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Farmers positive about creamery

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Farmers who supply milk to Campbeltown Creamery are 'positive' that its award-winning range of dairy products have a future.

This comes the week after First Milk, the farmer-owned co-operative which owns the creamery, announced that it plans to scale down operations in Campbeltown.

First Milk, which put its creameries in Campbeltown and Arran up for sale in April 2018 because they 'were not core to its business strategy for the future', last Wednesday announced the start of employee consultation in connection with proposed changes at both sites.

There are 29 farms across Kintyre and Gigha which supply milk to Campbeltown Creamery. Discussions with local farmer members, with the active involvement of the Scottish Government, remain ongoing.

It is hoped the creamery will ultimately be owned by



the local farmers, who, it is envisaged, will form a new co-operative to operate the creamery independently of First Milk.

Due to the ongoing economic performance of the Campbeltown site, and in anticipation that the scale of the operation is likely to change under this new ownership, First Milk began consultation with staff at Campbeltown about proposals to scale down the operation.

A First Milk spokesman said this week there are 'potentially roles at risk' at the creamery, which has 25 employees.

James Barbour, of Machribeig Farm, who is chairman of the Kintyre milk producers' working group, said: 'First Milk has worked hard to

secure a sustainable future for the Campbeltown Creamery over the past 12 months. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to secure an external buyer and yet we believe it is important to retain processing capacity on Kintyre for the long-term security of the dairy farmers here. As a result, we are working together to try to secure the site for the future, although there is still considerable work to do to bring this to a conclusion.'

Employees at Arran Creamery, which has five staff and two dairy suppliers, are in consultation over plans to close.

John Smith, of Drumalea Farm, which supplies Campbeltown creamery, chairman of NFU Scotland's milk

committee, said: 'The news coming out of Arran and Campbeltown is extremely disappointing, especially for the staff and dairy farmers who will be affected by the decision.'

But Linda McLean, of Kilmaho Farm, owner of The Kintyre Larder, who has worked promoting Campbeltown Creamery's produce, is hopeful about its future.

She told the Courier: 'There is a market and a demand for the products - they are the Larder's best-selling items. We are positive that we will be selling it for a long time to come.'

Campbeltown Creamery's range includes Mull of Kintyre cheddar, which comes in mature, extra mature and smoked varieties; Campbeltown Creamery cheddar; and Scottish Pride butter. The products have won many awards and are for sale in UK supermarkets, including Marks and Spencer, Tesco, Morrisons and Aldi, as well as outlets across the world.

We salute you, Frank



More than 4,000 people flocked to Inveraray Highland Games in the grounds of Inveraray Castle on Tuesday.

So, too, did the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Scotland - including Campbeltown's Frank Rochford, who was among the band's members.

Frank, 25, attended Campbeltown Grammar School and is a former member of Kintyre Schools Pipe Band.

As usual, the games attracted visitors from all across the world, some to compete in the track and field and heavy athletics and also the dancing, others just to watch the fun.

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Theft

A yard at Kirk Street, Campbeltown, was broken into and 35 lobster creels were stolen sometime between June 22 and July 8.

Vehicle damaged

A grey Vauxhall Vectra had its driver's door mirror smashed between 12.30pm and 12.40pm on July 5 in the town's Longrow South.

Arrested

At about 6pm on July 11, in Shore Street, Campbeltown, a 40-year-old man was arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner. He was charged, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs

A 22-year-old man was found to be in possession of cannabis after he was searched at about 11.40pm on July 12, at Glebe Street, Campbeltown. He received a recorded police warning.

Appeal

Police are appealing for witnesses after a man

allegedly made a homophobic comment towards another man at about 4.30pm on July 12, in Main Street, Campbeltown.

Charged

A motorist was stopped for allegedly exceeding the speed limit at about 2.45am on July 13, on the A83 in Campbeltown. The 49-year-old woman was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Window smashed

Police are investigating after a window pane of a flat in High Street, Campbeltown, was smashed at about 11.50pm on July 13.

Theft of a car

A black Nissan Qashqai car was stolen from Texa Crescent, Port Ellen, Islay, between 8pm on July 13 and 9am on July 14. The vehicle was later found damaged in a ditch on the Kintra Road.

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

Council says 'stop feeding seagulls'



Gulls are becoming a problem for seaside diners in Campbeltown.

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After receiving several letters in just a couple of weeks about seagulls pestering seaside diners and home-fed birds causing issues for neighbours, the Courier has looked at Argyll and Bute Council's advice on dealing with nuisance gulls.

The website states: 'We urge people to stop feeding seagulls as these birds are scavengers which are thriving and putting both the public and other birds at risk.'

The most common problems caused by the birds are listed as noise – when they call and by their heavy foot-falls – and mess from droppings, as well as damage to property when gulls pick at roofing or nest in gutters.

More serious problems include birds diving and swooping on people and pets, and blocked gas flues caused by nesting materials,

which can have serious consequences.

The council has no statutory duty to take action against gulls and the law states it is illegal to capture, injure or destroy any wild bird or interfere with its nest or eggs, including gulls.

However, it is recognised that there are particular circumstances, for example to protect public health and safety, where the Scottish

Government and Scottish Natural Heritage can issue licences but only to the owner or occupier, or someone acting on their behalf and with their permission, who can take action when gulls are nesting on their property.

The council lists the best methods for controlling gulls as: Proofing – including the use of spikes, nets or wires; Education – gulls are opportunistic and will

scavenge waste bins and look for food (it is important that the public do not feed gulls at home or in areas such as parks and other open spaces); Ensuring litter and other food waste is properly stored and/or disposed of using the bins provided; Putting waste, particularly food waste, out for collection on the day of collection, not the night before.

Deterrent measures suitable to individual buildings include fitting spikes to nesting locations like chimney stacks and guards; fitting spikes contained in a special plastic base to nesting locations such as dormer roofs; fitting wires and nets to prevent herring gulls landing; and disturbance of nesting sites including removal of nests and eggs.

For more information, visit Argyll and Bute Council's website.



Davaar Island Safe Walking Times

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



Lynda Mitchell, ALIenergy manager; Paul Wheelhouse MSP; Carole Shellcock, ALIenergy business development officer; Jenny McLeish, ALIenergy affordable warmth adviser; and Ian Macfarlane, ALIenergy chair.

Energy minister visits renewables charity

ALIenergy, a charity which works towards promoting renewable energy use throughout Argyll, hosted a visit by Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands, at its Oban office on July 9, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

The visit was kicked off with a presentation showcasing some of ALIenergy's award-winning projects. One of the schemes featured was the innovative ENBIO Project which was launched

with the intention to develop the use of locally-owned renewable energy in order to produce algal products for use as superfoods.

ALIenergy also operates a team of five affordable warmth advisers who work across the whole of Argyll and Bute. These advisers are available for home visits to offer assistance to anyone who is struggling to pay their energy bills.

Lynda Mitchell, ALIenergy manager, said: 'Fuel poverty is a huge problem

in rural Scotland. It affects more than 40 per cent of households in Argyll and Bute, where we face multiple challenges including poorly insulated housing, bad weather, low income and elderly households, and lack of mains gas across the majority of the area leading to more expensive heating systems.'

The group also discussed the various challenges of funding and operating these activities in rural and island communities.

Meeting set to discuss crossings

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A Kintyre councillor has pushed for a meeting which will discuss the possibility of creating new crossing points in Campbeltown.

Jim McGregor, an engineer for BEAR Scotland, the company, which maintains Scotland's trunk road network on behalf of Transport Scotland, will be in attendance, alongside representatives from Police Scotland, Campbeltown Community Council, Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel, and Argyll and Bute councillors, including Donald Kelly, who arranged the meeting after campaigning for safer crossings for a number of years.

The main issues to be discussed are the removal of the red markings at the current pedestrian crossing points in the town; the removal of the crossing point at the Royal Hotel; the provision of a crossing at the Aqualibrium; and the provision of a crossing at the Co-op.

This comes after a questionnaire-type survey was carried out earlier this year despite a Transport Scotland officer indicating to Councillor Kelly that Campbeltown's



Alan Baker, chairman of Campbeltown Community Council and, inset, Councillor Donald Kelly.

A83 crossing points were not a priority.

Concerns have also been raised for some time by Campbeltown Community Council about what it considers unsafe crossings at the Co-operative and the Royal Hotel, where it is felt visibility is poor.

The issue has become even more pertinent with childcare now offered in the Aqualibrium since Argyll and Bute Council extended its provision of free early learning and childcare to 1,140 hours per year in Campbeltown.

Anne S Paterson, the council's chief education officer, said: 'This will entail increased pedestrian foot-

print to the Aqualibrium, and parents, carers and young children will be crossing the main road to gain access to the building. For this reason we would support a crossing being in place.'

Councillor Kelly added: 'This has been a long-running saga. Hopefully, this meeting will have a successful outcome with the removal of the road markings at the Royal Hotel and new permanent crossings installed at the Co-op and Aquilibrium.'

'I fully appreciate this will not be ideal, but we will need to compromise to achieve any kind of a result.'

The meeting will be held at 2pm on Tuesday July 30 at the Royal Hotel.

Campbeltown shoppers to help deliver Tesco centenary grants

Campbeltown's Tesco customers will be given the opportunity to vote for local community projects to help them secure grants this summer.

The supermarket is marking its 100th year with two special Bags of Help funding rounds and a huge £100,000 funding pot in north and east Scotland, which includes the Campbeltown store.

Bags of Help, run in partnership with greenspace Scotland, sees funding awarded to thousands of local community projects every year. So far in Scotland, Bags of Help has

awarded £9.5 million to more than 3,500 local projects.

In Campbeltown, the first round of voting begins this month and customers can cast their votes using blue tokens handed out at checkouts. The shortlisted groups for this round are: Cardiac Risk in the Young, CLAN Cancer Support and Maggie's Centres. Grants of £25,000, £15,000 and £10,000 are up for grabs.

Alec Brown, Tesco's head of community, said: 'In 2019, we are celebrating a century of delivering great value for our customers. And what better

way to celebrate this occasion than by using our flagship community grant scheme, Bags of Help to support even more groups and organisations who are helping to make a difference across Britain?'

'We encourage our shoppers to register their votes while in store and help support projects delivering health and wellbeing benefits in their local area.'

Anyone can nominate a project for Bags of Help, and organisations and groups looking to find out more or apply should visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp.

Waverley appeal builds up head of steam



Two new steam boilers have been ordered for the Paddle Steamer Waverley following the decision two months ago to withdraw the iconic vessel from service.

Following the announcement in May that the steamship, a regular visitor to Campbeltown, needed the equipment to sail again, a major appeal was officially launched to raise the required £2.3 million.

And, thanks to the initial donations, an order has been placed and deposit paid.

Waverley Excursions general manager Paul Semple

commented: 'This is just the first vital step in returning Waverley to steam and I am extremely grateful to everyone who has donated to the appeal so far as they have allowed us to progress plans quickly.'

'The new boilers will be manufactured by Cochran Ltd at their Newbie Works in Annan for delivery early in 2020.'

Several other components in the boiler room, including electrical generators, will also be replaced as part of the major investment in Waverley to ensure that

she can sail on for at least another 20 years.

'Our vision is to see a rejuvenated Waverley return next season to help celebrate the Scottish Year of Coasts and Waters 2020. However, we will require ongoing support to achieve that vision.'

Donations to the Boiler Refit Appeal can be made online at waverleyexcursions.co.uk or by calling 0141 243 2224 or by texting STEAM £20 to 70085.

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Building big at Wee Toon Free Church's fun week

Campbeltown Free Church's Big Build Holiday Club had more than 40 children taking part, with Bible stories, songs, games, crafts and quizzes.

A team of volunteers from Ballymena, Bangor, Belfast, Bournemouth, Cork, Cambridge and Campbeltown helped the Free Church members run the recent four-day club.

The children, in teams of 'electricians', 'plumbers', 'bricklayers' and 'joiners', heard about the houses Jesus visited and the people he encountered, including the crowded house where Jesus healed the paralysed man, the cheat's house where Jesus changed Zacchaeus's life, the busy house where Mary listened but Martha was too busy, and the rich



Sammy the Surveyor judges the shaky structures built by the 'plumbers'.



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house where the woman washed Jesus's feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.

The children had their own 'big build challenge', to see which team could build the biggest structure from newspaper and masking tape. The structure had to stand independently and support the weight of a bean bag.

Judge, 'Sammy the Surveyor', told the Campbeltown Courier: 'I fear there may be some health and safety issues with some of these buildings.'

The fun-filled week finished with a family service and barbecue attended by more than 70 people.

Free Church minister Rodger Crooks said: 'We've had a great week, enjoyed by children and team alike. We plan to run a holiday club again next summer from July 6 to 12, so we hope that families will keep those dates free.'



The 'electricians' built a sturdy structure helped by Rebekah Shields and Brenda Rycroft.



Thumbs up for the balloon quiz led by Neil McCullough assisted by his apprentices, Philip Scott and David Timothy.

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'Splat' quickly became the favourite game.

Fact-finding survey launched for mental health

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell has launched an online survey to gather information from those with experience of mental health services in the constituency.

This survey is not just targeted at service users, but also friends, family and staff in order to gain as full a picture as possible.

The information collected will then be presented to Scottish Government Minister for Mental Health, Clare Haughey MSP, with an aim to working together to improve the support available to those living in Argyll and Bute.

Commenting on the survey,



Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell with the Scottish Government Minister for Mental Health, Clare Haughey MSP.

Mr Russell said: 'Having seen an increase of cases brought to me through my constituency office

and at my surgeries across Argyll and Bute relating to our mental health services, I want to do all I

can to help improve the support on offer.

'I am conducting this survey to gather insight and opinion from service users, friends, family, staff and anyone in Argyll and Bute with experience of our mental health services.

'I want to hear where you feel the services are supporting its users well but also where the services could be improved.'

The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JYKKRHK> and all results will be made anonymous prior to being presented to Ms Haughey, the minister.

Could you give a child a foster home?

Could you offer a child a home in a secure, loving environment? If so, Argyll and Bute Council is looking for you to come forward and apply to become a foster carer.

There are always a number of young people in need of foster carers in Argyll and Bute for a variety of reasons, either on a temporary basis while plans are made for their future, or for an extended period if they are unable to go back to their family.

Policy lead for health and social care Councillor Kieron Green said: 'We need more foster carers to provide these young people with the caring, stable environment they deserve and we are calling on members of the public to help.

'Every child deserves to live in a safe, loving home but unfortunately that's not always possible. That's why we need people in our communities to help - to give a child a chance. Foster carers can come from a variety of backgrounds. As long as you are over 21, factors including age, marital status and sexuality don't matter. The most important thing for us is that we match the children with people who we believe will give them love and stability.

'We are particularly looking for foster carers for teenagers and for sibling groups, but would welcome inquiries from people interested in all types of fostering. If you think that you could make a difference, please do get in touch with us.'

Visit www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/fostering, email FPduty@argyll-bute.gov.uk or call 01546 605517.

New hospital furniture set to improve patients' comfort

The staff at Campbeltown Hospital have purchased new furniture for the Rowan room in the acute ward, thanks to the generous donations from the local community.

The Rowan room is situated in the middle of the ward and can be used by patients and their families for their comfort.

Staff have purchased a sofa

armchairs which will allow families to stay in the hospital when they want to be with their relatives.

Catriona Watt, local area manager, said: 'All the staff in the acute ward are so grateful to the community for their most generous contributions and are always looking at what we can do to promote the patients' and their families' comfort.'



Some of the nursing, medical and domestic staff who make up the team.



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Hope for Campbeltown Creamery's future

It must be worrying times for Kintyre's dairy farmers with the uncertainty surrounding the future of Campbeltown Creamery at the moment.

There wasn't much more that could be said to the Courier this week about the ongoing discussions between local farmers and First Milk as they are confidential and commercially sensitive, but it is hoped that a new co-operative will be set up.

It looks as though jobs may be lost regardless, as operations are to be scaled down, so it must also be a time of uncertainty for the creamery's 25-strong workforce.

Many of the employees' skills, from cheese-making to receiving the milk, are not easily transferable to other places of work and could mean people having to leave a career which they enjoy, making products of which they are sure to be proud.

Campbeltown Creamery has been an iconic part of Kintyre's heritage for nearly 100 years, with its award-winning Mull of Kintyre cheddar, among other products, revered around the world – so we all hope it continues for a long time to come.

Blessings to Gigha residents

I arrived on Gigha and halfway up the hill to the Gigha Hotel, I stopped at the Boathouse and asked Mr Tommy Shaw if I could hire a taxi. He immediately said he would take me and my dog and gear.

On entering the vestibule of the hotel, I was greeted by a Lithuanian waiter who carried my luggage up to my room and showed me how things worked.

On a walk, I saw that the Saltire and Union Flag were at half mast and was told by an islander that one of the people instrumental in the island becoming independent and owned by the people had died.

This put me in mind of the other fine man who assisted in the buy-out, Donnie MacNeill.

For the mostly Lithuanian hotel staff and the Post Office staff, Tommy Shaw and his wife, Mrs Shaw, the nursing officer, and the people of Gigha, I offer you this Celtic blessing:

Deep peace of the running water to you,

Deep peace of the flowing air to you,

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,

Deep peace of the shining stars to you,

Deep peace of the son of peace to you.

William J S Todd,
Cornhill Crescent,
Stirling.

We are heading for a recession

As Boris Johnson looks set to romp to victory as new Tory leader and thereby receive the

keys to Number 10 Downing Street, he is about to form the most fragile government seen in Britain for almost 50 years.

What's more, he'll do so burdened with one huge problem that not even Mrs May had to face – a recession.

The Bank of England governor Mark Carney recently noted that the UK economy didn't appear to be growing at all and is heavily reliant on household spending.

The statistics back him up. The most watched surveys of British businesses, released in the past few days, suggest the private sector is already shrinking. In the construction sector, which has just had its worst month since the immediate aftermath of the financial crisis, they now talk of 'quicksand'. Manufacturing has been pole-axed, while out in the much larger service sector things look utterly moribund.

Indeed, the early evidence from some quarters suggests that the UK is already in a recession and that we're just waiting for more data to prove it.

This is against the background of a ruling party on its last legs in a political system sapped of nearly all legitimacy. A country that has spent most of the decade mired in the weakest recovery for 300 years which is now giving way to recession, while it continues to pledge tax cuts for the richest. And a political class that still kids itself it can get a better Brexit deal out of the rest of the EU, or even that it will survive a crashing-out with only a few scratches.

The bluff and bluster of Mr Johnson will very quickly be found out and his tenure as Prime

Minister will coincide with a devastating time for the UK economy.

Alex Orr,
2 Marchmont Road,
Edinburgh.

Make shops more autism-friendly

I am writing to urge shops and businesses in Argyll and Bute to help make our community more autism-friendly by holding Autism Hours throughout the second week of October (5-12).

The National Autistic Society Scotland's Autism Hour sees shops and services across Scotland and the rest of the UK dim their lights, turn down music and share information about autism with staff and customers.

Being autistic means seeing, hearing and feeling the world in a different, often more intense way to other people. Many of us take a trip to the shops for granted but for autistic people it can be an overwhelming, difficult and daunting experience.

Research by our charity revealed that 64 per cent of autistic people avoid the shops and 28 per cent have been asked to leave a public place for reasons associated with their autism.

Since we launched Autism Hour in 2017, nearly 17,000 shops and businesses have taken part and there have been more than 40,000 hours with some stores committing to regular quiet hours all year long.

The National Autistic Society Scotland wants a world that works for autistic people.

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Nick Ward,
Director of the National Autistic Society
Scotland.

Dalintober Primary School

I note Councillor Kelly's comments regarding the 'crumbling' condition of Dalintober Primary School from your July 5 issue of the Courier.

As a fan of Campbeltown, I have recently revisited it, and as part of this, had a walk around the town.

I was struck more by the 'crumbling', weed-infested state of the pavements, rusting lamp-posts and the number of other derelict buildings than I was regarding the structural state of Dalintober Primary School. From the outside, it looked to be in perfectly good condition, as argued by a senior council official in that article.

Building a new school would introduce the possibility of leaving yet another abandoned building in the town.

Perhaps Councillor Kelly should devote himself to issues of greater consequence in the future.

Calum Smith,
8 Bielby Court,
Beverley.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Regular 'photograph of the week' contributor Steve Partridge has sent the Courier another stunning landscape shot, this time of Davaar.

Steve said: 'I took this picture on my way to work back when the mornings were just getting lighter again, at 7.30am on March 29, just before the clocks went forward. Three days later and it was again

almost dark at this time! As is almost always the case, this was captured by my faithful Samsung smartphone.'

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 17, 2009**Lifeboat to the aid of nuclear vessel**

Campbeltown Lifeboat went to the aid of a crewmember on board a nuclear fuel transporter on Saturday morning.

The man had been taken ill on board the vessel, which was running empty, and was met at the pier by an ambulance.

Campbeltown's Severn-class Ernest and Mary Shaw, with coxswain David Cox at the helm, was called out shortly after 9.35am to go to the ship, which was off the Mull of Kintyre on passage from Workington to Cuxhaven, Germany.

Once alongside, lifeboat crewmembers Dr Jim Leask, Alastair McPhee and Davie Reid boarded Atlantic Osprey via a 15ft climb on a pilot ladder.

Dr Leask recommended that the patient should be taken to hospital for treatment and the lifeboat crew took him off by stretcher.

The Atlantic Osprey is a multi-purpose general cargo vessel operated by international nuclear services for the nuclear decommissioning authority, which took over ownership from BNFL, British Nuclear Fuels Ltd, in 2005.

She transports used research reactor fuel and MOX fuel and is also chartered to transport non-nuclear materials.

A spokeswoman for International Nuclear Services based at Sellafield told The Courier that on this voyage Atlantic Osprey was running empty, on her way to Cuxhaven, to take part in port handling exercises in Germany.

The spokeswoman added that the crewmember was discharged from Campbeltown Hospital later that day and is now recovering at home.

'We are extremely grateful to Campbeltown lifeboat and crew for their quick response,' she said.

25 YEARS AGO
Friday July 22, 1994**Kintyre tourism poor says businesses**

Tourist-dependent businesses in Kintyre are painting a mainly disappointing picture of the tourist season so far.

And some are saying the row over the proposed tourist board merger with Stirling is not helping matters.

In a last-ditch attempt to overturn the



Grant Kennedy and Andy MacLean help with lowering the sick crewman from Atlantic Osprey onto the lifeboat.

with the way things have been going. Numbers are improving weekly, and we must have had around 7,000 people through the gates since early May. Many of these are repeat visits. However, we have noticed they are being very prudent with their money.'

Unlike many of those involved locally with tourism, Mr Duncan feels a merger with Stirling, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Tourist Board would be a good thing.

'I can't wait to merge. Tourists pass through that area on their way here, their numbers are increasing, ours are decreasing. That must say something.'

50 YEARS AGO
Thursday July 17, 1969
Caley win in angry final**Miners' Welfare Cup Final**
Caledonia 3 (McEwan, Gilchrist, McLean)
Pupils 2 (R. Campbell, MacPherson, pen.)

Caledonia lost little time in opening the scoring. In the second minute McEwan nipped through a gap in the Pupils' defence and drove the ball past bewildered 'keeper MacGregor.

To their credit Pupils took the situation calmly in hand and launched a series of powerful attacks on the Caley goal. The Pupils' premium came finally. In the 14th minute Robert Campbell connected with a ball, crossed from the right, and headed it into the net.

Caledonia rushed back into the lead in the 48th minute when Gilchrist shot past MacGregor from a McGougan pass.

As both teams struggled for control of the game tensions increased and finally exploded into violence. McEwan gave chase to a ball as it sped into the six-yard box. Pupils goalkeeper MacGregor was quicker and gathered the ball into his arms. McEwan, however, ran on and propelled himself forward, feet-first, at MacGregor, scything the legs from under him. The goalkeeper picked himself up and lashed out at the Caley inside-right. Both were cautioned by referee Orrock.

Scottish Office decision to merge Argyll's two tourist boards with Stirling, the issue seen as central to the future of the industry, both the West Highlands and Islands of Argyll and Bute and Cowal Tourist Boards are balloting their members to see if they want the merger or an Argyll and Bute Board.

The Carradale Hotel's owner, Mr Marcus Adams, has noted a drop in visitors to the area in general, although he reported numbers at the hotel being 'slightly up' on last year.

'Room occupancy is up, but numbers using the bar and coming in for casual business in general are down. There certainly are not as many people visiting the village as in the past.

'This picture is hard to miss throughout Kintyre.'

Mr Adams holds the view tourist board merger plans would do nothing to improve the situation.

'It would be horrendous to merge with Stirling, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs. I totally disagree with the plans. We should be trying to enhance the area's position, but what we have here appears to be cost cutting.'

Head of Tarbert's recently opened visitors' centre, An Tairbeart, Mr Neil Duncan, said this week: 'Considering it has not been a good year for tourism in Scotland, we are satisfied

In the 80th minute Caley grabbed a third goal. Veteran Pupils right-back Duncan MacSporran fumbled what should have been a straightforward clearance and allowed McLean to dart through and score. That as good as wrapped up the game for Caley.

Pupils, however, received an unexpected bounty two minutes from full time. McKinven, as he tried to break through a thicket of Caledonia shirts was brought to the ground by 'keeper Brodie. Referee Orrock awarded a penalty to Pupils without hesitation. Pupils stalwart MacPherson, equally unhesitatingly, placed the ball in the rigging from the spot.

This game did not approach the standard set in the Civic Cup final. Play was hard, at times extra-hard. Pupils narrowly missed success in this cup, but, if the law of averages takes effect for the duration of the next cup competition then they, like the R.A.F. and the Caledonia, will be rewarded with a trophy this season.

Teams - Caledonia: Brodie, MacEachran, Anderson, McGougan, L. McMillan (capt.), Brown, W. McMillan, McEwan, McLean, Morrison, Gilchrist.

Pupils: MacGregor, MacSporran, Cunningham, Martin, Cameron, MacPherson, Hume, A. Campbell, R. Campbell, McKinnon, R. McCallum. Fielded substitute, McKinven.

Referee: Sgt. Orrock.

100 YEARS AGO
Saturday July 19, 1919
Discovery near Tighnabruaich

Sir Henry Jones, of Glasgow University, has just made a discovery which will probably have a very important bearing on the accepted theories of palaeozoology.

In a narrow rock fissure on the hills in the neighbourhood of Tighnabruaich, Argyll, 20 feet below the ground level, he observed a protrusion quite unlike anything of the geological remains of the neighbourhood.

The general appearance of the fossil was that of a petrified fish, but it had evidence of teeth and eye sockets quite unusual in the particular strata of the neighbourhood.

Sir Henry called in the expert advice of the Scottish Archaeology society to examine the find and meanwhile, for the sake of convenience, it has been classed among the caproids.

The importance of the discovery lies in the fact that hitherto this order has not been found earlier than in the post-pliocene beds, a much later strata than the Argyllshire hills.

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A Perthshire-based Church of Scotland minister, who served the parish of Southend from 1972 to 1978, has celebrated 60 years since his ordination.

Glasgow-born Reverend John Russell, who has been the Presbytery Clerk of Dunkeld and Meigle since 2001 and has lived on three continents, was first ordained by the United Church of Canada in Ontario in May 1959.

Paying tribute to Mr Russell's diverse career, Reverend Fraser Penny of Dunkeld Cathedral spoke of his 60 years of ministry as a 'considerable achievement'.

'Even more so when you

consider how active he is and how much enthusiasm John still has after that time,' he said.

Mr Penny went on to praise Mr Russell saying he had 'not given up nor lost enthusiasm for the work of the church and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ - for that we thank John and congratulate him on achieving this milestone'.

He added: 'There is not much sign of coasting along in retirement.'

Mr Russell, who learned Hindustani while living in Mumbai as a child, went on to become the minister of the Scots Kirk in Rotterdam for nine years.

During this time his wife Sheila gave birth to their two sons, and last year he took part in the 375th anniversary of the church there.

When Mr Russell returned to Scotland, he was first based in Southend, and finally at Tillicoultry in Clackmannanshire.

Mr Russell, who lives in Birnam and attends Mr Penny's church, said: 'I've worked in Germany, Scotland, Canada and Holland and wherever I've been I've enjoyed being a minister. All have been varied but welcoming places.'

The tribute was paid to Mr Russell at a meeting of the Presbytery.



Globe-trotting minister marks 60 years since ordination



Rev John Russell, centre, with his wife, Sheila, their two sons and Dr Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the World Council of Churches in 1970.



Rev John Russell, left, in Southend in 1974 with elders and board members at the beginning of work on the MacVicar Rooms at Southend Parish Church.

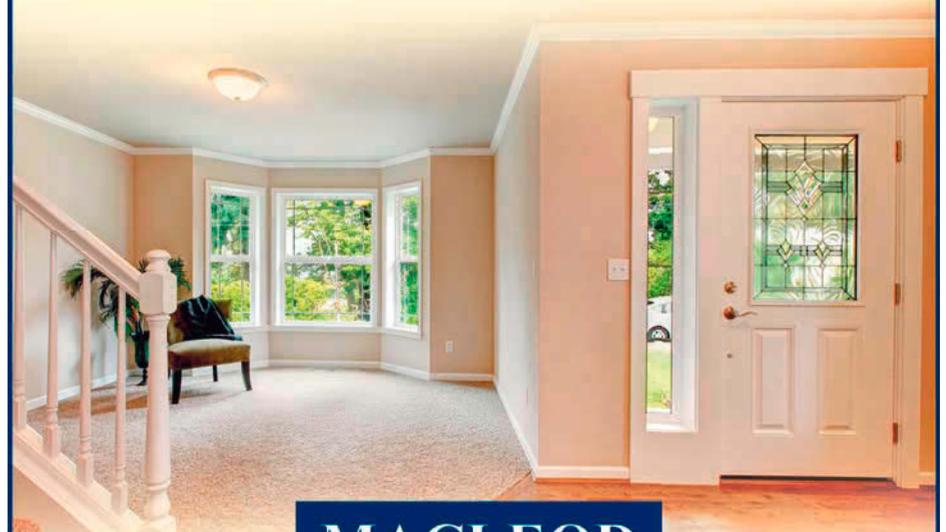


Rev John Russell at the pulpit for 350th anniversary of the Pilgrim Fathers in 1970.

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The winning yacht, Sigmania, left, with Alastair Cousin's Carna, middle, and Oisin, from Cushendall, right. KC_c29yachtrace01



Davaar is an impressive backdrop behind, from left, Saracen, Sigmania and Oisin. KC_c29yachtrace04

Skipper sails off with victory

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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It has been a busy summer so far for Campbeltown Sailing Club and looks set to get busier still.

The club is running a six-week programme of sailing lessons which has so far seen 40 people sign up to take part. The first three weeks of sailing lessons have finished successfully with many of the participants enjoying themselves so much that they signed back on for a second week.

The fourth week looks to

be particularly busy, with demand for the under-16s course so high that organisers have had to change the afternoon from adult lesson to under-16s. There are still spaces available in weeks five and six for both under-16s in the morning lessons and adults in the afternoon lessons.

Last weekend also saw the club hosting Cushendall Sailing Club for the return leg of their annual race.

The club's relationship with Cushendall goes back more than 40 years with both clubs visiting each other every year

and holding a yacht race with the individual winner over both legs winning the North Channel Shield and a prize for the winning team.

This year there was no race when Campbeltown visited Cushendall as there was not enough wind and so all was to play for when the race began last Saturday afternoon.

This year's individual winner was James Farrell, skipper of Sigmania, a Sigma 38 from Cushendall. A worthy winner, James is a highly experienced sailor and has coached the Northern Ireland dinghy

sailors at international level. The team prize also went to Cushendall.

The event is not all about the yacht race, as the social side is also very enjoyable and friendships have been made and sustained over the years. The relationship between the two clubs is very strong and there is a feeling in both camps that this event is a highlight of the sailing year and should be continued for years to come.

For more information of the sailing lessons, visit Campbeltown Sailing Club's Facebook page.



Campbeltown Loch was packed with vessels on Saturday afternoon. KC_c29yachtrace02



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Kintyre is on board with Scotland's themed year

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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David Adams McGilp, VisitScotland regional director, has spoken of the opportunities that Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 could bring to Kintyre.

Mr McGilp said: "The Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 (YCW2020) will shine a spotlight on the impact our waters have on our country and inspire visitors, locals, and the tourism and events sector to get involved and enjoy everything the year has to offer.

"The year will celebrate all aspects of Scotland's visitor experience in relation to coasts and waters, with a focus on unique, authentic experiences and sustainable tourism. The themed year offers a wealth of opportunity for the visitor in terms of highlighting experiences and events around our natural

environment and wildlife, our historic environment and cultural heritage, activities and adventure and food and drink.

"With its spectacular coastline, idyllic fishing towns and rich variety of marine wildlife, the peninsula of Kintyre is perfectly poised to make the most of the country's next themed year.

"The Kintyre Way stretches 100 miles along the coast, taking visitors from Tarbert to Southend, offering remarkable views of nearby islands such as Arran, Gigha, Islay and Jura, and the opportunity to spot a wide range of wildlife.

"And 43 per cent of visitors to Argyll and the Isles take part in a long walk, hike or ramble and, with the route offering different levels of track to cater for both gentle strollers and serious hikers, it could be an attractive proposition for visitors in 2020.

"Campbeltown is the perfect



David Adams McGilp. Photograph: VisitScotland

base for exploring Kintyre and the surrounding islands. The town itself has a beautiful marina and was once known as the whisky capital of the world. The three distilleries of Glen Scotia, Glengyle and Springbank all offer guided tours where visitors can find out the secrets of whisky making in Kintyre.

"Partnership and collaboration are at the heart of Scottish tourism and I urge every business, group and community in Campbeltown and Kintyre to come together and utilise the platform of YCW2020 to showcase what the area has to offer on a global stage.

"We need to provide top service, facilities, events and attractions to keep up with ever-changing consumer demands and ensure visitors continue to have memorable experiences.

"The delivery of an exciting programme of special events is also an important part of

the year. Events in the area have the opportunity to apply for the dedicated YCW2020 Events Programme Open Fund which has been designed to create new, high-profile opportunities to celebrate our coasts and waters while adding value to the existing calendar of events.

"There is also the YCW2020 Partner Programme which is a non-funded opportunity to align your event with the year and benefit from potential inclusion in VisitScotland promotional activity in celebration of the year.

"YCW2020 is an excellent opportunity for Campbeltown and the rest of Kintyre to showcase its fantastic offering and bring in visitors which are a major benefit to the region.

"Tourism is more than a holiday experience – it is the heart of the Scottish economy and touches every community, generating income, jobs and social change."

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P7 Merit (Dux) Prize for girls, and winner of the Hector MacNeill Quaich for story writing, Lauren Docherty.



P7 Merit (Dux) Prize for girls' runner-up, Rianne Coffield.



P7 Merit (Dux) Prize for boys, Adam Lang.



P7 Merit (Dux) Prize for boys' runner-up, Fraser Lines.

Dalintober Primary School's staff and pupils are enjoying a well-deserved break but just before the end of term, the year's prize-winning pupils were announced, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Friends and family gathered for the school's annual prize-giving, where children of all ages received commendations for their hard-work and effort in various subjects throughout the year.

Results: Dalaruan Sports Trophy for girls, P1 sports champion: Sienna Hogan; Silver medal: Paige Thompson; Bronze medal: Christina McMillan. Bell Cup (School Centenary Cup for boys), P1 sports champion: Lewis Robertson; Silver medal: Dylan Graham; Bronze medal: Jack Barr. CS Wind UK Ltd Sports Trophy for girls, P2 sports champion: Eva McKinven; Silver medal: Mica Amaut Nimmo and Niamh McSparran; Bronze medal: Lisa McMillan. Davaar Sports Trophy for boys, P2 sports champion: Kyle McQuaker; Silver medal: Graham Brown; Bronze medal: Kyle McCorkindale. Glendinning Sports Trophy

for girls, P3 sports champion: Emilija Kirmuska; Silver medal: Linzi McCallum, Cerys McTaggart and Kayla Moore; Bronze medal: Poppie Lawson, Aimee MacPherson and Amelia Van Poecke. Hume Sports Trophy for boys, P3 sports champion: Charley Gilchrist; Silver medal: Kian Campbell; Bronze medal: Jack Lawson. Crime Prevention Panel Trophy for girls, P4 sports champion: Orla McMillan; Silver medal: Lana Collett; Bronze medal: Ellie Gorman. Glen Scotia Quaich for boys, P4 sports champion: Angus Woods; Silver medal: Kyle Symons; Bronze medal: Jayden Maguire. Jack Barrett Memorial Shield for girls, P5 sports champion: Ayla Campbell; Silver medal: Holly Kelly; Bronze medal: Cara MacPherson. Jack Barrett Shield for boys, P5 sports champion: Jack Green; Silver medal: Alexander Semple; Bronze Medal: Liam Judge. John Meenan Memorial Trophy for girls, P6 sports champion: Iona McGrory; Silver Medal: Ivana Mati. Bronze medal: Lyndsay McMillan and Eva Souden. McGlynn Sports Trophy for boys, P6 sports champion: Rio Arkell; Silver medal: Robert Kerr; Bronze medal: Daniel

Graham. Smith Cup for girls, P7 sports champion: Evie Judge; Silver medal: Rianne Coffield; Bronze medal: Errin Green. McKinlay Cup for boys, P7 sports champion: Kris Fleming; Silver medal: Conor Morris; Bronze medal: Max Graham. P7 inter-schools relay competition winners: Dalintober A: Conor Morris, Kris Fleming, Cameron McMillan, Evie Judge and Errin Green. P4 and P5 inter-schools Virtual Games winners: Jack Green, Ellie Gorman, Liam Judge, Ayla Campbell and Cara MacPherson. Hunter Cup for sustainable education/eco: Marc Davis, P4. The Campbell Cup for creativity: Charl Lavery, P5. Catherine Bruce-Lockhart Award for effort: Finley Gamble, P1. Alexander Colville Citizenship Trophy: Conor Morris, P7. Jenny Ralston Memorial Trophy for creative: Tiffany Norris, P7; runner-up: Maia McNeillie, P7. Hector MacNeill Quaich for story writing: Lauren Docherty; runners-up: Fraser Lines and Natasha Tiffin. P7 French Prize: Sean West. P7 Merit (Dux) Prize for girls: Lauren Docherty; runner up: Rianne Coffield. P7 Merit (Dux) Prize for boys: Adam Lang; runner-up, Fraser Lines.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPE?

Fish, Slimming World chips and peas



Serves 4
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Ingredients

- 3 slices old bread
- 800g potatoes, peeled and cut into thick chips
- Low calorie cooking spray
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 x 170g skinless and boneless cod fillets
- 2 eggs
- 2 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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All the school's sports prize-winners. More photographs on page 14.



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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Gaelic greats set to perform at festival



Stuart Jackson, Iain MacPherson, Christine Macintyre, and Fiona and Calum Ross are among those set to perform.

A group of local and visiting musicians are set to perform at this year's Mull of Kintyre Music Festival Gaelic Concert at Ceol Campbeltown at the Seaford Hotel.

The August 21 event headlines with Gaelic singer Ainsley Hamill and multi-instrumentalist Toby Shaer. Ainsley, who also plays in the band Barluath, hails from Cardross, and has been involved in singing, dancing and performance from a young age, specialising in song-writing and songs in Scottish Gaelic and English.

In October 2013, Ainsley won The Silver Pendant at The Royal National Mòd and her love of Gaelic song was nurtured whilst studying at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland where she obtained a first class honours degree in Scottish Music, with Gaelic Song as her principal study.

Toby Shaer is an up-and-coming folk musician from Leigh on Sea, Essex, who started to play music from

an early age, picking up flutes and whistles at the age of seven and fiddle when he was 12.

He began his first band at the age of 14 and has worked with several bands over the years from celebrated Scottish hero Dougie Maclean to outstanding Blur guitarist Graham Coxon, the most recent being renowned fiddler John McCusker.

Joining Ainsley and Toby are Iain MacPherson from Southend, Stuart Jackson from Morvern, Fiona and Calum Ross, a father and daughter from Glasgow, Christine Macintyre (Bean an tìghe), who lives in Ardrishaig, Na Smeòraich, Ceòl Beag and Tarbert Tame Dragons, all from Tarbert, Raibeart MacCallum from Campbeltown, and Alex MacKinnon from Carradale, with a host of special guests still to be announced.

Tickets for all the festival events are available locally from A P Taylor and online at www.ticketweb.co.uk



Ainsley Hamill and Toby Shaer, top, with Tarbert Folk Group and Na Smeòraich below.

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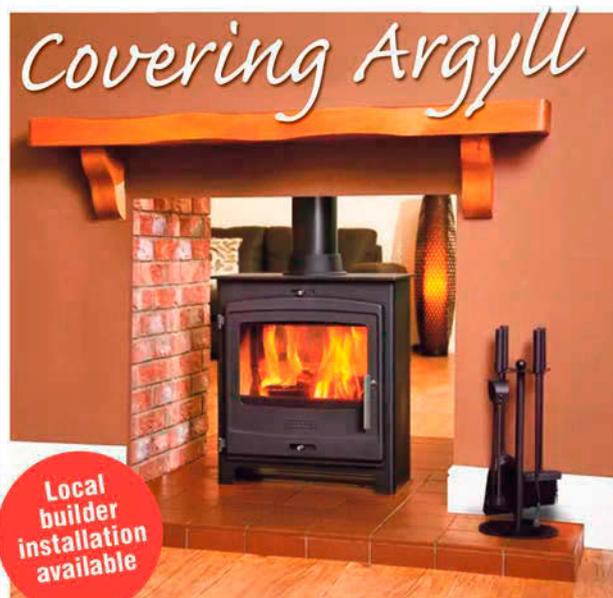


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Aidan McBride and Siri Dawton won the best dressed Viking competition.



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by Colin Cameron
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They came to pillage the village but left having made a new legion of fans.

It was, of course, the Loch Fyne Viking Festival, a two-day celebration of all things Viking in Tarbert.

Traditional band Medvind travelled from Sweden to entertain locals and visitors who gathered at the harbour to watch King Magnus Barfot and his entourage step back onto Kintyre soil, with the official welcome coming from Councillor Anne Horn.

From there, it was off to the football field which had been transformed into a Viking village offering weapons demonstrations, come-and-try archery, and lots of Viking information.

Local children have been busy over the past few weeks attending workshops to make Viking clothes and weapons, and it fell to Medvind to pick the winners, with Aidan



Medvind entertained the gathered crowd.

McBride and Siri Dawton picking up the prizes for the best dressed male and female. They both received original pieces of Viking jewellery, a Thor's hammer for Aidan and a Freydis necklace for Siri.

Of course it would not be a Viking festival without a fight and the Glasgow Vikings, Magnus Vikings and Arran Vikings were more than happy to oblige with re-enactments to keep every Viking fan happy.

Late afternoon saw longship races in the harbour with the Arran Vikings Black

Eagle longship pitted against Tarbert's Freydis. And, while the afternoon session did not go the locals' way, they took comfort from clinching victory in the morning race.

The fun continued long into the night, kicking off with local musicians and ending with Medvind and a ceilidh.

In between was possibly one of the most moving ceremonies of the festival, Branfest, with Glasgow Vikings firing flaming arrows into the harbour, each named in memory of fallen warriors.

The fun continued on Sunday with a morning Viking market and more longship harbour tours before the main event, the longship portage from west to east symbolically making Kintyre an island.

This year Tarbert's Young Vikings wanted to be more involved in the festival and organisers were happy to help, designing and helping them to make their own longship, with the youngsters leading the procession through the heart of the village.

People lined the street keen to see the spectacle of Freydis being pulled through the village, piped by Alasdair Duff from the Loch Fyne Pipe Band, and getting close to some Vikings.

There was only one last thing to do to seal Kintyre's island fate - to launch Freydis from the ferry slip.

As she slipped into the water, Kintyre once again became an island and Freydis headed back to the harbour to wait for the next festival.

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King Magnus leads Freydis through the village.



Freydis is launched into Loch Fyne.



Fiery arrows were fired into the harbour in memory of fallen warriors.



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Bear boosts funds at charity coffee morning

A giant teddy bear helped to boost funds at a coffee morning held by Cancer Research UK's Campbeltown fundraising committee.

Visitors to the Campbeltown Town Hall event were offered the chance to guess the bear's birthday for a chance to take him home.

There was also homebaking for sale, which was snapped up within the first hour, and a bottle stall which was

similarly popular. Visitors were offered tea, coffee and shortbread at tables that were beautifully decorated with flowers.

The event made an incredible £1,249.40, with more than £800 raised by a grand raffle. In the run-up to the event, committee members sold tickets for the raffle, which had a top prize of £100 and many other interesting and varied prizes.



Shona Barbour, Pat McPherson, Moira Menzies, Mary Cameron and Inez Ronald worked hard in the kitchen.

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Mairi McLean and Pat Healey manned the bottled stall.

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Valerie Nimmo let people guess the bear's birthday.

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Amy Paterson.

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.

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WEST Highland Yachting Week takes place from July 27 to August 2 2019 with Tunnock's as front line sponsors.

This year marks the 72nd birthday of the event run under the auspices of the Royal Highland Yacht Club and Oban Sailing Club. For many sailors, it's the 'must do' regatta in the Scottish sailing calendar.

Set in the stunning surroundings of the Argyll coast, WHYW is a leading international yachting event and offers a winning combination of round the buoys and passage racing complemented by an excellent après sail social programme.

The format of a 'moving regatta' with passage races linking three ports of call – Craobh, Oban and Tobermory and a day's racing from each port has always been at the heart of the WHYW success story. This harks back to the history of the event when Oban Sailing Club, Western Isles Yacht Club and Royal Highland Yacht Club merged their individual regattas to give a one week long spectacular event. Most uniquely, the event gives the opportunity for all the family to take part, either in the restricted sail classes – The Argyll Fleet - or for those seeking on the edge competition in the spinnaker classes – The Tunnock's Fleet

Over the seventy one years of the event WHYW has always offered something for everyone. From highly competitive racing with a full Points Series, to the opportunity to take part for just a day or two, the event appeals across the board. It attracts seasoned racing campaigners, families and those who just enjoy passage sailing or sailors who want to try competitive racing for the first time all bound together by a special camaraderie which is still being enjoyed by some three generations on.

Beppo Buchanan-Smith is once again chairman of the Joint Regatta Committee (JRC) that runs the regatta. Beppo said: 'After the success of WHYW in 2018, the 2019 programme will have a similar format and an increased social programme following the fleet from Craobh to Oban to Tobermory

Following the retirement of Malcolm MacGregor as Race Officer, the JRC is once again delighted to be led by Principal Race Officer Johnnie Readman. Johnnie has taken part as a competitor in WHYW for well over 30 years and is a well known face amongst competitors.

JRC chairman Beppo Buchanan Smith said: 'We are delighted that Johnnie Readman has volunteered to lead the Race Team as the PRO once again. As a long term participant and experienced sailor he promises us all a hectic, competitive but above all fun and enjoyable week on the water.'

The event kicks off with 'feeder' races from Gigha and Oban to Craobh Marina to muster for the start of the regatta. This gives the chance for boats from the north and south to compete in separate races to Craobh. Scottish Canals is offering a WHYW discount for outward and return passages for through the Crinan Canal and Caledonian Canal for all entries.

Craobh set to welcome WHYW fleet

The fleet spend two nights in Craobh and marina manager Alastair Spence said: 'We are all very much looking forward to accommodating the fleet for the opening two nights of WHYW.'

'Holt Leisure Parks and the Craobh Marina team welcome both regular competitors as well as those new to the event to our friendly marina and the wide range of facilities on offer. We are also on hand if anyone requires any kind of assistance or has any special requirements so let us know and we will endeavour to fulfil these. We wish everyone fair winds and good sailing for the event.'

Facilities for yachts before and after the regatta are also available at nearby Kilmelford Yacht Haven, Ardfert Yacht Centre and Crinan.

West Highland Yachting Week

Craobh, Oban and Tobermory
27th July to 2nd August 2019



Oban Marina, the North Pier pontoons, Oban Bay Community Berthing and Dunstaffnage Marina

Oban Marina on the Isle of Kerrera and Dunstaffnage Marina have long played host to the visiting fleet when in Oban as well as the visitor moorings and landing stage at Dungallan Parks under run by Oban Community Berthing. Newly installed for WHYW last year, the Oban North Pier pontoons are also a welcome addition for the fleet.

See websites for information and facilities - www.obanmarina.com, www.northpierpontoons.com, dunstaffnagemarina.co.uk and obanbayberthing.co.uk

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Tobermory has new North Pontoon in place

Tobermory Harbour Association (THA) has installed a new 80m heavy duty deep water pontoon known as the North Arm. Berthing on the new facility is by arrangement only and dedicated mostly to light commercial craft. Mary MacGregor of THA aid: 'The North Arm will hopefully make WHYW better by taking the committee and larger boats on to the new facility and freeing up space for other yachts on pontoons. We would urge WHYW participants to follow instruction from our marine staff when they approach the pontoons as they are not the same as last year.'

See website: <https://www.tobermoryharbour.co.uk/pontoons>

Tunnock's head up WHYW 72

Once again West Highland Yachting Week has Tunnock's, the famous Scottish biscuit manufacturers, as the major sponsor with the spinnaker classes known as The Tunnock's Fleet.

Sir Boyd Tunnock, grandson of the founder Thomas Tunnock who heads up the renowned teacake and biscuit confectioners based at Uddingston, has been a regular and successful WHYW competitor in his Moody 38 Lemerac. He said: 'Tunnock's is delighted to be involved with this famous regatta once again. We have been supporting the event for well over a decade now and feel it's a good partnership. The team on Lemerac enjoy

the racing and the social scene and we're looking forward to competing in 2019.'

He added that each boat would receive a top up 'Tunnock's Survival Pack' of their products – something that each competitor should not consider racing without!

Sponsorship and support is also forthcoming this year from Scottish Seafarms, Dunstaffnage Marina, Owen Sails, Tobermory Harbour Association, Argyll and Bute Council, Nerabus Gin, Tobermory Distillery, Webcraft Design and Coastal Connection. All these organisations help to make the event both possible and successful.



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Sailing Programme

Sunday 28th July

Craobh Races

The Craobh Races mark the start of the Points Series for the week and all yachts race off Craobh in Loch Melfort. The Tunnock's Fleet enjoys two Round the Buoys races to the south whilst The Argyll Fleet will race in the vicinity of Loch Melfort and Loch Shuna.

Monday 29th July

Craobh to Oban Passage Race sponsored by Owen Sails

This passage race must rate as one of the most scenic in the world over the 20 mile course taking in a mix of island and mainland scenery including the tidal races between Fladda and Luing. The finish is to the north of the island of Kerrera.

Tuesday 30th July August

Firth of Lorn Races sponsored by Scottish Sea Farms

Fleets race off Oban with two courses for the Tunnock's Fleet and an inshore race for the white sail Argyll Fleet.

Wednesday 31st July

Oban to Tobermory Race

The Oban to Tobermory passage race is probably the most popular race of the week. Tobermory is an iconic destination for sailors offering renowned hospitality for WHYW competitors. Stunning scenery complements the racing against the backdrop of the island of Mull and the Morvern peninsula.

Thursday 1st August

Sound of Mull Races

The Tunnock's Fleet race two Olympic style courses in an area bounded by Rubha nan Gall and Mingary Bay while The Argyll Fleet race out to Kilchoan, Ardmore, Quinish Point and Ardnacross Bay before sailing south to the Green Isle and back to Tobermory Bay.

Friday 2nd August

Tobermory to Oban Race sponsored by Thomas Tunnock Ltd

The final day's racing marks the end of the regatta with the fleet heading to Oban down the Sound of Mull. This race is the final one to decide the Points Series for the week.



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Nerabus Gin and Food from Argyll to launch WHYW

New this year on the social scene is a WHYW marquee at Craobh which will host a skippers' briefing on Saturday evening. This will be followed by a welcoming reception for all participants sponsored by Nerabus Gin from Islay which will include a 'wee sample'.

Beppo Buchanan Smith said: 'I am sure this will be an excellent way to launch WHYW 2019. This will be accompanied by Food from Argyll providing an opportunity to provision boats from local providers or simply dine out on local produce on the Saturday.'

From the après sail social programme that extends its appeal to all ages across the week, a variety of activities is on offer from ceilidhs to barbecues, music in a range of venues, family swimming in Oban's Atlantis Leisure Centre and general boat to

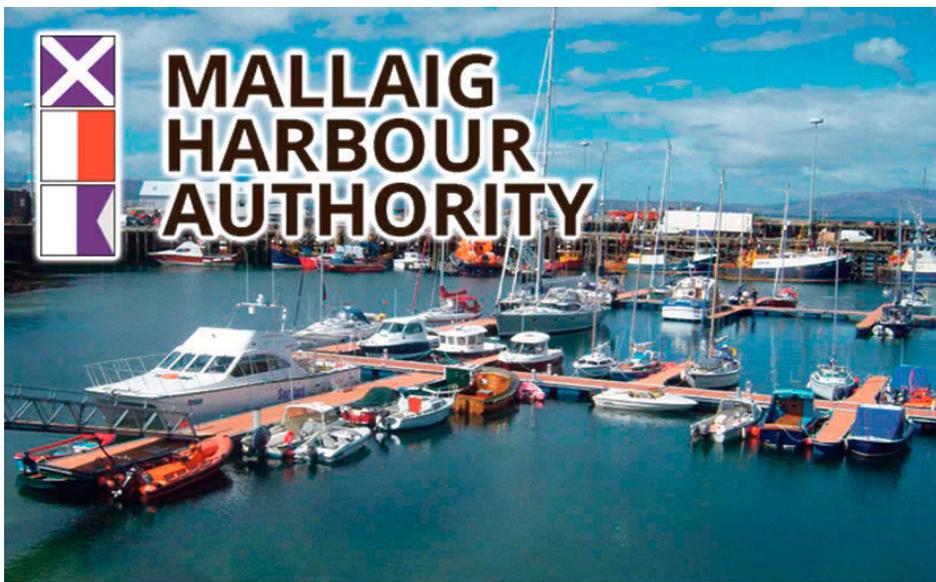
boat socialising. It makes WHYW as alive off the water as it is during the day's racing activities.

This year's event will have two midweek prizegivings. A prize-giving barbecue and dance at Dunstaffanage will be held on Tuesday evening supported by Dunstaffanage Marina.

And, after a few years of missing the Tobermory prizegiving event, the JRC is reintroducing the prize-giving on Thursday evening at Tobermory Distillery which will be followed by a dance.

A simple prize-giving on Friday at Oban Sailing Club immediately following racing concludes the event allowing boats to head off to catch tides before the weekend.

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Entries on the start line.....

Familiar names are showing with the entries for the week as The Oban Times went to press.

John Stanley-Whyte brings his J109 Blue Jay back again in Class 1 for CYCA handicaps 10 mins and below and has been performing well on the RC 35 circuit this season. The Lawson's J122 Moonstruck Too is also back to contend this highly competitive class as is

Rod Stuart's well sailed Eos alongside the First 40.7s Luna of Clyde and Pippa V1 as well as Giggle, the Elan 40 of Phil Davis from Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

Scott Chalmers and his Sigma 400 Sunrise moves to Class 1 this year from restricted sail Class 2 where he and his family have been worthy winners several times and were in contention on points last year for WHYW

overall so he will add to the close competition in this class.

Scratch boat in restricted sail Class 2 is Angus Cartwright's First 47.7 Golden Fox, runner up to Sunrise on points last year and McGarry & Perratt's Grand Cru also returns. Firestarter, the Bavaria Match 35, is also a Class 2 contender as is Wookie 2, the Dufour 40p of Jim Fraser. Ian Donald's Hanse 400

Tioram has been a stalwart of this class for many years and returns once again for 2019.

Overall 2018 WHYW winner Jim Dick with his Elan GT5 Reflection starts the line up in Class 3 with former series winner Roddy Angus and team set for battle with More Misjif, their Sunfast 37. Alan Moore's Delinquent is another regular entrant as is Nick Marshall's J92 Satisfaction who will also



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be on the starting line in Class 3.

In restricted sail Class 4, Anne and Andrew Campbell's Ajax and Gavin Marshall's Celerity line up alongside the famous Contessa 35 Gumdrop, now raced by Hugh Wallace in Class 4. Gumdrop famously competed in the Capetown to Rio Race in 1976 and is back on the circuit recently competing in the Round Mull Race. Richard Gray's Leomaris of Clyde is a regular competitor in this class adding to the first entries to date.

Oban's Graham Anderson and his Hanse 371 Lucky Ned Pepper is a Class 5 entry and will be up alongside the evergreen Nicholson 43 Magdaleyne of Michael Petticrew from Ireland who was class winner and overall series winner in 2017.

Tangle O'The Isles

Steven Forteith sailing his father's Shadowfax is always a strong contender, being also a former class and series winner, but there will be competition from Eric and Irena Chapman's newly acquired X332 Elixir of Lorn, formerly 2Extreme. John Rose and Insatiable are long time campaigners in this class as is Philip Green's Dehler 32 Dealanach and Wallace Cuthbertson's Elan 333 Delta Blue. Seasoned campaigner Joey Gough and his First 32s5 Tangle O'The Isles who won restricted sail class 6 last year is not only contending the class but spreading awareness of his campaign this November to race continuously around the Isle of Mull in aid of Children in Need.

Add another First 31.7, Firststar and the Sigma contingent which includes early entries of Mayrise and Sea-Pie of Cultra and this will be a close class to call.

Stephen Owen's Oceanis 361 Halcyon is making the trip back from Denmark to compete in restricted sail Class 6 and will be facing close competition as ever from regular competitor Brian Young and his beautiful Mylne Ketch Glenafton as well as Stuart MacDonald's Dehler 34 Fraoch.

RHYC commodore Stephen Quaille brings his Halberg Rassy 36 to this class. Returning stalwarts include Jim Shields with his Sigma 33 Meka and this year will see the Westerly GK 34 Prodigal line up too.

Nicholson 43's line up

Class 7 sees the beautiful Nicholson 43s Sarah and Tidechaser racing against each other and proving good competition in this class. The clash of the Moody 336 'Titans' will see last year's class winner Craig Corson and Salamander XX11 alongside Craig Anderson's Cool Bandit 2 also former class and series

winner. Sir Boyd Tunnock's Moody 38 Lemerac is also expected to be on the start line in this class. Murray MacDonald's Hunter 707 Autism on the Water will take on the might of this class as will Kirsty Brown's Sadler 34 Whisper Two and the Paterson's Sunlight 30 Dignity. The legendary Ian Nicolson returns with St Bridget and Windthrift, the lovely SHE 36 will also be on the start line for the series. Recent overall winner of the Round Mull Race, Brian Wiseman and team on his Westerly Storm, Sorr of Appin may cause the most upset in this class with a strong performance to date on the regatta circuit.

And although the Dehler 34 Nimrod is entered under Colin Crawford's name, the boat is due to be under new ownership when WHYW kicks off. Colin will be travelling south to pick up a new and much bigger Dehler 41 and plans to be back next year with his new boat for WHYW 20.

Boys from the North

Ruairidh Campbell was the first entry in Class 8 with his Oyster 26 Banshee, followed by Caol of Largs, the Westerly Consort of Graham Stewart but regular stalwarts like Alastair Pugh and his Contessa 32 Marisca, the Fyfe family's Popcorn, Hot Toddy and Findlay Clark's Tarragona will also be up there.

The 'boys from the north' in their Contessa 32 Circe are welcomed back making the long journey south through the Caledonian Canal from their home port of North Kessock and this will see great competition with Marisca. Possible late entries who raced last year are Ben Shelley's Extrovert Lady Ex, and Andrew Wallace and family in their Nic 35 Jane Waterman who are expected to be on the starting line for this popular and keenly contested class. However Marian Austin and her beautiful classic Northney 34 Scintilla is taking a year out and will not be lining up in Class 8 this year. Scintilla will be sorely missed in 2019.

Restricted sail class 9 has previous class winner Seonaid Reid and her team in the beautiful Malindi of Lorne alongside the well sailed Oystercatcher with Murray Caldwell and team. Add to this the Scott's Jeanneau SO 32i Torridon, the McPhee family's Moody s31 White Lady that won the family prize last year, Nick Fuller's Contest 40S Arabella, Robin Wills' Malo 38 Cantata II and David Lyon's First 29 Voila and this will be a close class to call and very much dependent on weather conditions with such a wide range of boats competing.

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Where to see the fleet

Saturday

Craobh Marina—with the mass of yachts mustered for WHYW's grand opening party

Sunday

Watch the fleet head out from Craobh Marina from 0900hrs from the end of the causeway to the start off Craobh and racing in Loch Melfort.

Monday

See the fleet starting off from Craobh from 10.30hrs onwards and sailing down Loch Melfort. Cullipool, Easdale Island and Ellenabeich offer good vantage points to see the racing where the fleet comes together.

When in Oban, the fleet berths at Oban Marina, Kerrera, Oban's North Pier pontoons, Oban Bay Community Berthing off Oban Sailing Club, Oban Esplanade or Dunstaffnage Marina.

Tuesday

Fleet starts off the north entrance to Oban Bay and Dunstaffnage for racing off Oban for the Tunnock's fleet and racing to the south of the Firth for the Argyll fleet. The fleet head out from Oban and Dunstaffnage Marina from 0900hrs. See the racing from Ganavan for both fleets.

Wednesday

Views from Oban Esplanade, Dunollie Point, from 0930 hrs to see the yachts start on passage to Tobermory. Also Dunstaffnage Marina and Dunstaffnage Castle headland for the yachts departing for the start of the race at 10.30 hrs. Passengers aboard the CalMac ferry to Craignure at this time gain a bird's eye view through the Firth of Lorn and the entrance to the Sound by Lismore Light. The fleet musters in Tobermory Bay.

Thursday

Boats leave Tobermory from 0900-0930. Head to Rubha nan Gall Lighthouse or Ardmore Point to see the fleets racing at the north entrance to the Sound of Mull.

Friday

Watch from Tobermory Bay at 9.30 as the boats head down the Sound of Mull to Oban. Viewing from the east coast of Mull – the road from Tobermory to Craignure and the Cal Mac ferry from Craignure back to Oban.

Information and results of each day's racing are posted on the website www.whyw.co.uk

Photographs of WHYW 72 from Yachting Images

RON and Graeme Cowan, the well known yachting photographers of Yachting Images, will once again be at West Highland Yachting Week for the event.

Selections of their photographs from last year are on www.yachtingimages.co.uk as well as www.whyw.co.uk

Ron & Graeme have covered the event since 2009 and also produce a series of short videos of each day's racing.

If you have a particular query about your boat picture contact Ron or Graeme either via the website or Ronald M. Cowan ABIP, Incorporated Photographer, 85 Eastwoodmains

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Joey sets a sailing challenge to raise funds for Children in Need

ONE West Highland Yachting Week yacht cutting a mark with a difference will be Tangle O'The Isles.

Raced by Joey Gough, Tangle - a First 32s5 - will not only be competing in Class 5 but raising awareness of a forthcoming challenge and fund-raising for a great cause. The graphics on Tangle's hull outline the aim of the challenge – sailing continuously Round Mull for a period in November.

Joey Gough, a member of Oban Sailing Club and Royal Highland Yacht Club is an experienced Argyll sailor having raced all over the world. He has enlisted four similarly experienced local sailors to raise funds for BBC Children in Need 2019 and plans to sail non-stop around the island of Mull coinciding with the fund-raising spectacular in November.

The Tangle team will start when the BBC Children's Rickshaw Challenge commences and circumnavigate the island non-stop till the end of the Rickshaw Challenge on November 15.

The current start date is assumed to be November 10 but will be

decided by the BBC in September.

Joey said: 'No-one sails on the west of Scotland in November for fun and especially not at night. These are tricky waters to navigate and the weather can be extremely challenging at this time, potentially cold, wet and uncomfortable. This is going to be a tough six or so days and nights. Despite the experience of the crew, or perhaps because of the experience of the crew we know this will be a real challenge. But we're doing it to earn your sponsorship – and every penny will go to Children in Need, which is such a worthwhile cause. Please give generously – we have a JustGiving site set up via our web page www.tangleotheisles.com'

Joey added: 'We have already decided on the upper limits of extreme weather where we would shelter as required. The boat is fully kitted out for offshore sailing and the sailing challenge will be carried out with safety uppermost in our minds.'

During the Challenge, the team will be regularly streaming video

reports accessible via the website and Tangle o'the Isles will be trackable on AIS.

A raft of supporter has already given help in kind to get the challenge off the ground. Oban based Pole Position has built the website and will offer software support, CGL (Oban) has printed posters and flyers advertising the challenge and Navigators and General are supporting with an Insurance extension. Creran Marine has donated an additional launch and recovery and Dunstaffnage Marina will provide free berthing before and after the event

Oban based Art and Sea donated by providing the graphics on Tangle outlining the challenge details and PFM Pictures have given free use of photographs for publicity purposes. Finally the Bank of Scotland has provided a free of charge account for the Challenge to use.

There is more information at www.tangleotheisles.com where you can sponsor and a Facebook page to follow progress on the challenge. For any individual queries contact the team at rickshaw-sailingchallenge@tangleotheisles.com.



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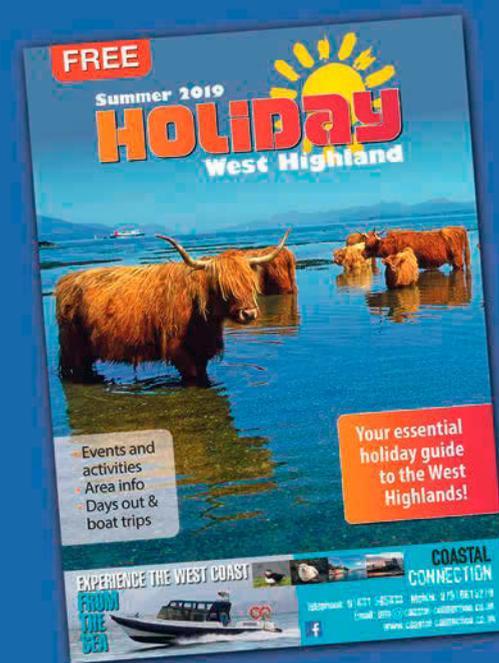
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Unlike many other events, WHYW encourages competitors to enter for individual races if they do not want to take part in the whole Series. Some choose to enter only for the passage races, or just one race – or even a feeder race before going off on a cruise. In addition to spinnaker classes, restricted sail classes are offered which attract skippers with limited experience, crew or equipment. Whilst these classes also suit the yachts with small children aboard, some of the most competitive crew members are the children themselves!

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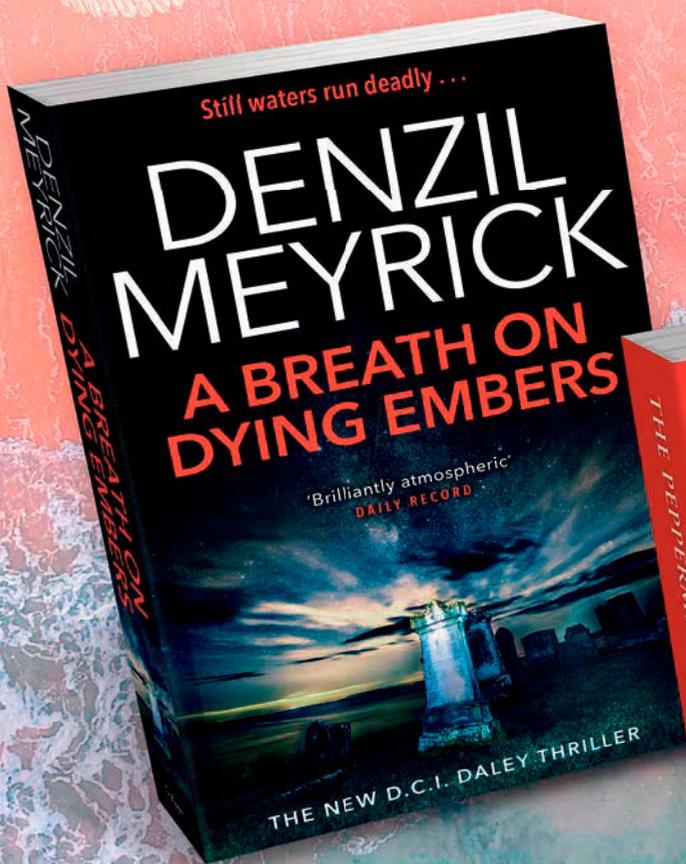
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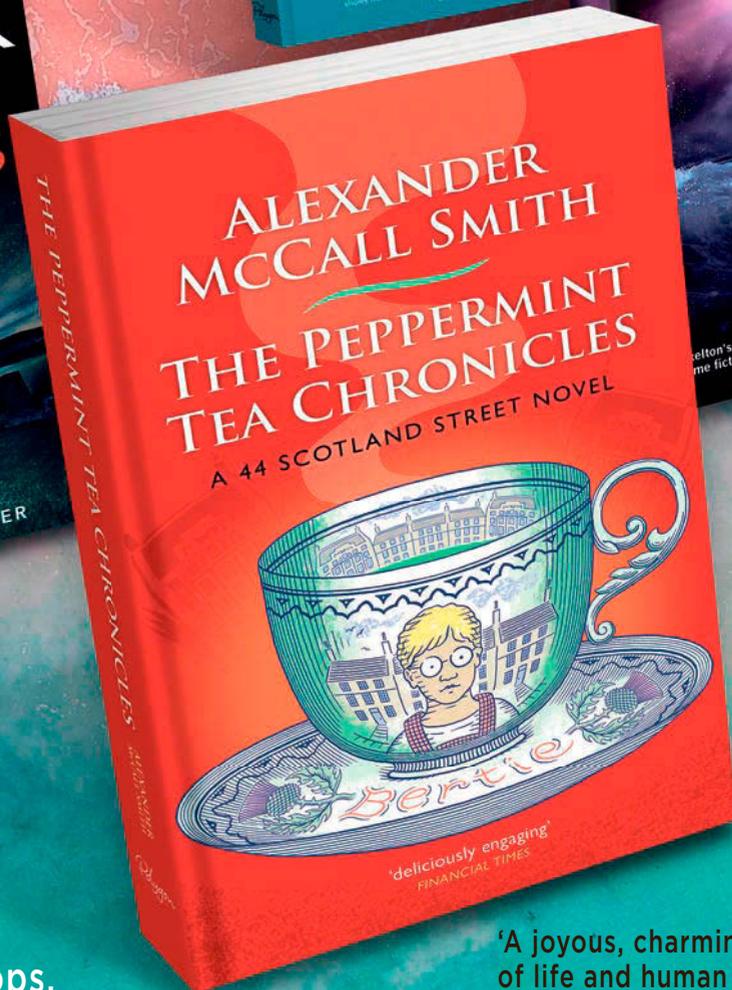
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That's the message from NFUS vice-president **Martin Kennedy** as he uses his blog to highlight the uphill battle Scotland's farmers and crofters are facing trying to continue to provide a public good while being met with constant pressure.

It has been said more than once that if you can't feed your country, you don't have one. What we have in Scotland, and the rest of the UK, is the ability to feed ourselves but also a serious inability to look after and support those who produce a high quality product that is taken for granted.

We as an industry also deliver so much in terms of biodiversity, climate change mitigation, environmental enhancement and, as important, deliver a rural economy that is the cornerstone of the biggest industry in Scotland: food and drink.

Farmers and crofters are now at their limits, both in terms of financial implications and, in many, instances physical and mental exhaustion.

We are now at a point where unless there is recognition of the benefits which all agricultural sectors deliver, we will no longer retain the ability to be the main part of the solution when it comes

to both the economy and addressing climate change.

We as a Scottish union, alongside other unions in the UK, are now sick of being attacked and undermined by those who seem to have a hidden agenda designed to put agriculture and all it provides out of business.

There are so many seriously uninformed people who are determined to jump on a bandwagon which will eventually disappear into the abyss, but in the meantime has the ability to do irreparable damage.

Most sectors are suffering at the moment, and the one probably taking the biggest hit is the beef sector. In many cases, around £200 is being lost on every beast sold. This is unsustainable and threatens the whole infrastructure of the beef sector, including the suckler cows which have already declined by 25 per cent in the past 10 years.

This brings with it a real imbalance. Where cows go off, if they're to be replaced

it is likely to be with ewes, and productive ones at that, which then threatens the viability of the already struggling sheep sector, and that's before the implications of tariffs under a no deal Brexit scenario.

It's all very well moaning if you don't have the answers – we can all do that – it's 'where do we go from here?'

The first thing we must do is, at every opportunity, tell politicians of every party to take a real good look at themselves. The mess we are in can be attributed to their inability to agree a process that safeguards the only industry that has the ability to feed them and protect our environment.

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NFU Scotland has never had so much political engagement in its history than has taken place over the past few years, and I can assure you this engagement will only increase until we get the results necessary to get our industry into sustainable profitability. We elect our politicians to represent

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Caledonian Marts Ltd sold 238 cattle comprising 66 prime bullocks, heifers and young bulls, 92 OTM cattle and 80 young calves at its sale on Thursday July 11.

Prime bullocks topped at 235p for a Limousin from T H Gray, Balquharrage, Lennoxton, to D Campbell and Son, Butcher, Callander and to £1,467 for a Limousin from W Dandie and Sons, Learielaw, Broxburn, to T Johnston, Butcher, Falkirk.

Prime heifers reached 240p for a Limousin from W Dandie and Sons, Learielaw, to Robert Alexander, Butcher, Port Glasgow, and to £1,445 for a Limousin from A S Hay, Mains of Cultmalundie, Tibbermore to H A Black and Son, Butcher, Stirling.

Other leading prices: Bullocks per kg: 230p and 225p Learielaw, 222p Brockwoodlees and Mains of Cultmalundie, 220p Bruckley, 215p Balquharrage. Heifers per kg: 232p Learielaw, 228p (x2) Easter Ochtermuthill, 225p Meadowend, 222p Brockwoodlees (x2) and Mains of Cultmalundie. Bullocks per head: £1451 Mains of Cultmalundie, £1393 Learielaw, £1385 Brockwoodlees, £1348 Herdmanston. Heifers per head: £1438 (x2) Brockwoodlees,

£1428 Mains of Cultmalundie, £1421 Brockwoodlees, £1382 Meadowend.

Also forward were 92 OTM cattle. All classes remained a firm trade throughout. Top price per kg went to W Dandie and Sons, Learielaw, Broxburn, for a British Blue reaching 163p.

Top price per head went to J Christie, Nether Carse, Gargunchock for a Charolais fetching £1360.

OTM males sold to 180p for a Limousin from J Leiper, Stockbridge, Dunblane and to £1230 for the same beast.

Dairy cows sold to 148p from J Craig, Carneil, Carnock and to £850 (x2) from T Greer and Sons, Wharlawhill, Fossoy and H Harper, Kaimhill, Bridge of Weir.

Other leading prices: Beef OTMs per head: £1250 Nether Carse, £1210 Meadowend, £1180 Learielaw, £1100 Ramoan. Beef OTMs per kg: 158p Meikle Camoquhill, 150p Nether Carse, 147p North Bankhead, 144p Meadowend. Dairy cows per head: £800 Boclair and Castlehill, £780 North Bankhead, £770 Summerhouse, £760 High Auchensale. Dairy cows per kg: 122p Castlehill, 121p Kaimhill and Summerhouse, 117p Kaimhill, 111p North Bankhead.

A larger show of 80 young calves was forward at the fortnightly sale. Beef types remained a sound trade, however dairy calves lacking flesh and length were harder to cash.

Topping the sale was a cracking Simmental Heifer calf from W Kerr and Sons, Wester Braco, Plains, fetching £320.

Dairy calves sold to £145 for a Norwegian Red from G Reade, Sgriob-Ruadh, Tobermory, Isle of Mull.

Other leading prices: Beef bull calves: Simmental £310 and £230 Gartclush, Limousin £160 Boclair, British Blue £150 Boclair, Continental £130 (x2) Woodend (Balfon). Beef bullock calves: Aberdeen Angus £290 and £280 Drumelzier, Beef Shorthorn £280 Drumelzier, Continental £180 Woodend. Beef heifer calves: British Blue £290 Boclair, Limousin £220 Boclair, Simmental £220 and £200 (x3) Gartclush, Aberdeen Angus £150 South Glassingall, Dairy bull calves: HF £100 Drumglass; £80 Woodend, Norwegian Red £90 Sgriob-Ruadh.

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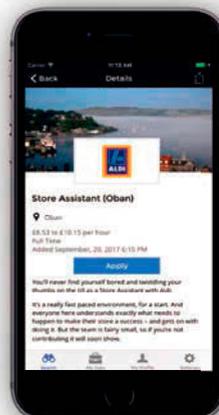
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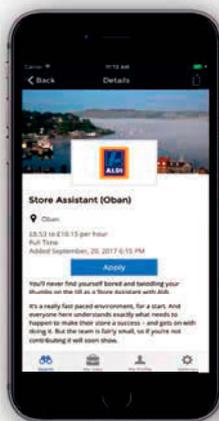
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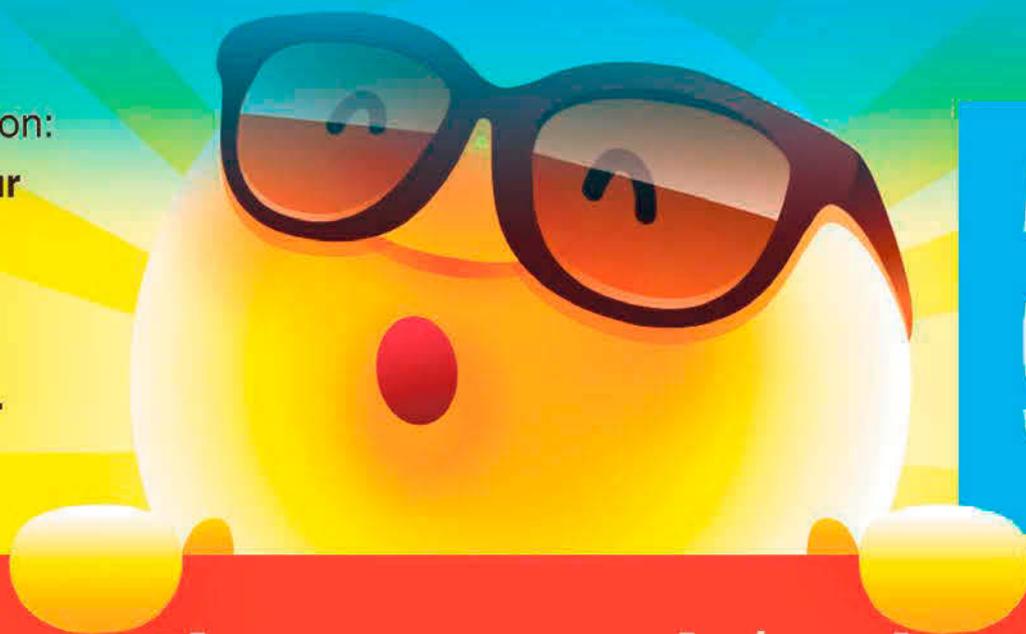
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CLACHAN

Holiday cabins are rejected

Plans for two holiday lodges at Clachan have been thrown out by council chiefs.

A report by a planning officer from Argyll and Bute Council cited changes to the landscape and access concerns as reasons for turning down the application for land west of Stratholm.

Four objections to the proposals by Lee Wheeler, represented by Robinson Lloyd Architecture, were also received by the council.

In a handling report, planning officer Norman Shewan said that access to the site was via a single-width private access track, which also serves the village hall as its sole access point.

Mr Shewan said: 'The application form certifies that the access track, and the adjacent land shown for two passing spaces is owned by the applicant.'

'The representation submitted by Clachan Village Hall states that the track is not owned by the applicant and that the land on either side of the track, on the section where the passing spaces are proposed, is owned by the village hall.'

'It should be noted that this has not been raised with the applicant and the applicant's agent maintains that the passing spaces can be provided as proposed.'

'Notwithstanding ownership issues, the consultation response from the council's area roads engineer recommends that the application be refused on highways grounds, partly on the basis that the proposed passing spaces do not overcome previous objections with regard to the capacity of this private access track.'

'Prior to withdrawing the previous application for four holiday let cabins, the applicant was advised that access constraints may be addressed by commensurate access improvement works, including at least



There were concerns about the single-width access track, which also serves Clachan Village Hall.

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two passing spaces. The applicant submitted a revised application site showing two spaces on the drawings without further prior dialogue with the council with regard to the positioning of these spaces.'

A planning and access statement said: 'The proposal is for two holiday lodges in the form of timber-clad single storey buildings.'

'Each cabin will have three bedrooms, an open plan kitchen/lounge/dining space, a small boot/drying room and a WC and shower.'

'Off-road parking is provided for up to four vehicles, however, it is estimated that only two or three vehicles will be on site at any one time.'

'The proposal requires vehicles to reverse onto the track as a means of turning around.'

'Although this is not ideal it is felt to be acceptable as the track is rarely used and does not form any part of a through route as the track is now blocked up at the entrance to Stratholm as they have formed a new access to the east of their property to access the A83.'

'The cabins will be let to people visiting the area on holiday and will remain open all year round.'

'It is expected that the site will achieve 80 per cent average occupancy, bring visitors to the area and employ local people for change overs and maintenance.'

But Mr Shewan also said that the proposed layout for the site would be more in keeping with an urban landscape instead of a rural one.

He said: 'My on-site assessment at various seasons within the year satisfy me that the proposed development will be prominent in views through the trees from the adjacent A83.'

'As such I do not agree with the design statement that the projecting element will result in the buildings being 'almost invisible'.'

'Rather, the built elements, extending at high level over the area of the site vulnerable to flooding, further demonstrates that the area of the site outside of the flood plain does not have capacity to accommodate this scale of development without creation of an extensive artificial platform, and projecting elements of the building beyond it.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

I love the road across the Kintyre peninsula from near Whitehouse over to Cloanaig.

At the summit of the single-track road, it is worth stopping to take in the amazing view. On a clear day looking back you can see the Paps of Jura while ahead are the majestic hills of Arran.

Often in life we look back at what has seemed to be so good and we may yearn to have that time again.

At other times we look forward and wish our life away by wishing it was time for whatever particular event we so eagerly anticipate, or we spend time worrying about what might never be.

Sometimes we need to just look around where we are and realise all the joy that surrounds us in the present – in the beauty around us and the family and friends that are beside us.

Sometimes, like the psalmist, we need to lift our eyes to the hills and give thanks for the wonder of it all in the right here and now.

For often the present is the best place to be, and often we miss its joy by yearning for the past and worrying about the future.

As we approach Cloanaig, we can no longer see the Paps of Jura behind but only the mountains of Arran ahead.

Goat Fell peeps out of the cloud and as the mist is scattered from the hills a wonderful panorama lies before us.

And as I board the ferry and look at the waves and think of the storms in life, past and in the future, I am reminded of that lovely prayer:

Lord Christ, you are the still centre of every storm.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ROBERTSON - Margaret would like to express her heartfelt thanks to all family and friends for their support, cards and flowers following the sad loss of William. Thanks to the dedicated team at the Kintyre Nursing Home, who cared for Willie with gentleness and respect over the last two years. Thanks also to Father Tony, David McEwan, Kenneth Blair and his staff for their professional services, the Southend Hall committee and Argyll Bakeries for their purvey. The retiral collection in aid of Kintyre MS Society raised £235. Willie is greatly missed and always in our hearts.

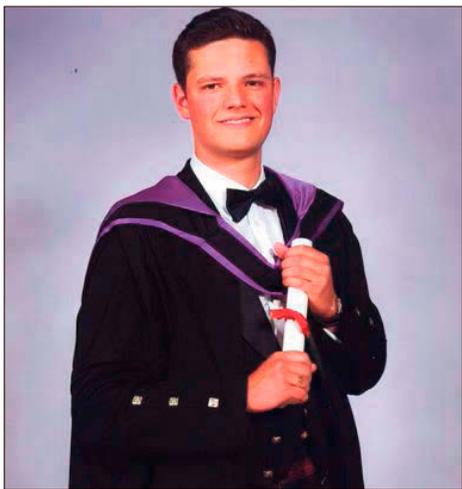
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Golfers of all ages compete in the Campbeltown Open

Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club's Campbeltown Open was played in very mixed conditions at the end of June.

Good entries were received for both the men's and ladies' tournaments and the competitors set off in high spirits on the Saturday morning, only to be halted in their tracks by a lengthy delay for thunder and lightning.

Early starters Alan O'Neill, George MacMillan, Ian McLeod and David Lamont returned good scores before the weather interrupted proceedings, and once play resumed it seemed that some of the later starters struggled to find a good vein of form.

Anne Laing had an untroubled romp to victory in the ladies' open, cruising round in an excellent score of 73. Lyndsay Mathie finished second. Shelly Johnstone

won the handicap section of the event, with Kim Topping finishing a single shot behind.

The Sunday dawned a very different day. The oppressively muggy temperatures of the previous few days had been replaced by a chilly westerly wind and fleeting but nonetheless annoying rain showers.

The change in conditions seemed to have little effect on the scoring, however, with most players returning totals similar to those they had amassed on day one.

George MacMillan emerged victorious with a total of 150, just a single shot ahead of David McLean.

Defending champion Kevin Brunton finished a shot further back and claimed third place ahead of Bobby Willan.

Kevin Brown won the handicap section, finishing

a stroke ahead of Michael Morrison.

In the final act of the ladies' competition, Ann Gallacher won the eclectic competition to claim the Colin Chrystie Quaich, improving her Saturday score by six strokes. Ailie MacBrayne finished runner-up.

Lee Mathieson emerged as winner of an extremely closely-contested men's eclectic competition.

While all the prizes were being fought over out on the course, the annual junior drive, chip and putt competition was being played out on the practice facilities.

A huge army of volunteers descended on the driving range and practice greens to lead children aged from five to 14 around various fun skills challenges.

A club spokesperson said:



All the juniors who competed in the skills challenge were winners and received commemorative medals and goodie bags made up by the club's friends at CS Wind. Overall champions in four age divisions were awarded extra prizes. Jake MacMillan, pictured here with greenkeeper Simon Freeman, was the winner of the 10-12-year-old section.



Ailie MacBrayne, left, congratulates her playing partner Ann Gallacher on winning the Colin Chrystie Quaich.



Competitors in the junior drive, chip and putt event compete in the chipping challenge under the watchful eye of Florence Chrystie. The home of the club's main sponsor, CS Wind UK, can clearly be seen behind the golf house building – a great example of neighbours performing good deeds!



Mr YC Kim of CS Wind UK presents the Campbeltown Open trophy to an understandably delighted first-time winner, George MacMillan. Photographs: John McFadyen.

'It was heartening to see so many parents make the

effort to bring their sons and daughters down to this event, and then to see the children enjoy it so much!'

Once play had finished and the cards had been returned, all present enjoyed an excellent barbecue prepared by chef Colin Bellamy.

Mr YC Kim from main sponsors CS Wind graciously accepted the club's invitation to present the prizes to the winners.

The club spokesperson added: 'We would like to sincerely thank CS Wind for agreeing to sponsor this all-inclusive gala weekend of golf. We thoroughly enjoy running an event where there is an opportunity for everybody to get involved, and having a sponsorship

agreement with a company of this standing helps us plan to grow the event in the future and to think of ways to make it bigger, better and more fun than ever before.

'On behalf of Machrihanish Dunes, I would like to thank the following people: Main sponsor CS Wind UK; McFadyens Contractors, which sponsors the replica trophies; Glen Scotia and Springbank distilleries, which provided incidental prizes; Hilton Hotels, which donated an overnight stay package; all the volunteers who helped with the junior event; John McFadyen, for taking some fantastic images of the contestants and the course, and all the players. We hope to see you all again next year!'



Machrihanish Dunes' general manager, Andy Hogan, and golf house manager, Lorna Barr, present the ladies' Campbeltown Open trophy to Anne Laing, centre.



Jessie Andrew, Edward MacCallum, Lorraine Brodie, Bobby Dalziel and Angus Brodie.

Closely-fought final in Peninver Sands contest

Campbeltown Bowling Club's Peninver Sands Mixed Singles, sponsored by the caravan park, has been running since 2000 and since then not one lady member has won the trophy.

Lorraine Brodie, who defeated her husband Angus in the semi-final, came very close to becoming the first in this year's recent competition.

Unfortunately she met the in-form Bobby Dalziel - who had beaten Lorraine's mother Jessie Andrew in

his semi-final - in the final and despite a valiant effort, lost by a single shot in a 7-6 defeat.

Praise

Bobby, who had won all his qualifying matches, was quick to praise Lorraine and conceded that the final had been his hardest match of the day.

The trophy and prizes were presented by the vice-president, and sponsor Edward MacCallum of Peninver Sands.



Robbie McTaggart and Keith McTaggart are pictured here in their Peugeot 106 GTI, hot on the heels of Ben Wilkinson and Andrew Wilkinson. Photograph: Nicola Wareham.

Rally drivers race round MACC

Competitors travelled from near and far to tear up the tarmac at Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) for this year's Mach 1 Stages Rally.

There were several local teams on the track, including Jonathan

MacDonald and Chris Wareham, George Fell and Lois Fell, John Kean and Jennifer Kelly, and Robbie McTaggart and Keith McTaggart.

For a full report, results and more photographs, see next week's Courier.

Archie MacNab first round

The first round of Tarbert Golf Club's Archie MacNab competition saw a decent turnout and beautiful overhead conditions last Saturday.

The in-form Duncan Johnstone kept his good run going with an excellent 41 points to take the lead after 18 holes. Duncan also reduced his handicap by one which he was delighted about.

Hot on his heels was John MacNab

on 38 points, John's level par back nine gave him 22 points to add to his first round of 16 points to lie in second place with one round to go.

Sharing third spot are Iain Macalister and Malcolm McAlpine on 37 points.

So it is all to play for this weekend (Saturday, July 20) when the second and final round takes place at Glenralloch.

Golf club lotto results

There were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's lottery on July 14.

The winning numbers were 1, 3

and 20. The next draw, for a jackpot of £900, will be on July 28. Tickets are available from committee members, the club steward, Munero Tearoom and the Burnside bar.

new SPOT THE SHINTY BALL

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

- A Cameron Spean Bridge
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Golfers of all ages compete in the Campbeltown Open

Closely-fought final in Peninver Sands contest

Pupils remain unbeaten in pre-season friendlies

Campbeltown Pupils 2
Eaglesham 0
Pre-season friendly

For the home management, the most pleasing feature of this match was the team's disciplined defensive display.

It was a match against good quality opposition in which the defence took all the plaudits, this despite riding their luck on a number of occasions around the home goalmouth.

Caledonian Premier League side Eaglesham were always going to test the local favourites to the full, and so it proved as the visitors set the tone in the early stages of a valuable but less than spectacular pre-season contest at Kintyre Park last Saturday.

After the previous season's less than satisfactory goals against count, the home side's rearguard never looked like



Scott Souden gets the ball past the keeper to score the Pupils' first goal. 50_c29pupils01

being overrun at any stage, a massive improvement in discipline that held the opposition at bay for most of the match and allowed the team to counter attack swiftly and productively on the break.

So it proved when Ryan McConnachie and Ross Brown played a clever wall

pass on the edge of their opponents' box, the latter cutting the ball back for Scott Souden to turn the ball home with an angled drive in the 27th minute of the first half.

If the score was slightly against the run of play, Eaglesham was presented with a golden opportunity when Ross Souden bundled into the back of the incoming forward, but fortune smiled and the resultant penalty kick was blazed high over the crossbar as the home side heaved a distinct sigh of relief.

There were positive signs from the youngsters in the first half, with both Souden brothers and Ross Brown showing promise during exchanges. Another plus was the studied play of fullback Kenny Kerr, a first start on home soil and a performance that was laced with good possession and clever defending.

The second half produced a vast improvement in play from both sides, end-to-end action that kept the small

crowd of spectators suitably entertained throughout.

Another plus over the past two matches was the welcome return of Ryan Gilchrist after a long lay-off through injury, and, although still a little short of match fitness, his skill and tenacity augers well for future contests.



Ryan McConnachie tries to keep control of the ball. 50_c29pupils03



Ailie MacBrayne, right, with Elizabeth Marrison.

Mach Dunes' champion golfers

Ailie MacBrayne is this year's Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club ladies' champion, while Garry Sheppard has won the men's title for the third year in a row.

Ailie won the ladies' scratch championship, while Elizabeth Marrison triumphed in the ladies' handicap championship; and Garry won the men's scratch championship, with Iain Logan winning the men's handicap championship.



Garry Sheppard, right, with Iain Logan.



The Pupils' second goal-scorer, Donald McCallum, in action during Saturday's match. 50_c29pupils02

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