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David McEwan's 41st and final Kintyre Music Festival

'Your voice is the only instrument that you can't buy in a shop, so use it!'

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It is the end of an era as the honorary secretary of Kintyre Music Festival bows out after 41 years.

David McEwan, who has been on the event's organising committee since the first festival in 1979, says the time has come for him to pass some of his commitments on to others.

Drafted in

Mr McEwan, 71, says that the idea for a festival came from the Rotary Club of Campbeltown and that he, as head teacher of Campbeltown Grammar School's music department, was drafted in to help.

He said: 'The late John Logan was the prime mover in getting it started but he died just before the very first meeting and I, as head of the

music department, ended up chairing the meeting.

'Everyone looked to me but I've had tremendous support from the committee since the very beginning. We've managed to work through any differences of opinion amicably with no dramatic fall-outs.'

The first festival took place in the international year of the child, and, fittingly, the festival has always been for children with all competitions for those aged 18 years and under.

Mr McEwan told the Courier: 'I remember the very first festival - we just didn't know how it would go or how many people would be interested, but we were swamped with entries.'

'There was one primary singing class, where they sang Bluebells of Scotland, and there were 53 entries. After

that we sorted the singing into different categories.

'Singing is still very popular among primary children but less so with older students. I used to say to students in my classes: "Your voice is the only instrument that you can't buy in a shop, so use it!"'

'There have been some really outstanding singers coming into secondary school.'

Evolved

He says the festival has evolved over the years: 'We have added more competitions - we didn't have piping, pipe band drumming or electric guitar at the start. We have tried to respond to demand. In other areas, there were no competitors so those competitions fell away.'

As well as organising the festival, Mr McEwan accompanied many of the entrants during their competitions.

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Mr McEwan at the 41st cup-winners' concert last Saturday. 50_c25mcewan01

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Wee Toon best for drive test

According to some number-crunching by the website Marmalade, Campbeltown is the easiest place to pass a driving test in the UK with a pass rate of 73.68 per cent; Rothesay, another Argyll and Bute test centre, was next with 72.13 per cent.

The numbers analysed come from the Driver Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) pass rate statistics. Marmalade, which specialises in insurance for learners and new drivers, also says that May is the best month to sit a test in Campbeltown.

Or could it just be that Kintyre has the best driving instructors around?

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Helping to make older drivers safer

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Everyone could learn a thing or two at an initiative aimed at making sure older drivers are fit for the road.

Police Scotland, in conjunction with IAM RoadSmart, is inviting people to attend a free open drop-in event at Campbeltown Police Station tomorrow (Saturday).

Experienced road traffic police officers, as well as IAM RoadSmart observers, will offer mature drivers practical advice on driving safely, for longer.

They will also offer drivers tips on how to renew their driving licence at 70, as is required by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency.

Sergeant Archie McGuire of Police Scotland's L Division road policing unit, said: 'Our target audience is older drivers, so that's anyone aged

70 or over but anyone wishing advice is more than very welcome.

'The number of older drivers in the UK is increasing - there are 4.5 million at the moment, with 180,000 aged more than 90, according to the latest figures.

'Older drivers tend to have a slower reaction time and their eyesight begins to worsen. This is an opportunity for older drivers to speak to us about how to renew their licence when they reach 70 and the law behind it.'

Those who bring their own car to the Campbeltown event will also have the opportunity to have a free IAM RoadSmart driving skills check.

Rod Humphries, National Observer for IAM RoadSmart, explained that the organisation has 180 groups across the country made up of volunteers who observed people's driving.

Observed drives are carried out with a qualified expert who will offer suggestions and tips for improving people's skills. Drivers are encouraged to undertake IAM RoadSmart's Advanced Driver Course to develop their skills even further.

Mr Humphries, who is an IAM RoadSmart Master Driver, said: 'On Saturday, we'll be there to provide information alongside other partners. We will be there to observe people's driving, checking basic skills, and to see if people want to take the advanced test.'

Representatives from AG Barr Optometrists will be there to offer advice on eyesight requirements and testing.

Friends and family are welcome to join older drivers at the event and Sgt McGuire says: 'Everyone will learn something.'



Sergeant Archie McGuire, left, and Rod Humphries are urging older drivers to attend the free event.

He added: 'No one's car will be impounded or licence taken away - we are simply there to offer advice on the law. So come along, pick up a tea or a coffee and come and have a yarn with us.'

No appointment is necessary for the event, which runs from 11am to 4pm, but people are urged to go along early as it is first come, first served and interest is expected to be high.

Davaar Island Safe Walking Times



	Morning Safe Walking Times			Afternoon Safe Walking Times		
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Sat, 1 Jun 2019				16:56	13:56	19:26
Sun, 2 Jun 2019				17:32	14:32	20:02
Mon, 3 Jun 2019				18:10	15:10	20:40
Tue, 4 Jun 2019				18:50	15:50	21:20
Wed, 5 Jun 2019	07:09	04:09	09:39	19:36	16:36	22:06
Thu, 6 Jun 2019	07:54	04:54	10:24	20:25	17:25	22:55
Fri, 7 Jun 2019	08:43	05:43	11:13	21:18	18:18	23:48
Sat, 8 Jun 2019	09:37	06:37	12:07	22:14	19:14	00:44
Sun, 9 Jun 2019	10:37	07:37	13:07			
Mon, 10 Jun 2019	11:43	08:43	14:13			
Tue, 11 Jun 2019				12:52	09:52	15:22
Wed, 12 Jun 2019				14:00	11:00	16:30
Thu, 13 Jun 2019				15:01	12:01	17:31
Fri, 14 Jun 2019				15:55	12:55	18:25
Sat, 15 Jun 2019				16:44	13:44	19:14
Sun, 16 Jun 2019				17:28	14:28	19:58
Mon, 17 Jun 2019				18:09	15:09	20:39
Tue, 18 Jun 2019				18:48	15:48	21:18
Wed, 19 Jun 2019	07:17	04:17	09:47	19:27	16:27	21:57
Thu, 20 Jun 2019	07:55	04:55	10:25	20:07	17:07	22:37
Fri, 21 Jun 2019	08:34	05:34	11:04	20:48	17:48	23:18
Sat, 22 Jun 2019	09:16	06:16	11:46	21:31	18:31	00:01
Sun, 23 Jun 2019	10:03	07:03	12:33	22:16	19:16	00:46
Mon, 24 Jun 2019	10:56	07:56	13:26			
Tue, 25 Jun 2019	11:54	08:54	14:24			
Wed, 26 Jun 2019				12:55	09:55	15:25
Thu, 27 Jun 2019				13:55	10:55	16:25
Fri, 28 Jun 2019				14:49	11:49	17:19
Sat, 29 Jun 2019				15:38	12:38	18:08
Sun, 30 Jun 2019				16:23	13:23	18:53

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Do you need permission for advertising signs?

Businesses are being reminded to check if they need permission for advertising signs.

Argyll and Bute Council has guidelines which give clear advice and people planning to install new or replacement signs are being urged to check before going ahead.

Councillor David Kinniburgh, of planning and regulatory services, said:

'Whether on a building or an A-board on the street, signs come under the control of the council.'

Planning consent

'While some types may not need permission, in many cases businesses will need to apply for planning consent or pavement licences before going ahead.'

'Our guidance gives clear,

straightforward advice and aims to ensure advertising is appropriate, in the right location and has a positive impact on the area.'

A recent survey by the charity Guide Dogs showed that 97 per cent of people with a vision impairment have problems with street clutter, such as A-boards, which are littered across the pavement.

POLICE FILES Sergeant Iain MacNicol

Fraud

A 31-year-old woman was traced and charged after she fraudulently obtained medication from Boots pharmacy, Longrow South, Campbeltown, on the morning of June 11. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs possession

In the last week police in Kintyre have issued two recorded warnings after finding people in possession of cannabis.

The first incident was at Stewart's Green, Campbeltown, on the afternoon of Wednesday June 12.

A 21-year-old man was stopped and searched and was found to be in possession of cannabis. The man was charged and issued with a warning.

Early on the morning of Friday June 14 on the A83 near Muasdale a car was stopped and searched and man, aged 25, was found to be in possession of cannabis.

The man was charged and issued with a warning.

Rider thrown

A rider suffered minor injuries after being thrown from their horse at the Sound of Kintyre on Saturday afternoon.

The horse was startled by a grey Mitsubishi car which was allegedly driven in a dangerous manner as it approached the animal. The driver of the car, a man, aged 22, was traced and charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Heating oil taken

A padlock was damaged and heating oil was stolen from a tank in the garden of a cottage at Lagavulin, Islay, between 7pm on Friday May 31 and 6pm on Monday June 10.

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

Tangy Wind Farm update

Argyll and Bute Council raised no objection at a meeting on Wednesday to proposals to update Tangy IV Wind Farm.

The site has played an important role in providing renewable energy to the UK and, thanks to Argyll and Bute Council's decision, it has an opportunity to provide even more clean, low-cost energy to the country.

As a statutory consultee on SSE's application to the Energy Consents Unit, Argyll and Bute Council's Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee voted unanimously in favour of the proposed scheme which would see SSE replace the current 22 turbines with 16 new turbines.

These 16 new turbines would be at a height of 149.9m and would see the capacity of the site increase from

18.7MW to 80MW – almost four times the amount.

Developers SSE Renewables say the update to the site would bring job opportunities to people and businesses in Kintyre, such as Machrihanish-based wind tower manufacturer CS Wind and turbine hauliers McFadyens as well as providing wider socio-economic benefits for the economy.

Commenting on the decision, Tangy IV's project manager Andy Gregory, said: 'We're really pleased that Argyll and Bute Council raised no objection to our proposal to update the plans for Tangy IV.'

'The site has a huge potential that we were not able to fully tap into when the project was first developed over 15 years ago. These new plans will allow us to decrease the number of turbines while



The number of turbines at the Tangy site will decrease from 22 to 16.

increasing the capacity of the site.

'We really value the views of the local community in relation to our projects; we will

continue to operate an open, two-way dialogue with community groups and residents throughout the development process.'



Josh Barbour.

Josh's career is in the pipeline

Meet Josh Barbour, the apprentice at the Campbeltown Oil Fuel Depot who was missing from our photo in last week's Courier.

He is one of three recruited, along with Fraser MacBrayne and Calum Cook, by the Oil and Pipelines Agency following a campaign involving the Courier.

They are studying for their qualifications alongside their work duties and at last week's photo call Josh was at college in Inverness as part of his studies for his mechanical apprenticeship.

The young men's training programmes are supported by a nationally recognised apprentice framework; OPA supports the apprentices with the relevant technical certificates to enable them to develop their skills.

They gain engineering skills and knowledge and learn all aspects of control of major accident hazards and bulk liquid operations.

David calls it a day after 41 years

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'I've done quite a lot of accompanying, with some outstanding young musicians which has given me a lot of pleasure, helping them develop,' he said. 'I'm not an enthusiast for competition but what I think the festival is good at is getting young musicians standing in front of people and performing, no matter what level of ability they are.'

On his decision to leave the committee, Mr McEwan said: 'I feel I've just reached the end of the road. I can't go on forever and I can't do all the accompaniments that I've been doing – sometimes they are as challenging for me as they are for the competitors. I've given encouragement

to senior piano players to accompany younger students and this is the first year the festival has employed a professional accompanist.'

He added: 'I'm always going to be involved and I'm not saying I wouldn't do some accompanying if the committee wanted me to but the time has come for me to pass it on to other people.'

Mr McEwan, who retired from secondary school teaching in 2008, is still a piano, singing and music theory tutor and can be heard on three shows on Argyll FM – Ceòl's Canon, which means music and language in Gaelic; All That Jazz; and World Music.

He also still does some projects involving music and Gaelic with primary

schools and leads an annual Gaelic service at St Kieran's Episcopal Church.

Mr McEwan moved to Campbeltown from Paisley on February 13, 1973, and married locally. He and his wife, Florence, have two children, 40-year-old Angela, who lives in the USA, and Christopher, 35, who lives in New Zealand.

He said: 'I am eternally grateful to have worked with the festival committee and young musicians over the years. It has given me immense enjoyment seeing the children develop and helping them to do that.'

For more on this year's cup-winners' concert, held last Saturday, see pages 10 and 11.

Auchinlee Care Home back at auction

The former Auchinlee Care Home will once again be under the hammer next week.

The historic listed building, which was a home for a wealthy Victorian entrepreneur, became a Church of Scotland care home but closed in 2018.

It went up for auction with SVA Property Auctions Ltd on May 1 in Glasgow but failed to find a buyer.

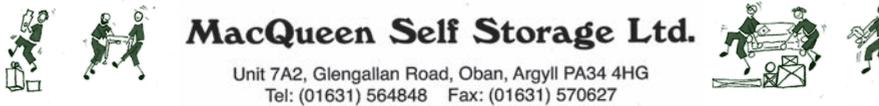
The guide price has now been dropped by £50,000 to £200,000 for an auction on June 27 at the Marriott Hotel, Edinburgh.

Shaun Vigers, auctioneer and director with SVA, told the Courier: 'There's on-going

interest with parties we were talking to after the attempt to sell in May and there is some new interest.'

There is a reserve price for Auchinlee.

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



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People encouraged to talk rubbish in Kintyre

A survey asking residents and businesses for their thoughts on tackling waste throughout the area has been launched by Argyll and Bute Council.

In January 2021, the Scottish Government will introduce a ban on biodegradable municipal waste going into landfill. Household waste that is biodegradable, such as food, garden waste and cardboard, can no longer be disposed of in landfill.

In 2017-18 Argyll and Bute sent 32,217 tonnes of waste to landfill, giving a landfill tax bill of nearly £3million – around 75 per cent of the total cost of land-filling the area's waste.

Councillor Roddy McCuish, policy lead for roads and amenity services, said: 'That's a considerable cost and to ensure value for money, we need to look at ways of reducing our landfill tax bill. But there is a more pressing need to find different ways of tackling Argyll and Bute's waste.'

'To meet the demands of the new legislation, the council, businesses, community and visitors will have to work to-

gether to increase recycling, reduce waste and prevent it in the first place.

'So we need a new strategy to deal with waste that allows the council to continue to provide a high quality and cost effective service on behalf of our 47,000 households and enables us to comply with the new government regulations.

'The council is in the process of developing a new waste strategy and this consultation is people's opportunity to give their views on the approach we plan to take.

'I would urge everyone to take part in the consultation. This is something that affects us all. From reducing waste in homes and businesses, to improving our recycling efforts, and the disposal services offered by the council, we all play an important role. The ambitious targets facing us can't be achieved in isolation.'

To complete the consultation, visit <http://bit.ly/2KkeF8K>. Hard copies are available at local customer service points, or email: marketing@argyll-bute.gov.uk



Back row: Sandra Sloey, Vikki Mcaulay, Jessie MacPhail, Morag Johnston, Margaret McShannon. Front row: PC Karen Cairns, Kate O'May, Marjorie Lang, Iona Campbell, Thomas Dickson, Andrina Mcaulay, Maura Cairns; and below, PSYV Iona Campbell, PC Karen Cairns and PSYV Thomas Dickson.

Nimble Fingers help youth volunteers

Kintyre's Nimble Fingers crafters presented a cheque for £800 to Campbeltown's Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) to enable

members to take part in the annual PSYV event in July. This will be the first time the group has taken part.

Kate O'May from Nimble Fingers said: 'They needed £800 – and we did it. It was great team work all round that helped us reach our target.' Nimble Fingers is now preparing for its next event, a fantasy-land-themed craft fair to be held in Campbeltown Town Hall on August 17.



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Motors seized as police get tough on insurance dodgers

No insurance equals no car, says Police Scotland.

Across Argyll in the last week three vehicles have been seized after four instances of cars on the road having no insurance cover.

On Friday at Muasdale two vehicles were seized after officers were called to a road traffic collision involving one vehicle towing another. There were no injuries but checks revealed no insurance or MOT could be found for the towing vehicle or insurance for the one being towed. The driver, a 41-year-old man, was charged with the offences.

On Thursday afternoon, on the A819 near Inveraray, a van was stopped by police for a routine check which

showed that no insurance could be found for the vehicle and the driver, a man aged 22, was charged with the offence and the vehicle was seized.

The day before on Mull, on the B8035 near Gruline, a van was stopped by police for a routine check, which again showed that no insurance could be found in force for the vehicle and the driver, a 42-year-old man, was charged with the offence. In each of these cases a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

According to the law a minimum of third party insurance is required for driving on public roads, which will cover drivers if they are involved in a road accident

that causes injuries to others or damage to their property.

Beyond third party cover drivers can choose to add protection against fire and theft, or opt for comprehensive insurance, which includes cover for damage to the owner's vehicle.

If a driver is stopped and asked to present their documents, they have seven days to provide the police with an up-to-date insurance certificate.

It has to be valid at the time they were stopped – drivers cannot buy insurance during that seven-day period.

The police also have the power to seize the vehicle, even if it does not belong to the driver.

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Mum's fundraising appeal after RNLI's touching tribute to son

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A mum who could not put into words how touched she was by the actions of Campbeltown's RNLI crew has started a fundraising campaign in their honour.

Lynette Stevens was 'totally overwhelmed' when she found out what the crew did when they found a message in a jar released into Campbeltown Loch in memory of her son, Tyler.

Every year, Lynette, who is mum to 17-year-old Logan, 15-year-old James and nine-year-old Liam, honours the memory of Tyler who passed away 12 years ago when he was just 23 hours old.

'Usually we release a balloon,' Lynette said, 'but this year, Liam wanted to do a message in a jar. We took it across from Davaar and put it

into the sea on March 14.'

Two days later, Lynette received an email from Campbeltown's volunteer RNLI crew to say that they discovered the jar, which was filled with fairy lights as well as messages from all the family, floating in the loch when they returned from a patrol.

The crew decided to take the jar further out to sea to put it into the outgoing current so it could continue on its journey.

Video

They took photographs and made a video, and sent Lynette details of where they took the jar before releasing it back into the sea.

Lynette said: 'I can't thank them enough, my family was so touched by their act of kindness, and so emotional. That is not their job, they did not need to do that.'

'Those guys and girls are out there all the time, in all



Lynette Stevens offered skin-care treatments in return for donations to the RNLI.

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weathers – for them to do that was so thoughtful.'

She said that it took her a while to compose herself before she decided to embark on a campaign to raise £500 for the charity, which saves lives at sea.

All last week, Lynette offered free skin-care consultations and express facials within Keeping It Local's Main Street premises in return for donations to the RNLI.

She used Body Shop products during the treatments

and allowed clients to order those they liked.

She will donate some of the commission she receives from those orders to the RNLI.

There was also a raffle with prizes donated by many businesses, as well as a free prize

draw for all who attended.

Lynette said: 'Support has been fantastic from local businesses – Cadenheads let me and my wee boy fill up a bottle of whisky and they put a personalised label for Tyler on it.'

'And members of the RNLI team have been in and out all week saying hello.'

Welcoming

Lynette moved to Campbeltown last May and says she has found people to be very welcoming.

'Their support and donations are fantastic,' she said.

Lynette also has a JustGiving page which will be open until the end of June, and can be found by searching for her name on the website.

All donations will be gratefully received.

'I'm close to my target,' Lynette said. 'I'm confident that I will reach it.'

Excellence award for CalMac

Ferry operator CalMac has won a prestigious hospitality award for its innovative Modern Apprenticeship partnership with City of Glasgow College.

The partnership picked up the top prize in the Training and Employee Retention category at the CIS Excellence Awards.

The awards recognise creativity, innovation and excellence in the Scottish hospitality, catering and tourism sectors. This category specifically rewards

companies which prioritise the training, engagement and retention of staff, and which regard continuous professional development as the mainstay of a successful business.

CalMac and City of Glasgow College created a Maritime Hospitality Modern Apprenticeship in 2016, the first in the UK, after recognising that there was no formal training path for retail crew to get started in the industry. Now in its fourth year, the programme has trained and

retained 35 crew from across the company's communities.

Trainees follow a 12-month programme, where they learn every aspect of the hospitality industry from customer care, to food hygiene and licensing law as well as the duties required to safely sail the vessel, such as passenger evacuation and fire fighting.

Last year CalMac's 33-strong fleet carried more than 5.3 million passengers and 1.4 million vehicles across 26 island and remote locations, including Campbeltown.

Appeal launched to save the Waverley

An appeal to raise £2.3 million has been launched to return the Waverley to service in 2020, ensuring that a unique piece of Britain's maritime heritage stays alive.

The Waverley is a regular visitor to Campbeltown during the summer months, but the 2019 season was cancelled last month following the discovery of major problems with the ship's 20-year-old boilers. Since then, individuals have started to respond with more than £100,000 already donated.

'We're heartened by the support so far – it's clear that huge numbers of people

around Britain and around the world want to see Waverley sail again,' said Paul Semple, who heads the team which operates the ship. 'But the financial challenge which faces Waverley remains very significant, and we urgently need more funds to let us place the orders and then carry out the work over the next nine months.'

The sheer scale of what is required has been likened to a kind of marine 'open heart surgery'.

The Waverley company has taken recent weeks to make a detailed and costed plan, and now it's all about raising the

funds to make it happen.

'There's a real determination not to allow Waverley to become a static relic. She was built to sail, and that's what so many people want to see again. Waverley's truly unique status as the world's last seagoing paddle steamer mustn't be taken for granted. Not for the first time, the future of the ship hangs in the balance. Once again, it's time to save the Waverley,' Mr Semple added.

Donations to the appeal can be made online at waverley-excursions.co.uk or by calling 0141 243 2224 or Text STEAM £20 to 70085 to donate £20.

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Has Kintyre got talent?

There was great excitement in Campbeltown during the week when it was rumoured that television presenters Ant and Dec were on their way to the area.

When the mega-yacht Fountainhead appeared in Campbeltown Loch on Tuesday afternoon it seemed that there could be some truth to the rumour – until, five minutes later, the vessel disappeared around Trench Point.

However, Fountainhead, the 79th largest yacht in the world, is not easily missed, and was spotted moored up overnight around the corner, just out of sight of the town.

A couple of smaller boats were seen coming and going from it periodically.

The suggestion that the presenting duo was on the boat may have been fuelled by the fact that they were seen and photographed playing golf on Bute – and where better to head for a swing of the club afterwards than Kintyre?

Whether Ant or Dec ever set foot on Kintyre's soil – or were even on the vessel – is yet to be confirmed but the lack of 'selfie evidence' suggests they may not have.

Getting children the glasses they need

Sir,
Giles and I have been a team for nearly 39 years and, over this time, we firmly believe that working together is much more constructive than working apart.

This philosophy is also the reason I am a long-term supporter of international eye care charity Orbis. It tackles preventable and treatable blindness worldwide as a team; from its staff on the ground and in the air, with an incredible Flying Eye Hospital, to its world-leading medical volunteers who provide their expertise free, and not forgetting its vital donors who make the work possible in the first place.

In many parts of the world, avoidable sight-loss means children are dropping out of school because they can't see the blackboard or their textbooks. A staggering 90 per cent of blind children in developing countries do not attend school, denying them a future full of possibilities.

It doesn't have to be this way: with a simple eye exam and a pair of glasses, or a straightforward surgery, a child's life can be transformed.

Children can return to school, play with their friends and contribute to society, breaking the cycle of poverty. Right now Orbis needs our help to make this happen. Until June 23, all public donations to its See My Future appeal will be doubled by the UK government.

Orbis recently conducted a survey which discovered that just more than half of people

in the UK, 53 per cent, do not get their eyes tested every two years as recommended, yet we can easily pop into an optician on our high street. Let's use this as an opportunity to remember there are people who are not in the same position.

Through teamwork we can bring sight to thousands across the world and get children those all-important glasses or operations. This could be the difference between them achieving their dreams of becoming a scientist, a teacher or a journalist or – well the alternative is just too sad to contemplate.

Just £5.50 doubled to £11 could provide two new pairs of glasses for children struggling to see in school.

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Honour those who helped feed Britain during the war

Sir,
As Britain prepares to mark 80 years since the start of the Second World War, I hope that the public will remember another significant anniversary – the formation of the Women's Land Army (WLA).

The WLA was reformed in June 1939, a few months before the outbreak of war, and filled

the gap in the farm workforce left by the hundreds of thousands of men called up to fight. At its peak in 1944, more than 80,000 female workers, known as Land Girls, had joined.

The contribution made by the Land Girls and the working horses they worked alongside during the Second World War was monumental.

Britain imported more than two-thirds of its food in 1939 and, during the war, Germany was sinking vast amounts of shipping, in an attempt to starve the country into submission. The Land Girls and the animals that stood side-by-side with them ensured this never became a reality.

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Today, in developing countries worldwide, women continue to work very closely with working animals, which are fundamental to food production – pulling ploughs and transporting produce. These hardworking animals support the livelihoods of millions of families and the Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad (SPANNA) is there for them, providing the veterinary treatment they urgently need.

Geoffrey Dennis,
Chief executive of SPANNA.

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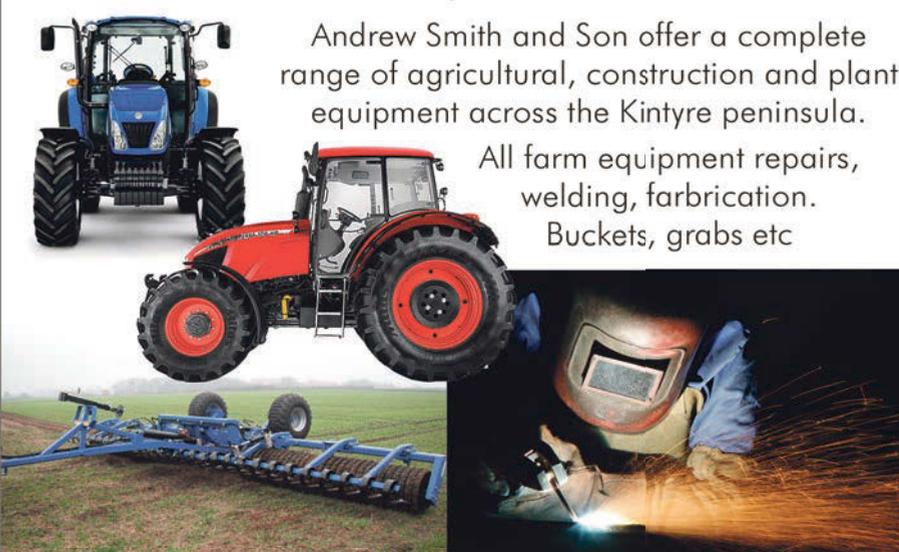


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Memories of Dalintober

This 'wee poem about Dalintober memories' was anonymously submitted to the Courier and signed off simply by 'an exile'.

The Courier thought it was too good not to share – if the mysterious wordsmith behind the nostalgic verse would like to make him/herself known, please get in touch.

Memories of Dalintober

*Rise in the morning – make your bed,
Breakfast, school, where books are read.*

*Lunchtime comes and soon it goes,
Sharpen your pencil, be on your toes.*

*After a while the bell will ring,
Down at the shore, from rocks we'll spring.*

*Tides goes out – we'll dig for cockles,
Fill our buckets – plenty chuckles.*

*Grannies, grandpas, dads and mums,
Down at the shore, we all are chums.*

*So! If you're mature, or if you're young,
Sing with warmth in your tongue.*

*Light a fire, make some tea,
Happy picnics, by the sea.*

*Tide comes in, sun goes down,
Wee red faces, bodies brown.*

*Dalintober shore is the place to be,
And here's the good news – it's all for free!*

Noted underneath the hand-written poem is: 'Special thanks to J McLean and his team, also Campbeltown Sailing Club. A big ta!'

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



During a visit from London with his family, Chris Allan was struck by the beauty of Campbeltown.

He told the Courier: 'I spent the first few years of my life living in Campbeltown and have very fond memories. During a recent visit, we visited my granny, Nancy Winstanley, who lives on Low Askomil.'

'I took this picture one morning to preserve the memory of an incredible view of Campbeltown Loch.'

Words can't express how beautiful Campbeltown looks and it never fails to surprise me with changing views.'

If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk, send it via the Courier's Facebook page or bring it into the Courier office to be copied.

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO Friday June 19, 2009

Blue Tarn back home again

Bagpipes and balloons welcomed back Blue Tarn and her crew from their transatlantic adventure last Saturday.

The lone yacht, festooned with flags from every port it had visited, travelled the last lap up Campbeltown Loch to a rapturous welcome.

Last September Michael Foreman and Tony Leighton had set off on Michael's boat, the Blue Tarn, heading for the Canary Islands. By the end of November they were ready to go as part of a flotilla of 214 boats sailing across the Atlantic Ocean.

Three weeks later on December 18, they arrived at St Lucia, part of the Windward Islands in the Caribbean. Blue Tarn was left in St Lucia while the two sailors flew back to Scotland to spend Christmas with their families.

A month later they were ready to continue their adventure and they flew back to St Lucia and spent the next weeks cruising around the Caribbean.

When they got to Antigua at the end of March, their wives, Moira and Margaret, flew out to join them, returning home at the end of April.

Margaret said: 'It was a wonderful adventure Tony has always wanted to do.' Tony has crewed for Michael for 10 years. Michael has crossed the Atlantic before.'



Tony Leighton and Michael Foreman sailed the Blue Tarn into Campbeltown after crossing the Atlantic. They were welcomed by their wives, Margaret and Moira.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday June 24, 1994

One cut too far

Local coastguards are warning lives could be lost if numbers are cut any further.

The government has asked coastguard chiefs to improve efficiency by 20 per cent.

The National Union of Civil and Public Servants, (NUCPS), which represents many coastguards, believes this will involve jobs being axed.

It is understood that there are plans to cut the Auxiliary Coastguard at Southend from 11 men to five. Nationally it is feared 140 jobs could go out of a total of 480.

Mr George McSpornan, the auxiliary in

charge at Campbeltown said: 'Speaking personally, as a member of the public, I would not like to see any further cuts in the auxiliary service.'

Three years ago the number of full-time coastguards based at Campbeltown was cut from three to one.

Privately auxiliaries are saying that the cuts proposed will affect their ability to respond to disasters such as the Chinook crash at the Mull of Kintyre earlier this month.

One of the Campbeltown auxiliaries, who asked not to be named, said: 'We could not continue to do this job if reductions are imposed - we need back-up for these operations. As it is, the full team isn't always available - even now we are pushed.'

'What we have here is a highly trained outfit that can carry out its role in any weather conditions - unlike the helicopter, which is also far more expensive.'

'In the long run, one cut too far could mean lives are put at risk.' Both the auxiliary teams from Campbeltown and Southend played a major role in dealing with the immediate aftermath of the crash which claimed 29 lives.

The NUCPS representatives for the Coastguard's West of Scotland and Northern Ireland Region, Bob Abercrombie, also warned any further cuts would have serious consequences for the public.

'We not only look after fishermen, commercial seafarers and yachtsmen,' he said.

'If something goes wrong during a family visit to the seaside, it's not the police or the fire brigade you get when you call 999, it's the coastguard.'

'The service has already been cut to the bone - any more and the quality of the service must suffer.'

FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday June 19, 1969

Who is to open the new school?

Nearly 600 pupils of Campbeltown Grammar School made an impressive sight on Friday as they wound their way in a long 'crocodile' from what is now the old Grammar School to their gleaming modern building at Limecraigs overlooking the town.

They gathered in the assembly hall to hear the rector, Mr H.L. MacKenzie, welcome them and point out that the Grammar School was still the same school, the only difference being that the building had been replaced.

He exhorted them to continue the traditions of the Grammar, to remember their good reputation, academically and otherwise.

The date of the official opening of the school has not yet been arranged since this will depend on the availability of the person chosen to open it.

Who that person will be has already become a talking point in the town.

Editorial: 'Big Kub' and others

So the old school on the hill is deserted now. I suppose there is nothing so silent as a school bereft of pupils. But for many Campbeltownians the old 'Big Grammar' is well-peopled with memories.

I can write only for my own generation - the school children who spent the war years commuting between various church halls and sundry buildings throughout the town. We remember the excitement of the day in 1945 when we moved to the building we had previously known as H.M.S. Nimrod. It was as big a thrill for us as it is for this year's pupils moving to their impressive new building at Limecraigs.

The heart of the old school was the main hall, full of the noise of clattering classes changed at the end of each period. In memory, the headmaster, Mr Balfour Downie, seems always to have been in the hall, trying to keep the classes off collision course with an oft repeated, 'Keep to the RIGHT'.

Along the top gallery, Mr Graham, known affectionately to his pupils as 'Big Bob', observed the changing scene, leaning on the top rail, with the amused tolerance he always maintained when dealing with the young.

Further along the top gallery in room M. Mr 'Davie' Lees, now translated to the rarer atmosphere of Glasgow High School for Boys, attempted to drum the Latin conjugations into unwilling heads. Failure to rattle out the correct formula brought the dreaded sentence, 'Ten times in ink for tomorrow'.

Later in room K., Tom McDougall continued the fight for the cause of the classics and, by sheer good teaching, persuaded many to study the subject further.

Room J., in the corner of the top landing, will always be for us, Mr Banks' room. Here we made ourselves comfortable against the hot pipes for a pleasant hour of poetry or drama. Gentle in manner and undemanding in homework, he yet managed to prepare us for the demands of university education much more successfully than by a more domineering approach.

Mr Banks was already a legend in 1945. He was named after the gentleman who decreed a stately pleasure dome in Xanadu and such was the affection in which he was held by succeeding years of pupils that his double-barrelled nickname eventually came to be shortened to a simple 'Big Kub'.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday June 21, 1919 Blue Triangle Club

The first year's operations of the Blue Triangle Club were brought to a close on Friday night last with a successful social meeting in the hall of Lochend U.F. Church. Miss Love, Hawthorne occupied the chair.

The Rev. C. V. A. MacEachran, of Castlehill Church, opened the proceeding with prayer, after which Miss Love entertained the company to tea.

The president of the club, in her opening address, referred to the gratifying success which had attended the club since its initiation. In the senior branch over 60 members had been enrolled, and in the junior section, about 70, and the prospect was that when they commenced the next session, the numbers on the roll would be even greater.

Miss Love explained to the visitors the beginnings of the Blue Triangle movement, which is really an outcrop of the Young Women's Christian Association, and started by the War Emergency Committee of the association to meet the needs of the girls who responded to the call to national work.

She described the widespread character of the organisation, more especially in the City of London, where she was associated with it. The experience of the club here pointed to Campbeltown as a place where great good might be expected by its influence.

The club sought to promote the welfare of girls and young women, not only on the physical and recreational side, but on the religious side as well, and the visitors that night would carry away with them a favourable impression of the work of the club when they remarked the rows of bright, intelligent and orderly girls present that evening.

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A century of music at Campbeltown's Springbank Evangelical Church

Worshippers and well-wishers gathered at Springbank Evangelical Church last weekend to celebrate its centenary year.

Visitors were treated to a 'musical journey through time' last Saturday evening as they explored 100 years of songs and hymns, sung as they traditionally would have been in the church throughout the decades.

The first hymn, Amazing Grace, was sung completely unaccompanied to reflect the minimalistic approach to musical performance in the 1920s.

Church member and Campbeltown Grammar School music teacher David Cosgrove gave a brief explanation of the musical development of the songs of praise throughout the ages.

This was followed by a rendition of Abide With Me, which was accompanied by an organ, as it would have been performed in the 1930s and 1940s.

A musical group joined the ensemble to represent how instrumental accompaniment was gradually integrated into church services during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.

Participants

The group, led by church elder Gordon Cosgrove, encouraged participants to join in with some of the songs and gave them actions to perform to the music.

At this point in the evening, the church's pastor, Samuel Davies, delivered a poignant sermon which discussed the theme of the evening: Remembrance. He remarked on the co-

incidence of the church's centenary falling so close to other significant dates of remembrance, including the Christian holy day of Pentecost and the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

He asked all in attendance to understand the importance of remembering, even more so now in a world where information is so readily accessible.

The evening was rounded off with a modern arrangement of both current and classic hymns. Members of the congregation expressed their gratitude to the organisers by singing and clapping harmoniously along to the music.

The celebration concluded with an array of refreshments and home-baking which was provided by members

of the congregation. A slide presentation was set up in the hall, evoking memories of members past and present and illustrating some of the church's significant milestones over the past century.

Gordon expressed his delight in being able to play in the musical group: 'It's been a while since we've all played together but it was brilliant. We picked up from exactly where we left off.'

From the smiles and laughter of those in attendance, it was clear that a great evening was had by all in attendance.

Felicity Kelly, an organiser and church elder, was no exception. 'It was great to see so many old faces and the music and worship were outstanding,' she said. 'It was a really special evening.'



Members of the congregation contributed to a buffet. 20_c24springbank04



There was a special celebration cake. 20_c24springbank03



From left: Church elder Gordon Cosgrove, Pastor Samuel Davies, Hellema McIntosh and John Dominick. 20_c24springbank01



A slide presentation was set up in the hall showing photographs from the past and present. 20_c24springbank02



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Rio Arkell, chanter, primary.
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Carys Martin, vocal solo, P6 and P7. 50_c25KMF03



Ailie Renton, keyboard, grades one to five.
50_c25KMF08



Robbie Craig, electric guitar. 50_c25KMF04



Isla Anderson, vocal solo, P5 and under. 50_c25KMF09



Taylor McMillan, woodwind, primary. 50_c25KMF02



Andrew Renton, Strathspey and Reel.



Cara McFadzean, brass, primary. 50_c25KMF10

The 41st Kintyre Music Festival drew to a close with the annual cup-winners' concert last Saturday.

It was the culmination of a week of splendid music-making for children aged 18 years and under.

The adjudicators were Fiona Mitchell (piping), Darren Brown (pipe band drumming), Rosalind MacGowan and James Cunningham.

The high standard of performances at the various competitions was praised and the adjudicators looked forward to the festival continuing its good work of promoting music among young people.

Also praised was the work of all parents, teachers, sponsors and all other helpers who enabled the festival to prosper.

The cup-winners who performed at the concert were: Band: Campbeltown Brass Intermediates, conducted by Katrina Barr, playing Television Showcase and Mission Impossible; Scottish bagpipe: Matthew McKerral, performing The Atholl Breadalbane Highland Gathering; Vocal duet: Amy Ross and Iona Renton performing Can You Feel The Love Tonight; Piano duet: Grace McTaggart and Iona Renton performing Free and Easy; Primary choirs (town): Castlehill Primary School Choir, conducted by Elizabeth Hill, performing Over the

Rainbow and I Have Music; Keyboard (Grades one to five): Ailie Renton, performing Allegro and Shadows; Vocal solo (S1 to S3): Iona Renton, performing One Hand, One Heart; Ensembles (Primary): Kirstie Renton and Grace McTaggart; Vocal solo (P5 and under): Isla Anderson, performing Skye Boat Song; Rural choir: Drumlembie Primary School, conducted by Raibeart McCallum, performing Mountain Air and Omens of Spring; Electric guitar: Robbie Craig, performing R U Comin' in; Vocal solo (P6 and P7): Carys Martin, performing Katie Beadie; Classroom recorder: Emma Oman, performing Cradle Song; Woodwind (Secondary): Ruby-Jo

Phillipps, performing Prelude; Chanter (Primary): Rio Arkell. Woodwind (Primary): Taylor McMillan, performing Annie's Song; Brass (Primary): Cara McFadzean, performing Folk Song; Ensembles (Secondary): Campbeltown Brass B, performing All in the April Evening.

The following cup winners were unable to attend: Christie Croft - Stick and Pad; Allan McMurchy - Pipe Band Drumming; Amy Paterson - Brass (Secondary) and Violin; Andrew Renton - Highland Bagpipe; Na Smeòraich - Folk Group; Suen Yee Walker - Keyboard (grades 6-8).

For more photographs of this year's cup-winners, see next week's Courier.



Iona Renton and Amy Ross, vocal duet. 50_c25KMF05



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Kirstie Renton and Grace McTaggart, ensembles, primary.
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Campbeltown Brass B, ensembles, secondary. 50_c25KMF16



Campbeltown Brass Intermediate band. 50_c25KMF17



Drumlemble Primary School rural choir. 50_c25KMF18



Iona Renton and Grace McTaggart,
piano duet. 50_c25KMF07

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Nell, Codi and Farah welcome you to the Tarbert Seafood Festival of 2019

Seventeen-year-old Nell Jackson MacFarlane is the Queen of Tarbert Seafood Festival and she will be crowned on Saturday, along with her princesses, Codi MacDougall and Farah MacCallum, she will open the festival on June 6 and 7.

Nell is a former student of Tarbert Academy, won the village vote for the honour and the princesses, Codi and Farah, were chosen at the Princess Disco held in May.

CLYDE FISHERMEN HELP FESTIVAL

This year's seafood festival has been sponsored in part by Clyde Fishermen's Association to the tune of £2,000.

'As a fishing community this is an event very close to our heart and we are delighted to help give organisers a boost to their fundraising efforts,' said Kenny MacNab from Clyde Fishermen's Association.

As she accepted the cheque of behalf of the festival, committee member Margaret MacNeill thanked the association members for their generosity: 'Preparations are under way to ensure this year's festival is the best one yet and we're now counting down the days until we welcome festival goers back to Tarbert.'

FESTIVAL FACEBOOK

To keep up to date and confirm festival events, always remember to check the Tarbert Seafood Festival Facebook page.



MAKE A JOVIAL DAY OF IT

You couldn't show your face in Tarbert then but a lot of the laads would gather round at wance and make a jovial day of it.'

Para Handy Tales, Neil Munro – the Argyllshire author often wrote his favourite character, the skipper of the puffer 'Vital Spark', into stories set in Tarbert; Para Handy and his crew usually ended up in a party or at a dance somewhere in the village.

A FEAST OF FESTIVALS

If there is one thing Tarbert knows how to do it is to throw a party! During the year this hospitable village it plays host to one of Scottish sailing's premier events, the Scottish series; plus the seafood festival, Viking festival, traditional boat festival; music and book festivals and a Christmas fair. And do not forget one of Argyll's most historic events, the Tarbert Fair, July 25-27 this year. This is one of the nation's ancient fairs, with links to the Showman's Guild fairs and a livestock sale; it has been held since 1705, perhaps earlier.

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SATURDAY

On the harbour side throughout the day from 11am there is fresh locally caught seafood being cooked up by local establishments including: Cullen Skink, paella and other seafood favourites along with an Argyll Hog Roast, Tastings from Whisky West Coast and lots of stalls to browse, with caricatures by Stuart Herd and readings from James the Palmist. **Cookery demonstrations and cook-off sessions on the Quay from noon with chef Mike Leslie of the Coachman Hotel cooking up some special tasters for you to try and a Ready, Steady, Cook competition between chefs - vote for your favourite dish!**

Noon T J Mac

TJ will have everyone's toes tapping.

12.30pm Magician

We think the Seafood Festival is magic and so does our street magician!

12.45pm T J Mac

TJ is back to entertain the crowds before the big event.

1.15pm Crowning of the Seafood Festival Queen - Miss Nell Jackson MacFarlane

The queen and her princesses Codi MacDougall and Farrah MacCallum will be brought across the harbour by boat and piped along the main street.

2.30pm Festival Parade

The festival parade, led by the Mid Argyll Pipe Band, Tarbert's own majorettes, the queen and her princesses, with many others begins at 2.30pm and this year's theme is going to be a real song and dance - so dress up your floats, bikes, yourselves and children in our Musicals theme.

2.50pm Highland Dancing Demonstration

3.10pm Children's Circus Show

3.40pm Magician

4.10pm Mid Argyll Pipe Band

4.40pm T J Mac

Oh, and keep a look out for Mary Poppins who will poppin' up around the village...

SUNDAY

'BEER ON THE PIER'

New for 2019 is the Sunday pop-up restaurant on the quay allowing 15 tables of four to enjoy a feast of fresh seafood while enjoying the entertainment of Beer on the Pier. Chefs on the day are Mike (Coachman Inn in Kilsyth who organises all the food demonstrations etc every year for us) and his son Ryan, along with Ross Payne from Tarbert's Anchor Hotel and Barge. All proceeds from this will go to the Seafood Festival and the committee is extremely grateful to Mike for organising this.

1pm Under Wraps

2.00pm Paolo Nutini tribute

3.00pm Feeva

3.45pm prize giving

The queen and her princesses will be awarding prizes for the various competitions that take place over the weekend.

4.15pm Olly Murs tribute

5.15pm Under Wraps

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Woman tries to trace kind taxi driver...30 years on

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A woman touched by the 'incredible kindness' of a Campbeltown taxi driver is looking to get in touch with him - 30 years after their encounter.

Mary Bryson first visited Campbeltown in 1988/89 on the yacht East End Endeavour during a team-building trip from Glasgow when she was a social worker.

She felt so sea-sick during the voyage that she could not bear to sleep on the vessel so she set out to find accommodation on dry land when the boat docked in Campbeltown at about 9pm.

Mary, who now lives in

Nemphlar in Lanark, said: 'The weather was horrendous. There was a military exercise on at the time and there wasn't a bed to be had.'

After failing to find anywhere to stay, Mary went to the police station where officers called her a taxi to help her continue her search.

'I was so touched by their kindness and I would love to get in touch with either the taxi driver or his family.'

'The taxi driver was a middle-aged man,' Mary said, 'So I think he'd be about 70 now.'

'He tried to get me a bed - he drove round and round and round running in and out of bed and breakfasts and guest houses asking if there were any vacancies. It was so wet that they called off the military exercise but he went

out into the rain and left me in the warmth of the car.'

As it approached 11pm, with the chance of finding accommodation slipping away, in an act of 'incredible kindness', the taxi driver took Mary to the home of one of his relatives.

'I was given the bed of a girl who had been recently married,' Mary said, 'I think it might have been his niece. She was off on her honeymoon so the bedroom was free.'

'I was told the family would be away out the house before me in the morning so just to help myself to breakfast and shut the door behind me - in a house full of wedding presents!

'I was so touched by their kindness and I would love to get in touch with either the taxi driver or his family.'

Anyone who knows who this thoughtful taxi driver might be, or the bride whose bed was given up, can contact Mary by emailing mbryson@ic24.net or calling 07833556534.

Christian Institute speaker informs Kintyre fellowship

Kintyre Christian Fellowship (KCF) met in the Salvation Army citadel in Burnside Square last Friday evening when the speaker was Nigel Kenny from the Christian Institute.

Mr Kenny began by commending KCF for providing opportunities for the churches in the area to unite to have fellowship and hear from a variety of speakers.

He read from First Timothy chapter two, and then presented the audience with a quotation: 'Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean that politics won't take an interest in you.'

Although sounding like a modern-day statement, he explained that it was spoken by the Greek statesman, Pericles who lived from 495-429 BC.

'There is nothing new under the sun,' said Mr Kenny.

He went on to outline the work of the Christian Institute which 'seeks to uphold the truths of the



Nigel Kenny, centre, with Pastor Steve Davies of Springbank Evangelical Church, left, and Pastor Mark Jasper of Campbeltown Community Church.

Bible in the public arena' and works to make people aware of political issues that may be of concern.

'We have freedoms and rights in the UK that we do not want to lose or have restricted,' he said. 'We need to be aware how government decisions and changes to legislation can affect those rights and should make our MPs and MSPs aware of our concerns.'

The institute's current

work includes protecting the rights of parents in relation to the education and raising of their own children.

'Some government proposals seek to restrict these rights and we must safeguard against this,' he said.

Using the passage from First Timothy, Mr Kenny explained the importance of praying for politicians and others in authority to help preserve freedom and promote peaceful living.

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Gigha Music Festival is one of the smallest in Scotland, what with the island's hall only holding 150 people, but as the organisers say, 'it fair packs a punch'.

This year's festival is on

Saturday June 29 and the main concert features a double header of Chris Stout and Catriona McKay followed by the new line-up of The Fiona Hunter Band.

Fiona, who has Kintyre

connections, said: 'I am so pleased to be returning to Gigha's festival as we not only get a cracking welcome, but have a great time in this intimate setting.'

The Gigha Music Festival

has the enviable and undisputed world record of 65 minutes for a non-stop Orcadian Strip the Willow at the ceilidh when some 50 people danced throughout the set by Heuch! at the 10th anniversary festival.

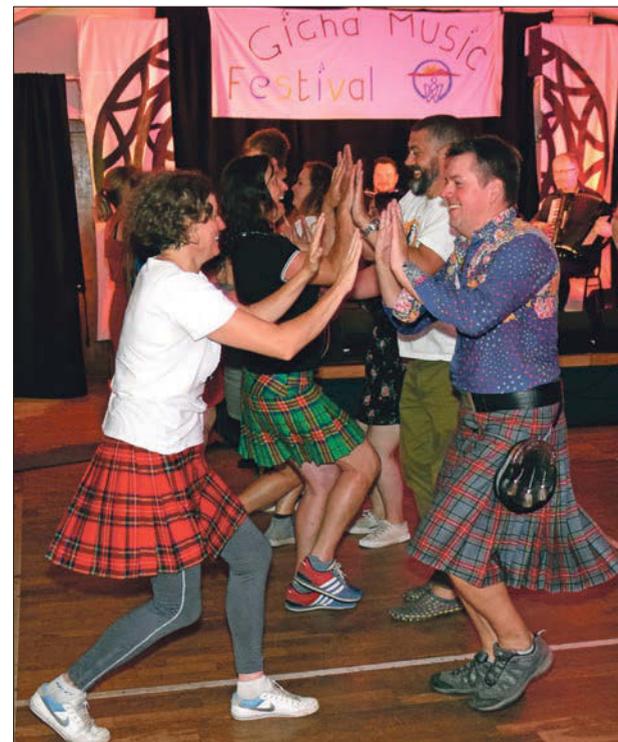
This year the end of concert ceilidh will be led by up-and-coming Argyll band Rhuvaal, who will bring their youthful approach and exuberance and who knows, that record may even get broken.

Before that there is a packed programme during the Saturday afternoon - including Loch Fyne Pipe Band, a singing workshop, open mic session and an afternoon concert from Campbeltown-based band The Endorphins.

Tickets are available from booking@gighamf.org.uk, via Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/isle-of-gigha-music-festival-concert-2019-tickets-60681797891>).



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Tide Lines perform

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Scottish folk/pop band Tide Lines dropped anchor in Campbeltown during their 2019/20 UK tour.

The four-piece performed a short but sweet set in the Victoria Hall last Saturday night which left revellers wanting more.

The night was kick-started by Edinburgh-born, Dundee-based support act, Roseanne Reid, an acoustic singer/songwriter whose dad is none-other-than Proclaimers front-man Craig Reid.

Roseanne's admirers include American country star Steve Earle and Elton John, who played her song Levi on his radio show and said: 'Roseanne Reid, if you're listening, I love you very much.'

Just days after her Campbeltown gig, Roseanne flew to Amsterdam to support Steve's son and fellow singer/songwriter, Justin Townes Earle, on his Europe and UK tour.

After she warmed up the crowd, headliners Tide Lines



Tide Lines headlined the Victoria Hall gig.

took to the stage, for just over an hour, playing hits including The Dreams We Never Lost, The Young and the Restless and Far Side of the World, as well as two new songs, Heroes and Running at the Dark.

Lead singer Robert Robertson even tried to get the crowd singing along in Gaelic to a couple of the band's songs.

After the gig, band members took time to meet the crowd, posing for photographs and

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Photographer Kenny Craig captured some of the revellers enjoying their night.



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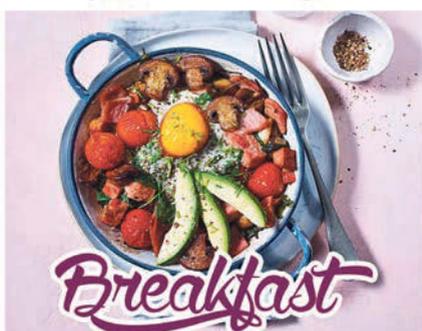
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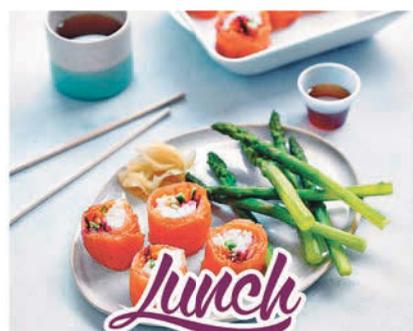
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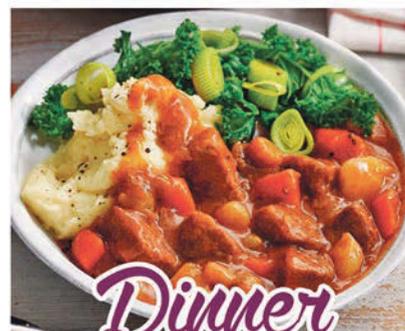
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Where? Isle of Harris

The Isles of Harris and Lewis are in fact one big island in the Western Isles – the largest in the Outer Hebrides. Harris is famous for its spectacular beaches, and there is perhaps none more perfect. At high tide it is submerged under crystal clear waters. The beach is accessible from a small single track road that arches across the north side of the bay, making Luskentyre fairly easy to reach. There aren't any facilities (other than a toilet block nearby-ish), but who cares when the beach is this good.

GETTING HERE: The easiest crossing is from Uig, Skye, or make a grand tour of it with the sailing from Oban to Castlebay on Barra. Drive north along the chain of islands and be amazed. Fly Logan Air to Barra, Benbecula or Stornoway.

Vatersay: Bagh A'Deas beach

Close By: Vatersay is now linked to Barra by a causeway making this enchanted wee island so much easier to reach. Castlebay with its ferry terminal, accommodation, shops and post office are in easy reach. Vatersay Hall is a welcome stop with toilets, showers and café; a brilliant community venture.

Don't miss: The sheer, stunning, 'edge of the world' experience of being on Vatersay. Next stop Newfoundland. Discover island history from Neolithic burial to the remains of an RAF Catalina from the Second World War.

Useful websites:
www.calmac.co.uk
www.hial.co.uk
www.visitouterhebrides.co.uk
www.loganair.co.uk

Where? Vatersay

Vatersay is the 'most' – it is the southernmost and westernmost inhabited island in the Outer Hebrides, and Caolas on the north coast of the island is the westernmost permanently inhabited place in Scotland and in Great Britain, says Wikipedia.



GETTING HERE: CalMac sails from Oban to Castlebay which takes five hours so treat it as a mini cruise. Car hire is available on Barra, which boasts the only beach runway in the world to handle scheduled airline services. Traigh Mòr beach has been home to Barra airport for 80 years. Follow signs for Vatersay as you leave the ferry at Barra; keep left after Caolas and keep heading south. Please respect conservation signs asking you keep off the dunes.

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Isle of Berneray: West Beach

Close By: A shop, tea room, post office, church, community hall and visitor information centre at The Nurse's Cottage. There are no pubs and only one restaurant, so if you fancy eating out, you can hop across the causeway to Lochmaddy on North Uist.

Don't miss: The East Beach is lovely too. Berneray has an information centre open during the summer months and a community hall, fishing harbour, church, shop, tea room and post office.

Useful websites:
www.calmac.co.uk
www.hial.co.uk
www.isleofberneray.com

Where? Berneray, Western Isles

Berneray is between Harris and North Uist, linked to the latter by a 900m causeway and to Harris by CalMac ferry. West Beach can be reached via the village of Borve and stretches for three spectacular miles. Look out for seals, otters, snipe, corn crakes, barnacle, greylag and Brent geese. The shoreline is home to wading birds including turnstones, red shanks, oyster catchers and curlews. A glance to a clear sky at night will often reward you with stars, meteors, comets and the breath-taking Northern lights. The machair, a fertile strip of peatland mixed with windblown sand creates a stunning display of wildflowers including rare native orchids.



Photo: Eilidh Carr of Coralbox gift shop, Berneray

GETTING HERE: CalMac sails to Lochmaddy on North Uist, then travel by car across the causeway, or sail into Berneray from Leverburgh on Harris. Regular scheduled flights from Glasgow, Stornoway and Benbecula. Buses connect with flights and ferry arrivals.



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Mull: Calgary Bay Beach

Close By: Shops, café, gallery, B&B's, self-catering accommodation. Cafe@calgary Arts is now open for the summer. The art gallery is open 10am-5pm for teas, cakes and lunch. The Sculpture Walk is open all year, dawn till dusk.

Don't miss: Calgary Art in Nature, Staffa boat trips, Mull Theatre, Seafood in Tobermory.

Useful websites:
www.calmac.co.uk
www.holidaymull.co.uk

Where? Isle of Mull

Calgary Bay is located north west of Mull, 12 miles from Tobermory and 5 miles from Dervaig. The craggy landscape hugs a soft shell sandy beach and is undoubtedly Mull's finest. There aren't many white sandy beaches on Mull that are outstanding but this one truly is. A wonderful place to relax and take in the views to the neighbouring islands of Coll and Tiree. Calgary is Gaelic for 'The meadow beside the bay'. The beach can be accessed by a lovely 300m sculpture walk which families will love. Nature and wildlife lovers will be watching out for Sea Eagles, Otters, Basking Sharks and much more. 'Many consider Calgary beach the finest beach in Scotland if not the UK'.



Photo courtesy of scotphoto.com

GETTING HERE: Calgary Bay is best reached by car, some 55 mins along the A849. CalMac ferries run frequently each day from Oban to Mull (40 mins to Craignure) as well as crossings from Kilchoan and Lochaline. Once on the island there is a great bus network to get you around if you don't have a car.



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Mull: Kilvickeon Beach, Nr Bunessan

Close By: A pub, shop with post office, gift shop and the heritage centre.

Don't miss: Weaving workshops with Isle of Mull Weavers, Kilvickeon Church and Mariota's Stone. The Ross of Mull Historical Centre is at Millbrae Cottage beside the ruins of the Old Corn Mill, on the edge of Bunessan Village. Car parking is available by the bridge

Useful websites:
www.holidaymull.co.uk
www.calmac.co.uk
www.isle-of-mull.net

Where? Isle of Mull

The village of Bunessan is in the south west corner of Mull. Kilvickeon is another beautiful, white sandy beach with lots of coves to explore and getting there is part of the fun with a walk over farmland giving the chance to explore an old chapel and cemetery along the way. Be careful though, the road can be rough underfoot. Look out for seals and beautiful sea birds and across to Garbh Eilean - a tidal island on this stunning beach. The beach is sheltered in places and is a wonderful place to watch a beautiful sunset and generally chill out.



GETTING HERE: Bunessan is on the road from Craignure to Fionnphort. Just before Bunessan follow the road signposted to Scoor. The rough track leads to a very small car park opposite Kilvickeon Old Parish Church and Cemetery. A right turn here will take you on a 10 minute walk to the beach.

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The Road to the Isles: Camusdarach Beach

Close By: Mallaig is a thriving port at the end of the famous Road to the Isles. Find a range of shops and services here, and enjoy some of Britain's freshest fish and chips.

Don't miss: Wildlife Cruise from Western Isles Cruises, operating daily from Mallaig throughout July to September, this trip is designed to tie in with the Jacobite Steam Train. Leaving Mallaig you will travel out to Green Island on the Knoydart Peninsular.

Useful websites:
www.westernislescruises.co.uk
www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/morar/silversands/
www.road-to-the-isles.org.uk/morar.php

Where? Camusdarach

Beautiful Camusdarach Beach is an arc of white glistening sand and sparkly waters that sits just south of the estuary of the River Morar, thought to be the shortest river in Britain. The views from Camusdarach look out to the Cuillin on the Isle of Skye and across to the rugged blue peaks of Rum and steep cliffs of Eigg. Camusdarach is the beach featured in Local Hero and Highlander films.



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GETTING HERE: From Fort William, take the A830 road to Mallaig. This road has been modernised and widened in places giving some stunning hilltop views. Look out for the B8008 loop road which runs alongside the new road between Arisaig and Morar; this is the original road which takes you to the beaches.

From the Camusdarach car park cross the wooden bridge and through the wooden gate to paradise. Arisaig and Morar both have railway stations. Shiel Buses route 500 runs between Fort William and Mallaig.



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The Road to the Isles: Silver Sands of Morar

Close By: Morar village, shops, accommodation, food car hire, garage.

Don't miss: A walk along the River Morar which flows into the sea here, to its source in Loch Morar, as well as the sands themselves.

Useful websites:
www.wildlochaber.com
<http://www.shielbuses.co.uk>
www.road-to-the-isles.org.uk
www.scotrail.co.uk

Where? Morar

Don't be surprised if you get a sense of déjà vu; these stunning sands have been photographed so many times and appear on so many calendars and in brochures.



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The Road to the Isles: Traigh beach

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Close By: Between Arisaig and Morar each with shops, eating places and services; boat service from Arisaig to Small Isles. Arisaig is home to the Land, Sea and Islands Centre, with fascinating displays about the area's natural and cultural history.

Don't miss: Great beaches for swimming, kayaking, beachcombing, rockpooling, wildlife spotting and picnicking. Traigh Golf Course is a superb links course.

Useful websites:
www.wildlochaber.com
<http://www.shielbuses.co.uk>
www.road-to-the-isles.org.uk
www.arisaig.co.uk
www.scotrail.co.uk

Where? Road to the Isles

White sandy beaches hug the coast and the old section single-track section of the Road to the Isles hugs the coast. Traigh beaches are as perfect as West Highland beaches can be, a mix of sheltered bays, miles of silvery sand, with the machair behind you and some of the finest seascape in Scotland in front of you.

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Ardnamurchan Peninsula: Sanna Bay

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Close By: The village of Portuairk is the western most settlement on the British mainland. Kilchoan has a shop and the ferry terminal to Tobermory on the Isle of Mull.

Don't miss: Don't miss on the Ardnamurchan Peninsula: The Ardnamurchan Lighthouse is nearby and has a lovely tea room.

Useful websites:
www.sannabay.co.uk/
www.wildlochaber.com/ardnamurchan/wildlife/sanna-bay www.calmac.co.uk

Where? Ardnamurchan

If you are looking to truly get away from it all, then Sanna Bay on the tip of the Ardnamurchan Peninsula offers one of the most remote and spectacular beach experiences in Scotland. Located six miles from Kilchoan, it's quite a trek to reach Sanna, including a ferry crossing and 30 miles along a single track road, across a stunning extinct volcanic landscape now clothed in purple heather. But that's part of its beauty—you'll miss the crowds and nothing stands between you and Sanna's vivid turquoise seascapes. There is a gravel car park and telephone box there, but no other signs of civilisation. Instead, enjoy the dunes and rock formations, look for swooping sea eagles and playful otters, and do some frolicking yourself in the tranquil rock pools that dot the bay. Climb the rocks for stunning views over Isle of Skye, Muck, Eigg, Rhum and Canna—that alone is worth the drive!

GETTING HERE: Take the Corran Ferry from Inchree near Onich. Take the signed right turn not far from Kilchoan.



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Isle of Tiree: Traigh Thodhrasdail



Close By: The island has a good selection of accommodation, shops, cafes, taxi and minibus service. Cycle hire plus watersports hire and lessons with trekking and fishing



Useful websites:

www.isleoftiree.com
www.southernhebrides.com
www.calmac.co.uk

Where? Isle of Tiree

Surfs up: Tiree is famous for its fabulous beaches and tropical-like climate in the summer plus all those Atlantic rollers which make it 'the Hawaii of the North', home to the Tiree Wave Classic and an undisputed surfers' paradise thanks to its westerly aspect. The dunes and the machair complete the picture. Tiree Music Festival in July is always fantastic and this year's sold out months ago.

Photo courtesy of Jim Murdoch
www.tireeimages.com

GETTING HERE: Caledonian MacBrayne ferry service from Oban scheduled flights from Glasgow with Logan Air and from Oban with Hebridean Air. Book ferries and airlines well in advance for busy times like the festival, wave classic and Tiree Agricultural Show to avoid disappointment.

Isle of Coll: Feall Bay



Close By: Coll's main village of Arinagour offers some shops and services, and there is a golf course nearby. Or try a pony trek for something different.



Don't miss: Mairi Hedderwick's series of Katie Morag children's books take place in the fictional Struay, inspired by Coll. See if you can spot some of the set pieces from the books. Historic Environment Scotland lists the remains of rig and furrow ploughing and draining of the land near the beach as of national historical importance in Canmore, its historical register.



Useful websites:

www.calmac.co.uk
www.southernhebrides.com
www.visitcoll.co.uk

Where? Isle of Coll

The Isle of Coll is a Dark Skies area, which means there is no light pollution to get in the way of the breath-taking sunsets and night skies. Star gazing courses are on offer at times.

Photo courtesy of scotphoto.com

GETTING HERE: Caledonian MacBrayne ferry service from Oban and flights from Oban with Hebridean Air Services.

Isle of Colonsay: Kiloran beach

Photo courtesy of scotphoto.com

Close By: Colonsay is 10 miles long and two miles wide so everywhere is close by, with a good selection of accommodation from hotel to back packers' lodge and a wide mix of holiday rentals. With a café, restaurant and bar, brewery, incredible wildlife, a publishing house, a gin lovers' retreat with Colonsay Gin plus a thriving shop, what more does an island need?

Don't miss: Wild goats, believed to be descended from Spanish ones washed ashore from an Armada shipwreck off Colonsay. Do not leave this island without a jar of its wild flower honey!

Useful websites:
www.colonsay.org.uk www.colonsayshop.net
www.colonsayholidays.co.uk
www.calmac.co.uk
www.obanandtheislesairports.com

Where? Isle of Colonsay

Kiloran Bay on Colonsay, an island where you are spoilt for choice when it comes to beaches, but this one is extra special with Atlantic rollers for surfers and about a mile of golden sand. The island is home to a wide range of wildlife on land, sea and air with plenty to see from the beach.



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Kintyre: Southend beach

Close By: The village of Southend has accommodation, caravan and camping sites and a superb new village hall which is home to the post office. Dunaverty Golf Course has a great club house and is open to visitors.

Don't miss: Look for St Columba's Footsteps etched in rock centuries ago to show where St Columba first landed on Scottish soil before he sailed up the coast to found Iona Abbey. The site of Dunaverty Castle, the Blood Rock, scene of a Civil War massacre seems so out of place in somewhere so beautiful and peaceful today.

Useful websites:
www.southendargyll.org.uk
www.visitkintyre.info

Where? Berneray, Western Isles

Only 13 miles from Ireland, Southend in Kintyre is such an incredible spot. You feel like you have stepped back in time by half-a-century. The rich lush farmland is grazed by prize herds of dairy cows and the hedgerows and banks are overflowing with wildflowers.



GETTING HERE: Pick up the A83 in Lochgilphead and follow it all the way down to its end in Campbeltown, then the B842 to Southend. Take City Link bus route 926 Glasgow-Campbeltown; West Coast Motors 400/444 will take you to Southend and Campbeltown is well served by taxis. CalMac has a summer sailing linking Campbeltown with the Isle of Arran and Ardrossan. Logan Air flies to Campbeltown from Glasgow.

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Oban: Ganavan Sands

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Close By: A walk or a short bus ride from all the hustle and bustle of Argyll's top tourist destination, Ganavan is traditionally one of the favourite spots for Oban families.

Don't miss: The great walks, the stunning view over to Mull and Lismore; watching the boats come and go, sometimes gigantic cruise liners visiting Oban or navy ships so large they have to anchor off Oban Bay. A pair of binoculars will come in handy.

Useful websites:
www.obantimes.co.uk
www.oban.org
www.calmac.co.uk



Where? Oban

Oban is known as the 'gateway to the isles', as well as the 'seafood capital of Scotland'. Argyll's biggest shopping, eating and entertainment destination. Ganavan Sands is a wonderful beach for families, popular with visitors and locals alike.

GETTING HERE: Via A85, follow signs from Corran Halls roundabout; via A816 follow one-way system through town and continue along the coast. Follow signs for Dunollie Castle and Museum (both worth a visit) and follow the road on towards Ganavan. Oban is a major destination served by road, rail, sea and air. West Coast Motors services 1 and 401 will take you to the beach, check timetables.

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Don't miss: Both Benderloch and surrounding area provide great services for holiday makers, for food, drink, shops with some award-winning local holiday parks and caravan sites and establishments with top TripAdvisor scores. Benderloch is a really friendly and welcoming village with a great sense of community and plenty going on to join in. Tralee is home to the Lorn Agricultural Show each August.

Useful websites:
www.oban.org.uk
www.benderloch.com
www.tralee.com

Where? Benderloch

Tralee Beach is tucked away near the village of Benderloch. It is just nine miles from Oban, across the Connel Bridge on the A828. This lovely beach has shingle at one end with soft golden sand at the other. The beach is so long that it never seems overcrowded, despite being a popular spot.



GETTING HERE: Access to the beach is via a short walk by a signposted footpath from Benderloch village at the Ben Lora Café, where there is a car park. There is another car park at the west end of the beach off the South Shian road.



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Islay: Machir Bay, Kilchoman

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Don't miss: Tie your visit to the beach with one of the many festivals and events on Islay from Fèis Ile to the Islay Mòd, both Gaelic events, to beach rugby, books or cycling, classical music or jazz.

Useful websites:
www.islayinfo.com www.calmac.co.uk
www.islayjura.com

Where? Isle of Islay

Islay is the most southerly of the Inner Hebridean islands and is known as the Queen of the Hebrides. Islay can offer you all kinds of holiday from tranquil to action-packed; foodie or music or culture, wildlife exploring, golf or, of course, whisky for which it is famous.



GETTING HERE: CalMac ferries sail into Port Askaig and Port Ellen from Kennacraig and Oban with a link to Colonsay. Logan Air flies in from Glasgow with Hebridean Air Services flying scheduled services from Oban. City Link bus route 926 Glasgow-Campbeltown calls at Kennacraig. Car hire and taxis available on the island.



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Islay: The Singing Sands and Carraig Fhada

Close By: Port Ellen, one of the Islay's ferry ports and a major centre on the island with shops, places to eat and drink and services.

Don't miss: The singing! But remember, like all good opera divas, the sand can be temperamental. Shape and size of grains of sand, humidity, and frequency of vibration in ratio to thickness of the dry top layer of sand need to combine into the perfect conditions. Once they do it is quite magical.

Useful websites:
www.islayinfo.com
www.calmac.co.uk
www.islayjura.com

Where? Isle of Islay

The opposite end of Kilnaughton Bay from Port Ellen, a visit to the Singing Sands should include a trip to see the Carraig Fhada lighthouse,



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Quad bike thieves return to Argyll

Quad bike thieves have returned to Argyll just two months after five farms across Kintyre were targeted.

This time Mid Argyll bore the brunt with three quad bikes taken on the night of Monday June 10 from Drimvore Farm, near Bridgend, Fernoch Farm, both Lochgilphead, and Torbhlaire Farm, Kilmichael Glen.

Police are reminding the public and farmers to be vigilant as these types of crimes continue to be prevalent.

They are also urging those with quad bikes to review and maintain security at all times, and reporting any suspicious vehicles or people to police by phoning 101.

Farmers are concerned about potentially confronting gangs of at least four men, suspected of being behind the thefts.

In April, over the night of the 3rd, five quad bikes were stolen in Kintyre, in an area from Skipness to Saddell in East Kintyre.



A Suzuki King quad bike similar to some of the stolen machines. Photograph: ATV Services.

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

mark SF68KXB, was stolen from a shed at Claonaig, Skipness.

The bikes can cost in the region of £10,000.

At the time of the thefts Chief Inspector Marlene Bailey said: 'Lines of inquiry are being followed by detectives across Scotland.'

Farmers continue to be urged to review their security; some of the Kintyre bikes were left with the key in the

ignition and many farmers, and especially young farmers, are being advised to feature less details of their quad bikes, equipment and location when using social media.

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

Quad bike thefts are a major and continuing problem across all of rural Scotland and with other areas having been stung and improved their security as a result, thieves are targeting more remote areas like Argyll.

At the time of the Kintyre thefts the thinking was that the bikes were stolen in a closed lorry as CCTV footage from outside Lochgilphead Police Station did not show any trailers carrying the machines.

Mid Argyll Soil & Nutrient Network Meeting

Date: Thursday 27th June 2019 Time: 11.00am - 3pm

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The final meeting of our Mid Argyll soil and nutrient network will look at the work being carried out at Kirkton Hill & Mountain Research Centre, and how this can be applied on your farm. John Holland and Ewan Campbell will discuss the research carried out on the farm, alongside the practicalities, what works, what doesn't, and look at how they are getting the best from their grass and forage crops.

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Caledonian Marts hold prime sheep sale

Caledonian Marts Ltd sold 657 spring lambs, prime hoggets, ewes and tups at its sale in Stirling on Tuesday.

Included was the show and sale of Suffolk prime lambs, held in conjunction with the West and Central Scotland Suffolk Club and kindly sponsored by McCaskie Farm Supplies and Shearwell Data.

The show was ably judged by Bill MacKinnon of Scotbeef. Overall average for 454 sold was 207.3ppkg (-8.4p on the week).

Prize list: Champion: J Lawrie, Tillyrie 47.6kg £104 purchased by Buffalo Farm, Boglily. Class 1, Suffolk Under 42kg: 1 W and E Cook, Balcachie; 2 R A Campbell and Son, Meikle Seggie. Class 2, Suffolk 42.1kg-44.9kg: 1 R Wardrop and Son, Easter Coates; 2 R A Campbell and Son, Meikle Seggie; 3 R Wardrop and Son, Easter Coates. Class 3, Suffolk 45kg+ 1 J Lawrie, Tillyrie; 2 Bankhead Farmers, Crook of Devon; 3 Bankhead Farmers, Crook of Devon.

Outwith the show, top price of the day went to D Nicol, Auchtenny, for a 46kg Beltex at £115 and the same lamb topped the p/kg at 250p.

Leading prices: Spring lambs per head: Texel £111, Bankhead; Texel X £111, Skeoch; Beltex £109, Mawcarse. Continental £108, Pitcairle.

Continental X £108, The Horn. Suffolk X £107, Drumardoch Estates.

Spring lambs per Kg: Beltex 242p, Mawcarse; Beltex X 238p, Meikle Seggie; Continental 236p, West Lundie; Continental X 231p, Auchtenny; Texel 230p, Golland; Texel X 228p Mawcarse.

Also forward were 233 cast ewes, tups and hogs.

All classes, particularly mules and Blackfaces, would be sharper on the week, with heavier ewes also seeing a slight increase.

Heavy ewes averaged £87.50 selling to £110 for a Texel from Donibee Livestock, Whitehills, Crossgates. Light ewes averaged £58.09 selling to £71 for a Cheviot from D Nicol, Auchtenny, Forgandenny.

Cast tups sold to £86 for a Texel from E Forrester, Cattle Moss, Saline.

Other leading ewe prices: Texel; £96, Dyke, Milton of Campsie; £87 Donibee and Auchtenny. Suffolk, £94, Deanston; £89 Easter, Cash. Blue faced Leicester, £83 (x4) Little Balquhomrie; Mule, £79 West Lundie; £77 Easter, Cash. Cheviot, £68, Knoxfauld. Blackface, £67, Deanston; £65, Drummond Estates.

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Support for farming is growing

Public support of Scottish farming is growing, according to research commissioned by the Scottish Government to coincide with the Royal Highland Show this week.

The research suggests that 83 per cent of Scots believe that farming provides an essential public service.

The research also indicates widespread support for more food being grown and produced locally.

Welcoming the research, Rural Economy Secretary Fergus Ewing MSP said: 'As we look to celebrate the success of Scottish farming and the wider rural economy at the Royal Highland Show, it is absolutely fantastic to see this level of support for our farmers and crofters.'



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The partnership kicked off with Tough Mudder's high profile Scotland event at Drumlanrig Castle in Dumfriesshire on June 15-16. Isuzu UK Head of Marketing George Wallis said: 'We're really proud to be the official automotive partner with Tough Mudder. It clearly demonstrates the D-Max's position as the most tough and capable 4x4 pick-up on the market. Combining teamwork with fun and accessibility, Tough Mudder is a life-changing challenge which inspires people to be the best they can be. That's what the Isuzu D-Max is all about.'

The award-winning Isuzu D-Max will be found at all the Tough Mudder events this year, so look out for the limited edition Tough Mudder branded vehicles out on the courses.

The most popular obstacle course event series in the UK, Tough Mudder has had more than three million participants since it was founded in 2009 and now offers various obstacle-based challenges designed to inspire participants of all abilities and age ranges across the UK, Germany, North America and globally.

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The latest statistics from Registers of Scotland's Property Market Report 2018-19 show that the value of residential property sales in the financial year 2018-19 was £18.2 billion, an increase of 1.6 per cent when compared with 2017-18.

The residential sales market has increased by 67 per cent since 2009-10 and reached an 11-year-high in 2018-19, but remains 21 per cent below the pre-financial crisis level in 2007-08 (£23.1 billion).

The Property Market Report is the main statistical compendium publication from Registers of Scotland. It details the major trends in the Scottish land and property market since 2003-04, includes residential and non-residential markets as well as key statistics

on house prices and sale transactions.

The average price of a residential property in Scotland in 2018-19 was £178,991, up 2.2 per cent on 2017-18 and 16 per cent when compared with the pre-financial crash average price of £154,817 in 2007-08. Since 2003-04, the start of RoS house price data, the average residential property price in Scotland has increased by 77 per cent.

The volume of residential property sales in Scotland has risen by 44 per cent since the recent low in 2011-12 to 101,628 sales in 2018-19. The sales volume remains 32 per cent below the pre-financial crisis level peak of 150,455 sales in 2006-07. In the past year, sales have fallen slightly by 0.5 per cent.

The report also looks at the non-residential market. The total market value of all types of non-residential sales in 2018-19 was £4.0 billion. Commercial sales accounted for 81 per cent with the remainder from sales of forestry, agriculture and land.

Accountable Officer Janet Egdeall said: 'The Scottish property market is a significant component of the Scottish economy.'

'In 2018-19, the total value of residential sales continued to rise, largely due to average prices continuing to increase while the volume of sales has levelled off in recent years.'

Further findings from the report include:

- 12 per cent of residential property sales in Scotland in 2018-19 were new-builds, the highest proportion since 2008-09.
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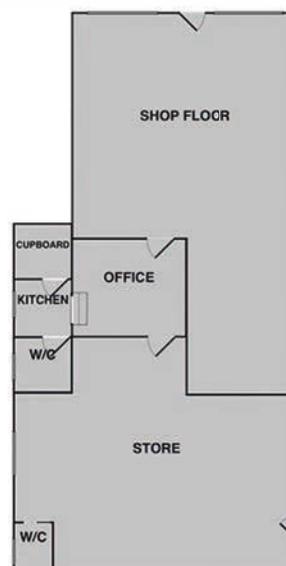
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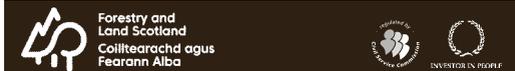
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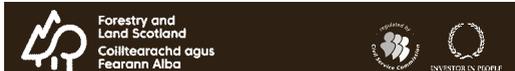
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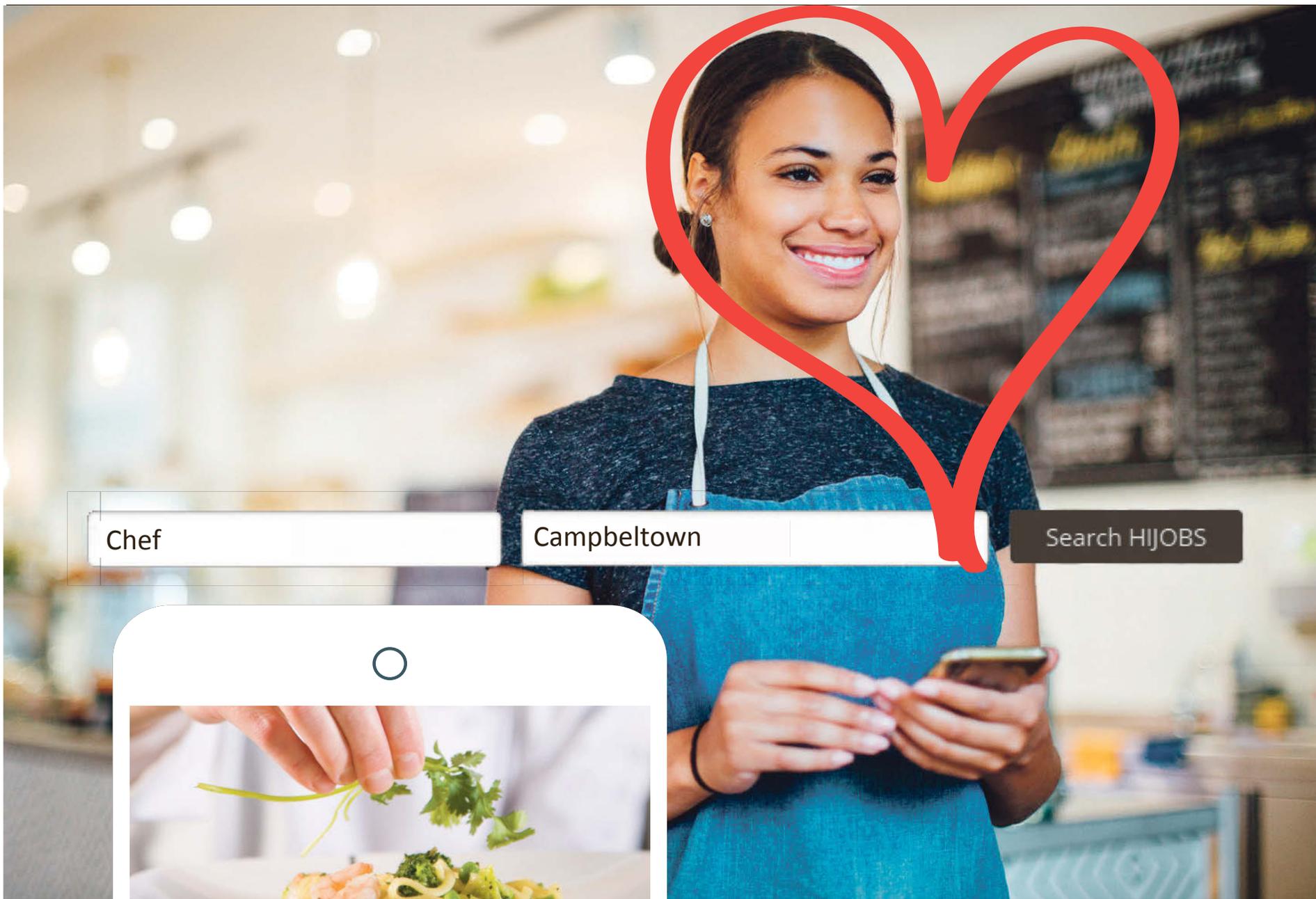
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**Blue Energy
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017**

Notice is hereby given that High Constellation Windfarm Ltd, company registration number 11800500, 10 West Street, Alderley Edge, Cheshire, SK9 7EG has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate the High Constellation Wind Farm on the Kintyre Peninsula approximately 4 km southeast of Clachan (Central Grid Reference 180000, 650000). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be above 50 MW comprising up to ten turbines with a ground to blade tip height of up to 149.9 metres and associated infrastructure, including an energy storage facility. The proposed development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and the developer has produced an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report. This is an amendment to the previous Notice published in the Campbeltown Courier and Argyllshire Advertiser on the 7th and 14th June 2019 and updates the details of the public inspection venues and representation dates.

High Constellation Windfarm Ltd has also applied for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the EIA report discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Location	Opening Hours	Address
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The EIA Report can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ; on the application website at (www.highconstellationwindfarm.com); or at www.energyconsents.scot.

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Any representations to the application may be submitted via the Energy Consents Unit website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@gov.scot; or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

As this is an amended Notice, all representations should be received not later than the revised date of 2nd August 2019, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the developer will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

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- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
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General Data Protection Regulations

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/00711/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land North East Of Ballywilline Farm, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
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Written comments can be made to the above address or submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed at all Area Offices, Council Libraries and on the Councils website.

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GIGHA

Grant for motorhome and camping facilities

A project to enhance the visitor experience on Gigha has been awarded £170,000 of funding from the Scottish Government.

The money has been awarded for the creation of motorhome and camping facilities adjacent to the ferry terminal on Gigha, with recycling and waste facilities for motorhome users, toilets, showers and laundry facilities for visitors.

The funding was announced last Thursday by Tourism Secretary Fiona Hyslop MSP and forms part of the second round of the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund (RTIF).

The project, led by Argyll and Bute Council, is one of 13 across Scotland to benefit from a share of more than £2.8 million.

The RTIF was launched in 2018 to help meet the demand of growing visitor numbers by funding infrastructure improvements such as parking, motorhome disposal points, visitor facilities and recycling points.

The fund, administered by VisitScotland, was open to local authorities and National Park Authorities to apply or in partnership with their communities. A total of £6 million was split between 2018/19 and 2019/20.

David Adams McGilp, regional director at VisitScotland, said: 'It is vital we support businesses and communities experiencing pinch points as we see the continued success of tourism across Scotland. The breath-taking beauty and unique wildlife of the isle of Gigha makes it a hugely popular destination for touring visitors.'

'Funding for this project from the Scottish Government RTIF will not only help improve facilities for our visitors but enhance the experience for the local community, both for now and in the future.'

'The impact of tourism goes far beyond the holiday experience. It is vital to the Scottish economy, reaching every corner of the country, creating jobs and bringing economic and social change.'

'VisitScotland believes this fund is a step to ensuring that the tourism infrastructure for visitors meets current and future demand.'

ISLAY



Pupil Connie and group leader Hilary Epps accept the Bookberries' award from author Ross MacKenzie. Photograph: Rob McDougall.

Bookberries wins national reading award

An Islay book club has picked up the Community Reading Culture Award at the First Minister's Reading Challenge 2018/19.

Bookberries book club joined 19 schools and a library in picking up prizes, which were presented by Ross MacKenzie, author of *The Elsewhere Emporium* (Floris), at the awards ceremony at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel in Glasgow on Monday, June 10.

The First Minister's Reading Challenge, now in its third year, encourages children to read for pleasure and develop a lifelong love of books.

The awards recognise the efforts of schools and pupils to support reading for enjoyment and create a reading culture in their school, home or community.

Bookberries is an after-school club run by parents and was set up for P1 to P4 from Port Charlotte Primary School, in order to inspire a love of reading at an early stage.

With a lack of a static library and only a library van to serve the island, Bookberries

started its own lending system. Pupils were encouraged to log their books using their reading passports and set up their own personal challenges like sharing books and recommendations with friends.

The club has been so successful that P5 to P7 pupils have also expressed interest, resulting in Narnia and Harry Potter sessions for their age group in June.

Before the book club started, there were quite a few reluctant readers but Bookberries has helped to develop a better understanding about which books the pupils like, as well as linking the activities to storytelling and illustrations.

The club received a party pack, including certificates signed by the First Minister.

Hilary Epps, Bookberries' group leader, said: 'It takes a community working together, from energetic parents, enthusiastic and open-minded teachers and, of course, imaginative children to make a reading journey so memorable.'

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

'All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,

'All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.'

So goes a very familiar hymn.

Well we certainly have seen the contrast this week in the bird families.

As we watch the ospreys, we are amazed at their huge wingspan and the fact that their nest is the size of a double bed.

Even the chicks are growing fast into the magnificent creatures they will become.

These are certainly some of the 'all creatures great'.

In stark contrast, we were sitting watching the loch change colours from our window, when the tiniest wren chick appeared from nowhere onto our balcony.

We could hardly believe our eyes as another three popped up one by one through the wooden slats. They were obviously fledglings but we had no idea where they came from.

'All things small' indeed, as they were about the size of a ping-pong ball and about the same weight.

The balcony has a glass frame about three metres high around it and the chicks could not work out how to get past this. They bobbed like tiny creatures on a mini trampoline and were completely stuck.

Fortunately I managed to carefully catch each one gently in my hands and release them into their future of flight.

I thought of the contrast of their tiny wings compared with the huge powerful wings of the osprey and remembered the words of Elizabeth Barret Browning:

'Earth is crammed with heaven,
'And every common bush afire with God,
'But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
'The rest sit round and pluck blackberries.'

Don't spend your life just plucking blackberries.

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ALLAN - Peacefully at home, on June 15, 2019, James Stevenson Allan (Stevie), in his 95th year, formerly of the Lochend Bar and Bellochantuy Hotel, much loved husband and friend of Florence for 70 years, beloved father of Janette and Eleanor and a good friend to many. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today, Friday, June 21, 2019 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Community Nurses.

BOLT - Suddenly at home, Largiemore Farm, Kilkennie, on June 2, 2019, David Leslie Bolt, in his 62nd year, dearly beloved father of Sofia, Sasha and Kelsie, loving granda of Jack, much loved son of Alec and Sheila and a dearly loved brother and uncle.

MORRISON - Neil John, formerly of Tosh's Park, Carradale, now Ninian Avenue, Houston. Iain died peacefully, at St Vincent's Hospice, on Friday, June 14, 2019. He was a much loved husband of Caroline, a dear father to Catriona and Lorna, respected father-in-law of Lee and Derek and a beloved grandpa to Calum and Ewan. There will be a service of thanksgiving for Iain's life, at Houston and Killellan Kirk, at 3.00pm on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, to which all those who knew him are invited. We request no flowers please, but would welcome donations for the RNLI and the Fishermen's Mission, Iain's favourite charities.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCKINVEN - Heather and Iain would like to thank the Rev William Crossan for his comforting service, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for guidance and care, piper Stuart O'May, David Gardner for uplifting music, and Flora and staff at the Ardshiel Hotel for going the extra mile, as always. Our thanks to relatives and friends for paying their respects at the church and graveside, and for flowers, cards and visits. Thanks also to everyone who helped Maimie in her latter years. The retiral collection for Ramsay House, Erskine raised £535.

IN MEMORIAM

BINNIE - Treasured memories of a dear sister, Mary, died June 11, 2014.

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MACLENNAN - For our loving Uncle Kevin, forever our shooting star.

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SC002493
Sunday 23rd June 2019
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am
Young people's prize-giving service
Bible Society Songs of Praise in Kirk Street Hall 7.00pm
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Wednesday
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Rev Rodger Crooks
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Only four weeks to Mach 1 Stages Rally

There are only four weeks to go until the 2019 Mach 1 Stages Rally and the organisers say that they still have entries available.

Mach 1 is said to be the perfect event if anyone has recently finished building a car and is looking for a test or has got their eyes on Mull and need some seat time or miles under their belt.

The event, on July 13 and 14 at the former Machrihanish air base, offers 95 stage miles on 99 per cent sealed top

quality Tarmac over two days in the most picturesque part of the west coast of Scotland where weather is guaranteed, according to organisers.

Mach 1 is also known for its friendly bunch of officials, marshals, scrutineers and locals who would love to see more names, so organisers are asking would-be entrants not to hesitate and leave it to the last minute as these early entries assist in calculating everything needed for the event.

Mach 1 is famous for its catering by Argyll Bakeries on the Saturday and the Sunday as well as the ever-popular carvery on the Saturday evening in the Officers' Mess, where there is also a bar and plenty of seating giving everyone the chance to relax and chat to all the teams ahead of the final day.

Visit www.dunfermline-carclub.co.uk for entry forms and if anyone has any queries or questions please email davidh@foxconstruction.co.uk



Last year's winners Bruce Edwards, and co-driver Jim Smith, are presented with their trophy by secretary of the meeting, Trix Grant. 25_c29machone01



Robbie McTaggart glances out of his side window as he passes through a chicane during last year's rally. 25_c29machone131



Bruce Edwards and Jim Smith's white Dacia on Sunday's rain-soaked track. 25_c29machone144



Jonathan MacDonald and Chris Wareham power away from the chicane in last year's race. 25_c29machone148

Twelve hours before the mast

Tomorrow (Saturday) a group plans to sail around Campbeltown Loch from 8am to 8pm to raise funds for Kintyre Seasports.

They will be sailing in a variety of dinghies from a small single-handed topper to a larger 2/3 handed RS Quest.

Kintyre Seasports is a ground-breaking project that brings together community groups and sports clubs in a single organisation to generate life chances, promote health and well-being and attract adventure tourism to South Kintyre.

From sailing to paddle-boarding, the group's aim is to encourage participation in sport not only for enjoyment but also providing training in marine sports to internationally-recognised standards.

Greig Walker, commodore of Campbeltown Sailing

Club, said: 'It is great to see so many activities happening on the loch.'

'Campbeltown Loch offers an ideal location to learn sailing with its naturally sheltered bay, beautiful scenery and occasionally accompanied by seals and dolphins.'

For anyone, young and old, interested in having a go at

sailing, Campbeltown Sailing Club will be running sailing lessons led by Royal Yachting Association senior instructors from July to August both in the mornings and afternoons. For more information about the sailing lessons or to make a donation to the 12-hour sail, please visit www.kintyreseasports.co.uk



If the idea of sailing appeals, Campbeltown Sailing Club will be running lessons soon. Then anyone can join in great events like the 12-hour sail planned for tomorrow.

Dunaverty club championship

The first round of Dunaverty Golf Club's Men's Championship was held in mixed weather with the early starters benefiting from the driest part of the day last weekend.

Current champion Greg Watson was unable to participate due to a back injury thus leaving the field wide open.

Former champions George MacMillan and Duncan Watson III made their intentions clear with George carding a 65 and Duncan on 66.

The weather worsened in the afternoon but this didn't affect Ross Sinclair, who claimed the lead with a 64 to set up an intriguing confrontation for the second round on the following day. Ross also lead the seniors' championship at this stage.

First round result: 1 Ross Sinclair 64-4=60, 2 Duncan Watson III 66-5=61, 3 Harry

MacLean 73-10=63, 4 George MacMillan 66-1=65, 5 James Williamson 81-17=64(bih), 6 David MacBrayne 76-12=64.

The second round produced some of the finest golf seen at Dunaverty for some time, Lee Mathieson had a superb round which included seven birdies, a double bogey on the front nine and a single bogey on the inward half to finish on 62 having carded 31 for both nines.

George MacMillan was on fire and had a superlative round of 59 which was just one outside his course record. He covered the first nine in 30 strokes and a blistering back nine in 29. His round included one bogey and eight birdies.

Second round result: 1 Lee Mathieson 62-5=57, 2 George MacMillan 59-1=58, 3 Donald Brown (Sr) 79-19=60(bih), 4 Bill Brannigan 74-14=60, 5

David MacBrayne 75-12=63, 6 Harry MacLean 74-10=64.

Results after two rounds: Scratch: 1 George MacMillan 65+59=124, 2 Lee Mathieson 70+62=132, 3 Ross Sinclair 64+72=136, 4 Duncan Watson III 66+72=138, 5 Keith Crawford 72+71=143.

Seniors: 1 Ross Sinclair 64+72=136, 2 Duncan Watson III 66+72=138, 3 Keith Crawford 72+71=143, 4 Harry MacLean 73+74=147, 4 Donald MacNeil 73+77=150.

Handicap: 1 David MacBrayne 64+63=127 and Harry MacLean 63=64=127, 3 Bill Brannigan 70+60=130 and Donald Brown (Southend) 70+60=130, 5 John McKinlay 67+64=131 and John Brown 64+67=131.

The final two rounds will be held tomorrow (June 22).

Players are advised to contact the club for their tee times.



Willie Ross, Machrihanish Golf Club captain, and Hector McMurchy, assistant distillery manger at Glen Scotia, with the new bottling.

Distillery backs golf clubhouse resurrection

Everyone in Campbeltown knows whisky and golf go together nicely.

Campbeltown is world famous as a whisky region in its own right and also the Machrihanish Golf Course is world renowned, especially its first hole 'over the Atlantic'.

The club now has a special bottling with Glen Scotia Distillery, with only 196 bottles available.

The club would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Glen Scotia for the donation of a barrel of whisky. The single malt has been bottled with

a limited edition label featuring Machrihanish Golf Club.

The money from the sale of these bottles will be in support of Machrihanish Golf Club and bottles can be bought in the Glen Scotia Distillery shop.

Hector McMurchy, Glen Scotia's assistant distillery manger, said: 'Glen Scotia is delighted to help with the resurrection of the new golf clubhouse in any way that we can and we believe it's a great thing for the area.'



Lorna Armour played the Eden Course at St Andrews during the final.

Lorna competes on St Andrews, Eden Course

A Kintyre golfer can finally say she has played at St Andrews.

Lorna Armour, 26, represented Machrihanish Golf Club at the Scottish Women's Regional Medal finals at St Andrews Link's Eden Course on Sunday and placed 14th out of 24.

She made the finals having come

fifth out of 51 competitors from all across the west of Scotland at the West Area Silver Medal regional final in May.

Lorna told the Courier: 'I played much better in my practise round which was annoying but it was a fabulous experience and a round with nice girls.'

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

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

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Campbeltown bowlers through to national finals

Representatives from Campbeltown's two bowling clubs were crowned champions of their respective sections at the Bowls Scotland District 11 finals.

Campbeltown Bowling Club's Shirley Bannatyne was named ladies' singles victor, while Gavin McLachlan, of Argyll Bowling Club, was the men's junior singles champion.

Held at Oban Bowling Club for the first time in the club's 150-year history, the ladies' District 11 finals was last weekend while the men's took place last Thursday.

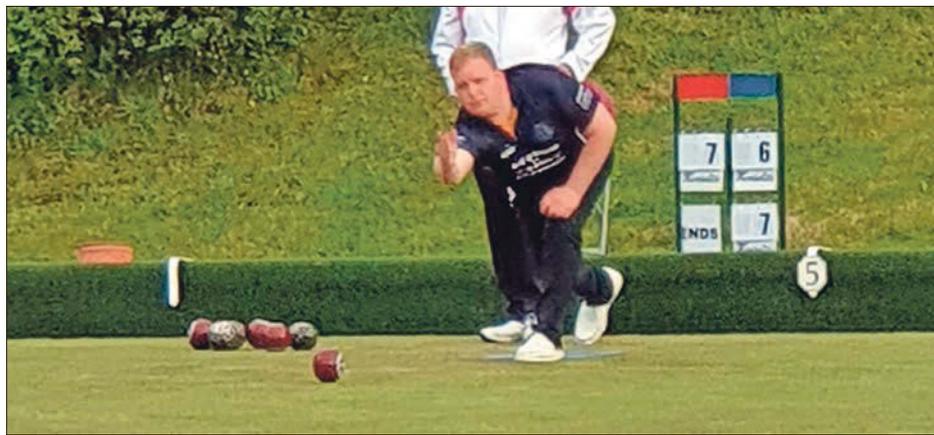
Fourteen of the 29 District 11 clubs were represented at the district finals having battled their way through knock-out stages over the last two months.

The national finals will take place at Ayr's Northfield greens from July 22 to 27.

The 2019 Bowls Scotland

District 11 finals results:
Men - Junior Singles: Argyll (G McLachlan) beat Helensburgh (A Air) 21-12; Senior Singles: Tarbert (J McAlpine) beat Helensburgh (G Sneddon) 21-19; Senior Fours: Radnor Park (J Allan, J McDonald, T Rough, D Scott) beat Garelochhead (R McRobbie, J Leishman, R Gall, A Roy) 16-7; Mixed Pairs: Colgrain (N Sharp, J McBride) beat Renton (S McArdle, S McArdle) 23-14; Singles: Renton (M Keenan) beat Dalmuir (G Sayer) 21-17; Pairs: Vale of Leven (I Barnes, C McIntyre) beat Argyll (K Kerr, G McLachlan); Triples: Old Kilpatrick (C Hughes, A Dunbar, M Hughes) beat Renton (P Donnelly, I McCallum, R O'Malley) 16-12; Fours: Argyll (R Blair, J McCallum, G Graham, M McGuire) beat Colgrain (P Owens, B Harvey, I

McKenzie, A Sharp) 14-13.
Ladies - Singles: Campbeltown - Stronvaar (S Bannatyne) beat Eastfield (B Marsland) 21-16; Pairs: Oban (A Campbell, H MacLean) beat Garelochhead (J McConnell, L Dobrijevic) 18-10; Triples: Colgrain (K Dunbar, A Shaw, S Kennon) beat Garelochhead (H McConnell, S Fleming, A Dobrijevic) 14-7; Fours: Lochgilphead (H Johnson, L Johnson, K McAdam, C MacIndoe) beat Oban (K Gargan, E Gargan, L Barrie, M Carr) 21-11; Junior Singles: Argyll (B Thomson) beat Lochgilphead (H Johnson) 21-14; Senior Singles: Oban (H MacLean) beat Old Kilpatrick (P Kirkpatrick) 21-13; Senior Fours: Oban (L Carmichael, J Campbell, R Miller, A Stewart) beat Buchanan Arms (M Brown, C Crawford, E McQuade, M Gordon).



Men's junior singles champion Gavin McLachlan in action at Oban Bowling Club.



Shirley Bannatyne on her way to securing the one shot needed to give her victory in District 11 finals at Oban Bowling Club. Photograph: Kevin Mcglynn. Inset: Ladies' singles winner Shirley Bannatyne, centre, with District 11 secretaries Ian Allan and Alison Shaw. 15_T25_ShirleyBannatyne01



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