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End of an era as teacher retires after 40 great years

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Dalintober Primary School said goodbye to one of its longest-serving members of staff last Friday, on the final day of term.

Susan Campbell has retired after 40 years of teaching at the Campbeltown school, the only one in which she has worked full-time.

'My whole career was here,' said Mrs Campbell, who graduated from Jordanhill Teacher Training College in 1979 and started working at Dalintober the same year. 'I've taught generations of the same families – quite a lot of parents and even some grandparents.

'I like that – it makes you feel like you are part of the school's history. It's nice to be part of a small community.'

Originally from Glasgow, Mrs Campbell applied to carry out her probationary teaching year in Argyll and Bute, having fallen in love with the area while working



Susan Campbell with her final class, a P4 group. 50_c27campbell02

in a craft shop on Seil Island during her summer break from college, and was sent to Dalintober.

'I didn't know a single person in the area but the staff were really, really welcoming,' she said. 'I thought I'd maybe be here for the year – and then I met my husband, David.'

The couple married in 1982 and had two daughters, Lynne and Alison.

'My children were brought

up here,' said Mrs Campbell. 'They were heavily involved in the brass band and Sunday school. I live at Machrihanish and it is a wonderful place to bring up children.'

Mrs Campbell, who spent her first few years at the school as Miss Wilson, was presented with flowers at Dalintober's prize-giving service last Wednesday, and was so overcome with emotion that she wasn't able to say many words. Speaking to the

Courier afterwards, she said: 'Dalintober is the best school in the world.'

'It doesn't feel like 40 years that I've been here. I've loved working with the staff and various head teachers over the years, who have all been very supportive and continued the school's caring, family feeling towards the children.'

'And I will miss the most important people – the pupils, of course!'

Mrs Campbell said there

has been a huge amount of change in education over the years, which has meant her job was never boring.

'I love teaching,' she said. 'I love art and history – the Victorians and the Vikings and the wars of independence ... I love acting it all out, making it seem real to the children.'

Mrs Campbell said that one of the highlights of her career was when more than 50 people attended a wars of

independence event in the school. 'Every child had a family member there and that was a joy,' she said.

During her 40 years at Dalintober, she taught for six months at Glenbarr Primary School while job-sharing when her children were young, which was another experience she enjoyed.

Despite her love of teaching, Mrs Campbell is still looking forward to retirement.

She said: 'I love my garden and I want to spend more time with my mum and my sister, who are in Glasgow, as well as David and the children. And I am a member of the Lorne and Lowland Church so I am looking forward to spending more time on all of those things. I wish the school and current head teacher Caroline Armour all the best for the future.'

Ms Armour said: 'Mrs Campbell has been an inspirational teacher to so many children over the years. She has been so loyal to the school and we will miss her terribly.'

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Drink driver avoids being sent to prison

A man who drove an uninsured car while more than three times over the drink driving limit narrowly avoided being sent to prison.

Christopher Millar, 36, of 18 Cara View, Tayinloan, was sentenced at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday, having previously pleaded guilty to driving a vehicle on the A83 between Tayinloan and Campbeltown with 203 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of urine, exceeding the 67 milligramme limit, with no insurance policy in place.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty told the court that an anonymous call was made to police on September 2 last year to say that Millar, who was known to be in a

drunken state in Tayinloan, had decided to drive to Campbeltown.

Police passed Millar's vehicle and turned to follow it, noticing that it was 'meandering' and slightly crossing the road's centre line.

Millar failed the roadside breath test and was found to have no insurance to drive the vehicle.

Defence agent Mr Wright said Millar knew a custodial sentence was a possibility and he presented a letter, written by Millar's partner, to Sheriff Patrick Hughes which detailed the difficulties his imprisonment would cause her.

Mr Wright said although Millar's previous convictions were 'many and varied', he had been largely trouble-free

since 2012 and that his decision to drive while drunk was a 'misjudgement'.

Sheriff Hughes said: 'This is a serious matter which exposed other road users to risk had there been an accident.'

Sheriff Hughes said the threshold for a custodial sentence had been reached, given Millar's record, but due to the contents of the letter, he imposed a community packback order as a direct alternative to jail.

He ordered Millar to carry out 180 hours of unpaid work within 12 months, and to remain under the supervision of the social work department for that time. He also banned Millar from holding or obtaining a driving licence for 16 months.

Payback for woman who assaulted barmaid

A woman who smashed a glass over a barmaid's head has avoided being sent to jail.

Alyson Petra McKinven, 28, of 1 St John Terrace, St John Street, Campbeltown, appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court for sentencing last Thursday, having previously pleaded guilty to the assault.

On September 15 last year, McKinven took issue after being spoken to by the barmaid in the female toilets of a Campbeltown pub.

As the barmaid turned to walk away, McKinven struck her on the face with a glass, leaving a substantial bruise below the victim's right eye.

'By luck, the glass did not break,' said the fiscal.

Defence agent Stephen

MacSporran said that there was a 'bad background' between the two women, adding: 'She does not use this as an excuse but as an explanation.'

'She was intoxicated and she fully accepts that this is unacceptable behaviour.'

Mr MacSporran said that McKinven was aware that custody was a possibility but asked Sheriff Patrick Hughes to consider other options to allow her to prove she can be rehabilitated.

Sheriff Hughes said: 'Nine years ago you were convicted of an identical offence and you received a custodial sentence for it.'

He said that for the sole reason she is now the mother of two young children, he

would explore non-custodial options. He imposed a community payback order, ordering McKinven to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work within 12 months, and to remain under the supervision of the social work department for that time.

He also ordered her to pay £300 compensation to her victim and banned her from entering any public house in Argyll and Bute for nine months, as well as imposing a restriction of liberty order, meaning McKinven must remain in her home from 10.30pm until 5am for nine months.

Sheriff Hughes added: 'The only reason you're not going to prison today is because your children need you.'

Woman fined for possession of cannabis

A woman who admitted possessing cannabis has been fined.

Elizabeth Louise Draime, 32, of 26A Davaar Avenue, appeared for sentencing at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday, having previously pleaded guilty to having cannabis at Buchanan Bus Station, Glasgow, Muasdale, the A83, Campbeltown, Argyll and elsewhere on August 30 last year.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty said that at

8.40pm police received an anonymous call to say heroin was being transported by Draime on a bus from Glasgow to Campbeltown. Police stopped the bus at Muasdale and carried out a search for heroin but found none.

Soon after they were made aware by the bus driver that belongings had been left on the bus after the passengers had departed, and they discovered 55.9g of herbal cannabis inside a crisp tube in a carrier bag.

Also inside the bag, they found a receipt of purchase on which the last four digits of the bank card used to make the transaction were printed. These numbers matched those on Draime's bank card.

Draime, who represented herself in court, told officers the cannabis was for personal use and she had paid £400 for it. Mr McGinty said: 'This is on the borderline of being accepted as for personal use.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes imposed a £160 fine.



Davaar Island Safe Walking Times

	Morning Safe Walking Times			Afternoon Safe Walking Times		
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Mon, 1 Jul 2019				17:06	14:06	19:36
Tue, 2 Jul 2019				17:50	14:50	20:20
Wed, 3 Jul 2019				18:35	15:35	21:05
Thu, 4 Jul 2019	06:57	03:57	09:27	19:23	16:23	21:53
Fri, 5 Jul 2019	07:43	04:43	10:13	20:13	17:13	22:43
Sat, 6 Jul 2019	08:32	05:32	11:02	21:05	18:05	23:35
Sun, 7 Jul 2019	09:24	06:24	11:54	21:58	18:58	00:28
Mon, 8 Jul 2019	10:20	07:20	12:50			
Tue, 9 Jul 2019	11:20	08:20	13:50			
Wed, 10 Jul 2019	12:25	09:25	14:55			
Thu, 11 Jul 2019				13:32	10:32	16:02
Fri, 12 Jul 2019				14:36	11:36	17:06
Sat, 13 Jul 2019				15:34	12:34	18:04
Sun, 14 Jul 2019				16:27	13:27	18:57
Mon, 15 Jul 2019				17:14	14:14	19:44
Tue, 16 Jul 2019				17:57	14:57	20:27
Wed, 17 Jul 2019				18:35	15:35	21:05
Thu, 18 Jul 2019	07:04	04:04	09:34	19:12	16:12	21:42
Fri, 19 Jul 2019	07:38	04:38	10:08	19:47	16:47	22:17
Sat, 20 Jul 2019	08:13	05:13	10:43	20:24	17:24	22:54
Sun, 21 Jul 2019	08:50	05:50	11:20	21:02	18:02	23:32
Mon, 22 Jul 2019	09:29	06:29	11:59	21:41	18:41	00:11
Tue, 23 Jul 2019	10:12	07:12	12:42			
Wed, 24 Jul 2019	11:00	08:00	13:30			
Thu, 25 Jul 2019	11:54	08:54	14:24			
Fri, 26 Jul 2019				12:55	09:55	15:25
Sat, 27 Jul 2019				13:58	10:58	16:28
Sun, 28 Jul 2019				14:58	11:58	17:28
Mon, 29 Jul 2019				15:54	12:54	18:24
Tue, 30 Jul 2019				16:45	13:45	19:15
Wed, 31 Jul 2019				17:33	14:33	20:03

POLICE FILES

■ A garden shed at the rear of Dalintober Primary School, Dalaruan Road, Campbeltown, was forced opened and two balance bikes were taken between 4pm on Friday June 21 and 8.30am on Monday June 24.

Plastic pipe within the school grounds was also melted and damaged.

■ A vehicle stopped by police for a routine check at about 8.45pm on Sunday June 23, at Hall Street, Campbeltown, was found to have an expired MOT certificate. The driver, a 22-year-old man, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ At about 4pm on Thursday June 27, on the A83, at Bellochantuy, an 18-year-old

male motorist was stopped for exceeding the speed limit. He was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ Between Saturday June 22 and Wednesday June 26, in Saddell Street, Campbeltown, a blue BMW car was damaged by having the bonnet and driver's side rear door scratched.

■ Between 4pm on Saturday June 22 and 2pm on Sunday June 23, at Smith's Yard, Bowmore, Islay, a white Renault Kangoo van was damaged by having the windscreen and both wing mirrors smashed.

■ Two vehicles were involved in a minor collision at about 10.20am on Friday June 21, in Port Charlotte, Islay. Subse-

quently, it was established that one of the vehicles was driven without valid insurance or an MOT certificate. The driver of the car, a 61-year-old man, will now be the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

■ At about 11.30pm on Friday June 28, police received a report of a man causing a disturbance in a house at Bayview, Machrihanish. Police attended and a 46-year-old man was arrested and charged with abusive behaviour.

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

Macmillan money to remain in Kintyre

Last week, the Courier reported that £2,164 raised at Arthur Crossan's and Jim McAulay's joint 60th birthday party was donated to Macmillan Cancer Support's Kintyre fundraising committee.

It has been pointed out that, on this occasion, by special request of the birthday boys, all the money donated will remain in Kintyre and not be sent to Macmillan's central bank.

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Carradale's model citizen is honoured at exhibition

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A former international model, who spent the first six years of her life in Carradale, is the first person to be honoured by a new project celebrating the success of Kintyre people.

Emma-Jane Ritchie, 48, graced catwalks and posed for photographers at shoots around the world during her glittering 10-year career which began by chance.

She was approached by a modelling scout while she was 15 years old and working as a dish-washer at a restaurant in New Zealand, the country to which her parents emigrated when she was a child.

Emma-Jane was asked if she would be interested in doing some modelling work and, after initially laughing off the suggestion, was encouraged by a friend to find out more and began doing some work while still at school.

'I realised that I could make more money doing one modelling job every six months

'I was very young and not very interested in the whole thing. I was offered a contract in Paris but I said no as I wanted to go back to school.'

than I could washing dishes every night,' Emma-Jane told the Courier.

While she was still 15, she was entered into a worldwide competition run by John Casablancas' Elite Model Management and won for her adopted homeland of New Zealand.

'I was very young and not very interested in the whole thing,' Emma-Jane said. 'I was offered a contract in Paris but I said no as I wanted to go back to school.'

Six months later, she was entered into and won another worldwide competition, this time run by renowned Ford Models of New York, travelling to Los Angeles for the finals.

When she was offered a contract in Tokyo, Emma-Jane decided it was time to choose between school and modelling and she chose the latter.



Emma-Jane Ritchie at last Thursday's launch of the Campbeltown Picture House exhibition celebrating her modelling career. KC_c27emmajane01



Emma has bought the Carradale home which belonged to her grandmother, Chattie, who now lives in New Zealand.

'I worked everywhere - in every major city in the world,' she said. 'I was still one of the youngest models on the scene and I only started to really enjoy it when I turned 18.'

Emma-Jane walked the runway in Paris, Milan, London and Tokyo, among others, and became a familiar face in fashion and lifestyle magazines and catalogues, with articles about her success appearing in international newspapers.

She met her husband, aspiring South African athlete Francois Roux, in Germany, where he was also doing a bit of modelling.

The couple married and their elder daughter, Kwasi, now 26, was born soon after.

When Francois suggested living at his family farm in Karoo, South Africa, Emma-Jane decided that it would be nice to settle down, having lived out of hotels and other people's apartments for a decade.

The family spent two years on the farm before moving to Cape Town in time for Kwasi to start school.

Shortly afterwards, the couple's younger daughter, Rosemary, now 21, and son, Jack, 17, were born.

Recently Emma-Jane bought her grandmother Charlotte's old Carradale home, Kenmore. The house was built for Emma-Jane's great-grandmother so it

is important to her that it remains in the family, and it will be used for trips back to the village.

Charlotte, known in Carradale as Chattie, is now 98 and moved to New Zealand 10 years ago.

Last Thursday night, an exhibition celebrating Emma-Jane's career was launched at Campbeltown Picture House, to spearhead a project called Kintyre Connections, honouring people who have lived or live in Kintyre who inspire others.

Another celebration paying tribute to Emma-Jane and other inspirational Carradale figures was held last Saturday evening in Carradale Village Hall as part of the project.

While in Kintyre, Emma-Jane revealed that she has recently become the proposed honorary consul for New Zealand in South Africa, proving that she is not just a pretty face.

Emma-Jane's mother, Susan, travelled all the way from New Zealand to attend both events with her daughter.

Susan, originally from Glasgow, worked as a district nurse when the family lived in Carradale, while Emma-Jane's father, Duncan, was a fisherman.

For more on the Kintyre Connections project and last week's events, see next week's Courier.

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Ashleigh is geared up



Ashleigh Conner can now drive fire appliances.

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Campbeltown's Ashleigh Conner has just passed her 'blue light' training to allow her to drive the town's fire engines in emergency situations.

Twenty-year-old Ashleigh has been a retained firefighter for two years. As the crew was short of drivers and Ashleigh, as an apprentice HGV mechanic, already held a Class 2 licence, she decided to go for it. She is one of Argyll and Bute Council's modern apprentice team.

Training involved a week-long intensive course in Glasgow, comprising classroom and on-road work. Studies covered hazard awareness, motorway driving and understanding different types of roads.

At the end of the week, Ashleigh's new skills were assessed as she negotiated unfamiliar terrain while describing the various potential hazards along the way.

'I'm happy to have passed, but glad it's over with,' said Ashleigh. 'I'm not used to driving in the city so I had to

be quite switched on all the time.

'I've been with the service for seven years now, having done five years as a cadet first. It's something I enjoy and lets me help the community.'

As well as being a retained firefighter, Ashleigh is also a year-and-a-half into her modern apprenticeship, which she loves because 'every day is different'.

Her interest in mechanics came after she took an engineering course at school and then enjoyed fixing her car when it developed faults.

When the apprenticeship came up, it seemed a logical step to apply.

Councillor Roddy McCuish, policy lead for roads and amenity services, said: 'Well done, Ashleigh. Not only are you doing brilliantly in your training, you're also making a valuable contribution to your community through your volunteering.'

'I'm sure it was a major achievement to pass your blue light assessment first time and please accept my congratulations on behalf of the council.'

Celebrating 40 years of Fyne Homes

As part of Fyne Homes' 40th anniversary celebrations, the housing association's chief executive, Colin Renfrew, will be visiting every area office to meet tenants, committee members and staff.

Cakes, refreshments – including some bubbly, of course, and free gifts – will be available for everyone to enjoy.

A spokesperson said: 'It would be great to see people and we hope that they can manage along to help us celebrate 40 years of Fyne Homes.'

The Campbeltown celebration will be held on Wednesday July 31 from 9.30am to noon at the association's offices.

The dates and times of the other planned events are as follows:

Dunoon: Friday July 26, 9.30am to noon. Rothesay: Friday July 26, 1.30pm to 4pm. Lochgilhead: Wednesday July 31, 1.30pm to 4pm.

Bid to increase number of area committee meetings fails

A bid to increase the number of area committee meetings held across Argyll and Bute has failed – by two votes.

South Kintyre's Councillor Donald Kelly wanted the authority to change the number of annual area committee meetings from four to six.

Seconded by Councillor Douglas Philand, Mid Argyll, he had sufficient support from

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles (MAKI) area committee at its June meeting for the idea to be put before the full council on Thursday June 27.

But the proposal was quashed by 16 votes to 14, and the four area committees for the council's divisions will continue to meet four times a year – in March, June, September and December.

Councillor Kelly said: 'During the last restructure, the council meetings moved to a quarterly basis.

'I accept this works well for committees like environment, development and infrastructure, policy and resources, and community services, but area committees have lost continuity. We have not had the opportunity to follow

issues through with constituents at public question time.

'When there is an ongoing issue, people come along and get the chance to question councillors and put their views across. By supporting a move to six area committee meetings a year, we would give the general public a 50 per cent increase in democracy.'

But Councillor Robin

Currie, Kintyre and the Islands, chairman of the MAKI area committee, submitted an amendment to take no action, seconded by Mid Argyll's Councillor Donald MacMillan.

Councillor Currie said: 'In Campbeltown, very few members of the public turn up. More area committees would not serve anything.'

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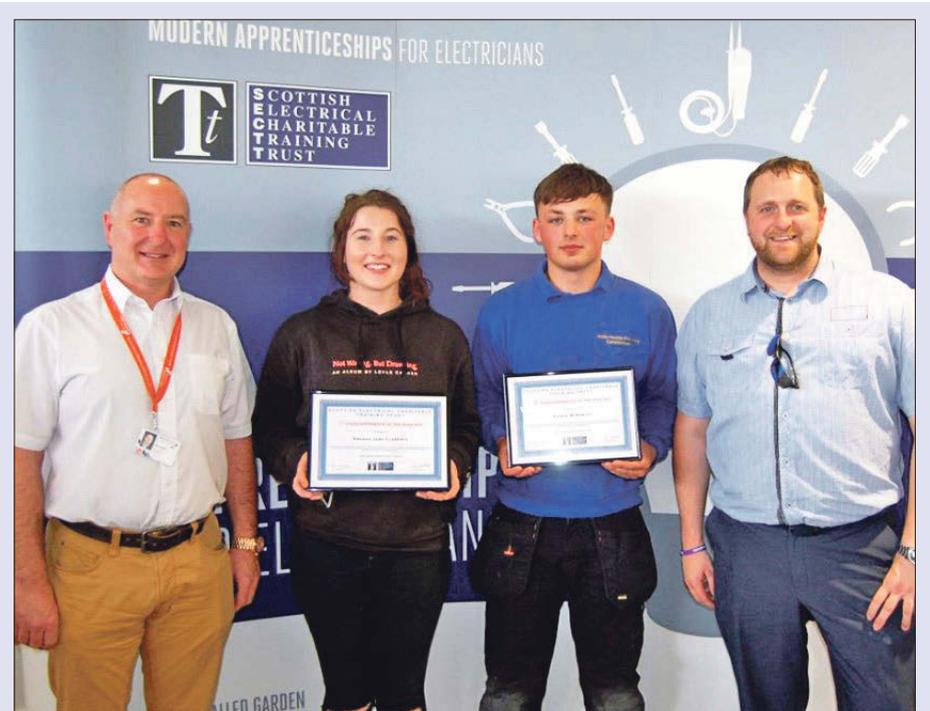
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From left, college tutor Gerry Durnan, Amanda Clements, Kieran McMurchy, and SECTT West Area training officer Frankie Greig.

Bright sparks nominated for top awards

Kieran McMurchy, who works for Campbeltown's Archie Houston Electrical, was nominated for the Scottish Electrical Charitable Training Trust's (SECTT) Second Stage Apprentice of the Year award.

Kieran, aged 20, started his employment with the business in March 2017

and attends West College Scotland, Paisley Campus, on block release. He has just completed his second year of a four-year apprenticeship.

He was nominated to represent Paisley Campus at the Apprentice of the Year competition on June 18, for the West of Scotland, for the second stage appren-

tics along with Amanda Clements, who works for APE Solutions Ltd, Lochgilhead. Amanda, 18, was first-year representative for the Paisley Campus.

Neither Kieran nor Amanda progressed to the next stage of the competition but everybody is very proud of their achievements.

Steve honoured with top award

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The secretary of Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants' and Residents' Association received one of eight awards up for grabs at this year's Tenants' Information Service (TIS) National Excellence Awards.

Steve Byrne was presented with the Frances Nelson MBE Excellence Award in recognition of all that he does for the group, locally and nationally.

He collected his trophy from Scottish actor Gary Lamont and Councillor Anne Rendall of Dundee City Council, which sponsored his prize, at an awards ceremony and gala dinner at the Doubletree by Hilton Westerwood Hotel and Resort, Cumbernauld, on Saturday June 15.

The TIS National Excellence Awards, held in



Steve Byrne, right, collected his award from Scottish actor Gary Lamont and Anne Rendall of Dundee City Council.

association with the Scottish Government, recognise the 'outstanding work, passion and commitment' shown by housing organisations, tenants, residents and community groups across Scotland's housing sector.

The categories honour ex-

cellence in everything from partnership working and scrutiny practice, to digital innovation and community regeneration.

Steve, who has been a member of the association for 20 years, told the Courier: 'It was a nice surprise to be

shortlisted and an even nicer surprise to win.'

The first person he wanted to show his award to was the group's chairperson, Cathy Duncan. 'She got me involved with the association and everything stemmed from that,' Steve said. 'So she deserves some of the credit for this award.'

Cathy said: 'We are all very pleased that Steve has received the award - it is a big achievement.'

Steve said his award recognised his work on a national level, with the Registered Tenant Organisation Regional Networks and the Scottish Government, as well as in Campbeltown.

'It shows that small teams at the beginning of the road can influence government policies,' Steve said. 'Some people come to us before they go to councillors or MPs.'

Additional funds for Kintyre Recycling Ltd

Argyll and Bute Council has agreed to provide additional funding to Kintyre Recycling Ltd (KRL) and Fyne Futures.

At a meeting on Thursday June 27, councillors agreed to the additional funding which will allow the companies to continue to deliver kerbside recycling services in South Kintyre and Bute until March 2020, when their contracts come to an end.

KRL is due to receive around £32,662, while Fyne Futures has been allocated £37,500.

In 2001, Argyll and Bute Council signed a 25-year Public Private Partnership with Renewi. The contract makes provision for named third sector partners, including KRL and Fyne Futures, to manage recyclable materials in specific areas.

However, there have been significant changes to the waste sector since the contract was signed. The value of recycled material has decreased and, as a result, both companies have anticipated a drop in income.

This, along with an increase

in operating costs, has led to both organisations stating that they are unable to meet their service obligations within the current contract rate.

Additional funding for KRL and Fyne Futures will allow time for the council to look at service delivery in Kintyre and Bute beyond the end of March 2020.

Councillor Roddy McCuish, policy lead for amenity services, said: 'Firstly, we would like to thank KRL and Fyne Futures for the services they have supplied to their communities, and the council, over the years.'

'This is a volatile market and I am pleased to note that both organisations have other options that will enable them to diversify into other more lucrative areas. We wish them all the best with their future ventures.'

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CalMac launches mobile maintenance team

Ferry operator CalMac has recruited a new mobile maintenance team as part of its ongoing strategy to provide high levels of customer service.

The seven-strong team comprises electrical and mechanical engineers, along with hydraulic specialists.

The team will be tasked with carrying out planned maintenance to vessels in-service, as well as being a flexible resource that can be deployed immediately to support on-board engineers with any technical issues.

The team will carry out specialised inspections, monitoring and proactive maintenance, working closely with the on-board engineering and vessel management teams to proactively identify and resolve technical issues.

The aim is to minimise service disruptions due to avoidable technical issues and reduce the routine maintenance that would normally take place during annual overhaul.

'With our vessels setting sail around 360 times every day, this team has the mobility required to complete planned maintenance when and where it is needed on the network, minimising disruption to services due to technical issues,' added



CalMac's new mobile maintenance team is now ready to hit the road.

CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond.

Last year CalMac's 33-strong fleet carried more than 5.3 million passengers and 1.4 million vehicles across 26 islands and remote mainland locations, including Campbeltown, in some of western Europe's most inhospitable waters. This represents more than 130,000 sailings last year.

'We are operating with an ageing fleet which is increasingly being stretched,' said Mr Drummond. 'We need to continue to find new ways to maximise our vessels' operational resilience and have

invested in a new team that will help mitigate potential problems before they escalate into something that impacts on service delivery.'

Councillor John Armour, chairman of the Campbeltown ferry committee, told the Courier: 'Anything that stops problems arising or speeds up repairs on the ferries is very welcome.'

CalMac continues to work with Transport Scotland to find new flexible and effective approaches to address the ongoing challenges of operating an ageing fleet with an increasing number of sailings.

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Celebrating achievers

The incidental theme of this week's Courier seems to be 'achievement' with reports on almost every page about awards, prizes and accolades.

There are career achievements: Susan Campbell completing 40 years of teaching, Emma-Jane Ritchie's 10-year international modelling career and electrical apprentices Kieran McMurchy and Amanda Clements being short-listed for awards.

There are voluntary achievements: retained firefighter Ashleigh Conner passing her 'blue light' training allowing her to drive the town's fire engines and Steve Byrne's award for his work as secretary of Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants' and Residents' Association.

There are achievements for youngsters: Castlehill Primary School's senior pupils' recognition for their WW1 project, and prize-giving ceremonies for the 1st Campbeltown Company Boys' Brigade, Rhunahaorine Primary School and Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005s.

And, as ever, there are the worthy winners of many tough sporting competitions.

The Courier is proud to be a platform where people can shout about how well they are doing across many, varied areas.

Well done to all of those who appear in this week's pages for their achievements great and small.

Are gulls ruining the pleasure of outdoors eating?

May I please, through your letters page, plead with the people of Campbeltown to stop feeding the gulls around the harbour. There seems to be so many now and they are so bold.

I have grown up by the sea and do not normally feel too intimidated by them, but on a couple of occasions recently they have made me feel quite scared and very annoyed.

One evening last week I had a fish supper in my car for my dinner and was forced to put my windows up fully, on a very warm evening, because the gulls were trying to get in my window.

They also flew on the bonnet and roof of my car and would not move, even when I sounded my horn or flapped my arms at them. There must have been at least 20 to 30 birds on or round my car the whole time I was eating.

By the end I wished I had just gone elsewhere to eat but it made me think how visitors to the area would feel if they weren't used to them or didn't have a car to 'hide' in.

Surely one of the most iconic things to do in a small fishing town is to have a fish supper at the sea front? Something which is being totally ruined by these cheeky gulls.

I have read reports in newspapers recently of people being attacked and hurt by gulls in other towns and I hope we are not next.

I often see a Campbeltown resident in Main Street feeding gulls and ravens from his flat window and I cannot understand why he

thinks that is a good habit to form. I have witnessed people too scared to walk on the street under his window for fear of the birds.

I have also on a few occasions witnessed a Campbeltown businessman throwing food scraps to the birds at the end of the day.

I really don't think our local gulls need any encouragement and I hope they are not ruining the enjoyment of outdoor eating for the people of Campbeltown and the tourists who visit.

Name and address supplied.



A hedgehog in Elaine's garden, taken by her partner Mike Holder a few days ago.

Please be on the lookout for hedgehogs on our roads

It's that time of year again when hedgehogs are out and about on our roads.

Could I ask readers to take extra care when driving, particularly at either end of the day and at night?

Last autumn in Carradale and Torrisdale

we helped a wildlife rescue centre by releasing more than 20 hedgehogs into our gardens and some of us are lucky enough to have them still visit. In fact, we now have young hoglets visiting too.

We have found that mums and babies are often about our roads through the day so please take extra care, particularly through the village and the road down to the harbour, which seems to be on their favourite route.

Hedgehog numbers have declined massively over recent years so please help us do our little bit by watching out for our spiky friends.

Elaine Batchelor,
Carradale.

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Councillor Alastair Redman,
Kintyre and the Islands.

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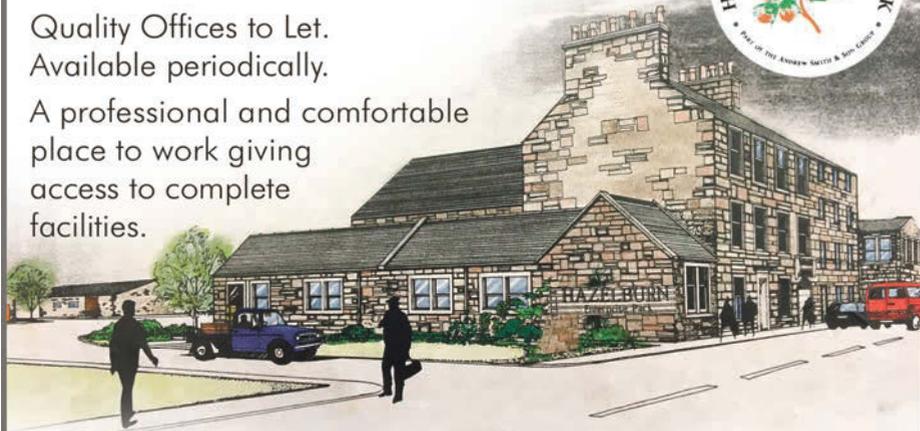
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Wordsmith unmasked

The anonymous wordsmith responsible for the hand-written poem about Dalintober beach phoned the Courier to identify himself.

John Martin, who has lived on the Isle of Gigha since 1971, hence describing himself an 'exile' in the poem, penned the nostalgic verse looking back at his school days in Campbeltown.

He said: 'I lived next door to Glen Scotia Distillery so there was barely a day that went by that we weren't at Dalintober Beach.

'There must be lots of stories that could be told by former schoolchildren from up and down Kintyre - I'd encourage others to do the same, to share their memories.'

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Courier reader Shona Barbour took this photograph of Davaar Island recently as she travelled from Southend to Campbeltown via the Learside. 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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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday July 3, 2009

Engineers off to a flying start

A group of young Tarbert engineers is powering into the national finals of a top design event.

Six boys from Tarbert Academy are members of the Tarbert Young Engineers, who recently competed in the Shell Green Power Challenge in Alford, Aberdeenshire.

Callum MacDonald, Christopher Johnstone, Luke Scott, Jake Sim, Adam Currie and Josh Barker have secured themselves a place in the national finals in Greenwood after coming third overall in the Scottish qualifiers in Alford.

The boys designed and built an electric car, which took them just two months to complete. They then raced their carefully constructed machine in a fierce competition against 20 other competitors.

As well as coming third the boys also brought home the title 'Best Newcomer'.



Callum MacDonald, Christopher Johnstone, Luke Scott, Jake Sim, Adam Currie and Josh Barker pictured after coming third in the Shell Green Power Challenge in Alford, Aberdeenshire.

Machrihanish in two. It was never repaired. Most of the history books mention Machrihanish in connection with the first transatlantic two-way radio communication in Morse code with a sister station at Brant Rock in Massachusetts.

Few mention the part played in the first transatlantic voice transmission. It was 4am one night in early November when one of the technicians at the Brant Rock station sent a message to a sister station in Plymouth, about 11 miles away, about the operation of a dynamo. Sitting on the other

side of the Atlantic at Machrihanish, operator James Armour clearly heard the message. He had been listening in, hoping to hear a Morse code message.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday July 3, 1969

Rents petition

Residents in the Smith Drive, Castlepark, council houses have sent a petition to the Town Council protesting about the proposed rent increases and requesting an early meeting with them to discuss the increases.

In the petition, they say that most of the sitting tenants have already expended a considerable sum towards the comfort of their homes and they feel that an increase in rent is hardly justified in their case.

They state that they were promised new toilets, basins, etc., which as yet have not been forthcoming but when they are supplied no one will mind the increase in rent.

The petition came before the finance committee of the Town Council on Monday night

and after some discussion it was agreed that a deputation from the petitioners should have an opportunity to meet the whole council and discuss the proposed rent increases in relation to the condition of the pre-war houses in Smith Drive.

Early last month a special meeting of the Town Council decided by nine votes to three to raise council house rents following a decision by the Scottish Housing Association that the rents of their houses would have to be raised by £19 a year, irrespective of the size of the house.

The Campbeltown increases were fixed at £10 per annum for a two-apartment house, £11 for a three apartment, £12 for a four-apartment and £13 for a five apartment, with a single person's house being increased by £7.

At that special meeting a proposal, that smaller increases should not be applied to the pre-war houses until they were modernised, was defeated.

The convener of the finance committee, Hon. Treasurer George Halbert commenting on the petition, said that there was nothing they could do about this now, although he had every sympathy with them.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday July 5, 1919

Argyllshire Education Authority

Meeting in Campbeltown - The second statutory meeting of the Education Authority of the County of Argyll was held in the Grammar School, Campbeltown, on Thursday of last week, when the members in attendance were: Kintyre - Rev D.S. Brown, Bailie A. Campbell, Miss Mary B. Turner, Rev D. J. Macdonald, Messrs Jas. A. Hunter, and W.W. Philip. Mid-Argyll - Rev Roderick MacLeod, and Messrs A.E. Lewis, Duncan Maclean, James Craig and Duncan Strang. Mull - Rev Arch. Dewar and Messrs Chas McQuarrie and W.W. Campbell. Lorn - Messrs John Munro, Dr Kenneth Campbell, J. M. Skinner, Rev Malcolm McCallum, Rev. Alex Boyd, Bishop Martin, and Dan Macgregor. Cowal - Major A.J.M. Bennett, Messrs R. Murray Macintyre, Rev. A.W. Mitchell, Donald Munro and Mrs Burnley Campbell of Ormidale. Islay - Messrs Archibald Campbell, Rev. J. Mackinnon, Rev. Neil Ross and Rev. Roderick Mackenzie.

Major A.J.M. Bennett, Chairman of the Authority presided.

Teachers' salaries - A minute of meeting of the Teachers' Committee, having considered the question of teachers' salaries, Major Bennett moved that the committee recommend the adoption of the Craik scale, with full placings as from 16th May: whereupon Rev. D.S. Brown moved as an amendment that the question of the adoption of a scale of salaries for teachers be deferred until the proposed national scale has been received for consideration, and that when that scale has been adopted it should take effect retrospectively as from 15th May. The amendment became the recommendation of the committee.

Mr Murray Macintyre moved that the Authority do not accept this recommendation. He pointed out that the teaching profession had waited a considerable time for the Craik scale, and no time was given for the consideration of the national scale which they were promised. Meantime some of their teachers were hardly getting a living wage.

The effect of the Committee's recommendation seemed to him to be, 'Live old horse and you'll get grass'.

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Think you know all of Campbeltown's history? Well, you might learn a thing or two more on one of the town's historical walking tours.

The free tours run every Wednesday in July and August, with the first of 2019 taking place this week, and are delivered by local guides.

The walks are organised by the Campbeltown Heritage Trail Group, formed in 2010 as part of the Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative to provide people with an interesting insight into the area's historic past, ensuring its heritage is not lost. People from all across the world have joined the walks, which typically last about an hour.

The first attraction is not far from the start – the statue of Sir William MacKinnon, 1st Baronet of Strathaird and Loup, which stands outside the Aqualibrium.

Sir William MacKinnon was born at Argyll Street, Campbeltown, in 1823, and rose from humble beginnings to become the founder and manager of a world-class mercantile network.

The next stop is Campbeltown Cross, the 14th century crucifix taken from Kilkivan Cemetery to Campbeltown to serve as a market cross in 1680.

It is said to be the largest and most famous example of a late medieval Celtic cross in mainland Argyll and an iconic emblem of Campbeltown.

A very short walk from the cross, Campbeltown's two quays have been at the centre of the town's working life and economy for more than 250 years.

The Old Quay was completed in 1712 and, perhaps surprisingly given its moniker, the New Quay was finished in 1765.

Linking the two quays is Hall Street, where the 'Wee Train' used to operate. The two were inextricably connected during the opening decades of the 20th century.

An increase in tourism inspired the formation of the Campbeltown and Machrihanish Light Railway Company in 1906, the addition of carriages to an existing coal-carrying railway, which ran until 1932.

Also on Hall Street, Campbeltown Picture House is one of the earliest purpose-built cinemas in Scotland and is possibly the oldest continuously running film theatre in the country.

The A-listed building, designed by renowned architect Albert Gardner, underwent £3.5 million renovations, reopening in 2017 with a second screen, café and conference space.

The Burnet Building, which houses Campbeltown Museum, was opened in 1899

as a gift to the town by businessman and local benefactor James Macalister-Hall of Killean and Tangy.

The next stop along the tour is a short walk along to Quarry Green, beside the ferry terminal. Looking out across Campbeltown Loch, walkers will spot Fort Argyll, built in 1639 as a defensive installation at the entrance to the loch.

Just up the road, Stewart's Green is the site of the Old Gaelic or Highland Church of Campbeltown.

Along the road Kirk Street Hall sits where the First Lowland Church of Campbeltown was built in 1654.

On Main Street sits Campbeltown Town Hall, built between 1758 and 1760. Extensive refurbishments were carried out with the hall reopening in 2016.

At the top of Main Street, the final stop on the tour is Castlehill – the site of the long-demolished Lochhead Castle.

Much more detail and many other features are pointed out along the way and the information flows throughout, with some small details which may seem insignificant at first glance, taking on a whole new meaning.

Tours, which may vary slightly depending on guides, leave from the Aqualibrium, Kinloch Road, at 2pm each Wednesday and no booking is required.



Have you ever noticed the mermaid on Campbeltown's 14th century Celtic cross?

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A group on a previous tour led by Alex McKinven.



Walkers on a previous tour standing on Quarry Green and looking towards Fort Argyll. 20_c31walk02



Why are there crossed guns above the entrance to the Victoria Hall? Find out on the tour. 20_c31walk05

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Flora and Mary McCaig, front, with Flora Edwards and Wilma Campbell. 20_c27KCH_05



Wellbeing co-ordinators Susan Ellis and Betty Mason, who organised the open day events, with Susan's sons William and Bentley Renton. 20_c27KCH_16

Care home opens doors to celebrate arts



Free Church minister Rodger Crooks with Sheena Ward and her sister Ann Thomson, who resides in the home. 20_c27KCH_25

Kintyre Care Home welcomed visitors last Friday to a celebration of art in care. The arts were well and truly recognised with lots of music from singer Robert McCallum and accordionist Alex MacKinnon. There was also an afternoon tea, complete with lots of home-baking, and a raffle and bottle stall.



Head chef Kenny McKenzie, baker of the cakes. 20_c27KCH_17



Alistair Wright gives a thumbs up for the event. 20_c27KCH_09

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Care assistant Christine Stirling with Catherine Wareham and Catherine Reppke. 20_c27KCH02

Conversation cafe proves a talking point

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is holding a community conversation cafe in Kintyre in a bid to open up discussions about health and social care.

The HSCP says it is committed to a person-centred approach where services are built around the people who use them, taking account of individuals' needs, priorities and strengths.

To support this approach, the HSCP has to talk to people, engage with communities and learn what people need. It needs some structures around which to build engagement and is using community conversation cafes to open dialogues.

A conversation cafe is built

on equality and inclusion, bringing together service providers and people who use those services to talk about how health and social care can be made as effective as possible. By making discussions less formal, the HSCP hopes more people will take part.

Each area has a Locality Planning Group (LPG) in place and the membership of these groups includes service users, carer representatives, third sector representatives and HSCP staff.

The LPGs will set priorities for their area, including what topics will be discussed within each conversation cafe. A service manager related to the topic will be invited to attend the cafes. The manager will provide some information about the topic, can take

questions and comments about the service they run, and take responsibility for information and actions arising from the session.

A conversation cafe has been arranged in Kintyre for Tuesday July 9 at 2pm in the Bengullion day room at Campbeltown Hospital.

Members of the public are invited to discuss the Kintyre 'neighbourhood team', which includes occupational therapy, physiotherapy, community nurses, health and social care support workers, and social work. The team works to enable people to safely stay at home, prevent unnecessary hospital admissions, facilitate hospital discharges, and to maximise people's independence and enhance their quality of life.

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Castlehill children's WWI work honoured

The children of Castlehill Primary School's P6, P6/7 and P7 classes have been recognised for their work in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Patrick Stewart, the Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, presented each class with an award from WW100 Scotland. This was in recognition of their

outstanding commitment towards understanding the impact of the First World War on Scotland and so ensuring that the legacy of the war is remembered by this and future generations.

A child from each of the three classes involved in Castlehill Primary School's WWI project collected the certificate from Lord Lieutenant Stewart.

Seventh annual Boy

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Proud parents and friends turned out for the 1st Campbeltown Company Boys' Brigade's seventh annual display.

Guests of honour at the event in the the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall, on Friday June 21, were Irene Millar, president of the church guild, who presented the awards to the boys, and the Reverend William Crossan, chaplain to the company.

The items carried out by the boys highlighted the variety of activities that are typical of a normal company evening, ranging from games, musical items and singing.

During the evening, the group said farewell to three of its young leaders.

Heather Spree was thanked for her support over the past three years with the Anchor and Junior sections. Heather has now moved to live and work in Glasgow.

Heather Harper, who is leaving to take up studies in Glasgow, was also thanked for her help during the year. Although she had only been with the company for a year, she had been very effective in dealing with the boys and fitting in as a leader.

Nathan Armstrong started as a Junior boy in 2012 and was due to move up to the Company section but as there was no Company section he agreed to go along and help out and, over the past six years, has been a constant presence in the company. Nathan, who is also moving to Glasgow to study, will be sorely missed.

All three departing leaders were wished luck for the future and presented with gifts of appreciation by the boys.

Thanks were also expressed to Mrs Millar for presenting the awards, Rev Crossan for his words to the boys and Margaret Wallace for playing the piano, as well as Caitlyn Spree, Margaret Nimmo and Nigel Ferguson for all their

help. During May, the boys, as part of their community involvement, organised a coffee morning to raise funds for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and Kintyre Food Bank, raising a total of £300.

In June, Mary Ann Stewart, on behalf of the food bank, visited the company and was presented with a cheque for £150 by Anchor section member Jamie Stevenson.

Session

A cheque for £150 was sent to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association in Hamilton.

The current session ended with a barbecue at Machrihanish last Wednesday.

The awards for 2018/19 are as follows: Ollie Graham, 2Y, six absences; Murray Mackay, 1Y, perfect only sickness (3); Findlay Wright, 1Y, five absences; Mason McFadyen, 1Y, only one absence; Liam Brodie, 3Y, perfect; Millar Mackay, 1Y, perfect only sickness (1); Jamie Stevenson,

2Y, three absences; Billy Gilchrist, 1Y, six absences; Charley Gilchrist, 3Y, one absence sickness (1); Kyle McQuaker, 1Y, perfect (including parades); Robert Reid, 2Y, two absences; Jay Tavendale, 2Y, seven absences; Shaun Borthwick, 1Y, five absences; Leo Boyuan, 1Y, four absences; Charl Lavery, 4Y, three absences; Evan Cook, 4Y, four absences; Harry Reid, 3Y, six absences; Charlie Black, 1Y, three absences; Jim Ewart, 4Y, 12 absences.

Nine shields were presented to: Kyle McQuaker and Liam Brodie for perfect attendances; Murray Mackay, Millar Mackay and Charley Gilchrist for perfect attendances apart from sicknesses; Mason McFadyen for only one absence; Robert Reid for only two absences; and Charl Lavery and Jamie Stevenson for only three absences.

Shields: Best Anchor: Kyle McQuaker. Best Junior: Charl Lavery. Best Anchor Boy Group: Davaar - Liam

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPE?

Fish, Slimming World chips and peas



Serves 4
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Ingredients

- 3 slices old bread
- 800g potatoes, peeled and cut into thick chips
- Low calorie cooking spray
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 x 170g skinless and boneless cod fillets
- 2 eggs
- 2 tbsp beer
- Fresh parsley, finely chopped, to garnish
- Canned mushy peas
- Lemon wedges, to serve

Method

1. Preheat your oven to 220°C/Fan 200°C/Gas 7. Line two baking trays with baking paper. Whizz the bread in a food processor until crumbed, then transfer to a plate.
2. Boil the chips in lightly salted boiling water for 4-5 minutes, then drain well, return to the pan and cover. Lightly shake to roughen up the chips' edges, then arrange on one of the baking trays in a single layer. Spray with low calorie cooking spray, season and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until golden.
3. Meanwhile, season the cod. In a shallow bowl, beat together the eggs and beer. Dip the fish in the egg mixture, then coat with the breadcrumbs. Transfer to the second baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining fillets and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until cooked through and lightly browned.
4. Sprinkle the parsley over the fish and serve with the chips, plenty of mushy peas, plus lemon wedges for squeezing over.

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Lavery, Evan Cook, Jim Ewart. WWI badges: Kyle McQuaker, Leo Boyuan, Murray Mackay, Millar Mackay, Mason McFadyen.

Campbeltown school is in 'crumbling' condition

Dalintober Primary School is 'crumbling' despite a recent positive education inspectors' report, South Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly has claimed.

Councillor Kelly raised concerns about the condition of the school building at a meeting of Argyll and Bute Council on Thursday June 27.

But Douglas Hendry, the council's executive director of customer services, assured other councillors that everything was in order with the structure of the school.

Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education (HMIE) published a report at the end of May rating the school as either good or very good in every category and with no more visits planned.

Councillor Kelly said: 'I was delighted to see that Dalintober Primary received an excellent HMIE report, but I want to inform the council that the school is in a terrible condition.'

'The fabric of that building is still in the 20th century. My colleagues and I have been invited to visit and found the condition to be disgraceful.'

'Our children are coming up to the 21st century in terms of education standards but the building is living in the 20th century.'

'Can somebody apply pressure to look at schools in Campbeltown and find some programme for a revamp?'

Councillor Kieron Green, Oban North and Lorn, deputy chairman of the council's community services committee, responded: 'There is a process the council has to go through. We will note your comments.'

Mr Hendry then said: 'Dalintober is a building constructed in the 19th century, so it is well over 100 years old.'

'Is it what we would put in place if building a new school now? No, but I don't accept any comments about parts of the building being disgraceful.'

'It is fit for purpose and is delivering education to a high standard.'

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Clockwise from above left: one granny competes against her grandson during the games KC_c27bb03; concentration by Jim Ewart at ball and rope relay KC_c27bb02; Kyle McQuaker receives the best Anchor boy award KC_c27bb04; and the boys prepare to entertain by singing KC_c27bb05.



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School is out for summer!



Westport was littered with visitors last Friday afternoon. 50_c27westport01

Schools across Kintyre broke up for the summer break last Friday and with the sun splitting the sky, many headed straight for the beach.

On Friday afternoon, Westport was littered with sunbathers, swimmers, paddlers and sand castle-constructors.

With six weeks of free time ahead – and hopefully more warm weather on the way –

it is lucky that Kintyre has so many stunning beaches to visit.

This summer, Explore Campbeltown has launched the Campbeltown Beach Challenge.

The task, for those who live here and those holidaying in the area, is to visit as many different beaches as possible during the school break.

Some rough guidelines for those who fancy joining in are:

It needs to be different beaches, not the same beach on different days; beaches need to be within about 15 miles of Campbeltown; only beaches visited from last Friday until August 15 can be counted.

Progress can be shared and suggestions about which beaches to visit

can be made on social media using #CampbeltownBeachChallenge

A spokesperson said: 'Remember, even if the weather is rubbish you can still go for a walk, chuck some stones in the sea or play in the sand.'

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spend time with each other in the pool, either swimming independently or taking part in family fun sessions and inflatables parties. The membership covers two adults and an unlimited number of children living at the same address.

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LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Festival's four-band Ceilidh Night



Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band, top, and Dalriada Connections Band.

Four bands are to play rousing sets at this year's Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (MOKFest) Ceilidh Night.

The Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band will play the ceilidh set at the concert on Friday, August 23, with Eriska and the Dalriada Connections Band playing the concert sets and Kintyre Schools Pipe Band opening the night.

The Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band make their debut at the festival's Ceilidh Night. All based in Glenfinnan village, the band members include stalwarts from the traditional music world who are as at home playing large concert venues around the world as intimate bothy ceilidhs.

On fiddle is Iain MacFarlane (Blazin' Fiddles), Colm O'Rua (Daimh) is on banjo, Iain MacMaster is on accordion/dance calling, and Ingrid Henderson (Clair/Anne Martin duo) is on piano and vocals. Formed for the sheer fun of playing good music together, their unique blend of west coast dance music is bound to get toes tapping.

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

The concert starts with the Dalriada Connections Band who have opened the concert sets for the past four years to great acclaim with a line-up including musicians who will perform across the festival, tutors from the afternoon workshops and many students from Campbeltown Grammar School.

The evening will be kick-started with a rousing performance by Kintyre Schools Pipe Band.

Tickets for this popular family event cost £18 with children up to 12 years paying just £9. They are on sale from A P Taylor and online at www.ticketweb.co.uk. More details at www.mokfest.com or email mokfest@hotmail.co.uk.



Eriska, top, and Kintyre Schools Pipe Band.

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Wild weather fails to deter



None The Wiser performed at the Boathouse on Saturday afternoon. 50_c27gigha05



Gigha was packed with visitors during the festival weekend. 50_c27gigha08

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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With days of scorching weather in the week preceding, it was hoped that this year's Isle of Gigha Music Festival would bask in glorious sunshine.

It wasn't to be, however, as Loch Fyne Pipe Band's first performance last Saturday afternoon was accompanied by thunder, lightning and pouring rain and, shortly afterwards, hailstones described by one person as 'the size of hazelnuts' fell from the sky.

The varied weather failed to put a dampener on anyone's spirits as the festival-goers donned wellington boots and raincoats until the showers passed.

As well as two rousing performances from the pipe band, there was a variety of music to enjoy throughout the day, including a singing workshop with Ellie Logan and music from accordionist Alex MacKinnon and up-and-coming young



Lizzie Bell, Rhona Lee and Zoe Gosling soaking up the festival atmosphere. 50_c27gigha03

Campbeltown band The Endorphins, at the Gigha Gallery.

Later in the afternoon, there was an open-mic session at the gallery, while Mid Argyll band None The Wiser returned to the Boathouse to entertain the crowd with catchy retro classics.

The weather made no difference to those at the main music festival concert in the evening, as the whole event was held in Gigha Hall.

Chris Stout and Catriona

McKay performed the first concert set, with Fiona Hunter taking to the stage for the second. Chris and Catriona joined Fiona for a tune, as they had previously collaborated during the 2019 Celtic Connections earlier this year.

Kintyre's own traditional band Rhuvaal took over for the late evening ceilidh - which featured the usual storming Gigha dancing for which the festival has become renowned.



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hardy Gigha festival-goers



Loch Fyne Pipe Band played two sets during the day. 50_c27gigha01



The Endorphins were a hit at the festival. 50_c27gigha04



Fiona Hunter performed the second concert set at the evening event.



Chris Stout and Catriona McKay were the first to play on Saturday evening.



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WesFest comes to Campbeltown Picture House

Members of the Campbeltown Film Institute (CFI) are in for a treat throughout July as Campbeltown Picture House (CPH) hosts a variety of special events which are completely free for those with membership.

The CFI was launched in May 2019 and is funded by the national CashBack for Creativity programme.

The institute offers free film screenings, activities and events for young people from the area aged between 10 and 24.

Starting on July 12, Campbeltown will be taking part in WesFest – an event produced by Screen Argyll – exploring the very distinct style of film director Wes Anderson.

WesFest will take place along with additional events as part of the BFI's Film Feels: Obsession season, which is

supported by the National Lottery and BFI Film Audience Network.

There will be special screenings of two Wes Anderson films: Rushmore and Fantastic Mr Fox.

On Friday July 12 at 4pm there will be a free workshop at CPH, exclusively for CFI members, which will explore and practise the film-making techniques of Wes Anderson. No experience is required and participants will be able to watch their completed short films on the big screen over the weekend.

Anderson's second feature film, Rushmore (15) will be screened at 10am on Saturday July 13. Rushmore is a comedy-drama film starring Bill Murray and Jason Schwartzman.

At 12.30pm, there will be a screening of Fantastic Mr Fox (PG). Featuring the vocal tal-

ents of George Clooney and Meryl Streep, the Roald Dahl classic is brought to life with stop motion animation. The screening is free for members, and £4 for non-members.

Entry to each screening is free for CFI members and £4 for non-members.

Between the screenings, at about 11.45am, there will be a free Fantastic Mr Fox-inspired feast exclusively for CFI members including chicken, doughnuts and milkshakes made specially by Munch. There will also be a short talk about the film-making techniques used in the movie.

Following the film, at 2.30pm, there will be an opportunity to play a game of Whackbat at the all-weather pitch next to Aqualibrium. Whackbat features in Fantastic Mr Fox and is free for all to participate.



Events are taking place at Campbeltown Picture House throughout July.

Finally, there will be an Into Film Club screening of Paddington 2 at 10am on Sunday July 14. This screening is free for those aged 10 to

19 who are living in Kintyre. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis.

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Meanwhile, the Tarbert dental practice, and its outreach surgery in Furnace, are open for registration to new patients living in the wider area.

This extended provision has been made possible by the recruitment of two new dentists to the Tarbert practice.

'This is an exciting development for Tarbert Dental,' said Dr Linda Garwood. 'I came here 30 years ago to take over a one-room surgery in a house at West Loch Tarbert

before moving to Tarbert Village.' Linda continued, 'The Harbour Street practice now employs a team of around 10 professionals who are committed to providing first-class dental care.'

Dentists David Phillips recently joined the clinical team from the south of England where he has been practising for more than 25 years and is soon to be joined by Kirstin Walker, a graduate of Dundee Dental School. She is returning to Argyll after working as a general dental practitioner in New Zealand.

The two new dentists will team up with the popular Veronica Smith and the well known practice principal Linda Garwood.

'We are very excited about our new project in Lochgilphead,' said Julie Brown, Tarbert Dental practice manager. 'But in the meantime we want to fulfil the obvious need for dental provision in Mid Argyll and new patients are welcome to register at the Tarbert practice.'

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Grassland demo held at Kilmartin

by Colin Cameron
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Kilmartin Glen shimmered in the late June sunshine and dust rose from the green swath.

The hot summer weather made all the difference at Killinochonoch Farm, where machinery dealership Hamilton Ross hosted a grassland demonstration day.

But while a steady stream of people attended, the weather was just so good that others stayed at home to get summer jobs done.

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The Massey Ferguson TD 776 DN grass tedder, which will ted up to 7.7 metres was being demonstrated alongside an MF RK 662TRC central delivery rake, with its two-rotor, 6.6 metre reach, while the MF RB 3130F Protec baler/wrapper followed on behind.



Alastair Dixon demonstrates the RB 3130F Protec baler/wrapper. 06_a27GrasslandEvent15

The Kilmartin demo on Friday June 28 was the second of three such events, with one having taken place in Killearn another planned for Houston, Renfrewshire.

Alastair Dixon, Argyll and

the Isles agricultural sales manager with Hamilton Brothers, said: 'The sunny weather has been good and bad for us, because people are maybe busy at silage rather than coming here. But we've

done quite well with people calling in.

'But it's good to do these kinds of events just to show people what's available and get the company name out there.'



Jim Steel in charge of the burgers. 06_a27GrasslandEvent01



Maureen Steel and daughter Heather Steel keep the tea urn filled. Heather's sister Kirsty was also hard at work keeping the customers fed and watered. 06_a27GrasslandEvent11



The MF RK 662TRC rake in action. 06_a27GrasslandEvent10



Ideal weather for the tedder. 06_a27GrasslandEvent20

Clochkeil clears up in herds competition

Alister Logan from Holehouse, Kilbirnie, travelled round South Kintyre on a perfect day of warm summer sunshine last Wednesday, to view four herds competing in Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders Club's Annual Herds Competition.

Archie Reid and Alex McKinnon accompanied the judge, the first port of call being Machribeg and Gartvaigh in Southend.

They then drove up to the Laggan to view the herds of Clochkeil and East Drumlemble where the afternoon was rounded off with a welcome and cooling ice-cream as the mercury soared to unusually high levels.

Members and friends enjoyed an evening dinner at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Bellochantuy, after which Alister presented the prizes as follows.

Herds: 1 and Volac Cup for large herds, and SAI Cup for overall best herd: J and M Barr, Clochkeil; 2 and George Reid Cup for best small herd: James Barbour and Co, Machribeg; 3 Thos M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlemble. Individual cow: 1 and Ayrshire Breeders' Cup: Clochkeil; 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh; 3 East Drumlemble.

Chairman Andrew Ralston concluded the evening with a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the day's success.

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MACH1 Stages is a counting round of the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship, in association with The Cobble Shop, which will be held over the weekend of July 13 and 14.

On offer to the competitors are 12 stages comprising 95 stage miles over two days in one of motorsport's most stunning locations.

And the event offers spectators the chance to see some of the best that the sport has to offer in Scotland today.

As Colin Harkness, clerk of course, has said about the seeding: 'With every event seeding is a challenge and this year's MACH 1 is certainly the biggest challenge yet. We have 22 cars that could easily fit in top 10 and 35 that would easily sit in top 20.'

The seeding and final instructions for drivers will be issued by email on Sunday.

MACH1 is in the capable hands of Dunfermline Car Club which also hosts its own stages in March, at Ingliston, Edinburgh; the MACH1 Stages are sponsored by The Cobble Shop.

Davie Hatrick, events coordinator, told The Courier: 'We have a friendly bunch of officials, marshals and scrutineers who, along with Machrihanish Airbase Community Company [MACC] and the local community, are proud to support this sixth running of the event.'

He added: 'MACH1 Stages is popular with drivers who have



their eyes on Mull or the Jim Clark and would like to test their cars, or need some seat time or miles under their belts.'

Scrutineering and documentation opens on Friday from 4pm to 7pm and on Saturday from 8.30am until 11am. Spectators are more than welcome to go along to the scrutineering, which is at the air base on the Friday evening free of charge, where they can get up close to the cars which are undergoing the event checks.

Stage 1 starts at 11am on Saturday and runs until approximately 6pm and Sunday starts at 8am and runs until around 1pm, with the awards being presented approximately 2pm-2.30pm.

Spectators are welcome and this year the gates will open at 9am on Saturday and 7am on Sunday - spectator costs are £5 per person and under-16s go free.

Access for spectators will be via the West Park Fergus gate just off the Machrihanish Road; follow the green arrows. Please remember to follow all safety instructions from marshals at all times.

One thing that makes

MACH1 popular with competitors, volunteers and spectators alike is the catering, thanks to Argyll Bakeries and Coast Coffee.

Davie added: 'We have fantastic catering from Argyll Bakeries on the Saturday and the Sunday as well as the ever popular carvery on the Saturday evening in the former officers' mess where there's also a bar and plenty of seating, giving everyone the chance to relax and chat to all the teams ahead of the final day. Spectators are more than welcome to attend.'

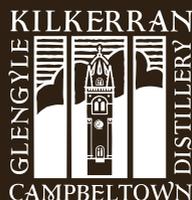
The carvery costs £8.50 per person and is open from 6pm and the bar will be open until late.

The sport is run by volunteers and Fergus Gray, president of the Dunfermline Car Club, summed it up on behalf of members: 'A huge vote of thanks to the residents, businesses and all those within Kintyre who have given us their enthusiastic support and assistance to enable us to organise this event.'

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Among the key findings are:

- Labour tables the Proposed Fair Rents Bill to reinvigorate the case for rent controls.
- Build-to-rent gains pace in Edinburgh as the 'future of the sector' gathers momentum.
- The rental sector is becoming home to a widening range of age groups as the number of over-55s renting is now 12 per cent of PRS households.

- Edinburgh and Dundee have seen average rents at their highest level.

The average rents in Edinburgh and Dundee have reached their highest level on record in Q1 2019 while rents in Glasgow and across Scotland have fallen back from peak levels seen in 2018.

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Since rents started rising in 2014 as demand outstripped supply, the five-year annual growth rate has typically been above five per cent in Edinburgh and four per cent in Glasgow.

Having peaked at over six per cent in

Edinburgh and almost five per cent in Glasgow in 2018, rates have fallen back to 5.6 per cent and 4.2 per cent.

Figures from the Scottish Household Survey (SHS) support the rise of mature households in the PRS.

The number of households in Scotland over 45 years of age, who are in the PRS, is now 28 per cent, up 3.5 per cent in the past four years according to the SHS.

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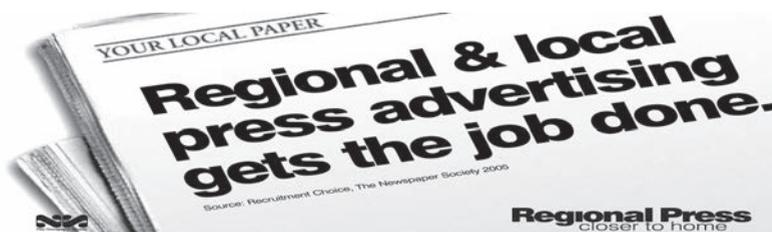
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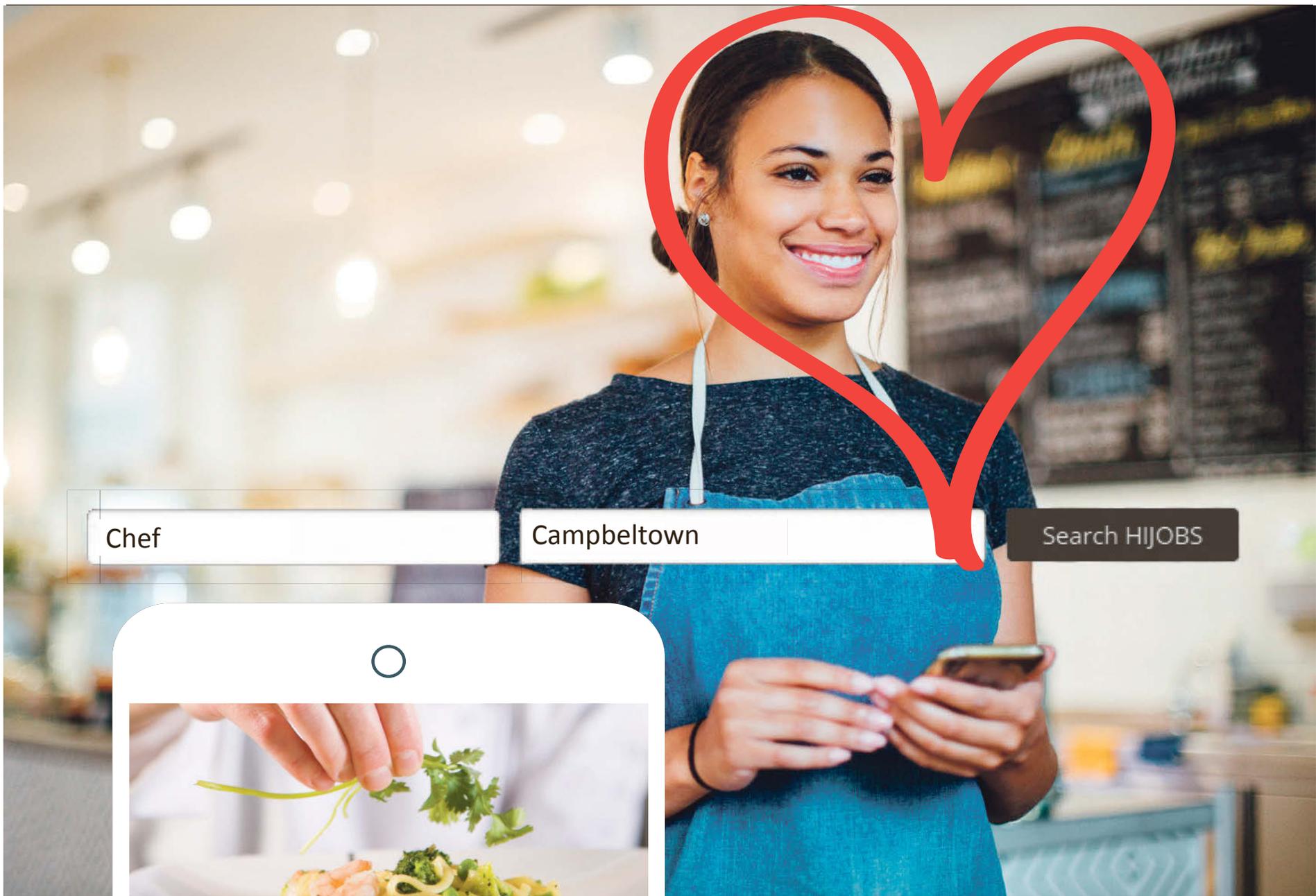
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GIGHA / ISLAY

Islands feature on newly launched whale trail

Gigha and Islay are two of the top locations for spotting whales, dolphins and porpoises from land, according to the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust.

The Oa and Port Askaig on Islay, and Ardmish Bay on Gigha feature on a new trail, launched last week, showcasing Scotland's west coast as a world-class destination for catching a glimpse of the marine mammals from land.

The Hebridean Whale Trail, the first of its kind in the UK, is a unique initiative connecting more than 30 top places offering opportunities for land-based sightings of whales, dolphins and porpoises, or showcasing important whale heritage sites that reveal the history of people's relationships with whales in these communities.

Basking sharks, seals and other wildlife may also be seen from the trail, which features 33 sites, ranging from easily accessible attractions such as the Hebridean Whale Trail Centre in Tobermory, to remote and wild destinations like the Oa on Islay.

The Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust has spent a year developing the trail, identifying sites with communities, site owners, conservation organisations, schools, and businesses.

The Hebridean Whale Trail has been made possible by a grant of almost £200,000 from the UK Government-funded Coastal Communities Fund, which is delivered by The National Lottery Community Fund.



Bottlenose dolphins can be seen around Gigha and Islay. Photo: HWD7/Karen Denoon.

RHUNAHORINE



Rhunahaorine Primary School's prize-winning pupils. 50_c27rhunahaorine01

End-of-session celebration at Rhunahaorine

It was a special end-of-session celebration for the one P7 pupil and four nursery children who are leaving Rhunahaorine Primary School.

A video of all that P7 Alyssa Storey has brought to the school, made by fellow pupil Louise Hurd, was projected on to the wall of Tayinloan Village Hall during the event, while the five pre-five children, who will attend various primary schools after the summer break, donned make-shift graduation gowns and caps and said good-bye to nursery.

The celebration doubled up as a prize-giving ceremony for all the children's achievements across the school year.

There were musical treats throughout the event to entertain the audience of

proud family and friends.

The pre-five children kicked off the entertainment with a series of action songs, during which they sang, together and separately, strummed ukuleles and banged drums, under the leadership of music teacher Mandy Beveridge.

P6 pupil Lewis O'Hanlon showed off his chanter skills during a performance of Highland Laddie, and all the school's students joined together to perform a tune using a variety of instruments, and to sing When a Knight Won His Spurs.

The children were congratulated for their success in the '£1 challenge' where they are given £1 and tasked with making more money.

Through selling baking and putty models, the children made £31.40 which was donated to Tayinloan's

play park fund. The school's chaplain, Marilyn Shedden, unable to choose just one child to present with a chaplain's award, presented each, including those from the nursery, with a book titled Children of God by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

After the ceremony, refreshments were served before school was dismissed for the summer break.

Prize-giving results: Attendance Award - Mark Byers; Literacy Awards: Poetry Patrol - Kieran Hurd and Douglas Livingstone; Speech Articulation - Austin O'Hanlon and Douglas Livingstone; Reading - Stuart Byers; Sports' Champions - Alyssa Storey and Fabian Kimak; West Road Wonder - Douglas Livingstone; Music Awards - Alyssa Storey, Louise Hurd and Lewis O'Hanlon; School Value Awards: Responsibility - Logan O'Hanlon; Happiness - Douglas Livingstone; Kindness - Craig Hurd; Good Citizenship Awards - Louise Hurd and Mark Byers.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

One of my favourite quotes comes from an African proverb and says this: 'If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.' Perhaps in Scotland we should change it to 'midge'.

This is the time of year when people are seen flailing their arms in the air and seem to be beating off some invisible attacker.

Well the attacker may seem invisible, but it surely makes its presence known. The dreaded midge is the blight of summertime on the west coast of Scotland and can spoil many a potentially pleasant evening outdoors.

Known as Scotland's secret weapon, they do not inflict disease or illness, but can certainly cause a lot of misery and frustration.

There have been many attempts to thwart midges, from creams and sprays to 'midgie gobblers' and much more, but to really no avail.

It is difficult to overstate the irredeemable nastiness that is the Highland midge. Swarms of them plague the Scottish wilds throughout the summer, as inevitable as the tides, as merciless as time, as insidious as poison. They'll make your blood boil if you let them (and then they'll drink it).

A swarm of them can inflict about 3,000 bites in an hour. In that same time-span, 40,000 midges can land on an unprotected arm.

However, if we go back to our quote, they may be small but they are mighty.

One midgie may not cause too much damage, but when they team up, they are invincible.

So maybe for some of the causes we care about, the issues which need our attention, the challenges of today, we should become like the midgies and torment those with the power to change things, until they do so.

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BIRTHS

RONALD - Archie, Sandra and families are delighted to welcome the safe arrival of Amaya Belle Ronald, born on June 20, 2019. A second granddaughter for William and Elizabeth Conley. Also second granddaughter for John and the late Isobel Ronald. Mummy and Daddy are just loving this little girl.



THOMSON
Heather and Neil are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Hamish Craig, on June 19, 2019. First grandchild for Hamish and Iona Smart, and third grandchild for Craig and Irene Thomson.

DEATHS

DALZIEL - Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on June 29, 2019, Frank Best Dalziel, in his 73rd year, 32 Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Robert and Elizabeth Dalziel, much loved brother of Bobby and the late Margaret and Isobel, and a loving and much loved uncle.

MCDUGALL - Mary (née Cameron of Branault, Ardnarnachan), peacefully at home, on June 29, 2019, beloved wife of Ian McDougall, much loved mum of Cameron and Kenneth. Very dear mum-in-law of Violet, cherished "Gaga" of Robbie and loving sister and auntie to all the family. Funeral service will be held in United Church of Bute, on Friday, July 5 (today), at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at North Bute Cemetery.

RICHARDS - Christine, previously of Kilchousland, Campbeltown, on June 23, 2019, in Cheltenham, aged 94. Thankfully released from a long illness. Funeral will be held at 2.30pm, on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at Cheltenham Crematorium. Flowers to Mason & Stokes, 54 Hewlett Road, Cheltenham, GL52 6AH.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on June 26, 2019, William Robertson, in his 88th year, 3 Muneroy, Southend, dearly beloved husband of Margaret, much loved dad of Mark, Ewan, Sheena and Duncan, loving grandad of Douglas, Donald and Hamish and a loving great grandad of Caitlyn.

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ALLAN - Florence, Janette and Eleanor would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters, flowers and baking which we received following the passing of much loved Stevie; and to those who paid their respects at the church and graveside. We would also like to thank the Rev William Crossan for his lovely service and Kenneth Blair for the dignified funeral arrangements. Heartfelt thanks to the Campbeltown Macmillan and community nurses and Carr Gomm for all their professional and sympathetic care. Thanks also to the Ardshiel Hotel for the arrangements following the funeral.

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POTTS - Mrs Flora Brock, sister of the late Mary (May) Potts, would like to thank the staff of Campbeltown Hospital, the local Macmillan nurses and the staff of Wards 7B and 10B, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Glasgow who cared for May during her recent illnesses. Thank you as well to all the friends and relatives who paid their respects to May at the ceremonies at the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown and at Cardross Crematorium. A special thanks to the Reverend Carruthers for his warm and moving eulogy, to Kenny and all at T A Blair for their caring and efficient funeral arrangements, and to the staff of Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown for the catering after the service. My personal thanks to all the good friends, near and far, who supported May with practical and emotional support through these last few difficult weeks at home in Campbeltown and latterly in Glasgow. Thank you to Catherine Carver who tended to May in the Queen Elizabeth. Finally, thanks to Myra and Jim Strathie for being my ever-present friends. My sister may not now be at my side, but she is always in my heart.

YOUNG - Mary and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy and cards received at this sad time. We would like to thank the Reverend William Crossan for his lovely service. Thanks also to the community nurses and Carr Gomm for the loving care given to Bill over the last few years.

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Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005s' prize-giving

Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005s 11-a-side football team's prize-giving awards ceremony was held on Friday June 21 in the Ardshiel Hotel.

The evening was opened by head coach Davie Paterson who thanked everyone for attending and introduced and thanked special guests.

He paid tribute to: Alex McKinven and Campbell Robertson, the president of the Pupils Amateur Football Club and the chairman of Campbeltown and District Community Football Club respectively, both of whom were unable to attend; Archie Mitchell, who refereed most of the home games this season and who is a great supporter; Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) committee members Willie, Darren and Liam Renton for their hard work for the association over the years; CDJFA chairperson Rhys Blair who took over as chairman last year and, with the committee members, has done a wonderful job of running children's and youth

football; Claire Mitchell for all her efforts over the year; Davie's fellow coaches, Stewart Campbell and Chris McLellan, for their work and support over the year; and Ian McGeachy who still comes along and helps with the children's football.

Davie introduced three special guests: Malcolm Robertson, Chris Ruthven and ex-professional footballer and presenter/pundit Michael Stewart, who presented the prize-winners with their awards.

Davie talked about the team and their achievements over the last year, complimenting the young players for their spirit and commending them for being a credit to their parents and to the community.

Davie asked the players to stand up, introduce themselves and say what the highlight of the season was for each of them.

This ranged from scoring winning goals and attending professional football games to meeting Neil Lennon when he came to Campbeltown with his son's football team



Players, coaches and guests who attended the Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005s 11-a-side football team's prize-giving awards ceremony.

and some of the lads even thought meeting Susan Boyle was the highlight.

Davie gave a review of the season, saying it was a difficult year being in the top Glasgow league and although they suffered some sore defeats there were a lot of highlights.

Michael Stewart gave a talk to the players and told them that the most important thing at their age was to enjoy playing football and not to get

hung up on technical things too much as this was only the start of their football journey.

Michael took part in a question and answer session, answering questions about his career and how he got to the top of his game which was of great interest to the boys in the team.

Main prize-winners: game attendance: Andrew Semple and Lorne Paterson; goal of the season: Stuart

Phillips and Kyle Paterson; commitment/travel: Michael Campbell, Stuart Phillips and Cameron McMillan; referee award: Scott Graham and Michael Campbell; save of the season: Scott Oman and Lorne Paterson; top goal scorer: Calum Ellis; trainer of the year: Andrew Semple and Stuart Phillips; players' player of the year: Scott Graham; club player of the year: Ryan Shields.

Special thanks were given to parents and helpers Callum Semple and John Shields for driving minibus; Susan McMillan for dealing with player registrations; Claire McAllister for organising hospitality and the kit; Helen Phillips for photography over the season; Jean and the Ardshiel Hotel staff for sponsorship, venue for prize-giving, etc; Gilbert McKillop for helping with photographs at the prize-giving.

Davie presented a bouquet of flowers to his wife Jean for putting up with all the time he spends at football.

Coaches were thanked by Neil McAllister, who spoke on behalf of the players and parents and Neil's wife Claire presented them with bottles of Springbank whisky with thanks for all their hard work and time and commitment.

Michael Stewart finished the evening with another chat to the players, giving them some advice and encouragement, before being presented with a bottle of Springbank whisky by one of the players.



All the players before the match. KC_c27rangers01

Rangers legends captain charity sides



Hamish Mclachlan from CLRSC was joined by young Rangers fans Jamie MacPhee, Billy Gilchrist and Halle Gilchrist to present the cheque to Ross Souden and Calum McKillop, who accepted on behalf of Kintyre Park.

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More than 250 spectators looked on as a pair of ex-Rangers legends donned the captains' armbands in a charity football match at Kintyre Park. Nacho Novo led the Blue team to victory over Alex Rae's Red side in the recent fixture.

The teams were competing for the Jimmy Taylor Memorial Trophy in an annual match organised by Campbeltown Loyal Rangers Supporters' Club (CLRSC).

Donations taken at the gate and a half-time raffle raised £1,000 which, this year, was donated to help fund the planned renovations to Kintyre Park.

A CLRSC spokesperson said: 'Kintyre Park is where the area's best footballers compete so they deserve to play in a good standard of park. We wish them success for the planned improvements to the pavilion.

'Thank you to all who turned out and supported the event, as well as Campbeltown Motor Company, DM Fabrication, Alan Shaw, Jewson, Buildbase, Food For Thought, Café Bluebell, and McFadyens Transport.'

In the evening, fellow former Rangers player Gordon Smith joined Novo and Rae at a question-and-answer session at Argyll Bowling Club.

Busy month for Dunaverty ladies

June has been a busy month down at Dunaverty Golf Course with the Ladies' Championship dominant.

This was won by the lady's captain, Lindsay Garrett.

The Centenary Trophy event was keenly contested with 12 ladies carding nett scores in the 60s.

Despite these fantastic scores they were overshadowed by two nett scores of 58.

Trophy

Margaret Richardson won from Evelyn Shaw, with the better inward half, and will collect the trophy which features two of Belle Robertson's major medals.

The June medal was won by Lindsay Garrett 73-11=62.

There has been a great response to the ladies' taster sessions at the club and the Blind Veterans' competition with a pairs greensome format (both players driving off and then, after choosing which ball to play, it is alternative shots) was the ideal time for three to try their hands at a full competition.

Great success

The evening was a great success with Linda Brannigan and Mary Wilson carding a nett score of 60.6 to win from Ailie MacBrayne and Lorna Cook.

The last individual event of the month also raised money for the Chest, Heart and Stroke Charity. The Stableford format was again ideal to include the newest members and was a very closely contested competition.

Margaret Barr and Margaret Macfarlane both carded 34 points but a three-way tie on 35 points saw it going to the better inward half. In third place was Lea Brown, second Jana MacPherson and the winner was Mary Wilson.



Some of the juniors who tried their hand at golf with club representatives.

Carradale's junior golf sessions 'a great success'

Carradale Golf Club was delighted to offer a number of sessions to enthusiastic junior participants throughout June.

The final evening ended with a fun session where the golfers were able to practise their skills.

A club spokesperson said: 'A big thank you to all who came along to participate as well as the trainers

- Liz, Margaret, Lorna, Anne and Duncan - who gave up their time.

'Carradale Golf Club is delighted to continue to offer free golf club membership to all Carradale Primary School pupils - the only proviso is that they are accompanied by an adult while out on the course.'

For full details please email ladies@carradalegolf.com.

Johnstone takes the Wee Joe Memorial Shield

The MacFarlane family welcomed friends, guests and club members for the Wee Joe Memorial Shield at Tarbert Golf Club on June 22 in glorious conditions.

The competition is played on a Stableford basis with prizes for both golfers and 'non-golfers'.

The main prize headed to Largside with Duncan Johnstone playing very steady golf to secure 41 points and first place.

Peter McLean Jr kept up his consistent form to take second place on 39 points with last year's winner Kenny MacFarlane third on 37 points.

Longest drive at the second was Peter McLean, closest to the pin at the eighth was Angus MacFarlane and closest to the pin at the sixth was Archie Black.

Competitors were treated to a lovely spread with grateful thanks



Winner Duncan Johnstone with Cath MacFarlane.

to Georgie Dickson for her sterling work in the kitchen.

A total of £500 was raised for the Mid Argyll Cancer Care Support Group.

Fort players' first Wee Toon visit

Scottish Highland Football League club Fort William will make the long journey south to play Campbeltown Pupils AFC at Kintyre Park tomorrow (Saturday July 6). The game is scheduled for a 3pm kick off.

After a disappointing season, the only senior club in the West Highlands of Scotland are determined to put things right,

and started with an amazing turnaround of fortunes when they defeated Jeanfield Swifts in Perth last Saturday by nine goals to three.

'The Fort' will look to build on last week's victory, but know that the amateurs of Campbeltown will be a stern test as they also have a point to prove. An intriguing pre-season friendly is in the offing.

new SPOT THE SHINTY BALL

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THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £2950

We have removed the shinty ball from the photograph below. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 20 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1.

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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.

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Competition rules

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

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

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

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competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

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

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:

Carradale's junior golf sessions 'a great success'

Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005s' prize-giving



The young footballers who competed for the Millennium Cup and Sportif Shield.

Castlehill A lift Millennium Cup

Castlehill A beat junior football teams from primary schools across Kintyre and beyond to lift the Millennium Cup.

Six teams competed in the annual competition, held this year on June 21 at the all-weather pitch, and they were: Ardrishaig A, Castlehill A, Castlehill B, Dalintober A, Dalintober B and Rurals A. The teams were

split into two groups. Castlehill A won the cup after a slow start that saw Ardrishaig A win the first game.

The final was between Castlehill A and Ardrishaig A and resulted in Castlehill beating Ardrishaig with a convincing display of football.

The Sportif Shield was won by Castlehill B,

who narrowly beat Dalintober B in the final with a score of 1 - 0.

A wonderful time was had due to participants showing such great sportsmanship and respect for each other. The parents, staff and supporters in attendance also contributed to the fantastic atmosphere of the day.

A spokesperson said: 'Thank you to the

sponsors who made donations to fund the tournament; McKinven and Colville, Livingstone and McEachran, Campbeltown Co-op, Jewson and Buildbase.

'Also a huge thank you to Archie Mitchell and the boys from Campbeltown Grammar School for helping out with refereeing and managing the teams.'



Campbell is Carradale Golf Club champion

After four rounds, Jamie Campbell was crowned the winner of the Carradale Golf Club Championships, picking up the trophy for the 13th time.

There were good entries for the championships resulting in strong competition for the top places.

With the course carefully prepared by greenkeeper Robert Strang, ably assisted

Left to right: Eilidh Neilson, Susan Rattray, Fiona Rattray, Francois Roux and Jamie Campbell.

by Gareth Strang, green convener Duncan Munro and volunteers, the stage was set.

The Greenkeeper's Cup was won by Francois Roux, and in the ladies' section, after two rounds, it was the Rattray family taking the top positions with Fiona taking the scratch championship and Susan the handicap prize.

A club spokesperson said: 'Thank you to all who took part, all who assisted in the organising of the event, and hearty congratulations to all the winners.'

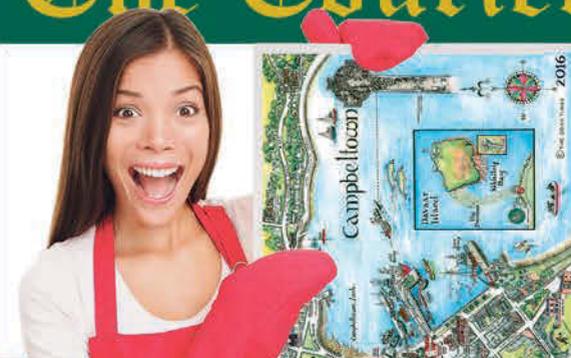
Results: Championship Cup (Scratch) - Jamie Campbell;

Runner-up - Jack Ritchie-Roux; Greenkeepers Cup (Handicap) - Francois Roux; Runner-up - John Rattray; Senior Champion - Duncan Munro.

Ladies: Chris Campbell Memorial Trophy (Scratch) and Club Champion - Fiona Rattray; Runner-up - Laura McGeachy; Chris Campbell Memorial Trophy (Handicap) - Susan Rattray; Runner-up - Eilidh Neilson; Senior Champion - Eilidh Neilson.



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