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Kintyre book launch shows potential for literary festival

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With queues to get in and extra seats added to venues, the Kintyre launch of the seventh instalment in Denzil Meyrick's internationally acclaimed DCI Daley series showed that people in Kintyre have a passion for books.

A Breath on Dying Embers is the latest addition to Denzil's fictional crime series, of which two million copies have been sold worldwide since the launch of Whisky From Small Glasses in 2012.

The series follows the trials and tribulations of DCI Jim Daley in Kinloch, a fictional town based on Campbeltown. Denzil says it is important to him to host book launch events in the area which inspired the setting, with one in Campbeltown's Commercial Inn last Thursday afternoon and Southend's Argyll Arms Hotel in the evening.

He said: 'I like to come to Kintyre because the books are so dependent on the setting – it's the area that makes the



Denzil Meyrick in Kintyre last week and authors who joined him are, from left: Douglas Skelton, Michael J Malone, Sandra Ireland and Neil Broadfoot.

books, not me, necessarily.'

It has just been announced that Denzil is longlisted for the William McIlvanney Prize 2019, Bloody Scotland's annual award for the best Scottish crime book of the year, for his newest publication. The winner will be revealed at the festival in September.

Denzil said he was 'thrilled' to be among 'so many fine writers' on the longlist, in-



cluding Douglas Skelton and Neil Broadfoot, who joined Denzil at the Kintyre launch events, alongside fellow authors Michael J Malone and Sandra Ireland.

The authors held question-and-answer sessions with captivated audiences at the launch events and sold signed copies of their latest books.

'My aim was to show that it is possible to have a literary

festival in Kintyre,' Denzil said. 'You'd want to go round different areas in Kintyre and I think that's do-able – the interest in Southend shows that it is possible.'

'But you need someone involved who knows the business, someone with contacts.'

Denzil says that while he could not organise a book festival himself owing to work commitments, he would be

happy to support and appear at one. A committee was set up last year with a view to establishing a book festival in Kintyre but a spokesperson said this week that at the group's last meeting it was agreed to postpone any festival until 2021.

The spokesperson added: 'In the meantime, we would put our energy into making World Book Day on March

5, 2020, more prominent in Campbeltown and also work with Campbeltown Grammar School's English department to bring along some authors to inspire and encourage students to read more.'

Denzil revealed last week that he was in talks with a Hollywood producer about transforming his hit series into a show for the small screen – and he says that, while it is early days, he will push to have scenes filmed in Kintyre.

Denzil went to Castlehill Primary School and Campbeltown Grammar School and can trace his Campbeltown heritage back for generations. He now lives on Loch Lomondside with his wife, Fiona, but says Campbeltown will always be 'home'.

Growing up, he did not dream of being a crime writer but, having done various jobs, from being a police officer and freelance journalist to a distillery manager and company director, he said of writing: 'It's the only thing that has ever worked out.'

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Graphic letters sentencing is deferred again

A Carradale man who gave letters described as 'incestuous filth' to a man and woman on two separate occasions has had his sentence further deferred.

John McFarlane, 71, of 9 Tormhor, Carradale, appeared for sentencing at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday June 27, having previously pleaded guilty to two charges of behaving in a threatening or abusive manner after delivering the graphic, sexual written communication to the man on December 19 last year and the woman on December 22.

McFarlane regularly gave the man and woman lifts to and from Campbeltown and, during one of the journeys, he gave the man a bag of sweets and a letter, on the back of

which was written 'Christmas Day'.

A few days later, when giving a lift to the woman, he gave her a box of chocolates and a letter, also marked 'Christmas Day', and told her not to open it until December 25.

Coincidentally, both the man and the woman opened their letters on December 24 and discovered that the contents related to sexual activity between a father and daughter.

The letter was not read out in court owing to its graphic detail. The female recipient described it as 'incestuous filth' and only managed to read half of it before stopping because she felt physically sick. The man was so shocked by the letter's contents that

he ripped it up and texted McFarlane telling him of his disgust.

On December 26, the man accepted another lift from McFarlane and was given a second letter, containing the same material, and was asked to read it out loud in the car. The woman eventually told her family and her daughter reported the incident to police on January 5 this year.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes deferred sentence for six months, until December 12, for McFarlane to be of good behaviour. He banned him from contacting the man or the woman.

Sheriff Hughes said: 'I cannot guarantee what will happen at that time but I anticipate drawing a line under it.'

Unpaid work for man who had indecent image

An Islay man who had an indecent image of a child has been ordered to carry out unpaid work.

Michael Allan Heard, 71, of Caolila Cottage, Islay, appeared for sentencing at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday June 27, having previously pleaded guilty to possessing one indecent photograph of a girl, estimated to be aged between seven and 10, after his home was searched by police on January 22.

Officers discovered two laptop computers and a USB stick at Heard's home. On January

24, police were informed that, after further examinations, an image of a child was found on one of the computers, and on January 28 Heard was arrested and taken to Campbeltown Police Office.

He told officers: 'Everybody makes mistakes. I just downloaded it. I don't have any other devices hidden. I need help here, it was a mistake.'

Defence agent Stephen MacSporran told the court Heard has been assessed as being at low risk of re-offending.

Mr MacSporran added: 'It is his only offence of this nature

and he wishes to put this behind him.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'This is a serious matter and, in my view, a period of supervision will be required to ensure there is no further offending.'

Sheriff Hughes imposed a community payback order, whereby Heard must carry out 120 hours of unpaid work within nine months, and must remain under the supervision of the social work department during that time.

Heard will be subject to the sex offenders' notification requirements for nine months.

Deferred sentence for assault on women

A woman who assaulted two other women while in Campbeltown visiting family at Christmas has had her sentence deferred.

Allana Bruce, 27, of Flat E, 130 Rannock Road, Perth, pleaded guilty to assaulting a woman and throwing a stiletto shoe at a man, which travelled past him and hit the woman, to her injury, at Main Street and Shore Street, Campbeltown, as well as assaulting another woman, all on December 27 last year.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty told the court the first

woman was in a pub, drinking with friends, when Bruce approached her and asked if she had a problem with her.

The woman recognised Bruce from another incident but decided not to interact with her and walked to another part of the pub. Later, Bruce, who has no previous convictions, took off her shoe and threw it at a man but it missed and hit the woman. Bruce grabbed a second woman by her hair and police officers who were on patrol watched her being pulled to the ground.

Defence agent Stephen

MacSporran said Bruce wished to apologise to all involved. He said she was intoxicated and her recollection of the incident was limited. Mr MacSporran asked Sheriff Patrick Hughes to defer sentence, given that this was Bruce's first offence, to show it was a one-off incident.

Deferring sentence until December 12, Sheriff Hughes said: 'I agree that the appropriate way to deal with this in the first instance is to defer sentence but these are serious incidents and it may be that in six months some financial penalties may be imposed.'

Woman driver refused to take breath test

A woman who crashed her car while driving home from a pub, before going home and to bed, has had her sentence deferred.

Emily Sheila Kerr, 21, of Gamekeepers Cottage, Hutcheon Road, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to failing to provide two specimens of breath for analysis which were required to ascertain her ability to drive or the

proportion of alcohol in her breath when she was driving a car in Burnbank Street, Hutcheon Road and other roads in Campbeltown on April 25 this year.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty told the court that police received a report of a crashed vehicle and, after identifying Kerr, who has no previous convictions, on CCTV, traced her at home.

Kerr, who smelled of alcohol, admitted being the driver. She was taken to Campbeltown Police Station but refused to take a breath test.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes deferred sentence until July 25 for a criminal justice social work report and a restriction of liberty order assessment to be carried out and disqualified Kerr from driving for the time being.

POLICE FILES

Abusive

A 29-year-old man was arrested at about 4pm on Thursday July 4, in Hillside Road, Campbeltown, for behaving in an abusive manner. He was charged, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Vehicles damaged

Between 5pm on Saturday July 6 and 8.45am on Sunday July 7, in Dalintober, Campbeltown, a silver Volkswagen Passat car was damaged by having its passenger side front window smashed.

On Sunday July 7, between 1.30am and 10am, in Princes Street, Campbeltown, a blue

Fiat Punto car was damaged by having its bonnet and body panels scratched.

Traffic collision

Between 10am and 10.40am on Saturday July 6, in Longrow, Campbeltown, a blue Ford Kuga car was damaged by having the front bumper struck by another vehicle which failed to stop and report the collision.

Drugs possession

A 47-year-old man is the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal after he was found to be in possession of cannabis after he was searched at about 4am on Monday

July 8, on Ralston Road, Campbeltown.

Resisting arrest

Two men, aged 26 and 27, behaved in an abusive manner by fighting with each other at about 7.10pm on Monday July 8, at Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown. When police arrested the men, the 26-year-old struggled and resisted arrest and assaulted police officers. The men were charged and held in custody for court.

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



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	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



John McDowall, left, hands over to new president Andrew Ronald.

Rotary Club welcomes new president

The Rotary Club of Campbeltown has welcomed its new president, Andrew Ronald.

Former president John McDowall handed over to Mr Ronald at the club's lunchtime meeting last Thursday.

Mr Ronald thanked everyone for their commitment and support over the past year and said he hoped that this would continue with the many events planned for the following year.

The biggest is the Sale of the Century, due to be held on October 4 and 5.

Mr Ronald outlined the logistics of organising this event and, with an ageing membership, told how it was becoming more difficult and urged members to encourage new people to join the Rotary Club.

Rotary is one of the world's largest service organisations, with 1.2 million members around the world joining their local Rotary Club

and making a difference in the community through volunteering. During the past 100 years, the Rotary Foundation has spent more than £2 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects around the world.

A spokesperson said: 'The Rotary Club of Campbeltown has contributed, in its small way, to help achieve all this. With your generosity and support we hope to continue to serve our local community and international projects.'

Anger voiced at scrapping of free TV licences

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For almost two decades, the UK government has funded free television licences for those aged 75 and over.

However, it would seem that approximately two-thirds of pensioners receiving free television are set to lose the subsidy.

On June 10, the BBC announced that the current licensing scheme would change substantially, starting in June 2020.

There are about 9,600 people over the age of 75 currently living in Argyll and Bute, according to the National Records of Scotland's 2018 mid-year estimate.

A quick survey in Campbeltown found the

change to be unpopular with some.

Eva Wolfram, 54, from Campbeltown, said: 'It's disgraceful. It's clear some older people rely on their TV and it brings them a lot of comfort. This is a very bad decision.'

Andrew Richards, 39, a visitor to Campbeltown, said: 'What an absolute joke. How can the BBC say that cutting licences is "crucial" when they hand their presenters a massive pay rise every other week? It doesn't seem fair.'

However, Peter McCallum, 54, from Campbeltown, added: 'Why should older people with enough disposable income be entitled to free television?'

'Households with an over-75 receiving pension credit will still receive free TV.'

This decision came after a move made by the UK government in which financial responsibility for the scheme was passed over to the broadcaster.

Changes will see the offer of free licensing for over-75s only include households in which at least one person receives pension credit.

A statement by BBC chairman Sir David Clementi defended the BBC's decision to cut the licence fee concession: 'Copying the current scheme was ultimately untenable. The scale of the current concession and its quickly rising cost would have meant profoundly damaging closures of major services that we know audiences – and older audiences in particular – love, use and value every day.'

Councillors' expenses down but two highest are on Islay

The amount claimed in expenses by councillors in Argyll and Bute has fallen for the third year in a row, according to new figures.

A spreadsheet released by Argyll and Bute Council shows that its 36 members claimed a total of £116,892 over 2018-19, compared to £129,772 the year before. That amounts to just under £3,250 on average per councillor.

When added to salaries, councillors were paid a total of £817,138 in 2018-19, compared to £820,748 for the previous financial year.

These figures do not include each councillor's telephone/ICT expenditure, which is met directly by the council.

The total figure for expenses has fallen every year since 2015/16.

Executive director of customer services Douglas Hendry said: 'The amounts shown [in the spreadsheet] are not the amounts actually received by councillors.'

'First, the remuneration payments shown are gross figures, which are then subject to tax and national insurance deductions.'

'Secondly, other expense



Councillor Robin Currie.

payments relate solely to the reimbursement of actual expenditure incurred by the councillor, and are all backed up with receipts.

'Thirdly, the council decided it would be more effective to provide a broadband connection for each councillor for council business-related communication and telephone calls.

'No reimbursement has been made to councillors in respect of such costs – these are all paid for directly by the council on behalf of councillors.'

'These are included in the table this year, reflecting revised guidance issued on such costs.'

With telephone/ICT expenses deducted from the total figures shown in the spreadsheet, Councillor Robin Currie, Kintyre and the Islands, was the largest claimant, with a total of £19,560.

He lives on Islay and is a member of several committees, including planning, protective services and licensing (PPSL), which meets monthly at the council chambers in Lochgilphead and holds hearings throughout the year across Argyll and Bute. His ward also includes eight community councils.

Just under half of Councillor Currie's expense claims were for accommodation, with mileage and travelling expenses accounting for most of the rest.

His fellow Kintyre and the Islands councillor and Islay resident Alastair Redman, who is also on the PPSL committee, claimed just more than £12,400, the second highest of any councillor.

Council leader Aileen Morton, Helensburgh Central, claimed just under £6,500, while Andrew Vennard, Oban North and Lorn, claimed the least with just £7.20 for travel.

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Youngsters blaze music trail

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Young musicians from across Argyll are taking to the road next week as the Fèis Latharna Cèilidh Trail kicks off its annual summer tour.

A group of five talented young musicians and singers, including Campbeltown's Darren Brown, will be entertaining audiences with traditional Gaelic music, song and dance over the next couple of weeks at venues across Argyll, including Carradale, Isle of Jura, Dunoon, Tiree and Oban.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Cèilidh Trail programme, which was pioneered by Fèis Rois but has now been adopted by a number of other fèisean.

It gives young musicians and singers, aged 16 to 25, the opportunity to take part in a professional summer tour through their local fèis with support from a team of musicians and specialist tutors.

This unique opportunity offers participants training in the core skills required for a ca-



Darren Brown, second from the right, with his fellow Fèis Latharna Cèilidh Trail musicians.

reer in the creative industries, particularly music.

Participants have the opportunity to gain a PDA in Performance or Sound Production, through a collaboration with West Highland College. With sup-

port from Creative Scotland and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Cèilidh Trails help young musicians develop their performance skills and provide a widespread traditional music entertainment programme in the Highlands and beyond.

This year there are also Cèilidh Trails in Ross-shire, Lochaber, Skye, Nairn, Paisley, and Stirling and the Trossachs.

Kirsty Campbell, Cèilidh Trail co-ordinator, said: 'Our Fèis Latharna Cèilidh Trail is absolutely raring to go and entertain audiences this summer. They've recently gone through a week of intensive training and preparation at Fèis Alba in Plockton with musicians from Cèilidh Trails around Scotland.'

'The Cèilidh Trail is a phenomenal opportunity for these young musicians to get a taste of what life as a professional touring musician can be like. Not only do they play the gigs but they are involved in the organisation, marketing and tech side of the tour.'

'It is hard work but great fun at the same time and I'm sure people who come along to the gigs won't be disappointed. There is a mix of formal and informal concerts as well as

family cèilidhs so there is something for everyone – you might even learn a song and dance or two.'

As well as drummer and guitarist Darren, this year's Fèis Latharna Cèilidh Trail members are Emma Hill (whistles, smallpipes and bagpipes), Calum Garvin (accordion, bagpipes and vocals), Sheena Peteranna (whistles, smallpipes and bagpipes) and Donal Bremner (whistles, border pipes and bagpipes).

Dates and venues for Fèis Latharna Cèilidh Trail are: Tuesday July 16 – Inveraray Castle, Inveraray (Highland Games, 1pm); Tuesday July 16 – George Hotel, Inveraray (session, 9pm); Wednesday July 17 – Uig Hall, Dunoon (family cèilidh, 7.30pm); Thursday July 18 – Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, Lochranza (family cèilidh, 7.30pm); Friday July 19 – Carradale Village Hall, Carradale (family cèilidh, 7.30pm); Saturday July

20 – Ardrishaig Public Hall, Ardrishaig (Mid Argyll Pipe Band Dance, 8pm); Tuesday July 23 – Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern (family cèilidh, 7.30pm); Wednesday July 24 – Port Charlotte Hotel, Port Charlotte (session, 8.30pm); Thursday July 25 – Craighouse Village Hall, Isle of Jura (family cèilidh, 7.30pm); Friday July 26 – Ben Cruachan Inn, Loch Awe (session, 8.30pm); Saturday July 27 – Tayvallich Village Hall, Tayvallich (family cèilidh, 7.30pm); Sunday July 28 – The Old Inn, Appin (session, 4pm); Tuesday July 30 – Victory Inn, Benderloch (family cèilidh, 7.30pm); Wednesday July 31 – Atlantic Islands Centre, Isle of Luing (family cèilidh, 7.30pm); Thursday August 1 – An Talla, Isle of Tiree (family cèilidh, 7.30pm); Friday August 2 – An Cridhe, Isle of Coll (Coll Show dance, 8pm); Saturday August 3 – The View, Oban (family cèilidh, 7.30pm).



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Amy wins seventh strings trophy

Amy Paterson won the secondary brass trophy as well as the strings trophy for the seventh year in a row at the recent Kintyre Music Festival. This was Amy's last music festival but she was not able to play at the cup winners' concert as the event coincided with her school formal.



Mum's boost for RNLI crew

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Campbeltown's RNLI station has gained £500 – and possibly some future recruits – thanks to one fundraising mum.

Lynette Stevens presented members of the volunteer crew with a cheque after being so moved by their actions when they discovered a memory jar in tribute to her son, Tyler, that she began a fundraising campaign.

In March, on his first training exercise after passing out as a coxswain, Lorne McMurchy spotted the jar which had been thrown into Campbeltown Loch in memory of Lynette's son Tyler who died 12 years ago when he was just 23 hours old.

When the crew discovered the story behind the jar, which was filled with fairy lights and messages from all the family, they made a joint decision to help it continue on its journey.

Crew member Carla Jackson, who was on board that night, said: 'It was only at the foot of the loch and we knew it hadn't come very far. We took it to the tidal stream at 8.40pm and placed it at the following position, one hour and 30 minutes after high water: 55° 25.00 north, 005° 30.00 west.'

Lynette was so touched



At the cheque presentation are RNLI volunteers Mathew Conley and Paul Ives, left, with Logan, Lynette, Christopher, James and Liam, centre, and RNLI volunteers Carla Jackson and Dhyllon Cox, right.

that she spent a week in June carrying out free skin-care consultations and express facials within Keeping It Local's Main Street premises in return for donations to the RNLI.

She was joined by her partner Dean and sons Logan, 17, James, 15, and nine-year-old Liam, when she presented a cheque for £500, her fundraising target, to the crew recently.

Lynette said: 'The whole experience has been quite overwhelming at times but I have enjoyed every minute of

it. I have met some amazing people throughout Tyler's memory jar journey and I am forever grateful to each and every one of them. The local crew went above and beyond for my family and I can't thank them enough.'

'For us to hear that it meant a lot to Lynette, I feel it shows that the RNLI isn't only about saving lives at sea,' Carla said. 'It shows that we help our community, and such a small gesture meant that we brought happiness to Lynette and Dean's family.'

'It also makes us, as a crew, feel that same happiness because when we were out training that night we didn't go out thinking, "We're going to make a family extremely happy tonight". For us it was a normal night until we found the jar.'

'We are so grateful for everything Lynette has done fundraising-wise for us. As everyone knows, the RNLI is a charity and we wouldn't manage without the generosity and strong-mindedness of fundraisers like Lynette.'

The crew also invited

Lynette and her sons to spend some time on the vessel.

'What an amazing experience,' Lynette added. 'My boys now want to become volunteers they enjoyed it that much.'

Lynette says none of her success would be possible without the help of Campbeltown business owners and the community and she would like to thank: Jason McCallum of Keeping It Local; Graeme and Fiona of Graeme's Waste Solutions; Angels Playground; Wee Toon Trends; Wm Cadenhead Ltd; McKellars; Munch Cafe; The Kintyre Larder; McIvors; Fresh Connection; Snips Hair Salon; Studio 26 Tattoo Parlour; The Brow Clinic; Nails by Vikki; Headquarters Barbers; Campbeltown Picture House; Flora McCabe; and Alexandra and Megan Pitt.

'I would also like to thank Margaret Bakes and Marjorie Leighton, members of the RNLI committee, and everyone who came along and took part in my fundraising event. I am so grateful.'

Glen Scotia push reaches UK parliament

Glen Scotia Distillery's push to position Campbeltown as the 'whiskiest place in the world' has made it all the way to Westminster, where the campaign has been recognised by a parliamentary motion.

The early day motion asks that 'this House commends the campaign led by the Glen Scotia Distillery in Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute, to promote their home town as being the whiskiest place in the world; acknowledges that Campbeltown, which once boasted no fewer than 30 legal distilleries in the 1800s and was known in the Victorian era as Capital of Scotch, has played a hugely significant part in the history and development of whisky distilling in Scotland'.

It also congratulates Glen Scotia manager Iain McAlister on helping to raise awareness of the importance of Campbeltown to Scotland's whisky heritage and commends the work being done by the town's three surviving distilleries to promote Campbeltown as Scotland's

fifth official malt-producing region.

Brendan O'Hara, MP for Argyll and Bute and chairman of the all-party parliamentary group on Scotch whisky, tabled the early day motion on June 17. It has since gained cross-party support from a range of MPs based across the UK.

Mr O'Hara said: 'I never miss an opportunity to promote the work of our wonderful local distilleries, including Glen Scotia, which I was lucky enough to visit last year.'

'Increasingly, whisky tourism is a key part of any distillery business and Glen Scotia's initiative in positioning Campbeltown as the whiskiest place in the world is an excellent idea and I wish their campaign all the success in the world in attracting people both to the distillery and the town.'

Iain McAlister, distillery manager, said: 'It's highly rewarding to be recognised in this way and it is great to see that the parliamentary motion has been joined by other

MPs from around the UK. It's quite an achievement for Campbeltown, which is the most remote mainland town in Scotland.'

'Research suggests that Campbeltown was the predominant Scotch whisky town for almost 100 years and we think it is important to highlight the significant contribution that the town, Scotland's smallest and most remote official malt-producing region, continues to make to this day.'

Campbeltown has been described as the forgotten giant of the Scotch whisky industry. Its dominance was largely the result of its proximity to Glasgow and abundance of local resources, including fresh water, peat, coal and locally grown barley. In the 19th century, it was home to about 30 distilleries, leading it to be known as 'Whiskyopolis'.

The early day motion can be read in full at: <https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/53027/campbeltown-and-the-whiskiest-place-in-the-world-campaign>.

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Betrayed by the BBC?

Reporter Aimee Spence took to the streets recently to find out what the people of Campbeltown think about the BBC's plan to scrap free TV licenses for those aged 75 and over.

The results were hardly surprising – near universal condemnation from those interviewed.

They join people from across the UK, including MPs and many famous faces, who are campaigning to stop the move.

Surely those lucky enough to reach their senior years, having paid taxes all their working lives, deserve to enjoy their favourite shows for free?

For some, it may be their only source of entertainment and the notion of taking that away is unacceptable.

Nuisance gulls

Since last week's letter about gulls swooping on seaside diners in Campbeltown was published, the Courier has received two further letters about the nuisance birds.

While some reports may seem comical or trivial, it is no laughing matter when the birds begin to injure people, like one correspondent in this week's letters pages.

Some towns are being plagued by gulls and we must act now to stop the same thing happening to Campbeltown.

'Heartless' two-cap policy

Seventeen per cent of children in Argyll and Bute could be affected by the two-child cap, according to new research – prompting more calls for the UK government to scrap this heartless policy.

The 'two-child policy' allows low-income families to claim child tax credits or Universal Credit for their first two children only.

New research from the Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) has revealed that 160,000 families have had their income slashed by the two-child limit to date. The charity estimates that more than three million children could eventually be affected by the benefit cap.

Social security should be a safety net for all of us, but the two-child limit is having a devastating effect on families up and down the country, with 17 per cent of children in Argyll and Bute set to be affected by it.

All families are valuable and worthy of support, but this heartless policy turns people away when they most need support, and leaves children to grow up in hardship – which can have lifelong consequences for their health and wellbeing.

The SNP government has been left to pick up the pieces, investing more than £125 million to mitigate callous Tory welfare policies.

In addition, it is introducing a Scottish Child Payment to tackle child poverty. Without the two-child cap, this payment could go so much further.

The next Tory prime minister should make it a priority to tackle poverty and enable

children to thrive, starting with reversing the two-child limit and horrendous 'rape clause'.

Michael Russell, Argyll and Bute MSP.

Attacking gulls

Having read the letter in last week's Courier regarding the feeding of gulls, coincidentally I was attacked by one of the many gulls a neighbour has been feeding.

It was a warm day and we were eating in the garden. One swooped and the beak cut my wrist. It was a small cut but frightening.

Feeding the large birds attracts vermin to properties and people should be made aware of this.

It is totally unacceptable to be afraid to sit in one's own garden.

I hope this person reads the letters and stops feeding the larger birds.

Name and address supplied.

Gulls ruining shopping

I can sympathise with the reader who sent in last week's letter (Courier, July 5) about gulls attacking their car on the seafront.

I have also noticed that gulls seem to be worse this year. I parked my car on Main Street this week to visit a few shops and returned after a couple of hours to find the entire vehicle covered in bird excrement.

It covered the windscreen, as well as the side windows and paintwork, and was baked on so hard that it would not come off, no matter how much windscreen wash I sprayed on it.

I parked in one of the few areas where drivers are allowed to park for more than one hour – I now realise that it was below the window of the resident who is feeding birds.

I will not be in a hurry to return.

With small town centre shops dependent on customers shopping locally, it is a pity that gulls may ruin that as well.

Name and address supplied.

**Grass cutting in Carradale**

I was able to check in on the grass verges being cut in East Kintyre while attending my latest surgery in Carradale.

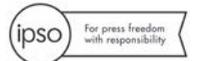
After raising this matter with our roads department on numerous occasions, it's great to see our hard-working roads men getting the job done.

I was also able to hear from my constituents about the patchwork that has been done on the roads network.

While these pothole repairs are always better than no action being taken, Carradale

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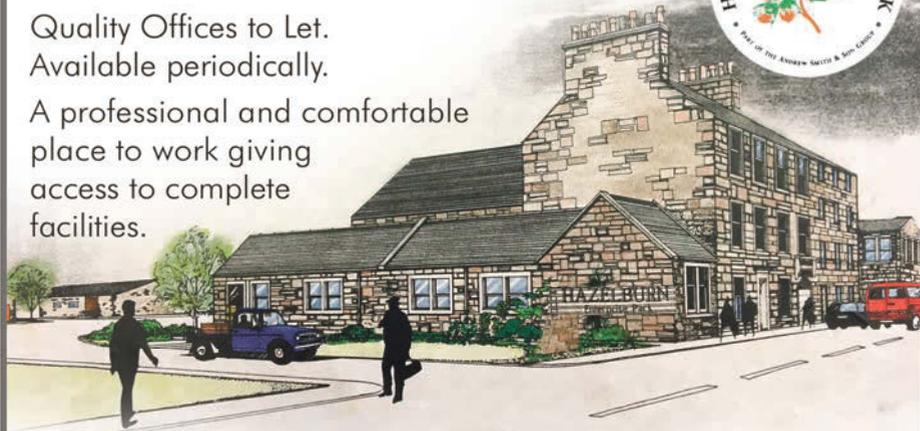
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residents continue to justifiably ask for proper resurfacing to be done.

The matter of dirty and worn signs on the Kintyre peninsula is being raised once again and, despite the hard work by volunteers stepping in to do the cleaning work themselves, I fear that without these very old signs being replaced we could see some real risks to road safety.

It was great to see the temporary Carradale shop doing a roaring trade and thanks must go to the numerous hard-working volunteers who sacrifice so much of their time to keep this vital pillar of the community open.

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

Tarbert Seafood Festival

I once again would like to thank the Tarbert Festivals Committee for all their work in bringing another amazing seafood festival to Tarbert.

I appreciate that events such as this do not just happen and take planning and work throughout the year, so the committee is to be commended. The backing of local and associated businesses should be acknowledged for their support that allowed the festival to proceed to the amazing event it was.

Lastly, I congratulate beautiful Queen Nell and her princesses, Codi and Farrah, for attending to their duties in such a friendly and happy way.

**Councillor Anne Horn,
Kintyre and the Islands.**

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Wildlife photographer and regular 'photograph of the week' contributor John Anderson captured this young hare leaping through his garden recently. John said: 'We have seen hares regularly this year, which is a big improvement on previous years and hopefully shows that their numbers are on the up again. We are lucky to have a lot of wildlife around us.' John used a Nikon D5100 DSLR with a 55 to 300mm telephoto lens to take the excellent shot. If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk, send it via the Courier's Facebook page or bring it into the Courier office to be copied.

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO
Friday July 10, 2009
Back where it belongs

A brave firefighter's medal is back home in Campbeltown, where it belongs, after five years of detective work and help from The Courier.

Jack Nicholson, a station manager with Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, was given the fire medal by the county's police.

The Fire Service Good Conduct and Long Service medal was found, along with other stolen property, still in its presentation case with the ribbons that would be worn on the uniform. The only clue Jack had was that it had been inscribed with the name Archibald S Tolmie.

Jack set to work and spent his time trying to get in contact with him, or any surviving relatives of his.

Jack said: 'I'd tried all the usual fire service roots but with no joy. It is an unusual surname, so I thought it would be worth a try in local papers.'

Jack first contacted The Courier at the end of May when a letter was published appealing for help. He was then put in touch with Ronnie Souden at Campbeltown Fire Station where Archie had served for 28 years and ended his career as station officer.

Archie's last known address was at 20 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, which led Jack to the area.

He was put in touch with Archie's son Peter and the medal was reunited with the family.



Watch commander Ronnie Souden of Campbeltown Fire Station presented Peter Tolmie with his father's Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Friday July 15, 1994
Argyll nurse 'handled roughly'

A Tarbert nurse found herself stuck in the middle of a high seas clash between Norwegian Coastguards and Greenpeace activists at the weekend.

Sheena Chainey, 32, from Kintarbert Lodge, near Tarbert, is the ship's nurse on the Greenpeace vessel Sirius which was boarded by coastguards for interfering with Norwegian whaling operations.

Sheena's father Bernard said that several of the crew, including his daughter, were 'roughly handled' by the coastguards during the incident. Sheena only recently returned to

Europe after working with Burmese refugees in Bangladesh.

Mr Chainey said this was the third time his daughter has been detained while involved in Greenpeace protests.

She was arrested by the French Foreign Legion in the South Pacific while trying to prevent nuclear testing and by police in Belgium during a protest against chlorine manufacturing processes.

Sunday night's clash, involving three armed coastguard vessels, followed two other incidents involving Greenpeace and the Norwegian whaler Senet.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Thursday July 10 1969
Faster ferry starts next month

The first sea-going drive-through vehicle ferry to operate within Scottish coastal waters is to be put into service on August 1, by Western Ferries Ltd., which last year pioneered the roll-on, roll-off system between Islay and the mainland.

The ship, to be named Sound of Jura, is to be built by the Norwegian shipyard of Hatlo Verksted A/s, Ulsteinvik.

It is larger and faster than the Sound of Islay, which introduced the company's service between Kennacraig (West Loch Tarbert) and Port Askaig just over a year ago.

A third, smaller ferry, Sound of Gigha, is operated by the company, providing a connecting service between Islay and Jura.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO
Saturday July 12 1919
Peace Joy Day - Town Council decides on August 4

A special meeting of the town council of Campbeltown was held yesterday (Thursday) for the purpose of considering the advisability of changing the date of Peace Joy Day as fixed by the Cabinet, viz., July 19, which happens to be Glasgow Fair Saturday.

Provost Lothian presided, and the other members present were Bailie Campbell, Dean of Guild Colvill, Hon. Treasurer Stewart and Councillors Maceachran, John Smith, Dugald Smith, W. Reid, David Robertson, J. B. Weir and C. MacGrory.

The Provost explained the purpose of the meeting, and said it was generally recognised that Saturday, 19th July was not a suitable date for this town. When the matter was considered by the committee it was decided to delay coming to a decision until it was known what Glasgow was going to do.

Glasgow had now agreed to postpone their celebrations until Monday, 4th August. He would therefore move 'that the Town Council, in respect that 19th July, the day appointed by Government for the official Peace Celebrations, is Glasgow Fair Saturday and being of opinion, that on that account, it is unsuitable for local Peace Celebrations within the Burgh be held on 4th August, and recommend the community to postpone such celebrations until that day.'

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Readers regularly share photographs of 'the good old days' with the Courier.

With children around Kintyre settling into six weeks of summer holidays, it is apt that Jim Daniels shared a photograph of youngsters doing the same, more than 60 years ago.

Jim, who himself features in the image with his sister Kathryn, provided all the names of those enjoying the summer of 1953

or 1954 at Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown.

The others, going by their names at the time, are: Marian McGeachy, Nancie Blair, Lizbeth McKiernan, Muriel Ramsay, Elizabeth McGeachy, Margaret McGeachy, Eva McGeachy, Alasdair Blair, Irene Riddell and Jean McKiernan.

Another person able to identify every person in their old photograph is Robert Gatt, who emailed a copy of an old Campbeltown

Grammar School netball team to the Courier recently.

He said: 'This is an old photo with my wife in the front, second from the left, Jean Gatt née Stewart.'

'The names of the other lassies are on the back.'

'Good old photo from the olden days in the Wee Toon.'

The other players photographed are: Elizabeth Ralston, Isobel Anderson, Carol Linton, Dorothy McSporran and Sandra McPhail.

Jean Copland from Edinburgh knows two of the faces in the photograph she submitted to the Courier but

would like information on who the rest may be.

Her photograph was taken at sheepdog trials, she thinks in the late 1960s, possibly at Kilberry. Jean's father, Neil MacMaster, and her grandfather, James Keith, are in the image, but Jean wonders: 'Does anyone know who the others are?'

Another submitted image in which almost everyone is unknown is of a Carradale choir, which looks to have won a competition at a mod event.

Can anyone put names to any of the unknown faces in these photographs?



Jim Daniels' photo shows, back row, from left: Marian McGeachy, Nancie Blair, Lizbeth McKiernan, Muriel Ramsay, Elizabeth McGeachy, Kathryn Daniels, Margaret McGeachy and Eva McGeachy. Front: Alasdair Blair, Irene Riddell, Jim Daniels and Jean McKiernan.



Jean Copland's father, Neil MacMaster, can be seen third from the right, where her grandfather, James Keith, stands, but she is unsure of who the others are.



A Carradale choir with silverware.



Robert Gatt's photographs shows his wife, Jean, as well as Elizabeth Ralston, Isobel Anderson, Carol Linton, Dorothy McSporran and Sandra McPhail.

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Scaffolding comes down as exte



Most of this chimney at 50 to 52 Main Street dates to the late 18th century, before 44 Main Street was built. The mortar had long since failed and the chimney had to be partially taken down before re-building, which is underway in this photograph.



The chimney rebuild underway. Where possible, original bricks were salvaged for re-use.



Timber replacements where hidden rot had weakened the roof structure.

For the first time since 2010, Campbeltown's Main Street is scaffolding free.

Contractors were on site last week removing scaffold from the tenement at 3 Longrow South, the latest building in the town centre to be repaired via the Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) round six.

Scaffold was also removed from the neighbouring property at 44 Main Street last month.

The external fabric of both buildings has been repaired to a conservation standard using traditional methods and materials.

Kintyre firms were the main contractors on both projects, with Calum McKinven Joiners and Builders working on 3 Longrow South, the company's largest major tenement refurbishment project, and McKinven and Colville Ltd on site at 44 Main Street.

The 3 Longrow South project covered MacGochan's Bar, Bank of Scotland and four flats above, while the 44 Main Street project also covered MacGochan's Bar, as well as Rolland Butter, The Kintyre Larder and four flats above.

The total cost of both projects, including design fees and VAT, was more than £350,000.

The owners contributed £5,000 per flat or shop with

the balance being met by grants from CARS and Argyll and Bute Council's Private Sector Housing budget.

On both contracts a number of specialist sub-contractors were involved including lead contractors, a stonemason, plumbers and painters.

Work included stripping existing slates; carrying out timber repairs to areas affected by rot; replacement of lead; taking down and rebuilding dangerous chimneys; reinstatement of Scottish slate; stone repairs, repointing and the replacement of cast iron rainwater goods.

Safeguarding

Tom Millar, chairman of the owners' association for the 3 Longrow South project and a director of DTB Argyll Ltd, which owns MacGochan's Bar, told the Courier: 'The work carried out in Longrow South under the CARS scheme has been instrumental in bringing these buildings and businesses back into use.'

'This has allowed the safeguarding of businesses to continue trading and with the former MacGochan's Bar building, we can now move forward with plans from interested parties to ensure the building in the centre of the town is repaired and open for business.'

There will be one final project delivered via the CARS which is funded by Historic Environment Scotland and

Argyll and Bute Council with property owners also contributing to the cost of repairs.

Close 1 at Mafeking Place is due to start on site this summer with the majority of work on the replacement of the main skylight, extensive leadwork to the roofs and dormers and slating.

This will ensure that the entire CARS budget has been committed to safeguarding the future of some of the town's oldest properties.

The scheme, or CARS round six, is due to end in March 2020, signalling the completion of 13 years of regeneration work in the town centre.

It all started in 2007 when Argyll and Bute Council secured funding to launch the round one CARS.

In 2009 the council secured additional funding of £700,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to deliver the Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI).

Through these projects a number of properties were fully repaired, conserved and brought back into use including, Campbeltown Town Hall, Campbeltown Backpackers' hostel and the tenements at 50 to 52 Main Street/Cross Street and 13 to 15 Kirk Street.

In total more than £10 million has been spent on repairs to the historic town centre.

For more CARS news, see next week's Courier.

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Before fully stripping the roof, the rot-works to the exposed joists was carried out to ensure the roof finish was on sound material.



Traditional slating works nearing completion on the Longrow South project.



After removal of the original slates on the Main Street project, a high-performance breathable roof membrane was installed prior to re-slating.



Re-slating complete - the lifespan of this Main Street roof is now considerably extended. It is more than 100 years old and looking good as new!



Timber work to the corner cupola replaced prior to new lead-work, top, and lead-work to the cupola after replacement, with the gutter enhanced to carry more water than before.

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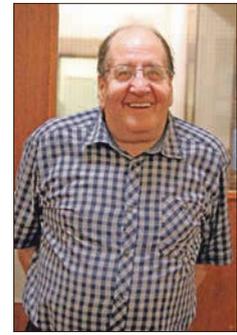
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Kintyre Connections celebrates Carradale



Carradale's unofficial ambassador, Iain Niall MacDougall, better known as Neenie, was awarded the Musician's Choice T-shirt.
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Former international model Emma-Jane Ritchie, who was toasted at the event, with her husband, Francois Roux.

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Kintyre Connections, a pilot project aimed at celebrating people in the communities of Kintyre, was kick-started with an evening of nostalgia and celebration in Carradale.

Former international model Emma-Jane Ritchie, who spent the first six years of her life in the east Kintyre village, and who featured in last week's Courier, attended the Carradale Village Hall event on Saturday June 29, days after an exhibition on her 10-year modelling career opened at Campbeltown Picture House.

Hosted by Pamela Galbraith of Alba Heritage Trust, the Carradale celebration was an evening to recapture the atmosphere of the many memorable events held in the village hall – from weddings to dinner dances and the opening of the harbour in 1959 – and to pay tribute

to Emma-Jane and other people who have contributed something special to the community and beyond.

During a buffet, the audience was treated to a slide-show of photographs of well-loved Carradale characters from bygone days.

Christine Ritchie gave an excellent talk on the origins of the hall, its architecture and the efforts to build it successfully during wartime, when the villagers were ably assisted by Dick Mitchison of Carradale House.

Dick and Naomi Mitchison's grandson Matthew Mitchison, a frequent visitor to Carradale in his youth, flew from London to attend and paid a special tribute to his grandfather.

Iain 'Jock' Campbell from Waterfoot in Carradale was a published poet and author. He was a regular contributor

to Radio 4 and a BBC recording of his haunting poem 'Fiddler's Green' was played for all to hear. His nephew, Kenny Gilchrist, wrote the popular and well-loved song 'Harbour Wall' as a tribute to his Carradale grandparents and this, too, was played to the audience.

The final accolade went to well-known Carradale resident Iain Niall MacDougall, better known as Neenie, who over the years has become Carradale's unofficial ambassador. Neenie was awarded the Musician's Choice T-shirt, much to his delight.

The evening was rounded off with an excellent and varied music selection from Elena Rogers, Alex MacKinnon, Duncan McCrone and The Twisted Melons.

Pamela's Kintyre Connections project was born out of The Vital Spark

initiative in Argyll and the Islands. To develop her ideas to celebrate connections throughout Kintyre, Pamela hopes to form a group to look at how to honour residents both past and present whose achievements may inspire others.

It is hoped that identifying those people and celebrating their success/influence will encourage aspiration and a sense of pride in the community, and enhance confidence in the people who live in or have lived in Kintyre.

In due course it is hoped that a book will be published as a permanent record of the achievements of all of Kintyre's 'local heroes'.

The exhibition on Emma-Jane's career, which Pamela hopes will be the first of many, will be open until September.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPE?

Fish, Slimming World chips and peas



Serves 4

Syns per serving: 2

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 tbsps 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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Kintyre Connections is a pilot project by Pamela Galbraith, centre, in green, who was joined by her family at the Carradale event. KC_c28kintyreconn01



Marlene and Alan Walker are part of the team which helped to organise the event. KC_c28kintyreconn05



Jane and Archie Macmillan attended the opening of Emma-Jane's exhibition as well as the Carradale event. KC_c28kintyreconn07



Dick and Naomi Mitchison's grandson, Matthew Mitchison, and his partner, Emily Drouet, flew from London to attend the event. KC_c28kintyreconn04



Carradale Village Hall was packed for the event. KC_c28kintyreconn06



Sheena and Matthew Ramsay at the Carradale celebration. KC_c28kintyreconn08

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Is there interest in a film club?

Movie buffs are in talks about setting up a Campbeltown film club.

The plan, which is in the early stages, is that each week or fortnight, members would meet at Campbeltown Picture House and watch a film of interest – that could be one of the cinema’s normal programme of films, a special Distilled screening, or something which has been requested by the group.

Afterwards, members would head to the cinema’s conference room to have a chat about the film.

A spokesperson said: ‘If it takes off we would look at having guests in to lead the conversation. It will be a social thing as much as anything – perfect for people who want to socialise but need something to focus on so it’s not so scary.’

Anyone who would be interested in joining a film club should contact the Courier so their details can be passed on.

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Scotland + Venice commission comes to Campbeltown

Campbeltown Picture House (CPH) is one of seven Scottish cinemas which will screen Charlotte Prodger’s SaF05 at the same time as it is being presented to audiences in Venice.

Having attracted nearly 6,400 visitors from across the globe during its world premiere at the 58th International Art Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia – the new single-channel video installation, commissioned and promoted by Scotland + Venice, will screen at cinemas in Aberdeen, Glasgow, Helensburgh, Isle of Lewis, Shetland and Skye, as well as Campbeltown, while it is being shown in the Italian city.

The artist’s most ambitious work to date, SaF05 is the last in a trilogy of videos that began with Stonemollan Trail followed by BRIDGIT. SaF05 is named after a maned lioness that figures in the work as

a cipher for queer attachment and desire.

Each screening will include a short trailer documenting the project development made by Martin Clark and will be followed by a talk with members of the Scotland + Venice team, invited guests and the professional development programme team which has been involved in the development and presentation of the work.

Having received its UK premier at The Tower in Helensburgh then screening at Glasgow Film Theatre the film will be shown at CPH at 6.30pm on Thursday, July 25.

SaF05 was curated by Linsey Young in partnership with Cove Park, Argyll and Bute, where Prodger developed her first ideas for the Scotland + Venice commission.

Alexia Holt, associate director of Cove Park, said: ‘The Scottish Tour is a wonderful



CPH will host a special screening of Charlotte Prodger’s SaF05. 25_c28cphscreenone02

opportunity for audiences here in Scotland to see this major new work by Charlotte Prodger and we look forward to working with all our partners on this programme as the work tours Scotland’s west coast, Highlands and Islands between June and November 2019.’

Amanda Catto, chairwoman of the Scotland + Venice partnership, and head of Visual Arts at Creative Scotland, said: ‘Scotland + Venice is delighted to be presenting Prodger’s new film to communities across Scotland, with additional funding support from Screen

Scotland, Art Fund and Outset Scotland. People who come to the tour will be able to enjoy the film at the same time that it is being premiered in Venice, creating a significant opportunity to reach out to new audiences here.’

CPH manager Ellen Mainwood said: ‘We are delighted to be among the UK venues screening this powerful work. We’re always looking for challenging and quality films to bring to our audiences so Charlotte Prodger’s commission was a perfect fit.’

‘We’re particularly looking forward to the discussion surrounding the screening and are grateful for Cove Park for bringing the project to Campbeltown.’

Tickets for the CPH screening are now available. Visit the cinema’s website for more information or to make a booking.

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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Scottish Chamber Orchestra comes to Campbeltown

This July, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra (SCO) will tour throughout Argyll and Bute, returning to Campbeltown for the first time in more than 20 years.

The orchestra will perform first in Oban before going to Campbeltown and Bowmore, Islay and then making a long-awaited return to Dunoon.

Joining them on the road is New Zealand-born conductor Holly Mathieson.

Mathieson takes the baton for an exquisite programme, including Mendelssohn's much-loved and technically challenging Violin Concerto.

Soloist Benjamin Marquise Gilmore is certain to embrace this major piece of romantic music with panache. The programme opens with a rar-

ity: Saint-Saëns' Orchestral Suite, and to close the night, Beethoven's monumental Symphony No 2: a superb evening of music not to be missed.

Talking about the orchestra's summer tours, SCO sub-principal bass, Adrian Borne said: 'This is one of the happiest moments of music making in our yearly calendar as we explore a beautiful country and revisit familiar places and audiences.'

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The SCO is passionate about sharing the experience of

exceptional live orchestral music-making and inspiring new generations of classical music lovers.

The summer tour supports this mission by making concerts as accessible as possible to younger audiences by offering free tickets to under-18s and £6 tickets for under-26s, students and the unemployed.

The orchestra will be at the Corran Halls in Oban on Wednesday July 24; Victoria Halls, Campbeltown on Thursday July 25; and Islay High School, Bowmore on Friday July 26. All concerts start at 7.30pm.

Tickets on sale at the Corran Halls, Oban; Aqualibrium, Campbeltown, and The Celtic House, Bowmore, or by visiting sco.org.uk



The Scottish Chamber Orchestra, which will be touring Argyll and Bute.

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Scottish Chamber Orchestra Tour Around Argyll & Bute this July!

This July, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra (SCO) will tour throughout Argyll and Bute, returning first to Oban where the SCO Strings gave an exhilarating concert last summer. The Orchestra also makes a long-awaited return to Dunoon, and will perform in Campbeltown and Bowmore, Islay for the first



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Concert connects musicians with Dalriada culture

Chris Stout and Catriona McKay, who captivated audiences at the recent Isle of Gigha Music Festival, will return to Kintyre in August for the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival's Mitchell's Glengyle Dalriada Connections Concert.

The pair will headline the afternoon concert at Campbeltown Heritage Centre on August 25 which celebrates the historic links which were forged during the creation of the ancient Kingdom of Dalriada.

They will be joined on stage by Ceólta, Western Sound, Na Smeòraich, The Ross Conner Trio, Scooter Muse, Frank Rochford and many local and visiting musicians.

Chris Stout and Catriona McKay have their roots in Scottish traditional music and have a sound and live set that is both dynamic and adventurous.

Chris is from Fair Island, one of the Shetland Islands, and Catriona is from Dundee.

They have played together for around 20 years, collaborating on many projects; both are members of the internationally-acclaimed band Fiddlers Bid.

Based in the North of Ireland, Ceólta is an exciting group whose members have many years of experience on the traditional scene.

They produce a vibrant sound, playing an array of instruments on self-penned and traditional arrangements.

Ceólta has three members, Ciaran Mulholland on fiddle, Paul McKernan on Uilleann Pipes and Mark Carmichael on Uilleann and Highland pipes as well as guitar, bouzouki and whistles.

Kintyre folk group Western Sound return, having made their debut last year.

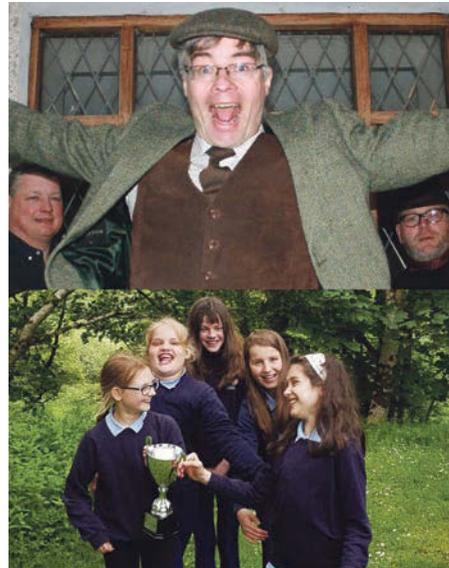
Also performing is young

five-piece Tarbert-based folk group Na Smeòraich.

The girls have won the Oban folk group competition two years running, came second in the national Mòd under-13 folk group competition last year and were also a support act for Eddie Reader when she performed in Tarbert.

The Ross Conner Trio, Scooter Muse from Alabama USA and Frank Rochford are among the many local and visiting musicians who will also feature at this value-for-money concert which has become one of the hidden gems of the weekend at £12 a ticket, including a whisky miniature.

Tickets for all festival concerts can be obtained from A P Taylor, Campbeltown, by phoning 08444 771 000 or visiting www.ticketweb.co.uk; for more information go to www.mokfest.com.



Ceolta, top, and Na Smeòraich, bottom, are set to perform at the Campbeltown Heritage Centre concert.



Chris Stout and Catriona McKay, top, will headline, supported by Western Sound, bottom, among others.





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Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival 2019

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Is there anywhere else in West Highland waters that can boast a better claim to a traditional boat festival than Tarbert, Loch Fyne?

Not only has it a long, proud history of fishing but also boat building. Archibald Dickie moved to Tarbert in 1885 and started building fishing boats for the herring fleet; Loch Fyne skiffs were used for ring-net fishing for herring and smaller ones for line fishing and creels. At one time the firm A M Dickie and Sons employed as many as 10 men; the majority of the work was commercial boats.

Traditional boats like these and many other designs – and our West Highland maritime heritage – are all celebrated at the Traditional Boat Festival, July 20-21.

Boats visit from across Scotland, the UK and Ireland to take part in the weekend and there are some beauties for everyone

to admire; expect to see somewhere around 40 boats with some coming from as far away as the Isle of Man.

If there is one thing traditional boat owners love to do as much as repairing and sailing their vessels, it is talking about them, so feel free to ask questions.

For the fearless, there's the famous greasy pole – with the almost inevitable drop into the water but there is a bottle of whisky for those who succeed!

This is a small, friendly festival where enthusiasts invite everyone to share their passion; the craic is great and the whole village has a wonderful laid back atmosphere.

The band for the night is ThunderRoad. Stan Craig, of the Tarbert Hotel, said: 'It is always a pleasure to sponsor the boat festival and we look forward to seeing everyone there.'



Tarbert Traditional Boat Festival

19-21 July 2019

Friday 19th July (Marquee at 8pm)

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Saturday 20th July from 10am - 6pm (Pontoons & Marquee)

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Greasy Pole

Saturday 20th July 8pm (Marquee)

Community BBQ & Ceilidh

Sunday 21st July noon (Pontoons)

Traditional Boats leave harbour for
Sail Past on Loch Fyne

What to look out for

A lot of what happens at the festival is very much weather dependent; some boats might not put in an appearance if the weather is doubtful.

Though the festival is on Saturday and Sunday July 20-21 most of the boats arrive the day before.

At 10am on Saturday morning the moorings are open to the public so go along and enjoy looking round.

There are a few stalls alongside the marquee and there is also a barbecue. The boat jumble is a great opportunity to buy spares and tools.

Saturday evening sees a ceilidh at the Tarbert Hotel, which also sponsors the festival.

Sunday morning has the skippers' breakfast where all the skippers and crews enjoy a full Scottish breakfast at the hotel.

The festival ends 'around about noon' with a sail-by of all the boats. Some are leaving, continuing on cruising holidays planned around this much-loved event. Other boats return to the harbour.

The yacht club and the CalMac pier are good vantage points to see the boats.

People pack Tarbert for seafood in the sunshine



Tarbert Seafood Festival Queen Nell Jackson MacFarlane with her princesses, Codi MacDougall and Farah McCallum, being driven by chauffeur Archie Blair. 06_a28TarSeafoodFest49

Tarbert's annual two-day seafood festival was blessed by lovely weather, encouraging people to come out in their droves.

The tempting aroma of seafood dishes wafted over the harbour last Saturday while locals and visitors browsed a huge variety of stalls from groups and businesses.

Chef Mike Leslie of the Coachman Hotel, Kilsyth, returned to cook up delicious tasters using fresh seafood and held a Ready, Steady, Cook challenge.

Also on offer along the harbour were seafood favourites including Cullen skink, paella, langoustines and all sorts of other fruits of the sea.

TJ Mac provided musical entertainment from the trailer stage, there was street magic to enjoy and the irrepressible Absurdist Pipe Band created good-natured

havoc in the smiling crowds.

The main event, though, was the crowning of this year's Tarbert Seafood Festival Queen Nell Jackson MacFarlane, supported by her two princesses Codi MacDougall and Farrah MacCallum.

This year's festival parade was a cracker, featuring colourful costumes and plenty of humour based on the theme of musicals.

A cast of parade characters from musicals including Grease, Miss Saigon, Cats, Mary Poppins and many others was led by Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

Sunday's Beer on the Pier saw Tarbert's fish quay packed full of party animals ready to rock to some of Scotland's best festival acts.

Paolo Nutini and Olly Murs joined the Under Wraps and Feeva for an afternoon of family fun.

For the first time the festival had its own pop-up restaurant, thanks to chef Mike Leslie, who was joined by chef Ross Payne of the Anchor Hotel and together they prepared a barbecued seafood feast for the lucky people who had booked their tables. All proceeds went to the festival.

Sunday also featured the prize-giving. Once again the Loch Fyne Gallery awarded prizes to each of the children who took part in its colouring competition.

The winner of the shop window competition was the Argyll Gift Company, with the Loch Fyne Gallery in second and the Church of Scotland Thrift Shop in third.

The best float in Saturday's parade went to the Pink Ladies and Shrek picked up the cup for best in the parade.

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Melissa Chambers, Mary Thomson, Emma McKinven and Jade Graham raising money for CGS4Gambia at Tarbert Seafood Festival. 06_a28TarSeafoodFest32



Having a busy day on the stall were Tarbert Guides Linda, Amy, Alana and Mathilda. 06_a28TarSeafoodFest06



The Hyslops travelled from Harlow in Essex to enjoy a seafood feast.



The Absurdist Pipe Band caused great hilarity – even to passing motorists. 06_a28TarSeafoodFest09



Enjoying their lollipops were Ailsa Johnson and her cousins Zander and Blair McCallum, all from Tarbert.

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The winning team from the parade – Shrek the Musical.



Relaxing in the sunshine. From left: Catherine Lang, Alexis Prentice, Caragh Johnstone, pirate Owen Gillespie and Catriona Wilkieson. 06_a28TarSeafoodFest27



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A wee village with a big welcome

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joining in and having fun. Even though Southend might be a smaller-sized games it is a force to be reckoned with; the athletics, dancing and piping all have a very high-quality turn out. Kintyre, with its famous MOK half-marathon and running scene, its superb piping heritage and the highly-respected James McCorkindale School of Dancing means that Southend

is the local games day for some leading West Highland and national competitors. There is the traditional 'heavy' section as well and plenty of fun events like throwing the tyre along with lots of races for tots and younger children. There are also plans to bring back the beat-the-goalie competition. Kintyre Pipe Band will take to the field at about 5.45pm and

the games will begin at 6pm. The chieftain will be Neil John McCorkindale. John Galbraith, secretary and treasurer to the games, said that this will be Neil John's last year as chieftain as he is set to retire, so go along and wish him well. The games field in the centre of the village will have a licensed bar, and food provided by Argyll Bakeries. There is no games day

dance as such, but games night at the Argyll Hotel in the village is always a great occasion and the Muneroy Tearoom extends its opening hours but booking is essential. John Galbraith promises that the weather will be fine and the midges will stay at home that evening so what more do you want for an all-round great evening's entertainment?

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The Tuesday July 2 event was well supported and the sun shone throughout, meaning an enjoyable day was had by everyone.

There were 12 herds competing under the expert eye of judge George McFadzean, of Woodhead of Mailer, Perth.

Results: Autumn herds: 1 Dippen, 2 East Laggan, 3 Uigle, 4 Killegruer. Best cow: East Laggan. Best team of cows: Dippen. Best calf:

1 Dippen, 2 Uigle, 3 East Laggan. Best team of calves: Dippen.

Spring herds: 1 Kilwhipnach, 2 Killocrew, 3 Low Dunasherry, 4 Strathnafanaig, 5 Rhoin. Best cow: Killocrew. Best team of cows: Killocrew. Best calf: 1 Strathnafanaig,



From left: John McCallum, Strathnafanaig; John Lines, Killocrew; George McFadzean, judge; David Ralston, Rhoin; Andrew Hamilton, Kilwhipnach; Andrew Ronald, East Laggan; and Duncan Semple, Dippen.

2 Kilwhipnach, 3 Killocrew. Best team of calves: Rhoin. Overall prizes: Best team of cows: Killocrew. Langa Salver for best cow:

Killocrew. Parker Cup for best calf: Strathnafanaig. Opposite season calf: Dippen. David Henderson Cup for best team of calves:

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Privately owned public space: does it matter who owns it?

Many of our cities' public spaces are privately owned these days – and their numbers are rising. But are the suspicion and hostility they're often met with justified, asks architecture and design writer Claire Dowdy?

Privately owned public spaces (POPS) have a terrible image. The press and social media love to highlight the sometimes bizarre rules of behaviour and heavy-handed security that the public can be subject to. In 2017, the Guardian described "the insidious creep of pseudo-public space in London". Oh, for the good old days – the story goes – when citizens could roam freely over publicly owned parts of the city.

Where does this anathema come from? As Matthew Carmona, professor of planning and urban design at the Bartlett School of Planning at University College London (UCL), explains, the feeling is that public spaces in cities are becoming commercialised, privatised, securitised, homogenised and exclusionary, because they are shaped by the narrow interests of the few (the developers) instead of the many (society as a whole).

"These arguments even extend to

those public spaces that are owned by the public sector, on the basis that they are subject to similar pressures because of the way their management is increasingly contracted out or unduly influenced by the private sector," says Carmona.

But are POPS – from the atrium of Trump Tower in New York City, to More London on the UK capital's south bank – un-civic or just misunderstood? The story of POPS is not that simple.

Debunking the myths

Several myths have risen up, some of which are ripe for debunking. Private or partially private ownership of parts of the public realm is not a recent phenomenon; there are rules of conduct for virtually everywhere the public can go. Some POPS have been created out of neglected, inaccessible land, some are created because municipalities no longer have the funds to make and (more importantly) maintain public spaces. All of which suggests that a better understanding of the complexities of POPS would benefit everyone.

"If you go back in time, pretty much everything was either privately owned, such as garden squares with keys, or public – such

as squares run by the council. That was straightforward," says past RICS president John Hughes FRICS, partner at Hemson Consulting in Toronto.

Having originated in the US, POPS have gone global. They arrived in the UK in the 1980s, with London's Canary Wharf and Broadgate Centre among the first large, secure, privately controlled public places. Since then, space has been reduced in cities across the world.

"As you get denser cities, the ability to create new public space is difficult," says Hughes. And this is where POPS can come into their own. "You can squeeze a POPS into a smaller development area rather than a public park. It's a little easier to find the space for that."

Couple that with squeezed municipal budgets around the world, and it's easy to see why there's more awareness of new POPS than new publicly owned spaces. Hughes cites two projects in Toronto that illustrate funding differences: CIBC Square and Rail Deck Park. "CIBC Square is a fine example of an extremely valuable and needed piece of public space being created and paid for by a developer as part of a

big office development," he says.

Joint-led by developers Ivanhoe Cambridge and Hines, CIBC Square comprises a pair of office towers on a 3m ft² (278,709 m²) downtown campus, with an elevated park connecting them to Greater Toronto. With its slopes and hills, horticulture, gardens, shade groves, balconies and viewing points, the park "will provide a space to convene and refresh, and for corporate tenants to host memorable events", according to the development partners.

Meanwhile, Rail Deck Park is a proposal endorsed by the city council to cover over a rail corridor in the centre of the city with 21 acres (8.5 ha) of parkland. The council states the intention is for the park to "transform this unused air space into Toronto's next great gathering space for recreation, culture and celebration".

"It's an ambitious plan to create a public park, but it faces funding challenges," Hughes says of Rail Deck Park. The current estimated development cost is C\$1.66bn (£989.5m). "It's a work in progress without a clear future, because of the challenge of capital acquisition and operating funds."

Funding public space

It's vital to recognise the difference between the cost of funding a park and then spending more on maintaining space over the years, warns Hughes. "Unfortunately, you can end up with nicely designed and finished parks, but after 10 years the paving breaks down, and you end up with a patch of asphalt. That's city-owned facilities. However, a very successful office development won't want to see deterioration of the land, so they would want to retain control and look after it."

The POPS with obvious civic credentials are those built on previously inaccessible land. Carmona cites London's Canary Wharf and Greenwich Peninsular. "Those places were never public spaces; they were ex-industrial areas that didn't have public access."

Likewise, the new district of Barangaroo is being built on a disused stretch of Sydney's dockyards. At 54 acres (22 ha), it's the city's largest urban renewal project since the 2000 Olympic Games. When completed, more than half the site will be open public space, and the whole 2.2km foreshore walk will be accessible to the public.

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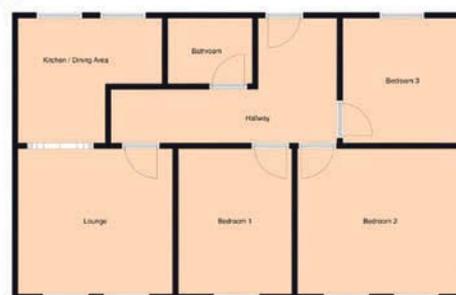
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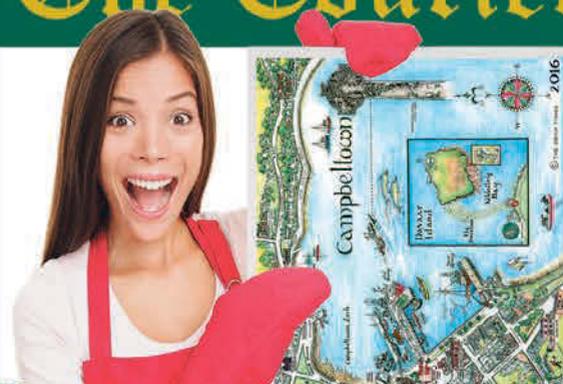
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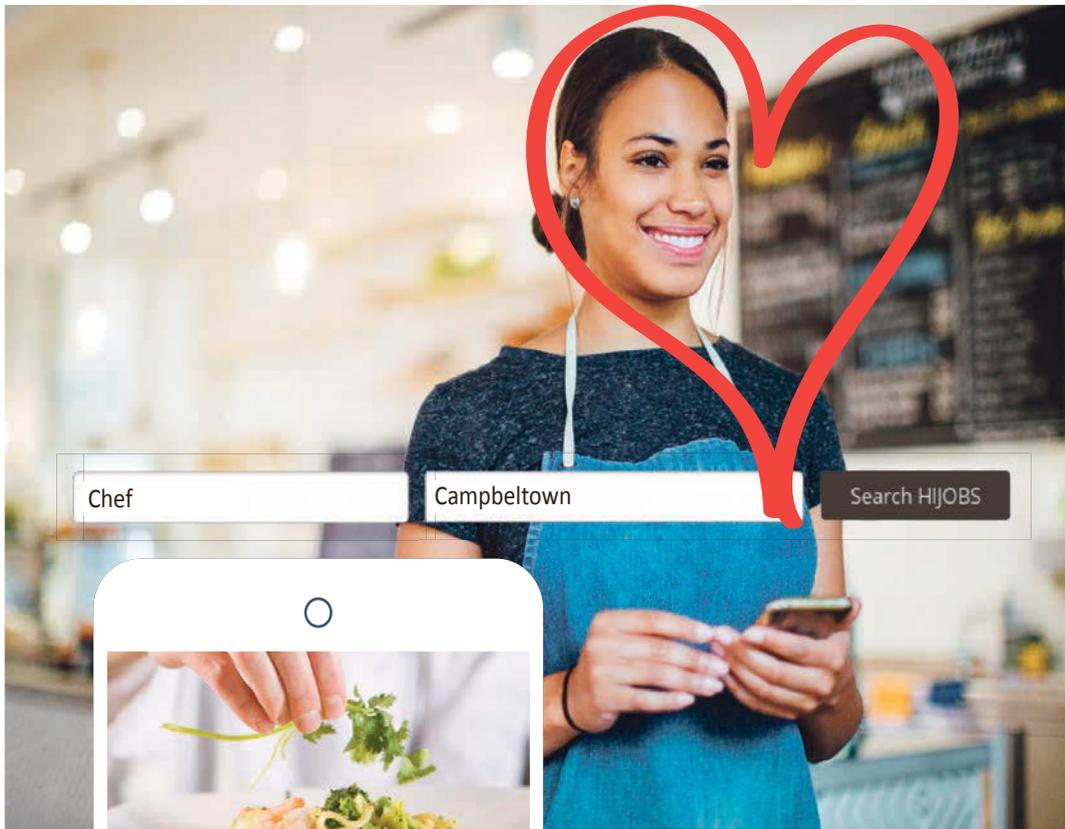
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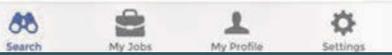
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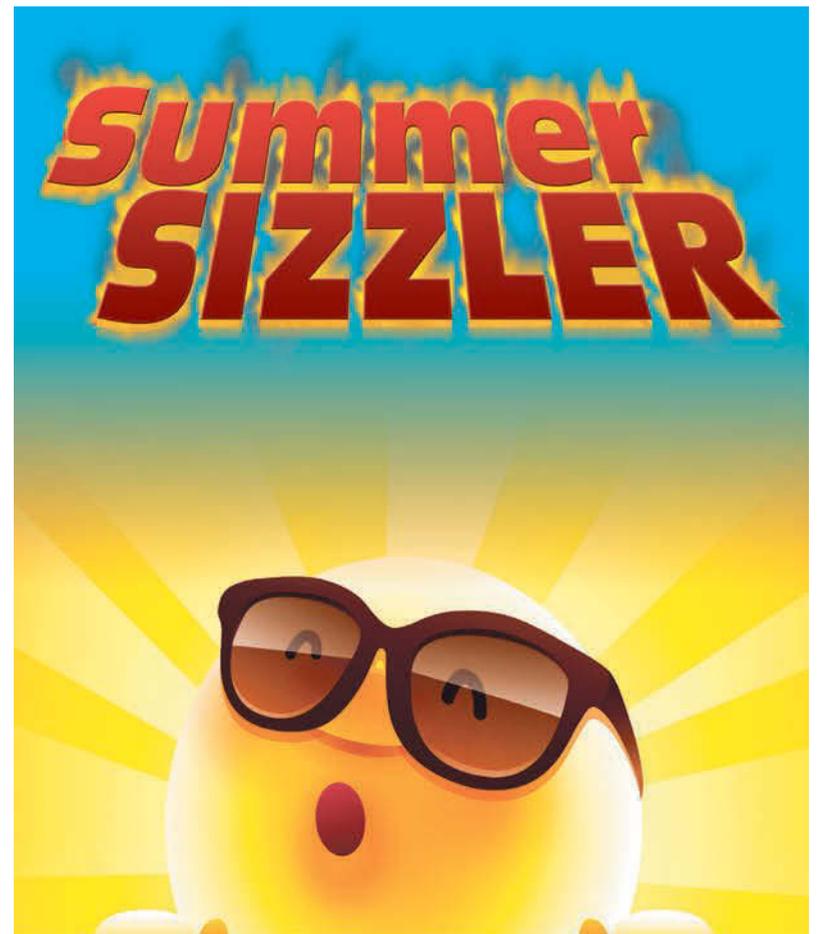


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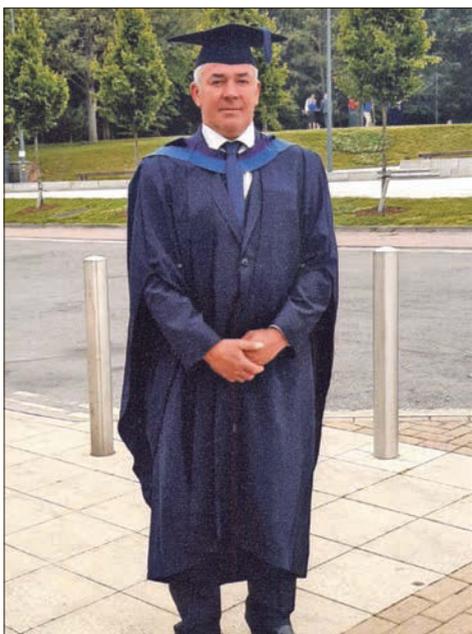
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WEST ROAD



Helen Steel, left, presents Helen Galbraith with flowers marking 50 years of service.

Helen's 50 years of service

Last Thursday's Kintyre West Road Ladies' RNLI Guild coffee evening was an extra special one, with one committee member being thanked for half a century of service.

At the Tayinloan Village Hall event, the group's chairperson, Helen Steel, presented Helen Galbraith with a bunch of flowers marking her service during all of the committee's 50 years of existence.

A spokesperson said: 'Well done Helen. The coffee evening was well attended and raised about £240 as well as about £35 from the purchase of souvenirs.'

RHUNAHORINE

Pre-five pupils graduate

Last week, the Courier reported that five children graduated from Rhunahaorine Primary School's pre-five unit at the end-of-session celebration and prize-giving.

The youngsters kicked off the recent Tayinloan Village Hall celebration with a series of action songs, performing both individually and together.

Afterwards, the children, who will attend various primary schools after the summer break, donned graduation gowns and caps and said good-bye to nursery.

CLACHAN

Envy at beautiful bonsai collection

Clachan Village Hall committee's development fund received a boost thanks to some of the village's most green-fingered residents.

A wide variety of gardens were enjoyed, from a beginner's and a working man's vegetable patch, to beautiful walled gardens and packed herb and flower gardens, during a successful garden open day weekend on June 22 and 23.

From burnside and seaside locations to



Visitors marvelled at the beauty of Clachan's green spaces.



People were envious of this beautiful bonsai collection.

the school and the cemetery, as well as an enviable bonsai collection, it seemed like the whole village contributed.

Lunches, cream teas and ice-creams were enjoyed in various gardens and the weather was glorious.

A spokesperson said: 'The event raised about £1,500 for the hall's development fund – a step nearer to a new village hall. Our fundraising continues with a car boot sale and a nearly-sold-out Tide Lines concert, both in September.'

ISLAY

Loch Fyne Viking festival secures funding from UnLtd

The Loch Fyne Viking Festival has secured support from UnLtd, the UK's foundation for social entrepreneurs.

The funding and tailored package of support from UnLtd will help the organisation make lasting social change in the community.

First held in 2014, the Loch Fyne Viking Festival is a celebration of Tarbert's Viking heritage with re-enactments, Viking-themed workshops and entertainment aimed at every age range.

This year's festival runs this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14, in Tarbert.

The highlight of every Loch Fyne Viking Festival sees Tarbert's own Viking longship, Freydis, pulled through the village by Vikings from Scotland, Scandinavia and Northern Ireland as homage to Magnus Barfot.

New for 2019, the main portage through Tarbert will be joined by a children's portage as young people pull their own Viking longship through the village.



Four of the five pre-five children who are leaving Rhunahaorine's nursery.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

One of my favourite hymns is 'Lord, you have come to the seashore'.

As someone who came to Kintyre from the noise of the city, this lovely hymn helps me feel very close to God in the beauty of this wonderful coastline.

As I walk by the seashore, I can imagine Jesus strolling along, skimming stones, watching the waves, feeling the sand between his toes and smelling the salty fresh sea air.

It was by the seashore that he called his first disciples, and it was by the seashore he taught and healed and loved.

It was by the seashore that Jesus first said: 'Come, follow me.'

*'Lord, you have come to the seashore,
Neither searching for the rich nor the
wise,
Desiring only that I should follow.'*

It was by the seashore that he appeared to his broken, devastated, grieving disciples in all his resurrection certainty and then they could say:

*'O Lord, with your eyes set upon me
Gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water,
At your side I will seek other shores.'*

His call is the same today.
What will our answer be?

*'Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
In my boat you will find no power, no
wealth.*

*Will you accept then, my nets, my labour.
Will we be like these first disciples and
answer;*

*Lord take my hands and direct them.
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
Returning love for the love you gave me.'*

And then know with certainty:

*'Lord as I drift on the waters,
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DEATHS

DAVIES - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on July 4, 2019, Ivy Davies, nee Rowlands, in her 80th year, of 4 Balliebeg Castleton. Dearly loved wife of the late Robert, and much loved mother of Robert, Anne and Andrew. Adored Nana of Daniel, and a much respected mother in law of David and Gillian. A dear friend to many. A private family service was held at Cardross Crematorium on July 10, 2019. Donations, in lieu of flowers, are welcome to Marie Curie Mid Argyll.

MACCALMAN - Islay. Peacefully, at Redmill Care Home, East Whitburn, on Thursday, June 27, 2019, Kenny, aged 74 years, a beloved husband of the late Evelyn, a much loved daddy of Lorna and the late Mhari and a devoted granpa of Kelsey. Funeral service to be held at Holytown Crematorium on Friday, July 12 (today) at 12.30pm.

MCILWRAITH - Peacefully at home, on July 3, 2019, Ishabel (Dot) McIlwraith nee Hatton, aged 79 years of 32 Fernoch Park, Lochgilphead, and formerly of 'Lornoch', Kilmichael of Inverlussa, Achnamara, by Lochgilphead. Much loved and loving wife of the late Robert (Bob), beloved mother of Ewan and much respected mother in law of Tanya. A dear cousin to all the family. Funeral service will be held in Kilmorich Parish Church, Cairndow, today, Friday July 12, 2019, at 12.30pm, thereafter to Kilmorich Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimers Scotland.

WYLIE - William (Billy) formerly of Campbeltown, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at Forth Valley Hospital, Larbert on July 8, 2019. Much loved dad of William, Scott, Leah and Craig, dear cousin of Ian, Shirley, David and Colin, beloved nephew of Evelyn, son of the late Annie and friend to many. Funeral service will take place at Camelon Crematorium on Wednesday July 17, 2019 at 10.45am. No black to be worn.

Time may hide the sadness, Like a smile that hides the tears. But memories last forever, Of our William we loved so dear.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DALZIEL - Bobby and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following the sad loss of Frank. Sincere thanks to Rev Anne McIvor for a comforting service, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professionalism, the Argyll Hotel for the funeral tea, and the Doctors and Nurses at both Campbeltown Hospital and The Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. Finally, thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects, the retiral collection for the Sunshine Room raised £361.17.

GRAHAM - Charles, Anne and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received following the passing of our much loved mum, nanny and great nanny, Nan. We would like to thank the Rev William Crossan for his lovely service, John McGeachy who piped, Kenneth Blair for the dignified funeral arrangements, Ivor Watson for the beautiful flowers, the Ardshiel Hotel for arrangements after the service, Carr Gomm for the loving care given and all staff at Campbeltown Hospital who cared for Nan the last few years.

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LANG - Jim, Norman and Janette would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and baking received following the loss of Shiona. We would like to thank the Rev. William Crossan for his lovely service, David McEwan for his music, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for the funeral arrangements and the Argyll Bowling Club for their hospitality. Thanks also to all the doctors and nursing staff, ambulance crew and Shiona's carers.

IN MEMORIAM

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- Mary, Margaret and family xx.

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- Anna and family.

MACMILLAN - In loving memory of my wife Fiona, mum, granny and GG, who passed away on July 15, 2017.

"You will always be in our hearts, because in there you're still alive." Loved and missed every day.

- John and family xxx.

TAYLOR - In loving memory of my dear mum, Jane Brown Bell, who died July 14, 1985.

To my special mother, who will always be missed and forever loved. Our love and thoughts also to loved ones gone before.

- Your loving daughter, Norma, son-in-law, Jim and family.

WHELTON - Inserted in loving memory of my beloved mother, Agnes Morrison McEachran Stewart (Nana), who died July 14, 1996.

Along the road of memories That leads me back to you Are thoughts of us together And the happy times we knew And every day that passes I seem to find a way To wander back to meet you On the road to yesterday. Sadly missed. - Johnnie.

CHURCH NOTICES

HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH



SC002493

Sunday 14th July 2019
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the Church at 11.15am.
Saturday 27th July
Church Sale of Work in Kirk Street Hall.
All welcome

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

Sunday 14th July
10am Informal Service New Hall
Tea/Coffee in the New Hall for those attending either service
11.15am Traditional Service in the Church.
Rev W Crossan

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 14th July
Family Communion Service 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies All welcome
Thursday 18th July
Bible study 7.30pm at the manse
Enquiries 01586 551200
New website:- www.springbankchurch.org.uk
SC014646

ST KIARAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Sunday 14th July
Pentecost 5
Morning Prayer & Theological Reflection 10.45am
Enquiries tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH

Lochgilphead
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor 01546 602380
All Welcome (SC0002876)

SALVATION ARMY



Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Worship
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number SCO09359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



Sunday 14th July
11.15am Family Service
David Timothy
Monday 15th July
4.00pm Road to Recovery
Wednesday 17th July
Bible Study and Prayer
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Sunday 14th July
11.00am Family Service
Speaker - Paster Mark Jasper with Sunday school
Join us after the service for a picnic at Southend Play Park
All welcome
Church Activities
Visit our website and Facebook page for more information
Our Sunday service is held at the Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street PA28 6BL
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
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St. John Street, Campbeltown
01586 552160
Rev Tony Wood
stkieransrc.org
Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm
(except 1st Saturday of the month)
Sundays, Holy Mass
10.00am
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Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)

Sundays 11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's, Poltalloch (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
6.00pm Evensong
All welcome
Father Simon MacKenzie
01546 602315

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN & FORD CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Glassary Kilmartin & Ford Parish Church
Sunday 14th July 2019
- 11.30am
Rev Robert MacLeod
All Welcome (SC0 02121)

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity number SCO01002
Sunday 14th July 2019
10am Bellanoch Church Morning Worship
6.30pm Achnamara Hall
Second Sunday Supper
Saturday 13th July
10.30am - 12.30pm
Cafe Connect
Achnamara Hall
Saturday 20th July
10.30am - 12 noon
Tayvallich Hall
Coffee Morning in aid of Church Funds
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Sunday 14th July Skipness Service 10.00am
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Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mrs Margaret Sinclair
Kilberry Service 2.00pm
Mrs Margaret Sinclair
Everyone Welcome
Tarbert and Kilberry Charity No: SC002622
Skipness Charity No: SC004280
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Church of Scotland
Sunday 14th July 2019
Cumlodden and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Cumlodden Church - 10.00am
Sunday service will be led by Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
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Riders trek to the Argyll South Pony Club's fun day

The Bay Field at Claonaig sparkled in the sun as did the newly topped grass for the Argyll South Pony Club's annual fun day.

This year there was a healthy number of competitors with some drawn over the water from Arran to enjoy the various equestrian competitions.

Judge Debbie Hay Thorburn had a long day putting the horses and riders through the challenges involved in the Pony Club/Riding Club Horse Classes and everyone learned a thing or two about their riding skills by the end of it.

The show jumping was judged by Anne McArthur and the digital timing equipment meant accurate jump off times for all classes.

The highlight of the jumping was the Argyll 80 qualifier for the final at Kilmartin Show and six riders won their way through to join the six from Mull and four from the Oban area.

The games section was organised by Catriona Ryan and Rosslyn Smith and young and old thoroughly enjoyed the flying gallop finishes to the races.

Altogether it was a successful day and everyone went home tired but happy – especially trophy winners Amy Anderson (Ryan) for the Juniors, Hazel Selfridge (Kieran) and Cerys Baird (Dancer) for the Seniors and Hollie Adamson (Cwmawr Lexus) for the non-members.



All the winners in the Argyll 80.



Alyssa McEachran and Louise Ralston in the games section.

The club's next open event is the Kilmartin Show on Sunday July 21.

Liz MacNab said: 'Thanks to Stewart Marshall and Claonaig Estates the show was held with perfect ground conditions in the most scenic venue in Argyll.'

Results: Riding Club/Pony Club: Section 1: 1 Julie McLeish and Eclipse; 2 Shelagh Oakes and Perry; 3 Gillian MacVicar and Barney; 4 Clair Hendry and Colin; 5 Andrea McShannon and Nicole.

Section 2: 1 Hollie Adamson and Cwmawr Lexus; 2 Cerys Baird and Dancer; 3 Katie MacKay and Castle Lodge Evedawn; 4 Morgan Sinclair and Billy; 5 Lauren Lemmon and Charlie; 6 Wiktoria Wietronec and

Blake. Section 3: 1 Hazel Selfridge and Kieran; 2 Amy Anderson and Brynn.

Section 4: 1 Willow Ryan and Minstrel; 2 Zoe Prentice and Nero; 3 Louise Ralston and Cowal; 4 Cara Cameron and Hugo Boss; 5 Alyssa McEachran and Tulip; 6 Isla McShannon and Frostie.

Section 5: 1 Amy Anderson and Ryan; 2 Ffion Lavery-Jones and Pebbles.

Show Jumping: Stars of the Future Lead Rein: 1 Amy Anderson and Ryan; 2 Ffion Lavery-Jones and Pebbles.

Stars of the Future: 1 Zoe Prentice and Cowal; 2 Isla McShannon and Frostie; 3 Louise Ralston and Nero;

4 Willow Ryan and Minstrel.

Newcomers: 1 Clair Hendry and Colin; 2 Michelle McLeish and Eclipse; 3 Cara Cameron and Hugo Boss; 4 Hazel Selfridge and Kieran; 5 Zoe Prentice and Cowal; 6 Isla McShannon and Frostie.

Discovery: 1 Lauren Johnson and Nevada; 2 Jadie Baillie and Cruise; 3 Hollie Adamson and Lexus; 4 Andrea McShannon and Nicole; 5 Gillian MacVicar and Barney; 6 Morgan Sinclair and Billy.

Argyll 80 Qualifier: 1 Jadie Baillie and Cruise; 2 Andrea McShannon and Nicole; 3 Cerys Baird and Dancer; 4 Lauren Johnson and Nevada; 5 Hollie Adamson and Lexus; 6 Amy Anderson and Brynn.

Docherty sails to victory in RNLI Stableford

Twelve ladies and 34 gents answered the call to compete in Dunaverty Golf Club's recent RNLI Stableford competition which was held in dry, warm and breezy weather.

With the course in superb condition the participants posted some excellent scores in the morning session with Ken MacMillan leading on 42 points from Campbell MacBrayne on 39 points and Evelyn Shaw who recorded 37.

John Docherty and Robert Coffield had a 'ding-dong' battle in the evening with John amassing 21 to Robert's 20 on the front nine but on the inward half John posted 23 two clear of Robert and this was enough to take the title.

A club spokesperson said: 'It was great to see three of the ladies finishing in the top 10 and Katherine Hardman deserves a mention for her 22 points on the front nine.'

Results: 1 John Docherty 44, 2 Ken MacMillan 42, 3 Robert Coffield 41, 4 Campbell MacBrayne 39 (bih), 5 Katherine Hardman 39, 6 Margaret Richardson 37 (bih), 7 Evelyn Shaw 37 (bih).

A Stone and Two Boulders triumph in Tarbert Am Am

The busy period continued at Tarbert Golf Club when teams gathered for the recent Tarbert Hotel Am Am played in thundery conditions but without lightning.

The Glenralloch course was described as 'simply fantastic' and good scoring was anticipated from the assembled teams.

Captain Chris Smyth led his team of Keith MacTaggart and Iain Johnstone Jr into third place on 53bih. In second place were

last year's winners, The Three Iains – Johnstone, Macalister and MacArthur – on 52.

Phenomenal

The last group out were A Stone and Two Boulders made up of Duncan Johnstone, David Lamont and Hal Jones, who returned a phenomenal score of 48 for first prize.

Recently Tarbert members headed to Lochgilphead to support their Mid Argyll counterparts in the Lochgilphead Open.



Tarbert Hotel Am Am winners A Stone and Two Boulders, also known as Duncan Johnstone, David Lamont and Hal Jones, with club captain Chris Smyth.



Rae Bleasby, Machrihanish; Seona Martin, Tarbert; Jo Kerr, Tarbert; Sheena Ferguson, Tarbert; Emily Baird, West Loch Shores; and Fiona McLeod, Lochgilphead.

Lady golfers faced heavy hail

Players from Machrihanish and Carradale joined those from Arran, Dalmally, Kames and Lochgilphead at Tarbert Golf Club's ladies' annual Open Golf competition.

There was a wide range of prizes in the June contest, sponsored by West Loch Shores.

With the weather set fair, Tarbert's Sheena Ferguson was the early clubhouse leader, scoring an incredible 47 Stableford points – a record score at the club.

However, the unpredictable June weather then set the golfers an unexpected challenge, with freak,

heavy hailstorms turning the greens winter white. Play continued throughout the hailstorms, with strong scoring in spite of the wintry conditions.

Sheena's record score of 47 points proved unbeatable and she won the Tarbert Open trophy by five points from Lochgilphead's Fiona Macleod on 42. Margaret MacKinnon of Lochgilphead was third with 40 points.

The club would like to thank West Loch Shores for its sponsorship, all the competitors and everyone who helped to make the day a success.



The finalists with president Kenny Kerr and Donnie McCrimmon from Newgrove Furniture.

Down to the wire in bowling club pairs competition

Twenty teams entered Argyll Bowling Club's Open Pairs competition on Sunday.

They played in four sections of five teams, with the four top teams going through to the semi-finals.

Play began at 10am, and the weather and green provided perfect conditions for good bowls.

All four sections went down to the wire, with two going down to the final bowl.

The semi-finalists were Archie Johnston and Bobby Dalziel versus John McLachlan and Bobby Mathieson, with Archie and Bobby

winning; and Kathleen McGougan and Malcolm Maguire versus Steven McCallum and Johnny McCormick, with Kathleen and Malcolm winning.

Comfortable win

Archie and Bobby got off to a good start in the final and managed to keep their lead for a comfortable win.

A club spokesperson said: 'A big thank you to Mac's Taxis and Newgrove Furniture for sponsoring the competition, all players who participated and members who helped in the kitchen and bar.'

James Armour wins Machrihanish Rotary Open

The winner of Machrihanish Golf Club's Rotary Open was Campbeltown's very own lefty, James Armour.

The June 22 competition was played in the Stableford format and 80 took part on a breezy day. James amassed an excellent 38 points in victory with highlights being four point birdies at the 5th and 12th.

A disappointing triple bogey eight at the par-five 10th hole did not deter the young man, who is having another good season on the links.

Runner-up by a single point was visitor Robert Jordan. Local fire-fighter Jamie Graham was pipped into third by virtue of a poorer inward six to Robert but had a great four-point birdie at the 12th.

There were 20 competitors in the club's ladies' Rotary Open, which was won by Elizabeth Casey with a fabulous score of 36 points.

A terrific early birdie-three at the par-four third put her in the hunt and she followed with excellent pars at the sixth and seventh to go out in 20 points. She consolidated her round with a solid back nine including an excellent par-four at the 17th for three points on her way to victory.

Visiting golfer Alison Evans was

second with 34 but she also enjoyed a terrific front nine amassing 20 points including a great run of pars from the fifth to the eighth scoring three points on each hole.

A good back nine of 14 points gave her second prize.

Elinor Blair was third with a solid round of 33 points scoring 17 points on the way out and 16 coming home.

Former caddie master Calum McLean won the seniors' category with an excellent 31 points scoring three points at the last to hammer home his advantage over the rest of the field.

Top junior was Murdo MacLean, who had an excellent par-four on the 14th hole, the toughest on the course.

Tarbert to host Archie MacNab memorial contest

This Saturday, Tarbert Golf Club's members take part in the first round of the Archie MacNab Memorial Stableford.

The 36-hole event is a popular one at Glenralloch with the members and captain Chris Smyth hoping for a good turnout.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:

A Stone and Two Boulders triumph in Tarbert Am Am

Riders trek to the Argyll South Pony Club's fun day



The Campbeltown Pupils AFC and Fort William FC squads at Kintyre Park. KC_c28pupils03

Centenary opener sees Pupils net seven goals

Campbeltown Pupils	7
Fort William	1
Pre-season friendly	

Campbeltown Pupils made the perfect start to the club's centenary season with a 7-1 win over Fort William. Played at a sunny Kintyre

Park, the Pupils began with intent against their Highland League visitors, lone striker Donald McCallum having a left-footed shot turned round the post early on.

However, it was the youthful Fort William side, fielding several teenagers in the starting line-up and bringing only 11 players on the day, who took a surprise lead. A lateral pass in defence caused confusion and Fort's number 10 pounced to fire home.

Instand response

Then a four-minute flurry around the half-hour mark saw the Pupils make an almost instant response; Liam Renton and Fraser Wylie both struck the post, and Scott Souden and Donald McCallum both had dangerous forays into the box, but without end product.

On 41 minutes, the equaliser arrived, Ryan Deans finding Liam Renton, whose cleanly hit low strike from 20 yards gave the visiting keeper no chance.

Before half time, the Pupils took a deserved lead. Deans was again the provider, his high cross allowing Martin McCallum to guide a header across goal and beyond the Fort keeper's clutches.

Five minutes into the second half, the McFadyens-sponsored Pupils made it 3-1, when Donald McCallum weaved his way through the visitors' defence, and his cut-back gave Deans the chance to net from close range for a goal his creative play deserved.

It was soon 4-1 from the penalty spot, Ryan McConnachie, thriving in a recent positional change to

central defence, driving his effort down the middle of the goal.

With the depleted visitors beginning to tire, the Pupils made it five when Deans drove into the box and guided a left-footed shot into the bottom left of the goal.

Welcome return

Ryan Gilchrist, making a welcome return from injury, assisted fellow substitute Ross Brown whose shot flew high into the roof of the net from 12 yards out.

Brown sealed his brace – and made it 7-1 – when teed up by another substitute, this time Gregor McFadyen, which put the finishing touch on a high-energy showing from the Pupils.

Campbeltown Pupils manager Campbell Robertson said: 'It was a really good per-

formance by the team after some hard work in training the past couple of weeks.

'We would like to thank Fort William FC for travelling down for the fixture, and the Feathers Inn for its continued post-match hospitality.'

Club chairman Alex McKinven presented Fort William club officials with a commemorative bottle of Springbank whisky, marking both the match, and the Pupils' centenary year.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the Pupils welcome former SAFL rivals Eaglesham to Kintyre Park, with a scheduled kick-off of 2pm.



Lorne Robertson in action. KC_c28pupils04



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