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Athlete Dominic's top-five success for Great Britain

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A Campbeltown athlete who represented Great Britain (GB) at the ITU Duathlon Age Group World Championships finished in the top five and qualified for next year's competition.

Dominic Sharkey, 27, a



Dominic Sharkey at the ITU Duathlon Age Group World Championships in Pontevedra, Spain.

member of Campbeltown Running Club (CRC) and chairman of Kintyre Wheelers' Cycling Club (KWCC), said that his fifth-place finish in the 25 to 29 age group at the April 27 event was well above what he anticipated.

He completed a 10K run, a 36K cycle, and a further 5K run during the event in Pontevedra, Spain, in a time of two hours, six minutes and 16 seconds, a result which qualifies him for the 2020 event.

Dominic said: 'I qualified for this year's event through a team GB qualifying race last year, which happened to be the Scottish Duathlon Championships in Stirling, in March 2018. I won my age group at that race which qualified me for the world championships.'

He said there was light wind during the race which started at 4pm and he expects the temperature would have been above 20°C - 'Quite warm when you've been training in Kintyre all winter!' he quipped.

'I train pretty much all the time anyway,' Dominic said, 'but I had this race as a main target for the past nine months or so.

'I also do triathlon, so my training consists of swimming, cycling and running. I probably average about 12 hours a week between all of them.'

Dominic is originally from Saltcoats, in Ayrshire, but moved to Campbeltown almost five years ago when he graduated from university and began his career as a vet at Westwards Veterinary Practice.

He cycled throughout his school and university years but only started competitively running when he joined CRC four years ago. He has been a part of KWCC since the group reformed last year.

Dominic is looking forward to the 2020 ITU Duathlon Age Group World Championships which will take place in the Netherlands.

To find out where Dominic placed in the inaugural KWCC End of the World cycling event, see the back page.

Full of beans at Dunaverty hall



Craig Barbour and Ruairi Barbour took the lead roles as Jack and his mother, in Jack and the Beans, staged at Dunaverty Hall on Tuesday night. It was part of Southend village's A Night of Drama, which featured everyone from pre-school tots to pensioners all joining in on stage. See more from this talented village on page 11.



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Pensioner faces jail for drink driving

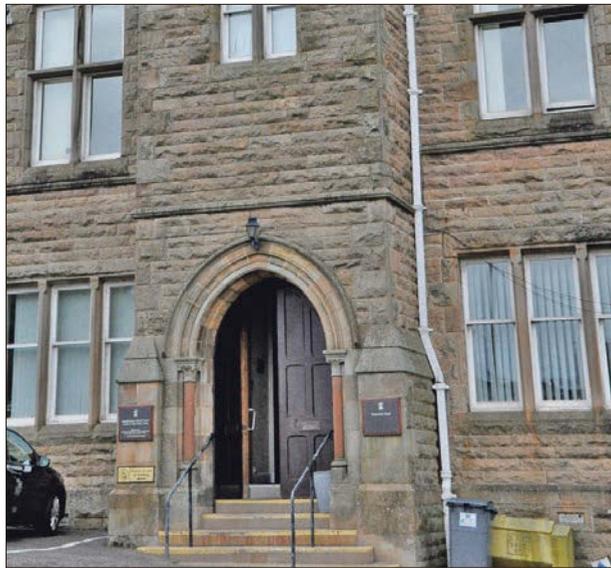
A Campbeltown motorist was so drunk he had to hold onto the police officer arresting him to stop from falling over.

Now pensioner Neil McEachran Harvey is facing jail.

'This is your third offence of this kind. As a result the court is considering a custodial sentence or restriction of liberty order,' Sheriff Patrick Hughes told Harvey when the town's sheriff court sat last week.

Harvey, aged 72, pleaded guilty to driving on Glengyle Road, Campbeltown, on July 22 last year after having consumed so much drink that the amount in his system was 253 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood; the legal limit is 50.

Procurator fiscal depute Sarah Healing said two wit-



Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

nesses reported Harvey to the police. A motorist who saw him driving at 20-30mph, swerving from side to side of the B842 road from Southend to Stewarton, and the other who saw him unsteady on his feet when he got out of his parked car.

'He had to hold onto one of

the police officer's arms to prevent himself from falling down,' said Ms Healing.

Sheriff Hughes banned Harvey, of 1 Knocknaha Cottage, Campbeltown, from driving and said he would hear the mitigation plea from the defence along with the reports on May 30.

Man behaved abusively to staff at hospital

A young man who went to A&E at Campbeltown hospital seeking help for mental health problems ended up in police custody, Sheriff Patrick Hughes heard when sitting at the town's sheriff court last week.

Craig Brady, 38, of 24 Burnside Street, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to threatening and abusive behaviour, shouting, swearing, adopting an aggressive stance and taking

paperwork from a doctor and throwing it to the ground, and also resisting and hindering two constables in the execution of their duty by struggling with them.

Procurator fiscal depute Sarah Healing said Brady had attended the hospital on December 22 last year accompanied by his mother.

He became agitated when told that he could not be assessed because he was intoxicated and the offences

then unfolded. At the time Brady was on bail granted at Dunoon Sheriff Court on November 15.

Sheriff Hughes was told that reports were being prepared on Brady.

The defence will be heard on June 26 along with the reports.

'It is vital you cooperate with the making of these reports and you be of good behaviour,' the sheriff told Brady.

Van driver gave false crash details to police

A man who wasted police time after giving false information about a car crash has been fined.

Gerry Docherty, 59, of 1 Flemings Land, Castlehill, Campbeltown, had pleaded guilty at a previous sitting to falsely telling two police officers at Campbeltown

Police Office, on July 27 last year, that a vehicle collided with his work van, causing damage to the wing mirror, and that the driver failed to stop and provide details.

The charge added that police officers had devoted time and service in the investigation of Docherty's

claim, wasting police time.

Docherty appeared in Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday for sentencing.

Fining him £700, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said that given the circumstances and Docherty's minimal record of previous convictions, a fine was appropriate.

Man threatened to harm pregnant woman

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard that a man holidaying on Islay threatened to cut the throat of his pregnant partner.

Shea Donnelly, 20, of 31 Kent Street, Dunfermline, admitted threatening and abusive behaviour, shouting, swearing and uttering threats of violence against the woman at an address on the island on November 15 last year.

Procurator fiscal depute

Sarah Healing said the man's partner, also from Fife, was 11 weeks pregnant at the time.

They argued about when they were going to leave and he left the property and the argument became more heated when he returned.

In the meantime, his partner had called the police and was on the phone to her mother when he came back.

Donnelly told his partner: 'If you don't stop screaming

I'll cut your ***** throat.'

On hearing this, the mother rang off and also telephoned the police.

When arrested and taken to Lochgilphead Police Office, Donnelly said when charged: 'It was her doing the screaming as well as me.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'Given the severity of this matter, I am going to call for reports.'

The case was continued until May 28.



Davaar Island Safe Walking Times

	Morning	Safe Walking Times		Afternoon	Safe Walking Times	
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Wed, 1 May 2019				16:21	13:21	18:51
Thu, 2 May 2019				16:59	13:59	19:29
Fri, 3 May 2019				17:33	14:33	20:03
Sat, 4 May 2019				18:03	15:03	20:33
Sun, 5 May 2019				18:34	15:34	21:04
Mon, 6 May 2019				19:09	16:09	21:39
Tue, 7 May 2019	07:25	04:25	09:55	19:50	16:50	22:20
Wed, 8 May 2019	08:07	05:07	10:37	20:36	17:36	23:06
Thu, 9 May 2019	08:53	05:53	11:23	21:27	18:27	23:57
Fri, 10 May 2019	09:46	06:46	12:16			
Sat, 11 May 2019	10:45	07:45	13:15			
Sun, 12 May 2019	11:54	08:54	14:24			
Mon, 13 May 2019				13:12	10:12	15:42
Tue, 14 May 2019				14:25	11:25	16:55
Wed, 15 May 2019				15:27	12:27	17:57
Thu, 16 May 2019				16:19	13:19	18:49
Fri, 17 May 2019				17:04	14:04	19:34
Sat, 18 May 2019				17:46	14:46	20:16
Sun, 19 May 2019				18:26	15:26	20:56
Mon, 20 May 2019	06:35	03:35	09:05	19:05	16:05	21:35
Tue, 21 May 2019	07:34	04:34	10:04	19:45	16:45	22:15
Wed, 22 May 2019	08:12	05:12	10:42	20:26	17:26	22:56
Thu, 23 May 2019	08:54	05:54	11:24	21:10	18:10	23:40
Fri, 24 May 2019	09:40	06:40	12:10	21:57	18:57	00:27
Sat, 25 May 2019	10:34	07:34	13:04			
Sun, 26 May 2019	11:39	08:39	14:09			
Mon, 27 May 2019				12:49	09:49	15:19
Tue, 28 May 2019				13:55	10:55	16:25
Wed, 29 May 2019				14:50	11:50	17:20
Thu, 30 May 2019				15:38	12:38	18:08
Fri, 31 May 2019				16:19	13:19	18:49

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■ A male driver aged 53 was stopped and charged after exceeding the speed limit on the A83, near Bellochantuy, on Wednesday May 1, at 8.55pm. He received a £100 ticket.

■ A driver aged 56, who was charged with driving in a careless manner, was issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket and three penalty points, after police stopped his Ford Transit van on the A83 near to Inveraray on Saturday morning.

■ Two primary schools on Islay were hit by vandals over the weekend of Friday April 26 and Monday April 29.

At Bowmore, some of the nursery toys within the playground were damaged. The cost of replacement is

estimated at £220 as the toys were so badly vandalised that they had to be thrown away. The roof of a shed within the playground of Port Ellen Primary School was damaged by having felt ripped off.

■ Police are asking for witnesses to come forward, and for the local boating and maritime community to be on the look-out after two cases of theft and damage in Argyll waters. It might also be that the stolen items are offered for sale.

Between Saturday April 20 and Monday April 29, a small blue boat, moored at Port Askaig, had paintwork damaged and a bilge pump, which was ready for installation, stolen. Overnight on Thursday May

2 and during Friday May 3, a three-metre Maxon dinghy was stolen from its moorings near to Oban Sailing Club. It is described as grey in colour with a distinctive wooden seat.

■ A 24-year-old man was arrested for assaulting a member of staff and behaving in an abusive manner at licensed premises in Bowmore, Islay, on Monday April 29.

Another man, aged 39, was arrested for behaving in an abusive manner. Both men were charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ Police are appealing for anyone with information on any incident to phone 101 or anonymously call Crime-stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Former Kintyre minister dies hillwalking

Kintyre was shocked this week to learn of the death of one of the area's longest serving and most well-respected ministers.

The Reverend Johnny Paton, 60, was the full-time minister at Killean and Kilkenzie, known as A'Chleit Church, for 23 years, and moved to St Michael's Church in Linlithgow in 2006.

The Church of Scotland reported on Tuesday that Mr Paton, who has led congregations on the Isle of Mull for the past five years, died after a solo expedition to An Teallach, an area near Ullapool known as 'the great wilderness', on Monday.

An experienced hillwalker, Mr Paton set off at 1.30pm, estimating that his trip would take seven to eight hours.

When he failed to return to Ullapool where he was holidaying with his wife, Cathy, she raised the alarm after she could not reach him.

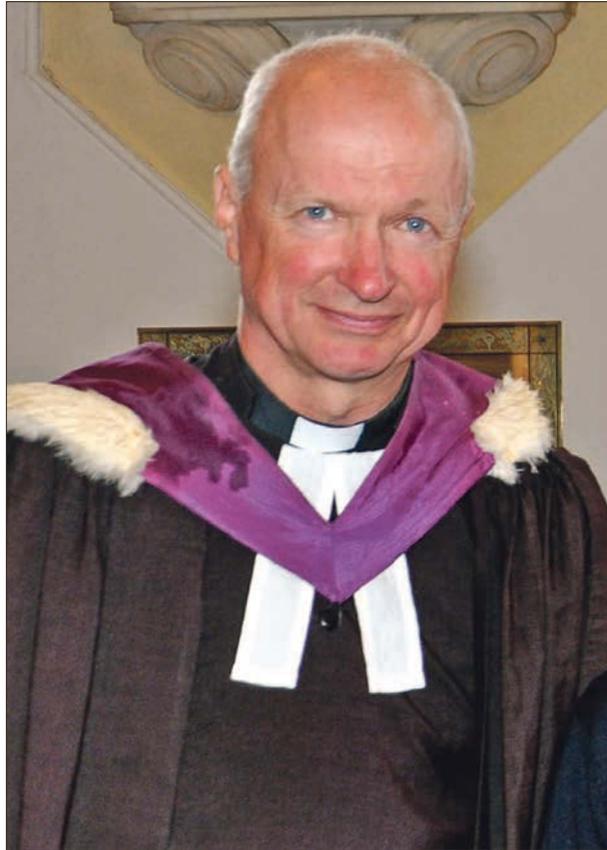
Searches were carried out by Dundonnell Mountain Rescue Team and a Coastguard helicopter and

'Johnny was a man of the people. He didn't just listen to the story of your journey, for in good times and bad, Johnny was by your side every step of the way on that journey.'

his body was found at 8.45am on Tuesday.

He is remembered by many in west Kintyre not only as the church minister but also as chaplain to the surrounding primary schools. His fun approach to teaching, featuring action songs including He's Got The Whole World In His Hands and Give Me Oil in My Lamp, proved popular with generations of pupils.

The mission convener of the Presbytery of Argyll and lay worship leader at A'Chleit Church Marilyn Shedden paid tribute to Mr Paton, a



The Reverend Johnny Paton at Marilyn Shedden's induction as the first female moderator of the Presbytery of Argyll, at A'Chleit Church in 2016.

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man she described as 'a dear friend'.

Ms Shedden said: 'Johnny was a man of the people. He didn't just listen to the story of your journey, for in good times and bad, Johnny was by your side every step of the way on that journey.'

'Funny, thoughtful, competitive, compassionate, committed, dedicated, Johnny Paton was deeply loved and respected throughout Argyll and beyond.'

'His preaching was often spellbinding and his pastoral care legendary. Johnny's

passion for everything he did was renowned - from ministry to golf, from climbing, to singing with the Gaelic choir, from chess to badminton, he gave it his all.

'He will never be forgotten because his stories will be told in homes and churches throughout the land for years to come.'

'Johnny's legacy will be love - love for people and love for his God.'

'Johnny Paton's name will be on many lips and in many hearts at this desperately sad time and our hearts and our love go out to Cathy and the people of Mull.'

'Johnny loved the hills of Mull and, while it is tragic, he died living his life in all its fullness right up to his last heartbeat.'

The moderator of the Presbytery of Argyll, the Rev Dr Roderick Campbell, will conduct worship at Salen Church on the Isle of Mull on Sunday at 11am, paying tribute to Mr Paton and offering support to his family, friends and the congregation.

Salmon firm's double awards shortlisting

The Scottish Salmon Company (SSC), which owns Gigha's salmon farm, is celebrating after being named as a finalist in Business in the Community's Responsible Business Awards.

The Responsible Business Awards is the UK's longest running and most prestigious awards programme of its kind.

SSC is the only Scottish company and only food and drink producer to be shortlisted in the Responsible Business of the Year category of the awards which recognise the most inspiring businesses making a difference by taking action to build more inclusive workplaces, stronger communities and tackle environmental challenges.

Craig Anderson, chief executive of SSC, said: 'Our responsibility journey began with our commitment to the environmental, economic and cultural sustainability of rural Scotland, where many of our operations are based. As our business has grown, so has this commitment.'

'Our responsibility framework encompasses all areas of our business and gives our staff clear values and standards to guide their working practices. Along with promoting Scottish prove-



SSC chief executive Craig Anderson accepts 3-star BAP certification at the Seafood Expo North America in Boston in March this year.

nance, it has underpinned our approach to innovation, growing exports and creating skilled employment.

'To be a finalist in both of these awards is testament to the vision and hard work of our team.'

It is not the first award for SSC this year. Mr Anderson accepted a three-star BAP certification at the Seafood Expo North America (SENA) in Boston in March.

Gigha's seafood story is part of a new video released by Seafood Scotland as part of its 20th anniversary cele-

brations. The island's halibut farm, Boathouse restaurant and beaches feature in the video created to showcase Scotland's seafood industry.

Each clip portrays the industry's great variety and quality by displaying Scotland's beauty across the seasons and features fishermen, chefs and musicians, and showcases the seafood found in different regions during different periods of the year.

The soundtrack is written and performed by Tommy Ashby from the Scottish Borders.

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First ferry of summer season sails into town

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The return of the MV Isle of Arran to Campbeltown Loch was a welcome sight as the first ferry of the summer season sailed into town last Thursday evening.

It is hoped that it will be plain sailing for CalMac's seasonal service from Campbeltown to Ardrossan, which operates from May 2 to September 29.

Last year the start of the service was delayed by almost a month due to 'the overrun of essential vessel repairs' to the MV Clansman, resulting in the redeployment of vessels across CalMac's routes.

A CalMac spokesperson told the Courier that the ferry, which is the relief vessel for dry-docking throughout the winter, has gone through the normal annual dry-dock service to ensure she is fit and ready for summer service.



The MV Isle of Arran entering Campbeltown Loch last Thursday evening.

Councillor John Armour, who chairs the Campbeltown ferry committee, said he hoped for a 'trouble-free season' this year.

He said: 'The community and those wanting to travel via the ferry to Kintyre have had to put up with dreadful disruptions over the past

few years and really deserve better.

'The figures from last year, when the service was running so well in June, July and early August, were really encouraging and show that a trouble-free service will attract customers from near and far.'



Many pedestrians and cyclists disembarked from the first ferry of the summer season.

He added that he would continue to press for the service to start earlier to take in the Easter weekend.

'Kintyre was very busy during the holiday and having the ferry on could have helped ease the traffic problems on the A82 at Loch Lomond,' he added.

People lined the seafront to watch the ferry, which was built in 1983, dock at Campbeltown's New Quay at 9.30pm on Thursday and discharge many pedestrians and cyclists, as well as several vehicles. She returned to Ardrossan on Friday morning at 7.35am.

Planning service retains high standard

A Scottish Government report has highlighted that Argyll and Bute Council's planning service continues to provide a high quality service to businesses and residents.

The council submitted its 2017-2018 Planning Performance Framework (PPF) to Scottish ministers and maintained the previous year's high standard by scoring 11 green ratings across 15 areas of the service measured.

Only one red rating was allocated relating to the Enforcement Charter which was out of date at the end of the reporting year. However, a new charter was published in June 2018.

The PPF is also about promoting the service and customer feedback, which is why it includes case studies to highlight just some of the good practice.

Some of the good practice picked up by the review included a customer-focused approach designed to support customers through the planning process.

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Motorists warned of road closures as works begin

Tuesday sees the start of a surfacing project to upgrade six locations on the A83 between Dunderave and Killean, when the road will close overnight on various dates.

The project will involve resurfacing the following sections of the route: north of Clachan, Tayinloan to Killean, Erines, Ardrishaig to Brenfield, Middle Kames and Dunderave.

Due to the narrow road widths at these sections of the A83, overnight road closures will be required each night between 7pm and 7am during the improvements to help keep road workers as well as motorists safe.

As there is no suitable diversion route available at the first five locations, amnesties will be in place to allow motorists to be safely escorted through the works area. These will be in place at 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am, 4am and 6am.

The only project which has an alternative diversion route is at Dunderave, the last location in the programme,

where road users will be diverted via the A82, A85 and A819, adding an additional 25 miles and 35 minutes to the journey between Tarbet and Inveraray.

The programme of work is:
A83 north of Clachan: Tuesday May 14 to Wednesday May 15 (two nights), 7pm-7am. Overnight road closures in place for safety with amnesty periods in place at 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am, 4am and 6am to allow traffic to safely pass through the project.

A83 Tayinloan to Killean: Thursday May 16 to Monday May 27 (eight nights, excluding Friday and Saturday nights), 7pm-7am. Overnight road closures in place for safety with amnesty periods in place at 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am, 4am and 6am to allow traffic to safely pass through the project.

A83 Erines: Tuesday May 28 to Monday June 3 (five nights, excluding Friday and Saturday nights), 7pm-7am. Overnight road closures in place for safety with amnesty periods in place at 8pm, 9pm, 10pm,

midnight, 2am, 4am and 6am to allow traffic to safely pass through the project.

A83 Ardrishaig to Brenfield: Tuesday June 4 to Tuesday June 11 (six nights, excluding Friday and Saturday nights), 7pm-7am. Overnight road closures in place for safety with amnesty periods in place at 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am, 4am and 6am to allow traffic to safely pass through the project.

A83 Middle Kames: Wednesday June 12 (one night), 7pm-7am. Overnight road closure in place for safety with amnesty periods in place at 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am, 4am and 6am to allow traffic to safely pass through the project.

A83 Dunderave: Thursday June 13 to Tuesday June 18 (four nights, excluding Friday and Saturday nights), 7pm-7am. Overnight road closures in place with road users diverted via the A82, A85 and A819.

Access for public bus services and emergency vehicles will be maintained for all works.

'Missing' kayakers are found safe on island

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A major multi-agency air and coastal search was initiated on Sunday night after concerns grew for three kayakers reported missing from Muasdale Holiday Park.

Coastguard rescue teams from Campbeltown, Southend, Gigha and Tarbert were tasked by Belfast Coastguard to carry out shoreline searches alongside the RNLI lifeboat from Islay and Coastguard search and rescue helicopter 199 from Prestwick.

A concerned member of staff at Muasdale Holiday Park informed the Coastguard that the three had left the village to kayak to the islands of Cara and Gigha that morning and he had expected them back by the evening. He became concerned when they failed to return.

The kayakers were eventually



Coastguard search and rescue helicopter, Rescue 199, from Prestwick, during Sunday's search.

located by the powerful beam of the helicopter's searchlight, at about 11pm, safely camped on the north end of Gigha.

Lifeboat coxswain David MacLellan said afterwards that this was a false alarm with good intent and that the concerned caller did the right thing.

The RNLI is a charity which

has saved more than 142,200 lives at sea since it was founded in 1824. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts.

The charity runs a drowning prevention campaign and its community safety key message highlights the



The kayakers were reported missing from Muasdale Holiday Park.

importance of kayakers informing someone of their plans – where they are going and when they expect to arrive there.

This incident highlights the importance of following this advice and having a suitable means of communication with which to do so, bearing in mind that a mobile phone

may not be able to receive a signal in many of Scotland's secluded or remote beaches and islands.

A Coastguard spokesperson added: 'Well done to all involved and thank you to the first informant for raising the alarm. If in doubt, always dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard.'

Gigha to have a say on islands plan

The National Islands Plan takes another step forward this month with a consultation on Gigha.

Tuesday May 21 will see a Scottish Government Islands team visit the community-owned Gigha to stage the consultation.

The Scottish Government Islands team will carry out consultation events in relation to the development of the National Islands Plan. There will be similar events on Arran, Cumbrae and Bute.

The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 was granted Royal Assent in July 2018 and introduces a number of measures to underpin a Scottish Government objective to meet the needs of island communities now and in the future.

All islanders can get involved in this opportunity to shape policy. There is also an online option at consult.gov.uk, where people can search for the National Islands Plan or email info@islandsteam.scot.



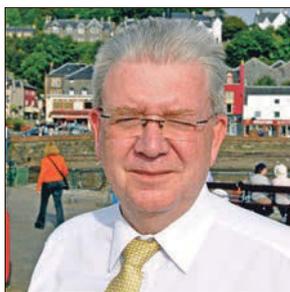
A Coastguard crew scanning the sea around Muasdale during the search.

MSP issues appeal to Argyll's veterans

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell is urging older veterans to pick up a guide which raises awareness about the need to act swiftly if they are having hearing or sight problems.

Mr Russell welcomed the collaboration by Age Scotland, Action on Hearing Loss Scotland and Scottish War Blinded to produce the Combating Sight and Hearing Loss guide which advises veterans losing their sight or hearing where they can get help and support.

Mr Russell said: 'I encourage older veterans, aged over



Michael Russell MSP.

65, to obtain a copy and find out about the range of life-enhancing services and support that is available for those affected by hearing loss

or sight loss in everyday life.'

Action on Hearing Loss, Scotland's Hearing Forces project, Age Scotland and Scottish War Blinded are members of Unforgotten Forces, a partnership of 16 organisations, led by Poppyscotland, delivering enhanced services for older veterans.

To get a free copy of Unforgotten Forces' Combating Sight and Hearing Loss guide, call the Age Scotland Helpline on telephone: 0800 12 44 222 or download from www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/Combat.

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Rev Johnny Paton

It was with great sadness that the Courier learned of the death of the Reverend Johnny Paton.

Tributes are pouring in for the former A'Chleit minister who left a huge impression on the community he served for 23 years.

Reminiscences about his involvement with Kintyre schools, youth clubs and the church's Sunday school have one common theme: they were fun.

He married and christened many people throughout the area and provided a great deal of comfort when loved ones were lost, even for those who were not church-goers.

He will be missed.

Be safe at sea

There seems to be a nautical theme flowing through this week's Courier – from ferry services new and old, to news from the area's salmon farming companies.

There was great concern for the safety of the kayakers missing from Muasdale Holiday Park on Sunday night.

The incident turned out to be a false alarm but it is an important reminder to inform people of where you are going and when you intend to be back when venturing out on the water.

Do you want more fish farms?

Sir,

I would like to reach out to readers in your area who are sailors, kayakers, anglers, divers, open water swimmers, rambblers, bird watchers or people who are concerned about the environment and ask them if they are aware of the five fish farms proposed across the Firth of Clyde.

I live on Bute and am part of a group opposing the siting of a large trout farm off the south east of the island at Hawks Neb, below Kilchattan Bay. The surface area covered by the 10 cages and their supporting grid structure is 150 metres by 375 metres – 50 of the ferries that carry passengers to and from the island could fit in this space.

The underwater anchoring and mooring area would be 550 metres by 880 metres – 432 ferries could be placed in this space.

This is a popular area for walkers, the West Island Way is directly adjacent to the proposed site, as well as for sailing yachts and kayaks.

On May 25 the Bute Outdoor Swimming Society will be hosting the second swim from Kilchattan Bay to Glencallum Bay.

The company behind the plan, Dawnfresh Seafoods (DS), is proposing a second trout farm off the northwest of Little Cumbrae and a third between Great Cumbrae and the mainland – other popular places for walkers, sailors and kayakers.

All three sites are near to designated navigation channels that are regularly used

by commercial ships as well. DS says that acoustic deterrent devices may be necessary to protect the cages from sea mammals such as seals. If such devices are used at the three sites, they would deter most marine mammals from entering the Clyde.

The siting of the three farms across the entrance of the Clyde could also have a grave impact on native wild salmon and trout and thus effect angling on any rivers northwards.

DS has a fourth proposed site near Ardentiny in the Lomonds and Trossachs National Park area.

Scottish Salmon Company has a proposal off the northeast of Arran, consisting of two salmon farms.

Mowi, formerly Marine Harvest, is proposing a salmon site south of Carradale, in the Kilbrannan Sound, off the east of Kintyre.

If you feel that your visual enjoyment of the landscape in these areas or your current freedom to access the waters of the proposed farm sites for the water-based activities you enjoy will be impacted, please go to buteifulcoasts.com where you will be guided to the petitions that have been set up to object to the various proposals.

You can sign one or, hopefully, all.

**Theresa Nelson,
Wyndham Road,
Rothsay.**

Genuine correspondence

Sir,

I am taking this opportunity to respond to Brian Gee's latest letter, providing assurance

to him that I do indeed exist at the address stated and, contrary to his claim, am a reader of the Courier.

I also do not write on behalf of a 'professional organisation' as he misleadingly alleges.

I am surprised that apparently the letter he claims he sent did not arrive and am not aware of this problem previously.

I would be delighted to hear from Mr Gee at his convenience and if he could please provide the alleged returned letter I can take up this issue with the Royal Mail as it is clearly somewhat concerning.

I would also be happy for him to contact the Courier to obtain my email address if this is easier for him.

**Alex Orr,
Flat 3,
2 Marchmont Road,
Edinburgh.**

SNP hands back welfare powers

Sir,

The Scottish National Party (SNP) is spending millions to hand welfare powers back to the Department for Work and Pensions.

An Audit Scotland report found the SNP had spent £7.3 million this year handing powers back to the UK Government.

Audit Scotland stated that 'the Scottish Government found delivery on its initial commitments harder than expected', adding that the current systems in place 'will not be enough to support the delivery of the second

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wave' of powers. They also said that 'the Scottish Government does not have a clear understanding of the key things needed to deliver all remaining benefits in the way it intends'.

The SNP has spent years complaining about the UK Government's approach to benefits but now hands them back powers.

If the SNP can't even sort out how to administer some benefits, how on earth do they propose to run an independent country?

This is what happens when the SNP forgets the day job.

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

Help to defeat meningitis

Sir,
Meningitis Research Foundation (MRF) would like to invite readers to take up a charity place in Tough Mudder in 2019.

MRF has charity places available for Tough Mudder events around the country including the Scotland Tough Mudder which takes place at Drumlanrig Castle, Dumfries and Galloway, on Saturday June 15 and Sunday June 16.

Test your physical and mental strength and stamina against Tough Mudder's famous obstacles.

For more information or to sign up, visit: www.meningitis.org/tough-mudder or email Erin at erintd@meningitis.org.

**Erin Taylor-Dods,
Meningitis Research Foundation,
Bristol.**

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Kevin Dunn snapped a quick photograph through the kitchen window of his Ralston Road home when a young stag wandered into his garden.

Not often

'It's not often you see a stag about here,' Kevin said, 'we often have females coming in and eating the grass and strawberries but this is only the second time I've seen a stag in the last six years.'

Kevin, who took the photo using his mobile phone camera, added: 'I'm wanting to get a proper camera and start taking some amateur photos but at the moment I'll have to stick with my mobile.'

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



With the pupils are, back row, left to right: Ken Campbell, Ray McIntosh Walley, Ann Gallacher and James Paterson.

TEN YEARS AGO**Friday May 8, 2009****Castlehill children open putting green**

Children from primary five and six at Castlehill Primary School were invited along to the putting green at Quarry Green to it open for the season.

Ken Campbell, the pro at Machrihanish Golf Club, joined the youngsters.

The green is run and maintained by the Argyll and Bute Council employability team and opens from 1pm to 8pm seven days a week.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**Friday May 13, 1994****Search scare for Peninver nurse**

A Peninver nurse taking vital medical supplies to the Turkish/Iraqi border last month faced a frightening ordeal when stopped and searched by armed Turkish soldiers late at night.

Because of an air strike, Frances Hood had to take public transport to get to her exact destination – details of which cannot be revealed.

However, while already exhausted after countless hours of travelling, Frances was

stopped and questioned, and had her luggage searched.

But when the troops realised it was a medical exercise, they gave Frances an armed escort.

'They weren't rough or violent,' she said, 'but it was difficult because not many spoke English. We really shouldn't have been out at night.'

'It was quite frightening being confronted with these armed soldiers, in the dark, when there were just a couple of torches.'

The supplies such as syringes and antibiotics are now being used to help around 500 people in the village, especially children.

'A lot of thanks must go to our local doctors for their help, as well as the Balure Trust. That grant was vital for the trip,' said Frances.

FIFTY YEARS AGO**Thursday May 8, 1969****'House of hope' is opened**

Campbeltown's new community centre, in Burnside Street built by the Salvation Army, was opened on Saturday by Professor Robert Grieve, chairman of the Highlands and Islands Development Board, which made a substantial contribution towards the total cost of nearly £14,000.

Tribute was paid at the opening to the efforts of the community in raising their contribution towards the centre; this included those who had served on the appeal committee and all those who supported the various events and fund-raising activities organised by the committee and others.

At one of the first services held at the centre at the weekend Major Kenneth Nutty, appeals director from SAHQ in London, outlined the role of the centre and described it as 'a house of hope'.

Major Nutty dedicated a new flag for the local corps, together with furnishings and a new set of hymn books all donated by Salvationists and friends.

Among the many greetings received was one from Major McBain (Mary McAulay) now retired in Toronto, who became an officer in the local corps 70 years ago along with her husband, Bandsman Bob McBain.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO**Saturday May 10, 1919****The Mons Star**

Mrs Annie Drummond, Roading Place, has received the Mons Star which would have been conferred on her husband had he lived.

He was Lance Corporal Drummond of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who was killed in action on March 30, 1917.

The honour is granted for services rendered in France and Belgium from the outbreak of war to midnight November 22/23 1914.

War honour

We are pleased to learn that the Serbian Gold Medal for Bravery has been conferred by His Majesty the King of Serbia on Private William McEachran while fighting in the east in the ranks of the 12th Battalion.

The recipient, who has been demobilised, and resides in Fisher Row, is one of the 'Old Contemptibles'.

At the outbreak of war he was a reservist, and went to France with his old battalion, the 93rd.

He wears the Mons Star and was at one time recommended for the DCM.

The king and the kilt

There are good grounds for believing that the committee under Sir Archibald Murray that is now sitting to inquire into the most suitable peace uniform for the army of the future will decide in favour of the retention of the tartan kilt for the Highland regiments.

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The arrival of longer days and warm sunshine has turned the thoughts of many to the coast and the sea.

Yachts line the marina; the Ardrossan ferry has sailed into Campbeltown for the first time this season; and the Kintyre Express has begun her seasonal sailings to Islay and Ballycastle.

Many folk have happy memories of trips on the ocean waves. In the Courier of May 12, 2006 Nancie Smith wrote about her 'wonderful experience' sailing from 'the toon to Troon' aboard the Kintyre Express.

She wrote: 'Heading out Campbeltown Loch for Troon on a brisk sunny morning was an exhilarating experience. We were on board the Kintyre Express, a group of passengers in the capable hands of Wilson Smith, the owner of the twin-engined 11-metre Stormforce inflatable boat which will run a twice daily service between Campbeltown and Troon three times a week, and one of his skippers, Harry Middleditch.

'The route is ideal for golfers and passengers en route to Prestwick Airport. Just as ideal for day passengers having a day tour to Troon, stopping off at the Holy Isle on the east coast of Arran opposite Lamlash, to view the stones painted by monks who ran a refuge on the island.'

Other former ferries also bring

back memories. The Ballycastle to Campbeltown car ferry facilitated many to cross the short distance between Kintyre and County Antrim for day trips, holidays and business ventures.

Robert McKay, a farmer and proprietor of Whitehill Caravan Park in Carnlough, County Antrim, recounted his trips to Campbeltown to buy some Highland cattle.

Robert said: 'I was chatting to a Moyle District Councillor, Gardiner Kane, at a Masonic meeting in Ballycastle and he mentioned wanting to buy a Highland Cow from a farmer named Norman Walker of Rosehill Farm in Kintyre. I was in the notion of buying one myself, so we agreed to go over on the Campbeltown ferry.

'We stayed at a hotel in town and the next morning Norman collected us and drove us out to his farm at Glenbarr. Gardiner bought a cow and I bought a cow and calf.

'Around a month later, when all the necessary tests and checks had been completed, we took the ferry again with a jeep and trailer to bring home our animals. That was in the summer of 1998.

'I remember we did a bit of touring around while we were over there', added Robert. 'We wanted to go to the Mull of Kintyre as we can see it from home on a good day and we saw where the helicopter had crashed a couple of years earlier.'

Going further back still, an old postcard shows the north end ferry

for Gigha. This important little vessel operated as a punt or flit-boat from the north end of Gigha, connecting with the steamer, Locheil, which brought the mail and carried goods and passengers.

John Bannatyne, the current skipper of the ferry from Tayinloan to Gigha, shared his wealth of knowledge of Gigha ferries. John said: 'When the Locheil sailed to the north end of Gigha it would raise a flag to indicate that it carried goods or passengers for the island. Similarly, a flag would be raised on Gigha when there was anything for the Locheil to collect.

'This two-way semaphore communication connected the vessel to the island's ferryman who would row out to meet the steamer. The Locheil crew would then lower a rope ladder for the transfer of goods and passengers.'

The steamer sailed from West Loch Tarbert to Islay calling at Gigha. If the steamer called at Gigha's south pier on the outward journey to Port Ellen, it would call at the north end on the return journey to Tarbert and vice versa the following day.

Alexander Macneill who was born on Gigha and whose family on Gigha goes back more than 40 generations, remembers the steamer and a rowboat ferry connection.

He said: 'The Locheil was our regular steamer. She called at the south end pier, but at the north end the Locheil would hove to out from the island and the punt would go out for passengers and mail.'

In 1979 CalMac brought in the MV Bruernish and until 1980 it sailed between Gigha's south pier and Kennacraig. Vehicles were lifted on and off the vessel at Gigha by crane, operated by Margaret McSparran, the wife of the island's sub-postmaster.

Mr Bannatyne said: 'This was a temporary measure until the slipways at Tayinloan and Ardmish were completed, but Margaret was great at handling the crane.'

From 1980 until 1992 the



Photographed in 2006, David Paterson of Visit Kintyre, Wilson Smith of The Kintyre Express, Neil McKerral from McKerral's Taxis and David McAllister from Campbeltown Berthing Company on arrival at Troon harbour.



The Ballycastle to Campbeltown ferry 'Claymore'. Photograph: Albert Bridge.

Bruernish made four crossings a day between the two slips and then in 1992 the current ferry vessel, the Lochranza, was brought to Gigha, when a larger ship was acquired to serve the isle of Arran.

Moreen Moller has many memories of Gigha ferry crossings. She recalled: 'Growing up on Gigha I soon became aware that the ferryman was one of the most important islanders.'

'Back then you phoned his house to arrange a time when he would be crossing to Tayinloan. Shipping forecasts were all important and the final decision to cross lay entirely with him.'

'I once remember returning from Tarbert Fair cattle sale with more than 20 passengers on board and my father and two other heavy-weight farmers were asked by the ferryman to stand in the middle of the rolling boat in order to give it balance.'

'My father told us the tale in the 1960s of an earlier generation when the mighty Malcolm Smith from Ferry Farm, Tayinloan, was ferryman and his craft was under sail.'

'One day half way across to Gigha he spotted a passenger with a hessian sack which had live contents. Malcolm demanded to know what was in the sack. The man refused so Malcolm insisted he was shown what was in it or the man and the sack would go over the side.'

'On discovering a pair of moles in the bag and that the intention was to introduce them to Gigha, the sack was promptly cast overboard, the boat was turned around and the worried passenger returned to Tayinloan. My memories are full of such fascinating stories.'



A historic photograph of Gigha's north end ferry.

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The pre- and primary school pupils who stole the show.



Pat Healey, David Barbour and Elizabeth Barbour of Dunaverty Players.

Village children are stars

by Staff Reporter
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Southend invited one and all to Dunaverty Hall, for a Night of Drama on Tuesday ... and the children of the village stole the show.

It was a showcase of the community's talent with Dunaverty Players reprising their Kintyre Drama Festival entry Mission To Planet Bob, alongside sketches, songs

and poems from the pre- and primary school pupils plus a very condensed version of Jack and the Beans by the 4th Argyll (Southend) Scouts.

All this was rounded off with a riotous action song performed by a group describing themselves as Southend's own Village People.

Fraser MacBrayne from the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band was the piper for the evening. Master of ceremonies

Malcolm Ronald said: 'After seeing all the young people, we can say that Dunaverty Players' future is secure, there is so much talent.'

Thanks to donations and raffle ticket sales, Southend Primary School, the Scouts and Dunaverty Players each received a £160 boost for their funds.

Casts:

Southend Pre-School and Primary School: JJ, Josh,

Taylor, Amber, Ashley, George, Harry, Euan.

Dunaverty Players, performing Mission To Planet Bob by Andrew Bawn: John Bakes, narrator; Pat Healey, Amy; Elizabeth Barbour, Katie; David Barbour; Ed; Susan Paterson, Mission Control; Terry Leachy, voices. Directed by Linda Brannigan, with John

Ives and John Bakes as stage managers, Terry Leachy and Bill Brannigan, sound effects, and lighting by Alex Ramsay and Margaret Bakes, prompt.

4th Argyll (Southend) Scouts, performing Jack and the Beans by John Ives: Eryne Barr, narrator; Craig Barbour, Jack; Ruairi Barbour, Jack's mum; James

Ives, laird; Danny Hughes, giant; Eilidh Osborne and Emma Barbour, jobsworths. Matthew Ferguson was stage manager with Gabby Smith, Connor Barr, Martha Smith and the Scout leaders as crew.

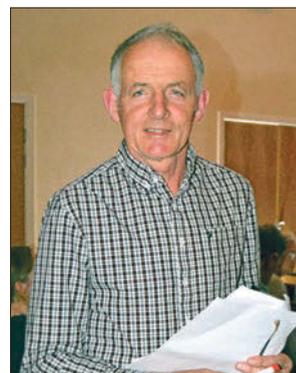
Southend's very own Village People performing A Laugh: Susan Paterson, Terry Leachy, Pat Healey,



Above: Fraser MacBrayne of Kintyre Schools Pipe Band was piper for the evening.

Left: 4th Argyll (Southend) Scouts who took part in Jack and the Beans as performers and stage crew.

Below: Malcolm Ronald was master of ceremonies.



Consultation on draft Clyde Regional Marine Plan



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The Clyde Marine Planning Partnership is running a pre-consultation on the draft Clyde Regional Marine Plan. This is an important opportunity for coastal communities, individuals, businesses and other organisations to provide feedback and respond to the proposed plan.

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The consultation will take place from 18th March until 27th May 2019 and there will be a range of public events where people can learn more about the draft Plan and regional marine planning in the Clyde. See the list of events below to find an event near you; we look forward to seeing you there!

- Lochgilhead Community Education Centre **16th May**. Drop-in event with a presentation every hour, 17:00-21:00
- Tarbert, Templar Arts and Leisure Centre **17th May**. Drop-in event with a presentation every hour, 17:00-21:00
- Aqualibrium Leisure Centre **18th May**. Information stall between 11:00-16:00
- Campbeltown Town Hall **18th May**. Presentation and Q&A, 19:00-20:00

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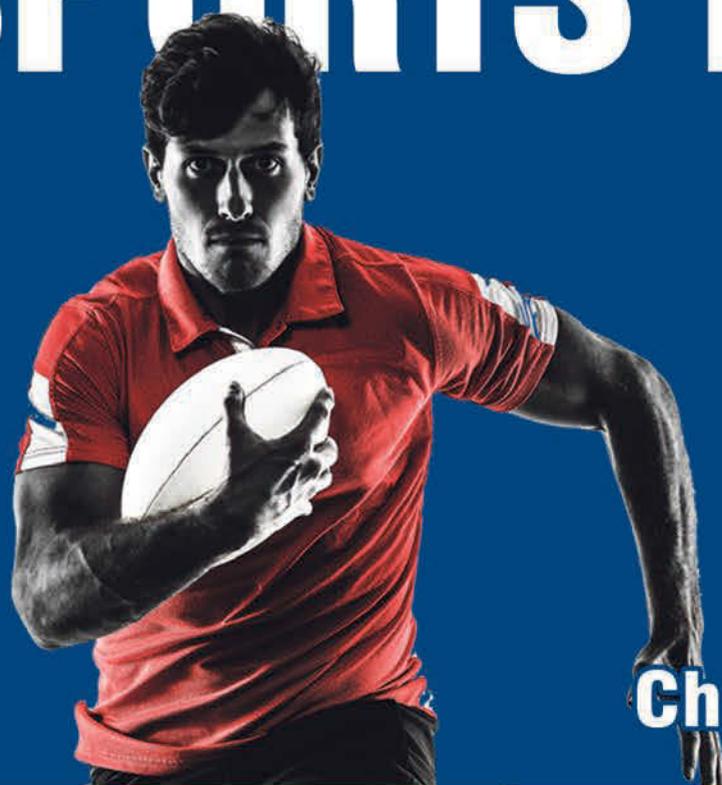
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Castlehill wins at rotary club schools quiz

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

Teams from Castlehill placed first and second in the annual Rotary Club of Campbeltown primary schools quiz.

Senior students from schools across the area were quizzed on topics including maths, computing, science, nature and art on their quest to win the Kintyre trophy.

As well as the cup, members of winning team Castlehill Two, Kirstie Renton, Mae Barr, James MacMillan and Lewis Graham, were presented with illustrated English dictionaries.

They will now represent Campbeltown at the West of Scotland heats at Pollokshaws Burgh Hall, Glasgow, on May 21.

The top three teams at that event go to the Scotland event in Stirling in June, competing against the winners of Rotary quizzes from across the country.

Quiz master Alan Milstead, standing in for Pat Healey, put seven teams of four pupils through their



Quiz master Alan Milstead.

paces during six rounds of 10 questions at the Kintyre heat in Dalintober Primary School.

The second-placed team was Castlehill One and in third place was Drumlemble. Mr Milstead thanked the pupils for taking part. He was pleased by the increase in the numbers of teams competing and the good turnout of supporters.

He said: 'Thanks to all the schools for competing. My colleagues and I had a great time.'

'And thanks to Dalintober

for hosting the event yet again.'

Members of the Rotary at the quiz commented on the good sportsmanship of the teams from Dalintober who were first up to congratulate Castlehill on their success.



Alan Milstead of the Rotary Club of Campbeltown presents the trophy to the winning team of Kirstie Renton, Mae Barr, Lewis Graham and James MacMillan.



Second placed team, Castlehill One, with quiz master Alan Milstead.



Rotarians John Bakes, Margaret Bakes and Carole Harrow keep the scores.

Early bird offer for Louise Setara gig

Early birds who buy tickets for the Louise Setara gig at Campbeltown Grammar School before Wednesday will get a £5 reduction.

All tickets purchased before May 15 will cost £10 but afterwards they will be £15 with £12 for concessions.

The headline act is former

X Factor star Louise Setara, who is travelling to Nashville to perform in July, but it also features some of the most promising local acts.

One of the stars of this year's Kintyre Songwriters' Festival, The Endorphins, will perform alongside Western Sound, a young band which has made

a name for itself at music festivals across Scotland.

The event, to raise funds for extra-curricular activities at the school, will also feature a raffle. Tickets are available from Campbeltown Grammar School, Wee Toon Sports, Glenbarr Stores and Muneroy Tearoom.



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Clachan church creates festival of flowers

by Joan Crooks
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Kilcalmonell Church in Clachan was decked to delight with an amazing array of floral art during the May holiday weekend.

The event's main organiser, Pauline Simson, created some arrangements around the pulpit and invited and encouraged others to create floral displays based on the theme 'treasure from the attic'.

Linda Bryce, Anne Clark, Catherine Doyle, Karen Kendrick, Glynis Lewin, Sheena McFarlane, Jane Griffiths, Jill Francis, Maria Rae, Julie Griffiths, Anne Parkhouse, Lori Silvan, Marion Warnock, Zoe Weir, Patricia Marsden, Patricia Weeks, the Stanesby family and Clachan, Glenbarr and Rhunahaorine primary schools all provided displays.

Pauline said: 'We have a flower festival here on alternate years and A'Chleit Church holds one on the in-between years.'

'There is a lovely community spirit in Clachan, and everyone lends their support. The floral arrangements are all provided free of charge as are the refreshments that are served in the village hall, so all funds raised go to the church. 'It's not just about fund raising,' explained Pauline. 'The festival helps to promote our church and encourage people to come in.'

The total amount raised at the festival was £865.25.

As part of the festival, Julius Weeks gave an organ recital on the Saturday evening and the Sunday service was led by Reverend Clive Pearson.



Mathilda Moller helps her aunt Zoe Weir to serve refreshments.



Judith Marsden from West Yorkshire created a flower display and was helping out at the festival. Judith has been coming to holiday in her caravan at Muasdale for around 40 years.



Pauline Simson, the event's main organiser.



Glynis Lewin's display.



Karen Kendrick's arrangement.



Peter Simson, with his wife Pauline's arrangements.

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Everyone knows tartan and whisky are exported all around the world, but did you know this is also true of Highland games? Amidst the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas, you will find a games day and the first Highland Games is

said to have taken place in America in 1836. North Carolina is the place for all things Scottish from July 11 to 14 this year for the annual gathering of Scottish

clans at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Across Canada, Australia and New Zealand there are Highland games and every summer dancers and 'heavy' athletes from all over the world come to Scotland to compete in the Highland games 'circuit'. There really can be no greater compliment to the Highlands than the fact that all over the globe people turn out to enjoy our Highland culture, be it dancing, piping, tossing the caber, throwing the hammer and wearing the kilt. And just like us here in the West Highlands and islands, all over the world there are dancers and pipers rehearsing, athletes in training and heavy athletes working out in the gym, all getting ready for their big day. Likewise, here at home, the events are run mainly by volunteers who are already

putting in the hours arranging and organising to make sure each games day is a success this summer. The competitions began to find the strongest warriors for the battles, the swiftest runners to be messengers and the best dancers and pipers to entertain clan chiefs and their guests. There is also the chance for people to socialise. That can still be seen today in the West Highlands and Islands with so many of the games taking place during Glasgow Fair holiday in July. In days gone by, this was the only time people who left to find work in the city could get home to see their families. So turn out and support the games this summer and enjoy our unique Scottish tradition that stretches back through the centuries and which, as it goes forward, has travelled to all points of the compass.

Taynuilt Highland Games Saturday July 20

The 150th Taynuilt Games will be celebrated this year - an event that has always had a reputation for being a friendly games, welcoming

foreign tourists from far and wide as well as people from throughout Scotland and the UK. Taynuilt Highland Games has run since 1859 and has only

been halted during times of war and crisis. The games also have great events for everyone to join in, from climbing the greasy pole to throwing the

Nant Stone, a huge boulder taken from the bed of the nearby river. The march through the village to the games field is always a wonderful sight.

Kenmore Highland Games Wednesday July 3

Kenmore Highland Games, known locally as 'the friendly games', is organised by Kenmore and District Sports Association and was started in 1972. As well as all the traditional events, including Highland dancing, 'heavy'

competitions, piping, and track events the games has its own 'Throwing the Tirnie Stone', an almost spherical stone found on Tirnie Farm, Kenmore, weighing 101lbs. Come and join this small community enjoy its big day out.

Kenmore Highland Games
Kenmore Sports Field
3rd July 2019
5.30pm – 9.30pm
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Saturday 6th July
at the Shinty Pitch, Invergarry
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Dancing Commences 10am
Games Officially opened 1pm
 Lochaber Pipe Band, Kintail Birds of Prey,
 Heavy Events, Highland Dancing,
 Kiddies Races, Pet Show, Hill Race, Tug O'War, Flat Races, Mini
 Highland Games, Stalls, Sideshows and much more.

Glengarry Highland Games Saturday July 6

There are two Glengarry Highland Games and the one here in Scotland is held at the village shinty club's playing field.

The other, at Maxville, Ontario, has grown

into one of the largest in the world, with 50 pipe bands taking part, as it is one of the competition venues for the American Pipe Band Championships.

Though the original is now in the shadow of

the Canadian games, the spirit remains the same - a great day out for all the family with piping, dancing, track and field events, stalls food and plenty activities and races for children.



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cinema night, charity dinner at Whitehouse Restaurant, auction night for MS, Big Morvern Run, regatta, fishing competition, crab catching, shinty, survivors' dance-beach party and more.

Morvern Games and Gala Week was reinstated in 1987 after a period of abeyance.

A highlight in the Morvern calendar, it is an opportunity for organisations to hold events throughout the week with the support and assistance of the Games and Gala Week

committee. The week begins with Morvern Highland Games, held on the second Saturday in July.

The date is to coincide with the Glasgow Fair with the intention of attracting the diaspora home for the holidays and enjoy the events throughout the week.

There will be a mini bus meeting the ferry from Mull and picking up people around the village.

This should reduce traffic at the field and save people the long walk up the hill.



Southend Highland Games Saturday July 20

There are bigger Highland games with larger crowds, but is there another Highland games where people have this much fun or visitors are made to feel so welcome?

The tiny village of Southend, on the tip of the Kintyre peninsula, holds its games in the afternoon and into the evening.

There are all the traditional field

events, piping and dancing and a range of senior and field events with cash and voucher prizes. Southend always places an emphasis on children's events.



SOUTHEND HIGHLAND GAMES
Saturday 20th July 2019
5.30pm for 6.00pm
Southend Playing Field
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Bute Highland Games Saturday August 24

Bute Highland Games makes a welcome return to their traditional second last Saturday in August slot on the Highland Games circuit.

Chairman Douglas Lyle and the organising committee of Bute Highland Games are delighted to welcome as this year's chieftain Samantha Ella Embury, a member of the Bute family who is involved in the Bute Family Trust, set up by her grandfather, which supports good causes on the island.

She is also passionate about supporting young people who may be at risk and has

worked in this field in Brazil and the UK. She is married to Gavin and they have two children, Louie and Honor.

The High Street Stadium at Rothesay is a scenic backdrop for the Bute Games, also known as the 'family friendly games'.

There is something for everyone - pipes and drums; Highland dancing; athletics; heavy events; wrestling; junior shinty and the ever popular, scenic 10K road race.

Trade stands, catering and attractions for youngsters are also on offer.



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Mull Highland Games Thursday July 18

As venues go, they don't come more spectacular than Erray Park, Tobermory. The games take place with the Sound of Mull and the hills of Ardnamurchan as the backdrop.

Events include heavyweights, light field events and Highland dancing and the park is also a great place to begin - and end - a hill

race with the pipe band playing and spectators cheering the runners home. This show has no trade stands.

Mull Games always has a great atmosphere and that extends to the trip there are back on the ferry. Make sure you get your tickets booked in advance as the boats are always packed on games day.

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Cowal Highland Games

Saturday August 29-31

Cowal Highland Gathering is the home of the World Highland Dancing Championships. Attracting the best highland dancers from across the world since the championships began in 1934, when Gladys S Bruce from Largs took the juvenile World Champion title, Cowal Highland Gathering continues to be the place where every Highland Dancer wants to perform.

2018 saw a record-breaking 768 dancers travel from as far away as Canada and Australia to compete for the most prestigious trophies in the highland dancing world.

Saturday August 31 also sees the Cowal Pipe Band Championships, the

oldest pipe band competition in the world, taking place.

Around 50 bands will perform during the day, all aiming to leave Dunoon with some of the Gathering's most historic trophies. Don't miss one of the Cowal Highland Gathering's 'must see' moments, marking the finale to the event, when the massed bands play in unison in their salute to the Chieftain.

Cowal Highland Gathering also hosts an international heavy athletics competition, which attracts some of the best strongmen and women from across Europe. Competitors from Scotland, Germany and Iceland will go head-to-head in individual and team competitions.

Also included in the

cost of admission is access to the popular Cowal Ceilidh Tent, which this year is head-lined by Skerryvore, with Beinn Lee, Rhuvaal and Donald Black supporting them.

We have not forgotten our younger audience either. As well as all the traditional elements you would expect from a highland gathering, we also have a range of free family attractions which this year includes stunt bike shows, Artie's Tartan Tales, puppet shows, arts and crafts workshops, crazy golf, mountain bike tracks and flying displays from Kintail Birds of Prey.

Discounted tickets and additional information available now at www.cowalgathering.com

Newtonmore Highland Games

Saturday August 3

The games are held in the heartland of the Clan Macpherson with the clan's annual rally and march to the

games. This year's chieftain is Angus Macpherson of Baillid. The march includes massed pipe bands

and leads the way to The Eilan, the home of the games.

There are open and local heavy events which attract a good field; open track, field and traditional heavy events.

Another feature of the games is the Creag Dhubh Hill race plus a full schedule of dancing. With trade stalls, food and beer tent, this is a wonderful, traditional games.

Newtonmore Highland Games

Saturday 3rd August 2019. 10.30am-5pm

- Massed pipe bands march through the village to the games at 1pm
- Open Piping 11-3pm
- Highland Dancing Competition from 12.30pm
- Open Track & Field Athletics 1pm
- Open Traditional Heavy Events 1pm
- Clan Macpherson rally and march to the games
- Creag Dhubh Hill Race 3.15pm
- Trade Stalls - Food & Beer Tents

Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Games Saturday June 1

Helensburgh and Lomond Games are unique in that the event is linked to two clans, the Colquhoun and the MacAuley, whose chiefs alternate the duties of chieftain of the games.

Traditional competitions such as the dancing and athletics are on show along with the 'heavy' events like tossing the caber.

Spectators can join in by competing in a

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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Rock/pop workshop hailed 'simply the best'

by Joan Crooks
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Kintyre's choristers were treated to an 'ab fab' experience on Saturday as acclaimed voice coach Craig Anthony Lees conducted a contemporary singing masterclass.

Craig is senior lecturer on the Popular Music degree at Leeds College of Music and is the man behind Leeds Contemporary Singers, the winning choir of the recent BBC series Pitch Battle.

The workshop, organised by Judith Jones from Torrisdale, herself a vocal coach and singer/songwriter, ran from 10am until 4pm as Craig put the singers through their pac-

es, teaching vocal techniques and harmonies and sharing the enjoyment of choral singing.

Drawn to the event by their love of singing and by the opportunity to be taught by an accomplished voice coach and choir director, the attendees were not previously one choir, but had each registered to take part in the one-day workshop.

By the end of the day they performed confidently like an established choir as they filled Campbeltown Free Church with their melodious sound, accompanied by Campbeltown's own David Cosgrove, a music teacher, on keyboard.

The repertoire included Running, by Naughty Boy featuring Beyonce, Hold Back The River, by James Bay, and Tina Turner's Simply The Best.

Craig said: 'I was mesmerised by the sound and the spirit of the singers here in Campbeltown. There was a good mix of ages, from school pupils right up to more mature singers. I think it was a new experience for many.'

'This is my first visit to beautiful Kintyre and I am already planning to come back.'

Judith was equally enthusiastic. 'Craig created a real buzz,' she said. 'I hope to keep that momentum going now and to set up a rock and

pop choir in Campbeltown Grammar School, with Craig providing mentoring and support.'

Catriona Soudan and her daughter Erin, from Southend, said: 'We thoroughly enjoyed the workshop - the harmonising, singing together, the great sound. It was super fun.'

Leone Shaw Tulloch commented: 'It was uplifting and inspiring.'

Judith hopes there will indeed be a 'next time'. She plans to hold another workshop around the same time next year and is hopeful that this year's success will lead to an even better attendance then.'



Conductor Craig Anthony Lees.

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Kintyre's Thomas Jordan has performed across the UK.



Morag McMillan, Hamish McMillan, Robert Black, Zena Coffield, John Coffield and Lindsay Wallace enjoyed the festival.

Songwriters are live-streamed in festival first

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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People across the world enjoyed this year's Kintyre Songwriters' Festival (KSF) as, for the first time ever, many of the performances were live-streamed on social media.

Thousands of people viewed the clips which were shared on KSF's Facebook page last weekend, with new Kintyre acts like The Endorphins and Che Martin proving especially popular.

Showcase

The festival, founded in 2008, aims to showcase and promote Kintyre's songwriting talents, allowing the next generation of musicians to

share the stage with some of the country's most promising rising stars.

Some of this year's most note-worthy performances came from French-Cameroonian singer/songwriter Djana Gabrielle, and Seahorses frontman Chris Helme.

A KSF spokesperson said: 'The festival is all about letting people know about the talent in the area so the increased online presence has really helped with that and we hope that it will lead to more people coming along next year.'

'As well as the advertised special guests who were all spectacular, we were also very lucky to be able to add

top Glasgow act Heir Of The Cursed to the bill at the last minute. The band put in an incredible performance, some of which can also be seen on our official Facebook page.'

Main events

Campbeltown Town Hall hosted the main events on Saturday and Sunday but Kintyre artists kick-started the festival with a range of performances during an open stage session in The Comm on Friday night.

The spokesperson said: 'We would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the event and listened to the local performers, and all the musicians who work all year round to put on the best show they can.'



Djana Gabrielle was a hit on Sunday night at the festival.

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Kintyre band Under Smoke is influenced by classic rock.



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Chef McNeill joins dream team at Machrihanish

Gigha's very own Gordon McNeill is taking the reins as executive chef at the Kintyre Restaurant and Bar, at The Ugadale Hotel at The Village at Machrihanish Dunes.

He joins chef Greig Smyth at The Royal Hotel and chef Colin Bellamy at The Old Clubhouse Pub to complete The Village at Machrihanish Dunes' 'dream team' of culinary artists.

Chef McNeill was born on Gigha and began his working life at the Putechan restaurant on the Kintyre coast before serving a working apprenticeship at several of the west coast's top eateries.

A spell at the Gleneagles Hotel was followed by a stint at prestigious Tuddenham

than just to eat here because it is the restaurant attached to the hotel.'

Expect to find dishes such as: queenies cooked with Springbank whisky and Arran Cheddar; Tandoori lobster tail with horseradish, apple, cucumber; and mint and sashimi tuna with pickled ginger, soya and wasabi.

Although his set menus will focus on seafood, shellfish and grill, his use of daily specials boards will ensure there is always an interesting selection of exciting offerings available daily.

Greg Sherwood, president of Southworth Golf, which oversees management of The Ugadale Hotel and Kintyre Restaurant and Bar, said: 'Everyone at the hotel is incredibly excited to have Gordon join our team. We have always strived to offer the very best food and beverage in the Kintyre region.'

'I know that hotel guests and local residents alike are going to marvel at what he and his team are doing. It will be a very special culinary experience, and one unlike any other in Kintyre.'

The Ugadale Hotel in Machrihanish was restored and reopened in 2012 and immediately earned luxury four-star status. Since then, it has earned awards, including best new hotel, best golf hotel, and best small hotel from the Scottish Hotel Awards and Golf Tourism Scotland, while The Ugadale Cottages have earned the TripAdvisor certificate of excellence.



Gordon McNeill, now executive chef at Kintyre Restaurant and Bar.

Mill, before he spread his wings abroad, working for two private families in Italy.

A return to Kintyre to visit family after an absence of 18 years resulted in a chance meeting with the new owner of the business that was to become The Boathouse Restaurant in Gigha, a meeting which started a working relationship that was to last six years and see McNeill earn a reputation for producing the finest dishes, specialising in the use of local seafood.

McNeill had the desire to take all the experience he had

gained during his time at the Boathouse – along with his natural inventiveness and boundless enthusiasm for his craft – and bring it to a bigger and more accessible stage.

So he was delighted when the opportunity presented itself to have his name associated with the prestigious Ugadale Hotel.

'People rightly come to stay at The Ugadale for the golf, and that will never change,' said McNeill. 'But it is my goal to have people also come here specifically to enjoy the food that we produce, rather



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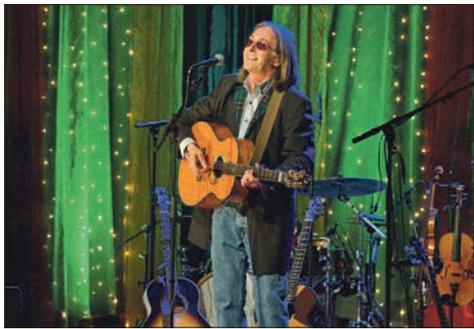


The Kintyre Restaurant and Bar at The Ugadale Hotel.

MOKFest set to rock the Wee Toon for 27th year



Manran make their festival debut this year.



Internationally-renowned singer/songwriter Dougie Maclean makes his third visit to Campbeltown. Photograph: Rob McDougall.



Ainsley Hamill will perform at the Gaelic Concert in Ceol Campbeltown.

The 27th annual Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (MOKFest) looks set to rock Campbeltown this summer, with some of the best bands and performers from across Scotland scheduled to appear.

The five-day event, which runs from August 21 to 25, has yet another great line-up including Manran, Dougie MacLean, Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band, Chris Stout and Catriona McKay, Ainsley Hamill and Slainte Davaar Allstars.

On Saturday August 21 the festival launches its exciting new event, The West Coast Rocks Concert, with new sponsors Glen Scotia Distillery, and a great west coast lineup of bands.

Folk-rock legends Manran, making their debut at the festival, will headline supported by Heron Valley who are now headlining events across Scotland and are making a much-requested return.

Local outfit Rhuvaal will open the concert that promises to give the audience the full-on west coast festival experience in the Victoria Hall.

Headlining the Traditional Concert in the Heritage Centre on the same night is Scotland's internationally-renowned singer/songwriter Dougie Maclean making his third visit to the town. Dougie, who was originally famed for writing the song Caledonia, will perform in the Campbeltown Heritage Centre for the first time.

The support band is Ceann Tir featuring a host of talented young musicians from South Kintyre who have come through the MOKFest music development project with

Campbeltown Grammar School.

Arthur Johnstone will MC the concert.

On Friday August 23 the Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band make their debut at the Festival Ceilidh Night. The west coast ceilidh band includes stalwarts from across the traditional music world who are as at home playing large concert venues around the world as intimate bothy ceilidhs and are guaranteed to get everyone dancing.

Also playing are young folk fusion band Eriska featuring artists from Argentina, Italy and USA. This will be the second time the band has played at the event having previously performed on the Festival Club in 2017.

The Dalriada Connections Band, featuring students and tutors from Campbeltown Grammar School alongside a core group of musicians, opens the concert sets. The evening starts with a rousing performance by the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band.

This year's Gaelic Concert in Ceol Campbeltown, Seafield, on Wednesday August 21 will headline with Gaelic singer Ainsley Hamill who also plays in the band Barluath.

Joining her will be Iain MacPherson and a host of local artists with Christine Macintyre as Bean-an-Tigh.

The Dalriada Connections Concert in the Campbeltown Heritage Centre on Sunday August 25 will again be sponsored by Mitchell's Glengyle Distillery.

This popular Pan Celtic concert headlines with Chris Stout and Catriona McKay.

Chris is from Fair Island, one of the Shetland Islands, and Catriona is from Dundee. They have played together for around 20 years including in internationally acclaimed band Fiddlers' Bid.

From Northern Ireland the festival welcomes three-piece band Ceólta who will be joined by Western Sound, Scooter Muse, Ross Conner Trio, Frank Rochford and the usual mixture of local and visiting musicians. Tickets include a free sponsors' miniature at this event.

The legendary Survivors Night later that night features Campbeltown super-group Slainte Davaar Allstars who continue to come up with a fantastic set of new tracks each year.

Rhuvaal will also perform along with we.R.soul, Gilchristians, Matt McAllister Band and Session A83. This year Alison M Leith takes over as MC.

Firm festival favourite, The Young Folk Night kick-starts events in the Heritage Centre on Thursday August 22, featuring some of Kintyre's finest young musical talent.

Information on the new Saturday afternoon open-air events plus other festival attractions will be in next week's Courier.

Tickets for all concerts will be available locally from A. P. Taylors, Main Street, Campbeltown, and online from Ticketweb at www.ticketweb.co.uk or phone 08444 771 000 on May 16 from 10am.

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Festival Ceilidh | The Victoria Hall

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Sat 24

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This all-seated concert features Dougie MacLean in concert with Ceann Tir supporting. Arthur Johnstone will MC.

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Dalriada Connections | The Heritage Centre

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Sun 25

Tickets: £22
Doors: 7:30PM

Survivors Night | The Victoria Hall

Slainte Davaar Allstars headline and are joined by Rhuvaal, Gilchristians, Matt McAllister Band, we.R.soul and Session A83. Alison M Leith as MC.

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Show time for crime tractors



Hamilton Ross Group Valtra expert Brian Hamilton; Police Scotland national rural crime co-ordinator Alan Dron; Hamilton Ross Group marketing manager Corrine McConnachie; and marketing assistant Rachel Mullin.

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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With thefts of farm equipment escalating, farmers and farm workers are being encouraged to make sure they are part of the fightback against the crooks by keeping themselves well-informed.

Over the coming months a branded tractor and RTV will be touring Scotland to raise awareness of the impact rural crime has on individuals and communities.

Last month in Kintyre alone, five quad bikes were stolen from farms in one night and none has yet been recovered.

The creation of the Valtra T174EA Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC)-branded tractor follows on from the popularity of a similarly-branded tractor at the Royal Highland Show last year. It was created to raise awareness of the partnership at agricultural shows and to open discussion with the public and those within the agricultural industry.

This year's tractor is supplied by Hamilton Ross Group in partnership with SPARC and will visit more than 30 agricultural shows across the country in the coming weeks and months.

The Hamilton Ross Group represents Scottish farm machinery dealers Hamilton Brothers, Reekie Ltd and Ross of Lanark.

SPARC is made up of 16 strategic partners from



The SPARC Kubota X-1110 RTV will also join the tour.

across the rural community including Police Scotland, NFU Scotland, Scottish Land and Estates and NFU Mutual, all working to combat rural crime, such as livestock worrying, fly-tipping, heritage crime, equestrian crimes, fuel theft, poaching and agricultural vehicle theft.

The shows and events the vehicles are going to include Royal Highland Show in June, Islay and Bute as well as a host of others across the mainland.

'A key aspect of SPARC is to build confidence and trust among those living, working and enjoying Scotland's

rural communities that any crime-related issues affecting them are taken seriously, acted upon and understood,' said Alan Dron, rural crime co-ordinator for SPARC.

'Attending agricultural events and shows is just one way SPARC will be engaging with people.'

Eric Gardiner, managing director of the Hamilton Ross Group, said: 'We are already delighted with the positive response from our partnership with SPARC.'

'We hope that the SPARC tractor tour raises awareness of rural crime prevention and security measures.'

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Around the markets

United Auctions held its annual spring sale at Dalmally on Saturday, with a total of 302 grazing cattle, 36 breeding cattle and 114 sheep of all classes. Bulls sold to average £785.84 (- £3.69) while heifers levelled out at £741.77 (+ £8.35). Bulls sold to 265p per kilo for Limousin crosses from Dall and heifers peaked at 256p per kilo for Charolais crosses from Tiraghoil. Hereford cross bulling heifers from Clachan, Tیره, sold to £1,100. Breeding cattle from Homeston, Campbeltown, sold to £1,400.

All classes of sheep sold at satisfactory levels. Principal lots and prices, top prices per head: Bulls: AAx: £940-10 Eoligarry, Barra; £890(2)-Poltalloch. BSx: £840(2)-Auchlyne. BRBx: £910-Craig. CHARx: £960(3)-Tiraghoil; £950(2)-Fearnoch; £910-Tiraghoil; £890-Barnakill; £890(6)-Ardmaleish; £890(5)-Tiraghoil. LIMx: £950(2)-Craignafeoch; £940-Ardmaleish; £920-Craig; £920-Tom Ne Coille; £910(2)-Croftintygan; £900-Craignafeoch; £880(3)-Ardmaleish. SALx:

£760-Barnakill. SHx: £770(2)-Auchlyne. SIMx: £960-Achnacree more; £910(2)-Tiraghoil; £880-10 Eoligarry, Barra. Heifers: AAx: £730-Craig Farm. BSx: £830-Auchlyne. CHARx: £930(2), £920(2)-Fearnoch; £900-Auchlyne; £900-Fearnoch; £860(3)-Fearnoch. LIMx: £910-Tom Na Coille; £900(2)-Craignafeoch; £860-Croftintygan. LUING: £650-Clachan Farms.

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It's show time

Your guide to the best agricultural shows in the area



Support our

Go along to an agricultural show or two this summer and find out more

Can you think of any other industry which is such a vital part of community life that everyone turns out in force to support it? Visit a show and see for yourself.

An agricultural show is a great day out but to the farming community an agricultural show is way, way more than that.

Farming is almost a definition of anti-social hours. Do you get fed up if you have to work an evening or a weekend now and then? Farming folk would laugh in disbelief – livestock and the weather make sure that farming is never a nine-to-five job. It truly is a way of life.

A show gives people the chance to catch up with old friends and socialise. There will be plenty of craic in the tea tent or at the bar and the show dance in the evening or at the Young Farmers' stall. One of the joys of an agricultural show is that people have time to stop and catch up with neighbours, friends and other people in the community whom they might not see from one year's show day to the next.

Many people outwith the farming community are often surprised at how many exhibitions and trade stands there are at agricultural shows, even the smaller ones. So expect to see stalls for organisations like the Forestry Commission, NFUS or SNH at shows, or dealerships in farm vehicles and implements – from a four-wheel-drive truck, or a plough, to rotary tedders to silage wagons. Farming is such an all-consuming job that it makes more sense for agricultural suppliers to go the customers rather than the customers visit their showrooms.

There will also be stalls or agents for feed and fertiliser and agricultural suppliers. Likewise stalls selling country clothing and overalls which everyone can appreciate.

Look out too for a host of food stalls selling baking, sweets, hot food and often farmers' market stalls selling produce. Each show has its loyal band of tradespeople.

The Royal Highland Show at Ingliston, Edinburgh, is considered the start of the agricultural show season and



WEST ARDNAMURCHAN SHOW

Kilchoan, Friday 19 July

This is a well-established show with a reputation for providing a fantastic family day out. The agricultural show starts the day at 9.30am, with the main family events following at 11.30am.

The day includes children's races with a hill race for seniors and juniors, likewise heavy events and a pet show, produce show and stalls for everyone to enjoy. There is an all-day barbecue, and bar and live music on the field from 5pm onwards with A'Hooligan. All this is in the beautiful Kilchoan setting, making for a memorable day.



BUNESSAN SHOW

*Bunessan School Ground,
Friday August 2*

The first of the Isle of Mull's two agricultural shows, this might be one of the smaller ones but it has a big heart; it has a reputation for being one of the friendliest shows around.

The show committee describe the event as a 'traditional show' with a full schedule of livestock classes plus plenty more for people to enjoy at the showground alongside the village primary school, especially lots of children's competitions with home baking, preserves and gardening classes.

The day also ends in the traditional way, with a show dance in the village hall, this year with Beinn Lee, starting at 9pm.

KINTYRE AGRICULTURAL SHOW

*Anderston Park,
Campbeltown, Friday August 2*

Kintyre is home of the famous Mull of Kintyre Cheddar, so expect to see some of the finest dairy cattle in the show ring, along with beef cattle, sheep and Clydesdales, plus plenty of livestock which had good wins at the Royal Highland Show.

Kintyre Show always has a good selection of stalls and action from the Kintyre Young Farmers. There will be a parade of old tractors a great dog show, and produce show. A day not to be missed.



**West Ardnamurchan
Show & Sports
Friday 19th July 2019**

Enjoy a fantastic family fun day in beautiful surroundings at Kilchoan's well established Show and Sports. Agriculture Show runs from 09:30 to 11:30 and all the Main Events start at 11:30.

Attractions include: All Day BBQ & Bar; Senior & Junior Heavy Events; Junior Sports; Children's amusements start 11.30 am; Pet Parade & Races; Tug-o-War; Stalls; Baking & Horticulture Competitions; Senior & Junior Hill Race; Live music and refreshments on the field from 5pm onwards (A'Hooligan)

More information online: [facebook@westardnamurchanshowandsports](https://www.facebook.com/westardnamurchanshowandsports)

BUNESSAN SHOW
Friday 2nd August 2019
Bunessan School Ground
Gates open 9.30am

Traditional Highland and Island Agricultural Show
Entry: Adult £4.00, Conc £2.00, Car Parking £2.00

Licensed Dance to follow in Village Hall
Beinn Lee Band 9pm

Kintyre Agricultural Show
Friday 2nd August 2019
Anderston Park,
Campbeltown
Gates Open 8am

 Established 1855

Dairy & Beef Cattle, Sheep, Clydesdales,
Horses & Ponies. Old Tractors & Dogs
Produce Show

Entry: Adults £6.00, Children £3,
Family Tickets £12.00
Free Parking

Local farmers

...re about farming's role in the life and work of the West Highlands



Dalmally Show here in Argyll is one of the last. Dalmally is famous for its Highland cattle classes; Kintyre, with its award winning creamery, has a show where some of the best dairy cattle in Scotland can be seen. Across Argyll and Lochaber, the sheep classes, especially the blackface classes, are full of first-class livestock.

Shows usually start in the morning, with competitors arriving early to settle their livestock down and add some finishing touches to the grooming before judging begins. The more public events, dog or pet shows or gymkhana, begin around noon.

The finale of the show is a parade of champions from all the classes including the presentation of the honour of best in show – the overall winner of all the day's events.

Most agricultural shows have a produce or handicraft or 'industry' tent – a marquee full of excellent home-grown fruit and vegetables and flowers, home-made jams and preserves,

and crafts, all waiting to be judged. This is open to the public once the judging has been done. Look out for the children's competitions as well – every show has them, including prizes in the show ring for best young handlers.

Horse shows and dog shows are not only events for serious competitors, but also have fun events like fancy dress and dog with the waggiest tail.

Terrier racing and gun-dog scurries also have classes for people to enter family pets as well as working dogs.

The main show ring will often feature entertainment – whether it is a tug-of-war, a demonstration of chainsaw carving, a parade of vintage farm vehicles or the local pipe band. Each year the shows vie with each other to put on the best events; likewise the music at the show dances held afterwards will have some of the West Highlands and islands' leading musicians.

So turn out and support your local show and celebrate all the hard work our farming community does every year.

LORN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Common Grazings, Tralee Bay,

Saturday, 3 August

The Common Grazings land is a phenomenal beach venue for a show which draws the crowds from the farming community and people from miles around. The morning is given over to stock judging. The event is also home to the Oban Poultry Show. There is a traditional home industries tent, dog show, terrier racing and plenty of equestrian events. If you want more horse power, look out for the vintage tractors. With Highland dancing competitions and pipe band, the show committee has to be congratulated on creating a day out with such a wide appeal for everyone and this year make sure you catch the show by The Drakes of Hazard.

SALEN SHOW

Glenaros Showfield,

Thursday August 8

Mull and Morvern Agricultural Society hosts the annual Salen Show at the Glenaros Showfield; one of two shows held on the island.

At the cattle and sheep classes, you can see entries from all over the island and from farms on the mainland. There is always a fine selection of Highland cattle on show. At the horse show, you will see everything from cheeky little Shetlands through to show jumpers and everything from Highland ponies to thoroughbreds.

The dog show accepts entries on the day and competition is always fierce.

The handicraft and produce tent is always well supported and so are the horticultural classes.

The day ends with a barbecue rounding off a really great day out at a traditional and welcoming show.

MID-ARGYLL SHOW

Kilmory, Lochgilphead,

Saturday August 10

The Mid-Argyll Agricultural Show is a major event with hundreds of exhibitors entering competitions in baking, produce, crafts, flowers and vegetables, as well as the dog and livestock classes.

Fergus Lyon and Catriona MacLeod will be presidents for this the 122nd Mid-Argyll Agricultural Show supported by vice-president David Renwick.

Enjoy watching the judging of cattle, sheep, dogs, horses, ponies and poultry competitions and along with regular attractions are the display of vintage tractors and the pets section together with terrier racing competitions.

Watch out for Mid Argyll Pipe Band, mini rugby and a bike display.

After the success of the gun dog scurry, this competition will once again take place.

The system of using the school car park and free shuttle buses taking people from Lochgilphead Front Street up into the show ground, via the school car park will operate again as it proved popular last year.

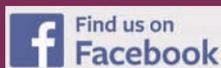
Lorn Agricultural Show

Saturday 3rd August, 2019

**Common Grazing's Tralee,
Benderloch**

Showfield opens 9.00am

**Amazing venue on the beach at Tralee,
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Mull and Morvern Agricultural Society



THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST 2019

**SHOWFIELD AT GLENAROS
GATES OPEN 10AM**

**ENTRY ADULT £5, CONC £3,
FAMILY £14**

BBQ TO FOLLOW

MID-ARGYLL SHOW 2019



**Saturday 10th August at Kilmory, Lochgilphead
Showfield Opens at 9am**

**Main ring attractions • Childrens Activities
Mid Argyll Pipe Band • mini rugby • bike display
Variety of trade stands and food stalls
Gin and Prosecco bar**

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SUNART & DISTRICT SHOW

*Strontian showfield,
Saturday August 10*

The judging of the livestock classes at the Sunart and District Agricultural Society Show starts at 9.30am but the family fun lasts all day.

There are classes for sheep, cattle, poultry and a dog show and this year will see the return of the horse show. For the younger members of the family, Bubble the clown will be on hand to provide entertainment and there will be a licensed dance for all the family starting at 9pm.

Show day is a big event for the Sunart community and well supported by holiday makers. This is a great day out for everyone with a wonderful, welcoming family atmosphere.

APPIN SHOW

*Tynribbie Croft, Appin,
Saturday August 17*

On the shore of Loch Linnhe with the iconic Castle Stalker in the background, Appin Show has a fantastic location.

This is the show's 62nd year and support continues to grow for the event. Farmers from the Isle of Lismore come over to enter livestock in the show alongside farms in and around Appin, in the classes for sheep, cattle including Highlanders, Clydesdale horses, and a dog show. There is a handicraft and floral art and garden produce section along with a poultry show; this year there will be honey classes as well. Given its location, the show is able to stage its own hill race alongside children's games and races and Highland dancing.

This is a show with the emphasis on a good time for all the family.

DALMALLY AGRICULTURAL SHOW

*The Mart Park,
Saturday September 7*

Dalmally Show traditionally brings the show season to a close, and does so in style.

The hard-working show committee describes the show as 'a celebration of our rural community', and rightly so. Over the years, Dalmally has built up a formidable reputation with its Highland cattle classes, probably only second in the land to the Royal Highland Show.

These are alongside the other classes for commercial beef cattle, blackface sheep, and poultry, and competitions for dogs, baking, preserves, horticulture, painting and much more.

With the village shinty ground alongside the show, Dalmally also stages a junior shinty tournament. Add to all this an excellent mix of stalls and exhibitors, pipe band, dog show, heavy horses and birds of prey demonstration, and you have a show with a formidable reputation which all makes for a great day out.

Sunart & District Agricultural Society Show & Family Fun Day Out



Saturday 10th August 2019
Strontian Showfield
Judging Commences 9.30am

Sheep, Cattle, Poultry and Dog Show
Local Crafts, Highland Dancing,
return of the Horse show and so much more
Including Bubbles the Clown!

Adults: £ 5, Child: £2
Family: £12, Concession: £3
Family licensed dance from 9pm onwards

62nd Annual Appin Agricultural Show

Saturday 17th August 2019
Tynribbie Croft, Appin

Judging Starts 10am

Sheep, Cattle, Highland Cattle, Dog show, Clydesdale Horse Display, Childrens' Games / Races, Handcrafts, Floral Art, Flowers, Veg, and Honey, Highland Dancing, Vintage Engines, Hill race and poultry section. PLUS Lots More!

Entry: Adults £ 5.00, Children & Conc £3
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Dalmally Agricultural Show

Saturday 7th September 2019
The Mart Park, Dalmally
Gates open 9am

Highland Cattle, Main Ring Attractions,
Trade Stands. Something for all the Family!

Pipe band, dog show, birds of prey,
heavy horse display.



www.dalmally-show.co.uk



Initiative aims to help achieve green farming

A new farmer-led initiative to drive low-carbon, environmentally sustainable farming practices in Scotland has been launched.

Under reforms to the Farming For a Better Climate (FFBC) programme, a new group will be established to trail and develop ideas on farms which could provide practical, innovative solutions to help climate change mitigation.

Rural Affairs Minister Mairi Gougeon MSP made the announcement while visiting Hugh Black's farm in Forfar – one of the farmers participating in the group.

Ms Gougeon said: 'As we face a climate emergency, it is more vital than ever that farmers and crofters move towards a low-carbon, environmentally sustainable future by adapting to the changing climate and securing their business viability for generations to come.'

'So while Farming For a Better Climate has been a success, it is now time to reform and encourage farmers to act collaboratively to ensure the future success of the industry.'

'In line with the recommendations of our Agricultural Champions, I am confirming that FFBC will be refocused on soil regenerative agriculture, including soil, fertiliser, manure management, carbon sequestration and more.'

'As no two farms are the same, I am moving the system



Rural Affairs Minister Mairi Gougeon MSP.

away from focussing on the individual to one of collective collaboration, maximising the opportunity for testing innovative solutions in a variety of situations. This is a really exciting initiative, which I look forward to seeing develop and prosper in the months ahead.'

Mr Black said: 'The group that have come together for this project very interestingly have different enterprises and crops but we all share the same challenges and recognise the need to gather more learning around soils and how best to manage them.'

'I see it as a learning journey of a group of mixed ages, experience and regions but

led with an open mindset and eagerness to excel.'

'I expect to have open discussions around what we do and intend to grow our knowledge together and help develop the understanding for all in Scottish agriculture.'

Farming For a Better Climate was established in 2009 with a remit to demonstrate and disseminate information on practical low carbon farming practices based on interacting with individual farmers.

In February, four young farmers and crofters were appointed to champion a cultural and behavioural shift towards low-carbon, environmentally sustainable farming in Scotland.

Farmers and crofters are 'green by nature', says NFUS president

Scotland's farmers and crofters must be recognised as part of the solution to delivering on the Committee on Climate Change (CCC) 'net-zero' target, according to NFUS Scotland.

A report by the union published last week said that Scotland had greater potential to remove emissions from its economy than the UK overall, and could credibly adopt a more ambitious target of reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) by 2045.

The CCC's recommendation covers all sectors of the Scottish economy.

NFUS Scotland president Andrew McCornick said: 'Our farmers and crofters are green by nature, we are starting from a very good place and we will work with the government to help the industry become a world leader in low-carbon farming.'

'The CCC recommendation



NFUS president Andrew McCornick.

that Scotland can achieve net-zero emissions by 2045 is era-changing and a huge moment in the climate change debate for Scotland's farmers and crofters.

'They take their environmental responsibilities incredibly seriously and continue to adopt practical, workable solutions and improvements to the challenge of climate change.'

'For government to deliver on its part, there is a strong

justification for enhancing this type of funding and initiative in the future, in order to incentivise further take-up of these practices.'

Around 85 per cent of Scotland's farmland is defined as Less Favoured Area, and 43 per cent is defined as High Nature Value land. Landscape and climate mean that much of Scotland's farmland is unploughable and unsuitable for crops other than grass.

NFUS takes its Brexit message to party political conference circuit

NFUS Scotland rounded off its attendance at all the spring political party conferences by hosting a high-profile fringe event at the Scottish Conservative conference in Aberdeen last Friday with Secretary of State Michael Gove MP and convener of the Rural Economy Committee Edward Mountain MSP.

The event, chaired by NFUS Scotland president Andrew McCornick, focused on a new agricultural policy for Scotland and how Scottish farmers and crofters can be supported post-Brexit to produce food with better pro-



Jonnie Hall.

ductivity and environmental outcomes.

Speaking on the panel, Jonnie Hall, NFUS Scotland's director of policy, said: 'The

whole Brexit process is very political, which has thrown up plenty of questions, conundrums and uncertainty. That's not helping our industry and certainly not helping our members of NFUS Scotland.'

'The challenge for us as an organisation representing farmers and the challenge for UK and Scottish governments is to work more closely together to provide support, to provide incentive, to provide leadership, so that the right actions are taken in the right way to deliver the outcomes that we all want.'

SALx: £900, £860(2) & £820(2)-Brackley. SHx: £830(2) & £820-Auchlyne. SIMx: £900-Brackley; £830-Dunach Estate. Breeding cattle: Bulling heifers: AAx: £1060-Clachan Tiree. HERx: £1,100, £1,080(2), £1,060, £1,040(2), £1,030(2)-Clachan, Tiree. Cows with calves: £1400-Homeston, Campbeltown: £1,320, £1,280, £1,260, £1,200, £1,180, £1,150, £1,140, £1,120, £1,110 and £1,100-Glenure Estate. In-calf cows: £1,240(2), £1,180, £1,140, £1,100, £1,080(2)-Homeston,

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246p(3)-Ardmaleish; 243p-Poltalloch; 240p-Craig Farm; 238p-Dall Farm; 236p(2)-Glenure Estate; 235p-Tom Na Coille. SALx: 244p-Barnakill. SIMx: 262p-Glenure Estate; 260p-Tiraghoil; 252p-Glenure Estate; 249p(3)-Ellary Farms; 242p(2) & 239p(2)-Glenmachrie; 236p-Achnacree more; 236p-Glenure Estate; 234p(4)-Ellary Estate; 234p-10 Eoligarry, Barra. Heifers: AAx: 242p(5)-Scotstown. CHARx: 240p-Tullochmhor; 236p-Barnakill; 234p(2)-Dunans; 230p & 225p(4)-Barnakill.

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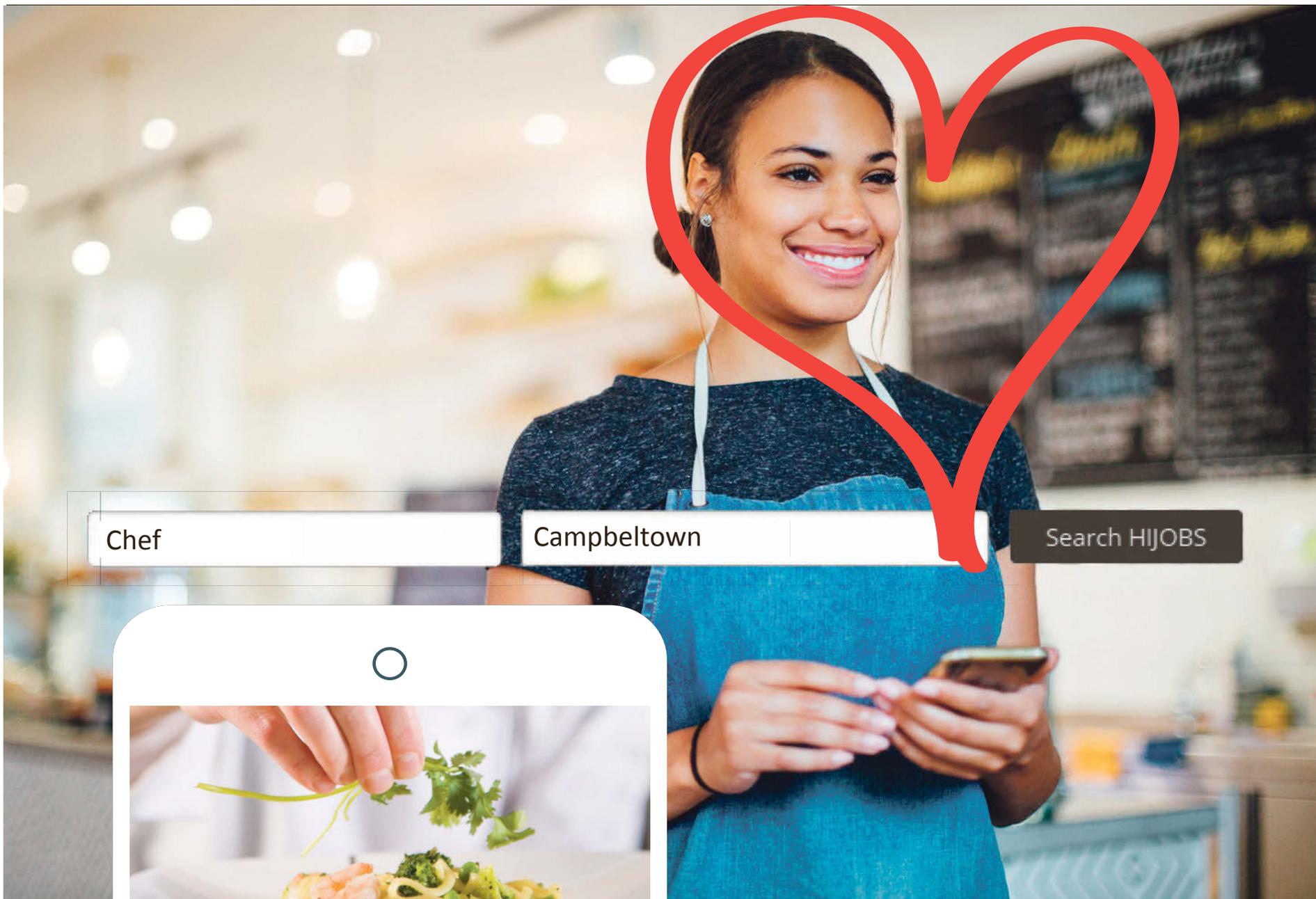
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BELLOCHANTUY



The trophies which were presented at the Bellochantuy SWI's AGM and prize-giving.

SWI president picks up annual prizes

Bellochantuy SWI's president had the honour of presenting herself with much of the silverware at the group's recent AGM and prize-giving.

Lois Fell, who triumphed in many of the competition categories, presented the following trophies and prizes: M Dean Shield for most points in the monthly competitions: 1 Lois Fell, 2 Patricia Fair. M Dean Tray for most points in the housewives' competition: 1 Lois Fell, 2 Patricia Fair. B Blackwood Plate for most points in handicraft competitions: 1 Lois Fell, 2 Margaret Cameron/Margaret MacKinnon. M Dean Quaich for most points in the bulb show: 1 Lois Fell, 2 Libby Kerr. Mrs Allan Rosebowl for best exhibit in the bulb show: Libby Kerr. Silver Cup for best plant in the bulb show: Patricia Fair.

The business meeting followed and there were no changes in the office bearers or committee members.

The venue for the summer outing was agreed and a date set for the committee meeting at which the full programme for the year 2019/20 will be drawn up.

A spokesperson said: 'After the conclusion of the AGM, all members enjoyed an excellent supper provided by the committee and we are all looking forward to the new season beginning on Monday September 16 with a meal at a local restaurant.'

'Anyone who has an interest in joining us would be most welcome and should contact the secretary, Libby Kerr, on 01586 820397.'

CARRADALE

Salmon farmers tackle plastic pollution

Employees from Carradale's MOWI Scotland salmon farm tidied up a section of east Kintyre's shoreline as part of the company's second annual global beach clean.

They scoured the beach near Grianan, after which the site's £2 million barge is named, and filled several fish boxes and bin bags with general litter as well as plastic drums, a television and a traffic cone.

All rubbish found during the Friday May 3 event was disposed of responsibly.

The Carradale staff joined MOWI colleagues from sites across the world in cleaning up their region.

Hundreds of staff members and their families, from across three continents, joined in with the inaugural event, on May 4 last year, coming together in a communal effort to clean beaches of plastics and other marine debris.

Carradale's site manager Warren Harvey said: 'We are always happy to engage in



With some of the litter that was collected at Carradale, from left: Raymond Gosling, Ryan McConnachie, Donald Nicholson, John McMillan and Jonny Adamson.

events which benefit the community, and this was a great opportunity to help clean up some of the shoreline around Carradale.

'This includes reducing our use of plastic and making sure any plastic waste is handled in a responsible manner.'

GIGHA

Helpless fishing vessel aided by Islay lifeboat

Islay's RNLI lifeboat rescued a fishing vessel with total electrical failure, with no lights or satellite navigation, off the south west coast of Gigha.

Members of the volunteer crew were paged at



The Helmut Schroder II of Dunlossit was launched to assist the fishing vessel.

3.15am on Thursday May 2 and the Helmut Schroder II of Dunlossit quickly launched with six crew onboard and sped to the boat's aid in clear and calm conditions.

The fishing boat had come through the Caledonian Canal and was making her way south towards Troon when the failure occurred.

Ideally her crew would have liked the lifeboat to have towed her there but a fellow fishing boat agreed to take her in tow to Campbeltown.

The lifeboat stood by until the tow was secured and then returned to Port Askaig and was refuelled and ready for service by 6.30am.

An RNLI spokesperson said: 'Islay is very fortunate in having such a dedicated volunteer crew who are prepared to leave a warm bed, a chilly night-shift or a busy job to go, at a moment's notice, to the help of seamen and women who may be in danger.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

I was at a conference in Ayr in a church centre where one wall was composed of a large window.

The scene burst with colour, of gorse and bluebells and rhododendrons of every hue.

Right outside there were several tall trees which housed the nests of 14 rooks.

I was fascinated by the activity and the busy-ness of the male birds going back and forward for food for the female while she sat on her eggs.

Two of the nests were actually touching each other and swayed together in the breeze.

At first I thought I was imagining it, so I watched even more closely.

It seemed that one male bird was looking after two families.

I saw him land on both nests and feed both incumbents several times.

I know dunnocks can look after two families at a time, but I had never heard of this with rooks.

However, after researching this a bit, I discovered that there are 'helper' rooks which can help feed the birds in return for a wee look at the chicks.

So I think what I was witnessing was a 'helper' easing the work for the male.

I thought this was a charming idea and quite human in some ways, being almost similar to the uncle who has no family of his own but delights in his nieces and nephews.

It was almost like a baby-sitting service on wings.

The rookery was alive with life and a delight to watch from my own little observatory.

Perhaps you are wondering why I wasn't concentrating on the conference - well, that's another story.

I do believe that nature is a great teacher and her song of praise is never silent.

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FOR THE WEEK**

'I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy' (Psalm 116:1).

ENGAGEMENTS



**KENNEDY
- MITCHELL**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of John, eldest son of John and Catherine Kennedy, Castleton, Lochgilphead, to Stephanie, elder daughter of Robert Mitchell and Kerry Dickson, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

BRYSON - On May 4, 2019, suddenly but peacefully, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, Hazel Anne Bryson, née Douglas, beloved wife of the late Martin Bryson, much loved mother of Martin and a dear friend of many. Will be sadly missed by all the family. Funeral service at Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Church, Kilmartin, on Monday, May 13, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Support.

FERGUSON - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on May 2, 2019, Mr James Ferguson, in his 84th year, of 8 Fernoch Park, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Catherine (Kay), née Cameron, much loved and loving father of Alison and Ewen, much respected father-in-law of Sally and a much loved papa to Ross, Anna and Jack. Dear brother of the late Charles Ferguson, and a dearly loved brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on Thursday, May 9, 2019. Sadly missed.

MCKINLAY - Archibald. Suddenly, on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at Westerfield Care Home, Paisley, Archie, beloved son of the late Daniel and Margaret (née Stewart), loving brother of Daniel, William, Rita and John and a beloved husband, dad and papa. Funeral service at Woodside Crematorium, Paisley, on Tuesday, May 14 at 12.00 noon.

REID - Suddenly but peacefully, at home, 94 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, on May 4, 2019, Archibald Black Reid (Archie), in his 86th year, dearly beloved husband of Catherine Mitchell (Reene), much loved dad of David and Ronald and a loving grandpa.

STEWART - James Bowie Stewart, Birmingham, formerly Campbeltown, passed away on Sunday, April 28, 2019. Funeral to be held in Birmingham, on Friday, May 10, 2019. Interment at Kilkerran at a date to be arranged. Sadly missed by family and friends.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCARTHUR - Hilary and Louise would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and for flowers, cards, meals, telephone calls and visits following the death of their mum and granny, Moira. A special thanks to Rev William Crossan for a befitting service, and to Mr David McEwan for beautiful music. Heartfelt thanks to the theatre staff at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital for dignity and professionalism shown to us, to Dr Lazarus for his care and support over many years, and to all carers at Lorne Campbell Court for their excellent care and understanding given to Moira. Thanks to the Argyll Hotel for their hospitality, to all who attended at church and graveside, and finally, a massive thank you to Kenny and Rhys Blair for guidance and compassion. The sum of £395 was raised for Ward 4 The National Psychiatric In-patient Unit for Children RHSC, Glasgow.

MCLEAN - Mhairi, William, Liam and Kevan would like to thank family and friends for their support and many kind expressions

of sympathy following the loss of Moira. Special thanks to the Kintyre Care Home for their compassion and kindness over the last few months, to Rev William Crossan for uplifting and personal service, to David McEwan for the beautiful music and to the Ardshiel Hotel for providing an excellent purvey. Kenny, Rhys and staff at T A Blair provided exceptional, caring, professional services at a very difficult time. Finally, thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to say farewell to Grandma. The retiring collection raised the amazing sum of £1,100 for the Meadows Under 5's Playgroup. Many thanks.

IN MEMORIAMs

MACMILLAN - In loving memory of my wife, Jenny (née Mitchell), who died on May 2, 2017. Thoughts and memories are still strong. We will meet again. - Don and the girls.

MCCALLUM - In loving memory of our mum, Tessa (Scally), died May 5, 2007, and our dad, Archie (Caddy), died January 6, 1993. Missed by all. - Maureen, Robert, John and family.

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.

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Inveraray Church
- 11.30am
Service will be taken by
The Worship Team
All welcome

Johnstone Jr wins Dodies Cup

Captain Chris Smyth welcomed members to Tarbert Golf Club last Saturday to compete for Dodies Cup.

The decent weather brought a greater number of players to Glenralloch for this event and organisers were pleased to see so many taking part.

The course was in superb condition with greenkeeper Graham Prentice praying for some warmer weather to bring on some growth to the greens.

Scoring was also much better with Jimmy Litster in top form with 16 pars and two bogeys for a gross 68.

Iain Macalister took second gross with a 70, enjoying birdies at eight and nine. Bruce MacNab took third gross on 72.

The main event was a closely fought affair with Peter McLean Jr playing very steady golf to finish on 63 nett.

Malcolm McAlpine took second place by virtue of the poorer inward half. Malcolm played very well to finish with nett 62 but was pipped at the post by Iain Johnstone Jr who also shot 62 but took the trophy home to the West Loch by virtue of the better inward half. Iain, who hadn't swung a club for six months prior to his round, was in top form and is hoping to put a dent in his handicap over the season.

On Sunday the club's lady golfers welcomed the Lochgilphead ladies for the Cathie McGlynn Cup. The cup headed back up the loch with the Lochgilphead ladies winning by 4.5 to 2.5.

Cathie's son Ryan was on hand to present the trophy and a club spokesperson added: 'A very enjoyable day was had by all.'

This Saturday the first round of the President's Cup takes place.

Golf lotto results

There were no winners in Dunaverly Golf Club's three-number lottery draw on Sunday, May 5.

The winning numbers were 4, 10 and 15.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £400, will be on May 19.

Tickets are available from the club steward, committee members, Muneroy Tearoom and the Burnside Bar.

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Pupils share points after even match

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SAFL Premier One

The Pupils showed a bit of character to come back from the loss of an early goal in the first minute of this match, eventually snatching a creditable draw from a game that was evenly contested throughout.

It was important for the McFadyens-sponsored club to show its mettle after a disastrous heavy defeat against this season's champions-elect Castlemilk last week; with five teenagers in the squad they managed to do exactly that at Kintyre Park.

Playing into the teeth of a stiff breeze, Easthall tried to expose the home side with a simple controlled pass over the top, a tactic that brought their speedy wingers into play when the westerly elements

assumed the task of 12th man by holding the ball up.

There were a number of 'nervy' moments as the home side tried to come to terms with the conditions, but they eventually adjusted and went close with a vicious drive that unfortunately went straight down the 'goalkeeper's throat'.

Frustratingly, the home side's normal fluency was absent, with too many players caught in possession of the ball trying to make a 'killer pass' that never materialised.

On the stroke of half-time a corner from Martin McCallum reached the far post and was dispatched by Craig Lamont with a downward header to draw the teams level at the last gasp.

The home side's hopes of a better start to the second period were dashed when a through-ball turned their back four, and a despairing but fine tackle by Lorne Robertson was adjudged to have taken man as



Martin McCallum scored for the Pupils.



Craig Lamont celebrates his equalising goal.

well as ball. It looked to be a great saving tackle, but the modern game will punish defenders when a forward gets goal-side of the play. The penalty kick was well taken and the Pupils found themselves with another mountain to climb.

The loss of Fraser Wylie to injury meant an adjustment to central defence for the home side, with Ryan McConnachie eventually moving to a deeper defensive role.

The change gave the home favourites more control of the play, and a strong second-half performance from centre-forward Martin McCallum gave them the outlet they needed.

On cue, a quick turn and shot from the Pupils striker retrieved the situation almost immediately and, with scores level, it was all to play for.

The inexplicable loss of a third goal from a corner kick wasn't part of the script. A clever delivery with the outside of the boot deceiving a packed Pupils defence at the unguarded front post – a cardinal sin in defensive terms.

The home side once more replied in jig-time when one of their teen subs, Finn Scott, scored a fine goal with a controlled volley into the bottom corner of the net for a deserved share of the points.

Campbeltown Pupils fielded five teenagers in this game – Alasdair Ferguson, Fraser MacBrayne and Ross Brown starting, with Calum Cook and scorer Finn Scott coming on as second half subs. All were part of a finishing 11 that continues to develop for the future.

The Pupils have no game this coming Saturday.

Anderson's team takes Leishman trophy

Campbeltown Bowling Club (CBC) hosted one of its major events, the Robert Leishman Memorial Rinks on Saturday, an invitation competition that attracted teams from throughout the west of Scotland.

Although the weather was sunny for most of the day, the temperatures barely lifted into double figures so the only heat generated was in the fiercely contested round robin sections.

The final was between Jimmy Anderson, Steven Dickson, Malcolm Mitchell and Neil McCormick of CBC and Gavin McLachlan, Bobby Mathieson, Kenny Kerr and John McLean of CBC and Argyll Bowling Club.

Jimmy's foursome arrived at the final end with a three-shot advantage and lay a further three shots.

Knowing that Gavin needed to burn the end and have it replayed, Jimmy blocked off the bowls with



The winners are at the front of this photograph, with Brian and Eileen Leishman, and the remaining prize winners.

his last two bowls forcing two misses from Gavin giving the Anderson

team a comfortable win. Sponsor Brian Leishman and his

wife Eileen presented the trophy and prizes.



The winning team of Joan Douglas, Lindsay MacDonald, John Rattray and Trudi Robertson was presented with their trophy by Carolyn Cordiner.

Cordiner Cup golfers basked in sunshine

Once again bathed in sunshine, organisers could not have asked for a better Easter weekend for Carradale Golf Club's Cordiner Cup.

With a strong turnout from near and far, the top scores were very close.

Winning the cup was Joan Douglas, Lindsay MacDonald, John Rattray and Trudi Robertson (27.2 BIH).

Runners up were Ryan McConachie, John McMillan, Rennie Robertson and Rhona Elder (27.2).

In third place were Izzy Anderson, Lorna Neilson, Mike Holder and Duncan Munro (27.3).

A club spokesperson said: 'A big thank you to Carolyn Cordiner on behalf of the Cordiner family for presenting the trophy, sponsoring the event and taking part in the day. Great fun was had by all.'

Dunaverty's May Medal results

Dazzling sunshine, a dry day and a biting strong wind greeted Dunaverty Golf Club's members in their quest to win the May Medal.

Veteran Sandy Watson produced a fine scratch score of 76 for a nett 65 to lead the morning players but, not to be outdone, John Dreghorn recorded a scratch 73 to give him a nett 65 and move ahead of Sandy by virtue of a better inward half.

The star player of the day was

Harry MacLean with a superb scratch score of 70, the best of the day, for a nett 60 and this proved to be the winning total. CSS for the day was 63.

Results:

- 1 Harry MacLean 70-10=60,
- 2 John Dreghorn 73-8=65 (bih),
- 3 Sandy Watson 76-11=65,
- 4 Donald Hardman 82-16=66 (bih),
- 5 Alex Arkell 80-14=66 (bih),
- 6 John Marrison 81-15=66.

Dunaverty ladies' spring meeting

Some of Dunaverty Golf Club's newest lady members competed in their first major competition during the ladies' 2019 season's opening singles contest.

Twenty competitors took part in the spring meeting and ladies' captain Lindsay Garrett was delighted to see the new faces on the course.

With a strong, chilly wind blowing all day conditions were testing.

Most found the scoring difficult at the holes into the wind and this made for what could have been some really good scores being adversely affected.

Scratch winner was Ailie MacBrayne with 78 (bih).

Runner up Lindsay was also second in the handicap section with a very commendable nett 66.

However, Katharine Hardman showed how it should be done, despite playing the whole round with the head of her driver cracked, she carded a gross 84-25=59 nett to



Lady captain Lindsay Garrett, left, and handicap winner Katharine Hardman.

win by seven shots. Lindsay thanked the greenkeepers David Scullion and Robert Irvine for presenting a wonderful course in great condition for this special day.

She then awarded her prize consisting of an array of golfing goodies, plus a bottle of bubbly to help Katharine to celebrate the best round of golf she has played.

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Record smashed at MACC cycling event

A former Campbeltown man smashed the MACC course record for the 10-mile time trial when he competed in the first End of the World cycling race.

Nineteen riders turned out for the inaugural event, organised by Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club (KWCC), at MACC Business Park last Sunday.

A light but cold wind didn't hamper the cyclists; Stuart Ashley of Loch Leven Cycling Club set a new record by completing the 10-mile course in 23.29 minutes, ahead of KWCC chairman Dominic Sharkey, who recently placed fifth representing Great Britain in the world duathlon championships in Spain.

Kintyre painter Stephen Blackstock came home third.

Next up was the 5.6km sprint race. Riders left the line in a mass start trying to make a determined push to get into the peloton. About 10 to 12 riders formed a tight bunch staying together until the last few hundred metres. Sharkey came home first with Iain McGougan second, while Blackstock pipped Lochgilphead's Carol Lawson.

Cycling goes hand-in-hand with coffee and cake so after two races the tradition of a caffeine and calorie intake was upheld. With KWCC, the social side is 50 per cent of any event.

Meanwhile the calculations were made to set the riders off for race three, the Australian Pursuit Race (APR). The slower riders do four laps

(13.33 miles) the slightly faster riders complete five laps (16.66 miles) and the elite riders carry out six laps (20 miles).

The aim is to ride as a group and work together to keep a higher terminal speed by 'drafting' each other until the later stages of the race where individuals split from the group to make an attempt to win - leave the group too early and cyclists risk running out of steam.

The elite group of Ashley and Sharkey could not do enough to beat a well-disciplined peloton of John Jackson, Brian Linfield, Lynsay McGeachy and Kathryn McGeachy, who crossed the line within seconds of each other.

The event was a great success and KWCC would like to



Stuart Ashley set a new MACC course record at the inaugural cycling event.

thank MACC Business Park for allowing it to organise events there.

KWCC events co-ordinator Robbie Semple said: 'MACC is a great environment for us to train and compete in with loads of potential and I am sure through time we will host a much bigger cycling event here but we have to walk before we can run.'

KWCC now has about 40 members from throughout Argyll and new riders of any ability are welcome. Much of the club's success is due to club member Mark Davey of Campbeltown Courier, who assisted and promoted the

club over the past two years and the group would like to say 'thank you' to Mark for that.

The monthly time trial races will continue through the summer.

End of the World TT results:
1 Stuart Ashley, 23.29 COURSE RECORD; 2 Dom Sharkey, 24.16; 3 Stephen Blackstock, 28.17; 4 Ian Coughing, 28.29; 5 Carol Lawson, 29.05; 6 Ian Reid, 30.42; 7 Robbie Simple, 30.52; 8 Alex Sombre, 31.11; 9 Emma Smith, 31.28; 10 John Jackson, 31.35; 11 Tanya Jackson, 31.54; 12 Lynsay McGeachy, 32.48; 13 Kathryn McGeachy, 33.38; 14 Brian Lynnfield, 34.01; 15 Andy Gilchrist, 35.05; 16 Catrina Simple, 36.10; 17 Tom Millar, 37.41; 18 Rachel McGrath, 37.42; 19 Marjorie Leighton, 41.09.

Young Pupils face tough match

Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005s (under 14s) face one of their toughest tests on Sunday when they welcome Knightswood to Campbeltown to play their Glasgow and District Youth Football League Division A tie.

The Glasgow side have won all their fixtures in the league, won the league cup and are finalists in the West Regional and Scottish Cup finals - playing in the Scottish Cup final the following Saturday after their visit to Campbeltown.

Kick off is 1pm at the Meadows Playing Field but the venue may change to the 3G pitch depending on the weather.

Saints fall at the final hurdle

Oban Saints' quest to win one of the major national cups was dashed last Friday night at New Douglas Park, Hamilton, when they lost 6-3, after extra time, to an experienced Bannockburn outfit in a thrilling West of Scotland Amateur Cup final played before a big crowd watching at the game and on Oban Livestreams TV.

The 90 minutes ended with the score 3-3, but the young Oban outfit were no match for Bannockburn in the extra time period and the Central Scottish league side ran out 6-3 winners in the end.



The cyclists travelled in a group during the Australian Pursuit Race.



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