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Wee Toon mum shows signs of positive communication

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A Campbeltown mum is leading the way in promoting the use of sign language after learning to communicate with her own son.

Martine Craig learned British Sign Language (BSL) in 2008, following the birth of her first son Gregor, who was born with a severe to profound hearing impairment, enabling her and her husband to communicate more easily with him.

Over the past 11 years Martine has continued to learn, so much so that last year she managed to attain funding to facilitate not only her but also three other women from the area – Kristin Gillies, Michelle Leishman and Susi Lunn – to undertake, complete and pass an accredited qualification for Level 1 BSL.

'It took years of investigation to get the funding but it was well worth it,' said Martine.

'Over those years I have

thoroughly enjoyed exploring the technique and have unearthed a keen interest and passion for this amazing language.'

Due to the remoteness of Campbeltown, Martine found furthering her skills and knowledge was not an easy task: 'There were no courses available locally and BSL tutors were non-existent,' she added.

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Logistically a round trip to Glasgow each week was not an option, but because of her determination and drive Martine managed to secure a course delivered via Skype and, three years ago, Martine decided to find out if she could help the community and promote the use of the language locally.

Since then she has managed to raise awareness through social media, school shows,

MOK music festival performances and local clubs, and she is hoping to continue her drive to promote the language.

'Over the years I have always been on hand to help in my son's nursery and school education,' she continued.

'This has allowed me to ensure parents, teachers and children are more aware of hearing impairment and BSL.'

More recently Martine has been using her skills to assist parents and teachers voluntarily to help other children with similar needs to her son.

'Indirectly this amazing language helps the deaf community to communicate but, in actual fact it helps so many more,' she added.

'There are many adults and children around the world that use this type of communication, from hearing impaired to autistic, people who have aphasia (cannot communicate verbally) to people who are deaf/blind or have additional needs.'

Martine has assisted par-

ents who have contacted her confidentially; she has given advice and taught BSL to the Meadows under-fives' team, as well as helping in her children's classes at Dalintober Primary School.

She has taught important basic signs, such as the alphabet and everyday words which enable the children to sign songs they are singing at music festivals, school shows and displays.

She has also supported the town's swimming club, and Live Argyll Kintyre and Footnotes Dance Company with BSL learning.

Martine fully understands the difficulty a lot of parents face when they are unable to communicate with their child.

'It is hard enough for families to come to terms with this situation without having to fight for help, which is not easily accessible in Campbeltown and the surrounding area,' she said.

'In many areas there is no assistance available and

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Martine Craig, right, with her Early Learning Centre group.

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Well done for hard work and commitment, says head

This has been the big week, when students discovered their exam results.

David Fyfe, head teacher at Campbeltown Grammar School, told the Courier: 'Pupils and staff at Campbeltown Grammar have worked extremely hard in preparation for the exams.'

'I would like to congratulate our young people on the hard work and commitment they have shown, and celebrate their achievements with them. I also want to reassure those pupils who perhaps did not get the results they wanted, that we are here to support them and offer advice.'

Argyll and Bute Council has revealed that 'the majority' of pupils across the area had gained the qualifications they were hoping for from the Scottish Qualifications Authority.

No breakdown has been provided by the council yet; analysis of the results is ongoing. A report will be presented to the community services committee, which next meets on Thursday, August 22.

Extra cash for the Argyll timber roads

The road down the eastern side of Kintyre, the B842, is one of the routes to earn a share of more than £2.58 million awarded to projects in Argyll and Bute to help reduce the impact of timber-hauling lorries on roads.

The work on the east road will be of particular benefit as this is a key feeder route into Campbeltown, one of the key TimberLINK ports in Argyll.

As well as a route out for timber from the forest blocks nearest the road, it helps the forest haulage industry use it as part of a one-way system which helps to minimise the number of fully-laden lorries thanks to an in-forest haul route.

In total £1.78 million has been awarded to support road strengthening in the area from the Strategic Timber Transport Fund, which is managed by the Scottish



Government's agency Scottish Forestry.

Another £800,000 has been awarded to support the TimberLINK shipping service which moves 80-100,000

tonnes of timber from forests in Argyll to markets in Ayrshire, taking nearly a million lorry miles off the public road.

Around £6.6 million has been allocated right across Scotland through the fund. The projects supported not only ensure the continuing steady stream of quality timber to processors across the country but also reduce the number of road miles required to transport timber to market when shipping timber to market.

Here in Argyll, along with the B842 East Kintyre haulage route to Campbeltown, the other routes to benefit will be the A816 Lochgilphead to

Oban; the Loch Awe haulage routes; B8000 Barnacarry to Strathlachlan and Otter Ferry to Millhouse and landing craft loading at Allt Daraich.

The money will go towards the improvement of mostly rural roads used by timber wagons and the building of a landing craft ramp at Allt Daraich loading ramp to enable timber to be shifted by sea.

Funding will also go towards the post of a timber transport project officer, who will give advice across Argyll and Bute.

Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy Fergus Ewing MSP said, when he announced the awards:

These grants will make it easier for residents and the timber business to share the roads says Fergus Ewing MSP, cabinet secretary for the rural economy.

'Scotland's £1 billion forestry industry is going from strength to strength, producing millions of tonnes of high quality timber every year that will greatly benefit our rural economy. It is important that we do what we can to mitigate the impact on communities of increased volumes of timber coming to market.'

David Sulman, of Confor, the Confederation of Forest Industries, who chairs STTS Assessment Panel for these awards, said: 'This funding is greatly needed to improve our rural roads to suit modern land uses such as forestry. Work on minor roads – whether it is strengthening the road surface, widening corners, adding traffic calming measures or providing passing places – makes it easier for residents and business to share the rural road network.'

'The scheme also supports work to improve the freight capacity on some busy rural A roads, which is vital for shifting sustainably-grown timber from Scotland's forests to timber processing and manufacturing facilities.'

Davaar Island Safe Walking Times

	Morning	Safe Walking Times		Afternoon	Safe Walking Times	
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Thu, 1 Aug 2019				18:21	15:21	20:51
Fri, 2 Aug 2019	06:43	03:43	09:13	19:08	16:08	21:38
Sat, 3 Aug 2019	07:29	04:29	09:59	19:56	16:56	22:26
Sun, 4 Aug 2019	08:15	05:15	10:45	20:45	17:45	23:15
Mon, 5 Aug 2019	09:04	06:04	11:34	21:35	18:35	00:05
Tue, 6 Aug 2019	09:55	06:55	12:25			
Wed, 7 Aug 2019	10:50	07:50	13:20			
Thu, 8 Aug 2019	11:52	08:52	14:22			
Fri, 9 Aug 2019				13:02	10:02	15:32
Sat, 10 Aug 2019				14:14	11:14	16:44
Sun, 11 Aug 2019				15:18	12:18	17:48
Mon, 12 Aug 2019				16:13	13:13	18:43
Tue, 13 Aug 2019				17:01	14:01	19:31
Wed, 14 Aug 2019				17:44	14:44	20:14
Thu, 15 Aug 2019				18:20	15:20	20:50
Fri, 16 Aug 2019	06:46	03:46	09:16	18:53	15:53	21:23
Sat, 17 Aug 2019	07:18	04:18	09:48	19:24	16:24	21:54
Sun, 18 Aug 2019	07:48	04:48	10:18	19:55	16:55	22:25
Mon, 19 Aug 2019	08:20	05:20	10:50	20:29	17:29	22:59
Tue, 20 Aug 2019	08:53	05:53	11:23	21:05	18:05	23:35
Wed, 21 Aug 2019	09:29	06:29	11:59			
Thu, 22 Aug 2019	10:11	07:11	12:41			
Fri, 23 Aug 2019	11:01	08:01	13:31			
Sat, 24 Aug 2019	12:01	09:01	14:31			
Sun, 25 Aug 2019				13:11	10:11	15:41
Mon, 26 Aug 2019				14:26	11:26	16:56
Tue, 27 Aug 2019				15:33	12:33	18:03
Wed, 28 Aug 2019				16:29	13:29	18:59
Thu, 29 Aug 2019				17:18	14:18	19:48
Fri, 30 Aug 2019				18:05	15:05	20:35
Sat, 31 Aug 2019				18:49	15:49	21:19

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Arrested

About 2.30pm on Tuesday July 30, on Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, a 40-year-old man was arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner. The man was charged with the offence and released to appear at court on a later date.

Vandalism

About 5pm on Wednesday July 31, outside a property in Shore Street, Campbeltown, a close door was marked with graffiti. Police are investigating.

Drunk Driver

About 10pm on Wednesday July 31, on Main Street, Campbeltown, a car was stopped and the driver, a 71-year-old man, was

arrested for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol. The man was charged with the offence and released to appear at court on a later date.

Smashed

Between midnight on Friday August 2 and 9am on Saturday August 3, on Glengyle Road, Campbeltown, a white Ford Transit was damaged by having the driver's window smashed.

No MOT

About 8.15pm on Sunday August 4, on Longrow, Campbeltown, police stopped a car as the driver, a man, 25, was driving while using a mobile phone. The car was also found to have an expired MOT. The man was charged with the

offences and issued with a £200 fixed penalty ticket with six penalty points for the mobile phone offence and a £100 fixed penalty ticket was issued in relation to the MOT offence.

Failure to stop

Between 12.30pm and 8.15pm on Wednesday July 10, at the Port Askaig ferry terminal, Islay, a blue Renault Kaptur had the rear passenger side door damaged by another vehicle which failed to stop and report the collision.

If anyone has any information about these or other incidents they can contact Campbeltown Police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

This Is Your Life – stalwart George retires

It might be hard to imagine that the elderly gent who has retired from his newsagents' shop in Campbeltown was once a young socialist firebrand, who the provost threatened with expulsion from the council chamber.

But ask around the town and older generations will tell you that George McMillan was the housing convenor who got things done.

George, 88, represented the town at every level during his political career, from being first elected in 1957, except as MP. When Labour won control of the town council in 1966 he got the post he so dearly wanted; the war and post-war economy had left the housing stock in a mess.

'There were closes where you had five or six families sharing one outside toilet and a large, old sink and cold water tap. We had 500 families living in unfit accommodation.'

The Labour council set out a five-year plan: 'By the time it was over, 97 per cent of them were living with modern conveniences,' said George. 'It was quite a job; we built new or modernised. Opponents said we were spending too much money but it needed done.'

George is Campbeltown born and bred; both his parents were staunch Salvationists and he and wife Ellen are also. His father was a docker on the pier.



When George left school he was apprenticed as a butcher to David Kerr, complete with delivery bike and basket.

'I did my National Service with the Royal Marines. I enjoyed it and I was lucky; I was the last batch before the Korean War,' he said.

George returned to the butchers and then began work loading coal boats. From there it was a short step to the mines.

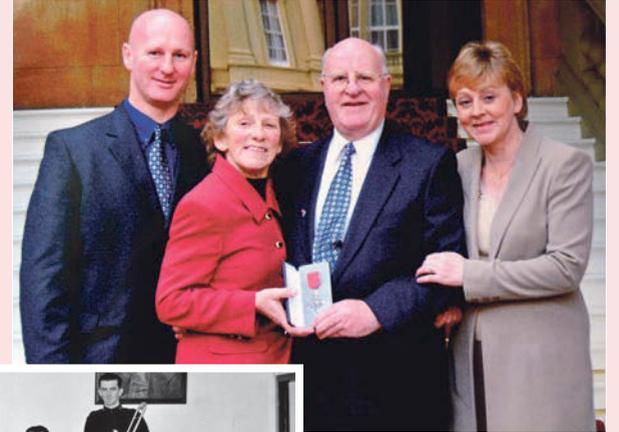
'You had to get a union card to work in the mines. I got friendly with John MV Anderson – many people will remember him – and was invited to stand for Labour.'

In 1966, the year before the mine closed, George bought a fish and chip shop and 10 years later sold that and

bought Keith's Newsagents on Main Street. Alongside his political work he was active in the Salvation Army and served as their bandmaster and married Ellen in 1953. 'My father played, I played, Ellen played – between us all we had the equivalent of a family band of 12,' said George.

There was 30 years as a JP and the MBE, and George still keeps active today as a member of the Charles and Barbara Tyre Trust.

Family-wise, George's children Ann, Mary, Karen and Kevin have provided eight grandchildren. Mary and Karen met and married US Marines stationed at Machrihanish and their families live in the same town in Iowa.



George was a real firebrand in his day, helping to ensure many families in the town with an outside toilet and sink received modern conveniences; above, George receiving his MBE; and left, with the Salvation Army band.



Campbeltown mum shows signs of positive communication

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parents have to fund themselves to learn signing so that they can do what many people consider normal and take for granted – communicate with their child(ren). It's heart breaking.'

Martine continues to raise awareness and support in Campbeltown and the surrounding areas, and was delighted when she was approached by Dalintober Early Learning Centre to see if she would come along weekly

to teach the children some signing.

She has been doing this voluntarily since January and confirmed this early stage in learning is vital.

'It's just amazing what children pick up in their early years – their brains are like little sponges,' she added.

Parents and pupils alike have given both the nursery staff and Martine so much positive feedback, which has reinforced her commitment to continue.

Martine has also recently

become a tutor with Argyll College, having successfully completed two taster BSL Sessions for beginners in Campbeltown with students coming from as far afield as Lochgilphead to take part in the short course.

While everyone else is enjoying their holidays, with schools and colleges out for the summer break, Martine is currently studying hard for the next level of British Sign Language (Level 2), with her exams fast approaching in September.

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Yvonne Irving launches petition calling for British citizens to be protected abroad

Billy Irving's wife has helped launch a petition asking for Prime Minister Boris Johnson to ensure UK citizens are protected abroad.

Yvonne Irving helped found the British Rights Abroad Group (BRAG) and the petition was signed by more than 180,000 people after only two days.

In a letter to the prime minister, BRAG wrote: 'Did you know that the British Government doesn't have a legal obligation to protect its citizens abroad?

'We didn't either, until we had our loved ones unjustly stripped of their freedom, and we found out there were no guarantees our Government would help.'

It went on to say that more than 2,000 British citizens were currently detained abroad, with more than 1,000 of them being held without a trial. 'In some countries, such as Germany, there are laws

that ensure the Government does everything it can to protect its citizens in cases like ours.

'A law like this could have been a life saver for our loved ones.'

Former Connel and Campbeltown man Billy Irving, and five other British ex-servicemen, were sentenced to five years in an Indian prison in January 2016. The crew were working as anti-piracy guards on board the Seaman Guard Ohio and were accused of straying into waters with 'unlicensed weapons'.

After a lengthy legal process, the men were found not guilty and released in November 2017.

Yvonne said: 'Today we launched a petition calling for Boris Johnson to ensure the rights of British citizens are protected abroad. No innocent British national should have to endure what

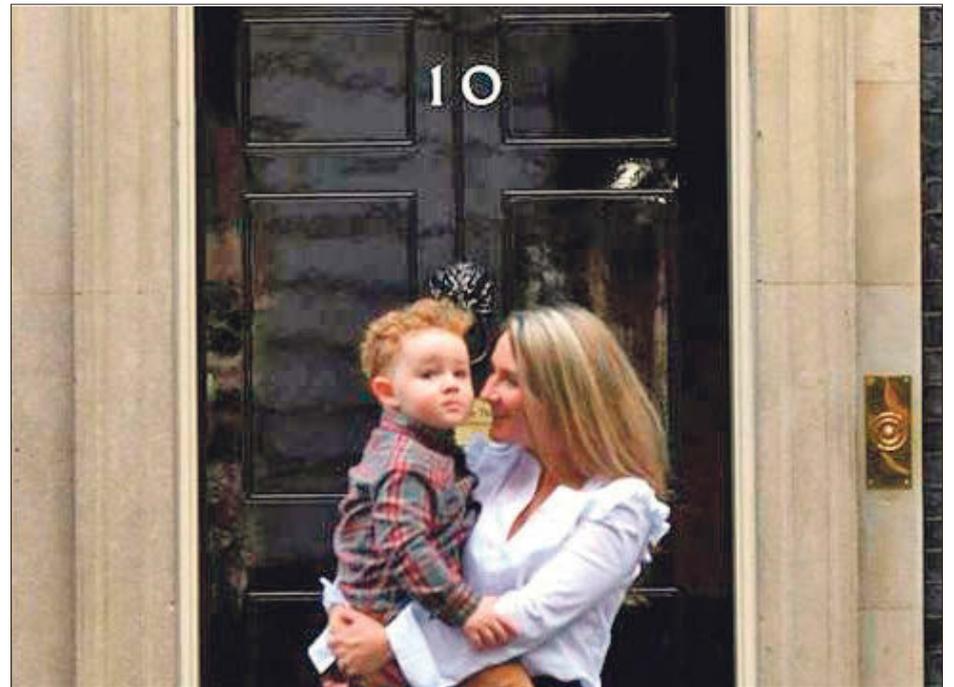
we went through for almost five years, fighting both our own government as well as a flawed legal system in another country.

'As most of you know Billy, my husband, was wrongfully arrested in India in 2013. When I received that phone call, as worried and scared as I was, I thought he would be okay and home within a few days.'

Yvonne said she wrongly thought that her government would have a legal obligation to step in and help out.

Speaking to Campbeltown Courier, Yvonne added: 'The reason people should be engaged in the petition and call on the government to pass this new law is because in this day and age most people travel, whether it be for work or to visit family or for a holiday.

'If you fall into trouble abroad, if you're innocent or guilty, there is no law to say the British government must



Yvonne Irving and son William.

defend and protect us. That has to change.' To sign the

petition, visit www.change.org/p/boris-johnson-protect-your-citizens-abroad

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Catherine Topley CEO of Scottish Canals and Cleland Sneddon, Chief Executive of Argyll and Bute Council, open The Egg Shed with a few little helpers.

Egg Shed hatches in Ardrishaig

Ardrishaig's new heritage and community hub, the Egg Shed, opened to the public on Friday August 2, with music, entertainment and lots of sunshine, writes Janet West.

The Egg Shed, which had historically been used as an egg grading station, has been revived from a disused building into a bespoke interpretation and community centre which tells the story of the Crinan Canal and the communities which lie on its banks.

The building is now home to a living archive with stories, photographs and memorabilia, much of it donated by the community.

In among the formalities of opening the £1.5 million Egg Shed and marking the official twinning of the Crinan Canal

with Sweden's Dalsslands Kanal, there was plenty of time for some fun in the Ardrishaig sunshine.

Ardrishaig Bothy was open and help was on hand to introduce youngsters to riding a bike, or to brush up on their cycle control skills.

There was also a unique opportunity to join the 5th Duke of Argyll on a walking tour of the Crinan Canal.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band took time off from competition to play to the crowds.

They joined some local bands who made sure toes were tapping from early morning until the end of the day.

Scottish Canals chief executive Catherine Topley together with chief executive of Argyll and Bute Council

Cleland Sneddon addressed the crowd before enlisting the help of some young Ardrishaig helpers to cut the ribbon and allow the first guests to flood in.

As well as learning more about 'Britain's most beautiful shortcut', and its souvenir shop, the Egg Shed hosts a multi-purpose community space, free for the community to use in a multitude of ways.

It currently hosts an exhibition of Crinan Canal paintings by artist Richard Demarko, who when asked how he would describe them said they were 'a love letter to the Crinan Canal'.

The Egg Shed is the latest marker in the regeneration of Ardrishaig Harbour and has already been taken to the community's heart.

Ardshiel's dram fine service is up there with the best

Campbeltown hotel is shortlisted for prestigious whisky industry award

by Fiona Scott
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Flora Grant and Marion MacKinnon have worked dram hard to build up their business over the past 12 years.

And this week the owners of the Ardshiel Hotel were rewarded for their labour of love when they were shortlisted in the G and M Connoisseurs Choice Whisky Bar of the Year category for the 2019 Scottish Bar and Pub Awards in association with DRAM magazine.

Boasting one of the finest collections of whisky in the country, the Kilkerran Road venue earned its place in the final through a public voting process during which happy customers and clients from near and far gave their endorsements.

'We were really blown away when we were told we had made the final four,' said Flora.

'These awards are often dominated by bars in Glasgow and Edinburgh, so for a small hotel from Campbeltown to even be



Marion MacKinnon, left, and Flora Grant toast the success of their project with a wee dram; and below, the whisky collection can be viewed in all public areas.



shortlisted is an amazing achievement. We are delighted.'

Since purchasing the hotel in 2008 Flora and Marion have overseen a massive refurbishment project in the premises which has gone from stocking around 200 bottles of whisky to having more than 700 on display.

And the ladies have an in-depth knowledge of each and every one.

'If you are going to claim to

be an expert on whisky you definitely have to be one,' added Marion.

'It has been a huge learning curve for us but we have worked hard at it and now make sure our staff have the knowledge and experience that they need also.

'People come from far and wide to try our vast range and, whether they are paying £4 or £400 for a nip, they are all most welcome and hopefully leave having had a



Fyne time at anniversary tea for tenants

Fyne Homes continued its 40th anniversary celebrations throughout the summer and recently threw a 'birthday party' at its Meadow Park offices in Campbeltown.

Staff were joined by the housing association's chief executive Colin Renfrew as they served tea and cakes at a drop-in party for the tenants.

Pictured from left:

Marjorie Lang, committee member; Kora Nicholson and Louise Anderson, housing administration, Craig Baxter, tenant participation and Colin Renfrew, chief executive.

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Martine is an inspiration to Campbeltown families

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Martine now holds weekly sessions from Dalintober Early Learning Centre to teach the children some signing.

Martine, we think you are amazing!

Trying to keep all happy

Regarding the criticism of the area around St Columba's Footprints and Keil Caves in last week's Courier, may I be permitted to respond.

We, as the private landowners, have endeavoured throughout the years to make this historical area as fully accessible to the general public as possible.

Our use of introducing a few sheep to graze down the grass over certain months of the year is our preferred method but often, when summer visitors appear, we find the animals get frequently disturbed and distressed with human contact (and often unleashed dogs accompanying their owners), and very often remove them in busy months to avoid any upset.

The larger access gate is frequently left wide open, leading to constant rounding up of the livestock and posing a danger to the passing road users, with even the odd complaint about our animals 'deposits' around the Footprints area coming into the equation too.

Changing climate conditions have ensured that bracken and other plant species have increased in volume as every year passes and with worry about the decreasing insect population and visiting dogs perhaps being harmed by ingesting sprayed grass, we have never used any chemical solutions to help keep the undergrowth at bay.

Strimming has been used on occasions but this, too, has produced complaints from the public about the unnecessary removal of wild

flowers and plants that provide food for the visiting bird and butterfly population.

Sign posts are often needlessly torn down and often used to fuel beach fires and barbecues, with even the old, fragile, stone dyke surrounding the area being constantly clambered over, rather than using the access gate, causing stones to be dislodged and even the wall being deliberately dismantled, in order to use the stones to construct fire pits for outdoor cooking.

In short, we've found there are never any easy answers when it comes to trying to keep everyone happy.

**Catherine Barbour,
Keil, Southend.**

Thank you Courier

Thank you for the excellent coverage in last week's Courier of our open day at Glencaigs Farm.

I'm pleased to report the day raised £314 for the Waverley Boiler Appeal and thanks to Moira Gemmill's selfless decision the sum of £176 from the teas will go to Woodlands Centre, Campbeltown.

**David H Young
Glencaigs Farm, Campbeltown.**

Calling all snappers

So many people enjoy sending us their entries for our picture of the week, here is a competition you might like to try, because we do have a lot of sea:

Photographers across the UK have just three weeks left to enter their best images of the sea

in an annual photography competition run by national maritime charity, the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society.

The competition, which closes on Monday August 26, encourages amateur and professional photographers to submit pictures that 'best encapsulate Britain's enduring connection with the sea, to celebrate the nation's proud maritime heritage and its reliance on seafarers'. The winning photographer will win the prize of £500 photographic equipment vouchers.

The Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, which this year celebrates its 180th anniversary, is on the lookout for images including ships and wrecks, seascapes, industry and leisure for its seventh annual photography competition, which is backed by Ensign and the Fishmongers' Company.

To enter the competition, for full terms and conditions and for more information about the work of the society, visit www.shipwreckedmariners.org.uk or the Society's Facebook or Twitter pages www.facebook.com/shipwreckedmariners and [@ShipwreckedSoc](https://twitter.com/ShipwreckedSoc)

Debt help is at hand

Many people across Scotland are struggling with consumer debt – everything from store cards to bank overdrafts. In fact, according to a recent survey by the Trades Union Congress (TUC), household debt in the UK is now at a record high of £15,385 per household – a figure that excludes mortgage debts, but includes consumer debt items such as credit cards, bank overdrafts, payday loans and store cards.

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We are fortunate in Scotland to have a way out of such difficulties in the form of a Debt Arrangement Scheme (DAS), which is one of Scotland's best-kept secrets. It's available from charitable organisations such as StepChange and from commercial debt advisers such as TC Debt Solutions, too. It is a Scottish Government scheme that is legally binding and prevents creditors from taking further action against people who owe money.

Set up back in 2004 by the Scottish Government, the scheme allows people to freeze interest and charges on their debts and pay their debts off interest-free over a longer period of time. This brings payments down to levels that people can afford and gives people the chance to get their lives back on track. Interest and charges are simply written off.

Apart from reducing debt, one of the best things about the DAS scheme is that it protects people from their creditors but is not a form of insolvency: people get to pay back their debt in an affordable way. Lenders like the scheme because they know they will eventually get their money back – and borrowers like it because they don't have to pay interest charges and they get longer to pay their debts off. It's a case of everyone wins.

There's plenty of information about the Debt Arrangement Scheme online at www.aib.gov.uk/debt-arrangement-scheme. Thousands of people have used the scheme, but so many more could get this help – whether through financial charities or commercial organisations.

Richard Gardiner, Partner, TC Debt Solutions, Dunfermline.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



We're back on the high seas for this week's picture. Elizabeth McTaggart captured this stunning scene on her small pocket IXUS 175 while sailing past the Holy Isle. The photograph was taken at 9am in the morning from the Isle of Arran ferry from Campbeltown and captures Goat Fell, on the right, wreathed in mist.

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Older members of the community had their dancing off to a tee on Saturday at a popular Campbeltown event.

They were joined by family and friends at a tea dance organised by the Monday Social Club at the town's Masonic Lodge St John's No 141 where along with songs and tunes of yesteryear they also enjoyed tea, coffee, cake and sandwiches.



Organisers enjoying the tea dance.

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Everyone joined in the fun.



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Organiser Cathy Duncan shows some moves.



Young and older enjoyed the afternoon get together.

A career in childcare has unlimited rewards

This is Early Learning and Childcare Recruitment week and it has been chosen especially, not just to reach out to those already in their careers, but to target school leavers this week when exam results are published.

Craig MacIntyre, 17, from Kilmore, Oban, is one such person who is already on his chosen career path.

After leaving school, Craig took up an apprenticeship at the Stramash Outdoor Nursery. Throughout his training, Craig will undertake written and practical assessments, which will ultimately lead to an SVQ3 Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF Level 7.

Craig's mum, Katy, is a childminder and so Craig has grown up with young children at home, who he always enjoyed spending time with.



Craig MacIntyre with his mum, Katy, one of his inspirations for choosing a career in childcare.

His mum's influence coupled with his little brother attending the outdoor nursery, are what inspired Craig to go for the apprenticeship.

With outdoor play being the focus of Craig's nursery, he can be creative in his work and embrace the adventurous side of play, as he describes:

'Our nursery is full of all sorts for the children to play with, for example, we have baskets and containers full of stones, shells, ribbons and seeds that we've collected. The nursery site is amongst the trees so there are lots of leaves, twigs and branches too.

'We encourage the children

to freely develop their ideas with everything we have here and if they have an idea of something they want to create, we try as much as we can to help them to do it.

'Recently they wanted an obstacle course for the nursery, so we've created one with their help, using logs, tyres, rope and other pieces - they love it!

'Being an outdoor nursery, we're usually playing outside for most of the day and that's what I love most about my

job, only on the wettest and windiest days do we use the huts for some shelter.

'I think it makes a huge difference in a time when technology is being used more and more in education - with no electricity, WiFi or running water, the children are challenged to learn how to make things with little help.

'I love seeing it when the kids learn something new or master something they've been trying to do for a while, like climb that little bit higher in the tree.

'It's also really rewarding when the children see me outside of work and they run over to talk to me.

'If I was to say one thing to somebody considering a career in Early Learning and Childcare, I'd say go for it! It's a great job and you really feel you have made a difference in a child's life.'

Argyll and Bute top for IT service

Argyll and Bute Council has been ranked the number one UK local authority for high performance and low cost of its Information and Communication Technology (ICT) service.

The 2019 Socitm Benchmarking Report reveals Argyll and Bute Council ranked third best for ICT performance with the third lowest cost. Combined, those results put the council at number one against 104 other councils in Britain.

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Sun shines on Kintyre ann



Team Moy! There was a big turnout of the McLatchie family and friends. Their Clydesdales took a first and third.



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band provided a musical interlude.

Kintyre Agricultural Society Annual Show was everything a good show should be.

The sun shone, the crowds turned out, there were plenty of stands and the competition was fierce but friendly.

Show secretary John Armour said that while this year's show did not beat the record of 2016, the numbers are up 15 per cent on last year. He also thanked the business community for supporting the show with a good number of trade stands and all the people who work so hard to make it a success.

John took to the show ring driving the best tractor in show, a Massey Ferguson 135.

The tractor has originally belonged to his father and John learned to drive on it.

'When it was sold to Jackie Morrison, I told him the sale was on condition that if he ever brought it to the show I got to drive it.'

The Massey Ferguson has been lovingly restored and is now a part of Jackie's superb collection of old tractors.

The supreme show champion 2019 is Red Hill Alex, a four-year-old Clydesdale gelding, owned by Tom McMillan but cared for and shown by, Tom's daughter Mairi Ralston, of Rhoim Farm, Campbeltown. His sire is Eskechranggan Ernest.

Campbeltown's Malcolm McFadyen, an honorary president of the Clydesdale Horse Society, who was judging the classes, said he was very impressed with the quality of the horses on show at the high standard of turnout.

He was full of praise for the winner. He said: 'He has a nice top line, good on his legs and handles himself really well.'

The Clydesdale is only four-years-old and at the start of his showing career, so expect to see some more honours over the coming seasons.

More photographs on pages 12 and 13, and results on pages 24 and 25.



The supreme champion Kintyre Agricultural Society Annual Show, 2019 is Tom McMillan's Red Hill Alex, a four-year-old Clydesdale gelding, owned by Tom McMillan and shown by his daughter Mairi Ralston. KC_C32show17



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Labrador puppy Chica, shown by Floriadh Robinson, was champion in the dog section. KC_C32show16



Heniarth Norman Stanley Fletcher, also known as Porridge, was horse and pony section overall champion. He is owned by Margaret Cousin, Sauchie, and was ridden by Amelie Ralston, aged six, Campbeltown, and led by her mum, Jennifer.



The Young Farmers organised a digger challenge, where contestants had to show how accurately they could work. Robert MacDonald shows his skill here.



Kintyre Gin's horsebox bar did a roaring trade in Beinn An Tuirc Distillers' finest produce, keeping Niall Macalister Hall, Su Black and Gareth Scott-Dodd busy all day.



This Belgian Blue Limousin calf owned by JJ&C McCallum of Strathnafanaig was overall cattle champion.



Graeme McMurchy and Alistair Gorman, of Campbeltown Motor Company, had a display at the show.

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Nurseries around the country are looking for caring, creative and passionate people to join their workforce. This is because the Scottish Government has committed to almost doubling the amount of free Early Learning and Childcare children receive from 2020.

College courses are now open for applications. There are lots of different childcare qualifications that offer the flexibility of full-time or part-time courses, all of which are combined with on the job training too. For those who are interested in earning as they learn, lots of employers are also recruiting Modern Apprentices and trainees of all ages.

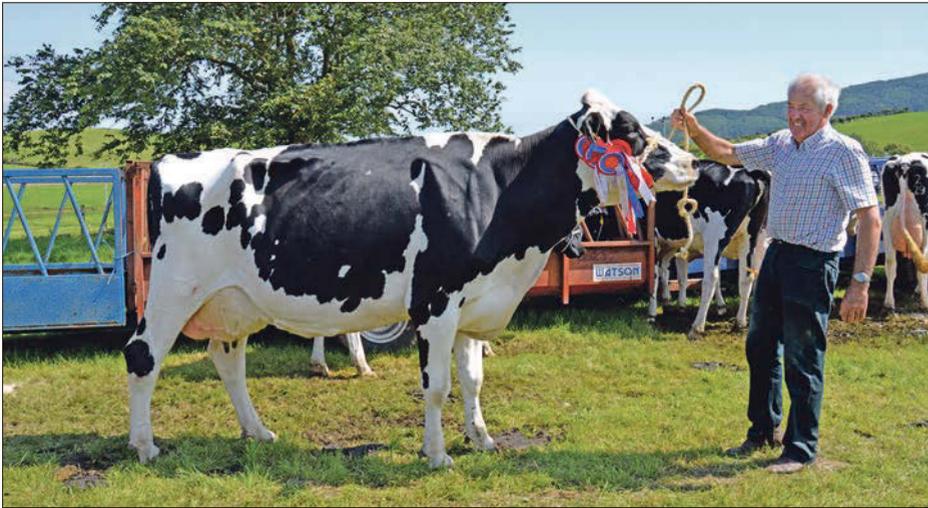
Early Learning professionals are responsible for giving Scotland's children the best start in life using ideas and activities that help develop essential skills and begin their learning journey with professional, nurturing staff.

There are plenty of jobs available across a range of different roles, working in a number of settings from a traditional nursery to a playgroup.

If you know someone looking for a job that's rewarding, fun and will positively affect lives, then Early Learning and Childcare could be a great career for them.

School leavers can also talk to their careers adviser at school or ask their local college, training provider or nursery for advice.

Visit www.childcarecareersscotland.scot to find out more about a career in Early Learning and Childcare, including a live jobs feed which will include Modern Apprenticeship posts in some local areas.



This fourth calver Holstein took the overall dairy prize for Kilkivan Farm, Machrihanish.



Campbeltown Brass performed during the show. KC_C32show05



Craig and Eilidh Smith, with John McMillan and, front, Hunter and Rowan Brodie on a day out.
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Lydia Orr from Dallas, Texas, and Lauren Crayton from Shreveport, Louisiana.



John Armour takes Jackie Morrison's champion tractor for a spin. KC_C32show10



James McLean on board his buggy. KC_C32show03



This Newmains, Islay, Texel home-bred two-crop ewe, sire by Stainton Vigilante out of a kettle dam won overall champion sheep.



Donald and Willie Armour, Willie McLean, who presented the prizes at the end of the show, and John Rennie sharing a moment's amusement and refreshments. KC_C32show08



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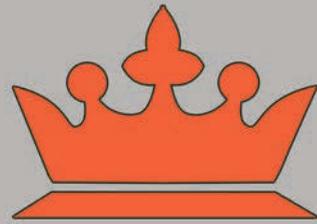


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The club has received financial support from Tarbert Enterprise Company, Tarbert Harbour Authority and William Duncan &

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Kilberry Loop Sportive Saturday 10th August 2019

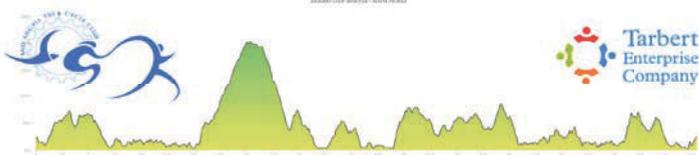
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The first Kilberry Loop Sportive proved to be so popular that we have decided to organise it again this year! It is a favourite route for local cyclists. The start is from Tarbert, heading through the village and north on the A83 towards Lochgilphead before turning onto the B8024 on to a single-track road.

This is where the fun starts! There is a steady climb for about 2kms before the descent into Achahoish and the beginning of wonderful scenery as the loop continues along the shores of Loch Caolisport. We pass through Kilberry and head east following the coast of West Loch Tarbert, north past the Tarbert Golf Club, reaching the A83, and back to Tarbert and the finish.

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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Kintyre bands compete at Scottish championships

Kintyre Pipe Band Association had both bands, Kintyre Schools novice B pipe band and Beinn an Tuirk Kintyre pipe band playing at the Scottish pipe band championships on Leven Grove park in Dumbarton on Saturday July 27.

The novice B pipe band performed in arena two at 11.20am under the stewardship of Pipe Major Fiona Mitchell and played The Sweet Maid of Glendaruel, Greenwood Side, The 72nd Highlanders' Farewell to Aberdeen and Campbell's Farewell to Redcastle.

Both piping judges gave

scores four and two; drumming nine and ensemble two giving a total of 17 placing the Novice B in a very respectable third place.

The band members were pleased with their performance and are capable of doing even better if they perform to their best on the day.

The Beinn an Tuirk Kintyre pipe band led by Pipe Major Julie Blue played at 2.19pm in arena four and played the Festival March, Old Wife Of The Milldust, Scotts Ballard, Molly Connell and Mrs MacLeod of Raasay.

Beinn an Tuirk Kintyre gave one of their best perfor-

mance for some time but were not really close to getting placed partly due to the high standard of the bands on the day.

The judges scored the Beinn an Tuirk pipe band six and 10 for piping; eight for drumming and 13 for ensemble leaving the band 10 points off getting into the top six places.

Both bands will next perform at the world championships on Glasgow Green on the August 16 which is the biggest competition in the pipe band world where all the top bands in the world see if they can be named best in the world in their grade.



Beinn an Tuirk bass and tenor drummers before band performance.



Novice B band marching from final tuning to arena two.



Beinn an Tuirk Kintyre march off after their performance.

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Top artist Jolomo finds inspiration on doorstep

by Fiona Scott
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Some artists travel to far flung lands to paint, but one of Scotland's top artists keeps on finding inspiration a stone's throw away from his beloved Argyll home.

The latest exhibition by John Lowrie Morrison, which opens on Saturday, August 10, at the Archway Gallery in Lochgilphead, concentrates on paintings of Crinan and Knapdale, landscapes found within a few miles of his Tayvallich home.

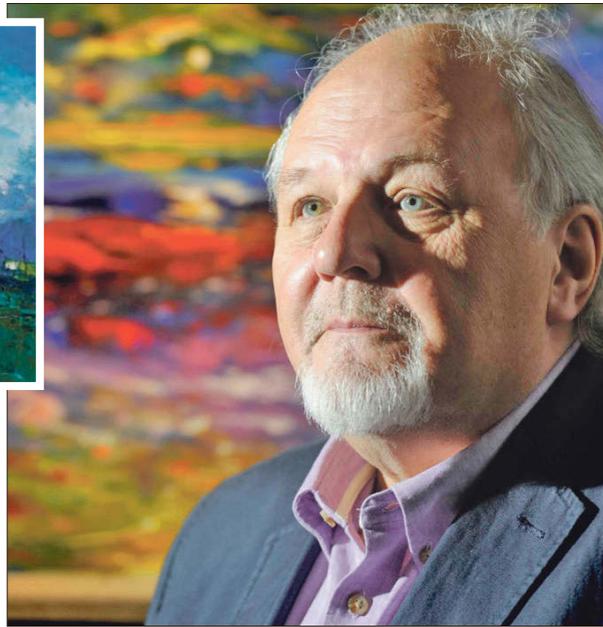
Although John's work is now sought out by collectors all over the world, he continues to exhibit every August at his 'local' gallery – this will be his 25th solo exhibition at the Archway. A percentage of the artist's profits will go to Mid Argyll Cancer Support.

The new show, Toward the



This exhibition will be Jolomo's 25th at The Archway Gallery; and, above, one of Jolomo's paintings, Toward the Light, Skipness, which is part of the annual art show.

Light: Crinan and Knapdale, which runs until September 7, includes new paintings of



Loch Caolisport, the Crinan Canal, Bellanoch, Loch Scotnish and Tayvallich

itself. However, John explains that there is more to his work than simply painting what is

in front of him. He said: 'Each of us lives in two different worlds, an exterior world which is physical and visible and an interior world which is intangible and invisible – the world of our spirit.'

'As an expressionist painter, I work from the interior realm.'

'It is an intimate world, personal and subjective, the world of our thoughts and feelings. Children live in it quite naturally, but as adults we tend to withdraw from it.'

'I use high-key expressionist colour to express how I feel about the landscape.'

'I've been painting the area around me now for more than 50 years, and the more I paint Knapdale, the more intensely I use light and colour to express my emotions for the landscape.'

John worked for 25 years as an art teacher at

Lochgilphead High School, then in art education with Strathclyde Region before leaving to paint full-time in 1997.

His distinctive colourful landscapes quickly made him one of Scotland's most successful painters, with celebrities such as Sting, Madonna, Simon Le Bon and Gregor Fisher collecting his work.

Wilma Meikle, who owns the Archway Gallery with her husband, Iain, said: 'We're delighted that John has supported the gallery for all these years. His exhibition is always the highlight of our year and the new paintings are amazing.'

'It's also really nice to have a show which is relevant to this area. It's obvious that John loves painting the area around Lochgilphead and the Crinan Canal.'

Toward the Light - Knapdale & Crinan

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Community event set to make a splash at Dalintober

Anyone who loves messing about in the water is in for a real treat this weekend when the second Campbeltown Community Regatta comes to town, writes Fiona Scott.

Dalintober Beach group, Campbeltown Sailing Club and Aqualibrium have pulled together once again to organise a day of activities to suit all ages and abilities.

Free of charge and open to everyone in the community, Campbeltown Community Regatta includes beach activities, games, and a variety of watersports.

There will be kayaking and canoeing for age five and above, other watersports for ages eight and over, as well as sub aqua activities in Aqualibrium for anybody over the age of 14.

Jamie MacLean, chairman of Dalintober Beach group, said: 'Last year's event was a great success and enjoyed by local people and visitors alike. Volunteers from the beach group and the sailing club have continued to work hard towards making the venue a fantastic community place for all to enjoy.'

'Campbeltown Loch is now a safe place to try kayaking, canoeing, stand-up paddle boarding and sailing, while the sub aqua club will provide introductory sessions at the swimming pool at Aqualibrium.'

'There will also be fun activities taking place on the beach and also a burger stall so hopefully the weather will be kind and everyone has a fantastic day.'

The fun starts at 11am and lasts until 4pm. Wetsuits and buoyancy aids will be available on the day.



This will be the second year Campbeltown Community Regatta will have been held, and if it is half as good as last year, the community is in for a treat.



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MOK Fest launches new ships event

The Mull of Kintyre Music Festival has just announced that it has added a new event to this year's Saturday day-time activities.

The festival has teamed up with Sailing and Cruising Northern Ireland to create the MOK Fest 2019 Best Dressed Ship event on the harbour front on Saturday August 24.

The ships will be on display from 11.30am at Campbeltown Marina and the event will close with a performance by the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band at 12.30pm.

The pipe band will then march up Main Street, Longrow to Well Close to open the festival's Up the Close event which features live music from A New Hope?, Gubbed and we.R.soul.

There will also be a dance

performance from Dance Legacy and children's entertainment from the Funky Chicken as well as the usual community group, craft and food stalls.

The winner of the Best Dressed Ship will be announced at Up the Close.

Chris Cardwell from Sailing and Cruising Northern Ireland said: 'With boats coming from Northern Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Man, Sailing and Cruising Northern Ireland will be participating with events in Campbeltown and up to 15 boats dressed to provide a fantastic nautical backdrop for events in the harbour.'

'We look forward to a fun-packed weekend and this being an annual event for the group.'

MOK Fest event manager Iain Johnston of JIG Events added:

'The festival team is delighted to team up with Sailing and Cruising Northern Ireland for this new event which should be a great addition to the festival's Saturday activities.'

'We would like to firm up our links with Sailing and Cruising Northern Ireland and with 2020 being the VisitScotland Year of Coasts and Waters this will make a fantastic annual addition to the event.'

Up to 15 boats will come from Northern Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Man to take part in the Best Dressed Ship event.



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Ewan Macintyre Band to play Argyll and isles

An international music project, which pushes the boundaries of contemporary folk, is touring the west coast.

Ewan Macintyre Band, featuring Montreal cellist Karine Bouchard, Moray fiddle player Peter Menzies and percussionist Alex Auldsmith, with Ewan Macintyre on vocals, guitar and mandolin, will bring their cowboy campfire sounds to a variety of venues, including Skipness on the Kintyre peninsula.

The shows are filled with rich string arrangements, ripping solos, soaring harmonies and heartfelt lyrical content, bringing to mind the celtic blues/soul of artists Van Morrison, Paulo Nutini and Eddie Reader.

Led by the former lead singer of the award-winning Edinburgh collective Southern Tenant Folk Union, Ewan Macintyre has a rare ability to pen songs in

a range of styles. Like many Scottish artists, he crossed the Atlantic to develop his sound and his recent album Road Junkie is a culmination of his travels, bringing together some of the finest talent in Quebec, British Columbia and Scotland.

In 2015 he released his first solo album, You Probably Look Better Naked Anyway, which was rated number three in the Canadian National Folk Roots Charts, setting him on a mad journey touring his band of troubadours across Canada and Europe. Like Robert Johnson returned from the crossroads, Ewan Macintyre and his Road Junkie tour is a welcome moment in the future of Scottish music.

The Skipness gig will take place on August 10 in Skipness Village Hall (passed the Clonaig ferry terminal).

For details visit www.ewan-macintyre.org/shows

Urgent need to boost population

Argyll and Bute Council hopes to use the area's rural growth deal to boost the area's population after stark figures were revealed in a new report.

The document for the area's forthcoming Community Planning Group meetings showed that people aged 85 and over are expected to make up more than four per cent of the area's population by 2029 – increasing in numbers by almost 1,000.

The annual report produced by Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) also shows the percentage of 16-44-year-olds currently living in the area is eight per cent below the national average.

All age ranges above that bracket are higher than the average for Scotland, but the council hopes that the trends can be reversed.

With its efforts spearheaded by its leader, Councillor Aileen Morton, the council is currently trying to secure a rural growth deal with the Scottish Government.

Community planning group meetings are due to take place over the coming weeks over the four divisions of Argyll and Bute.

'Future success is built on a growing population'

A council spokesperson said: 'We recognise that we, like many parts of Scotland, have an ageing population.'

'Future success is built on a growing population and this is something the council and its partners are very much focused on.'

'Our Rural Growth Deal is one means of securing investment that will see Argyll and Bute lead the way in key sectors like marine science and food and drink.'

'This could attract the people and talent we need for our future and lead to fantastic opportunities at home for our young people.'

The report states that Argyll and Bute has a total population of 86,863, more than half of whom are aged over 45.

Only 29 per cent are aged 16-44 compared to 37 per cent nationally, while under 15 and below, the figures are 15 per cent and 17 per cent respectively.

In contrast, 30 per cent of Argyll and Bute's population is aged 45-64 compared to 27 per cent across Scotland.

In the 65-74 age bracket it is 14 per cent for Argyll

and Bute and 11 per cent for Scotland, while aged 75-84 it is nine per cent and six per cent. Aged 85 and over, it is three per cent and two per cent.

The report also said: 'Argyll and Bute has a higher proportion of older people than Scotland as a whole, with 11.6 per cent aged 75+ compared to 8.5 per cent in Scotland.'

'Over the next 10 years, the population is projected to decrease overall by four per cent to 83,120 people. However, the population of those 85+ is projected to increase by 32 per cent to a total of 3,437 people in 2029, with an increase to 2,715 people by 2021.'

'The decrease in the overall population contrasting with the increase in numbers of the eldest in society, represents a challenge to Argyll and Bute's developing model of care.'

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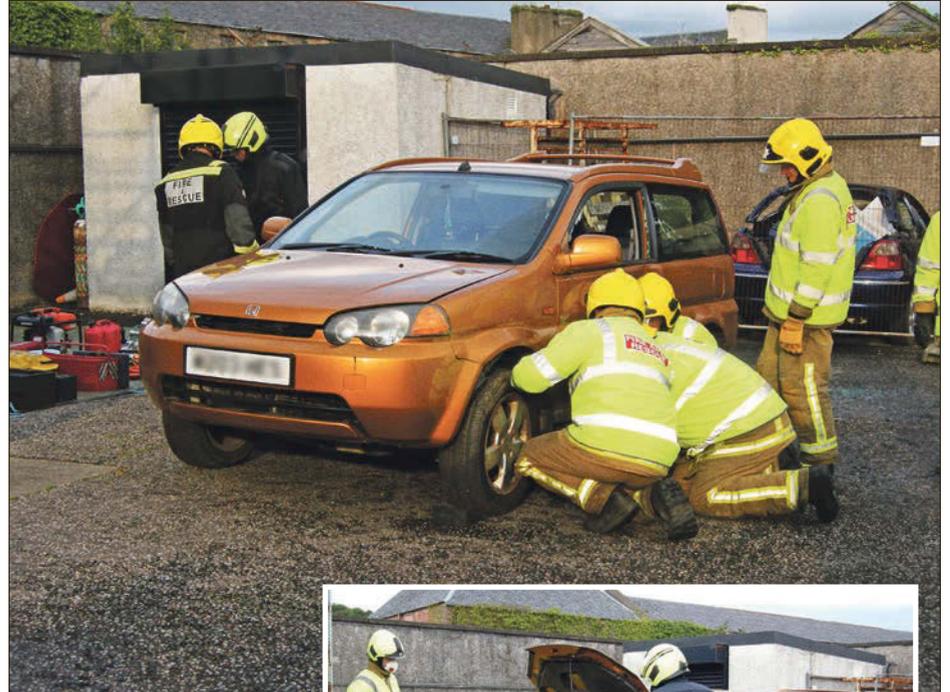

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Road accident training for firefighters

Firefighters in Campbeltown and Carradale have been honing their road accident skills as part of their regular training programme.



Crew managers Derek Symons and Stuart Poole travelled from Clydebank to tutor the training sessions held in the yard at Campbeltown Fire Station.



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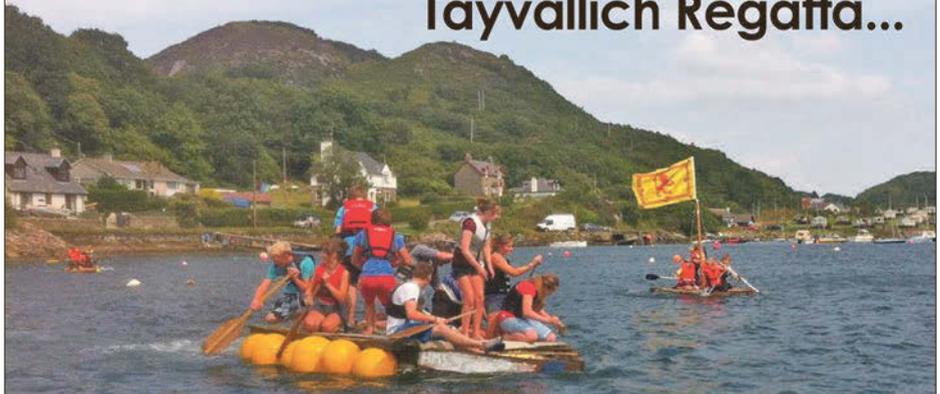
 







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Why we love Lochgilphead

'Small' is beautiful as the saying goes and so are 'independent' and 'local' when it comes to shopping

In Lochgilphead the independent retailer rules and the customers are royalty.

With two major food chains on the edges of the town, the centre of Lochgilphead belongs to small shopkeepers with a high street that makes you feel like you are stepping back in time in a good way to when everyone knew your name and the welcome was warm.

The big high street chains sell you what they want to; in Lochgilphead the shops are stocked with products and produce the owners know that their customers want.

The big names in retail won't go out of their way to try and meet a special request because they can't.

Their stock has been ordered months, if not a year, in advance and is trapped in a massive, algorithm-driven buying pattern and supply chain of contracts.

In the kind of small, independent shops that fill Lochgilphead they deal with independent wholesalers and sales representatives of companies directly, so if they can track down a product for you they will.

The shops in Lochgilphead that thrive are the ones that know this and work well to fill their niche in the market.

Shopping in Lochgilphead is such a delight because all the retailers know that their customers can hop in the car and go to a bigger town or buy on line, so traders take pride in choosing their stock with care and listen to their customers.

If you take a leisurely browse round the shops in

Lochgilphead you will find new names you have never seen before or old favourites you thought you would never see again. Those goods have been there all along; it is just that they had fallen out of favour with the big stores which had stopped stocking them or they are not big enough names to fulfil huge orders demanded by the giant shop chains.

By shopping locally you are not just supporting your local shops and community but also supporting smaller-sized producers, many of them within Argyll and Bute, the West Highlands or Scotland.

A small independent retailer knows all about what they are selling. They have to in order to survive in business. For the small trader a wrong buying-in decision is a far more costly mistake than for the big boys, so the product knowledge they have is excel-

lent. Often they will start to stock a product on customer recommendation.

This all makes for the level of customer service and involvement that people want and expect and treasure in a small town.

Link this to free and plentiful parking and a good mix of friendly local cafes where you

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Exciting times for town centre

The centre of Lochgilhead is at the start of something exciting, which will make it an even nicer place to shop, work and live.

The town centre and the Front Green are going to have massive improvements.

In spring this year Lochgilhead's historic town centre was given a £1million boost, starting with a grant from Historic Environment Scotland of £969,700.

The funding is part of the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) the like of which

has seen massive improvements made in neighbouring Inveraray and further afield in Campbeltown, Dunoon and Rothesay.

Alongside this grant Argyll and Bute Council will provide funding of £386,000 and, with contributions from building owners estimated at £250,000, it all gives a projected total budget of £1.6m over five years.

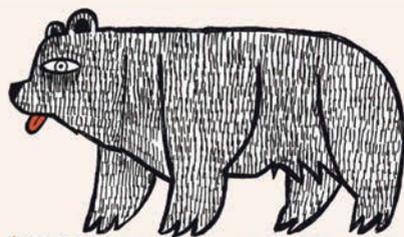
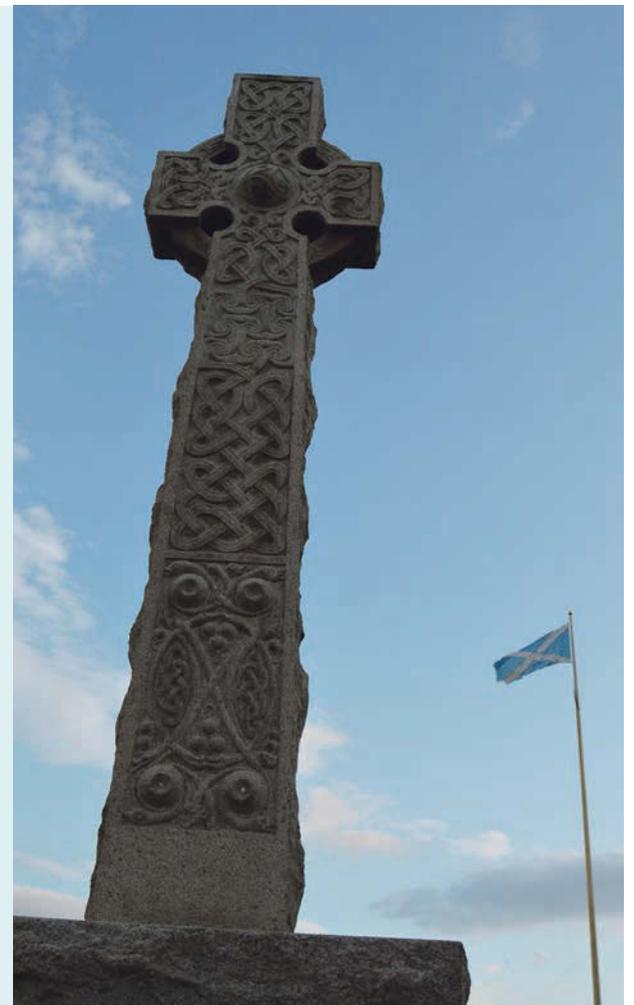
Then there is the Lochgilhead Front Green project which is getting cash from the Tarbert



and Lochgilhead Regeneration Fund which has been allocated £3 million to promote regeneration and economic development in Mid Argyll.

Lochgilhead people turned out in large numbers in May to look at the proposals for the green and pass on their opinions on giving the area a facelift so that

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Semple; C18 Ian McDonald Rose Bowl Dairy interbreed pair, T M Ralston and Sons; C19 Parker Cup Res. Dairy champ, T M Ralston and Sons; C20 Creamery Cup Supreme Dairy Champion, John Ralston; **BEEF**

C21 Kintara Cup Best calf led by juvenile, Fraser Lines; C22 Corson's Rose Bowl Best cross bred suckled calf, J J and C McCallum; C23 McFadyen Cup Most points in beef section, J J and C McCallum; C24 Daniel Riddell Cup Best opp. sex in beef classes, Fraser Lines; C25 Messrs Wallace Cup Champion Beef Animal, J J and C McCallum.

HEAVY HORSE

C26 Wm McLatchie Memorial Cup Best Clydesdale bred in Kintyre, Margaret Bateman; C27 Society Cup Best Clydesdale bred by exhibitor, Callum MacPhail; C28 John McCallum Mem Pl Best Clydesdale, Tom McMillan; C29 David MacPhail & Son Cup Best Clydesdale foal. C30 David Smith Cup Champion Clydesdale, Tom McMillan; C30a Duncan MacKinnon Trophy Best Horse dressed and in Harness, Benny Duncan.

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C31 Arnicle Cup best B/F milk ewe and lamb, Jake Ronald; C32 Duke's

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McKendrick; C50 Tithedarn Cup Overall sheep Champion, Sheena Woodrow. C53 Champion of Champions, Tom McMillan.

DOGS

C51 Society Cup Champion dog confined to Kintyre, Floraidh Robinson.

TRACTORS

C52 Society Quaich Best old Tractor, Jackie Morrison.

PRODUCE

C54 Society Cup Most points in Baking, Jessie Main; C55 Kildalloig Rosebowl Most points in Vegetable section, Louise Millar.

RESULTS:

AYRSHIRES

1 Heifer calf exhibited by under 14-year-old: 1 Jack Ralston, East Drumlemble; 2 Cameron Ralston, East Drumlemble; 3 Luke McCallum, Clochkiel. Heifer calf exhibited by over 14-25-year-old; 1 Blair McCallum, Clochkiel. Coll Cup Calf Champion: Jack Ralston, East Drumlemble. 1 Year old Quey exhibited by 14-25 years old: John Pirie, Machrihanish. One-year-old Quey to be exhibited by over 25 years old: 1 T M Ralston and Sons 2 T M Ralston and Sons 2 T M Ralston and Sons. Young Stock Champion: Jack Ralston, East Drumlemble. Reserve Champion, Blair McCallum, Clochkiel. Best Young Stock Pair: 1 T M Ralston and Sons 2 J and M Barr, Clochkiel 3 T M Ralston and Sons. Heifer In Milk or in Calf: 1 J and M Barr, Clochkiel 2 A and J Pirie, Machrihanish 3 T M Ralston and Sons. Junior Cow in Milk: 1 T M Ralston and Sons 2 J and M Barr, Clochkiel. Senior Cow in Milk: 1 J and M Barr, Clochkiel 2 T M Ralston and Sons. Cow in Calf to calve before 1/11/19: no entries. Milk Records Class: no entries. Best Pair (Milk): 1 J and M Barr, Clochkiel 2 T M Ralston and Sons 3 J and M Barr, Clochkiel. Group of Three: 1 J and M Barr, Clochkiel 2 T M Ralston and Sons. Best Animal bred by exhibitor: T M Ralston and Sons. Milk section champion: T M Ralston and Sons, Reserve Champion J and M Barr, Clochkiel. Overall Ayrshire

Champion, T M Ralston and Sons Res. Overall Ayrshire Champion, J and M Barr, Clochkiel.

HOLSTEINS

Heifer calf exhibited by under 14 years old: 1 Kirstin Blair, Kilkeddan 2 Erin Ralston, Machrihanish 3 James Graham, Dhurrie. Heifer calf exhibited by over 14-25 years old: 1 Kathryn Semple, Kilkeddan 2 Jennifer Littleton, Killegruer 3 Jenny Semple, Kilkeddan. Volac cup champion calf: Kathryn Semple, Kilkeddan. One year old Quey exhibited by 14-25 years old: 1 Kathryn Semple, Kilkeddan 2 Neil Littleton, Killegruer 3 Jenny Semple, Kilkeddan. One year old Quey exhibited by over 25 years old: A and J Pirie, Machrihanish. Two year old Quey to calve after 1/10/19: 1 A and J Pirie, Machrihanish 2 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan 3 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan. Young Stock Champion Kathryn Semple, Kilkeddan. Reserve Y. S. Champion, Kathryn Semple, Kilkeddan. Young Stock Pair: 1 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan 2 Peter Littleton, Killegruer 3 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan. Heifer In Milk or in Calf: 1 J and M Barr, Clochkiel 2 J and M Barr, Clochkiel 3 John Smith, Drumalea. Junior Cow in Milk: 1 John Smith Drumalea 2 Peter Littleton, Killegruer 3 Thomas Irwin, West Drumlemble. Senior Cow in Milk: 1 John Ralston, Kilkivan 2 A and J Pirie, Machrihanish 3 John Ralston, Kilkivan. Cow in Calf to calve before 1/11/19: 1 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan; 2 Peter Littleton, Killegruer. Milk Records Class: 1 A and J Pirie, Machrihanish. 8,000kg class: 1 Peter Littleton, Killegruer 2 A and J Pirie, Machrihanish. Best Pair (Milk): 1 John Ralston, Kilkivan 2 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan 3 John Smith, Drumalea. Group of Three: 1 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan 2 A and J Pirie, Machrihanish 3 John Smith, Drumalea. Milk Section Champion John Ralston, Kilkivan. Reserve Champion Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan. Overall Holstein Champion John Ralston, Kilkivan.

DAIRY INTERBREED

Champion calf, Jack Ralston, East Drumlemble. Champion exhibited by 14-25 years old Kathryn Semple,

Kilkeddan. Best interbreed pair, T M Ralston and Sons. Dairy interbreed Reserve Champion, T M Ralston and Sons. Dairy Interbreed Champion, John Ralston, Kilkivan.

BEEF

Cow with calf at foot: 1 J J and C McCallum 2 J J and C McCallum, Strathnafanaig 3 M and C Ralston, Rhoin. Cow in calf or milk: 1 J J and C McCallum 2 J J and C McCallum, Strathnafanaig 3 M and C Ralston, Rhoin. Bullock calf born after 1/8/18, D W Semple, Dippen. Heifer calf born after 1/8/18: D W Semple, Dippen 2 D W Semple, Dippen 3 D W Semple, Dippen. Bullock calf born after 1/2/19: 1 John Lines, Killacraw 2 Andrew Hamilton, Kilwhipnash 3 R and R Currie, Low Dunasherry. Heifer calf born after 1/2/19: 1 J J and C McCallum 2 J J and C McCallum, Strathnafanaig 3 R and R Currie, Low Dunasherry. Beef calf led by juvenile: 1 Fraser Lines, Killacraw 2 Megan Lines, Killacraw 3 Taylor Purser, Kilwhipnash. Calf led by 14-16 year olds: 1 Lorna McCallum 2 Ruth Semple, Strathnafanaig. Pen of three calves: 1 J J and C McCallum 2 John Lines, Killacraw 3 D W Semple, Dippen. Pair of heifer calves: 1 J J and C McCallum 2 D W Semple, Dippen 3 John Lines, Killacraw. Best pure bred calf: 1 D W Semple, Dippen. Best pure bred female: 1 Fraser Turner, Strath 2 Charles Turner, Strath. Best pure bred Animal: 1 D W Semple, Dippen 2 Fraser Turner, Strath. Best suckled calf: 1 J J and C McCallum. 70 Daniel Riddell Cup: Fraser Lines. Most points: J J and C McCallum.

CLYDESDALES

Yeld Mare: four years or over: 1 Lee Bastow, Corran 2 Callum MacPhail, Gargalfra 3 John McLatchie, Moy. Filly one, two or three years old: 1 John McLatchie, Moy. Gelding: 1 Tom McMillan, Eskechraggan; 2 Benny Duncan, Balmalcolm; 3 Benny Duncan, Balmalcolm. Exhibited by 14-26 years old: 1 Morgan Sinclair, 2 Heather Millar, 3 Connor McLatchie. Pair of Clydesdales: 1 Tom McMillan, Eskechraggan 2 Callum MacPhail, Gargalfra 3 John McLatchie, Moy. Horse in Harness: 1 Benny Duncan, Balmalcolm 2 Benny Duncan,

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Shearling (open): 1 Messrs McArthur, Arnicle 2 Elliott Bowman, Upper Cragbus 3 Elliott Bowman, Upper Cragbus. Shearling (Confined): 1 Jake Ronald, Coulinlongart 2 Peter McKerral, Island View. Tup Lamb (open) 1 Callum Mclean, Ardfern 2 R and I Shaw, Aucharonich 3 Messrs McArthur, Arnicle. Tup Lamb (confined): 1 Craig McMillan, Low Tirfergus 2 G and J Gillespie, Crosshill 3 Peter McKerral, Island View. Milk Ewe (open): 1 Messrs McArthur, Arnicle 2 Elliott Bowman, Upper Cragbus 3 Elliott Bowman, Upper Cragbus. Milk Ewe (Confined): 1 Toby Welch, Kilwhipnach 2 G and J Gillespie, Crosshill 3 J and M Turner, Kildallog. Two shear in milk (open): 1 Messrs McArthur, Arnicle 2 G and J Gillespie, Crosshill 3 Jake Ronald, Coulinlongart. Two shear in milk (confined): 1 G and J Gillespie, Crosshill 2 John Ronald, Coulinlongart 3 Jake Ronald, Coulinlongart. Gimmer (open): 1 Messrs McArthur, Arnicle 2 J and M Turner, Kildallog 3 R and I Shaw, Aucharonich. Gimmer (confined): 1 J and M Turner, Kildallog 2 G and J Gillespie, Crosshill 3 John Ronald, Coulinlongart. Gimmer YF/Juv. (open): 1 Casey McArthur 2 Alastair McArthur 3 Elsie McArthur. Ewe Lamb (Open) G and J Gillespie, Crosshill: 1 Messrs McArthur Jake Ronald, Coulinlongart. Ewe Lamb (confined): 1 G and J Gillespie, Crosshill 2 Jake Ronald Coulinlongart 3 Toby Welch, Kilwhipnach. Ewe with Lamb at foot: 1 Jake Ronald, Coulinlongart 2 Messrs McArthur 3 J and M Turner, Kildallog. Group of three: Messrs McArthur, Arnicle 2 Elliott Bowman, Upper Cragbus. Champion (confined) G and J Gillespie, Crosshill. Reserve champion (Conf) J and M Turner, Kildallog. Champion (Open) Messrs McArthur Arnicle. Reserve champion (Open) Callum

Mclean, Ardfern.

PRIME LAMBS
Single prime lamb: 1 Allan McKellar, Seaview 2 Allan McKellar, Seaview 3 Ian Mckendrick, High Dalrioch. Three lambs any other X: 1 Ian Mckendrick, High Dalrioch 2 Ian Mckendrick, High Dalrioch 3 Rosslyn Smith, Ballimore. Champion Pen, Ian Mckendrick, High Dalrioch. Reserve Champion, Ian Mckendrick, High Dalrioch.

LEICESTER SHEEP
Aged tup: 1 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh 2 J and M Turner, Kildallog. Shearling Tup: 1 Jean McLachlan, Kildallog 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Ewe in Milk: 1 Jean McLachlan, Kildallog 2 J and M Turner, Kildallog 3 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Gimmer: 1 Jean McLachlan, Kildallog 2 J and M Turner, Kildallog 3 J and M Turner, Kildallog. Tup Lamb: 1 J and M Turner, Kildallog 2 Jean McLachlan, Kildallog 3 Linzi Cameron, Gartvaigh. Ewe Lamb: 1 Linzi Cameron, Gartvaigh 2 J and M Turner, Kildallog 3 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Group of three: 1 Jean McLachlan, Kildallog 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh 3 Linzi Cameron, Gartvaigh. Champion, Jean McLachlan, Kildallog. Reserve Champion, Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh.

SUFFOLK SHEEP
Ram two shear or over: 1 Janis Murchie, Greannan, Arran Ewe: 1 Jack MacDonald, Cruach, Islay 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh 3 Jack MacDonald, Cruach, Islay. Yield gimmer: 1 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh 2 Jack MacDonald, Cruach, Islay 3 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Shearline Tup: 1 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Tup lamb: 1 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Ewe Lamb: 1 Jack MacDonald, Cruach, Islay 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh 3 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Group of three: 1 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh 2 Jack MacDonald, Cruach, Islay. Champion, Jack MacDonald Cruach, Islay. Reserve Champion, Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh.

MULE AND GREYFACE
Ewe in milk: 1 M and C Ralston, Rhoin 2 J and M Turner, Kildallog 3 M and C Ralston, Rhoin. Yield gimmer: 1 M and C Ralston, Rhoin 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh 3 M and C Ralston, Rhoin. Ewe Lamb: 1 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh 2 J and M Turner, Kildallog 3 Peter McKerral, Island View. Champion, M and C Ralston, Rhoin. Reserve Champion, M and C Ralston, Rhoin.

TEXEL
Tup two shear or over: 1 Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay J and M Cairns, Lochside 3 M and C Ralston, Rhoin. Shearling Tup: 1 Ian McKendrick, High Dalrioch 2 John Pirie, Machrihanish 3 Olivia Bowman, Upper Cragbus. Ewe in Milk: 1 Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay 2 Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay 3 G and J Gillespie, Crosshill. Yield Gimmer: 1 Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay 2 Jack MacDonald, Cruach, Islay 3 John Pirie, Machrihanish. Tup Lamb: 1 Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay 2 Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay 3 M and C Ralston, Rhoin. Ewe Lamb: 1 Peter McKerral, Island View 2 Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay 3 Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay. Group of three: 1 Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay 2 Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay 3 Peter McKerral, Island View. Champion, Sheena Woodrow. Westend, Islay. Reserve, Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay.

ANY OTHER BREED SHEEP (non native)
Tup: 1 Stewart Herraty, Low Ranachan 2 Stewart Herraty, Low Ranachan 3 Caitlin Ronald, Kerran. Ewe in Milk: 1 Rosslyn Smith, Ballimore 2 Craig McMillan, Low Tirfergus 3 Stewart Herraty, Low Ranachan. Gimmer: 1 Stewart Herraty, Low Ranachan 2 Craig McMillan, Low Tirfergus 3 Rosslyn Smith, Ballimore. Tup Lamb: 1 Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay 2 Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay 3 Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay. Ewe Lamb: 1 Craig McMillan, Low Tirfergus 2 Rosslyn Smith, Ballimore 3 Stewart Herraty, Low Ranachan. Group of 3: 1 Craig McMillan,

Low Tirfergus 2 Stewart Herraty, Low Ranachan 3 Rosslyn Smith, Ballimore. Champion, Stewart Herraty, Low Ranachan. Reserve, Sheena Woodrow, Westend, Islay.

ANY OTHER NATIVE BREED
Tup: 1 Janis Murchie, Greannan, Arran 2 D and S Robb, Tarbert. Ewe in Milk: 1 M and C Ralston, Rhoin 2 M and C Ralston, Rhoin 3 Ruth Semple, Dalbhradden. Gimmer: 1 Harry Gemmill, Iffedale 2 M and C Ralston, Rhoin 3 M and C Ralston, Rhoin. Tup Lamb: M and C Ralston, Rhoin. Ewe Lamb: 1 M and C Ralston, Rhoin 2 D and S Robb, Tarbert 3 M and C Ralston, Rhoin. Group of three: 1 M and C Ralston, Rhoin 2 Harry Gemmill, Iffedale 3 Ruth Semple, Dalbhradden. Best Border Leicester: 1 Torrinn Smith, Kildallog. Best Jacob: M and C Ralston, Rhoin. Champion Harry Gemmill, Iffedale. Reserve, Janis Murchie, Greannan, Arran.

DOGS

Collie: 1 J Martin with Rosie 2 M Smith with Jasper. Terriers: 1 Enid McMurch with Baloo 2 E Hannah with 3 Mila K Smith with Malky. Gun Dogs: 1 Donald Graham with Tally 2 D Kinsman with Ghillien 3 Diana McKenzie with Breeze. Miniatures: A Campbell with Rosie 2 Josh Ramsay with Sparky 3 Lindsay Shields with Fergus. Any other breed: 1 McHenry with Rusty 2 M Kinsman with Archie 3 A Smith with Cinderella. Puppy under six months old: 1 Floraidh Robinson with Chica 2 R Macdonald with Roxxy 3 C Ronald with Alfie. Puppy six-12 months old: 1 S McGuigan with Ru 2 R Turner with Ted 3 S Miller with Tess. Champion, Floraidh Robinson with Chica.

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Turner 3 Moira McPhee. Six pods of peas: 1 Louise Millar 2 Matthew Ralston 3 Marija Terpstra. Six pods of broad beans: 1 Sarah McFadzean 2 Marija Terpstra 3 Angus Nimmo. Six runner beans: 1 Dougal Jones. Four potatoes: 1 Matthew Ralston 2 Henry Jones 3 Alister Nimmo. 3 carrots: 1 Louise Millar 2 Marija Terpstra. Three Globe beetroot: 1 Louise Millar 2 Matthew Ralston. Three stalks of Rhubarb: 1 Wendy Py 2 Ailsa Colville 3 Matthew Ralston. One foilage plant: 1 Ailsa Colville 2 Marija Terpstra. One flowering plant: 1 Alister Nimmo. One cactus: 1 Catherine Ralston. One pot Lobelia: 1 Hester Baker 2 Angus Nimmo. One Fuchsia: 1 Alister Nimmo. Three cut roses: 1 Catherine Ralston 2 Alister Nimmo. Vase Floribunda: 1 Elizabeth Irwin 2 Catherine Ralston. Vase Scotch Marigolds: 1 Alister Nimmo. Vase sweet peas: 1 Moira McPhee 2 Louise Millar 3 Sophie Millar. One gladioli: 1 Louise Millar 2 Alison Weir. Vase Herbaceous Flowers: 1 Angus Nimmo 2 Alister Nimmo. Exhibit in wine glass: 1 Catherine Ralston 2 Morag Johnston 3 Elizabeth Irwin. Exhibit featuring five blooms: 1 Catherine Ralston 2 Elizabeth Irwin. Six eggs: 1 Fred Jones 2 Gayle Scougal 3 Andrew Glen. Marshmallow figure: 1 Wallace Amaut 2 Nimmo 3 Mia McConnachie 4 Dylan Graham. Decorated paper plate: 1 Mica Amaut Nimmo 2 Murray Kerr 3 Wallace Amaut Nimmo. Three chocolate crispies: 1 Mia McConnachie 2 Martha Teale 3 Mica 4 Amaut Nimmo. Miniature garden: 1 Donald McLean 2 Alice McKendrick. Handmade Party Invitation: 1 Bailey Bannatyne 2 Alice McKendrick 2 Lucy McFadzean. Three cupcakes: 1 Emma Millar 2 Erin Ralston 3 Emma Millar. Jar garden flowers: 1 Mica Amaut Nimmo 2 Murray Kerr 3 Sophie Millar. Animal made from Vegetables: 1 Murray Kerr 2 Mica Amaut Nimmo 3 Euan Millar. Society cup (Baking), Jessie Main. Kildallog cup (vegetables), Louise Millar.



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Brian Berry, chief executive of the Federation of Master Builders, said: 'The

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which would restrict cashflow and add extra administrative burdens which risk sending small businesses to the wall. The Government's guidance on the policy is confusing and complex, and it wasn't published with enough time for companies to prepare.'

Berry concluded: 'Reverse Charge VAT, Making Tax Digital and a no-deal Brexit will create the perfect storm for con-

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In return West Highland Housing Association is offering an excellent remuneration package which includes 25 days paid leave per year plus public holidays and a contributory pension scheme. The organisation is a gold accredited Investors in People organisation and is committed to developing its staff team.

If you want to speak to us about either post, please contact Iona Smith/Moira MacVicar for the Housing Assistant post and Graeme Bruce for the Property Officer post on 01631 566451. We will be delighted to talk further about our work and our expectations.

A full job pack can be downloaded from our website at www.westhighlandha.co.uk (no CVs). Applications should be received by noon 2nd September. Interviews are planned for week commencing 9th September at our office at Crannog Lane.



YEOMAN GLENSANDA

Glensanda is the flagship site of construction materials producer and supplier Aggregate Industries, and the largest granite quarry in Europe, exporting to markets all across Northern Europe. It has an annual production capacity in excess of 9 million tonnes and a massive 760 million tonnes reserve of granite.

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Good standard of English Language and numerical skills
Ability to communicate at all levels and good interpersonal skills
Ability to create innovative solutions to problems that may arise on a daily basis
Strong organisation and time management skills
Ability to work as part of a team using own initiative.

To apply please send your CV and covering letter to Mr Paul Kersley, Glensanda Quarry, Morvern, Oban PA34 5 QB

Closing Date for Applications: 20th August 2019.

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The role would be deliveries to sites as well as helping to prepare equipment for hire.

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The person we are looking for will ideally have passed their NCTJ Prelims, including shorthand, be multi-media literate, and unafraid of hard work. They will be bursting with ideas on where to look for stories, understand the importance of fostering great contacts and knowing their patch, and be capable of working on their own initiative as well as part of a team. They should also hold a full driving licence. As well as writing for the newspaper, they will be expected to take occasional pictures on the job, as well as contribute to our social media channels. In return for all this we offer a competitive salary, great experience and training, as well as an enhanced pension.

Please apply by email, sending your CV, plus a covering letter and some examples of your work to Susan Windram: swindram@obantimes.co.uk

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ARGYLL ESTATES INVERARAY, ARGYLL GROUNDSMAN

Argyll Estates seeks an enthusiastic Groundsman.

This is a full-time position.

A full job description and further details can be obtained from

Argyll Estates Office by contacting secretary@inveraray-castle.com or telephoning 01499 302203.

Applications in writing, should be sent to secretary@inveraray-castle.com to arrive no later than Monday 19th August 2019.

ARGYLL ESTATES INVERARAY, ARGYLL ACCOUNTANT/BOOKKEEPER

Argyll Estates seeks an experienced Accountant/Bookkeeper.

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Fishery Officer

Campbeltown

£25,367 - £28,341 plus allowances

We have a permanent role available within our Marine Scotland compliance team based in our Campbeltown office.

The role involves Investigating breaches of Scottish, UK, EU and International Fisheries legislation together with providing guidance, advice and information to the fishing industry.

Inspections are conducted 24/7 in line with the operations of the Industry and officers can expect to undertake some of their duties in unsocial hours or weekends.

Closing date: 20th August 2019.

We welcome applications from all suitably qualified people and aim to employ a diverse workforce which reflects the people of Scotland.

For further information and to apply, simply visit our website www.work-for-scotland.org.



RAS Senior Technician

Barcaldine, Argyll

Scottish Sea Farms are an internationally recognised farmer of superior quality Scottish Salmon. As part of our continued growth and investment in our business we are now seeking to appoint a Senior RAS Technician for our new £44 million Freshwater Hatchery. The first of its kind in the UK, this state-of-the-art facility - Recirculation Aquaculture System (RAS) will produce the best quality smolts before transferring to sea water at the optimum time.

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The successful candidate will have at least 5 years' practical experience in fish husbandry and ideally 2 years' experience in RAS systems. You must also ensure that all tasks are completed in a professional manner adherent to strict health and safety requirements and practice good house-keeping throughout all activities.

You should be educated to a degree level or equivalent in a relevant subject area and understand the complex relationships between water quality parameters and fish health & welfare. You will be highly-organised, with excellent interpersonal and communication skills and full of pride and passion for what you do.

In return, Scottish Sea Farms will offer an attractive salary and remuneration package including pension scheme, life insurance cover, discretionary bonus, occupational health support, subsidised gym membership and cycle to work scheme.

Eligibility to work in the UK: We are an equal opportunities employer and we welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons; however, you must be able to provide documentation of your right to work in the UK at interview.

To apply for this role, please visit our website www.scottishseafarms.com/our-people/careers or for an informal chat please contact HR on 01786 445521

Closing date for applications: Monday the 12th of August 2019



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Dawnfresh Farming Ltd, part of the Dawnfresh Seafoods Group, is the largest Trout Farming Company operating in the UK. Our Marine and Freshwater farms are located throughout Scotland and Ireland. We are looking to recruit for the following positions at our **Loch Etive site, Tainuillt**:

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- **Assistant Manager**

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These are full time positions, working a 40 hour week, including weekend cover on a rota basis. We offer attractive salaries along with company pension scheme and occupational health support.

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HR Department, Dawnfresh Seafoods Ltd, Bothwellpark Industrial Estate, Uddingston, G71 6LS. Office - 01698 810008, E-mail: hr@dawnfresh.co.uk

Closing date for applications is 16th August 2019.



SENIOR HUSBANDRY; EXPERIENCED AND TRAINEE HUSBANDRY

SCALLASTLE MARINE FARM, ISLE OF MULL

We are currently seeking to appoint meticulous, inspiring, and driven Senior Husbandry and Husbandry experts who eat, sleep and breathe fish health, net management, feed management and people development at our high performing Scallastle Marine Farm on the Isle of Mull.

Senior Husbandry with Net Specialisation

Salary up to £29k plus 1:3 weekend payments (additional £4k per annum) plus additional specialisation allowance (£900 per annum)

The Senior Husbandry role is crucial to our success in ensuring the best management of our superior quality Scottish salmon including net management, feed management and people development. Your input will be critical to us driving outstanding performance. You will be responsible for leading and managing all of the requirements it takes to maintain our fish health, welfare and stock performance. The Senior Husbandry role is designed to encourage you to develop your expertise in the disciplines of your role, but also to identify your potential as a future Trainee Marine Farm Manager.

EXPERIENCED HUSBANDRY

Salary up to £24k plus 1:3 weekend payments (additional £4k per annum).

Our husbandry roles are goals-led, highly creative and all about continuous improvement. We want the very best experts to deliver for our fish. You'll be a highly experienced and successful salmon farmer with competence in all aspects of husbandry including fish health monitoring, stock appetite assessment, feeding systems, boat handling and maintenance, while being proactive on all aspects of health and safety.

You'll thrive on putting your leadership abilities and husbandry expertise to work to maximise the performance of the marine farm and actively contribute to the ongoing development of the team. Looking for a career change? We would also welcome applications from candidates looking to begin their career in the Aquaculture sector.

Trainee Husbandry

Starting salary £18,771.00, plus 1:3 weekend payments (£4k annually).

We are looking for ambitious individuals who are team players, proactive in health & safety and who have high expectations of themselves and of their employer.

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Benefits: As well as generous salaries and weekend payments, we also offer a structured training plan; career development; 30 days paid holiday; re-location and accommodation support; crop performance bonus (to max £7k per crop); discretionary company bonus; pension scheme; life insurance cover; employee assistance programme; subsidised gym membership and cycle to work scheme.

To apply for any of these roles, please visit our website www.scottishseafarms.com/our-people/careers or for an informal chat please contact HR on 01786 445521

Closing date: Friday 16th August 2019



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Experience of working in an accounts department will be advantageous, as will the ability to work on your own initiative. Computer literacy and careful attention to detail will be crucial for this role.

This role will involve extensive customer care with outbound contact with our customer base and a pleasant telephone manner will also be important. This role is full time but flexible part time may be considered.

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SECRETARY

MACTAGGART SOLICITORS

We are looking to employ a Full Time legal secretary within our Campbeltown Office. Relevant experience preferable but not essential. General secretarial duties,

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All enquiries to the Staff Partner,
Mr Christian Kane 01586 552317
christian.kane@cdm-law.co.uk



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PLANNING

These applications listed below may be inspected between 09:00-12:30 -13:30-16:00 hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD. They can also be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and at your Local Customer Service Point (check opening times).

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/01556/PP	Retention of modular building for storage ancillary to Tarbert Harbour Authority (retrospective)	Harbour Masters Office, Garval Road, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6TR
19/01524/PP	Demolition of outhouse and erection of residential annexe	Cumlodden Manse, Furnace, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute, PA32 8XU
19/01547/PP	Change of use from community, development and information centre to tearoom and gift shop	2A Main Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AG
19/01459/PP	Upgrade existing access to form bellmouth to enable timber harvesting	Cnocachamach Woodland, Land North West Of Achadh Chaorunn, Ardrpatrick, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
19/01348/PP	Alterations and upgrading of existing vehicular access and formation of new access track to link to existing track and associated works	Land South Of Bushang Cottage, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute
19/01537/LIB	Demolition of existing garage, erection of sunroom, installation of oil tank, re-position of satellite dish and increase height to boundary wall	Flat Ground/2, Seacliff, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA30 8EU
19/01548/LIB	Internal and external alterations to community, development and information centre to form tearoom and gift shop	2A Main Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AG

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The role will include supporting staff, students and tenants with a wide range of administrative duties including switchboard, welcoming visitors and contributing to site security. There will be an occasional need to work alternative hours or provide support in our visitor centre.

For further information and to apply for this position online, go to: www.sams.ac.uk. Alternatively, please write to: Human Resources, Receptionist, (Job Ref. D04/19.SJ), The Scottish Association for Marine Science, Scottish Marine Institute, Oban, Argyll, PA37 1QA or e-mail recruitment@sams.ac.uk

Closing date for submission of all applications: 23rd August 2019
Interviews will be held week of 9th September 2019

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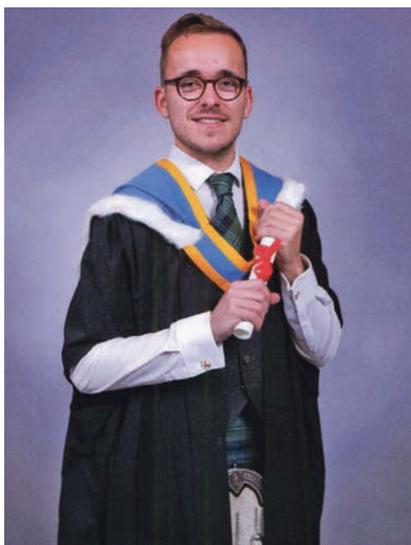
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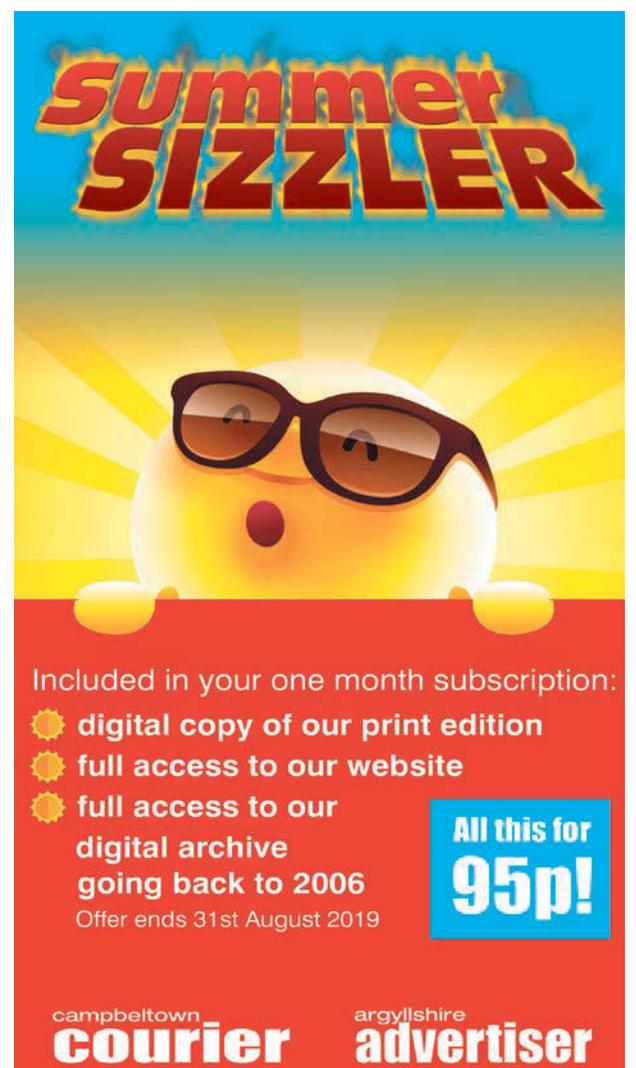
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Church sale of work success

Highland Parish Church held a successful sale of work in Kirk Street Hall, Campbeltown on Saturday July 27.

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Behind the scenes in the kitchen.



The baking stall is groaning with produce.



Baby knitting for sale.



Enjoying tea and cake.



The baking stall does a roaring trade.



There was a silver collection at the door.



Tasty sandwiches at the sale of work.



The busy sale of work hall.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

If you met John the Baptist on a dark night in a quiet place, you might be justified in feeling a little afraid, for John might have appeared a little strange.

John was a colourful character who was, according to the gospels, a voice crying out in the wilderness. John was not an ordinary person and is described as wearing clothes of camel's hair, living on locusts and wild honey, while telling people to repent and be baptised.

He was a wee bit unorthodox, but he was committed to his God.

One day when the crowds asked what they should do to please God, John replied: 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none and whoever has food must do likewise.'

Recently I have had several friends deciding to 'down size' to get rid of clutter, to clear things out and not leave it for someone to do 'when I'm gone'.

How we can so easily get cluttered with possessions; how easily we can become weighed down with things we don't need, will never use, wish we hadn't bought, and so on.

As I look around our house and all the possessions we have accumulated over the years, I feel burdened by it all.

It is so easy to be a gatherer, a hoarder, a squirrel.

So many folk have told me how liberating it is to clear the clutter, get rid of the baggage, sort things out.

Possessions can weigh us down, and the clutter not only occupies the house, but also occupies mental energy too. I think John's words resonate today when we are encouraged to buy things we just don't need. I think I'll begin in the loft.

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DEATHS

BROWN - Peacefully at home in Shafton, Barnsley on August 4, 2019, Alexander Houston, aged 81 years, South Yorks Constabulary (Retired). Loving partner of Maureen, second son of the late Mrs and Mrs Robert Brown, Drumlembie and a much loved brother of Catherine, Una, Malcolm and the late Neil, Donald and Bobby.

COX - Peacefully after a short illness in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on July 31, 2019, Isabella Cox, nee Colville, in her 82nd year, 14 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late David (Danie) Cox, loving mum of Eleanor, Nanette and David and a much loved grandma and GG.

GALBRAITH - David B.E.M (Zara) from Southend, passed away peacefully at home in Clydebank with his family around him on August 2, 2019 aged 87 years. Loving husband for 59 years to Sheena McNair. Formerly of Strathclyde Police 'B' Division in Clydebank. Will be sadly missed by all.

LITSTER - Suddenly, but peacefully at the R.A.H Paisley, on August 7, 2019, James (Jimmy) Litster Snr, in his 84th year, of 9 Meadows Road, Lochgilphead. Loving husband of the late Flora (Laura) Darroch and much loved father of James, Duncan, Stewart and Laura. A proud grandfather of David, Caroline, Amy, Ashley, Sarah, Clare, Ewan, Campbell, Cameron, Emma and Murray and loving great-grandfather. Dear

brother of Danny and the late Davie. Much respected father in law of Alison, Verina, Norma and Colin. A cherished brother in law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and very dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Monday August 12, 2019 at 1.30pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 3, 2019, Catherine Taylor Brown (Irene) in her 85th year, 12 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Thomas Robertson, much loved mother of Johnnie and the late Marina, loving nana of Catherine, Leona, Denise, Tammy, Margaret and Thomas and a much loved great nana.

WOOLMORE - Peacefully at her home, Ionad Socair, Upper Lochgair, on August 5, 2019, Isabella (Ishbel) Woolmore, nee Johnstone, in her 99th year. Beloved wife of the late Robert Woolmore. A good neighbour and dear friend. A graveside service will be held at Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae, Minard, on Monday August 12, 2019, at 11am. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BROWN - Cathie, Kenina, Drew, nieces and nephews, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in the sad loss of Hugh. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Tarbert Medical Practice, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley and all Carr Gomm staff for the kind care and attention received, to Rev Robert MacLeod for his tribute and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, West Loch Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations for Diabetes UK raised £300.

SCOTT - The family of the late Flora Scott would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, flowers & donations, and to those who attended the service and interment. Our thanks to all the staff at the North Argyll House for the kindness and loving care given to Flora during her time there. Also to Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell for a comforting service; Mrs Ethel MacCallum for music; the George Hotel for catering; Roddy & Fiona at Donald MacDonald for their help and consideration, and to Morna for the beautiful flowers.

IN MEMORIAMS

ALLAN - Sweet and happy memories of our darling youngest son, Iain Kelly, died July 30, 2006. Also my beloved husband, Robert Galbraith, (Big Bert) died August 13, 2006.

- Love and miss you both so much, till we meet again. Always and ever.

Jean xx
LIDDELL - In loving memory of our dear dad Robert, died August 9, 2004.

Your life was a blessing. Your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words, And missed beyond measure.

- Sadly missed by Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine, Robert, Grant and Stephanie.

MACLENNAN - In loving memory of Elizabeth, died August 12, 1985, loving wife of the late Murdo and beloved mum of the late Kevin. We hold her close within our hearts.

And there she will remain.

To walk with us throughout our lives. Until we meet again.

- Love always, Lorne, Leone, Darren and Laurene x

MCKENZIE - In memory of Sandy who died August 11, 2005.

Always in our thoughts.

- Jane and girls xxxx
MORRISON - In loving memory of my fiancé Murdo, who died August 13, 2009.

God called your name so gently, that only you could hear,

No one heard the footsteps of the angels drawing near.

Softly from the shadows there came a gentle call, you closed your eyes and went to sleep and quietly left us all.

- Annie xx

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Inveraray Church
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Capital effort from touring



The squad proudly display their t-shirts purchased through the many fundraising activities; above, CDJFA player Jake McEachran who played for Port Glasgow on Saturday; and The Campbeltown Under-13s squad and their coaches at the Edinburgh International Youth Football Festival.



Thanks to some fine fundraising efforts Campbeltown U13s left the Wee Toon on Thursday August 1 to take part in the Edinburgh International Cup.

Playing their first game the following day, the squad got off to a flyer against Tynecastle when Calum McAllister slotted a perfectly executed penalty on 10 minutes.

The capital side honed all their skills, however, and goals in each half resulted in a 2-1 defeat.

A 4-0 defeat to Villa Park FC in the second game did not reflect the way the Kintyre youngsters played, while the third match against Giffnock

saw another great performance end in a 2-1 defeat with coaches blaming some 'dubious refereeing decisions' for the disappointing result.

Back to the hotel for a quick change on Friday night before heading up town to the Edinburgh Dungeon, an experience enjoyed by everyone.

Back to business on the Saturday and the first stop was the football pitches to watch CDJFA 2010 player Jake McEachran step up and help Port Glasgow out for the day.

He had an absolutely brilliant experience and gelled well with the team, netting a good few goals and learning a lot from the experience.

Next stop for the U13s was the Edinburgh Fringe where the team had a blast watching a live street performance from Marvin Straight, the basket ball man, with his free-style flicks and tricks, before making their way to Edinburgh Castle.

A massive feed (maybe too much!) ensued before squad made its way to the parks for their first game of the night against Edinburgh South Athletic during which three quick-fire goals from the opposition caused heads to go down, leading to a 4-0 defeat.

A rousing team talk installed confidence and self-belief for the

final game against Steins Thistle FC however.

The fire was lit and the team performed brilliantly. A free kick about 30 yards out was struck by Calum McAllister only to be denied by the tips of the opposition goalie. Despite the great effort, the match ended in a 3-0 defeat.

Jack McNab played a blinder over the weekend with smashing runs on both days.

Coaches commented: 'This has been a fantastic opportunity for the team and the Edinburgh Cup set out and proved exactly what we wanted to achieve and that was to sample

experienced teams at 11-a-side. We learned a lot from the weekend and are chuffed to say the team did the town proud during their first proper transition to the 11-a-side game where the U13s have secured a place in Glasgow and District Youth Football League second division.'

Fundraising efforts for the trip included Helen Gilchrist running a children's quiz, a full day's spinning by squad members in Campbeltown Co-op, a successful bag pack in Campbeltown Tesco, a very successful tombola and baking stall at their own festival, generous donations from the Co-op and

Simply the best for James

James Williamson produced his best game of the season to hold off an improving Donald Brown in the Charles Hunter bogey competition held in warm, humid and breezy conditions at Dunaverty Golf Club.

James was plus one after nine holes and then proceeded to put together an excellent back nine to finish on plus five.

Meanwhile Donald had gone to plus four on the front nine only to fall back on the inward nine and finished on plus four.

Result: 1, James Williamson plus five; 2, Donald Brown plus four; 3, Bill Brannigan plus three; 4, Sandy Watson plus three; 5, Ken MacMillan plus two; 6, Robert Cook plus two.



Under 13s



Laggan Community Council, a sibling of one of the Tarbert players holding a coffee morning in her local nursing home, the Kinloch Bar running various football cards and a darts charity event along with generous donations from parents and grandparents.

The U13s appreciate every single penny raised to get them to the tournament.

Leftover funds went towards a framed photo of the team, by the Edinburgh Cup photographer, for each player plus player of the tournament gifts which the coaches decided should be awarded to Jack

McNab and Imogen Todd, who displayed some excellent saves throughout the festival, and a small keyring for coaches Rhys Blair, Dougue Renton and Robert Todd.

Organisers would also like to thank Mairi MacMillan and Robert Graham for accompanying them on the trip, all the fundraisers, CDJFA for supporting their efforts and also Kintyre Sports Council for the use of the bus.

They wished the U13s all the best in their first year of the Glasgow League, and thanked strip sponsors local businesses Donald Mclean contractors and Munch.

Competition heats up in Stronvaar invitation triples

For the first time this season it was factor 30 and Bermuda shorts on Campbeltown Bowling Club's Stronvaar green as it hosted its new invitation triples competition for the Archie and Tracy Millar trophy.

The tournament was well supported by the two local clubs and others

from Mid Argyll and beyond and the round robin sections of four matches were keenly contested.

The semi-finals featured two triples from CBC, Argyll BC and Vale of Leven BC, and these resulted in a final between Campbeltown's Steven Dickson, Neil Maguire and Hugh Newlands and Vale's Colin McIntyre, Grant MacLeod and Robert Scott.

A good crowd gathered around the green to watch the match and saw the Vale trio take control with MacLeod the stand-out performer gaining the shots that mattered to give his team a decisive win.

President Bobby Dalziel thanked Archie and Tracy for their generous sponsorship of the event and invited them to present the trophy and prizes.

Winners group with sponsors Archie and Tracy Millar.

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Capital effort
from touring
Under 13s

Competition heats
up in Stronvaar
invitation triples

Pupils keep their cool to catch late winning score

Rhu AFC 2
Campbeltown Pupils 3
Pre-season friendly

Campbeltown Pupils applied the perfect finish to their pre-season preparations with a hard-fought win over Rhu, writes John McCallum.

Having been regular visitors to the Caledonian League side's summer tournament, winning the competition in 2014, the one-off match was played in a good spirit, but it was the Pupils who found their ruthless streak to snatch a win in the closing minutes.

Rhu, fielding a team with plenty of height and energy, featuring several former youth players from Dumbarton FC – and former teammates of Pupils' playmaker Donald McCallum – threatened early on.

At the other end, though, the McFadyens-sponsored Pupils

had first-half chances, with Scott Souden and youngster Calum McKillop both having one-on-one opportunities, but their efforts were stopped by the Rhu keeper.

The second half exploded into life on the hour mark as former Sons youth Callum Scott made his mark for Rhu, turning inside his marker to curl a classy left-footed finish beyond stand-in goalkeeper Ellis Robertson.

Undeterred, the Pupils searched for an equaliser, and were given the opportunity minutes later when a Rhu handball in the box was penalised by referee Thomas d'Alessandro.

John McCallum, playing as sweeper in a back three with Fraser Wylie and Ross Souden, stepped up to send the keeper the wrong way and make it 1-1.

However, after a lapse in concentration, the Pupils

conceded a second goal, a cleverly guided header from a near-post corner evading Robertson in goal.

Then, with the 22°C heat and high humidity making the game hard work for both teams, the Feathers-sponsored Pupils rallied to equalise.

A sweeping move involving midfield trio Keith Mitchell, Stuart Crossan and Donald McCallum found Scott Souden, who made no mistake when bearing down on goal, lashing a right-foot shot past the Rhu keeper, to the delight of his teammates and the clutch of Campbeltonians making the long journey to spectate.

Then, in the dying seconds, after seeing shots blocked at their own end, thanks to some vital interventions from Robertson, the Pupils stole a winner when midfield substitute Finn Scott was teed up by

Scott Souden to slot the ball home low beyond the Rhu keeper, ensuring the visitors completed the pre-season unbeaten.

Pupils manager Campbell Robertson said: 'The conditions were tough, but the boys played really well, and our shape was good too. We would like to thank Rhu Amateurs for their excellent post-match hospitality.'

Meanwhile, the Pupils' centenary season officially starts tomorrow (Saturday) when they host Argyll rivals Lochgilphead Red Star at Kintyre Park, in the SAFL's aptly named Centenary Cup, with a 2pm kick-off.

And with two more Saturday group matches to follow in August, firstly away to Dunoon and then at home to Tarbert, the Pupils will look to continue their dazzling pre-season form once the competitive action begins.



Peter Cupples pictured with Catherine Mundell.

Cupples wins James Mundell Memorial Open

The great British summer-time did its best to put a dampener on last Sunday's open but the 45 players who took part enjoyed an excellent Tarbert Golf Club course despite some awful weather for the morning starters.

First off the blocks was Peter Cupples, playing in the worst of the weather, returning the winning score with a fabulous 72-12 for net 60, a score that nobody could threaten all day despite the improving weather conditions.

In the scratch section, David Lamont took the honours with a superb one-under-par 65.

As always, competitors were

well looked after by Sheena, Georgie, Fiona and Mrs Mundell, who provided outstanding hospitality all day.

Captain Smyth thanked Catherine Mundell for her continued support as well as the players who had travelled a distance, especially to all the Arran regulars.

This week the first and second round of the Tarbert Club Championship takes place with John MacNab defending.



Campbeltown Pupils AFC end pre-season with a thrilling victory.

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