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Second gin festival was even 'bigger and better'

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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More distilleries than ever before toasted the success of Scottish gin at two sold-out events across Campbeltown last weekend.

Twelve gin producers, two more than last year, poured into Campbeltown Town Hall on Saturday afternoon for a tasting session, with all 250 tickets selling out.

The ticket price included a perfect serving of the gin of choice, a Gintyre cocktail, a branded Gintyre glass and entry to four gin masterclasses throughout the afternoon.

Each distillery brought two or three products giving ticket holders a vast choice to taste.

Crowds, which were welcomed by pipers from Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, gathered at the town hall from 1pm.

The atmosphere inside was described as 'wonderful', attributed to the 'beautiful' harp music provided by Katherine Harrison, and the array of 'delicious canapés'



Gareth Scott-Dodd and Su Black of Beinn an Tuirc Distillers.

by The Kintyre Larder and Harlequin Tearoom.

The festival kicked off on Friday night at the Ardsheel Hotel, with a specially-designed gin pairing menu featuring gins from three festival exhibitors, with a representative from each distillery introducing each course.

Tickets for this event, which was hailed a 'huge success', also sold out, with guests treated to 'delicious' food and a 'superb selection' of Scottish gin.

Avva Scottish Gin accompanied the starter, Lin Gin from

Linlithgow accompanied the main course, and Nerabus Gin, from Islay, accompanied the dessert.

A festival organiser said: 'Gintyre really is a cut above other gin festivals and is a wonderful testament to the collaboration between the Campbeltown Town Hall, Explore Campbeltown and Beinn an Tuirc Distillers Ltd, producers of Kintyre Gin, which conceived the idea back in 2017.'

Beinn an Tuirc Distillers director Emma Macalister Hall added: 'Gintyre is a wonderful event that has encouraged people to visit Kintyre and experience our unique variety of culture, nature, incredible hospitality and, of course, world-class gin!

'We are already planning Gintyre 2020.'

The weekend was concluded in style with a special showing of Breakfast at Tiffany's at Campbeltown Picture House.

For photographs from the festival, turn to pages 16 and 17.

New life down on the farm

It seems apt that as people celebrate Easter, a commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus, new life springs up at farms around Kintyre.

Glenbarr Primary School pupil Finlay Blair, six, got some practise dealing with newborns at South Muasdale Farm this week ahead of the lambing season starting at Glenacardoch Farm, where he lives with his mum Eilidh Macalister, grandparents Duncan and Fiona Macalister, and uncle Robbie Macalister.

Being a farmer is among the 10 jobs Finlay said he wants to do when he grows up.

Not only did he meet the



Finlay Blair with two-week-old calf Snowdrop.
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lambs at South Muasdale but he petted two-week-old calf Snowdrop, a Whitebred Shorthorn, Highland cow cross who was rejected by her mother, and several kids who were leaping

about their pens in typical goat fashion.

As well as sheep, cattle and goats, farmers Stephen Jones and Will Anderson keep working horses, hens and ducks.

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Dangerous driver banned in Oban court

A Campbeltown man who drove dangerously through Connel while under the influence of alcohol has been banned from driving.

Gordon McShannon, of 62 Milknowe, Campbeltown, previously pleaded guilty to driving dangerously on the A85 at Connel on February 24 of this year by failing to observe an oncoming vehicle and driving into its path, causing it to take evasive action.

The 67-year-old also admitted to being almost four times over the drink driving limit. He had 86 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 milliliters of breath, when the legal limit is 22mg in 100ml. He was sentenced on Wednesday April 10 at Oban Sheriff Court.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'These are very serious offences, but you are coming before the court as a first offender and have displayed remorse.'

Sheriff Hughes fined McShannon £1,000 and banned him for 16 months.



Ineke Fee tells the Easter story.



Tricia Croft and her daughter Sienna.

Messy Church makes Easter memories

Lorne and Lowland Church Hall was a hive of activity on Monday afternoon as children and parents joined in the Messy Church Easter experience.

The monthly Messy Church is an initiative by Lorne and Lowland Church assisted by

helpers from Campbeltown Community Church, Springbank Evangelical Church and Campbeltown Free Church.

It is for children of all ages, accompanied by an adult. The team comprises Jean Durnan, Mhairi Reid,

Moira Macdougall, Joyce Oxborrow, Katuska Davies, Ineke Fee and Liz Ferguson. The gathered group shared a light meal together, prepared by Moira and Joyce.

Ineke led the singing and told the Easter story from the

Bible. Sharon Kerr, Katuska and Mhairi assisted the children to decorate crosses and Easter eggs and to make an Easter mobile. The fun did not end there as everyone was invited to take part in the all-ages Easter egg hunt.



Tucking into the finger food buffet.



Taking part in the welcome activity with Jean Durnan.

POLICE FILES

Shoplifting

A 25-year-old man was traced, arrested and charged after he stole alcohol from the Co-op, Longrow, Campbeltown, at about 7pm on Monday April 9.

Dangerous driver

At 12.30pm on Wednesday April 10, on the A83 between Tarbert and Clachan, a grey Volkswagen Caddy van was seen to be driven in a dangerous manner while overtaking other vehicles. The vehicle was stopped by police and the 62-year-old driver was charged with the offence.

Speeding

At 2.45am on Thursday April 11, on the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown, a silver Audi was seen to be driven in a dangerous manner and at excessive speeds for the icy road conditions. The car was traced by police and the 42-year-old man driving was charged with the offence.

Drugs possession

At 11.50pm on Thursday April 11, at Machrihanish Airbase, a 20-year-old man was searched by police and found in possession of cannabis. He was charged and issued with a recordable police warning.

Abusive behaviour

At 11.10pm on Friday April 12, in Glenside, Campbeltown, a 29-year-old man was arrested and charged with behaving in an abusive manner towards a woman.

Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information on the above or any crime to phone 101 or anonymously call Crime-stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Guest speaker is set to return

A bible teacher from Perth will return to talk at Kintyre Christian Fellowship's first meeting of the year.

Gavin Matthews, from Perth Baptist Church, is the guest speaker at the meeting in the Highland Parish Church Hall in Kirk Street, Campbeltown, on Friday April 26.

A KCF spokesperson said: 'Gavin has spoken at the fellowship before and we very

much look forward to hearing him again.

'The meeting begins at 7.30pm and everyone is most welcome to come along. It doesn't matter if you are a regular church-goer, just come along and share in a time of Christian fellowship.'

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Double acting accolades for Accent Players

Drama group Accent Players has had a busy and exhilarating few weeks.

At the Lorn Drama Festival in Oban, the group's production of Grave Prospects gained second place plus the award for highest marks for production.

Following that success, they

went on to win the trophy for best stage presentation at the Western Divisional Finals in Castle Douglas.

The final performance of their successful play will be at the East Kilbride Festival in May when the play's author, Isabella C Rae, hopes to be present.

This has been the first production of her work, which won third place in the prestigious Scott Salver playwrighting competition.

Accent players were photographed with the trophy for best stage presentation at the Western Divisional finals in Castle Douglas.



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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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Kintyre writer Diana wins double at national awards

by Mark Davey
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A novelist from Kintyre opened a new chapter in her life as a double prize winner at the 50th annual meeting of the Scottish Association of Writers.

Diana Manning, 84, was one of five members of Kintyre Writers' Circle (KWC) at the recent golden jubilee event in the Doubletree Hotel, Westerwood.

This year the successes for Diana, the founder of KWC alongside Kay Webb in 2006, gave a special reason for celebration by the group.

After a lifetime of writing and publishing, Diana gained two outstanding successes in novel and non-fiction writings.

Diana, a mum of three, with grandchildren and great-grandchildren in New Zealand, said: 'At secondary school the English teacher, Mr Richards, always asked me to read my essays to



Diana and John Manning with a photograph of the Hyperion in 2016. 04_c26hyperion01_DianaandJohnManning

the class.' One of Diana's first jobs was at the WHSmith library in Barnstaple, North Devon.

After taking shorthand and typing at evening school, Diana worked in a number of offices and regularly contributed as a freelance to two newspapers,

The Western Morning News and The Packet.

Her romantic manuscript, Moon Magic, gained second place overall at this year's conference, and her non-fiction work, Hyperion, was commended by the adjudicators. The latter

piece relates to her experiences of coping with her husband's love affair with a Second World War, high-speed Derby class launch named Hyperion, which he was determined, with her help, to restore to full glory.

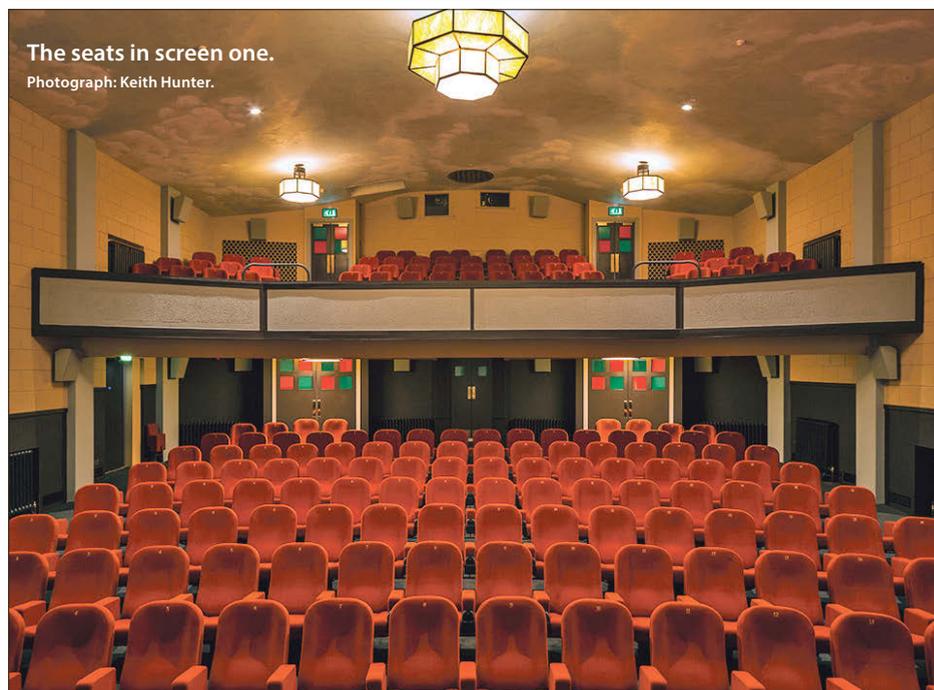
Diana said: 'I feel I should give credit to my daughter Rose who spent many hours editing Hyperion for me. It was originally written in more-or-less diary form as events occurred and the manuscript had to be completely rewritten. Without Rose's input, I am sure I wouldn't have gained a commended at the conference.'

A KWC spokesperson said: 'Diana is a regular contributor to Argyll FM - to Iain Henderson's magazine programme at 1pm on Wednesdays, and to KWC's annual anthology.

'At KWC we look forward to the publication of these two pieces of work and wish Diana more 'power to her pen.'



Diana Manning holds her Scottish Association of Writers certificates. 25_c16writer01_Diana_Manning



The seats in screen one.
Photograph: Keith Hunter.

Sponsor a cinema seat

Campbeltown Picture House is inviting people to become a permanent part of the cinema's colourful history by sponsoring a seat in historic screen one.

Their name, company's name or a short message for a loved one could be displayed permanently on the wall of seat sponsors and donors.

The sponsor board is soon to be updated with those who have donated since the cine-

ma reopened in December 2017.

Jane Mayo, chairman of the board, said: 'This is a wonderful way of honouring a loved one or celebrating treasured memories.

'The stories behind the dedications on our honour board reflect the interesting history of the people of Campbeltown and Kintyre. They mention people who emigrated across the Atlantic,

those who have helped the community in many ways, particularly associated with the sea, and those who fought for our country in the past.

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Young police volunteers are first class, says chief

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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The newest recruits to join the ranks of Argyll and Bute's first Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) group have been commended by the region's area commander.

At a passing out parade and awards ceremony on Tuesday evening, Chief Inspector Marlene Bailey, area commander for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, said that some police officers could learn a thing or two about trouser pressing from the youngsters.

CI Bailey spoke in front of family, friends and invited guests after inspecting the youngsters on the former RAF parade square at



Campbeltown's youth and adult volunteers are, from left: PC Karen Cairns, Murray McCallum, deputy group coordinator Shannon Milloy, Brodie MacLaren, Sheena Thomas, Samuel Davies, Nancy McKenzie, Ashley McAulay, Thomas Dickson, Jordan Todd, Iona Campbell, Ch Insp Marlene Bailey, Krystal Allen, Finlay Barnett, Aileen Morris and Arlene Scott. 50_c16psyv01

Machrihanish Airbase the parade drill were later
Community Company. welcomed to the awards
Spectators who observed ceremony in the Officers'



Chief Inspector Marlene Bailey addresses the youth and adult volunteers. 50_c16psyv05

Mess by youth engagement officer PC Karen Cairns, Campbeltown PSYV's group coordinator.

PC Cairns said: 'I am extremely proud of every one of them for their efforts and for the way they have conducted themselves this evening.'

'We have an excellent bunch of youths in this programme and many of them are already showing great leadership skills in this short time.'

She reminded everyone that the PSYV, which was founded in Campbeltown in 2017, is about volunteering in the local community and further afield for no personal gain other than the feeling of gratification for giving something back.

'This, to me, highlights the type of good, kind and considerate individuals that have signed up,' she said, 'and I feel very lucky to have all of you on board.'

She explained that the youngsters had taken part in various events throughout

the year and were looking forward to assisting at Oban Pride in May.

One of the new youth volunteers, Finlay Barnett, from Carradale, said he might become a police officer when he leaves school and the PSYV gives him excellent experience in the field.

CI Bailey, who praised PC Cairns' enthusiasm, commitment and drive, presented certificates to the four new recruits - Nancy McKenzie, Finlay Barnett, Murray McCallum and Thomas Dickson - who passed the 12-week training programme.

She said all the youngsters did 'absolutely spectacularly' and described their drill as 'first class'.

PC Cairns then presented the following prizes: leadership award to Samuel Davies for his honesty and integrity, and being a good communicator, showing commitment and decision-making capabilities; commitment award to Iona

Campbell for being reliable, taking her duties seriously and inspiring others; youth volunteer of the year award to Brodie MacLaren for going above and beyond for the group, and showing she is reliable, capable and willing; community volunteer of the year award, donated by the Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel, to Krystal Allen for also going above and beyond the average duties and taking on other jobs within the community; and adult volunteer of the year award to Aileen Morris, for her dedication, never missing an event or training night since the group was founded in 2017.

PC Cairns added: 'Every one of our youths brings something unique to the group so I feel it is important to recognise each one.'

She paid tribute to the remaining youth volunteers - 'cheeky chappy' Jordan Todd, 'bubbly and enthusiastic' Ashley McAulay, and 'caring and compassionate' Sheena Thomas.

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Chief Inspector Marlene Bailey inspects Thomas Dickson's boots after the parade drill, 50_c16psyv02; New recruit Finlay Barnett spoke about why he joined PSYV. 50_c16psyv04



MOKFest's musical support for Campbeltown students

This year's traditional MOKFest concert with Dougie Maclean will also feature a young band made up of home-grown Kintyre artists, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Ceann Tir, comprising Amy Paterson, Alex Wotherspoon, Finlay Patrick, Kyle Paterson, Ross Conner, Darren Brown and Frank Rochford, will give a special performance during the music festival.

The young musicians have come through the on-going MOKFest music development partnership programme with Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS).

As part of the project the MOKFest is providing music equipment to some students to help them develop and perform on stage.

James Murdoch, head of the school's music department, said: 'Working with MOKFest has been hugely valuable to our young peo-

ple - developing performing skills and giving them a real experience of the life of a professional musician.

'The annual workshops are an integral part of our senior music courses, with the pupils involved taking their enthusiasm from the performance at the festival into their studies in school.'

Iain Johnston, MOKFest event manager, added: 'The festival is delighted to continue working with CGS on this project and we appreciate the support we have had from Creative Scotland, Campbeltown Common Good Fund and Argyll and Bute Council with the workshops.

'There will be various workshops during the week of this year's event and also a performance with the students as part of the Dalriada Connections Band at the Festival Ceilidh.'



From left, Ross Kennedy, Alex McKinven, Ross Conner, Finlay Patrick, Alex Wotherspoon, Kyle Paterson, Amy Paterson, Iain Johnston and James Murdoch.



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Police youth volunteers deserve our respect

It was a proud moment for friends and family as four new recruits joined the ranks of Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) this week.

The youngsters join a team of 13-18-year-olds in an initiative designed to strengthen ties between police and young people, teaching recruits about the duties of officers and encouraging good citizenship.

Addressing the audience at the youngsters' passing out parade, PC Karen Cairns, the group's coordinator, spoke about their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm.

The Campbeltown branch was the first in Argyll and Bute and the young volunteers signing up, despite schooling and other distractions, is a tribute to their diligence.

People often say there is not enough for youngsters to do in small, rural communities such as Kintyre, but here it is the opposite.

There are so many activities on offer, from sports clubs to music groups, that young people often have to sacrifice some for the others.

Our young people have so many opportunities.

Machrihanish clubhouse

Sir,
In one word Machrihanish Golf Course's clubhouse should be 'traditional' in keeping with the golf course and Machrihanish village.

The proposal presented by the current committee falls short.

The roof line and pitch are the angle of a Chinese pagoda. Instead of a steep Victorian pitch, the proposed roof design looks like a brim hat with the sides down. The design would look good in Hong Kong or the desert of Arizona — not in Machrihanish, sited between a row of sandstone manses and the Ugdale Hotel.

On the other hand, the existing pro shop is a perfect example of taste in design.

The new clubhouse could copy it using reasonable construction costs, for instance, two-inch-by-six-inch framing faced with a thin stone veneer similar to the cottages at the Ugdale.

That is what visitors and guests want to see, a clubhouse in keeping with 'Old Tom Morris'.

In the name of good design, change it while you still can.

**Jim Gubler,
Las Vegas.**

NHS an absurdity

Sir,
What an absurdity the Scottish National Health Service has become during the last 10-plus years.

Politicians are quite happy to take their large salaries and expenses with impunity, while mere mortals like myself and many others are too afraid to complain and have to suffer endless cutbacks to services.

For example, I have an appointment at the Oban hospital and have been told I will be unable to drive after the procedure.

I contacted the patient transport service requesting transport to and from the hospital but was told I could be returned but not delivered from home to the hospital.

Apparently it is alright for me to walk more than a mile to the bus station. Take the two-hour bus journey to Lochgilphead and spend another couple of hours on a bus to Oban.

Being in my mid-to-late 70s, this suggestion fails to meet my approval.

I could drive to Oban and be returned home using the patient transport service but I would have the problem of collecting my car more than 100 miles away.

The stupidity of the system is that if the procedure was to be carried out in Glasgow I could arrange a free flight to and from Campbeltown.

This would be at greater expense but I cannot get patient transport to Oban from Campbeltown which would be a great deal cheaper.

Having lived in the locality for 25 years, I have in the past used the transport service on a few occasions without difficulty.

The impositions are being implemented, presumably by the SNP-controlled health service to save money.

What an absolute load of nonsense.
**Keith Abendroth,
Loch View Avenue,
Campbeltown.**

Council chief executive's remuneration package

Sir,
Last week we read of Argyll and Bute Council increasing the fee for shellfish export licenses to a level which threatens to put some exporters out of business. And this at a time when the UK may well have a particular need for all its exports and entrepreneurs to save us from the direst consequences of Brexit.

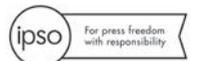
A few weeks ago we read of how the Minard War Memorial had missed out on essential maintenance funding from a nationwide scheme because Argyll and Bute Council neither made the required application within the stipulated period nor took responsibility for its failure.

This week we read that the Argyll and Bute Council's chief executive received an annual remuneration package of around £150,000. This must seem to most to be an extremely impressive and generous reward for whatever service that particular gentleman has rendered us.

Now, it is a long-accepted ethical principle that in the realm of public service a high level of reward must only follow a high level of service. However, it is not at all clear to me — or I would suggest 99 per cent of the public

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– exactly how the chief executive has rendered such a level of service as merits such a high level of reward.

Putting it into context: Why was so much public money used to reward the chief executive when it could have been put to such uses as properly repairing Minard War Memorial and easing the financial burden on our entrepreneurs?

I think that if the chief executive is to retain any credibility, he has to face the public in an open forum and answer this question. I really hope that he has the courage to meet that challenge.

Arthur McFarlane,
Mount Pleasant, Tarbert.

Plea for lorry hoarding to be moved

Sir,
Are we the only people in Campbeltown who take exception to the almost permanently parked advertising hoarding, masquerading as a lorry, that attempts to promote a Campbeltown restaurant?

The lorry in Kinloch Road blocks the view from what is probably the best bench in town, from where you see both the harbour and up Main Street.

The restaurant already has three pavement signs inconveniently placed for us to fall over going around corners, but this advertising lorry is just a step too far.

Name and address supplied.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Gayle Barrett captured this sunset in a photograph she titled Westport Beauty. She took the photograph one evening last week. If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk, send it via the Courier's Facebook page or bring it into the Courier office to be copied.

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO Friday April 17, 2009

Hugh decides to call it a day

After 24 years of loyal service to West Coast Motors and his passengers in and around Campbeltown and Mid Argyll, Hugh Colville has hung up his driving gloves for the last time.

At the end of his last shift, management and staff gathered to give Hugh and his wife Frances a farewell evening, when he was presented with various gifts and mementos to mark his retirement.



Hugh Colville during his last day on the 'ring and ride' service.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday April 22, 1994

Musician Barry off to exotic climes

Musician Barry Young from Campbeltown has the chance to enjoy the exotic climes of the Far East while stationed in Hong Kong with 1st Battalion The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment).

Barry, 21, a musician with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders but currently attached to the Regimental Band of The Black Watch, is currently serving with the regiment in Hong Kong.

Educated at Campbeltown Grammar School, Barry worked as an apprentice electrician before joining the army in 1989.

The 670-strong Battalion is on a 20-month tour of duty in the colony which will come

to an end in August. This tour is of special significance to the regiment, for although the British Garrison will remain in Hong Kong until it is handed over to the Chinese in 1997, The Black Watch has the honour of being the last British infantry battalion to serve there.

FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday April 17, 1969

First order for new shipyard

The Campbeltown Shipyard company at Trench Point has received its first order for the construction of a fishing boat – and it is for an east coast owner.

It is for a 25-ton steel stern trawler, 49ft 9ins length overall, with a 16ft beam, and she is going to an Anstruther owner, Mr D Tod.

The managing director of the company Mr John F Alban, said that this order would mean that the eight men and one apprentice at present employed at the yard would now be fully productive.

Further orders and repair work would mean that they would be able to increase their labour force as soon as they were received.

The main engine of the stern trawler will be a Cummins NH-250-M, producing 190 shaft hp at 1800 rpm. She will have a three-to-one oil-operated reverse reduction gear box.

Steering will be by a Kort nozzle which pro-

duces more thrust from the screw and also increases the vessel's manoeuvrability.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday April 19, 1919

Scarcity of fishing boats

Following upon the representations made regarding the numbers of fishermen who are unable to find employment on demobilisation from the Royal Navy owing to owners of fishing boats having sold their craft during the war, in preference to having them lying up and deteriorating for want of crews to man them, the Fishery Board for Scotland has made an important move in the matter, which has every promise of bearing the desired results.

It is understood that Sir William Sutherland, MP, has for some time been representing the claims of Argyllshire fishermen both to the Admiralty and the Fishery Board, and the action which the latter body has now taken is largely due to his advocacy.

On Wednesday a largely attended meeting of the fishermen of Campbeltown called by Mr Skinner, ISO, the local representative of the Fishery Board, was held in the Town Council Room to meet Mr J. J. Dent, formerly an official of the Ministry of Labour, who has been selected to visit Argyllshire with a view to ascertaining whether the formation of Fishery Societies on lines which have proved successful in Devon and Cornwall would solve the problem here.

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The Courier's From Our Files feature on March 5 caught the eye of a former Campbeltown lifeboat coxswain.

It told the dramatic story of the rescue of six crewmen, from tugboat the Tynesider, after lifeboats from Campbeltown and Tighnabruaich were scrambled at 3am together with an air sea rescue helicopter from Prestwick.

Jim McPhee, of Kintyre Hire, who was a lifeboat man for more than a quarter of a century, has an archive from his many years' service and a photograph from the night.

The photograph which was not published in 1996 shows the stricken tugboat Tynesider aground, two miles south east of Tarbert 25 years ago.

The Tynesider, on charter from Tyne and Wear Tugs, sister company to Glenlight Shipping, was on route from Troon to Ardcastle near Lochgair.

She was due to uplift a barge of logs bound for Ardrossan, when she grounded on Skate Island in lower Loch Fyne.

The tug boat the Flying Childers was brought in from Greenock to assist with the rescue operation.



Three attempts were made to remove the Tynesider from the island, however, heavy weather pushed her further onto the rocks.

Divers with portable pumps were drafted in to keep the water level

down and successfully pumped out the accommodation level and down to the engine room.

On Tuesday April 5 1994 the anti-pollution tug, the Flying Phantom arrived from Greenock to assist the fourth attempt to pull the Tynesider off the rocks.

At 8.20am, the Tynesider, listing on her side, was successfully pulled from the rock. But within a short space of time she went down by the stern.

At the time a spokesman for Glenlight said: 'Divers examined underneath the tug but could find no sign of damage.'

'There is no pollution at the moment and it is now in the hands of insurers.'

The six crew were rescued by the Campbeltown lifeboat and taken to Tarbert.

In a complication, while the rescued men were being collected by an ambulance, a member of the lifeboat crew felt ill and he was taken to hospital, where it turned out he had suffered a heart attack.

Mr McPhee's Coxswain's Certificate of Service, presented on January 20 1999, records that during his lifeboat service at sea 151 lives were saved.

The Tynesider is battered and at least one crewman can be seen in the sea.

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Crime prevention crusaders' productive year

Posters produced by primary pupils have been published in internet safety brochures distributed throughout Kintyre.

Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel (KCPP), in conjunction with Police Scotland, launched a poster competition, open to all south Kintyre primary schools, after a three-month internet safety campaign led by youth engagement officer PC Karen Cairns.

The information brochures, produced and printed by KCPP and featuring winning

entries from Dalintober pupils Dion Maguire and Craig Bell, and Jenna Robertson, from Castlehill, were dispersed throughout Kintyre by members of Campbeltown's Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV).

That was just one of the KCPP's activities in the last year, according to its annual report.

In a further collaboration with police, the panel funded a KCPP and Police Scotland Young Community Volunteer of the Year Shield which will

be presented on an annual basis.

Funding was also allocated to lights and cycle repair kits for two bicycles which KCPP presented to police after a previous fundraising campaign.

Due to graffiti at Campbeltown's skate park, the panel has purchased graffiti remover at the request of the PSYV.

After a suggestion from Police Scotland's local traffic representative, KCPP hopes to develop a campaign to ed-



With bicycle lights and repair kits, from left: Rodger Crooks, PC Karen Cairns, Andrew Hemmings, PC John McGeachy, Eva MacDonald MBE, Robert Strang and PC Gillian Watson.

ucate drivers on eyesight and health requirements when behind the wheel.

KCPP has continued communications about crossing points in Campbeltown with Transport Scotland, resulting in the national transport agency agreeing to undertake a public consultation on the matter. The issue of potholes was also raised.

Guest speakers at meetings included the Royal Bank of Scotland's personal and community banker from Islay, who spoke about internet safety, as well as a representative from Trading Standards, who provided an update on the organisation's work and helped the panel with advice.

Members of KCPP distributed 100 promotional pens, at a cheap cost as they were 'do it yourself' rather than commercially produced.

As reported in the Courier recently, the panel has had diminished membership throughout the year, as a key member died in June and others have left due to ill health and other commitments.

The chairman, Andrew Hemmings, and vice-chairwoman, Eva MacDonald



Dalintober's internet safety competition prize-winners Craig Bell and Dion Maguire, front, with Eva MacDonald MBE and Andrew Hemmings and PC Karen Cairns, back.

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MBE, met with Police Scotland area commander Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie in October to discuss this issue.

It was agreed to promote young people's attendance at meetings and consequently, in January, meeting times were changed from 7.30pm to 4.15pm. This has facilitat-

ed the attendance of some PSYVs. The KCPP devised a safe-guarding policy in light of this development.

Due to an unsuccessful funding bid, the panel's annual festive beer mat campaign was cancelled in December. It is hoped that there may be an increase in membership in 2019.

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Lensman focuses on lyrical landscapes for club lecture

by Mark Davey
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A Scottish landscape photographer sold out of his £28 book and proved he is not just an ace behind the lens at a witty Campbeltown talk.

Dougie Cunningham spoke recently to Campbeltown and Carradale's camera clubs, as well as invited guests, about his recently published guidebook, *Photographing Scotland*, at the Ardshiel Hotel's Arran lounge.

Dougie entertained a capacity crowd for nearly two hours with the tale of producing his 600-page book, which is illustrated with 800 photographs.

Dougie said: 'My contract with the publisher was for two years from start to finish but they were understanding and it spread to four years.'

'It involved travelling thousands of miles in two



motorhomes and umpteen ferries.'

Although the initial contract took four years to fulfil, it was the impetus Mr

Cunningham needed to start travelling round the nation's best landscape locations.

He said: 'I sold my car and bought a VW T4 builders' van

and spent another £400 making it roadworthy. As it was blue my young niece named it Sully from Monsters Inc.'

The van became his base

The highlight of Scottish landscape photographer Dougie Cunningham's visit to Kintyre was being snapped with Carradale's most famous resident, Neenie MacDougall. Rachel Grant on the right has been accompanying Mr MacDougall to Carradale Camera Club for 19 years.

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for the multiple trips but proved quite unreliable with many calls to the RAC. Mr Cunningham also found Scotland is a vast country.

'Scotland is not small as everyone says,' said Mr Cunningham, 'I remember the words on the floor of Central Station - "Scotland is the Best Small Country in the World" - it is not when you are in a campervan stuck behind a car towing a caravan heading to the far north.'

'The van broke down on Barra and the RAC rules are that it has to be towed by an authorised RAC garage.'

'I called up and the operator said go back and wait in your van and we will have someone out to you in a few hours.'

'I was quite sceptical but after a couple of hours a white panel van turned up and one of the men who emerged

asked if I had tried turning the key. It dawned on me that they were not mechanics and the other said they had been sent by an RAC garage in South Uist with instructions to push me onto the ferry.'

'Just down the hill, towards Uig on Skye, Sully's head gasket went and once again I returned to Glasgow with the RAC and the van in bits.'

'I had seen so many RAC vehicles the next van I bought was bright orange and my niece named it Nemo.'

'Perhaps one of the most beautiful places I photographed was Islay. So many distilleries which it would be rude to drive past.'

Mr Cunningham added: 'When I have an opening night at an exhibition it is a great way of spending £200 on wine for a bunch of people you are never going to meet again.'

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What does Easter

Easter is a traditional Christian festival and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus on April 21. Joan Crooks went onto the streets of Campbeltown to ask local people what they are doing for Easter.

Jim Tracey, 62, from Motherwell, is a technical manager with Scottish Water and also a Eucharist minister in Muirhouse. He will be busy over Easter, helping at church services from Thursday to Sunday. The special services include feet washing, remembering that Jesus, the servant king, washed the disciples' feet before the last supper, and a vigil late on Saturday evening in preparation for the celebration on Easter Sunday of the resurrection of Jesus.



For Courtney Lang, 23, from Campbeltown, Easter is a family time. She plans to go Easter egg hunting at Machrihanish on Easter Sunday and at Carradale on Monday with her niece Aria Duncan, aged two.



Zara Shaw, 23, from Campbeltown will spend Easter looking after her Mum's dog to help her mum to get away for a well-deserved break.



Craig Taylor, 16, from Campbeltown, who works at garden maintenance, said he hoped to go out with his friends at the weekend and spend time with his family on Easter Sunday.



Mary Tracey, 62, from Motherwell, is having a break in her caravan at Machrihanish. Mary has a busy Easter ahead as she is the activities co-ordinator in a Church of Scotland care home in Hamilton. There will be an Easter service on Sunday followed by an Easter egg hunt, an Easter bonnet parade on Monday and a visiting entertainer on Tuesday.



Former Campbeltown minister, Chris Holden, now minister of Galashiels Baptist Church, said he appreciated the prayer breakfasts in Lorne and Lowland Church Hall where members of various churches meet together. He said: 'At the prayer breakfasts we take time to pause and remember what Easter is really about. They are special in helping everyone to reflect and prepare for Easter. The united Good Friday service is also very good.' Chris explained that he would return to his work in Galashiels for Easter where they would have various joint Easter outreaches and services in addition to his own Easter Sunday service.

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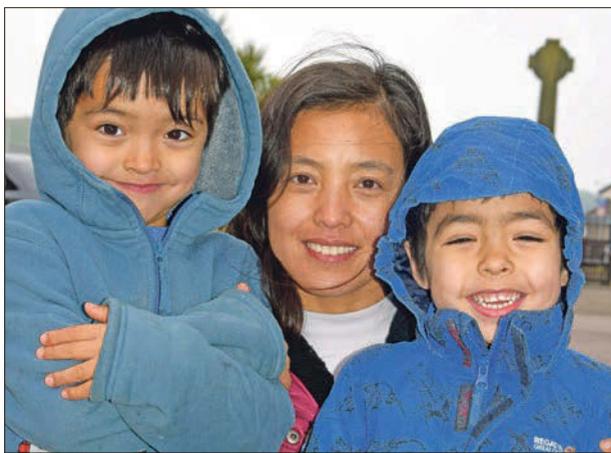
Julie Vines, 46, left, who is originally from Tarbert, now lives in Swindon. 'Easter is about spending time with family,' said Julie. 'I have come up to see my mother who still lives in Tarbert. We will be doing our traditional Easter egg hunt in the garden.'



Melanie Grogan, 43, right, from Dunfermline, was visiting Campbeltown with her children, Connor, five, and Aimee, 16. Melanie said: 'Easter is a family time. We are staying in Campbeltown for a few days. We have been before and it is a lovely area.'



Sheena MacAlister, 78, from Saddell, is retired. She previously had a cottage industry at her home, providing teas and homebaking to those visiting the area where Paul McCartney filmed his famous 'Mull of Kintyre' hit. Sheena enjoys coming into town to meet up with friends and loves her involvement in U3A. Sheena said that for her, Easter was a family time and she planned to spend it with her daughters in Lochgilphead.



Mike Beaumont from Broadstairs in Kent was in town with his wife Esther, 37, and sons Alexander, five, and Christopher, four. Mike owns and runs The Four Candles Alehouse, Britain's smallest brew pub. 'This is my first week off in four years,' said Mike. 'We are going to Islay for a holiday. The ferry was cancelled on Monday due to the high winds so we plan to get over this evening (Tuesday). Easter will be a family time, with lots of Easter eggs.' Mike's wife, Esther said that she takes the children to church each Sunday so she hopes to be able to attend church on Easter Sunday on Islay. 'It is good to celebrate Easter in church', she said. 'It is a celebration of Jesus rising from the dead.'



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Pictured right: Karen Thomson and Fin Stewart. 25_c16singalong04



Left: Spirits were high throughout the sing-along. 25_c16singalong11

Below: Annette McMillan with Maureen and Fred Arkell. 25_c16singalong15





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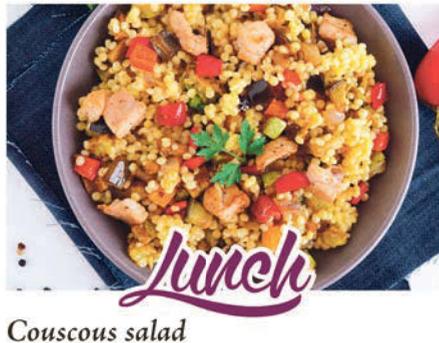

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- Two thirds (66%) of young homeowners (18-34 year olds) are planning a home improvement project this year.
- Three quarters (75%) don't feel confident enough to put up curtain poles, blinds and light fixtures themselves.
- Younger homeowners are spending more than £100 on getting a professional for a small DIY job they could do themselves.

Younger homeowners are wasting more than £100 on professionals for each small DIY job that they could do themselves.

Two thirds (66%) of 18-34-year-old homeowners are planning on completing a home improvement project

this year, but new research has revealed the significant sums of money they are wasting by getting a professional in to do minor jobs.

The study, carried out by Anglian Home Improvements, looked to discover the DIY jobs homeowners feel confident enough to attempt themselves and which they normally leave to the professionals.

The results showed a significant difference between generations, with some age groups far more willing to have a go at jobs themselves around the home.

The younger homeowners, aged 18-34 years, were found to not feel comfortable performing a number of home improvements, from installing curtains to hanging pictures.

When it comes to painting, only 37% of those aged 18-34 are confident enough to decorate themselves. Less than a third (30%) will change their own light fixture and only 19% would be comfortable putting up a curtain pole or blind. Similarly, fewer than one in five (18%) would hang their own pictures and only 16% would build their own flat-pack furniture.

This lack of DIY confidence is proving costly for young homeowners as the average cost of a painter and decorator is nearly £300 and getting a handyman to put together flat-pack furniture for you will set you back around £70. The percentage of 18-34-year-old homeowners who admit they would get a professional

in are paying an average of £102.20 for a professional to do one small DIY job.

The average prices for professional help to complete the top DIY jobs young people aren't doing themselves are:

1. Painter and decorator (£296).
2. Handyman to build flat-pack furniture (£70).
3. Electrician to change a light fixture (£55).
4. Handyman to put up curtain poles or blinds (£45).

Handyman to hang pictures (£45). Commenting on the findings, Costas Kariolis, head of digital marketing at Anglian Home Improvements, said: 'It's really positive to see that so many homeowners are planning on carrying out home improvements this year, whether they'll be doing it themselves or getting in the professionals.'

'Cost, time and confidence seem to be the main reasons people are more likely to pay someone to help around the house rather than make home improvements themselves. In light of this, we have partnered with various home experts and influencers to provide homeowners with useful and tips on how to save money on DIY projects.'

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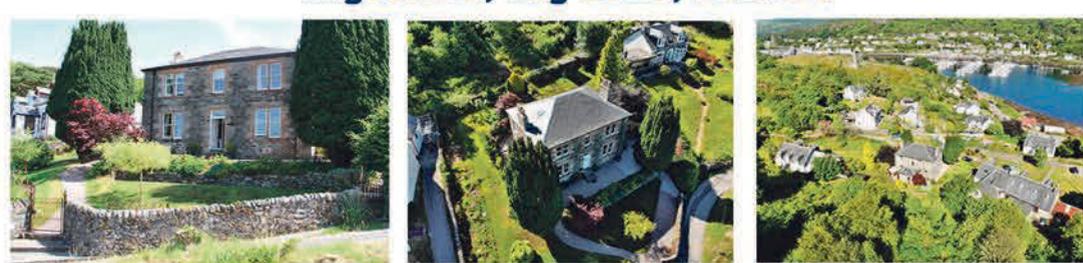
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SFHA, Shelter Scotland and CIH Scotland announce new research to build case for social housing investment post-2021

The aim of the new research project is to establish how many homes are needed in Scotland in the years post-2021 as well as how much additional investment is required to build these new homes.



The Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA), Shelter Scotland, and the Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland have announced their intention to form a partnership to commission new research on housing supply requirements in Scotland post-2021.

As the Scottish Government's programme to build 50,000 new homes between 2016 and 2021 continues into its third year, the aim of the new

research project is to establish how many homes are needed in Scotland in the years post-2021 as well as how much additional investment is required to build these new homes.

The new research follows on from a previous project launched in 2015 by the partners and carried out by researchers from Sheffield Hallam University, University of Sheffield, and the Centre for Housing Research at the University of St Andrews.

Sally Thomas, SFHA chief executive, said: 'We are delighted to be partnering with Shelter Scotland and the Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland on this critical research.'

'It is vital that post-2021, social housing providers can continue to deliver the housing that Scotland needs, and this research will be key to ensuring that happens.'

Callum Chomczuk, the Chartered Institute of Housing

Scotland national director, added: 'We know that all across the country, people are priced out of the housing market and are unable to find a safe, warm affordable home in a place they want to live.'

'We hope this new research will help inform the Scottish Government's affordable housing programme post 2021.'

Graeme Brown, director of Shelter Scotland, said: 'Our housing emergency is the re-

sult of decades of underinvestment in affordable housing in Scotland.'

'While the current building programme includes the largest expansion of social housing since the 1970s much more will be needed to meet the demand that has built up over the last 40 years. This research will give us critical information on what action is needed after 2021 to ensure everyone has access to an affordable safe and secure home.'

The commissioning partners have issued a tender to carry out the research and are now inviting interested researchers to submit their bids.

Any researchers interested in finding out more information about the project should submit their inquiries to the SFHA's research and policy officer, Conor Hill, in the first instance. Telephone either 0141 567 6231 or 07887 888349 or email him at chill@sfha.co.uk.



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Kilninver golden eagle death prompts union warning

Sea eagles are not only killing lambs, but could threaten the future of Scotland's iconic golden eagle - and traditional hill farming - according to a farming union.

The warning comes after reports in the farming press of a golden eagle being killed by a sea eagle at Kilninver, near Oban.

Farmer Colin MacFadyen was busy on his lambing rounds at the low-lying Clachan Farm on April 5 when he noticed a sea eagle pecking at the body of a newborn lamb which had been alive a few hours earlier. Around two feet away was the carcass of a golden eagle.

Quoted in The Scottish Farmer, Mr MacFadyen said: '...it was obvious from the talon marks around its head that the other bird had killed it.'

Colin's father is NFU Scotland Environment and Land Use chairman Angus

MacFadyen, who said: 'This incident is another stark reminder of the invasive and dangerous affects sea eagles have had in some areas since they were reintroduced into Scotland.'

'Sea eagle predation of lambs is a serious issue for hill farmers, like myself, not just around Oban but throughout the west coast and the islands. It is our lives and businesses which feel the devastating effects of losing livestock to these apex predators with little to no recourse to stop it.'

'With sea eagle predation so widespread in these areas, it is difficult for farmers to maintain the centuries-old tradition of self sufficient hefted breeding flocks on these hill farms. These systems are vital to farmers and crofters in these areas and need to be maintained. As this incident shows, it isn't just livestock being negatively affected by these

sea eagle attacks. The native and iconic golden eagle, as we can see from this most recent incident, can also be seriously affected by this intrusive species.'

A spokeswoman for Scottish Natural Heritage said that a post mortem had confirmed the dead golden eagle's injuries were 'consistent with wounds inflicted by the talons of another eagle'.

The spokeswoman continued: 'The two species do interact, sometimes aggressively and are capable of killing each other, and this is natural behaviour. To date we have no evidence that one is negatively affecting the other.'

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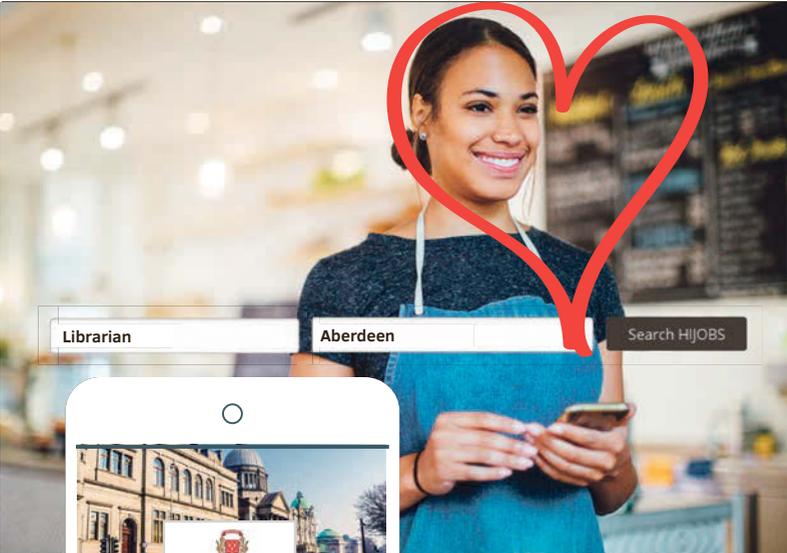
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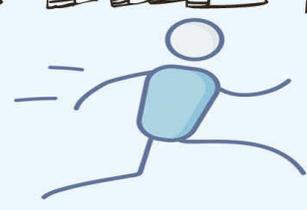
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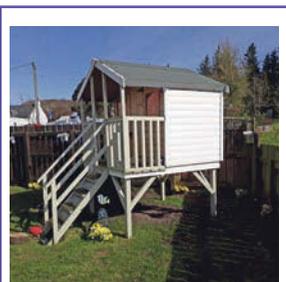
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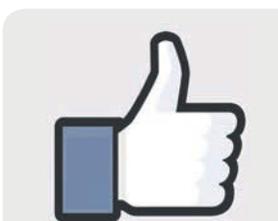
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ISLAY

A fitness class on Islay for all abilities will start on Monday April 29.

Chit Chat's Sian Black will run Fit Islay in the Cyber Cafe in Port Ellen from 11am.

The class can be done seated or standing and it will help improve balance, flexibility and strength. It will cost £2 per session.

To book a place, contact Gill Chasemore by emailing chitchatIslay@outlook.com or call 07569 174299.

■ The first distillery to be built on Islay since 2005 opened its doors to the public last Friday.

Built with a £12 million investment, Ardnahoe Distillery is the fulfilment of a long-held dream by Hunter Laing and Company, Ardnahoe is situated on the island's north-east coast between Caol Ila and Bunnahabhain distilleries.

■ A date has been set for the Big Bowmore Bake Off.

Baking enthusiasts are being asked to bring their delicious creations to the Bowmore Distillery Visitor Centre on Saturday April 20.

The event, which will raise funds for the MacTaggart Leisure Centre, starts at 11am.

'Come along for a cuppa and a free tour, all welcome and lots to see and do,' the organisers said.

JURA

A chilli eating contest is one of the activities that will take place at the Jura curry night to raise money for the island's children and school.

For £15, residents can get

CLACHAN



A busy scene at Clachan sale. And below, Rodger Crooks shows a potential customer his late father's hand-turned bowls.

Clachan table-top sale aids development fund

A busy table-top sale at Clachan Village Hall on Saturday raised around £100 for the Village Hall Development Fund.

There were bargains galore and early shoppers bagged the best deals in home-baking, art, cards, crafts, books and bric-a-brac.

It was a case of 'bring and buy' for some, as stall holders seeking to sell their own wares spotted attractive items on other tables.

Shoppers and stall holders were treated to tea, coffee and delicious

home-baked scones in a friendly, chatty environment.

Hall secretary Zoe Weir said: 'We are working hard to raise funds for the hall which is in quite a bad state of repair.'

'The small events in our own hall help but we also hold bigger events in Tarbert.'

'The next fundraising events will be Family Friendly Wrestling in Tarbert Village Hall on Saturday April 20 and a baking and plant sale in Clachan on May 18.'



a curry of their choice, with rice and sides.

The night starts at 7.30pm in Jura Village Hall tonight (Friday April 19). There will be games and prizes, including the chilli contest.

Tickets can be purchased from Jura Community Shop, Jura Surgery or from Louise by emailing jurajuniors@gmail.com

Islay lifeboat to rescue

Islay RNLI volunteer lifeboat was launched after Colonsay was left without power or communications.

At 8pm on April 3, after a day of power cuts on Islay and Colonsay, the lifeboat was tasked with taking four coastguards from Islay and one from Jura to Colonsay to assist with communications and any emergencies that might arise due to the

on-going power cut. It was believed it might take some time before machinery and Scottish and Southern Energy personnel could get to the island to restore power.

The coastguards were safely disembarked from the lifeboat at Colonsay's Scalasaig pier by 10.45pm and the Helmut Schroder of Dunlossit II returned to Port Askaig, refuelled and was ready for service by 11.30pm.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

Pope Francis knelt and kissed the feet of South Sudan's rival leaders last Thursday in an unprecedented act of humbleness to encourage them to strengthen the African country's faltering peace process.

At the close a two-day retreat in the Vatican for the African leaders, the pope asked South Sudan's president and opposition leader to proceed with the peace agreement despite growing difficulties. Then he got down on his knees and kissed the leaders' feet one by one.

'I express my heartfelt hope that hostilities will finally cease, that the armistice will be respected, that political and ethnic divisions will be surmounted, and that there will be a lasting peace for the common good of all those citizens who dream of beginning to build the nation,' the pope said of South Sudan in his closing statement.

People were moved to tears as the elderly pope struggled to get down on his knees to kiss the feet of two rival leaders. He did it to bring peace.

During the last week of Jesus' life, he too got down on his knees and he washed the feet of his disciples.

Jesus adopted the role of servant to do this menial task of washing feet, which would be less than fragrant having shared the same streets with camels and donkeys who were not exactly house-trained.

Jesus also wished to bring peace, to show that we are all equal in the eyes of God.

Today we stand silent as we think of Jesus dying to show how much God loved us. But on Sunday morning, as we see once again those footprints in the dew, we rejoice that our Lord is risen - to show how much God loves us.

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FOR THE WEEK**

'The Lord ... will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no-one can fathom' (Isaiah 40:28).

MARRIAGES



MUIR - MCGARRIE

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Garry, son of Anne Nelson and the late James Muir, to Gemma, eldest daughter of Robert and Jacqueline McGarrie, in Oban, on Friday, April 5, 2019.

DEATHS

CRAWFORD - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on April 16, 2019, after an illness borne bravely and with great dignity, John Cameron (Cammy) Crawford, in his 79th year, of 4 Dochas Place, Lochgilphead, (former joiner at Argyll and Bute Hospital), beloved husband of Amy, much loved father of Catherine Ann and proud Papou of Andrena and Thomas. Respected father-in-law of George, dear brother of the late Donald Crawford (Dodo) and a very dear uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Wednesday, April 24, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations to Macmillan Nurses, Mid Argyll.

MARTHUR - Suddenly but peacefully, on April 11, 2019, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Mary (Moira) Scally, in her 89th year, beloved wife of the late Jimmy (Shamus), a loving mum of Hilary and a proud granny of Louise.

MENZIES ELLIS - On April 15, 2019, very peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Fiona Ellis (née Clark), in her 85th year, beloved wife of the late Neil Ellis, much loved mother of Colin and the late Isla, dearly loved Bubby of Alexandra, dear sister of Donald Clark and a much loved member of the family. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church, on Tuesday, April 23, at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

ROGERSON - Suddenly, on April 6, 2019, at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, P Iain Rogerson, aged 41 years, of 4 Glengilp, Ardrishaig, most cherished and beautiful son of Marion Rogerson (née Kerr), a dearly loved grandson, nephew and cousin to all the family, and a very good friend to many. Funeral service will

be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Monday, April 22, 2019, at 11.00am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers welcome. A retiral collection will be offered at church service. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Black ties not necessary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SUGARMAN - Gail, Yvonne and family would like to sincerely thank family, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy, by the way of flowers, hampers, cards, letters and telephone calls, following the sudden loss of their dearly beloved father (Len). A special thanks to Rev William Crossan for a very uplifting and fitting service and beautifully worded and poignant eulogy; to David McEwan, organist, for his excellent rendition of hymns and songs; to McIvors for creating the incredible vegetable wreaths at Dad's request - they were just as he would have wanted. Grateful thanks to John McGeachy for his piping at the graveside; to all who travelled near and far to pay their last respects at the church and cemetery, and to those who generously donated in aid of Campbeltown Acute Ward, which raised £777.10. Extended thanks to GPs, nurses and staff at Campbeltown Medical Practice, Boots Pharmacy, girls at McIlchere's, and Campbeltown Motor Company for looking after dad over the years, and more recently to doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital, paramedics, air ambulance and ICU at QUEH. Thanks to Flora and staff at the Seaford Hotel for their warm hospitality and refreshments after the funeral; to Frances and Penny for their care and love shown to Dad, and finally to Kenny and Rhys Blair for their professionalism, compassion and guidance throughout this difficult time.

IN MEMORIAM

GILCHRIST - In loving memory of our much loved mother and mother-in-law, Agnes Jane, died April 25, 2017, in her 88th year. Always in our memory and thoughts.
- George and Bettina.

MAXWELL - In loving memory of Bunty, who sadly passed away April 17, 2013. Always in our thoughts.
- Tom and family.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of my dad, Malcolm Robertson, died April 21, 1994. Always in my thoughts.
- Your daughter, Kelly-Anne.

SMITH - In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Flora J Smith, who died April 19, 2010. Always in our thoughts, sadly missed.
- Inserted by the family, Kilmichael Glassary.

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CHURCH NOTICES

HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH



SC002493
Sunday 21st April 2019
Easter Sunday
"He is not here. He has been raised"
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am
Easter Buffet Lunch in Kirk Street Hall after the service
All welcome

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686
Sunday 21st April
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1 Rev W Crossan
Tuesday 23rd April
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 25th April
Choir Practice
Friday 26th April
Lunch Club 12.00 noon
New Hall

SALVATION ARMY



Friday 19th April
3.00pm Reflections on the cross
Easter Sunday
10.30am Easter Celebration (Army Kidz)
Followed by brunch 6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club 1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Friday 19th April
SKY Youth Group 7.30pm
Sunday 21st April
Family Communion Service 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies
Wednesday 24th April
Bible study 7.30pm at the manse
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www.springbankchurch.co.uk
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ST KIARAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Friday 19th April
Good Friday Devotional Service 10.30am approx
Sunday 21st April
Easter Day
Holy Communion 10.45am

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH



Sunday 21st April
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
3.00pm Christianity Explored
4.30pm Easter Film
Monday 22nd April
4.00pm Road to Recovery
Wednesday 24th April
12 noon
Bible Study & Prayer 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Water of Life Café
All Rodger Crooks' sermons can be found through our website:
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Sunday 21st April
11.00am
Easter Sunday Service
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
Our Sunday service is held at the
Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street PA28 6BL
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH

St. John Street, Campbeltown 01586 552160
Rev Tony Wood
stkieransrc.org
Good Friday
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 3.00pm
Stations of the Cross, 7.00pm (3.00 pm, Islay)

Holy Saturday
Visiting the Lord's Tomb, 8.00am - 6.00pm
The Easter Vigil begins with the Service of Light at 9.00pm
Easter Sunday
10.00am; 4.00 pm (Islay)
All welcome (SC002876)

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Kintrye Christian Fellowship
Meeting to be held on **Friday 26th April** at 7.30pm
in Highland Parish Church Hall, Kirk Street, Campbeltown
Guest speaker: Mr Gavin Mathews, Baptist Church, Perth
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

(The Church of Scotland)
Easter Weekend
Friday 19th April
Good Friday
Evening Reflection in Ardrishaig Church - 6.30pm
followed by Night-time Thoughts in Columba's Cave, Ellary - 8pm
Sunday 21st April
Easter Sunday
Services at Tennis Court, 8am and in Achahoish at 9.45am and Ardrishaig at 11.00am
All Welcome
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Christ Church SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EASTER SERVICES
Good Friday
Christ Church
Lochgilphead - 12 - 1.30pm
The Passion of Our Lord:
Solemn Prayers, Passion Gospel & Liturgy
Easter Day
St Columba's Poltalloch
- 9am
Holy Communion & Hymns (SCO31391)
Christ Church
Lochgilphead - 11am
New Fire, Vigil, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, Sung Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt (SC013787)
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Father Simon Mackenzie 01546 602315

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH

Lochgilphead
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All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
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GLASSARY, KILMARTIN & FORD CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Glassary, Kilmartin & Ford Parish Church Kilmartin
Sunday 21st April 2019
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Rev Robert MacLeod
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NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

charity number SC001002
Sunday 21 April
9am Kilmory Chapel
Easter Worship
Christ is Risen
10am Inverlussa Church
Easter Celebration
Friday 19 April
7pm Bellanoch Church
Good Friday Meditations
Saturday 20 April
10.30am - 12.30pm
Cafe Connect
Achnamara Hall
Thursday 25 April
4-6pm Messy Church
Glassary, Kilmartin & Ford church, Kilmartin
All welcome
www.northknapdale.org

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 21st April 2019
Skipness service 10am
Communion
Rev Christine Fulcher
Tarbert service 11.30am
Mrs Margaret Sinclair
Wednesday 24th April 2019
Kirk Session meeting - 7pm
Church Hall
EVERYONE WELCOME
Tarbert and Kilberry - Charity No: SC002622
Skipness - Charity No: SC004280
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Easter Sunday 21 April 2019
Cumlodden and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Cumlodden Church - 10.00am
Rev Dr Roderick Campbell will lead Sunday worship
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Inveraray Church - 11.30am
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An industrious performance by Ryan McConnachie contributed to Pupils' victory.



Pupils goalkeeper Alasdair Ferguson saves a free kick.

Pupils hold out for victory

Campbeltown Pupils	2
Hillington	1
SAFL Premier Division 1	

This was more like it from the McFadyen-sponsored Pupils team, as an enthusiastic home crowd willed them to victory last Saturday against Hillington.

This came after an excruciating season which saw them draw on no fewer than seven occasions.

The result was also extremely important for a home side in rebuilding mode, putting in a solid team performance against a very good third-placed Hillington squad.

It wasn't a brilliant performance, but it was one of grim determination to see a close-fought match across the line, a much-improved display when not in possession that restricted the visitors to few chances throughout the 90 minutes.

The home team got off to a flier when loose possession presented Donald McCallum with a run on goal. The ex-Dumbarton man made



A strike from Martin McCallum was saved.

full use of his opportunity, outstripping the stranded defence to round the keeper and slide the ball home after only 60 seconds of play.

It was just what the doctor ordered, and a free-flowing Pupils side should have added to their total during the opening exchanges of the match at Kintyre Park.

Nevertheless, the visitors finally managed to quell the

home side's early enthusiasm and, with the advantage of a stiff breeze, began to dictate the pattern of the first half.

Some of their approach work was first class and, after the calamity of sliced clearance under pressure, the home side were fortunate to see the ball bounce off the top of the crossbar to safety.

There was another let-off when a firmly driven free



Pupils player Liam Renton in action on Saturday.

kick was saved by Alasdair Ferguson, the ball rebounding to the forward who crashed the leather off the base of the post.

Both sides had their moments in a tight first half, but the game suddenly sprang to life in the opening minutes of an intriguing second period of contrasting styles of play.

Again, it was that man McCallum who did the dam-

age. The Pupils front runner collected the ball wide on the right, before skillfully beating his defender to send an unstoppable left-footed drive into the far corner of the visitors' net.

At this point it was a deserved cushion for the home side, but the two-goal advantage quickly disappeared on the back of a penalty kick for the visitors.

It seemed an innocuous challenge as both players rose to head the ball, but after some deliberation the kick was awarded for foul play.

Hillington made no mistake from the spot, and once more the game was back in the melting pot.

Well-marshalled by man-of-the-match Fraser Wylie, the Pupils never looked like conceding a second goal, but could have extended their lead when a Martin McCallum strike was brilliantly saved by the Hillington goalkeeper in the closing stages.

An industrious performance by Ryan McConnachie also contributed to the victory, but overall it was a gritty team performance by everyone in a red shirt that eventually won the day.

Campbeltown Pupils AFC would like to thank the local branch of joinery firm Howdens and its manager, Archie Martin, for the kind donation of £200 towards the club's general running costs.

The Pupils have no fixture this weekend due to a break for Easter.



Donald McCallum scored for the Pupils after just 60 seconds of play.



Ross Souden keeps control of the ball.

Fyne Tankard is neatly poised following close first round

Captain Chris Smyth was delighted with the turnout for Tarbert Golf Club's first competition of the season at a blustery Glenralloch last Saturday.

Greenkeeper Graham Prentice had the course in fantastic condition with the drainage work undertaken at the second having an immediate effect coupled with the recent good weather. Scoring was always going to be difficult with the wind changing direction at every turn and making club selection difficult.

One man who didn't have too many issues was Iain Macalister, who was playing well, with an outward nine of 34 shots and one blemish on the back nine when he lost a ball at the 14th but still returned a great score in the conditions.

His total of 71-6 for a net 65 gave him a deserved first round lead.

In second place was Bruce MacNab, who had a disappointing first nine but played a level par round on the back nine for a total of 72-5 for a net 65.

In joint third place were Graham Prentice, James Smyth and Eddie White, who were all on net 69, with Iain MacArthur a couple of shots further back on 71.

With everything still to play for the group is neatly packed for the second round which take place on Saturday April 27.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the club hosts an open day from noon until 3pm and organisers are encouraging new members who may consider taking up the game or past players who wish to return to attend.

There is a session for children of school age from noon until 1pm. From 1pm to 3pm, PGA professional Ken Campbell will be on hand to give his advice.

Last Sunday, April 14, the club's lady members gathered for the High Handicap Cup which saw Sheena Ferguson take the honours with a net 64 with Angela Vernel in second place on 71 and Helen Samborek third on 75.



Some of the winners and runners-up in Argyll Bowling Club's indoor competitions, left to right, are: Kathleen McGougan, Davie Reid, Gavin McLachlan, Moira MacDougall, Jane McCorkindale, Joyce Oxborrow, Linda Brannigan, president Kenny Kerr and Alison Kerr.

Prizes for carpet bowls winners

Before the opening of Argyll Bowling Club's green, heralding the start of the new outdoor season, prizes were presented to the winners of the club's winter carpet bowls season.

Results were as follows. Club triples' winners were Richard Tavensale, Peter Clark and Davie Reid; runners-up - Joyce Oxborrow, Donnie McCrimmon and Gordon Graham. Two-bowl pairs' winners were Kathleen McGougan and Gavin McLachlan; runners-up - Moira MacDougall and Jane McCorkindale. Club pairs' winners were Tosh Christie and Gavin McLachlan;

runners-up - Archie Clark and Davie Reid. Four-bowl three sets winner was Gavin McLachlan; runner-up - Andrew P Ronald. Senior championship winner was Linda Brannigan; runner-up - Moira MacDougall. Vice-President's Shield winner was Gavin McLachlan; runner-up - Davie Reid. President's Cup winner was Gordon Graham; runner-up - Andrew Ronald Snr. Ladies' championship winner was Jane McCorkindale; runner-up - Moira MacDougall. Gents' championship winner was Lee Allen; runner-up - Gavin McLachlan.

Wind batters Mersey Police Cup golfers

The Dunaverty Golf Club members who were courageous enough to face the gale force winds during the Mersey Police Cup had their work cut out to produce a decent score.

Despite almost being blown off their feet on the higher points of the course, Malcolm Ronald and Harry MacLean managed to card net 68s with Malcolm getting the verdict on a better inward and holding off Steve

Garret and Bill Brannigan who both recorded net 69s. Harry MacLean had the best scratch score with a very respectable 78, two shots clear of John Dreghorn. CSS for the day was 66. Results: 1 Malcolm Ronald 86-18=68 (bih), 2 Harry MacLean 78-10=68, 3 Steve Garrett 81-12=69 (bih), 4 Bill Brannigan 82-13=69, 5 Danny Halliday 88-17=71 (bih), 6 Alex Arkell 85-14=71.

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Prizes for carpet bowls winners

Windy conditions at official opening of bowling greens

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The flags flew almost horizontally at Campbeltown's two bowling clubs as the first jacks of the season rolled.

At Campbeltown Bowling Club on Saturday afternoon, president Bobby Dalziel welcomed a good crowd of players who were willing to endure the cold conditions before his wife Lorraine sent the first jack straight down the Stronvaar green.

She was presented with a bouquet of flowers by vice president David Brown's two-year-old daughter, Olivia.

Across town at Argyll Bowling Club, president Kenny Kerr welcomed members and wished them success for the new season, after which there was a minute's silence in memory of those members no longer with us.

The president's wife, Alison Kerr, rolled the first jack of the season and was presented with flowers by her grand-daughter, Charlotte.

Players enjoyed the first game of the new season, with the blustery conditions providing an added challenge.

The green played well thanks to the hard work of greenkeeper Bobby Mathieson.

The presidents were the winners by a narrow margin over the vice presidents. The game was followed by afternoon tea in the clubhouse.



Clockwise from top left: President Bobby Dalziel welcomes players and spectators to Campbeltown Bowling Club; Argyll Bowling Club members with the president's wife, Alison Kerr; vice president David Brown helps his daughter, Olivia, present Lorraine Dalziel with a bouquet of flowers; At Argyll Bowling Club, president Kenny Kerr's wife, Alison, rolls the first jack; Alison Kerr was presented with flowers by her grand-daughter Charlotte; The president's wife, Lorraine Dalziel, rolls the first jack at Campbeltown Bowling Club.



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