary also being a minister, Clive said it was only he who had plans to lead worship but added: 'I'm sure she'll be co-opted.'

Clive, who has written several books and contributed to many journals and reviews, as well as writing a fortnightly column for Korean Christian Weekly, is passionate about theological education.

As well as teaching in the college's classrooms, he frequently led workshops in congregations and presbyteries throughout Sydney.

One member of the A'Chleit congregation said: 'We are in vacancy at the moment so Rev Pearson is going to help out with pulpit supply. We are looking forward to hearing what he has to say.'

For more photographs from the coffee and chat event, see page 18.

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'Rich list' reveals council's highest paid employees

A campaign group's 'town hall rich list' has revealed that Argyll and Bute Council's chief executive was paid more than £150,000 in 2017/18.

The TaxPayers' Alliance's annual publication lists council staff throughout the UK who were paid more than £100,000 a year – the latest figures showing that to be

at least 2,441 people. According to the figures, Cleland Sneddon, in his role as Argyll and Bute's chief executive, received a total of £153,888, including a £124,765 salary, £5,071 in expenses, and a £24,052 pension.

Another Argyll and Bute Council employee, whose name and position was undisclosed, received £127,500.

Other employees whose income crossed the £100,000 threshold were: Douglas Hendry, executive director of customer services, who received £118,722 – a £99,214 salary, £604 in expenses, and a £18,904 pension; Pippa Milne, executive director of development and infrastructure services, who received £118,098 – a £98,769

salary, £425 in expenses, and a £18,904 pension; and Ann Marie Knowles, acting executive director of community services, who made £117,673 – a £98,769 salary plus a £18,904 pension.

Remuneration

Across the UK, 607 council employees earned more than £150,000, and 28 local authority

employees received remuneration in excess of £250,000.

The UK's highest-earning council employee, interim chief executive at Slough Borough Council Roger Parkin, received almost £600,000 – £595,077, which included a £112,959 salary, a £339,903 pension and more than £140,000 in compensation when he left the post.



A Scottish Water van.

Water valve fault fix may stop floods

A faulty Scottish Water valve has been blamed for a flood in a Campbeltown property.

Councillor Rory Colville said: 'Recently I was contacted by a resident of Benmore Street whose house had been flooded.'

Water pressure

'It was possibly due to a rise in water pressure as this seems to have been fluctuating up and down recently.'

'I would like to suggest that should anyone else be experiencing a change in pressure that they contact Scottish Water either by phone on

0800 0778 778 or online on at <https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/contact-us/report-a-problem>.'

A spokesperson from Scottish Water told Councillor Colville: 'I can confirm that our operational team has been aware of issues in Campbeltown regarding low and high pressures, which we believe was due to a faulty valve.'

'Work will be taking place next week which will include the installation of a new valve which should resolve the issues.'

Abusive behaviour

A sheriff ordered reports on an Islay man who pleaded guilty to a breach of the peace on Jura.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday, Malcolm James McGregor, 51, of Kilanne House, Bowmore, Islay pleaded guilty to behaving in a threatening manner in the early hours of January 10 at a house in Craighouse.

After McGregor's defence agent, Stephen MacSporran, told the court that there was some suggestion that his client's medication may be out of sync, Sheriff Simon Fraser ordered psychiatric and social work reports and a restriction of liberty assessment order.

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Globe-trotting pastor's Campbeltown induction



Reverend Martin Hodson from the Baptist Union of Scotland. 50_c15induction02

Words and photographs
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The promise of Kintyre's palm trees and long sandy beaches was enough to tempt the assistant pastor of a Spanish church to move to Campbeltown.

Mark Jasper met Ken and Mary Watson, two members of Campbeltown Community Church (CCC), which belongs to the Baptist Union of Scotland, while he was assistant pastor at Santa Ponsa Community Church in Mallorca.

The Englishman was keen to return home to the UK with his wife Lizzie and eight-year-old daughter Hannah Molly, and asked Mr and Mrs Watson three questions about the CCC's vacant pastoral position: if the new pastor had to be Scottish, a man, and a Baptist.

At Reverend Jasper's induction to the church in Campbeltown Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, exactly one year to the day since their meeting, Mr Watson recanted the story and revealed that the answer to all three questions was 'no'.

Mr Watson added: 'God was

in it all the way through. God does not do coincidences.'

Members of the church's congregation, as well as representatives from all of Campbeltown's other Christian churches, were welcomed to the event by leadership team member Elizabeth Irwin, who said: 'All the churches here support each other and it is lovely to see friends here today.'

Mrs Irwin said that the church had been well served by lay preachers over the last year since previous pastor Chris Holden left.

The opening prayer was read by the church's secretary, Emily Walker, and Terrence Glenn, a member of the church, read Romans 1:1-7.

Reverend Martin Hodson, the Baptist Union of Scotland's ministry development coordinator, gave a sermon and carried out the induction.

Rev Hodson, who said that CCC is one of the 162 Baptist churches across the country, said: 'It's a pleasure to be here today to be part of this special day. It matters in our whole network of churches, it matters to us as a whole family of churches.'

Addressing Rev Jasper, he

added: 'Mark, your first loyalty is to Jesus. You are here as a member of this church to lead them and build them up.'

Speaking to the congregation, Rev Hodson said: 'You will find that he is different from your previous pastor and brings new ideas, and this is a great thing. This is one of the benefits of bringing in an experienced pastor.'

'There may be disagreements, there may be tension, but remember your loyalty is serving Christ.'

He continued: 'Mark is called to be minister of CCC and we are marking that today. May the bond between minister and church be sealed today.'

Members of the church and representatives from other churches laid hands on Rev Jasper as he knelt on the floor, officially appointing him as pastor.

Afterwards, messages of congratulations were offered to Rev Jasper and his family, from Hamil Irwin on behalf of church's trustees, and from Canon Keith Pagan on behalf of the area's other Christian churches.

A special video message from Pastor Rafael Manzanares, the pastor at

Rev Jasper's previous church, was projected onto a large, white screen.

Pastor Manzanares said: 'It is a loss for us but definitely a gain for you. I cannot think of a better family to grow with and get to know than the Jaspers.'

Rev Jasper said: 'Thank you to everyone here for today. This is only one part of a very warm welcome.'

He said that the family had been looking for a church to move to and believed that God would send someone to call them.

On meeting Mr and Mrs Watson, he added: 'I believe that the Lord had his hand on that.'

He continued: 'We are not God's gift to Campbeltown. We are sinners and we will let you down. The reason for our existence is to bring glory to Jesus Christ.'

Hymns were sung throughout the service, including And Can It Be, The Church's One Foundation, Amazing Grace and In Christ Alone, supported by Mrs Walker on guitar and vocals, and Anne Norrie on the keyboard.

There was a reception, with tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches, after the service.

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Campbeltown Community Church's new pastor, Mark Jasper, with his wife, Lizzie, and daughter, Hannah Molly.
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Members of the congregation and other churches lay hands on Rev Jasper. 50_c15induction03



Rev Jasper addresses the congregation after being ordained as pastor. 50_c15induction05



Campbeltown Town Hall was packed for Rev Jasper's induction. 50_c15induction04

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Net Fisherman's Mission's charity catch of the day

Ceramic fish painted by two Kintyre artists will be up for grabs at a fundraising auction for the Fishermen's Mission.

Dawnne McGeachy and Stuart Herd have put their paintbrushes to good use as part of the Catch of the Day auction.

The idea for the charity's national fundraising campaign for 2019 began when fundraising manager for south west England Julian Waring contacted Cornish sculptor Peter Boex.

Mr Boex was asked to create

a wooden fish sculpture which could be made into a mould and used to produce only 100 ceramic fish.

The pieces have since been in the hands of world famous artists, up-and-coming art students and celebrities, as well as Ms McGeachy, originally from Campbeltown, and Tarbert's Mr Herd.

Well-known artists include Alan Titchmarsh, Fern Britton and Jonathan Dimbleby.

Each piece has been uniquely decorated and the

full collection, which will be auctioned off, is in a variety of styles.

A Fishermen's Mission spokesperson said: 'A Catch of the Day fish is more than just a thing of beauty, it is a way of changing fishing lives for the better.'

'Taking part in the auction and buying a Catch of the Day fish provides the vital funds needed for the Fishermen's Mission to help the most vulnerable, distressed and disadvantaged in our UK fishing communities.'

The online auction takes place from May 16 to 19 and the pieces can be viewed on www.fishmishauction.org.uk.

Ms McGeachy and Mr Herd's pieces can be viewed in The Harbour Gallery in Tarbert.



Jackie by Dawnne McGeachy.

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Spirited Gintyre's second showing

Gin, the drink formerly known as 'mother's ruin', has turned over a new leaf and, flavoured with botanicals, is wowing tippers.

Today (Friday) Kintyre's newest festival, Gintyre, which opened last year to rave reviews, takes over Campbeltown and Torrisdale.

Tonight's opening dinner, complete with a gin tasting menu, is a sell-out at the

Ardshiel Hotel. The starter will be accompanied by Avva Scottish Gin, the main course by Linlithgow Distillery and the dessert by Nerabus Gin.

The chance has gone to sample the fun at the dinner but the Ardshiel has possibly the widest drinks menu in Scotland.

Colonsay is its gin of the week and, served in a wide



The 2018 Gintyre pairing dinner. 25_c17gintyre04



Campbeltown Town Hall buzzed for Gintyre last year. 25_c17gintyre57

bowled glass with Fever Tree tonic, is a taste to be savoured.

The weekend's main event is at Campbeltown Town Hall on Saturday where, from 1pm to 5pm, it is possible to taste gins from Avva Scottish Gin, Biggar Gin, Wm Cadenhead Ltd, Kintyre's Beinn an Tuirc Distillers, Linlithgow

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The £20 ticket admits one and includes: tastes of gin from all the producers, a complimentary gin cocktail, a complimentary perfectly

served gin and tonic and a commemorative Gintyre 2019 glass plus entry to 'meet the maker' breakout sessions.

Tours are available during the weekend at Beinn an Tuirc distillers by Torrisdale Castle. See the Gintyre website at: www.gintyre.com for full details.

On Sunday, at 3pm, there is a rare outing on the big screen at Campbeltown Picture House, for a classic comedy, dripping with gin, Breakfast at Tiffany's starring Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard and Patricia Neal.

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Church community comes together for coffee and chat

A'Chleit Church's most recent 'coffee and chat' event served as a perfect way for its new interim minister to meet most of the congregation.

Reverend Clive Pearson and his wife Mary took advantage of the chance to meet many members of the community

at the social event, held last Wednesday, just days after they moved to the area from Sydney.

Clive will be locum minister at A'Chleit, Clachan and Gigha parish churches for the next four months.

Delicate floral displays, ar-

ranged by Colleen McCallum, occupied the centre of each table and the usual abundance of home-baked goodies were on offer.

All members of the community are welcome at the regular coffee and chat events, not just members of the congregation, and often tourists from the nearby campsites and caravans pop in.

For more information on the Pearsons, see page 12.



Mary Pearson, second right, has a blether with Maggie Young, Marilyn Sheddin and their guest Catherine Clarkson, visiting from Stewarton in Ayrshire. 50_c15chleit02



Pat Rawson, convener of the church guild, and Calum Morrison hold a plate of the church's famous home-baked goodies. 50_c15chleit04



Rev Clive Pearson enjoys a cuppa with Jenny Holder and Amanda White. 50_c15chleit01



Sisters Mary McDonald and Margaret MacKinnon enjoy a catch-up at the event. 50_c15chleit03

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National recognition for cemetery preservation group

The group aiming to preserve a dilapidated Machrihanish cemetery has been praised by a national body.

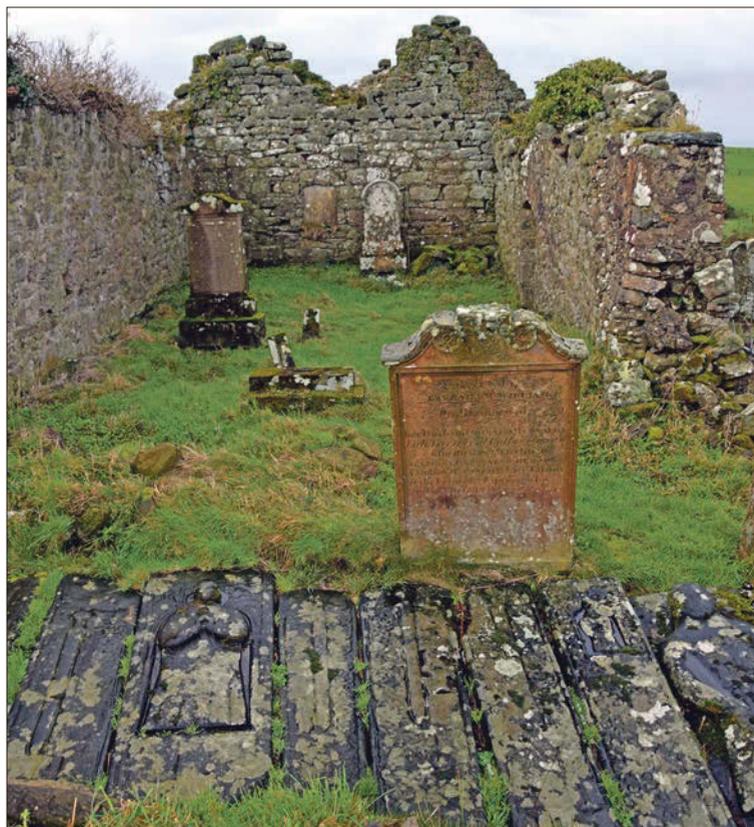
A representative from Historic Environment Scotland (HES) recently visited Kilkivan chapel and cemetery.

A spokesperson from the group said: 'The HES man was delighted to learn that a group of locals is keen to preserve these medieval grave monuments, which are considered to be of national importance.'

The group hopes to work with the Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society, which wishes to protect a smaller number of similar stone carvings at Kilkerran Cemetery.

The antiquarians are keen to bring a conservator to Campbeltown to identify the main threats and to suggest a way forward.

The next meeting of the group is at Machrihanish Village Hall on Monday at 7.30pm and anyone is invited to attend.



The stones in Kilkivan cemetery. 25_c15kilkivan01

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Happy Easter

A spring-time break after the long Scottish winter and the festival at the heart of the Christian message. The days are getting longer, the weather is warmer and nature is starting to wake up after winter - *so let's celebrate!*

Easter around the world, including some ideas we could borrow

In Australia there is now a campaign for the native bilby, not bunnies, at Easter. The rabbit is not a native species and it has bred, literally, like rabbits, causing damage to agricultural crops and the environment. Chocolate bilbies anyone?

Kite flying is very popular in Bermuda. Homemade kites are the norm with 'hummers' - a type of tissue paper with makes a buzzing sound when the kite is in the air. Good Friday sees an annual kite festival at Horseshoe Bay Beach. The West Highlands has some fantastic beaches and good strong

breezes - perhaps this is something we should start doing here?

Water fights, in many variations, are common in Eastern European countries. In Poland it is Pol Śmigus Dyngus (Poured Monday) on Easter Monday, with everything from water pistols to buckets.

Dyngus Day in America is a Polish-American day of festivity with food and dancing and less soakings held on Easter Sunday.

We have a lot of Polish people living here in the West Highlands and what better way to celebrate their contributions - why don't we hold our own Dyngus Day?

At 11am on Easter Saturday in Corfu, clay pots get slung out of windows and off balconies. It is one way of getting rid of old

worn-out pots and the noise scares away evil spirits, tradition says.

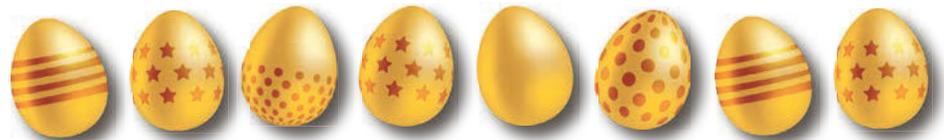
In Scandinavian countries there is a 'Hallowe'en in springtime'. In Sweden children dress up as witches with broomsticks and cauldrons and go door to door for sweets and the other UK autumn tradition, of bonfires, also takes place.

Easter is all about eggs and you can't make an omelette without breaking any. The village of Haux, France, makes a huge Easter omelette with more than 4,000 eggs; 100 pounds of bacon, garlic, and onions.

Dressing up as skeletons to perform the dance of death, La Dansa de la Muerte de Verges, takes place in Verges, near Barcelona, on Holy Thursday. Others carry locks and ashes around the village - it is all about the Last Judgement.

Good Friday in Portugal sees straw dolls hung over bonfires and burned, to represent Judas.

Variations of Portuguese and Spanish customs travelled to America as did the European traditions involving eggs, be they painted, hidden or rolled down hillsides.



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Garden time

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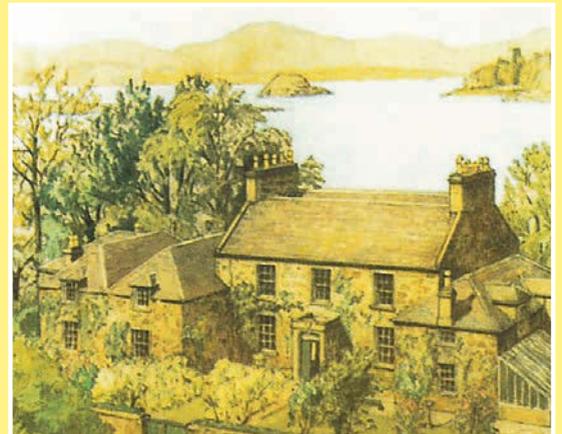
Scotland's Garden Scheme began back in 1931 to raise money to help train nurses in the days before the NHS. Charity remains at the core of the organisation with entrance money going to

the garden owners' charity of choice and a national effort which supports more than 250 charities; this way smaller charities can also be helped.

This is traditionally the time of year we all start to get stuck into our own gardens, getting them ready for the months to come when we can enjoy them.

And if there is one thing all gardeners love it is looking at other people's gardens and there is no better way to do this, so follow the little yellow signs to meet people who love gardening and love to share their gardens.

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A lifetime of dreams, love, sweat and toil is folded into this magical garden. Most importantly to Georgina, plants have found their happiest place although her eucryphia, moved four times, has still to flower.

Amidst swathes of primula and pignut, the specimen sits alongside the wild. Early yellows move onto pinks, blues and whites. Greens deepen towards summer. At one with the land, Georgina watchfully enhances its natural

beauty and form. For her, the garden is an essential source of creativity, pleasure, fitness and mental therapy. "The shape of the land lent itself to where the paths and steps would go. Views across the Moine to inviting corners around the steep-sided glen always gives surprises".

A gifted plantswoman with a cheerful sense of humour, she's one of life's characters. Bring your questions on Saturday 20th April, 2-5pm when her garden opens to the public in support of SGS and Hope Kitchen. Delicious teas, baking and fun for children. On the A816, turn uphill at Kilmelford Post Office following the yellow signs for four miles.

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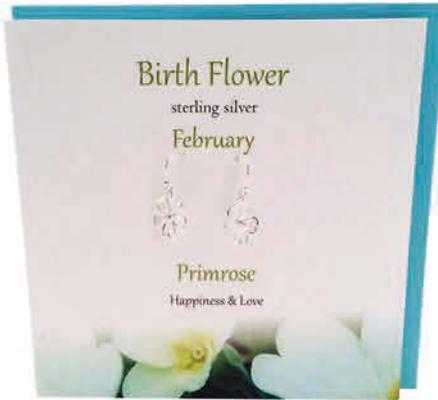
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Islay Young Farmers' fine furrows

The recently-revived Islay Young Farmers Club held a very successful open ploughing match in March.

A large number of ploughers took part with plenty of spectators looking on at Rockside Farm.

The club would like to thank everyone who attended for their support and members hope to see everyone at future events.

Special thanks go to Kilchoman Distillery for providing the field; Gavin Reid for being the judge for the day; Fraser Woodrow for marking out the field; and to Glenside Tractors, Bruichladdich Distillery, The Islay Hotel, Lochside Hotel, Bowmore Hotel and D & M MacPherson for donating prizes.

The club is looking for members aged between 14

and 30, and plans to hold plenty of farming and non farming-related activities throughout the year. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome.

For more information visit the Islay Young Farmers Facebook page.

Results: Open reversible: ins and outs: Fraser Woodrow; finishes: Neilan McLellan; straightest: Duncan McPhee; best break: Fraser Woodrow; best first six furrows: Fraser Woodrow; best last six furrows: Fraser Woodrow.

Best open reversible ploughman: 1 Fraser Woodrow, 2 Alistair MacCormick, 3 Duncan McPhee.

Young Farmers reversible: ins and outs: Brooke Woodrow; finishes: Scott Woodrow; straightest:



A fine line-up at the Islay Young Farmers Club open ploughing match.

Scott Woodrow; best break: Scott Woodrow; best first six furrows: Scott Woodrow; best last six furrows: Robbie Brown.

Best Young Farmers reversible ploughman: 1 Scott Woodrow; 2 James Bignal; 3 Robbie Brown.

Open conventional: ins and outs: George Bruce; Finishes:

George Bruce; straightest: George Bruce; best break: George Bruce; best first six furrows: George Bruce; best last six furrows: George Bruce.

Best open conventional ploughman 2019: 1 George Bruce, 2 Will Glover.

Young Farmers conventional: ins and outs: Angus

Glover; finishes: Angus Glover; straightest: Angus Glover; best break: Angus Glover; best first six furrows: Angus Glover; best last six furrows: Angus Glover.

Best Young Farmers conventional ploughman: 1 Angus Glover.

Additional prizes: first on field: Robbie Brown; first

finished: Niamh Archibald; youngest competitors: Angus Glover and James Bignal; furthest travelled: Duncan McPhee; oldest competitor: Neilan McLellan; worst plot (for ground): James Bignal; tidiest tractor: Niamh Archibald; oldest tractor: Duncan McPhee; newest tractor: James Bignal.

Caledonian Marts cattle sale

Caledonian Marts Ltd sold 175 cattle comprising 79 prime bullocks, heifers and young bulls, 61 OTM cattle and 35 calves.

Prime heifers reached 250ppkg for an Aberdeen Angus from DS and RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill, Muthill, purchased by The Buffalo Farm, Boglily, and to £1,539 for a Limousin from W Dandie and Sons, Learielaw, purchased by H A Black and Sons, Butcher, Stirling.

Prime bullocks peaked at 242p for a Limousin from Learielaw, purchased by T Johnston, Butcher, Falkirk, and to £1,598 for a Shorthorn from H A Brown, Molemount, Galston. Young bulls sold to 212p for a Limousin from M Jack, Carriston, Star of Markinch, and to £1,428 from the same home.

Other leading prices: Bullocks per head: £1,582 Learielaw; £1,565 Greencraig; £1,556 Learielaw; £1,528 Harviesmailing; £1,518 Easter Ochtermuthill. Heifers per head: £1,530 Easter Ochtermuthill; £1,518 Rathillet;

£1,494 Moorfield; £1,471 Easter Ochtermuthill. Bullocks per kg: 238p Learielaw; 228p Mains of Cultmalundie; 225p Faskine (twice) and Moorfield; 222p Mains of Cultmalundie, Moorfield and Rathillet. Heifers per kg: 245p Mains of Cultmalundie (twice); 242p Learielaw (twice); 238p Moorfield; 235p Easter Ochtermuthill, Westwoodlane and Rathillet.

With demand around the ringside greater, cows were a lot dearer on the week, and many more could have been sold to sellers' advantage.

Fleshed beef OTMs averaged 156p, selling to 178p for a Limousin from W Dandie and Son, Learielaw, Broxburn, and to £1,400 for the same beast.

The overall average for beef OTMs levelled out at 148ppkg. Dairy cows averaged 109ppkg, selling to 131p from A Sibbald, Greenrigg, and to £920 from J Johnston, North Medrox.

Other leading prices: Beef OTMs per head: £1,290 Greencraig; £1,280 and £1,220 Templehall; £1,170 Westwoodlane and Templehall.

Beef OTMs per kg: 166p Castlehill; 163p Gartfairn;

160p Middle Bankhead. Dairy cows per head: £880 Hillend and Glenrigg; £860 Keirshill; £850 Hillend. Dairy cows per kg: 126p Kaimhill; 122p North Medrox.

Also forward were 35 calves and stirks at Caledonian Marts' fortnightly sale. With a large ringside of buyers in attendance, all classes were in high demand, and more could have been sold to sellers advantage.

Topping the sale was a cracking one-month-old British Blue Cross bull calf from Stewart Farms, Balglass, Lennoxton, fetching £370.

Other leading prices: Beef bull calves: Charolais £360 and £320 Meikle Camoquhill; British Blue £290 Drumglass; Montbelliarde £260 and £240 Meikle Camoquhill; Limousin £260 Greenrigg; Simmental £250 Gartclush; Aberdeen Angus £220 South Glassingall. Beef heifer calves: British Blue £260 Drumglass; Limousin £260 Greenrigg; Simmental £230 (x2) Gartclush. Dairy bull calves: HF £160 and £140 Meikle Camoquhill; HF £90 Barbeth, £85 Carneil and Nyadd. Dairy stirks: Ayrshire £115 Badenheath.

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In total, 5,532 farmers and crofters will receive payment under this payment tranche, with further payment runs being made in the coming days and weeks.

Rural economy secretary Fergus Ewing said: 'I firmly believe we must help those who need help the most, and can confirm that payments will begin to arrive in bank accounts in the coming days.'

'We are working hard to provide as much certainty to support farmers and crofters as we can. This money will provide a welcome cash injection to businesses and the



Rural economy secretary Fergus Ewing.

wider rural economy.

'With the deadline for applying for a loan approaching, I would encourage anyone who has yet to accept a loan offer to do so by April 12.'

'With further payments being made in the coming weeks, I am confident that the majority of awards will be made by the end of June in

line with our payment schedule. However, with Brexit continuing to present the biggest threat to the industry, the Scottish Government continues to work with others to further extend Article 50 to avoid a catastrophic 'no deal' outcome and allow time for a second referendum on EU membership.'

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West Highland appoints contractor for £4 million works programme

West Highland Housing Association (WHHA) has appointed Oban-based Neil McGougan Ltd as the new contractor for its £4 million major works programme.

The works will include the replacement of 150 kitchens, 400 bathrooms, 90 windows and doors and 150 heating upgrades.

Dougie Mackie, chair of WHHA, said: 'Neil McGougan Ltd has a long track record of successfully delivering our component replacements and property upgrade works across Argyll, and we are delighted to appoint it as our new contractor for the next five years.'

'This work forms part of our 30-year investment strategy for our stock, which ensures our properties are kept to a high standard for our customers.'

'Our heating upgrades include work supported by the Scottish government's Decarbonisation Fund, which will enable us to fit heat pumps with Sunamp heat batteries, which will not only reduce the carbon intensity of our stock, but also the running costs for our tenants.'

Director of Neil McGougan Ltd, Craig McGougan, said: 'We are pleased to have been appointed to undertake this work for West Highland Housing Association.'

'It provides our company and local workforce with continuity of work during the coming years.'

'Additionally, it creates new employment opportunities for at least three new employees and training opportunities through work placements and apprenticeships.'



Regulate short-term lets or risk displacing long-term residents – new CIH study

The rapid growth of short-term lets such as Airbnb has been a boon to tourists and landlords, yet it could lead to the loss of private-rented homes to the short-term lets market and displacement of long-term residents from their communities, if left unregulated, according to new analysis from the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH).

The newly-published UK Housing Review 2019 suggests that Airbnb alone has more than 77,000 lets in Greater London, 55.4 per cent of which are entire homes. The bulk of the lets are heavily concentrated in Westminster (8,328), Tower Hamlets (7,513), and Hackney (5,907) boroughs.

Edinburgh has more than 10,000 short-term lets, with its city centre ward alone having two Airbnb lets for every 13 homes, while the Isle of Skye in rural Scotland has one Airbnb letting for every 10 houses.

The analysis makes clear from the concentration of short-term lets in particular locations across the country

that the rise of Airbnb has been a highly localised phenomenon. It has created 'globalhoods' – ultra-desirable neighbourhoods drawing in visitors from across the globe at an ever-increasing rate.

There would be cause for concern if these properties have moved from the private-rented sector to the short-term lettings sector for part of each year, and even greater cause for concern if they were now permanent short-term lets, unavailable to locals.

Potential impacts of the growth in short-term lets include:

- Non-compliance by hosts with existing regulations, such as insurance, fire safety and planning permission
- Prolonged loss of communal spaces, conveniences and facilities, since it is not just homes, but entire neighbourhoods, that are being shared, and
- Impact on local housing markets both with respect to rising rents and increased property values, especially in quite tightly bounded areas, such as Edinburgh's New Town.

Practical suggestions for tackling these issues include:

- Ensuring that better data

exist on short-term lets, so that local authorities can keep track of their growth and location. Airbnb have pioneered this in Barcelona.

- Introducing a modest tourism tax to assist local authorities in the monitoring and regulation of the short-term lettings sector, and
- Caps through the planning system by local authorities on the number of short-term rentals in particular high-pressure areas.

CIH chief executive Terrie Alafat CBE said: 'Digital platforms like Airbnb have brought great convenience to tourists who come to enjoy our cities and communities, as well as economic benefit to their hosts and local areas.'

'However, if left unregulated, there is a real risk of loss of much-needed housing from the private-rented sector to the short-term lets market, and displacement of long-term residents. We need to find a way to accommodate the housing needs of individual residents while allowing tourism to continue in our most popular locations. More regulation could be necessary if growth continues and local authorities still have no way to accurately monitor numbers.'



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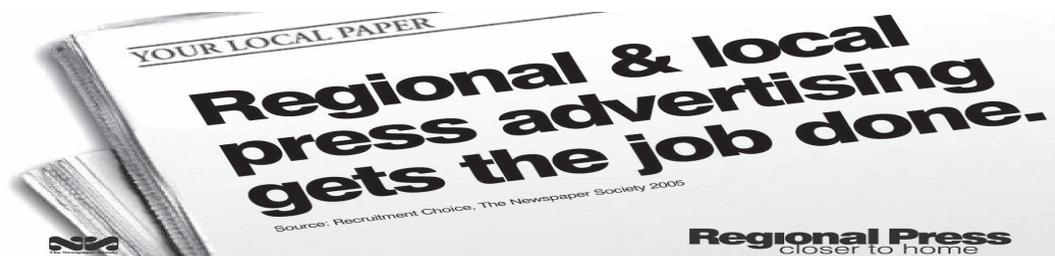
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An initial public consultation event on 'Active Travel in Tarbert' will be held by Arcadis on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council at the Templar Arts Centre, Tarbert

Tuesday 16th April 2019 (12pm – 7pm)

A final consultation event with design proposals and options will be held on

Wednesday 1st May 2019 (12pm – 6.30pm)

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SOUTHEND

SWI crafts include pancake perfection

Queens of their crafts demonstrated a trio of skills at Southend SWI's April meeting.

The members' night in Dunaverty Hall saw three members of the group demonstrating their skills in different tasks.

Elizabeth Semple talked members through how to make fabulous pancakes.

She credited Helen Steel for the recipe and said that it was the best tasting one she had used.

The pancakes smelt amazing and all the members had a taste straight off the griddle.

Elizabeth also shared recipes for shortbread and sugared loaf and samples were passed round.

Jean Ives demonstrated creating paper decorations.

She made beautiful hanging lantern-type ornaments which could also join together to make large flower or star shapes. Some members gave it a go too and had some fun. The finished items could be used at Christmas or as summer garden decorations.

Jen Ronald then demonstrated making marzipan fruits.

She showed members the beautifully finished items and described how to go about creating them.

Mrs Ronald made more ordinary fruits like oranges, bananas and pears and also a mushroom and even a slice of water melon.

Some of the members joined in this craft too and made their own fruits.

The competitions on the night were pancakes and a favourite vase.

Pancakes: gold: Jen Ronald, silver: Kathleen Martin, blue: Alison Eynon, Inez Ronald, Fiona Rowland and Margaret McDowall.

Vase: gold: Inez Ronald and Fiona Rowland, silver: Jen Ronald and Margaret McDowall, red: Christine Jardine, Alison Eynon, Tabby Angier, Margaret Bakes and Kathleen Martin.

The next meeting is the AGM in Muneroy Tearoom on Monday April 29. Names and food choices should be given to Frances at Muneroy by Monday April 22.

KENNACRAIG

A83 closed after car overturned



Police kept an eye on the overturned car. This photograph was taken about three hours after the accident. 25_c14carwreck03

A driver and two passengers escaped a crash without serious injuries when their car overturned at Kennacraig.

The single vehicle accident closed the A83 trunk road for about an hour, at 5pm

last Thursday, opposite the Kennacraig ferry terminal.

All three were taken to hospital. A man and a woman were later transferred to the Royal Alexandra

Hospital, Paisley, with suspected back or neck injuries not thought to be serious or life threatening.

No one was charged with any road traffic offence following the crash.

LOCHGILPHEAD

Drug-using Lochgilphead fisherman fined £225

A prawn fisherman from Lochgilphead was fined £225 for cannabis possession and warned that failure to pay would lead straight to prison.

Gavin Boyle, 31, of 2 Meadows Crescent, Lochgilphead, pleaded guilty to possessing £10 worth of cannabis when he appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday.

Boyle was arrested for the offence when he was stopped by police near Drumore Farm on the A83 outside Campbeltown.

Boyle, who appeared from custody, committed the offence on March 25 while he was on bail from Dunoon Sheriff Court and Dunoon

Justice of the Peace Court and facing four similar charges.

Boyle's defence agent, Stephen MacSporran, said that his client was addicted to cocaine and seeking medical help for his drug issues.

Sheriff Simon Fraser said: 'You have been in custody for a week, and this was £10 of cannabis.'

'I am not going to incur further expense with reports, and the like, and fine you £225 to be paid at £20 per week.'

'If you fail to pay any one instalment you will not be brought back to the court, you will go straight to prison.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

Jesus has ridden into Jerusalem on a donkey and heard the crowd shouting: 'Hosanna, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Jesus then entered the temple, where what he saw sent him into a rage and he caused total confusion and disruption.

For here our Jesus, 'meek and mild', let rip at those who were exploiting the poor in the name of their religion.

They were using the temple for their own gain and making a mockery of God.

The money changers were asking exorbitant prices for the sacrifices required for worship.

Jesus was having none of this and he overturned the tables of the money changers, scattering coins everywhere.

I imagine there would be a sudden silence apart from the clinking of coins on the stone floor.

People would stop and wonder at what was happening as frightened sheep and lambs took their opportunity to escape.

Perhaps there was symbolism in the flight of freedom of the doves who escaped as their cages crashed in the mayhem.

Jesus yelled at them: 'My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of thieves.'

Exploitation of those who had little enough was the sin Jesus abhorred, and this surely got him into more trouble.

The authorities were threatened, their cosy comfortable way of life was threatened.

For here was one who would stand up for the poor, for the disempowered, for the voiceless.

What would he do next?

This Jesus spoke of a different kingdom where the last would be first and the first would be last. Dangerous talk.

He had to be stopped.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Live in harmony with one another' (Romans, 12:16).

DEATHS

ROBERTSON - On April 5, 2019, peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Iain Allan Robertson, of Al Daar, Pier Road, Tarbert, in his 88th year, beloved husband of Betty Robertson, née Gardner, and a well respected and dear friend of many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on April 10, 2019.

ROLLAND - Elaine Margaret (Orr). Peacefully, at The Byre, on March 21, 2019, Elaine, aged 87 years, of Pollokshields and Carsaig, beloved wife of the late Alastair, adored mother of Douglas, Jennifer and Stuart, dear mother-in-law of Kirsty and Nicole, cherished gran to Andrew, Ralph, Scott, the late Lucy, Angus, Oliver, Isla, Emily, Cara, Genevieve and Ossian. A celebration of Elaine's life will be held on Friday, April 19, 2019, at the House for an Art Lover at 11.30am, to which family and friends are cordially invited.

ROSS - Peacefully, on April 6, 2019, after a long illness, and with great courage and dignity, Anne Ross (née McSporrán, formerly of the Moy, Campbeltown), in her 83rd year, dearly beloved wife of the late Jack Ross, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, beloved mother of John, Fiona and the late Lindsey Anne McLachlan and a loving grandmother to Nancy, Chris and Johnny. A funeral service and cremation will take place in Alford, Lincolnshire, near the home of her daughter. A memorial service and interment will take place in Campbeltown later in 2019.

SUGARMAN - Peacefully, at the Respiratory Ward 7B, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on April 7, 2019, Leonard Sugarman (Len), in his 89th year, 15 Bayview, Machrihanish, dearly beloved husband of the late Elizabeth MacMaster, devoted father of Gail, Yvonne and the late Leonora and a loving granda of Evan, Kieran, Charlotte and Tia. Funeral service in

the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, April 13, 2019, at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCARTHUR - Lily and Billy would like to sincerely thank family, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy and support received following the sad passing, on March 19, 2019, of William (Bill), a dearly loved husband and devoted dad. Many thanks are due to the family doctors, Glasgow Royal Infirmary Oncology Department, Vale of Leven Haematology Department, Mid Argyll Community Healthcare team, Carr Comm overnight team and A&B Home care teams for the care and help Bill received over the years. Our special thanks to the Rev Mary Henderson of Redding and Westquarter Church of Scotland for a comforting and uplifting service, and William Scott Funeral Directors for their care and compassion throughout the funeral arrangements. Thanks also to Inchyra Grange Hotel for providing the welcome hospitality, appreciated by all.

MCMILLAN - The family of the late Mary (Moir) would like to thank all who attended the funeral service. Thanks also to the Rev Anne McIvor for an uplifting service, to David McEwan for the music, to Kenny and Rhys Blair for their sensitive and professional services, and to the Ardshiel Hotel for the hospitality after the funeral. Special thanks to the Argyll and Bute carers and to the community nurses.

MCMURCHY - Bruce Bannatyne. Marion and family would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, by way of flowers, cards, letters and calls following the sad loss of Bruce. A special thanks to Reverend Stephen Fulcher for a very fitting and moving service and John McGeachy for his piping. Thank you to Kenny and Rhys Blair and the staff of T A Blair for dignified funeral arrangements; to the

Argyll Arms Hotel staff for excellent refreshments. Thanks especially to all who attended the Highland Parish Church and generously donated the sum of £740.75, to be divided between the British Heart Foundation and Alzheimer Scotland. Finally, thank you to the staff at the Kintyre and Erskine care homes for the comfort and compassion shown to Bruce, and to the medical teams at the Campbeltown, Queen Elizabeth, Golden Jubilee and Royal Alexandra hospitals who looked after and nursed him in the past few years.

IN MEMORIAM

BENNETT - In loving memory of my dear husband, Roy, died April 14, 2018.

One sad and lonely year we have been apart, I loved you in life and I love you in death. But I believe with all my heart, That some day we will be together again and never again be apart. I love and miss you. - Your loving wife, Susie xxx.

WEIR - In loving memory of Alex, who died on April 11, 2013. We MISS you in so many ways, We MISS the things you used to say, And when old times we do recall, It's then we MISS you most of all. Rest in peace. - Tina, Bell, Allan and families.

BENNETT - "It's hard to forget someone who gave you so much to remember"... Never a truer word said for the legend (Mucker) Roy.

- Nena, Darren, Ewan and family, home and away.

MACLULLICH - In loving memory of Duncan, dear husband, father and brother, who died on April 11, 2013. Loved and remembered always.

- Annette, Alasdair and Ishobel.

MCSPORRAN - In loving memory of Alastair, who died on April 17, 2012. Those we love don't go away But walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard, but always near Still loved and missed and very dear.

- Ann, Hilda, and all the family.

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- Tina, Bell, Allan and families.

CHURCH NOTICES

Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 21479 and in Scotland SC00939
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.
Thursday 18th April
Passover Meal 5.00pm
Friday 19th April
3.00pm
Reflections on the cross
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday 14th April
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev W Crossan
Monday 15th -
Saturday 20th April
Easter Breakfast and Reflections
New Hall 7.30 am
Everyone Welcome
Monday 15th April
Messy Church 3.45 pm
Church Hall
Tuesday 16th April
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 18th April
Choir Practice

Highland Parish Church



SC002493

Sunday 14th April 2019
Palm Sunday
"So they took branches of palm trees and went to meet him shouting Praise God"
The service will be conducted by Mr Matthew Ramsay and will be held in the church at 11.00am
(Easter Buffet Lunch on 21st April in Kirk Street Hall after the morning service)
All welcome.

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 14th April
11.00am Family Service
Speaker - Pastor Mark Jasper 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
Please note our Sunday service is now held at the Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

ST. KIERAN R.C. ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN
01586 552160
Rev Tony Wood
Vigil Mass
Saturday 6pm
(except 1st Saturday of the month)
Sundays, Holy Mass
10.00am
All welcome (SCO02876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Sunday 14 April 2019
Cumlodden and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Cumlodden Church - 10.00am
Service will be taken by Mrs Margaret Sinclair
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church - 11.30am
Service will be taken by Mrs Margaret Sinclair
ALL WELCOME

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
(The Church of Scotland)
"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"
Palm Sunday Services
in
Achaohish at 9.45am and Ardrishaig at 11.00am
All Welcome
For all church enquiries and pastoral care contact
DCarruthers@churchofscotland.org.uk

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES
Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead
(SC013787)
HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Palm Sunday 11am - Procession & Liturgy
Mon, Tues, Weds 8pm - Compline
Maudy Thursday
7pm - The Lord's Supper, Washing, Stripping of the Altars & Watch
Good Friday
12 - 1.30pm - The Passion of Our Lord: Solemn Prayers, Passion Gospel & Liturgy
All Welcome
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Saturday 13 April
10.30am Tayvallich Hall
Coffee Morning
Sunday 14 April
10am Inverlussa Church
Palm Sunday Worship
Thursday 18 April
7pm Tayvallich Church
Maudy Thursday Communion
Friday 19 April
7pm Bellanoch Church
Good Friday Meditations
All welcome
www.northknappdale.org

Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 14th April
Palm Sunday
Holy Communion 10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

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

free church of scotland

George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 14th April
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
4.00pm Service in Tayinloan Village Hall
Wednesday 17th April
12 noon Bible Study & Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome
All Rodger Crooks' sermons can be found through our website: www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY
Church of Scotland
Sunday 14th April 2019
Skipness service 10am
Mr Tom MacKay
Tarbert service 11.30am
Rev Christine Fulcher
Kilberry Service & Baptism 2pm
Rev Christine Fulcher
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280
For all church enquiries and pastoral care: Contact DCarruthers@churchofscotland.org.uk

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Friday 12th April
SKY Youth Group
7.30pm
Sunday 14th April
Family Communion Service
11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies
All welcome
Wednesday 17th April
Bible study
7.30pm at the manse
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Kilmartin
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Most of the walkers ready to 'walk a mile in each other's shoes'. 50_c15walk01

Walkers step up to end mental health stigma



Police Scotland Youth Volunteers assisted walkers throughout the event. 50_c15walk03

by Hannah O'Hanlon
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

More than 120 people walked a mile through Campbeltown in solidarity in a bid to stamp out the shame associated with mental health issues.

Organised by Kintyre Link Club (KLC), which promotes positive mental health and recovery, the walkers set off from the war memorial on the Esplanade at noon on Saturday in glorious sunshine.

They were joined by people in wheelchairs, pushchairs and on scooters with many adorned in bright green T-shirts, emblazoned with 'See Me', the name of the charity which champions the 'Walk a Mile' campaign.

The concept is to bring together people from different walks of life, from health professionals and carers, to people with lived experience, to speak about mental health while 'walking a mile in each other's shoes'.

In Campbeltown, the route took walkers past the Davaar Laundrette, across the road and back along the Esplanade, continuing along Kinloch Road and Hall Street.

Ending

The walkers passed Jock's Adventure Land before crossing Kilkerran Road and heading to Main Street, past Stewart's Green, ending at the former Red Cross Hall in Kirk Street.

PC Karen Cairns and members of

the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers assisted walkers throughout the event, especially when crossing roads.

Awaiting them all in the hall was a feast of home-baking donated by generous bakers.

Tracy Chambers, manager of KLC, thanked everyone involved in the inaugural event and said she looked forward to next year's.

To see Tracy's full message of thanks, see page six.



The route went past Jock's Adventure Land and back into the centre of Campbeltown. 50_c15walk06

Brilliant sunshine greets the golfers at Dunaverly Am-Am

'A fantastic competition on a wonderful course which was a tribute to the skills of greenkeepers David Scullion and Robert Irvine.'

This was one of the many comments about Dunaverly's Am-Am which was held in brilliant sunshine last Saturday.

It attracted an entry of 151 men and 21 women, who made up 43 teams of four.

Scores were very close with one stroke covering the top three teams and several more within two shots.

A team led by Lee Mathieson was the first to show in front with a nett 51 comprising 15 nett threes and three nett twos.

The brisk wind which sprang up did not stop Duncan Watson III's quartet from snatching

the lead by one stroke with five nett twos, 12 nett threes and one par four.

Robert Allan Jr's team made a valiant effort to catch the leaders but failed by one stroke.

There were several spot prizes sponsored by McFadyen Contractors, Springbank Distillery, Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club, McKinven and Colville, Andrew Smith and Sons, David McCormick, Peter McKerral and Co and Argyll and Bute Consultants.

The most notable of these was a winning men's longest drive at the 17th of 300 yards by Gordon Tyre, and a 7.5 inches nearest the pin at the 16th by Eddie Fletcher.

Newly appointed club captain John Brown thanked all the competitors and the main

sponsors, McFadyens Transport and William Duncan and Co, who helped to make it a memorable event.

He paid tribute to club steward Ailie Goddard and her staff for the superb catering on the day and match secretary Alex Arkell for the smooth running of the event, by not only manning the ballot but also the considerable time he spent inputting the scores.

He thanked the ladies' section for manning the raffle and committee members for helping to prepare the preceding day by erecting signs, among other things.

Team result: 1 Duncan Watson III, Campbell McCallum, Donald Brown and Laurence Ferguson 50, 2 Lee Mathieson, John Docherty,

David Wallace and Robert MacDonald 51(bih), 3 Robert Allan Jr, Dean Ratcliff, Thomas Martin and Stevie Gorman 51.

Spot prizes: Highland Park whisky for nearest the pin in two at the 1st: Alan O'Neil 1.03m; Springbank whisky for nearest the pin at the 7th: Keith Cowan 3ft 8.5ins; Ardmore whisky for nearest the pin at the 16th: Eddie Fletcher 7.5ins; Machrihanish Dunes voucher for lowest combined nett score at the 13th: Lee Mathieson, John Docherty, David Wallace and Robert Macdonald with a total of 16; Gents' longest drive, winning a golfing umbrella: Gordan Tyre; Ladies' longest drive, winning a bottle of champagne: Lorna Campbell.



Members of Kintyre Link Club. 50_c15walk02



Walkers make their way along the Esplanade. 50_c15walk04

Tarbert set for new season

The new season gets underway at Tarbert Golf Club with the first round of the Fyne Tankard tomorrow (Saturday).

This is a 36-hole event with the winner having the lowest net score. The second round takes place on

the April 27. All the usual ballot times are available.

Members are looking forward to the coming season at Glenralloch, with greenkeeper Graham Prentice and his volunteers working hard to get the course in good order.

Dunaverty lotto

There were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three-number lottery draw on Sunday.

The winning numbers were 7, 9 and 15.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £200, will be on April 21. Tickets are available from committee members, the club steward, Muneroy Tearoom and the Burnside Bar.



Captain John Brown presents the trophy to the winning team of Donald Brown, Laurence Ferguson, Campbell McCallum and Duncan Watson III.

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LAST WEEK'S SHINTY BALL WAS HERE...



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Isle of Gigha
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Lochgilphead

Walkers step up to
end mental health
stigma

Brilliant sunshine
greet the golfers at
Dunaverty Am-Am

End of the World cycle event is geared down

A cycling event at MACC, which made headlines in January, has suffered a spoke in its wheel with low numbers of entries.

Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club's (KWCC) End of the World (EOTW) event, on the weekend of May 4 and 5, had attracted some leading Scottish cyclists but across all events, on both days, there were fewer than two dozen entries.

Entry was through the British Cycling website and EOTW was strongly promoted by its founder KWCC secretary Robbie Semple at the recent Scottish Cycling Running and Outdoor Pursuits Show in Glasgow.

With one Monday left to go on entries, it was decided at the KWCC committee meeting in Campbeltown last Wednesday to change the event from two days to Sunday only.

Any entrants have been fully refunded through British Cycling.

It will also be classed as a closed event, confined to KWCC members only.

The confined status would mean that anyone from outwith Kintyre could still take part by paying the £15 to join KWCC, which is a big discount on the EOTW entry fee.

The format has not been confirmed but KWCC's provisional plan includes a 10-mile time trial and a MACC Runway Rush, which



Cyclists at the recent season's opener at the MACC base. Photo: Marjorie Leighton.

is a sprint race, recently pioneered at the opening weekend of the season.

The event may close with an Australian Pursuit Race (APR), if members have any cycling left in their legs.

An APR is a handicap race with the slowest away first

over a shorter distance than the planned six-hour endurance event.

A KWCC spokesperson said: 'Hopefully in the future we can look at organising something bigger.'

'It simply wasn't going to be viable. The largest entry we

had was 11 for the Saturday 10-mile time trial and only four competitors were from outwith the area.

'However, the closed to club event will be free to club members and anyone who joins will have membership till June 2020. There will be

a practise weekend at MACC on Easter Sunday.'

Mr Semple re-founded KWCC nearly two years ago. Membership has grown steadily to 41 helped by his relentless enthusiasm and the committee's determination to run exceptional events.

Injury mars a 'tough competitive' match

A Pupils winger's broken leg curtailed an otherwise enjoyable away tie.

The tough competitive match between Neilston AFC and Campbeltown Pupils was abandoned, after an extremely fair first half, when winger Andrew Henderson - 'Twiggy' - suffered a broken leg.

With both players fully committed, the Neilston goalkeeper collided with the incoming forward, resulting in a penalty kick to the visitors.

Unfortunately, Andrew had sustained a broken leg, and with the score standing at 2-1 to the home side - the Pupils scorer was former Son's player Donald McCallum - the referee dispensed with the penalty and the rest of the match.

The abandoned fixture will be re-scheduled to later in the season.

A Pupils spokesperson said: 'Everyone wishes Andrew a quick and full recovery, and hopefully the ordeal won't spoil his love of the sport.'

'Thanks went to Neilston for their immediate response and help with the injury.'

Campbeltown Pupils host Hillington at Kintyre Park tomorrow (Saturday) with a 2pm kick off.

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