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# What is next for former Auchinlee Care Home?

## One of the finest villas in Campbeltown

With bids only reaching £100,000 in the auction room, Auchinlee, one of the most iconic buildings in Campbeltown, stays empty and its future uncertain.

It ran as a care home until March last year and then was put on the market at offers over £250,000, but failed to attract a buyer with an agent.

Interest was so poor that Auchinlee went to auction on Wednesday with SVA Property Auctions Ltd at its sale at Glasgow Trades Hall with a guide price of £275,000.

Classed by Historic Environment Scotland as one of the finest villas in Campbeltown it was built by the famous Glasgow architect Henry Clifford, responsible for many other villas in the town and also St Kieran's Episcopal Church and parsonage.

It was built for a Campbeltown whisky baron, one of the McKersie family.

But it is as a Church of Scotland care home, run by CrossReach, that the building is most fondly remembered. Many Campbeltown families had members who were residents. The home was visited by churches, school pupils and other organisations and was very much a part of town life.

The home offered full-time personal care for people over the age of 65 and specialised in dementia care.

'We got to £100,000 in the room but we did not get anywhere near enough to the guide figure so we did not drop the hammer today,' said Nicola Curry, a senior surveyor with SVA.

'We are going to have to get to work on it, and chase up interest.

'People get in touch with us after auction and quite a few people have been interested in the property so we will have to have discussions and see what interest there is and

talk to the client and see they want to do.'

The Italianate-style three-storey B-listed former villa had a modern two-storey extension added to the east during its care home days. It has 24 en-suite bedrooms, a lift and is in two-and-a-quarter hectares of land. Many of the original internal features remain, including doors, cornices and carved timber chimney pieces and stained glass.

When the building is finally sold, councillors John Armour and Donald Kelly believe the money raised should be returned to Campbeltown to help fund elderly care.

Numbers in the home had dropped before it was closed and those remaining moved to Lorne Campbell Court on the opposite side of the town shortly before the closure in spring last year.

For more on Lorne Campbell Court's first anniversary celebrations, see page five.

## Birthday boy's tractor treat



Angus on the Massey Ferguson tractor.

The Campbeltown branch of an agriculture firm made a wee boy very happy last Wednesday by allowing him to sit on a vintage tractor two days before his second birthday.

Angus Sweeney McKenzie got a chance to sit behind the wheel of a Massey Ferguson tractor which was parked outside Hamilton Brothers, at the Roading, last week.

Angus's family thought it was very decent of the company, which supplies agricultural, construction, ground-care, garden power machinery, forestry and arborist equipment, and animal health products, to let him sit on it for a few minutes and added that it 'made his day'.

'Tractor-mad' Angus later received a farm-themed birthday cake.



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## POLICE FILES

## Arrest

A 28-year-old man was arrested and charged after a report of a woman being assaulted in High Street, Campbeltown, early on Sunday morning.



senger on Saturday afternoon, at Limecraigs, Campbeltown. One man, aged 54 years, was found to be in possession of cannabis. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

## School break-in

Police are investigating after Islay High School, School Street, Bowmore, was broken into at 10pm on Saturday, where a glass pane in a fire door was smashed. Nothing appears to have been stolen.

## Drink driving

A 21-year-old woman who was arrested for driving while above the drink driving limit in Hutcheon Road, Campbeltown, early on Thursday morning, refused to take part in breathalyser test at Campbeltown Police Station.

She was subsequently charged and held for court.

## Drugs search

Police stopped and searched a car, its driver and pas-

## Breach of bail

A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal after police arrested a 29-year-old man on Saturday at Glenside, Campbeltown, after he breached a condition of his bail where he was not to contact a named person.

## Racial abuse

A 47-year-old woman was arrested and charged in Tormhor, Carradale, on Saturday afternoon after she made racially offensive comments and threats of violence towards another woman.

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

## Rotary's 48th charter dinner

The Rotary Club of Campbeltown held its 48th charter dinner at the Argyll Arms Hotel in the town.

The guest speaker at the event on April 19 was Iain Gordon, a senior member of Strathclyde Police, serving with the force from 1979 to 2010, who kept everyone laughing throughout his after-dinner speech.

The club would like to thank the hotel staff for their superb service and helping to make the event such a success.

**Guest speaker Iain Gordon, centre, with Margaret McDowall, treasurer, and John McDowall, president.**



## CAMPBELTOWN SHERIFF COURT

## Breach of bail

A Campbeltown man who breached a bail condition banning him from contacting a woman or visiting her address has been warned to comply or face prison.

James Andrew Deavy,

29, of 16D Davaar Avenue, was given the bail order at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on April 15 but appeared back in court on Monday and pleaded guilty to breaching the conditions after entering the house and approaching the woman last Saturday.

Sheriff Simon Fraser called for a criminal justice social work report and granted a new bail order.

Deferring sentence until May 30, Sheriff Fraser added: 'Let me tell you this, son, if you breach that order again, or the one I have made today, you can expect to be locked up.'

## Man who assaulted woman sentenced

An Ardrishaig man who pleaded guilty to 'punching a DVD player four times' off a woman's head part-way through a Campbeltown Sheriff Court trial has been given a community payback order.

Fraser James Mullaney, 26, of 14 Glenfyne Crescent, admitted repeatedly striking the woman on the head with the DVD player, repeatedly seizing her on the body and punching her on the head, all to her injury, at a Campbeltown address between January 10 and 11 this year.

The offence originally came to light when Mullaney 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 Mullaney told them he been in a fight with a woman and officers rushed to her address where they found her conscious but very shaken.

Sentence was deferred until Monday for a criminal justice social work report to be carried out.

Mullaney's defence agent Ruben Murdanaigum said that the report was good.

Sheriff Simon Fraser said: 'This is your first adult offence - it's not a great start. I'm going to make a community payback order. I'm giving you credit, albeit slight credit, for pleading guilty during the trial.'

He ordered Mullaney to carry out 170 hours of unpaid work within nine months and said he was to remain under supervision for a year.

## Sentence deferred for assault on woman

A Campbeltown man who assaulted a woman has had his sentence deferred.

Matthew Wilson, 28, of 45c High Street, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Monday to assaulting a woman by striking her on the head, to her injury, at a Campbeltown address on April 28 this year.

Sheriff Simon Fraser ordered a criminal justice social work report to be carried out on Wilson, who has no previous convictions.

Deferring sentence until May 30, Sheriff Fraser said: 'If there is any repetition of this behaviour while you are on bail, you will be remanded.'

## CAMPBELTOWN JP COURT

## Fined after hitting motorcyclist

A 76-year-old driver who knocked a motorcyclist from his bike has been fined.

Alexander Gillies, of 7 Castle Park, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty at Campbeltown Justice of the Peace Court on Monday to driving without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other road users after the crash on October 17 last year.

JP Richard Scott imposed a £200 fine and three penalty points due to Gillies' good driving record, but added: 'Nevertheless, this is quite a serious incident.'

## Sentence deferred

Sentence has been deferred on a Tayinloan woman who admitted to driving carelessly.

Catherine Sheila Frances Pendreigh, 72, of The Whins, Ferry Road, pleaded guilty by letter at Campbeltown Justice of the Peace Court to driving without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other road users, after failing to maintain proper lane discipline, repeatedly straddling the centre road lines and entering the opposing carriageway on February 17 this year.

JP Richard Scott deferred sentence until May 28 for Pendreigh to make a personal appearance in court.

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# Video-link consultations for orthopaedic out-patients

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Long journeys for consultations in city hospitals could be a thing of the past for Kintyre patients as a 'hugely successful' remote video-link service was trialled this week.

Five of Campbeltown Hospital's orthopaedic out-patients have officially used Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership's (HSCP) newly-developed Attend Anywhere (NHS Near Me) service, receiving access to orthopaedic specialist consultations remotely.

The video-link service provides an instant link to medical specialists located more than 135 miles away in Glasgow, delivered by NHS Highland and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

The Technology Enabled Care (TEC) aims to provide remote out-patient consultations as close as possible to home for Kintyre patients.

Specialist orthopaedics physicians and surgeons, experienced in treating patients with problems in their muscles, bones, joints and other related structures, can video call patients who meet the criteria for the service.

The service is very similar to technology used in people's own homes to video chat via webcams and platforms such as Skype.

Catriona Watt, Kintyre local area manager, said: 'The service has been developed by the Argyll and Bute TEC team to enable orthopaedic patients to access consultant-led appointments for which patients, as well as family members and carers, would normally have to



travel to Glasgow. The five patients participating in the trial were supported and accompanied by Maisili Ross, MSK advanced physiotherapy practitioner lead, based in Campbeltown surgery, during the virtual clinics.

'I could not be more pleased with the excellent feedback

received from patients, health and social care staff and patients.'

Duncan MacDonald, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde consultant orthopaedic surgeon, said: 'I thoroughly enjoyed the clinic. I found that I was able to interact with the patients well and

Marsaili, the advanced physiotherapy practitioner, was able to demonstrate the examination findings for me, such that it was a close match to being in the same room as the patient.

'I am optimistic that this can be developed as an option for consultations, especially

for those patients living in remote areas.'

Argyll and Bute HSCP staff at the hospital received feedback from patient Linda McKellar after her consultation using the innovative technology.

Ms McKellar said: 'It is an excellent service, which ran perfectly and very professionally. It felt as if the consultant was in the room.'

'I was able to be referred for an x-ray with results reviewed during the session and received a good outcome. It was great not to have to travel too far.'

It is hoped that the service will have a very positive impact on waiting times for patients, improve access to specialists and significantly reduce patients having to travel to Greater Glasgow and Clyde Hospitals.

## Road closures for resurfacing

BEAR Scotland is planning a series of repairs which will mean overnight road closures and 30mph speed limits at different parts of the A83 during May and June.

The work, being carried out on behalf of Transport Scotland, includes essential resurfacing work in places where the restricted road width means closures to ensure the safety of workers.

The work will begin on Wednesday May 15 and run until June 23 with no work taking place on Friday or Saturday nights.

In all but the last location, there is no suitable trunk road diversion available, so it will be necessary to close the road between 7pm and 7am each night.

Where there is no diversion 'amnesty' periods will

**Tayinloan to Killean, five nights between Wednesday May 22 and Tuesday May 28.**

**Ballochroy, five nights between Wednesday May 29 to Tuesday June 4.**

**Erines, five nights between Wednesday June 5 to Tuesday June 11.**

**Middle Kames, one night only, Wednesday June 12.**

be provided when motorists can drive through at: 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am, 4am and 6am.

BEAR Scotland says it encourages people to arrive prior to these times to make sure they can get through. Local access and emergency service access will be maintained at all times.

These A83 closures are: north of Clachan, five nights between Wednesday May 15 to Tuesday May 21.

The final closure at Dunderave, of seven nights' work, will take place between Thursday June 13 and June 23. In the case of the Dunderave closure, there will be a diversion in place between the A82, A85, and A819 which adds another 25 miles to the journey for those travelling between Tarbet and Inveraray.

### Through access

BEAR Scotland says that through access for members of the public will not be permitted during the working hours, but all public bus services and emergency vehicles will have access as usual.

BEAR Scotland and Transport Scotland say that all feedback about the plans should be sent to them before Monday May 6.

Always remember to check on line before travelling and see advice on roadside signs; circumstances may change.



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# Pest controller escapes the rat race for rural Kintyre

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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The owner of a successful Warwickshire pest control business has escaped the city rat race and settled for a quieter life in Kintyre – and you will not fail to spot him out and about.

Matt Jukes, 46, has combined his unique last name with his love of a 1970/80s American television show to create the brand for his new Kintyre business.

Both his work van and his left-hand-drive 400BHP 5.7L Dodge Ram, which itself stands out, are wrapped in eye-catching orange vinyl and sign-written in the style of the General Lee from *The Dukes of Hazzard*.

Matt's training and experience within the industry over the past 18 years mean he can handle any job, from rat



**Pest controller Matt Jukes has relocated to Kintyre. He will be hard to miss in his orange vehicles.**

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'Some pest controllers can only do one or the other.'

Matt's mum, who helped him at the start of his business career and encouraged him to succeed, raised him with a strong work ethic. This meant that with his previous Rugby-based company, which he sold to a competitor, he often worked until 10pm or 11pm each day.

After almost 20 years of this lifestyle, Matt decided it was time for a quieter pace of life.

Throughout his career, he did contracting work for big firms in Scotland and Ireland, and visited Scotland as a tourist, camping at Loch Awe. He always thought it would be a beautiful place to live, so knew where he wanted to come to find a different pace of life.

'Competition down south is dog eat dog,' he said. 'I've moved for a quieter life, in a more rural location, so I'm not in and out of cities like Birmingham every day.'

Matt offers a 24-hour call-out service, so he is always at the other end of the phone to help people out.

He said: 'Some people wait 10 days before calling me out about a wasp nest but wasps

can blind children and cause people to go into anaphylactic shock. If I get the call, I go straight out.

'I care about customer satisfaction; I get enjoyment from seeing people happy.'

In England, he was dubbed 'Happy Matt' because of his positive demeanour and promise of 'service with a smile'.

Matt only moved to Kintyre a few weeks ago, buying a house in Stewarton in April, but already has contracts in place.

He says his prices are transparent with no hidden costs, adding: 'I'm a fair businessman who treats all people with respect. You can't rip people off – business doesn't work like that.'

He added: 'I love my work, it's the best job. I don't just have a job to pay the bills.'

'I've followed my heart and I want to stay here. Kintyre has the best countryside. The beaches and woods – there's nowhere else like it.'

'The country is unspoiled and unique, and everything flourishes. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.'

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and mouse prevention and dealing with wasps and other insects, to bird control and rabbit removal and fencing.

A former gamekeeper, Matt has had a firearms licence for 31 years, and also carries out deer management and tree surgery, and he is a specialist in mole control and trapping.

He says his job is not just about getting rid of pests, but treating the problem so they do not come back.

'I have worked in cities and rurally, so I can handle any job,' Matt told the Courier.

## Register to vote before it is too late

There are only a few days left to register to vote to take part in the European Parliamentary elections.

Voters in Argyll and Bute will join others across the country on May 23 to elect six members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to represent the Scotland region. But, if you want to take part, you must be registered to vote.

The deadline for registration is on Tuesday May 7 – just a few days away.

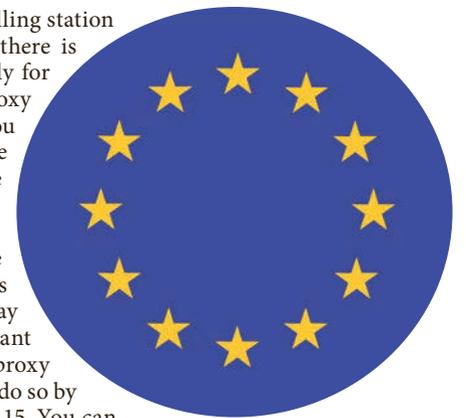
Registering to vote is quick and easy – you can do it online in five minutes at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

You can also get a registration form by calling the Electoral Registration Office on 0800 980 0470.

If you want to vote, but can-

not get to the polling station on polling day, there is still time to apply for a postal or proxy vote, where you appoint someone to cast your vote on your behalf.

The deadline for postal vote applications is Wednesday May 8 and if you want to apply for a proxy vote you need to do so by Wednesday May 15. You can find out more about this at [www.yourvotematters.co.uk](http://www.yourvotematters.co.uk). Some polling stations in Argyll and Bute will change for the European Parliamentary elections. You can find more information, along with details of the



candidates standing for election in Scotland, at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections).

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# Lorne Campbell Court celebrates first anniversary

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Lorne Campbell Court, the extra care housing complex in Campbeltown, has celebrated its first anniversary under new management.

Tenants and their family members were invited to enjoy the activities, refreshments and celebrations.

'Since the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) took over the tenancies of the eight studio flats in Lorne Campbell Court, it has grown from strength to strength,' said Catriona Watt, Kintyre local area manager. 'The HSCP agreed to takeover these tenancies when CrossReach withdrew from Auchinlee care home.

The staff from Auchinlee were transferred to the new facility and are now employed by the HSCP.

'This service allows people, who do not require nursing care, to be cared for in their own home. All eight flats are now occupied and I am delighted that the day support service has moved across to Lorne Campbell Court.'

Lorne Campbell Court has eight self-contained flats which include an en-suite bathroom, small kitchen and living/sleeping space. There is also one respite room of similar design which includes additional security at the entrance. There is also a com-

munal area to promote social activities and events.

The premises officially opened a year ago to provide extra care housing, also known as assisted living, support and services; residents retain independent living and are assisted with daily living tasks and personal care.

Each property is a self-contained flat with its own individual front door. They have the added benefit of care staff being on call 24 hours per day to provide support.

It is all about friendship, making connections, celebrating older and vulnerable people as well as the support and services in place for them.

The event also promoted the day support service being fully operational. This provides an opportunity to have fun and socialise with other people, promoting independence and offers family members and carers respite and is currently held on Tuesday, Thursday and every second weekend subject to criteria.

Aileen MacAulay, the registered manager, said: 'We encourage family and friends of residents and service users to participate in social activities. All staff promote inter-generational relationships, and we welcome children of all ages to spend time with loved ones.'



Staff and residents celebrated together.



Lorne Campbell Court residents enjoyed the event.



HSCP staff attended the party.



There was a special celebration cake.

## Earlier flight times stay in new tender

The timetable for Campbeltown remains unchanged in the new tender for air services published this week.

The formal invitation to tender for the contract to operate the Scottish Government-supported air routes from Glasgow to Barra, Tiree and Campbeltown, which will run for four years from October 25 this year, was unveiled this week.

This next contract to operate the Scottish Government's Public Service Obligation routes is expected to be awarded by the end of the summer; the estimated value of the four year contract is around £20 million.

Prior to this government invitation to interested parties, there was a public consultation. Feedback from the Campbeltown community focused on maintaining the current levels of service and, in particular, the retention of the earlier morning

departure time. Therefore, there will be no changes to the current timetable and the timetable changes made to the Campbeltown service in 2015 will continue.

The invitation includes new measures which will see little-used services from Barra and Tiree removed from schedules to create a bank of rotations which can be deployed at the discretion of local communities.

For Barra, there is the removal of the second daily service on a Wednesday during January and February to create a bank of 10 for the community to deploy at its discretion and the Sunday service increased from one to two daily from the end of May to the beginning of September.

Two seats per day are reserved on the first flight of the day from Barra to Glasgow and on the second flight of the day from Glasgow to Barra for

use by passengers travelling for medical purposes. Any seats not used within three days of the date of travel are made available for general sale.

Tiree sees the removal of the second daily service on a Saturday for the period mid-October to end of March to create a bank of 18 rotations for the community to deploy at their discretion and the island's Sunday service is increased from one to two daily from the beginning of June to the beginning of September.

Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, said: 'These flights play a vital role for the remote communities they serve, so we have spoken with passengers to see how we can make improvements and will keep ticket prices low given the lifeline nature of the services.'

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### Video link provides win-win situation

One of the consequences of living in a remote, rural area has always been having to travel long distances for specialist medical consultations – until now.

The trial this week of video-link consultations with an NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde consultant orthopaedic surgeon for five Campbeltown patients could be the first step in changing that.

People's time is valuable and the Skype-like calls mean neither the patients nor the medical professionals have to travel for hours to attend appointments.

The cost to individuals and the NHS of patients travelling to Glasgow via bus and plane must be significant.

And there has never been greater awareness of the issue of climate change, with the recent Extinction Rebellion protests in London making national headlines.

Thousands of protesters blocked off roads in the capital city and called on the government for action to reduce carbon emissions to zero by 2025.

The wonders of modern technology could provide a win-win solution – giving people easier access to medical care as well as reducing carbon emissions.

### Are Alex Orr's letters fake?

Sir,  
In March you published a letter from John R Newall pointing out how inappropriate he thought it that the Courier chose to publish letters from an Alex Orr of Edinburgh when these letters were political promotional material from a professional organisation, promoting the SNP and would have been better published in a national newspaper.

As I was quite sure Mr Orr is not a reader of the Courier I replied to him personally by Royal Mail at the Edinburgh address he provided with his letter. All I added was the postcode for that address.

Today my letter was returned to me, stamped 'Not known at this address'.

It appears that not only is Mr Orr misrepresenting himself as a private citizen in his letters to the Courier, even his address is fake.

**Brian Gee,**  
Lefkara, Carradale East.

### Insufficient consultation over pylon scheme?

Sir,  
I was out and about in Tarbert recently getting updated by my constituents and local businesses on many pressing issues.

With the village heading into the busy tourist season, the lack of parking spaces in certain areas will become more and more prevalent, all the more so with the ever increasing amount of traffic going towards Islay.

I will continue to seek local advice on how to resolve the challenges and make sure they are relayed on to our roads department.

While the upgrades to the electrical grid capacity are much needed, I have been listening to concerns about the plans to erect numerous huge pylons along the picturesque Tarbert skyline. Many locals have commented that there has been insufficient public consultation and many of my constituents have pointed out that, with some changes to pylon positioning, much of the adverse visual impact could be mitigated.

I have also been sent pictures and videos of the cemetery road which has numerous large potholes and craters. Many Tarbert residents have informed me that if we, in the council, cannot help to provide a solution then a community solution should be looked at.

It was great to catch up with local residents in Tarbert and I look forward to being back there very soon.

**Councillor Alastair Redman,**  
Kintyre and Islands ward.

### Scots builders buck trend

Sir,  
Scotland's small building firms had a strong start to 2019, in contrast to the UK construction small- and medium-sized enterprise (SME) sector, according to the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) Scotland.

The FMB State of Trade Survey for the first quarter of 2019, the only quarterly assessment of the UK-wide SME construction sector, showed SME workloads declined for the first

time in six years. In Scotland, however, there was a jump of 10 per cent compared with the previous quarter. Thirty per cent of weighted responses were positive, up from 20 per cent from the fourth quarter of 2018.

It is encouraging the Scottish construction industry is bucking the wider Brexit trend with workloads and inquires in rude health.

Scotland's good fortune could be due to fewer EU workers being based north of the border compared with other parts of the country, such as in London where one in three construction workers is from the EU.

Because it relies less heavily on migrant workers has meant the Scottish construction industry hasn't fallen foul of thousands of EU workers returning home during the long march to Brexit due to no longer feeling welcome in the UK or sure of their future here.

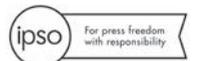
Scotland's builders, however, must not be complacent. Looking ahead, the First Minister has indicated that if the UK does leave the EU later this year, she wants a second independence referendum before the next Scottish Parliament election in 2021. This additional political uncertainty, on top of the continued uncertainty stemming from Brexit, could impact on the construction sector in Scotland.

The fear is a looming second referendum could test consumer confidence this year and next. For construction SMEs, this is particularly concerning as their prospects are vulnerable to dips in consumer confidence as so much work comes from the private domestic sector.

**Gordon Nelson,**  
Director of FMB Scotland.

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## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK

This group of multicultural walkers stopped for a photograph, taken with a self-timer, when they got to the Sailor's Grave at the Inneans.

They were on a Sunday afternoon/early evening circular walk from Ballygroggan to the Inneans, via the Kintyre Way earlier this month, returning via Beinn ne Faire and Craigaig.

This was the first time the walkers, whose nationalities are Scottish, English, Danish and Italian, ventured out as a group.

They were joined by Breagh, a very local Scottish chocolate Labrador, almost five years old. She was born in Drumlembie, the first born of the famous litter of 15 puppies, and has walked most areas of Kintyre and the mull.

Pictured at the Sailor's Grave are, from left: Jill Denton, Andrea Belocchi (below), George Mcsporran, Valentina Cataldi (below), Anette Andersen, with Breagh the chocolate Labrador.



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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

Friday May 1, 2009

### Junior pipers and drummers shine

Castlehill Primary School resounded to the sound of pipes on Saturday at the Kintyre Piping Society's annual junior piping championships.

This draws a lot of pipers from far and wide and they came from the Isle of Skye, Ireland, Perth and from the south in Dumfries.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday May 6, 1994

### Bevvying in public is banned!

Argyll and Bute District Council approved plans to ban drinking of alcohol in public places last week – with Campbeltown one of the first towns to be highlighted.

Oban, Tobermory, Inveraray, Lochgilphead and Dunoon will also be covered to begin with by the new byelaws, which will be drawn up after consultation with police.

Members pushed ahead with the proposed ban despite reservations from Strathclyde Police, who advised councillors that public drinking and most forms of unacceptable behaviour were already covered by existing laws.

Campbeltown Chief Inspector James Dorward said: 'It's a concern to us that the public are drinking out of bottles removed from premises legally as these can be used as missiles and offensive weapons.'

'These byelaws are possibly in response to this, and will give us the power to act in circumstances where we currently cannot. We would be looking for the co-operation of licensees.'

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday May 1, 1969

### Youth is praised for helping police

A 16-year-old youth was praised in Campbeltown Burgh Police Court on Monday for the assistance he gave to the police when they were trying to deal with a disturbance in and outside the Victoria Hall on Saturday April 12.

Bailie Archibald McCallum said that his action was highly commendable and he wished that other people would follow the youth's example and help the police in the execution of their duty.



Kintyre Piping Society's annual junior piping championship competition prize-winners, left to right, back row: Craig Barbour, Fiona Mitchell, Graham Harris, Scott McLean, Laura McMillan, David McFadyen. Front: Bradley Parker, Seamus O'Baoighill, Connor Sinclair.

## Awards for lifeboat service

At the annual meeting of the Scottish Council of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in Edinburgh last week, the usual list of awards to honorary workers and to lifeboatmen was intimated.

These included the award of the Silver Satulette to Mrs J A Eamey, Drumore House, honorary secretary of the Campbeltown Ladies' Lifeboat Guild, and the British Empire Medal to Mr Duncan McCallum, Ralston Road, who has been station motor mechanic of Campbeltown lifeboat for 30 years.

Mrs Eamey received her award from the Countess of Haddington, and Mr McCallum will be presented with his medal by the Lord

Lieutenant of Argyll, Sir Charles Maclean of Duart, in Campbeltown on June 10.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday May 3, 1919

### Marriage in Lochend UF Church

A pretty wedding was solemnised in Lochend UF Church on Wednesday when Mr Neil Macmichael, Indian Civil Service, youngest son of the late Rev Neil Macmichael, Craignish, was married to Miss Margaret M S Macnish, third daughter of the late Hugh Macnish, Esq, Greenwood, Assam, and of Mrs Macnish, Campbeltown.

A large party of invited guests attended, and

there was also a very big general congregation. The bride, who was attended by Miss Jessie I Pearson as bridesmaid, was given away by Mr Duncan MacCallum, East Cliff. Dr J P Brown, DSO, was best man.

The officiating clergymen were the Rev B B Blackwood, BD, LRAM, assisted by Captain the Rev David C Macmichael, BD, St Andrew's Kirk, Colombo, brother of the bridegroom. The musical part of the service was led by the church choir, Miss Jen Brown, LRAM, presiding at the organ.

The bride wore a gown of ivory satin and georgette with train; her tulle veil was fastened with myrtle and silver roses; she wore a string of pearls and carried a sheaf of arum lilies tied with white tulle, gifts of the bridegroom.

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A German visitor to Gigha brought life to the legend of the brownie from the neighbouring isle of Cara.

Emma, aged eight, drew a picture of what she imagined the mythical creature to look like and shared it with the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust.

Many children from Gigha

and Kintyre were raised on tales of the 'broonie', with some accounts describing him as a happy-go-lucky fellow, and others depicting a more mischievous character.

A rock at the south end of Cara has become known as the brownie's chair and visitors to the island regularly pose for photographs in his 'seat'.

Cara, which covers 0.25 square miles and reaches an elevation of 56m, is now only home to a herd of feral goats since its last inhabitant left in the 1940s. There is one house on the island which is used as a holiday home.

The island had been inhabited for centuries, with 22 people recorded as living on the island in the 1700s.

Cara has been termed 'the last island of the Lord of the Isles', as it is still owned by direct descendants of the ancient Scottish leaders, the MacDonald family of Largie Estate, Tayinloan.

Visitors, often named Cara themselves and desiring to set foot on the island after which they are named, regularly seek the services of Gigha's

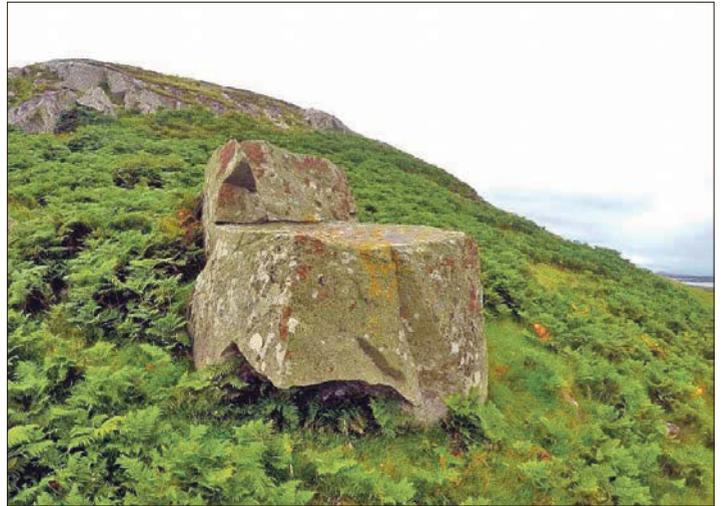
fishermen and boat owners to get to the island, which is not serviced by a ferry.

One tale about the Cara brownie suggests that he is responsible for the five-metre tall standing stone at Beacharr, near Tayinloan, on the mainland.

Legend has it that a member of Clan Campbell, enemies of the MacDonalds, landed on Cara. Incensed, the brownie, who is tasked with protecting the island's owners, transformed into a giant to chase the Campbell from the island. During the chase, a stone became stuck in his shoe and, in a fit of rage, he pulled it out and threw it across the ocean. The story goes that the stone landed on the hill at Beacharr where it stands today, overlooking the islands opposite.

Gigha Coast and Countryside Group, which organises regular walks around Gigha during the summer months, tries to visit Cara at least once a year.

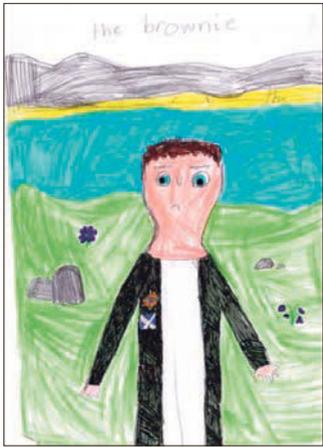
Member John Bannatyne took these photographs of the island during one of those visits.



The brownie's seat – a rock formation at the south end of Cara.



The standing stone at Beacharr, overlooking the islands of Cara, on the left, and Gigha, right.



Emma's drawing of the Cara Brownie.



The only inhabitants left on Cara – a herd of feral goats.



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## NHS Highlands on hunt to fill top position

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The part-time post of NHS Highland chairman requires a commitment of at least three days per week for a remuneration of £31,149.

Professor Boyd Robertson, former principal of Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the Gaelic college based on Skye, was appointed as the interim chairman in February.

Iain Stewart, the chief executive of NHS Highland, said: 'The health board is undertaking service redesigns in Skye, Lochalsh and South West Ross, Caithness, Badenoch and Strathspey and Lochaber as well as building a new elective care centre in Inverness.

'We are also utilising modern technology to make it easier for patients to access appointments. At the same time, we are looking to balance our books by delivering significant savings.'

The Burnside could soon have an outside drinking area if the planning issues can be resolved.

# Burnside bar outside drinks area is delayed

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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A bar owner's wait for permission to install an outdoor seating area, first proposed nearly five years ago, will go on for a while longer after licensing chiefs ordered a site visit.

James McLean, of the Burnside Bar on Burnside Street, Campbeltown, made an appeal for a variation of his premises' licence at the meeting of Argyll and Bute licensing board on Tuesday April 23.

He is worried that any further delay would mean missing out on another season, but the variation could not be granted until board members have visited the bar.

Board chairman Councillor David Kinniburgh pledged that the visit will take place as soon as possible.

A report produced in advance of the meeting said: 'The applicant is seeking

permission for an outdoor drinking area of both tables and chairs on Harvey's Lane, which is located immediately outside the premises.

'The applicant proposes to enhance the bar with hanging baskets and pot plants and safety barriers to attain a pleasant environment as experienced in many towns and cities.'

At the meeting, Mr McLean said: 'We have had these drawings and proposals for about five years and we just want to see if we can go ahead with getting an outside licence.'

Councillor Rory Colville said: 'Speaking with an officer, who confirmed that the paperwork has gone through, it is no longer a road beside where you want the outdoor area - it is a pavement.'

'I wonder, given that there has been some correspondence, might it be worth a site visit?'

Councillor Kinniburgh said: 'The thought that is

occurring to me is that we have traffic policy guidelines about pavements being 1.8m wide.

'I know from the plans that this pavement is 1.2m wide. If the pavement was to be widened to 1.8m, would you still be able to carry out what you are proposing?'

Mr McLean confirmed that he would still be able to carry it out, but he added on the possibility of a site visit: 'If we need to wait, it is another year gone. Can we not go ahead in the meantime?'

Councillor Kinniburgh replied: 'I am not sure that would be the advisable route to go, but if the site visit takes place in May, it might be possible to issue a decision on that and we may give you the opportunity to carry out the work from there.'

'You may miss out on some of the season, but in view of what we are talking about, our intention would be to have the site visit in a couple of weeks or so.'

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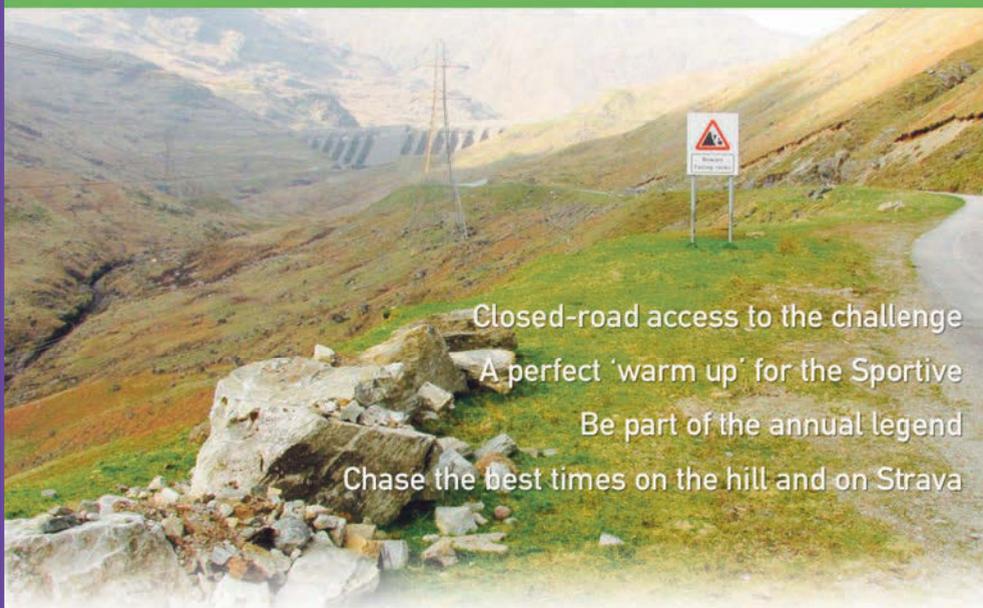
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# School focuses on Fairtrade



Home economics classes made Fairtrade bunting.

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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Second-year students at Campbeltown Grammar School put Fairtrade in the spotlight during the recent Fairtrade Fortnight.

Pupils learned about and raised awareness of the issues facing farmers in the

Third World, with particular emphasis on cocoa farmers in West Africa, and the difference that Fairtrade makes to sustainable farming both in terms of livelihoods and long-term sustainability and economic growth.

A school spokesperson said: 'Mr Wilson's religious education department focused on

Fairtrade and the economic empowerment of women in Cote d'Ivoire.

'Home economics, under Ms Woodrow, made delicious banana cakes and banana curries, along with bespoke bunting to promote Fairtrade around the school.

'Mrs MacGregor's S2 pupils, impressed by the difference

Fairtrade makes to so many lives, asked to write an article.'

The Courier has judged these and the winning entry, by Jamie Duncan, is here.

Jamie, 14, told that Courier that English is his favourite subject and he hopes one day to become an English teacher or a journalist.

## What is Fairtrade?

by Jamie Duncan  
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We are so lucky.

We can afford nice food and shelter. However, people around the world cannot even support their families.

Some of the poorest people in the world are cocoa farmers who live in West Africa. They work so hard every day but do not get paid, although in the UK the chocolate industry is worth £4 billion.

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Jamie Duncan.  
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Members of the successful the James McCorkindale School of Dancing.

## Windfarm funding boost for dance school

Financing trips to competitions is always a headache for any Campbeltown organisation - everywhere is a long way away from here.

The venues can be far afield and that has been the case for the students of the James McCorkindale School of Dancing; they have recently been invited to the North American Highland Dance Championship in Las Vegas in July and have just taken part in the Forth Bridges competition in Dunfermline.

For more than 40 years the James McCorkindale School of Dancing has been teaching young people in Kintyre Highland dancing and today the school has

more than 40 students.

The Tangy wind farm project team has helped out; while friends and family are constantly fundraising within the local community for the school, the Tangy project team thought that some additional funding would help to ensure the competitions could be attended by as many members as possible.

James said: 'It's so important to ensure that every member of our dance group has the opportunity to compete in one of these wonderful competitions, so it was great to hear that SSE Renewables was happy to help support us.'

'Competitions like the

North American Highland Dance Championships and the Forth Bridges competition are amazing experiences for the school and we are so grateful to all of our local supporters and projects like SSE Renewables' Tangy wind farm for their help raising some much-needed funds.'

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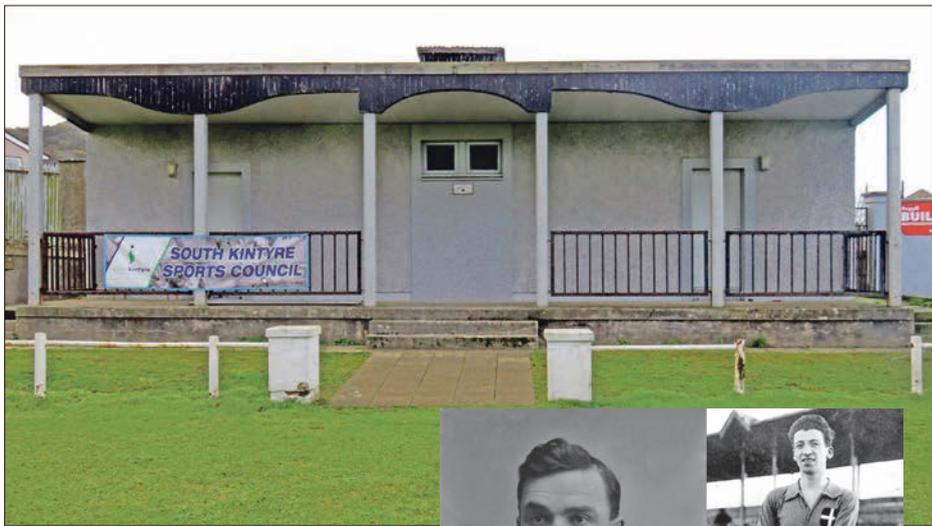
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# Historic home of Pupils AFC



The entrance to Kintyre Park, the home of Campbeltown Former Pupils AFC.



There are plans to renovate and extend the existing pavilion.

Famous former Pupils players include Hugh Smith (Sheffield Wednesday), left, and Johnny Moscardini (Lucca, Pisa, Genoa and Italy), right.

Campbeltown's historic Kintyre Park is set for a make-over this year – at least that is the hope of the park's current leaseholders, Campbeltown Former Pupils AFC.

Better known in the community as the 'Pupils', the town's Scottish Amateur Football League's representatives are determined that the club's 100th anniversary will be celebrated with a new extension to the changing accommodation.

This will free up space for the modernisation and renovation of the existing dressing room space, installation of a new showering/water heating system, full electrical rewiring and the provision of a new pavilion roof.

The club, by virtue of its main office bearers, has been leaseholder of the community ground since 1984, during which time it has rebuilt the original changing pavilion, re-drained the playing surface and replaced most of the perimeter enclosure.

Nevertheless, time has taken its never-ending toll on the existing facilities and it is now crucial that a further renovation project be set in motion, to upgrade and maintain the park for the benefit of future generations.

The club got the ball rolling in August 2014, when a surprise anonymous donation was received to kick-start proceedings.

Since then, further support

has been forthcoming from Campbeltown Common Good Fund and the Machrihanish Air Base Community Company – two donations that made it possible for the club to think realistically about taking its long-term ambitions to the next level.

Along with its own fundraising contribution, the club can look forward to a recent successful application to the Tesco Bags of Help Fund, the result of which will be decided by customers via the popular blue token system at the store's local Lochend branch during May and June.

Planning permission and a building warrant are now in place, and the club will approach a number of national funding agencies to seek help with the balance of funding.

Kintyre Park – in football terms – is the place of sporting legends; an observation born from memories that hark back to the days of junior football and the vast crowds that once populated the terraces at Limecraigs.

In the halcyon days of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s, attendances were numbered in their thousands, an age that bore witness to a record-breaking crowd of 3,500

A shot from the iconic Campbeltown United versus Loanhead Mayflower match of 1957.



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# in line for renovations



for the Campbeltown United v Loanhead Mayflower fifth round Scottish Cup tie during February 1957.

Amazingly, the first two clubs to use flight as a mode of transport for non-league competition – Scottish Junior Cup – did so within weeks of one another, and both to Machrihanish Airport.

Loanhead booked a private plane to fly from RAF Turnhouse, now Edinburgh Airport, to grab victory against Campbeltown United in February of that year, but were preceded the previous month by Aberdeen champions, Mugiemoss, who used

the same mode of transport from Dyce Airport in January 1957. It was a rather mud-splattered occasion that finished in a 2-2 draw, an unforgettable match only surpassed by United's 3-2 away victory in the following week's replay at Linkfield Stadium, Aberdeen, a success that created wild celebrations on the streets of the town.

It is hoped that Kintyre Park will continue to represent all that is good about football in a remote outpost of the 'world's favourite sport', a game of the people that has existed locally in its organised association rules form since 1878.

With the loss of the famous Showfield, now Smith Drive, to housing in 1925 a new government scheme was put in place to help the unemployed, especially soldiers who had been promised a land fit for heroes on their return from the Western Front in 1918.

The park project was labour intensified to create as many jobs as possible, in some cases sharing employment was the order of the day. The park was finally opened in 1930 and continues to this day as the hub of football in the community.

In recent times, Campbeltown Former Pupils' main sponsor, McFadyen Contractors, has helped to make the ground fit for purpose by providing shield drainage and by sub-soiling the playing surface.

There is still a lot of work needed to bring the playing surface up to modern standards, but the club and community are extremely grateful for the help provided by the town's main civil engineering contractor.

A club spokesman has highlighted the importance of the next phase of the park's development – that of providing much improved changing accommodation.

Hopefully, this can be achieved in the very near future and help an old companion of local football to make it into the 21st century and beyond.



Neil McKay, Alex McKinven and Campbell Robertson after the Pupils' 2000 Scottish Amateur Premier League win.



The Pupils players who were crowned 1983 Scottish AFL third division champions and Oban Sevens champions.



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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

## Silver Steppers transported back in time

Words and photographs  
by Hannah O'Hanlon  
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Swing music from the 1930s and 1940s transported some of Campbeltown's best movers back in time.

Oban-based band The Spotlight Boogies, dressed in era-appropriate clothing, performed a selection of songs at a tea dance organised by Michele Prout of Argyll and Bute TSI's 1000 Voices.

The tunes at last Saturday afternoon's event in the Masonic Hall included Don't Fence Me In, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Move Over



Darling and One Fine Day.

Also taking to the stage was Robert McCallum, whose songs, including Amarillo

and Johnny B Goode, tempted many dancers on to floor.

Some of those with the best moves, including expert

**The Spotlight Boogies entertained the audience.**

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line dancing steps, travelled to Campbeltown with one of Michele's Helensburgh-based colleagues.

The Campbeltown group sometimes travels to other dances organised by Argyll and Bute TSI offices in towns throughout Argyll.

The £5 admission fee included tea, coffee and homebaking, all of which were served at the mid-way interval, after which an

extensive and varied raffle was drawn.

Michele said: 'Thank you to everyone here today for supporting our Silver Steppers event and all organisations and individuals, including Campbeltown Picture House, John Strang Contractors, Argyll Bakeries, The Hardware Store, Tesco, and Margaret and Ali at Argyll and Bute TSI, who made today possible.'

'Special thanks go to The Spotlight Boogies and Robert McCallum for entertaining us.'

As well as organising tea dances, 1000 Voices supports other groups aimed at over-

65s, including Aqua Buddies, Cinemates, Friendly Yarns, The South Kintyre Seniors Forum, The Happy Bus, and Retired Not Expired.

Michele added: 'TSI in Campbeltown provides knowledge to suit local people, listens to what is wanted and helps in the best way to suit their needs.'

For more information, contact Michele on 01586 554744.

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Robert McCallum sang toe-tapping tunes. 50\_c18silversteppers02



Mary McAlister, Kathleen McGeachy and Anne Brown. 50\_c18silversteppers07



A group from Helensburgh enjoying the Campbeltown hospitality. 50\_c18silversteppers04



Sheena Ward and Wanda McLellan. 50\_c18silversteppers09



The dance floor was packed at the tea dance. 50\_c18silversteppers01

A group of Kintyre Care Home staff and residents enjoyed the atmosphere. 50\_c18silversteppers08



From left: Michele Prout, Lesley Mitchell, and 'chief raffle runner' Fraser Gildea, seven, from Helensburgh. 50\_c18silversteppers05

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# Former X Factor star's Campbeltown date

Singer Louise Setara wowed the judges on X Factor and she is off to Nashville, Tennessee, to record in July but in between she is going to be performing at a charity concert in Campbeltown, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

The event, which will feature Campbeltown guitarist Sam Hales and local bands Western Sound and The Endorphins, is to raise funds for extra-curricular activities at Campbeltown Grammar School.

'I have visited Glasgow and Edinburgh with shows in the past but never had the chance to explore Scotland,' said Louise. 'I am so looking forward to it.'

She added: 'I was really excited when Trish [Collins] called me asking me to take part; fundraising events like this are important.'

Louise Setara is a singer-songwriter and her blend of gospel, soul and country has a very personal approach.



Singer-songwriter Louise Setara.

'I am a storyteller; each song tells a story about something in my life,' she said.

And she added how much she was looking forward

to the event: 'I have heard that everyone in the town is supporting the event to raise money for the school. I can't wait.'

# Full house for tw

It was eyes down for a full house at a prize bingo and raffle in aid of the Kintyre Maternity Services Users Group, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Last Thursday evening's event at Argyll Bowling Club raised essential money for the maternity unit but the amount raised had not been finalised by the time the Courier went to press.

The following evening, Campbeltown Bowling Club hosted a quiz and gin tasting evening in aid of Kintyre Pipe Band Association.

Quiz master Helen Gilchrist kept visitors' brains working as Emma Macalister Hall and Su Black from Beinn an Tuiric Distillers, the band's sponsor, served up bramble berry cocktails.

The event raised £608.

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Sarah Ellis, Heather Parkhouse and Sára Hegedúsné Juhász had their eyes on the prizes.



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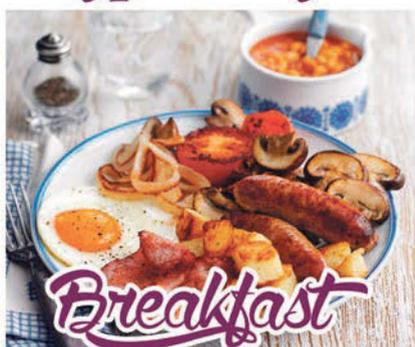
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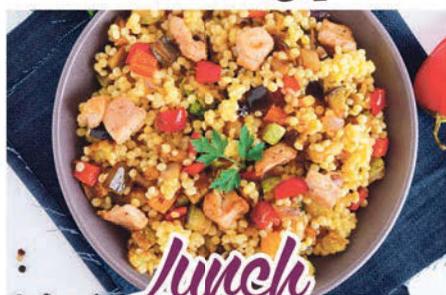
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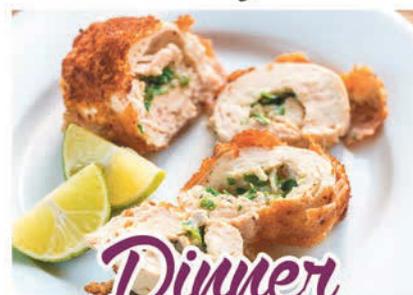
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# Two fundraising nights



Argyll Bowling Club was packed.



George Harrison, left, Fiona Watson, Tommy Blue and Julie Blue, pipe major of the 3A Bienn an Tuirc band.



Siobhan McDonald, Fiona Mitchell, pipe major of Kintyre Schools Novice B pipe band, and Carlyn MacMillan.



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# Newest young farmers muck in at fundraiser

Some of Campbeltown Young Farmers' newest recruits mucked in at their first event on Saturday.

A few of the nine youngsters who signed up to join the group at a recent new members' night helped out at a coffee morning in Campbeltown Town Hall. The event featured a raffle, homebaking and bottle stall.

Some potential members enjoyed juice and biscuits at the event, while their parents sipped tea and coffee.

Everyone aged 14 to 30 is welcome to join Campbeltown Young Farmers, whether a farmer or not, and organisers say it is a great way of making new friends.

A spokesperson said: "Thank you very much to everyone who came along and supported our coffee morning. We raised a fantastic £594.94 for the club."



Lewis Anderson, Toby Welch, Alison Millar, John Pirie and Craig Barbour. 50\_c18youngfarmers01



Louise Macintyre, Alison Currie and Jennifer Littleton behind the baking stall. 50\_c18youngfarmers03



Left: Donna McPhee, Kitty Millar, Donald McLean, nine, Linda McLean and Kate McLean, seven, at the town hall event. 50\_c18youngfarmers07



Kathryn Semple, John Bateman and Jenny Semple sold raffle tickets. 50\_c18youngfarmers02



Left: new recruits Heather Millar, Caitlin Russell and Chloe McPhee welcomed guests to the coffee morning. 50\_c18youngfarmers06;  
Below: Denise Reid with her sons Archie, three, and Jack, four, and her mum, Meggie Robertson. Baby Craig is asleep in the pram behind. 50\_c18youngfarmers05



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# Valais Blacknose sheep is a first for Kintyre farming

A young farmer from Kintyre has introduced the first Valais Blacknose sheep into the area and now she wants to find out what local crafters could make from its highly-prized wool.

Caitlin Ronald has just completed her HNC in agriculture with Argyll and Oatridge Agricultural Colleges and is working towards her HND.

She has bought, she believes, the first ever Valais Blacknose ram to Kintyre and will be adding some ewes to her flock once lambing is over.

'I have always liked this breed and found a breeder who lives near Ayr,' said Caitlin.

And so she bought Fin Westwood of Glenstockdale, who is known to his friends as Mumfy.

This Swiss breed looks like it has escaped from the pages of a children's picture book, with its black face and leg markings.

But looks aside, from a farming

point of view, it is a very hardy breed and its wool commands high prices – at present anything from £25 to £50 for a fleece. The Valais Blacknose is bred primarily for its wool and fleeces can weigh around 4kg.

Caitlin described it as a lovely, soft and high-quality wool. She said: 'I want to find out what local crafters would make of this wool, for spinning, knitting and felting. It would be good to think that we could have some Kintyre Valais crafts.'

You might be able to catch sight of this latest addition to the neighbourhood at this year's Kintyre show, as Caitlin is thinking of showing him.



Caitlin Ronald with Kintyre's first Valais Blacknose sheep, Mumfy.  
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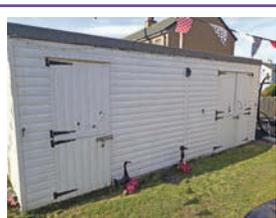
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ISLAY

**This year's Islay Mòd is cancelled**

Due to unforeseen unavoidable circumstances Islay's local Mòd will not take place this year.

Originally planned for June 15, the local Mòd Ile committee decided that it would not be possible to run the event to the standard the island expects.

Commenting on the decision, acting committee chairman Neil Baker said: 'This was a hard decision to make but we did not feel we had the capacity to deliver our Mòd this year. Our apologies go out to disappointed supporters and competitors.'

'However, we plan to use this breathing space constructively. We are looking hard at Mòd activities with the aim of being back better and stronger for 2020.'

'We will be seeking out best practice from other Mòds around Scotland and looking to other events for fresh ideas. A meeting will be held on June 11 so that all interested Iealach and stakeholders can input their views and ideas.'

'We want to retain what is best about our event but keep it fresh for the coming years.'

ARDRISHAIG

**Windy weekend**

Allt Dearg and Srondoire community wind farms will be open between Friday May 3 and Sunday May 5 for the monthly open weekend. Car parking will be available near Stronachullin Farm as signposted.

Allt Dearg community wind farm is locally owned and controlled by a partnership of local landowners, investors and the Ardrishaig community.

Nearby Srondoire consists of three turbines accessed from the existing wind farm track.



The turbines are part-owned by the communities of Tarbert and Skipness to the south and Kilfinan across Loch Fyne to the east.

TARBERT



Vikings will return to the shores of Tarbert once again. 06\_a28Vikings02

**Become a Loch Fyne Viking friend**

Would you like to be a friend of the Loch Fyne Viking Festival?

The event is busy crowd-funding to help ensure its sustainability and is in the process of establishing itself as a not-for-profit social enterprise with charitable status.

Becoming a 'friend of the festival' will allow you to receive updates and information about future developments and events.

All money raised will be used to meet festival costs and in development, events and workshops.

Loch Fyne Viking Festival

was established in 2014. This year Scottish, Northern Irish and Scandinavian Viking groups will descend by longship on Tarbert from July 12-14. New for 2019 is the building of a junior longship.

Visit the festival Facebook page to find out more.



The new entry gate arrangement at Tarbert Castle.

**Tarbert Castle's new entry gate arrangement**

It is hoped that a new entry gate arrangement will encourage visitors to make a donation on their way to Tarbert Castle.

The new shelter covers a kissing gate, above the steps which lead from Harbour Street, giving entry to the castle grounds.

A castle spokesperson said: 'Visitor numbers have increased every year. Hopefully, it will work towards encouraging visitors to donate just 50p each to help us work towards a sustainable maintenance plan, keep access routes in good safe condition and help with the care of our grass-cutting Hebridean sheep.'

**Thought for the Week**  
with Marilyn Shedden

Throughout the country in the next few weeks, many churches will be displaying white ribbons both outside and inside their buildings.

This suggestion has come from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Rt Rev Susan Brown.

The moderator has asked for churches throughout the country to display white ribbons as a symbol of solidarity and peace for those Christians, hotel guests and all who were victims of the atrocities in Sri Lanka on Easter morning.

The moderator said: 'Everyone has been stunned and shocked by the events of Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka. Churches the length and breadth of Scotland have joined with others throughout the world in praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ since that awful day when Christians gathered to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and lost their lives so violently. We have remembered, too, those in the hotels targeted.'

We cannot begin to imagine what could drive people to inflict such brutality on other human beings and cause such devastation and heartache.

To optimise killing at a time of worship and at a time when children would be present is quite beyond our comprehension.

Christians throughout the world were celebrating the promise of new life, of hope and of love when these multiple blasts of violence and hate killed so many.

It would be so easy to respond with hatred and to want revenge, but the Easter message calls us to rise above that. Regardless of how difficult it is, violence is never the solution.

May the white ribbons remind us of the cost of love, the need for love and the power of love, which is always stronger than hate.

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FOR THE WEEK**

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31).

**DEATHS**

**MCLEAN** - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on April 27, 2019, Mary McIntyre Rodgers (Moira), in her 85th year, Burnbank Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert McLean (Bobby), much loved mum of Mhairi, mother-in-law of William and loving grandma of Liam and Kevan. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Meadows Under 5's Crèche and Nursery.

**MCVEAN** - Peacefully, in Cowal Community Hospital, on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, Margaret (née McSpornan), beloved wife of the late John and loving mother to the late Tina and Ewan. For funeral service details please contact Caladh Funeral Services on 01369 707000.

**MCPHEE** - Suddenly at her home, on April 24, 2019, Bessie McPhee (née Muirden), aged 78 years, of 1 Cairnbaan Cottages, Cairnbaan, by Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late Neil McPhee, much loved mother of Douglas and May, loving granny of Neil, Stuart, Iona and Callum and a dear mother-in-law, sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations to Ardfenaig Residential Home Comfort Fund.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CRAWFORD** - The family of the late Cammy Crawford would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits, flowers and cards received following their sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and nursing staff of Glenaray Ward,

Collette Morgan and her team, staff of Affinity Trust, to Christine Brown and carers from Argyll Home Care and to local ambulance staff for all their care, attention and support given to Cammy and Amy, both at home and hospital, during his illness. The kindness and compassion shown to all was greatly appreciated. Our thanks to Rev Robert MacLeod for a comforting and personal service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient and caring arrangements; to Morna and Isabella Souden for beautiful floral tributes, and to the Stag Hotel for catering. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised over £600 for Macmillan Nurses.

**MCIVOR** - Janet and Jim would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to friends and relatives for all the support and kind expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of their sister, Margaret. We would like to thank the Rev David Carruthers for his support and comforting, personal service, Kenny and Rhys Blair at TA Blair Funeral Directors for their compassion and professionalism, and the Argyll Hotel for the catering provided. The retiral collection raised in excess of £1,200, to be shared equally between the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown and the Multiple Sclerosis Society (Argyll), many thanks.

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**MCLACHLAN** - Stuart and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the support and messages of sympathy following the recent sad loss of Annie. Our special thanks go to all the doctors, nurses and care team at the Lorn Medical Centre for their care and attention, to Matthew Ramsay for a comforting and personal service and to all who attended, to David McEwan for the lovely music, to the Argyll Arms Hotel for the excellent purvey, and to Kenny and staff at T A Blair for the caring and professional services and advice. The sum of £574.60 was raised for Macmillan Nurses Oban and Marie Curie.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**MARSHALL** - In loving memory of my darling daughter, Kellyann, died May 10, 1979, aged 6 days old. Forty years today you went away, But in my heart you will always stay, And once more when we meet again, It will be forever then. I will always love and miss you my baby daughter.

- Inserted by Mum, Southend xxx.

**MITCHELL** - In loving memory of a beloved husband, father and grandfather, Robert, died May 3, 2012. Also our beautiful granddaughter, daughter, sister and niece, Amelia Hope, died May 5, 2000, aged 28 days. Today recalls the memories, Of loved ones gone to rest, And those who think of them today, Are those who loved them best.

- The Mitchell families, at home and away.

**STEWART** - Mary Anne, sadly passed away May 1, 2017. Resting in peace with husband 'Grouse'. Missed by all who knew her. - From son, Ian xx.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH**



SC002493

**Sunday 5th May 2019**  
"This do in Remembrance of Me."  
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am  
All welcome

**LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

**Sunday 5th May**  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Creche  
Rev W Crossan  
10.55am Kirk Session Meeting  
Session Room  
**Tuesday 7th May**  
Tiny Tots 9.45am  
New Hall  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
**Thursday 9th May**  
Choir Practice  
**Friday 10th May**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon  
New Hall

**SALVATION ARMY**



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10.30am Morning Service (Army Kidz)  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Wednesday**  
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4-6pm Messy Church  
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**Sunday 5th May**  
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Tarbert service 11.30am  
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**Sunday 5th May 2019**  
**Cumlodden and Lochgair**  
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**Lochgair Church**  
- 10.00am  
Rev Dr Roderick Campbell will lead a Sunday baptismal service  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
**Inveraray Church**  
- 11.30am  
Rev Dr Roderick Campbell will lead Sunday worship  
All welcome

# 'Just run like Kiss and have fun!'



A group of friends from Italy, who became stars of a national TV show, have their own starring role in the MOKRUN.

Their unique connection with the Wee Toon comes about because some years ago, one of them, Andrea Sisti, lived and attended school in Campbeltown for a short time, as his dad worked at the Jaeger factory.

The group, from Milan, which goes by the name Kiss Strong, ran MOKRUN last year and enjoyed the race so much they are returning this year.

MOKRUN race director Gail Williams asked Andrea how the group came together.

Andrea told her: 'It all started six years ago now. In 2013, just three good friends, Marco, Massimo and myself, decided that, for a laugh, we would do a race called Fisherman's Friend Strongman Run in a little town in the north-east of Italy, dressed in kilts and orange wigs. It was 21km, with 32 obstacles – and that is lots of mud and cold water.

'We had so much fun that for the next year we decided not only to do it again in Italy but also to do one in Switzerland as well; there are a series of Strongman Run races around Europe every year.

'The idea of running dressed up

like Kiss came during that first race. We were doing it with a kilt; why not take it a little further and also add something from my passion for rock and punk music? So we picked up our guitars, black wigs and professional make-up, we modified our running kits and that was it – Kiss Strong was born!

'The second race we did in Italy in 2014 was the first for Kiss Strong. We managed to put together a team of eight, all dressed like the rock band Kiss. And the rest is history!

'Along with a couple of other good friends, Valerio and Luca, we started doing more of these races around Europe – France, Germany, Holland, Austria, Switzerland, where there is also the winter edition, on snow – always dressed up like Kiss, always for a laugh, winning special prizes and setting the trend of dressing up for these races.

'The first time we went to Holland, there were about 8,000 participants in the race and we were the only ones dressed with "style". In Germany, at the Nurburgring where the Strongman Run started many years ago, there were 15,000 runners and only four of us with wigs and make up.

'All this led us to be invited, in 2016, to be part of the first edition



Ready for the off with a fellow Kiss fan from Campbeltown Running Club.

of Ninja Warriors Italy, needless to say that Kiss Strong were the stars of the show!

'And after that, we started running in all types of races, from

local 10km road runs to Spartan Races, half-marathons, mountain runs, marathon relays, the Milano Marathon (twice) and so on. Marco is going for the half Iron Man now.

'So that's us, just run like Kiss and have fun!'

Of all the half-marathons, Andrea and his friends agree that the MOKRUN is the best.



The Campbeltown contingent of Leah, Kerry, Isla, Louise and Andrea ready for the off.

## Argyll South Pony Club rides out for charity

Argyll South Pony Club held its annual 'daffodil ride' last weekend and raised more than £500 for Marie Curie.

More than 30 riders of all ages enjoyed their chosen routes, from a three-mile stroll to a more challenging 10-mile fast hack along the forest tracks around Skipness.

The Sunday was the more popular day with glorious sunshine and although there were no daffodils left on the routes with the early spring, there were plenty of bluebells and wild flowers along all the scenic paths. The focal point for the event was the Seafood Cabin where home-baking and all sorts of treats were available for all who took part or even just happened by.

A club spokesperson said: 'Many thanks to the James family of Skipness Estate, Stewart Marshall of Claonaig Estates and all who contributed baking and bottles for the stalls.'

The club's next event is on May 4 at Tarbert Arena for the final PC Points Show.

## Spring meeting at Dunaverty

Once again the weather played a huge part in producing high scores in Dunaverty's spring meeting which is the traditional start to the club competitions.

Gale force winds and freezing heavy showers beset the members trying to win this event and qualify for the Lephenstrath Trophy.

David MacBrayne, out in the first morning group, returned a fine net score of 66 but it was the last morning group that produced the winner – big hitting vice-captain Raymond Harvey, winner of this event in 2017, excelled himself by retaining the trophy and scooping the captain's prize of a £100 American Golf voucher and a box of Bridgestone golf balls.

He finished six shots clear of runner-up John Marrison. Duncan Watson III, despite only playing occasionally, returned a superb gross score of 71 to take the captain's scratch prize of a bottle of Springbank whisky.

The afternoon and evening players, being buffeted by the weather, were unable to overhaul the leaders. CSS for the day was 66.

At the presentation, captain John Brown thanked greenkeepers David Scullion and Robert Irvine for their efforts in presenting an excellent course, and club steward

Ailie Goddard and staff for producing hot food to warm the chilled competitors.

The following eight players qualified for the second round of the Lephenstrath Trophy by posting the best scratch scores: Duncan Watson III 71, Raymond Harvey 75, David Sinclair 76, Alistair McConnachie 76, Ross Sinclair 77, David MacBrayne 77, Sandy Watson 80 and Kenny Cameron 80.

Spring meeting results: 1 Raymond Harvey 75-16=58, 2 John Marrison 81-16=65, 3 Duncan Watson III 71-5=66(bih), 4 Ken MacMillan 83-17=66(bih), 5 David MacBrayne 77-11=66, 6 Donald Hardman 84-16=68.



Left to right, Raymond Harvey, club captain John Brown and Duncan Watson III.

## MacNab takes Fyne Tankard

The much-needed rain arrived at the wrong time making conditions at Glenralloch rather difficult for the second round of Tarbert Golf Club's Fyne Tankard last Saturday.

James Smyth, playing in the early ballot complete with new clubs, set the early pace, adding a fine net 63 to his first round of 69 giving him an overall score of 132.

With the target set, the afternoon players knew what they had to beat.

It was Bruce MacNab who emerged from the pack to challenge James at the top of the leader board. Out in 37 he knew that a one under par 32 would give him a chance of the trophy and that is exactly what he did.

A birdie three at the first followed by eight straight pars gave him a 69-5 for a net 64 and a winning total of 131.

In third place was Peter McLean Jr with 141.

Magic twos on the day were Bruce MacNab at the 8th and Malcom McAlpine at the 17th.

This Saturday (tomorrow) members will gather for Dodies Cup with all the usual ballot times in operation.



From left: John McCormick, Andrew Gilchrist, Gavin McLachlan, Robert Todd, Bobby Dalziel, Angus Brodie and Steven Dickson.

## Dalziel and McLachlan take bowls trophy

Campbeltown Bowling Club's Stronvaar green has only been open for two weeks but the club's players have already started chasing silverware having contested the club pairs on Sunday for the McFadyen Contractors Trophy.

Despite the cold and damp conditions, the competition progressed to an excellent final between Bobby Dalziel and Gavin McLachlan and Steven Dickson and John McCormick that saw Bobby

and Gavin take the trophy. The losing semi-finalists were Andrew Gilchrist and Angus Brodie and Robert Todd and Robert Coffield with all the latter stage participants receiving a prize.

The frenetic activity at the club continued throughout this week as the early rounds of the mixed pairs were contested and continues tomorrow (Saturday) with the Robert Leishman Memorial Invitation Rinks.

## Open days for sailing and tennis clubs

Two of Campbeltown's sports clubs hosted open days last week to which all potential members were invited.

Last Wednesday, Campbeltown Sailing Club opened its doors to members as well as non-members took to the sea and learned all about boats.

On Sunday, it was Campbeltown Tennis Club's turn, with 15 new faces heading onto the courts.

This number was down on last year but organisers think the unpleasant weather may have contributed to this.

Next Sunday, on May 12, the club hosts its first 'tennis for families' event of the season, from 9.30am to 11am, and lessons for adults begin on Wednesday May 14, at 7pm.

## Bowling group's prize-giving results

Lorne and Lowland Men's Bowling Club gathered at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, for their annual dinner and prize-giving last Friday night.

After the meal Reverend William Crossan presented the prizes as follows: N L McMillan Cup: winner John Mason, runner-up John Cameron; Norman Keith Cup: winner John Cameron, runner-up

Richard Dewar; Knox Cup: winners Richard Dewar and John Cameron, runners-up Ray McIntosh-Walley and Dugald Young; Willie Hughes Cup: winner John Cameron, runner-up David Armour; Triples Shield: winners Donald Anderson, Willie Ralston and Dugald Young; Jim McPhee Cup: winner Robert Young. President's Prize: winners Dugald Young and John Cameron.

## Scottish AFL results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Premier Division – Oban Saints v Inverclyde, unfulfilled fixture, Inverclyde unable to raise a team. Premier Division One – Castlemilk 10, Campbeltown Pupils 0. Jimmy Marshall Cup, quarter-final – Alba Thistle 5, Dunoon 1.

Friday's fixture: West of Scotland Cup final – Oban Saints v Bannockburn, New Douglas Park, Hamilton, kick-off 7.15pm. Saturday: Premier Division – Dunoon v Goldenhill; Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils v Easthall Star; Premier Division Two – Cardross v Tarbert.

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The game starts with a jackpot of £500 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball. If the crosses overlap the entry will be void.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

### Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 20 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to "Spot the Shinty Ball" Competition, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB by 2pm Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline.

You may hand it into any of our offices - The Oban Times, Lochavullin, Oban; The Lochaber Times, High Street, Fort William; The Campbeltown Courier, Main Street, Campbeltown; The Argyllshire Advertiser, Argyll Street, Lochgilphead or the Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

### Competition rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

The Company's decision is final on all matters relating to the

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In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

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Please remember to enclose £1 for 20 crosses. The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 20, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish. No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules. How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen. Twenty crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. Send to 'Spot the Shinty Ball' Competition, The Oban Times, P.O. Box 1, Oban PA34 4HB or hand in to any of our offices as detailed above.

Name .....

Address .....

Tel No.....

Please tape your £1 coin here (only if posting)

### RECENT WINNERS:

- T Campbell Sept '18 £2500
- S Campbell Sept '18 £2550
- L Currie Nov '18 £800
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### LAST WEEK'S SHINTY BALL WAS HERE...



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

- V McNab
- Furnace
- F Mackie
- Lunga Road, Oban

Dalziel and  
McLachlan  
take bowls trophy

Argyll South  
Pony Club rides  
out for charity

# Young footballers represent Kintyre in Oban

A full house of Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) representation, across every primary section, travelled to Oban Football Festival last weekend.

The 2007s played for the memorial shield but unfortunately didn't make the final play-off but the coaches are still very impressed with their performance.

A fixture against Dunoon highlighted to the boys and girls how far they have come, having lost 9-3 to the side a couple of months ago in friendly exchange. On Saturday, they held down a well-played-for 2-2 draw.

The 2007 goalie Imogen Todd saved the day on many occasions and the team outfield played some excellent football.

A spokesperson said: 'The 2007s are applying for leagues at the moment to enter at 11-a-side and we at CDJFA are proud of the association for opening up this opportunity for the youngsters,

providing regular football for our 11-a-side teams and we also thank every child, parent and supporter for sticking by us. Without you all we could not do it.

'We wish the 2007s, soon to be known as Campbeltown Pupils U13s, all the success in gaining entry to a SYFA league and we will hopefully be able to update you very soon.'

They weren't the only team to have success in Oban: the 2008s put in a hard shift at the high school and all came away smiling.

The 2009s played at Mossfield and put in an impressive display of football and are looking forward to putting it into play at the local festival on Saturday June 1.

The 2010s again travelled without their goalie, who had a family wedding, but Jack, Jayden and Jake all stepped up for the day and did the team proud.

The 2011s entered two teams at five-a-side and they all played very well.

The spokesperson added: 'The team is coming on in leaps and bounds and we cannot wait to see them in action on June.'

'The 2012s were all 'tired' out after the impressive performance they put in at five-a-sides.

'The 2013s - what can we say? If you ever need cheering up, go and watch the 2013s,' the spokesperson added. 'Their banter, fun and mischievous behaviour will soon cheer you up. They run riot, celebrate own goals, watch every bird and plane fly by, but all in all are a brilliant team who truly are all keen little footballers and hold a bright future for our well-established soccer centre which provides teams for every age group for years to come.'

Last but very much not least, the CDJFA girls, who entered two teams at the last minute but, due to unforeseen circumstances from Oban, had to reduce it to one.

The girls' team is becoming stronger by the week. Coaches

on the day Rachel MacPhail and Kathleen McMillan are very proud of the girls and encourage them to keep doing what they are doing.

The youths of the association completed the full house of travel, with Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005s travelling to Glasgow Green to play Drumsagard in the Glasgow Youth Football League Division A.

Despite going down 6-0, the young under-14s team can be proud of their performance in their first game for six weeks. The boys now end the season with four home games.

Chairman Rhys Blair wishes them all the best and encourages them to finish their season on a high, as what they have trundled through is something to be proud of and he knows they will be 100 per cent better for it next season.

He added: 'Well done Campbeltown - football is definitely something we can be proud of and thank you again everyone who supports our efforts.'



The 2009s.



The 2011s.



The 2007s.



The 2008s.



The 2010s.

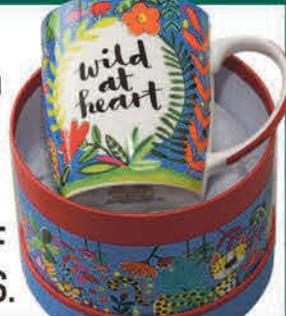
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