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First-class musicians and dancers see trophy success

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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There is significantly more silverware in Kintyre now than there was last week after the area's top young musicians and dancers returned home from two national competitions laden with trophies.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band (KSPB) and James McCorkindale's School of Dancing were triumphant at Cowal Highland Gathering, while Campbeltown Brass was victorious at the West of Scotland Brass Band Association's Entertainment Contest.

Cowal Highland Gathering, held in Dunoon since 1894, is one of the oldest and largest Highland games in the world, with about 23,000 people normally visiting across the two-day event.

KSPB played in two separate competitions – in its grade, Novice B/4B, and in Novice B/4A, a grade up.

The band's first performance was in the Novice/4A



Members of KSPB toss their glengarries in celebration of being placed first in their section at Cowal Highland Gathering.

Photograph: Gilbert McKillop.

grade where both Novice B and Grade 4A bands compete, so it was classed as a grade higher for the school band.

The band was judged by piping adjudicators G Lawrie BEM and T Brown, while A Hepburn adjudicated drumming, and the ensemble adjudicator was J Campbell.

The band performed a March, Strathspey and Reel of King George Army,

Caledonian Canal and Lexy McAskill. It was apparent afterwards that the tutors and players were not overjoyed with their performance but the band scored 17 and placed fourth, which was a pleasing result given that the performance was not to the usual standard.

The band was on again at noon, this time playing at its own grade of Novice B/4B. The judges were P Snaddon

QVRM, A Kerr, J Baxter and P Turner.

The band played Sweet Maid of Glendaruel, Greenwood Side, 79th Farewell to Aberdeen and Campbells Farewell to Redcastle. This performance was much improved on the previous one and the result reflected this, with the band placing in first position, making the musicians Cowal champions in their grade. To round off

the 'perfect' day, KSPB was also judged to be smartest band on parade.

Nine members of James McCorkindale's School of Dancing also proved to be Cowal champions after winning various Highland dancing competitions and making it the school's most successful Cowal Highland Gathering to date.

Linzi Cameron won the Islay Trophy for first place in the

Argyll Championship, adult section; Solana McMurchy won the DA Martin Memorial Cup for first place in the Argyll Championship, 12 and 13 years; Taylor McMillan won the Gerald and Mary Simmons Memorial Trophy for first place in Intermediate, 13 years and under; Korri McMillan won the Isa and Duncan Lauder Memorial Trophy for first place in Novice, nine years and under; Emma Johnston won the Corrigal Black Trophy for first place in Beginners, eight years and under; Emma Millar won the Christina McGeachy Trophy for second place in Novice, 10 to 13 years; Ellie Gorman won the Achamore Shield for second place in Novice, nine and under; Sophie Galbraith won the Bincow Cup for third place in the Argyll Championship, 11 and under; and Lisa McKellar won the JoAnne McGeachy Trophy for fourth place in the Argyll Championship, 14 and 15 years.

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First-class musicians and dancers see trophy success



Senior dancers from James McCorkindale's School of Dancing, from left, Linzi Cameron, Solana McMurchy and Lisa McKellar, with their trophies.

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James McCorkindale told the Courier: 'Last year we got our best ever Cowal result when we won six trophies, so winning nine on Saturday was a fantastic feeling!'

The same day at a different venue – across the water in Troon – Campbeltown Brass was crowned the best First Section band at the West of Scotland Entertainment Contest which had a Burns theme.

As it was an entertainment contest the band opened with The Theme from the Muppet Show, and continued by featuring solo horn player Amy Paterson in the beautiful arrangement of Hushabye Mountain. Eleanor Rigby, arranged by Alan Fernie, was next on the programme, followed by a stunning arrangement of Ay Waukin O by Jamie McVicar. The band concluded



Junior dancers Sophie Galbraith, Emma Millar and Ellie Gorman; middle, Korri McMillan and Taylor McMillan, and front, Emma Johnston. 50_c36dancers01

its programme with the uprising arrangement of American Trilogy. Not only did the band win its section, but it also came second overall, beating two championship bands.

The adjudicator was John Doyle, one of the UK's leading performers on the cornet and flugelhorn, who is in great

demand around the world as a soloist, conductor, adjudicator and educator.

Conductor Stephanie Mitchell told the Courier: 'It was an absolute pleasure and honour to stand in front of the band and put on such a musical and entertaining performance – all our hard work over the past few

months has definitely paid off. I would like to say thank you to parents who take their children to band and pick them up every week, to all the people behind the scenes who help in sorting out all the music and travel arrangements, and members of the local community for all their support.'

This was the last competition for five of the band members – Amy Paterson, Hannah Oman, Rebecca Semple, Suen Yee Walker and Ali Cupples.

Ms Mitchell added: 'I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best in the future – they have all been huge assets to the band and will be sincerely missed.'

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Sun, 1 Sep 2019	07:09	04:09	09:39	19:35	16:35	22:05
Mon, 2 Sep 2019	07:53	04:53	10:23	20:21	17:21	22:51
Tue, 3 Sep 2019	08:38	05:38	11:08	21:08	18:08	23:38
Wed, 4 Sep 2019	09:24	06:24	11:54			
Thu, 5 Sep 2019	10:15	07:15	12:45			
Fri, 6 Sep 2019	11:13	08:13	13:43			
Sat, 7 Sep 2019	12:29	09:29	14:59			
Sun, 8 Sep 2019				13:52	10:52	16:22
Mon, 9 Sep 2019				15:00	12:00	17:30
Tue, 10 Sep 2019				15:56	12:56	18:26
Wed, 11 Sep 2019				16:44	13:44	19:14
Thu, 12 Sep 2019				17:25	14:25	19:55
Fri, 13 Sep 2019				18:00	15:00	20:30
Sat, 14 Sep 2019				18:30	15:30	21:00
Sun, 15 Sep 2019				18:57	15:57	21:27
Mon, 16 Sep 2019	07:20	04:20	09:50	19:24	16:24	21:54
Tue, 17 Sep 2019	07:47	04:47	10:17	19:55	16:55	22:25
Wed, 18 Sep 2019	08:18	05:18	10:48	20:31	17:31	23:01
Thu, 19 Sep 2019	08:54	05:54	11:24	21:11	18:11	23:41
Fri, 20 Sep 2019	09:36	06:36	12:06			
Sat, 21 Sep 2019	10:25	07:25	12:55			
Sun, 22 Sep 2019	11:25	08:25	13:55			
Mon, 23 Sep 2019	12:38	09:38	15:08			
Tue, 24 Sep 2019				14:02	11:02	16:32
Wed, 25 Sep 2019				15:17	12:17	17:47
Thu, 26 Sep 2019				16:14	13:14	18:44
Fri, 27 Sep 2019				17:02	14:02	19:32
Sat, 28 Sep 2019				17:46	14:46	20:16
Sun, 29 Sep 2019				18:29	15:29	20:59
Mon, 30 Sep 2019				19:12	16:12	21:42

Learn basic life support skills in 15 minutes

What can you do in 15 minutes? Make and eat a Pot Noodle, watch some kitten videos on YouTube?

Or you could go along to Campbeltown Town Hall between 1pm and 6pm on Wednesday September 11 and learn how to save a life.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is working with Heartstart to deliver Basic Life Support Training (BLS) to members of the public.

Heartstart BLS training courses ensure that more people will survive an out-of-hospital emergency and cardiac arrest.

The 15-minute drop-in training sessions on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillators (AED) aim to increase confidence and skills of bystanders to deliver CPR and use an AED if someone collapses with a cardiac arrest.

Alison McGrory, Argyll and Bute HSCP's health improvement principal, said: 'The advantages of knowing and performing BLS and CPR to save a life are endless. I would strongly encourage people to attend the BLS training and to sign up for available Heartstart Course training. Becoming trained and certified in BLS and defibrillation can lead individuals to save someone's life before the emergency team's arrival.'

POLICE FILES

Drugs

A 23-year-old woman was searched by police on Benmore Street, Campbeltown, on Thursday and was allegedly found in possession of cannabis. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Speeders fined

Two motorists who were driving at excessive speed on the A83 at Tarbert last Thursday afternoon were stopped by police officers and given a fixed penalty tickets.

Driver stopped

Police officers stopped a car on Tuesday evening last week on Barrmore Road,

Tarbert, and arrested the 32-year-old driver for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol. The man was charged and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drivers charged

Following a previous police files which reported that a white VW Caddy van and a grey VW Golf car were allegedly driven dangerously and at excessive speed on Jamieson Street, Bowmore, in the early hours of Sunday August 25, two young drivers, aged 19 and 18, have been traced and charged with dangerous driving. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Witness appeal

The shore side of a wall on School Street, Bowmore, had graffiti sprayed on it between Saturday morning August 3 and 1pm on Sunday August 25. Police are investigating.

Assault

Following an allegation of one man assaulting another on Frederick Crescent, Port Ellen, Islay, on Tuesday August 27, police are investigating the incident.

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



Robert Ferguson's driveway has flooded for the fifth time in as many years.

Permanent fix sought after fifth Moy flooding

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A Kintyre home owner has written to Scottish Water after his property flooded for the fifth time in as many years due to what he claims is the company's 'ongoing failure to replace its defective water main'.

Robert Ferguson, of Benrioch, near the Moy, wrote to Ruaridh MacGregor, Scottish Water's corporate affairs regional manager, to express his dissatisfaction after his driveway was flooded last Wednesday morning.

Mr Ferguson wrote: 'Yet again I have woken up this morning to find that Scottish Water's defective main has again burst and flooded our driveway with filthy dirty water. As I type this at 7.55am, water is still flowing off the B842 road into our driveway. No doubt our drains will again be choked.'

Mr Ferguson first noticed that his drive was flooded at 7.15am and the water was turned off at about 8.30am.

In his email to Mr MacGregor, Mr Ferguson continued: 'Needless to say I am livid that Scottish Water

has again allowed this to happen by failing to get to grips with this now historic problem. This is the fifth major burst at the Moy in as many years.

'Your customers west of Campbeltown will again have to endure a period without supply while yet more temporary repairs are carried out.

'You and your colleagues have consistently failed or refused to confirm the date and time-frame for replacement of the defective main between the town and the Moy. Why? Why can you not provide decent customer service?

'I am sure this would have been resolved very quickly if the burst were occurring in the centre of Glasgow. But then again, we are just Scottish Water's country cousins.'

Mr Ferguson told the Courier: 'Our garden and driveway sit below the level of the road, so we always get flooded when there is a burst on either side of our property. Thankfully, the water has never actually come in to our house which sits a bit higher - we only have to wade through filthy mains water to get out of the house.'

A Scottish Water spokes-

person told the Courier: 'Scottish Water operatives were on site repairing a burst on a nine-inch main in the Moy, Campbeltown, on Wednesday August 28. Water supplies were restored to affected properties as quickly as possible.

'Investment to improve the water network in this area is currently in planning and is anticipated to take place at the end of this year.'

Thompson's team reaps reward for fine work

Trade Decorator, a national multimedia news and review website for professional painters and decorators, has awarded a Campbeltown business one of its prestigious monthly project awards.

A Thompson Plastering and Decorating, a five-man team of plasterers, ames tapers and decorators, led by Andy Thompson, has won this for work done on the first phase of the renovation of Ronachan House.

The 13-bedroom estate house, near Clachan, was sold by the Church of Scotland after decades of use as a drugs and alcohol rehabilitation centre.

Andy Thompson, Bobby Dalziel, Darren Burnfield and apprentices John MacSporrán and Josh McKenzie will soon begin phase two of returning the property to its former glory and a new use.

'It is a sheer privilege and pleasure to work on a property of this beauty and I personally classify this as the job of a



The award-winning project at Ronachan House.

lifetime for myself,' Andy told Trade Decorator. 'I am extremely proud of my team and couldn't ask for better, more dedicated workers.'

The new owners felt they wanted to retain as much of the original as possible, only replacing where they was no alternative. But much of the original fabric of the building had been badly damaged over the years meaning a lot of fine surface filler and sanding work for Andy's team.

They used airless spraying techniques for 80 per cent of the work, and this helped keep as much of the fine detailing in the cornices.

Some ceilings still featured the original 1910 wallpaper and Andy was asked to source and match it. One had been discontinued but they found a close match from the 1930s.

Andy served his apprenticeship straight out of school

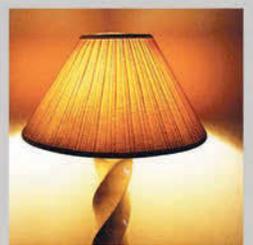
with Gregor MacGregor. Over the past few years he has built up his business which now takes his team as far away as Skye, specialising in new-build developments from the plastering/ames taping stage up to completion of decoration, and Islay.

The business is a member of the British Gypsum Certified Plasterers Scheme, and is in the process of becoming members of Dulux Select Decorators and also The Scottish Decorators Federation. Andy also intends for the apprentices to attend specialist courses in different aspects of the trade.

Andy was working on his own 18 months ago and the business has expanded to now have four employees, three vans, its own dedicated spraying workshop and two storages spaces in the town.

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Campbeltown impresses and inspires Cabinet Minister

Aileen Campbell MSP, the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government Communities, visited Campbeltown to meet community representatives and those involved in social enterprises.

'My Campbeltown visit showed our rural communities at their best – resilient, imaginative, innovative, talented and caring,' she said last week.

Ms Campbell met groups from across all aspects of life in Kintyre, including Meadows Under Fives Nursery, a charity-based nursery which has been running for 27 years, providing early years childcare to 18 months to five-year-old children and the only provider of this kind in the South Kintyre area. Here she met Caroline Deans and the team at the nursery and

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Aileen Campbell MSP

discussed the current shake-up in pre-schooling and the new 1,140 hours provision and the implications this will have locally and the support provided by Just Enterprise to review and update their business plan to prepare for change.

The minister also visited three other local social enterprises delivering a range of community benefits through their trading activity: Machrihanish Airbase Community Company, Wee Toon Environmental Solutions and Kintyre Recycling. She said that what she saw in Campbeltown

was impressive and inspiring: 'I had an incredible time in Campbeltown, meeting inspiring enterprises, active communities and just generally a lot of wonderful caring for one another.'

Left to right: Anne Marie Allen, Just Enterprise programme manager; Ailsa Clark and Joanne Slater, Inspiralba; Caroline Deans, Tracey McLaren and Catriona McIvor, Meadows nursery; Niall McLean, SEA; and Aileen Campbell MSP. KC_c36campbell01



Picture house is venue for



Aileen Campbell MSP, centre, with Cathie Duncan and Steve Byrne from Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants' and Residents' Association.

There was plenty to talk about when the Cabinet Minister made her visit to Campbeltown last week.

Cathie Duncan welcomed Aileen Campbell to Campbeltown Picture House on behalf of Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants' and Residents' Association (DMTRA) and

introduced her to Jane and David Mayo who showed her around and explained the history of the cinema and restoration.

Varied
Steve Byrne, secretary of DMTRA, said: 'Aileen Campbell talked about her brief, which is quite wide and varied. Rather than

a formal meeting it was an informal discussion format that worked well.'

Mr Byrne added: 'More work is being done by the voluntary sector but the amount of funding is not increasing at the same rate.'

He revealed that among the issues discussed dur-

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Rural enterprise hub plan given £27,000 funding

Campbeltown is to benefit from a £27,000 grant to provide staff resource with a focus on rural social enterprise.

The funding is part of £1 million of new funding designed to support the growth of social enterprises such as cinemas, community shops, environmental and youth services run for community benefit across Scotland.

The £1 million will help a range of projects for ambitious and growing social entrepreneurs, offering them support to raise private investment.

Campbeltown's grant will support the creation of a Rural Social Enterprise Hub, to learn from examples of communities delivering a range of enterprise activities and sustaining vital services from across Scotland and delivering learning resources and tools to support those involved.

Vital

Aileen Campbell MSP said: 'Social enterprises are a vital part of our community and economy. They have a distinctive character and often play a role in preserving vital services such as com-

munity shops and transport, and creating employment opportunities.

'The Rural Social Enterprise Hub will bring benefits to the local community and surrounding area in Campbeltown and share knowledge and best practice in social enterprise, both across Scotland and internationally.'

Campbeltown's Ailsa Clark, development manager for the Rural Social Enterprise Hub, said: 'This funding will give us the opportunity to learn from the rural experience to inform policy and better



Ailsa Clark, left, from Inspiralba, met with Aileen Campbell MSP in Campbeltown last week.
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understand opportunities to use digital tools to connect rural social enterprises.

'This recognises the significance of social enterprise in the rural context - with 34 per cent of all Scotland's social enterprises in rural areas but only 18 per cent of the population, there is much

to be learned.'

Ms Clark is from the charitable enterprise Inspiralba, based in Campbeltown, which is working with partners from Finland, Estonia, Romania and Germany on the Village Social Enterprise Network Erasmus project, aiming to enhance the ideas

and methods to promote and support social enterprise in rural areas. The Rural Social Enterprise Hub will be able to extend this work to share learning from across Scotland.

A total of 17 grants to social enterprises have been announced, including Brand for Growth programme, an opportunity for leading social enterprises to develop and grow their brand to increase their customers and trade opportunities and Launch Me, a programme for ambitious and growing social entrepreneurs, offering them support in raising private investment.

r engaging discussions



Aileen Campbell MSP, front, second from the right, at the meeting at Campbeltown Picture House.

ing the minister's visit to Campbeltown were:

■ Campbeltown presence on the Locality Planning Group - although community councillor representation was required, the Campbeltown Community Council was not selected.

■ Bed modelling meetings for Campbeltown

Hospital when, after three years of meetings, it was announced that four hospital beds were closing and the decision had been made in 2016.

Work

■ The Senior Citizens' Monday Social Club and the work it does.

■ The disparity of

wind farm funding with Campbeltown getting about £3,000 a year while East and West Kintyre receive considerably more.

See next week's Courier for the key findings for Kintyre from the newly published Social Enterprise in Scotland Census 2019.

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You make us all proud

After a couple of weeks of disappointing front-page news, it is fantastic to be able to report on the recent successes of Kintyre's young musicians and dancers this week.

They so often do well that we run the risk of taking for granted the triumphs of our young performers but none should be undervalued. It is due to an unbelievable amount of hard work, week in, week out, not just by the musicians and dancers, but by conductors, tutors, parents and many others behind the scenes, which makes these successes possible. A huge number of miles are travelled to attend competitions throughout the year and it is lovely news that all the dedication has paid off.

Five members of Campbeltown Brass have played their last competition as they move away to further their studies – but here's hoping that one day they return to Campbeltown and its award-winning band.

Well done to all the young performers who took part and won at the recent competitions. It is hoped that they are enjoying some downtime now that the season is over.

Please think about pollution

Regarding the article in the Courier on Friday, August 23, about Kintyre Care Home giving their residents a summer-themed fun day, I would like to draw to their attention, and to others who release balloons into the air, to give a thought to where these balloons end up.

Some have been picked up on the beach, others under hedges and in fields where animals graze.

As many know, our oceans have far too much destructive pollution in them and as a nation we are trying to clean up our environment and this wonton contamination is just thoughtlessness.

There are other ways to entertain the care home residents and I am glad that they do get fun days but please just give a thought to the bigger picture.

Anna Binnie, Oatfield Lodge,
Campbeltown.

Respectful observations
about clubhouse plans

Having lived next to Machrihanish Golf Club in the Ugadale Hotel 28 years ago, it was with deep sadness to first hear and subsequently see the effects of last December's monstrous clubhouse fire on social media.

With this in mind I hope my words here will not appear as those coming from an American outsider with no frame of reference to people and places on the Mull of Kintyre.

Given this and given my ensuing golf career

in the United States following my time in Scotland in 1991, I would like to make two observations.

First, whenever clubs (and wherever clubs) rebuild their clubhouses for whatever reason, the likelihood of failure is greatest when a club overextends itself financially.

Many clubs have looked at rebuilding as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Consequently, they add debt based on inflated, unpredictable projections because the projections look nice. But projections are far more erratic in today's inter-connected world than ever before.

In the end, and despite the best intentions, many clubs lose their identity and some lose everything. Hopefully, the governing members of Machrihanish Golf Club are mindful of the cautious multi-generational voices which preceded them.

Second, Machrihanish Golf Club is unique in so many ways, not the least of which is the Pans course and ladies' clubhouse. I read from afar in the Courier that lockers in the ladies' clubhouse may be replaced. An earlier reader called this clubhouse which was untouched by the fire, 'an arts and crafts masterpiece in its original untouched condition'. I agree and trust the contemplated decision, if true, is seriously considered given the irreplaceable nature of its effect.

To close, I was treated so well by so many nearly 30 years ago and on subsequent visits with my family; I hope I have not overstepped any boundaries here.

Obviously, the members of Machrihanish Golf Club will do what they feel is in the best

interests of the club. My hope is they will take a long-term approach.

Mark Brenneman, PGA,
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Clarification

The letter about Machrihanish Ladies' Clubhouse published in last week's edition of the Courier included an artist's impression of the proposed new clubhouse at Machrihanish Golf Club. We would like to clarify that this was not supplied by the letter's author.

Pressing education priorities
in Argyll and Bute

I was delighted to discuss Argyll and Bute's many pressing education priorities with our hard-working Policy Lead for Education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, at a recent meeting.

I was updated on our council's progress in making sure that everyone entitled to free school meals is receiving them, the hard work and long hours our teaching staff are putting in across the board, the success in investing in new school buildings as well as future development plans, and the education attainment gap in Scotland.

Conservatives are working relentlessly, both in the Kintyre and the Islands ward and across Argyll and Bute, to address the growing challenges facing education in our rural constituency.

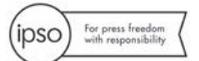
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Latest GERS figures

The publication of the latest Government Expenditure and Revenue for Scotland (GERS) figures has triggered a now traditional feeding frenzy. A black hole in Scotland's finances is heralded by Unionist politicians as validating the continuation of their beloved Union.

The killer phrase for me from the GERS report is: 'The report is designed to allow users to understand and analyse Scotland's fiscal position under different scenarios within the current constitutional framework.'

GERS is therefore a measure of the public finances, under the current Union, hardly the greatest endorsement for how the economy has been managed on the UK's watch. Major economic levers required to stimulate economic growth are still currently reserved to Westminster.

It is indeed a bizarre scenario when politicians from Unionist parties, who should be ashamed at the situation, actively gloat and support a Union that has mismanaged the economy so appallingly. GERS is a set of figures, based on a measure of guesswork that indicate very little, except highlighting the negatives of the Union. It has little bearing on the finances of an independent Scotland.

The point of independence is not to do everything in the same way as it has been done within the current constitutional framework, but to move away from this one-size-fits-all fiscal straitjacket to a tailored approach that prioritises stimulating economic growth.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Kevin Dunn caught this cheeky chappie red-handed as he tried to nab some fish from Campbeltown anglers recently.

Kevin, who took the photograph using his iPhone 7 Plus, said: 'I was picking up my son from fishing and the seals were lurking about waiting for him to catch something so they could try and steal it or for him to throw something in for them.'

'They are really quite friendly, they have no fear of us at all really and I just couldn't help taking a wee snap of this guy!'

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday September 4, 2009 From Campbeltown with love

Nancie Smith was Campbeltown's envoy to Campbeltown, Pennsylvania, when the small community celebrated the 250th anniversary of its founding.

'I am a Campbeltonian and wherever I go in the world, my heart remains in Campbeltown.'

Those were the words spoken by Don Rhoads, the historian of Campbeltown, Pennsylvania, at the ceremony to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of Campbeltown and they will strike a chord in the heart of any Campbeltonian whether in the United States of America or in Scotland.

Also attending the ceremony was Campbeltown Community Councillor, Nancie Smith and her husband John McGlynn.

Nancie Smith also brought a proclamation for the ceremony from Campbeltown Community Council as well as a Scots quaiach and miniature of whisky and an Argyll and Bute coat of arms from the Provost of Argyll and Bute Council, William Petrie.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday September 9, 1994 Tourism row man quits

A senior tourist board member has resigned in the row over the downgrading of Campbeltown Tourist Office – despite an apparent re-think



Nancie Smith presents Phil Rothermel, chairman of the South Londonderry Board of Supervisors, with a proclamation from Campbeltown Community Council.

which could mean it staying open. Former Inveraray hotelier Mr Niall Ian MacLean resigned over the West Highlands and Islands of Argyll Tourist Board's decision to close the office and transfer membership administration work to Oban. Two full-time staff were told they were being made redundant.

The tourist board has said that it is rethinking the winter closure but Mr MacLean says the downgrading involved is still unacceptable.

He was chairman of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Tourist Board in 1992 when it merged with the Oban, Mull and District Tourist Board to form the new board.

Mr MacLean is the last of the four Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay board members

appointed to the new board after the merger to stand down.

'I just could not take any more – the members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Tourist Board have got nothing out of this merger. I have soldiered on until now but enough is enough. The Campbeltown office may now be staying open through the winter but it has still been downgraded and a loyal employee has been made redundant.'

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday September 4, 1969 House with a history

Doubtless, many summer visitors to Campbeltown will have noticed the handsome Georgian house known as Stronvaar, which stands on the edge of the loch facing Davaar Island, and on clear days having a wonderful view of Arran and the Ayrshire coast.

There are many fine old houses in the town which were built about the same period as Stronvaar, (circa 1830) but this one, in particular, has a special claim for attention.

It was originally known as 'Gowanbank' and was the home of Miss Lucy Campbell, the well-loved and well-remembered benefactress of Campbeltown, who spent her great fortune in founding institutions for the welfare of its inhabitants. All this has already been fully recorded and need only be touched upon in passing.

Miss Campbell was born at Ardchattan in 1760, and after inheriting a large fortune lived

at Gowanbank, where she died in 1843 at the age of 83, and was buried at Gartnagrennach, near Whitehouse, where her grave and memorial are kept 'in perpetuity' by the Kirk Session of Campbeltown. Gowanbank was feued in 1875 by the Duke of Argyll, to his Chamberlain, Commander John Lorne Stewart of Coll, who was then living at Limecraigs.

Commander Stewart's family originally came from a village called Stronvaar, near Balquhider, and when he obtained possession of Gowanbank, he changed the name to Stronvaar, by which the house is still known.

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday September 6, 1919 Clachan – Sports

A very successful sports gathering arranged by Miss Anderson and the War Work Party took place on Friday.

The games were held at Corran, where Mr Gilchrist gave the use of a field.

Mrs and Miss Katherine Mackinnon of Balinakill motored round and were interested spectators for part of the time. Mrs Willie Mackinnon, with her children and the ladies of her house party, crossed the road from Loup House and stayed till the end.

Mrs Gilchrist and Miss Anderson, with the help of a band of workers, ably managed the formidable task of serving refreshments.

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Kintyre farmer John Armour has relived the moment one of his cows, in desperate need of medical attention, was rescued from a mountain by helicopter, 30 years after the dramatic incident.

On his Facebook page, titled High Tirfergus Farm, where he shares snippets about life on the farm, John recalled the events of August 30, 1989, when he and his dad, also John, discovered that one of their beasts had developed milk fever, a metabolic disease caused by a low blood calcium level in cows close to or post calving.

He wrote: 'Thirty years ago this week we found a cow out on the hill who had taken milk fever and couldn't get up.

'We worked with Alastair Cousin, the vet, to get her up without success. As she was in such an inaccessible place, getting out to lift her with a tractor was impossible. Alastair jokingly suggested that the only hope was if we had a helicopter!

'Dad was never one to let the small matter of finding

a helicopter put him off and after a phone call to RAF Machrihanish, who put him in touch with HMS Gannet at Prestwick, we were told that the rescue helicopter was on its way.

'The cow was sedated and Alastair, dad and myself waited on its arrival. Sure enough, within half an hour of the call, the helicopter arrived overhead but because of the rough and boggy terrain it was unable to land, but that didn't stop them.

'As the helicopter hovered just above the ground, the crew jumped off and came over, got the cow in a net and secured her ready for her journey to the farm. I said I would head back to show them where to land while dad and Alastair hitched a ride in the helicopter.

'When we thanked the pilot and crew for what they had done they said that they had been training at Prestwick Airport by moving barrels from one side of the airport to the other so to be asked to come and lift a cow in difficult conditions was of much more benefit to them.

'I must say the rest of

the family who were not around at the time took a bit of convincing until a report appeared on the STV news that night.

'The whole operation went without a hitch and I managed to get a couple of pictures as the helicopter landed at the farm.'

Speaking to the Courier this week, John, who was 28 at the time of the incident, said: 'It was rather surreal and it all happened within a two-hour period from the first phone call until the cow was sitting in the field.'

He also revealed the cow's fate. He explained that when milk fever occurs, treatment by the farmer of a 40 per cent solution of calcium borogluconate is usually enough to get them back on their feet but in some cases, such as this, a vet is required.

He added: 'In most cases the cow will recover quite quickly but sadly on this occasion despite continued treatment there was not a happy ending to the story – as far as I can remember she took a type of pneumonia and died a week later.'



The helicopter lifts up just after John released the wire holding the net that carried the cow, on which she is still lying.



John Armour Sr and vet Alastair Cousin make their way to the cow after hitching a lift on the helicopter.



The cow was sat up after she was taken back to the farm.



A report of the mountain rescue appeared on an STV news channel.



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Ship's captain was almost six times limit

A ship's captain who admitted to being almost six times over the alcohol limit while in charge of the vessel has been fined.

Maciej Cichocki, 56, of 16 Eborn Lane, Liverpool, appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday August 22 and pleaded guilty, as the professional master of The Ayress, an 80m-long cargo ship, to acting in that capacity with 294 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 milligrammes of blood, exceeding the 50 milligramme limit on December 12 last year. Procurator

'As I was in bed, I was not in charge... the first mate has even more experience than me; he has the same qualifications and more experience' Maciej Cichocki

fiscal depute Eoin McGinty said that Campbeltown's assistant harbour master approached the ship when he could not make contact with the captain shortly before the vessel was due to depart from the town.

He was told by the first mate that the captain was in bed.

The assistant harbour master saw that Cichocki was intoxicated, so much so that he was 'struggling to stand and could barely speak'. He detained the ship and contacted the harbour master, who, after seeing Cichocki, phoned the police.

Cichocki was taken to Campbeltown Police Office

where a breath test was carried out and then to Campbeltown Hospital for a blood sample to be taken.

Cichocki, a Polish national, represented himself in court. He said that it was a 'quiet, slow day' so he went ashore to a bar for a drink.

He said that instead of delaying the start of the journey, he left the first mate in charge and went to sleep, adding: 'The first mate has even more experience than me; he has the same qualifications and more experience.'

'As I was in bed, I was not in charge. It appears like

drink driving but it's not – it was agreed with my mate.'

He said that it was normal that the two men shared all aspects of the job, from departing from and arriving in ports to sailing on the open sea.

Cichocki was fined after the incident and has spent the past few months in Poland taking care of his elderly father. Sheriff Patrick Hughes fined Cichocki £300, which had been reduced due to his guilty plea at the first opportunity and the circumstances of the incident.

Sentence deferred on man who lied to police

A man who admitted he lied to police and concealed another man in the attic of a Machrihanish house has had his sentence deferred.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday August 22, procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty revealed that Lee Thornton, 35, of 24 Bute Crescent, Fife, tendered a plea of guilty, via email, to a charge of stating to police on January 6 this year that the man was not within the address, the truth being that he had assisted in concealing him in the attic with the intent of perverting the course of justice.

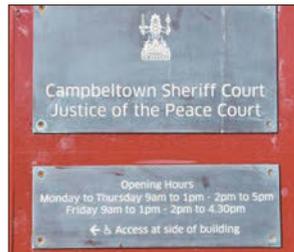
Sheriff Patrick Hughes deferred sentence until October 7 for Thornton to make a personal appearance.

Defence agents acting on behalf of Thornton's co-accused, Jamie McCormick Douglas, 27, of 4 Greenside Avenue, Irvine, submitted a letter pleading not guilty. The case is due to go to trial in December.

Bowmore hotelier banned for drink driving

An Islay hotelier who drove 200 yards to his home while over the drink drive limit has been banned from driving.

Peter MacLellan, 68, of 23 Shore Street, Bowmore, pleaded guilty to driving a car with 41 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, exceeding the 22 microgramme limit, on June 1 this year, when he appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday August



22. Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty told the court that at 2am, police officers

noticed a car coming out of a side street in Bowmore and, due to the manner in which it was being driven and excessive noise coming from the vehicle, they pulled it over. They could smell alcohol from MacLellan, who had been driving, so they carried out a roadside breath test.

Mr McGinty said the officers found MacLellan, a former professional Scottish footballer, who has no

previous convictions, 'very cooperative'. He told them he had only driven a 'very short distance' – which he normally walks – because of a knee injury.

Defence solicitor Stephen MacSporran told the court that MacLellan lives 200 yards from a hotel which he has run for many years and he was driving after having some wine with his dinner at the end of a

busy Islay whisky festival. Mr MacSporran added: 'He believed he was OK to drive – he is severely apologetic.'

Banning MacLellan for 12 months and imposing a £250 fine, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'This was a bad decision on your part.' The driving ban will be reduced by three months if MacLellan successfully completes the drink drive rehabilitation scheme at his own expense.



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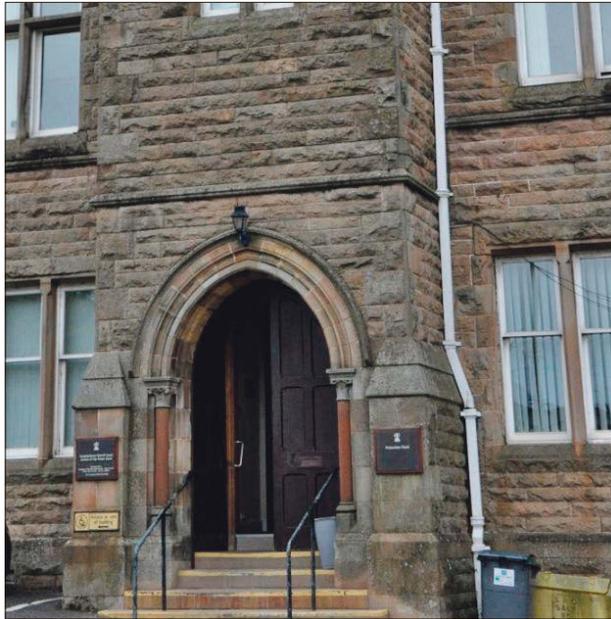
'Shocking' attack on woman sees man jailed

A Campbeltown man has been jailed after an attack on a woman which left a trail of blood from the street into her home.

John Joe O'Neill Smith, 39, of 22B Burnside Street, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to assaulting the woman by seizing her on the neck, pinning her to the ground on the street using his body-weight, and striking her repeatedly on the head, all to her injury, on October 16 last year.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday August 22, procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty told the court that Smith and the woman had been drinking at the woman's home and both were intoxicated when the attack took place outside.

A witness phoned 999 after hearing the woman screaming as Smith pinned her to the ground and repeatedly



punched her face, before she got up and ran to her house. Mr McGinty said: 'The 999

call was quite harrowing.' Police attended and noticed a trail of blood at the woman's

His lawyer said Smith felt disgusted by his behaviour.

doorway. After knocking loudly, she answered the door with 'significant injuries to the face', photographs of which were shown in court.

The woman told police she had fallen down the stairs and refused any assistance. Smith was detained and taken to Campbeltown Police Office.

The woman sustained swollen eyelids and scratches and bruising to much of her body, including one of her eyeballs. The court was also shown photographs of Smith's hands, which had dried blood on them but no injuries to suggest it could be his own.

Smith's defence agent said: 'Mr Smith is disgusted by his own conduct. It is clear from the criminal justice social

work report that he takes responsibility for it.'

He described his client as 'someone who didn't have the best start in life' who 'turned to crime at a really young age', adding: 'His offences tend to be alcohol and/or drug related.'

The defence agent said that both Smith and the woman 'desire to put the incident behind them and move on'. With regards to Smith, he added: 'He requires to be firstly punished and secondly to receive meaningful and intensive intervention into the root of his problems to ensure he doesn't appear in court again.'

Sentencing Smith to nine months' imprisonment, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said it was a 'shocking matter', adding: 'An assault of this severity will always require a custodial sentence.'

Man fined for breaching bail conditions

A man who breached his bail conditions by meeting a woman in Campbeltown has been fined.

Ryan Hughes, 31, of 4 Carsaig Loan, Glenboig, Coatbridge, appeared for sentencing at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday August 22, having previously admitted to being with the woman in Burnside Square, Campbeltown, on July 28 this year. He was granted bail on June 24 at Glasgow Sheriff Court, the conditions of which prevented him from approaching, contacting or communicating with her.

Acting on instruction, defence agent Stephen MacSporran said that Hughes pleaded guilty at the first opportunity and he realises that he should not have met the woman.

Taking account of Hughes's plea, Sheriff Patrick Hughes imposed a £275 fine as a direct alternative to custody. He told Hughes: 'When bail conditions are imposed, court takes a very dim view on them being breached.'

Man followed woman round supermarket

A man who admitted following a woman around a Campbeltown supermarket has had his sentence deferred.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday August 22, Fergus Wilkie, 55, of Crossibeg Farm, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to loitering outside the woman's place of work and the Co-op, and following her round the supermarket, between June 9 and June 29 this year, conduct which caused the woman to suffer fear or alarm.

The court was shown CCTV footage from inside the Co-

op which showed Wilkie following the woman, standing near her when she stopped and keeping his eyes on her most of the time.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty said that although she appeared oblivious in the footage from June 9, the woman was aware of Wilkie following her and had seen him outside her work earlier the same day.

Police were called to the supermarket on July 2 in relation to a separate incident and staff, who had noticed Wilkie following the woman, brought it to their attention

that people in the shop felt 'uneasy' about his behaviour.

Officers were shown the CCTV footage from two dates and, as a result, contacted the woman. She said she was alarmed by Wilkie's behaviour and admitted to changing her shopping habits to try to avoid him.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes deferred sentence until Thursday September 19 for a criminal justice social work report and a restriction of liberty order assessment to be carried out, adding that any mitigation will be heard at that time.

Sentence deferred to prove incident 'one-off'

A man who behaved aggressively towards a woman has had his sentence deferred for five months.

Appearing at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday August 22, Ian Keyte, 34, of 2 Isle View, Machrihanish, pleaded guilty to behaving in a threatening or abusive manner by repeatedly shouting and swearing at the woman, placing her in a state of fear and alarm on July 15 this year.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty told the court the man and woman began

drinking together at 10am but at 4pm Keyte's behaviour changed and he started shouting, swearing and calling her names. This went on for some time, during which a neighbour heard shouting and banging.

Distressed

At 6.20pm, the woman asked her daughter to phone the police. Officers arrived and found the woman in a 'distressed' state.

Keyte, who has no previous convictions, was arrested and in his police interview, his position was that he had

drunk so much alcohol that he 'couldn't really remember' what had happened, adding: 'I never meant any nastiness.'

Defence agent Stephen MacSporran said his client 'severely apologises for his actions', adding: 'He has no contact with the woman and he wants to move on with his life.'

Deferring sentence until January 9, 2020, for Keyte to be of good behaviour, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'The appropriate way forward here is to defer sentence to prove that this is a one-off incident.'

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Behind the scenes of TOFS renovation

It has been closed for just under a week but shoppers are already missing Campbeltown's The Original Factory Shop (TOFS).

But there is no need to worry – the closure is not permanent, as the local branch of the national discount department store is set to reopen, with additional products and

ranges, on September 28, after a refit.

The news of a refurbishment comes less than a year after the branch's customers received an email to say the store was to close, with a planned '25 per cent off' sale.

At the time, a spokesperson said the company was in talks with its landlords and added:



Scaffolding has gone up around the Main Street shop.

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'TOFS doesn't want the store to close; it believes it plays an important part in the local Campbeltown community, and is trying to agree terms with the landlord to ensure that the store can be retained.'

This week, area manager Fiona Leishman said: 'We would like to take the time to say thank you to all our customers and the community for all the kindness and support they have given to us. As a business, we would

also like to extend thanks to our manager Marie and all the team in Campbeltown for their support.'

'We are going to be giving this much-loved store a makeover to undertake some maintenance and refit the store. We re-open on Saturday September 28, and are looking forward to being part of the local community and welcoming our customers back again.'

A day 'packed with fun and



The shop is undergoing a refit.



Painters and decorators have given the store a freshen up.

we are ensuring we don't miss out on great new lines that come into the business on a weekly basis. That means that customers still receiving leaflets in the post or on email will see products they like and we can ensure no one has to miss out. We know how important this store is to the community and want to continue to be at the heart of it.'

Customers can be kept up-to-date with the refurbishment's progress and TOFS announcements by visiting the Facebook page The Original Factory Shop Campbeltown.



General maintenance is included in the work.

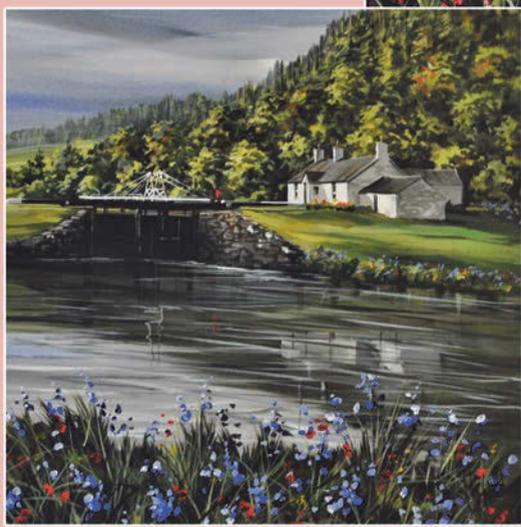
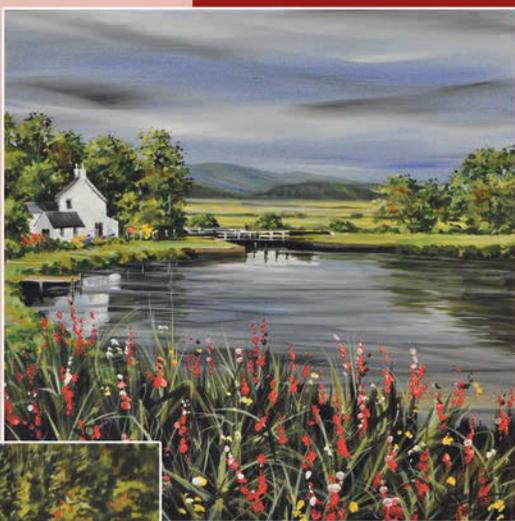


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Class of 1991 gathers for reunion



The class of 1991 gathered for this photograph taken by Raymond Hosie.

Former students who joined Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS) in 1991 took a walk down memory lane at a reunion last weekend.

The CGS alumni, aged around 40, gathered

at the officers' mess at Machrihanish Airbase Community Company last Saturday evening where the music was provided by Jamie Girvan and the buffet was supplied by Argyll Bakeries.

A collection was held in honour of three school friends who have sadly passed away.

It raised £260 which will be split between three charities: Butterfly Trust Cystic Fibrosis Support for Scotland, Crude

Bereavement Care and Brothers In Arms.

A spokesperson said: 'Thank you to the committee for organising everything and to everyone for coming – it was a fantastic night!'

Good news for the grammar with Advanced Higher passes

Campbeltown Grammar School beat both the area and national averages for Advanced Higher pass rates, rising from 66.7 per cent last year to 80 per cent this year.

The Higher pass rate at the school fell from 74.2 per cent to 67.4 per cent, with National 5s also falling from 78.3 per cent to 72.6 per cent.

All four secondary schools in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay had a 100 per cent pass rate for National 4s, which is the same as the Argyll and Bute average and above the Scottish average.

The figures were issued this week ahead of yesterday's Argyll and Bute Council community services committee meeting.

Tarbert Academy's National 5 pass rate shot up from 83.5 per cent to 88.3 per cent, well above the area and national averages and 10 per cent higher than the figure for Scotland. But the Tarbert Higher pass rate fell from 80 per cent to 66.7 per cent, which was exactly the same as the school's Advanced Higher pass rate – the latter down on 90 per cent last year.

At Islay High School, the

Higher pass rate of 73.3 per cent was 0.2 per cent greater than the Argyll and Bute average, but down 2.4 per cent on the school's pass rate last year. The Advanced Higher pass rate remained static at 81.8 per cent while National 5s have fallen slightly from 87.2 per cent to 85.5 per cent. Both of those 2019 figures are above the local and national averages.

The Advanced Higher figure at Lochgilphead High School leaped from 75.6 per cent in 2018 to 94.4 per cent in 2019, beating the averages of 75.7 per cent for Argyll and Bute and 79.4 per cent for Scotland. But the Higher pass rate has declined slightly from 72.6 per cent to 70.1 per cent, while National 5s have taken even less of a hit, going from 79.9 per cent to 79.2 per cent, one per cent above the national average.

Douglas Hendry, the council's executive director with responsibility for education, said: 'Percentage pass rate data should be interpreted very carefully. Schools have presentation policies that are designed to encourage pupils to achieve success at the

highest level of qualification that they can.

'For some pupils, this may mean that they receive a D grade within a qualification level, which is an award.

'This policy may result in circumstances where pupils are given the opportunity to attempt a level that they may find challenging to pass as it may be their last opportunity to do so, for example, in S6.'

Mr Hendry said that a further report on educational attainment and wider achievement will go to the community services committee's next meeting in December.

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, who chairs the committee, congratulated pupils: 'Pupils and teachers should be proud of their efforts and I would like to congratulate them all and thank them for their hard work.'

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Silver Steppers take to the dance floor

Undaunted by the wet and windy weather, Campbeltown's Silver Steppers, some accompanied by younger family members, braved the elements and made their way to St John's 141

Masonic Hall for the quarterly tea dance.

The music at last Saturday's event was provided by Robert McCallum and by The Spotlight Boogies from Oban, who began their set with a Happy Birthday tribute to

Violet Dixon who had celebrated her 80th birthday the previous Thursday.

The Silver Steppers tea dance is just one of many activities organised by 1000 Voices co-ordinator Michele Prout. The 1000 Voices is a project of the Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface and seeks to combat loneliness and social isolation in those over 65 years of age.

Michele said: 'The activities run by the 1000 Voices project include body-boosting bingo classes, indoor shooting at Landrail Firearms, Cinemates (monthly group trips to the cinema), a monthly Meet and Eat lunch group which frequents various eateries, and Meet and Greet - which tours interesting places such as Campbeltown Police Station and RNLI lifeboat station.'

Michelle continued: 'I am



Gillian McIntyre and Danny Byrne on the dance floor.
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Violet Dixon enjoyed a rendition of Happy Birthday from The Spotlight Boogies in honour of her 80th birthday few days earlier.
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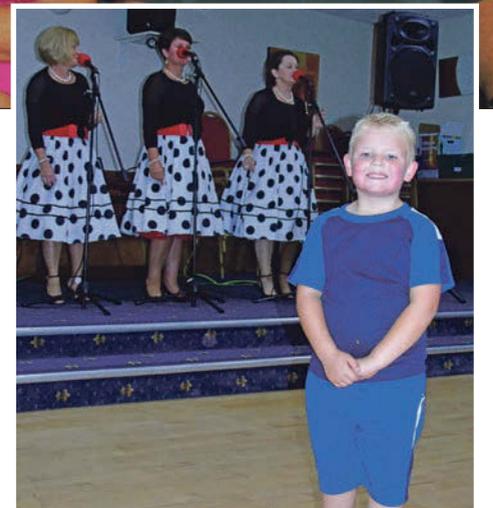
Cathie Mathieson, Margaret Mathieson and Alec MacKinnon.
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very grateful for the help of a very willing team of volunteers, including Wilma and Iain Campbell, Jean Kirk and Richard and Lou Thomas. I couldn't do this without them.'

For more information, please contact Michele Prout by calling 01586 554744 or by email on micheleprout@argylltsi.org.uk.

Cayden Cleland, aged five, from Glenbarr, paused for a moment to pose for the camera in front of The Spotlight Boogies.

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Coffee morning raises cash for MS Society

People packed into Campbeltown Town Hall to support Campbeltown MS Society's latest coffee morning.

The Saturday August 24 event, which featured an extensive raffle as well as the usual stalls, raised £580.

A spokesperson said: 'We would to thank everyone for their donations and help on the day.'



Left: Six-year-old Scott Russell enjoyed his day out with his mum, Elaine Maccallum, right, and his aunt Alison Maccallum.

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Below: Paul Brodie and his children, Hunter and Rowan. KC_c36mssoc02



Richard Thomas and Audrey Jopson. 20_c36silversteppers03



Lou Thomas, who was on door duty, with event organiser Michele Prout. 20_c36silversteppers06



The ladies of the MS Society worked hard in the kitchen. KC_c36mssoc03



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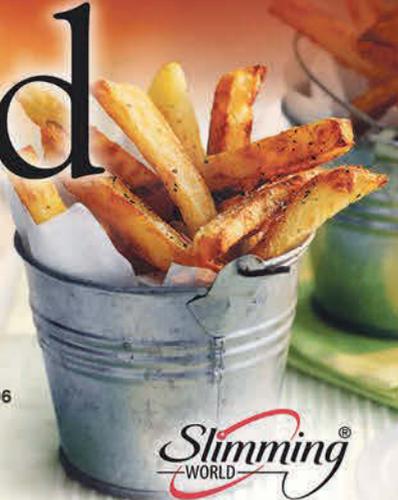
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Congregation gathered for Free Church Psalms Alive.

Celebration of psalms at Free Church festival

George Street was alive with the sound of music on the afternoon of Sunday August 25, as Campbeltown Free Church held its Psalms Alive community psalm-singing festival event.

With the doors opened wide on that gloriously warm afternoon, the sound of almost 70 voices singing unaccompanied metrical psalms, as their forefathers had done before them, drifted out to the surrounding area.

The Glasgow Psalm Singers led the praise singing 'All people that on do dwell' to the old 100th tune, a favourite for many generations.

The themes of the psalms chosen for the event included confession, God's word, prayers for help, protection, God as a rock and a deliverer, and the King of Glory. The gathered congregation sang heartily to tunes that were once so familiar in kirks all over Scotland; tunes

like Wareham, Martyrdom, Aurelia and St George's Edinburgh.

In addition to local worshippers, visitors came from near and far, including Tarbert, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Glasgow, Belfast, the Glens of Antrim and Idaho.

The afternoon concluded with tea, coffee and refreshments, and an opportunity to chat and to cherish these much-loved 'songs of the heart'.

The Big Sing comes to Tarbert

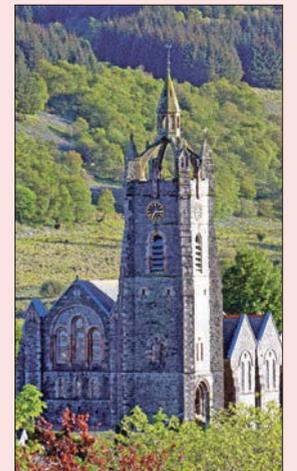
Members of South Argyll Guilds Together (SAGT) are inviting those who love to sing to join them at their Wee Big Sing in Tarbert.

The Big Sing is a national event held at the Church of Scotland's General Assembly, bringing together almost 1,000 guild members and friends from across the world in celebration of congregational singing.

A SAGT spokeswoman said: 'It is always oversubscribed and held far from here, so, undaunted, we are holding our own, smaller version - hence the title!

'This will be an event at which we will sing our favourite hymns, chosen by the guilds of the area; our very own Songs of Praise, if you will.'

The spokeswoman stressed that although the event is organised by the guild, it is not just for the guild, adding: 'If, like us, you feel congregational singing is one of the glories of the



The event will be held at Tarbert Parish Church.

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Presbyterian tradition, then come along and sing to the glory of God. Male voices would be especially welcome.'

The Wee Big Sing will be held at Tarbert Parish Church on Saturday September 7 at 2pm, followed by tea and biscuits in the church hall.

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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

More from marvellous 27th MOKFest

Last week, the Courier shared news and photographs from the 27th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (MOKFest), held in various venues throughout Campbeltown from Wednesday August 21 to Sunday August 25.

Here are some more photographs of both those who performed across the festival's 10 events, and the audience members who revelled in the music.



Josh Barbour, Erin Soudan, Caitlin Russell, Aleksandra Niedzwiedzka, Ross Conner, Eve MacMillan and Demi Martin at Friday night's Festival Ceilidh. 50_c35mokfest03



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Ashley King, Laura Cameron, Alison Galbraith and Caitlin McCormick enjoyed Saturday's West Coast Rocks Concert. 50_c35mokfest22



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band played at events throughout the festival, including at the head of the Old Quay on Friday evening. 50_c35mokfest27



The Festival Ceilidh was packed with dancers of all ages. 50_c35mokfest05



David Croft and Sean Brown were in good spirits in the Victoria Hall on the Saturday night. 50_c35mokfest25



Home-grown band Rhuvaal impressed the crowd at the Victoria Hall on Saturday night. 50_c35mokfest29



The Gaelic Concert showcased the talents of musicians of all ages. KC_c35mokfest32



The Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band was a hit on Friday night. 50_c35mokfest24

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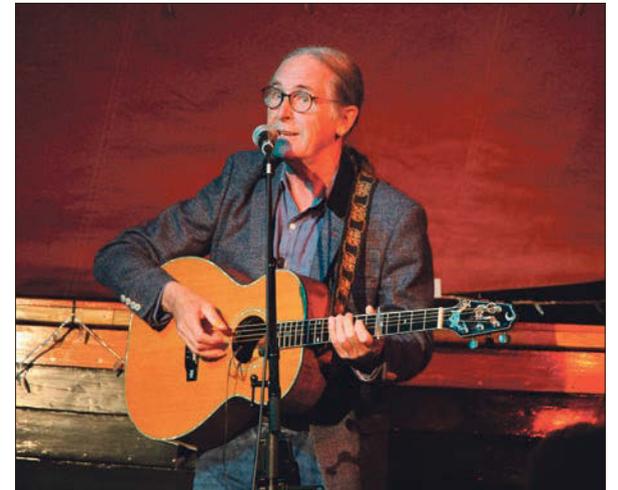
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Gubbed rocked the stage at Saturday's Up The Close event. 50_c35mokfest28



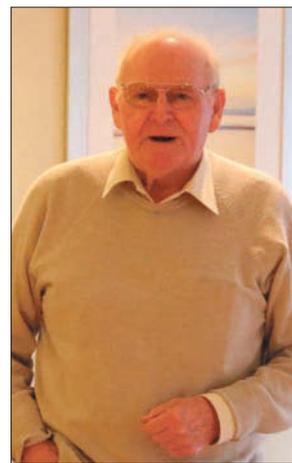
Dogie MacLean headlined the Saturday night concert in the Heritage Centre. KC_c3mokfest30



Eriska warmed up the stage for the Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band at Friday night's Victoria Hall concert. 50_c35mokfest26



Fiona Ross performed at the Gealic Concert. KC_c3mokfest33



Kintyre's Raibeart MacCallum also performed at the Gaelic Concert. KC_c3mokfest40



Wednesday night's Gaelic Concert was headlined by Gaelic singer Ainsley Hamill and multi-instrumentalist Toby Shaer. KC_c3mokfest31



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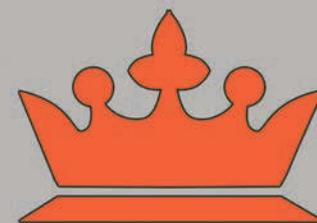
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Chelsea Willis and daughter Emelie made the most of Saturday afternoon's sunshine. KC_c3mokfest36



The Dougie MacLean Concert also showcased the talents of many young musicians. KC_c3mokfest37



Cath Black, Mairi Cosgrove and Gordon Cosgrove were all smiles Up the Close at Springbank Distillery on Saturday afternoon. KC_c3mokfest34



Southend's Iain MacPherson sang at Wednesday's Gaelic Concert. KC_c3mokfest39



Heron Valley, with Campbeltown's Darren Brown on drums, were a hit in the Victoria Hall on Saturday night. KC_c3mokfest38

Left: Graeme Harvey with his son, Glynn, who is a member of Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, which led the way to Saturday afternoon's Up The Close event. KC_c3mokfest35



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His work has found its way into so many collections; visitors to the West Highlands and islands cannot get enough of Stuart's vision of the Highlands and his take on life here. Local people love his work because it reminds us all that, yes, we do live in a breath-takingly beautiful part of the world that we forget to stop and appreciate as we rush through our daily lives.

Stuart can take an old boat, left to rot on the shore, a shabby shelter on a seafront or an old phone box and turn it into a thing of beauty. Or a Highland cow, standing getting soaked in the rain into something joyous.

Perhaps it is his earlier training and work as a photographer that gives him the ability to find the perfect angle for his landscapes.

After photography college he worked for commercial studios, paid his dues as a press photographer and onboard cruise ships and also travelled the world on solo adventures staying in Jamaica working as an art auctioneer; it all conspired to be the perfect apprenticeship that helped him develop his unique style.



Born in Scotland and growing up in the south of England, with grandparents in Lochgilphead, Argyll was a place Stuart, aged 48, knew and loved and he chose to return here, and began working on his art while also earning a living framing pictures.

He still works from his studio in one of the old net

stores in Tarbert but also has a gallery in the village and has also opened one in Ullapool.

Stuart also met and married his wife here and they now have a son and the family lives in Tarbert.

As well as his own galleries and creating jobs in both, Stuart also exhibits in other leading galleries around Scotland and is

regularly in demand for commissions.

A visit to his studio finds paintings in progress and other paintings packaged, waiting to be shipped to clients all over the world.

Stuart also triumphed over a chance-in-a-million accident eight years ago which saw him injure and eventually, after operations, lose an eye; which

prompted his decision to establish a gallery business along side his art.

Some collectors choose one of his themes, be it landscapes, seascapes, winter, telephone or post boxes, fishing boats, yachts or more; others like to curate a portfolio from them all.

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Class sizes can be a key point for children from remote or rural areas like the West Highlands and islands who have attended state primary schools with smaller classes, who may find themselves overwhelmed by the size of secondary schools.

More than 70 independent schools in Scotland, of which 19 are boarding schools, educate 4.1 per cent of pupils nationwide; 52 are mainstream, 21 offer additional support.

Independent education is one of the most important decisions you will make for your family and to help inform that decision you can visit the website of the Scottish Council of Independent Schools: www.scis.org.uk. The Scottish Council of Independent Schools is an educational charity which represents and promotes the interests of the independent schools across the country. Between them, they have more than 29,000 pupils.

Independent education IS affordable

One of the biggest mistakes people make about private education is that they cannot afford it and never consider the idea.

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There are many ways to make it work and one of the best things to do is consult an expert financial planner.

School fees are paid from post-tax income and one way to help finance an independent education is via a school fee plan.

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Lomond School

Situated in the coastal town of Helensburgh, on the edge of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, Lomond School offers a unique setting for girls and boys from nursery to senior 6 to learn and grow. A culture of hard work exists throughout the school and excellent academic achievement is supported by small class sizes, dedicated teaching staff, superb facilities and a significant emphasis on pupil happiness, health and wellbeing. As the only boarding school in the west of Scotland, Lomond School provides a number of options to suit families living in the West Highlands. Boarding is available from age eight and families can choose to take up flexi, weekly and full boarding, supported by a new travel service on Sunday and Friday evenings which can stop at a range of destinations along the Helensburgh to Oban route, travelling via both Lochgilphead and Crianlarich.

Within the boarding house, Burnbrae, the school provides a warm and secure environment with a distinct family feel. Like home, young people can meet with friends after school or at weekends and, as pupils mature, they can experience more freedom and prepare for life beyond school.

Academically, the school punches above its weight. Even though it operates an open presentation policy and is a non-selective school, Lomond is celebrating another outstanding SQA performance, with pass rates far exceeding the national average. Two new records were set this year with a 96% pass rate at National 5, and with almost 90% of all National 5 passes at A or B grade. Furthermore, 20% of leavers this year have been accepted to study dentistry, law, medicine or veterinary medicine. The school offers a wide range of subjects across all levels including economics,

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A recent HM Inspection commended Lomond as a 'vibrant, welcoming and very well-resourced school'.

The report stated: 'At all stages of the school, children and young people are highly motivated and actively involved in their learning. They are respectful, hard-working and respond very well to the overall high-quality learning experiences.'

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'We are now in a new era of boarding that can be as flexible as families need it to be, with schools offering flexi, weekly and full boarding.

'Flexi boarding is increasingly popular and could involve the child staying for just one or two nights a week, providing a good introduction to boarding for younger students.

'Even just staying for a couple of nights a week gives students extra time for activities and clubs, while being fully supported doing their homework in the evenings too.

'Having this extra time to carry out schoolwork means that when children do go home, they can enjoy pure family time without the stress of taking schoolwork home.

'This quality time is especially valuable for working families – they can dedicate their down time to having fun, instead of having to pester their children to do their homework!' – **Aileen Kane**, chief operating officer at the Boarding Schools' Association.



Statically speaking

- there are **29,495 pupils in 74 independent schools** – 4.1 per cent of pupils in Scotland
- there are **19 mainstream boarding schools with 2,772 pupils** – 35 per cent of boarders are from overseas
- **SCIS schools provide at least £51 million annually in fee assistance, with 24.1 per cent of all pupils receiving some form of assistance**
- **3.3 per cent of senior school pupils receive 100 per cent fee assistance**
- **the independent sector employs over 3,689 teaching staff**
- **there is one teacher for every eight pupils in SCIS schools**

(Information 2018 census of independent schools carried out by SCIS)

'Go make the world a better place'

'We work in partnership for the good of children and the wider community.

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'I know that independent schools care deeply about all children, wherever they are educated.

'It comes with the territory of being a teacher – to make a difference, to help children. We commission our students, as they leave our schools, to go and make the world a better place. We must do the same' – **Shaun Fenton**, who chairs the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference, speaking at the organisation's spring conference this year.



Strathallan School

At Strathallan School, our mission is to provide an outstanding education that gives opportunities for all pupils to perform to the very best of their abilities. Each individual, no matter their passion or interest, is supported and inspired to shine during their time at school. Our pupils excel academically, compete in sports at national and international levels, succeed in scholastic championships and play as part of nationwide orchestras and ensembles. In the 2018-19 academic year, 60 of our pupils played as part of a national sporting team and we became British and Scottish Champions across six sports.

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TARBERT MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019

Friday September 20 – Sunday 22

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The village of Tarbert Loch Fyne is not just famous for its fishing fleet; it has a dedicated core of people who have worked tirelessly over the years to create a name for the village as a festival destination of choice and a great source of entertainment for Argyll folk and tourists alike.

The upcoming music festival is one of a collection including the traditional boat, Scottish Series, seafood, book and Christmas festivals and the centuries old Tarbert Fair.

You have just got to admire their dedication and community spirit and go along and experience it yourself by joining in a weekend of great music.

The village will be bursting at the seams with a full programme of music and a variety of bands playing in various locations throughout.

And that's not counting all the impromptu music sessions that break out.

The big gig in Tarbert Village Hall on Friday night, with Tide Lines as headliners, has sold out already. It is a ticket only event and organised by Clachan Village Hall to raise funds for the new hall. Please remember this is a ticket only event and that under 14s must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday on the quay is a free, open air concert and

is held from approximately 1.30pm to 6pm, everyone is welcome and this year the music is provided by Rhuvaal, Mad Ferret Band and Gary Innes Duo.

Saturday 10am-noon there is a coffee morning in the Templars Hall to help boost music festival funds.

Mid Argyll Pipe Band will play on Saturday at Loch Fyne Pipe Band on Sunday.

Check out the venues around the village for bands and jamming sessions.

Festival polo shirts and tee-shirts are on sale at venues throughout the village.



Tarbert Music Festival

20th – 22nd September 2019



Friday 20th

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Village Hall

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- The Tarbert Hotel
- Anchor Hotel
- Islay Frigate Hotel



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Sunday Gig on the Quay 1.30 to 6pm

- Rhuvaal
- The Mad Ferret Band
- Gary Innes Duo

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What's on

Islay Frigate

Friday night: Gubbed Saturday afternoon: None the Wiser
Saturday night: The Democrats Sunday: jamming sessions

Anchor Hotel

Friday night: Two Bob Rocket
Saturday afternoon: Matt McAllister
Saturday night: Two Bob Rocket

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NFUS survey to define 'crucial role' played by non-UK workers



A key post-Brexit goal of NFU Scotland is to ensure continued access to non-UK workers, both permanent and temporary.

Last week, the farmers' union called on the government to make essential decisions affecting the availability of non-UK labour with urgency. Writing to the Home Secretary Priti Patel MP, the union underlined the 'critical role' in Scottish food and farming of non-UK nationals in filling seasonal, temporary and permanent positions in delivering 'high-quality Scottish produce from field to fork'.

Governments, MPs, MSPs, the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC), researchers and others regularly question the scale of the problem.

The survey, launched on Monday, seeks to address the fact that much of the

information on the vital role of non-UK staff is anecdotal – especially on permanent workers.

Ahead of an expected consultation from the MAC and to better inform NFU Scotland's lobbying, farm-based and agri-food businesses are asked to complete the short survey by Monday September 23.

The survey is available to all online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NFUSNonUKLabourUse>.

There are two sections, one for non-seasonal workers and one for seasonal workers (eg, those who come in the summer for harvest work). For permanent staff, the union is also keen to establish if non-UK workers have applied to the UK Government's EU Settled Status Scheme.

On seasonal workers, the union is asking further ques-

tions on the success or otherwise of the pilot Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme (SAWS).

In its letter to the Home Office, NFU Scotland called for 80,000 SAWS permits to be made available.

President Andrew McCornick said: 'We are absolutely convinced that without non-UK workers, many farm-based businesses and the agri-food supply chain will be unproductive and unable to maintain the provision of food to UK consumers. But we need facts and figures to back up our lobbying effort on this and I urge anyone affected to complete this short survey.'

'There is complete reliance in the soft fruit and field vegetable sectors on a non-UK seasonal workforce. While the SAWS pilot scheme is certainly a step in the right

direction, it will not provide nearly enough permits if shortages such as those experienced in 2017 and 2018 arise.

'Should the Home Office end free movement in the event of a no deal on October 31, then the government must act with urgency now to ensure up to 80,000 seasonal permits are available for a non-UK workforce to undertake work next season.

'On permanent workers, the proposal for all permanent staff coming into the UK to be working in a job that pays upwards of £30,000 is unworkable within the Scottish context and sets an arbitrary threshold with no basis in the reality of employment patterns within Scottish agriculture or food and drink processing.

'If the proposed immigration scheme is not amended



Andrew McCornick, president of NFU Scotland.

to provide access to lower paid workers, then the Shortage Occupation List must be expanded. Gaining facts through this survey

will allow us to submit the strongest evidence for a differentiated proposal for workers in Scottish farming and agri-food.'

Trade slower at Dalmally sheep sale

United Auctions held its second sale, of 3,804 lambs and sheep, at Dalmally Auction Mart last Friday, August 30.

All classes met with a slower trade on the week with averages levelling out at £44.08. Most lots were down between £3/£4 on the week.

Principal lots and prices: Top price per head: Lambs: SUFFx: £54.00 - Glenbrooke; £44.50 - 6 Leanish (Barra); £44.00 - Maam Farm. BELTx: £54.50 - Blarghour Farm. TEXx: £75.00 - Tiretigan Farm; £61.50 - Ormsary Farmers; £61.00 - Clachan Farms (Kilninver); £58.50 - Ormsary Farmers; £58.50 - Barguilean; £58.00 - Tiretigan Farm; £57.50 - Innissheroch; £57.50 - Stonefield Farms. CHEV: £55.00 - Glenbrooke; £49.00 - Braefoot; £46.00 - Curacao; £45.00 - Bragleenbeg; £45.00 - 83 Borve (Barra). CROSS: £55.50 - Feorline; £55.50 - Keilbeg; £53.50 - Ricruin. MULE: £63.50 - Ormsary Farmers; £54.50 - Stonefield Farm; £53.50 - 83 Borve (Barra); £53.00 - Glenshellach. HAMPx: £47.50 - Glenbrooke. BF: £54.00 - Feorline; £44.00 - Innissheroch; £43.00 - Maam; £40.00 - 83 Borve (Barra). Ewes: TEXx: £53.00 - 83 Borve (Barra); £49.00 - Tombuie. CHEV: £45.00 - Braefoot; £42.00 - 6 Leanish

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Top prices per kilo: Lambs: SUFFx: 151p - 6 Leanish (Barra); 149p - Glenbrooke; 148p - Maam Farm; 148p - Greenfield; 148p - Glenbrooke. BELTx: 180p - Blarghour. TEXx: 171p - Evanachan; 170p - Ederline Estate; 169p - Glenshellach; 168p - Duntuim; 167p - Tiretigan; 166p - Ormsary Farmers; 164p - Antuim; 163p - Crunachy; 163p - 83 Borve (Barra); 162p - Keppoch Farms; 161p - Clachan Farms (Kilninver); 160p - Blarghour; 160p - Blarmafoldach. CHEV: 161p - Blackmount; 155p - Bragleenbeg; 153p - Blackmount. CROSS: 160p - Ricruin; 157p - Caddleton Farms; 156p - 56 Tangasdale (Barra). MULE: 155p - Ormsary Farmers; 152p - 83 Borve (Barra); 151p - Stonefield Farms. HAMP: 161p - Glenbrooke Farm. BF: 138p - Tullochcan; 135p - Feorlin; 132p - Maam; 132p - Stroneskar; 132p - Maam; 130p - Balantyre Farm.

NFU Mutual appoints new chairman

Richard Percy will step down as chairman of NFU Mutual at the end of September after 16 years with the UK's leading rural insurer – seven of them as chairman.

Richard said: 'It has been a huge privilege to have served the Mutual over the past 16 years. I am extremely proud of being part of this business which has grown strongly in the wider rural community and food processing sectors and, at the same time, developed its service to protect farm businesses through good times and bad, while keeping at the forefront of technological change.'

Lindsay Sinclair, NFU Mutual group chief executive, said: 'Under Richard's chairmanship, NFU Mutual has continued to flourish and I would like to thank him for

the part he has played in the company's success.'

Richard joined the NFU Mutual board in 2003 and became chairman in 2012. He previously held a number of roles at the National Farmers' Union (NFU), including serving as an NFU Council member. He lives and farms in Bovingdon in Hertfordshire.

Jim McLaren, who has served on NFU Mutual's board since 2012, has been elected to the role of chairman with effect from October 2019.

A former NFU Scotland president, Jim is a mixed beef and arable farmer from Perthshire. He was awarded an MBE in 2017 for services to agriculture. His beef enterprise consists of a herd of pedigree Simmentals and a

bull finishing unit. His arable enterprise runs to more than 1,000 acres, growing mainly winter wheat and spring malting barley, with some land let out for potatoes, peas and carrots.

Jim was president of NFU Scotland from 2007 until 2011. He is a past chairman of Quality Meat Scotland, having held the position from 2011 to 2018, and a past non-executive director of Scottish Agricultural Colleges (SRUC).

Jim said: 'As a mutual insurer protecting over three quarters of UK farmers, and a strong supporter of the National Farming Unions, NFU Mutual is one of the countryside's leading organisations and as chairman I am looking forward to helping further develop its services.'

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Everyone can rely on Clachan Smallholders for a great day out



Gaia Silvan sold her artwork in 2018. 50_c36smallholders01

Come join the Gathering

For a wonderful family day out, look no further than Clachan Smallholders Gathering in the village on September 7.

There will be something for everyone.

Where else could you take part in a medieval jousting contest (on foot), throw things at people in the stocks, see vintage tractors, eat and buy lots of delicious local produce and crafts and end the evening with a great social.

'We are a small community-based event offering a good day out for all the family, mum, dad, children, everyone,' said Gareth Roberts, a member of the organising team.

There will be plants on sale and plenty of home-grown vegetables.

Kintyre Knitwear will be among the stalls offering clothes, jams, chutneys,

marmalades, home-baking and bread.

There will also be green woodworking and plenty of games and fun for children.

The daytime event has loads of excellent stalls, face painting, children's activities, refreshments, crafts, plants and local produce. Loch Fyne Pipe Band and UQA choir will also be performing.

The daytime fun runs from noon until 4pm with evening events from 7pm until midnight.

The day ends with an evening social at Tayinloan Village Hall, as the need for a new village hall in Clachan means this can no longer be held there. Music will be provided by Famous Last Words, Endorphins, Dave Bagley and DJ Malc.

Clachan Village Hall is the heart of village life, home of annual pantos and dramas, concerts, sales, talks and socials. Everyone has been working so hard to keep the old hall going



Woodcarver Henry Murdo displayed some impressive pieces at last year's event. 50_c36smallholders06



Smallholders Gathering



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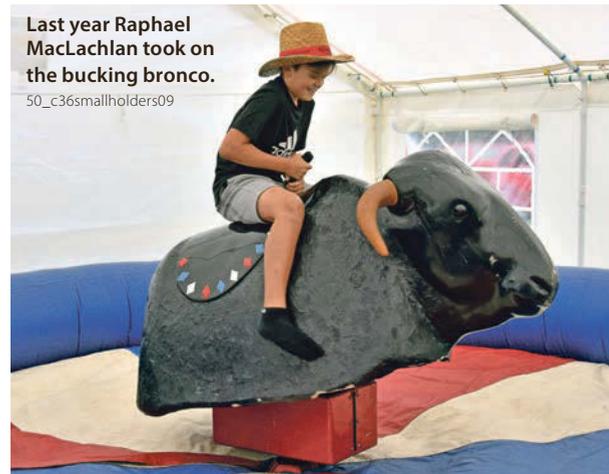
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Last year Raphael MacLachlan took on the bucking bronco. 50_c36smallholders09



as well as fund raising for a new one.

You can help by turning up and supporting the gathering, making a donation online and by taking part in a survey.

A fundraising team spokesperson said: 'It would be a great boost towards our new village hall if anyone who has used or visited Clachan Village Hall for any purpose to please fill in the feasibility study we have commissioned with Community Links Scotland by following the link given below.

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Morvern Paisley and Francesca Grant paint Charlotte and Anna Hales' faces in 2018.

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Repair and maintenance of housing falls by £451 million in Scotland as housing stock increases to 2.6 million

Repair and maintenance of public and private housing in Scotland has fallen by £451 million since 1997. At the same time, the number of homes in Scotland has increased by 341,650, meaning there has been a real-term per property decrease in repair and maintenance work of £313 since 1997.

The Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) was introduced in February 2014. It requires social housing landlords to make sure their homes are energy efficient, safe and secure, not seriously damaged and have kitchens and bathrooms that are in good condition. Despite the consultations and introduction of standards – 34 per cent of Scottish homes failed to meet the Living Homes Standard last year, which was

developed by the public across the UK to define what a good home should provide.

Mark Robinson, Scape Group chief executive, commented: 'There is a clear connection between the quality of housing and the mental, emotional and physical wellbeing of the people that live there. A home shouldn't negatively affect your health or hold back your opportunity to succeed in life. We are not doing enough to bring our homes up to a decent standard. £755 per property is totally inadequate. A new boiler, either combi, system or heat only, costs between £500 and £2,000, before taking into consideration installation costs.

'New windows cost from £3,500 to £7,000 on a typical three-bedroom semi and damp proofing internal walls

is estimated at £70 per metre or £280 per wall. It looks as though this is down to two key factors. First is the growth of the private rented sector in Scotland. Landlords are spending less on their properties than owner-occupiers. Secondly, despite the strides made building more social homes in Scotland, there is not enough funding to repair and maintain existing stock.'

The number of people living in private rented homes in Scotland has increased rapidly since 2000, with most recent data estimating that there are 360,000 private rented homes in Scotland. Although the Scottish Government did consult on the safety and condition of private rented housing in 2017, the policy outcomes are yet to be implemented.

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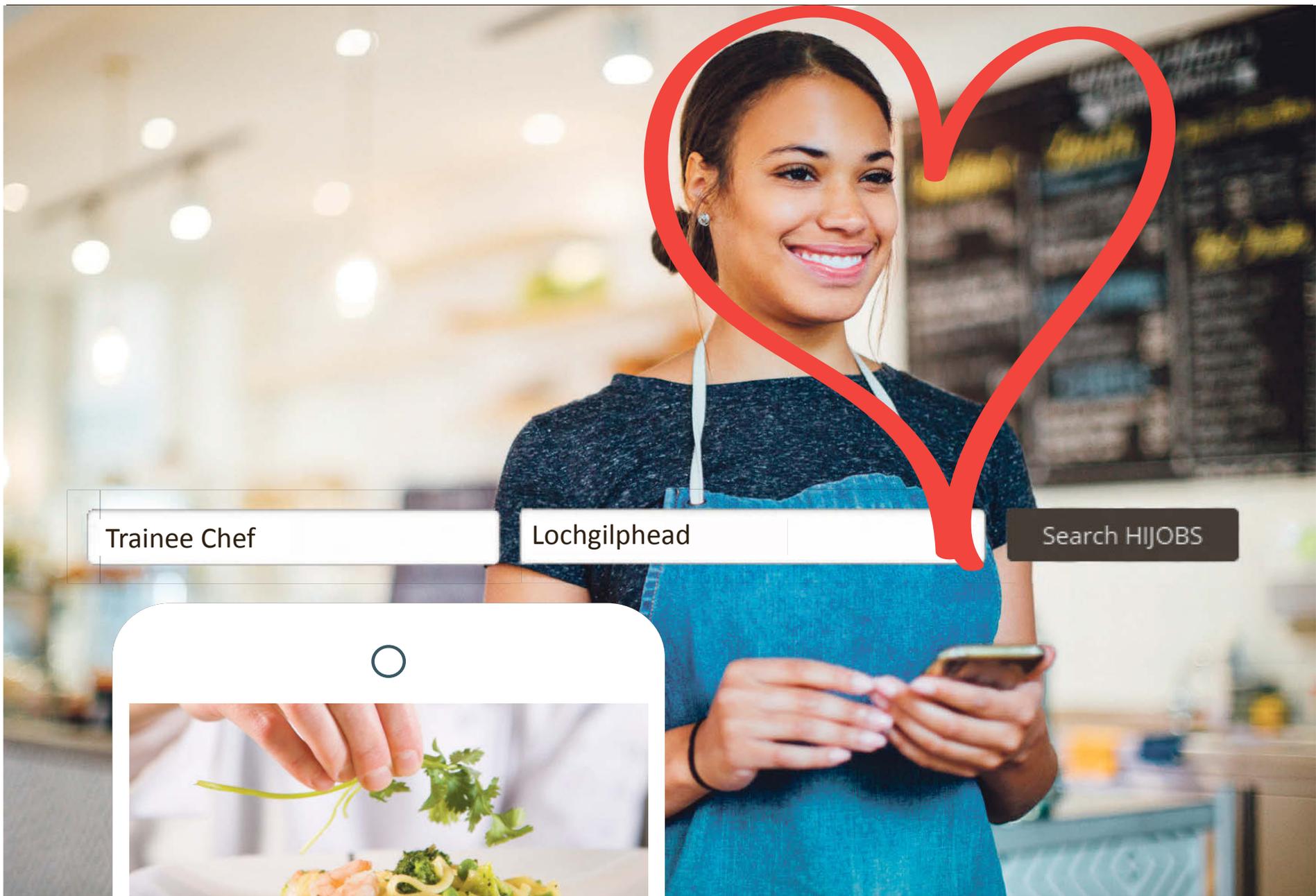
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Field Engineer

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Nevis Support Vessel

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Ardrishaig Community Trust AGM
25th September 2019
North Hall, Ardrishaig at 7.30pm

Kintyre Dialysis Support Group AGM
Monday 16th September 7.00pm
SAC Office, Campbeltown

Argyll and Bute Council
DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (UNION STREET, CAMPBELTOWN) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
On Monday 2nd September 2019, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle on the length of road indicated in the schedule below. Exceptions will apply to any vehicle being used for carrying out the works.
SCHEDULE - PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/01743/PP	Renewal of planning permission 16/00981/PP - Erection of dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access	Land South East Of Redcliff, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
19/01739/PP	Upgrading works to existing garden paths and steps, formation of high level decking area including access steps (retrospective)	Top Flat, Mazagon, Barmore Road, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6TW
19/01688/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of treatment plant and erection of carport to existing building	Land 220 Metres North West Of Barmulloch, Kilmichael Glen, Lochgilhead, Argyll And Bute
19/01735/PP	Erection of 2 dwellinghouses and change of use from agricultural building to general use	Land North Of Taigh Siba, Clachan, Argyll And Bute
19/01678/PP	Erection of extension and refurbishment of existing windows and door	5 Paterson Street, Lochgilhead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8JP
19/01288/LIB	Internal alterations, repairs to windows including installation of secondary glazing and installation of replacement downpipe	1 - 3 Hazelburn Business Park, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6HA
19/01721/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 16/02220/PP - Demolition of the Old Dairy building and erection of 2no. dwellinghouses	The Old Dairy, Kintyre Street, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
19/01775/PP	Installation of sewage treatment plant	Ambledown, West Loch, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6YF
19/01679/LIB	Erection of extension and refurbishment of existing windows and door	5 Paterson Street, Lochgilhead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8JP

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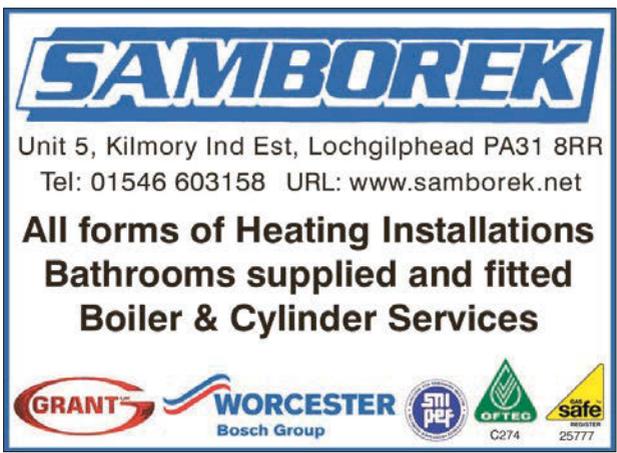
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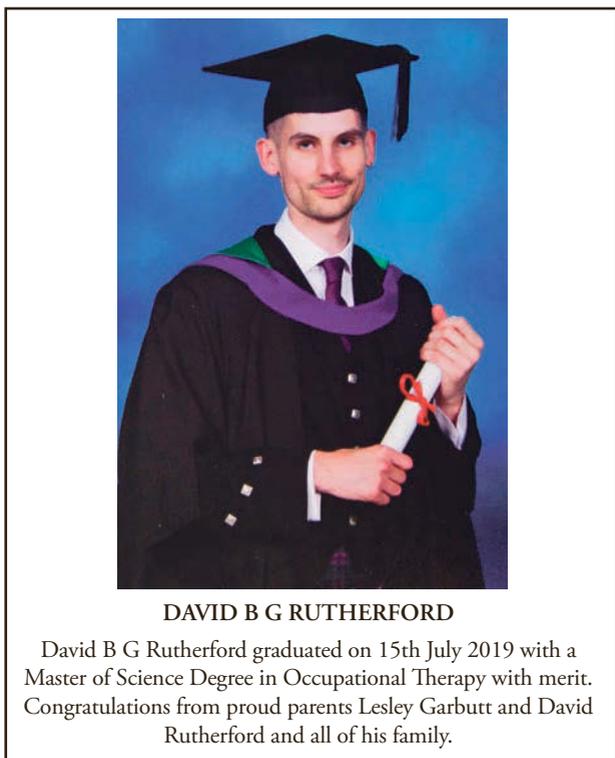
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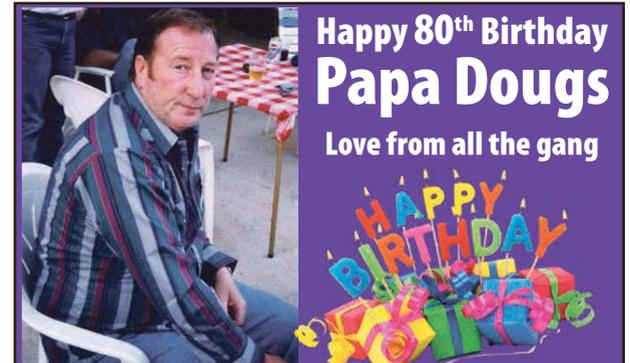
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I would like to thank all my family and friends for the lovely cards, flowers and presents I received for my 80th birthday.

Thanks again, Isobel Dott.



THANK YOU from Lesley Garbutt

I would like to thank all of my family and friends for the wonderful 60th birthday celebrations. Funds raised from donations on the day amounted to £200. Marie Curie received £100 and MACHICC Cancer Care received £100.

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Lesley xx

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CARRADALE



Cath Dunlop cuts her retirement cake on leaving Jewellery Casting Scotland, previously Wallis Hunter Design, after 24 years' service.

Happy retirement, Cath

Cath Dunlop, from Auchnasavil Farm in Carradale, originally started her working life on the family farm which is well-remembered for the happy days when Carradale milk was delivered in bottles to a crate on the gate.

After marriage and bringing up her family, she worked in Campbeltown but was enticed back to Carradale to work at Mike and Trish Hurst's Jewellery Casting Scotland, previously Wallis Hunter Design.

She could turn her hand to most things at the busy Carradale jewellery shop and workshop and was a wonderfully calming influence on the place when it was thronging with visitors; latterly Cath was the star for remembering every customer's designs for the past 20 years.

Having reached the age of 70, she is now hanging up her braising torch.

Everyone in Carradale knows she will still be whizzing around the badminton court and will be the star of Skipness dances for many years to come and all wish her many happy years of retirement.

GIGHA

Show packed out with people – and entries

Gigha held its seventh Root and Industrial Show on Saturday in the island's village hall with more than 115 exhibits on show.

Judges for the day were shown Joe Teale, Ardminish Stores, and June Watson, Stirling.

The hall was packed to capacity with locals and visitors for the coffee afternoon and to watch the prize-giving and the result was an impressive total of £481.30 being raised for the hall funds.

Best in show for the root section was Catriona Walker and best in show for the industrial section was Lorna MacAlister.

Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who took part.

All cakes and raffle prizes were donated and thanks go to everyone involved in making the day a great success once again. Plans are already under way for next year's show.

Results: Root section: Three potatoes: 1 Gigha Primary pre-five unit, 2 Gigha Primary School, 3 Rob Wilkieson. Three parsnips: 1 Catriona Walker, 2 Susan Allan, 3 Maggie Wilkieson. Three purple-top swedes: 1 Catriona Walker, 2 Archie Walker. Three carrots: 1 Maggie Wilkieson, 2 Helen Lear, 3 Rob Wilkieson. Three red onions: 1 Helen Lear, 2 Andy Oliver, 3 Catriona Walker. Three white onions: 1 Catriona Walker, 2 Susan Allan, 3 Archie Walker. Three beetroots: 1 Martha Teale, 2



Standards at the show were high.

Catriona Walker, 3 Helen Lear. Three leeks: 1 Catriona Walker, 2 Andy Oliver, 3 Morven Beagan. One ugly vegetable: 1 Susan Allan, 2 Gigha Primary pre-five unit, 3 Catriona Walker. Industrial section: Glass of apple and ginger cordial: 1 Christine Mineham. Lemon drizzle cake: 1 Lorna MacAlister, 2 Margaret Andrew, 3 Catriona Walker. Three fingers lavender shortbread: 1 Lorna MacAlister, 2 Christine Mineham. Three cupcakes: 1 Lorna MacAlister, 2 Phoebe Brown, 3 Martha Teale. Individual quiche Lorraine: 1 Hannah Storie, 2 Lorna MacAlister, 3 Christine Mineham. Jar of beetroot relish: 1 Martha Teale, 2 Susan Allan, 3 Margaret Andrew. Jar of lemon and lime marmalade: 1 Susan Allan, 2 Archie MacAlister, 3 Lorna MacAlister. Photo of Gigha: 1 Susan Allan, 2 Ophelia Smethurst, 3 Ray Donaghy. Decorated balloon face: 1 Martha Teale, 2 Ray Donaghy, 3 Ophelia Smethurst. Recycled soup can: 1 Sheila McNeill.

ISLAY

Distillery is looking for Lucy

An Islay distillery is seeking a young girl who returned a badge, taken from its gift shop, by post.

Bunnahabhain Distillery issued an appeal on social media looking for the apologetic youngster who included a letter with the branded badge which read, in child's writing: 'I'm very sorry. From Lucy.'

A spokesperson from the distillery said: 'We'd love to say thank you for being so honest, but there's no return address! If you are Lucy's parents and visited us recently with Lucy, could you send us a message?'



Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

We heard from friends in Australia that last Sunday was officially the first day of spring.

It seems strange to think of spring approaching as we dip into autumn in this northern hemisphere.

It is hard to think of 'seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness' being, for our friends in Australia, associated with the months of April and May.

And as for Christmas in the sunshine – well that seems so different. What about In the Bleak Midwinter or Frosty the Snowman?

What do folk sing in Australia?

We are so used to our own seasons that it is hard to imagine everything upside down, as it were.

However, it reminds us of what an amazing world we inhabit, what variety there is, what colour to enchant us, what different animals and birds to delight us.

I often think of that lovely hymn which has the words that remind us that the voice of prayer is never silent.

As we waken, we keep the circle of prayer revolving as our friends across the world slumber, and then as we go to sleep they continue that never ending circle.

'The voice of prayer is never silent.'

Yet in some parts of the world, prayer is forbidden.

In North Korea, no-one is allowed to even bring a bible into that country. No form of religion is allowed.

I cannot imagine a country without the opportunity to worship in our own way, or to come to God without fear of persecution.

Many of our Christian friends throughout the world are denied even the basic right to worship, yet remain strong in their faith.

How I admire them.

May our prayers be with them, and may the voice of prayer never be silenced.

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JOHNSTONE - Craig and Caragh are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Marcus Iain, on August 26, 2019, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Grateful thanks to all midwives in both Paisley and Mid Argyll.

MARRIAGES

TURNER-AXMAR - At Glasgow Registry Office on Saturday, August 31, 2019, Gary, younger son of David and Susan, High Balevain Farm, to Emelie, only daughter of Tomas and the late Ewa, Hässelholm, Sweden. A wonderful day was had by all.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

GROGAN - James to Flora, at the Salvation Army Citadel, on September 4, 1969.



LAING - IRWIN
At Highland Parish Church, on September 5, 1969, by Rev C M Henderson, Peter to Margaret. Present address, 36 Davaar Avenue.

COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

MACTAGGART - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on August 30, 2019, John Norman Mactaggart, in his 79th year, Kilkivan, Drumore, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Helen, loved and adored father of Claire and Alice, father-in-law and friend of Christian and loving grandfather of Daniel, Suzanna and Max. Funeral service in Cardross Crematorium, today, Friday, September 6, 2019 at 1.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

SAMBOREK - Suddenly at home, 19 Fernoch Park, Lochgilphead, on August 29, 2019, Annie Samborek, née McNicol, in her 87th year, beloved wife of Sandy, much loved mother of Alex and Peter, dearly loved nana of Jenna, Jenna and David and a dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, September 5, 2019, followed by interment at Achabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

WATSON - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 30, 2019, Zandra Noal, in her 93rd year, Ardnacraig, Ardnacraig Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Roy Watson, much loved mum of Ivor and Stanley, loving granny of Julie and Kerrie and great granny of Layla, Amaia, Emily and Torrin.

IN MEMORIAM

MACFARLANE - Treasured memories of Joe, a much loved husband, dad and grandad, who died September 6, 2014. Always in our hearts you'll stay, Loved and remembered every day.

- Inserted by Cath and family.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of Dad, Callum, who passed away on September 5, 2018. Loving husband of the late Cathie. Sorely missed by Catriona and all the family.

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The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am
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New Hall 7.30pm
Friday 13th September
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New Hall

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9.00am Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 8th September
11.15am Worship Service
David Timothy
11.15am Sunday School
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Niamh Quinn, pictured earlier this year, was particularly impressive in the 800m race.

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Carla Renton was second in the under-nine girls' group.

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Kirstie Renton came second in the under-13 girls' category thanks to winning the 200m and 400m races.

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Caryn Kerr was the winner of the under-17 girls' class.

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Robert Kerr, winner of the under-13 boys' category, in action earlier this year.

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Kintyre sends squad to Mid Argyll Athletic's sports day

Young athletes travelled from Campbeltown, Dunoon and Oban plus three families made the long journey from Bunessan on Mull to compete at Mid Argyll Athletic Club's annual sports day at Lochgilphead Joint Campus last Sunday.

Despite the unpredictable weather, all the events apart from the high jump were completed outdoors and only interrupted by one shower of rain; the high jump was held in the small gymnasium.

The local entry was encouraging but, as has been the trend in recent years, the numbers in the older age groups remain a concern.

The top performance of the day was by Ruby-Jo Philips from Kilmichael Glassary who dominated in the under-13 contest, winning all her five events. Ruby-Jo won the 60m and excelled in all four field events, including a 1.35m high jump, 3.14m in the long jump, 6.45m in the shot putt and an impressive 17.43m throw in the javelin.

This age category had an entry of 10 girls, including four from Kintyre, with Campbeltown Grammar pupil

Kirstie Renton in joint second on points thanks to wins in the 200m in 33.4 and 400m in 82 seconds. Niamh Quinn from Castlehill Primary had an impressive run in the 800m, winning by a wide margin in three minutes 11 seconds.

The MacDonald twins from Lochgilphead dominated in the under-11 and this time it was Jorja who had the advantage over her sister Jemma. Jorja's wins in the long jump with 2.94m and the javelin with an excellent 12.25m helped to secure overall advantage and she also won the 60m and high jump with a new personal best of 1.10m. Jemma won the 200m and 400m and Megan Johnston, all the way from Bunessan, won the 800m in three minutes 23 seconds.

Neve Bowden from Lochgilphead was the under-nine champion, repeating her success of last year. Neve won all of her five events and impressed on the track with triple success in the 60m, 200m and 400m. The other event winner in this contest was Iris Ann Philips from Glassary school who won the high jump.

There was a tie in the under-sevens with Zara Whyte from Lochgilphead and Seren Johnston from Bunessan equal on points. Zara won the 60m and long jump and Seren won the 200m and javelin.

Ruairidh Charnock, Lochgilphead, was the winner in the boys' under-seven contest, winning all four events including a 2.66m long jump. Ethan Bowden, also Lochgilphead, was runner-up and Ruairidh Lawns from Dunoon was third overall.

In the under-nines, Quinn Soames from Bunessan dominated, winning all his five events and impressed on the track with success in the 60m, 200m and 400m. Alexander Cunningham made his debut in athletics in second place overall and some day may surpass his father's efforts in the sport. Bazyl Adamski from Craignish primary was in third place.

George Balkeen, Lochgilphead, was the under-11 champion, winning four events including a 38.7 seconds in a close finish in the 200m, just pipping Sean Quinn. Sean won the 60m and Lewis Hill was the 400m winner.

The entry numbers in the older boys' events was disappointing. The under-13s was won by Robert Kerr from Campbeltown ahead of Archie Johnston from Bunessan and a pupil at Oban High School.

The under-15s winner was Murray MacDonald from Lochgilphead who excelled in all four field events. Murray cleared 1.45m in the high jump and 4.23m in the long jump and later threw 8.38m in the shot putt and an excellent 23.90m in the javelin. Finlay MacLean from Oban was runner-up.

The two annual trophies in memory of the late Hugh MacArthur, a founder member of the local club in 1984 who died in 2015, were contested in the under-nine age category. The winners as mentioned above were Neve Bowden from Lochgilphead and Quinn Soames from Bunessan.

Results: Girls: Under seven girls: 1= Zara Whyte, Lochgilphead, and Seren Johnston, Bunessan, 14; 3 Neve Taylor, Lochgilphead, 8. Under nine girls: 1 Neve Bowden, Lochgilphead, 20; 2 Carla Renton, Lochgilphead, 13; 3= Iris Ann Philips,

Glassary, and Rowan Cockburn, Lochgilphead, 9. Under 11 girls: 1 Jorja MacDonald, Lochgilphead, 19; 2 Jemma MacDonald, Lochgilphead, 16; 3 Megan Johnston, Bunessan, 11. Under 13 girls: 1 Ruby-Jo Philips, Lochgilphead, 20; 2= Kirstie Renton, Campbeltown, and Emma Plummer, Lochgilphead, 11; 3= Eleanor Dale, Ardrishaig, and Sophie Balkeen, Lochgilphead, 8. Under 15 girls: 1 Amber Bain, Lochgilphead. Under 17 girls: 1 Caryn Kerr, Campbeltown.

Boys: Under seven boys: 1 Ruairidh Charnock, Lochgilphead, 16; 2 Ethan Bowden, Lochgilphead, 9; 3 Ruairidh Lawns, Kirn, 6. Under nine boys: 1 Quinn Soames, Bunessan, 20; 2 Alexander Cunningham, Lochgilphead, 13; 3 Bazyl Adamski, Craignish, 12. Under 11 boys: 1 George Balkeen, Lochgilphead, 19; 2= Lewis Hill Lochgilphead, and Sean Quinn, Lochgilphead, 14. Under 13 boys: 1 Robert Kerr, Dalintober, 20; 2 Archie Johnston, Oban High, 16. Under 15 boys: 1 Murray MacDonald, Lochgilphead, 20; 2 Finlay MacLean, Oban High, 15.

Get ready to show support at the Glen Scotia MOK marathon

It is too late to start training for the Glen Scotia Mull of Kintyre marathon which takes place tomorrow (Saturday) but you are in plenty of time to go along and cheer the runners on.

September 7 sees the second running of the event, which was held for the first time in 2017; the plan is to hold it biennially.

The start and finish area will be at the Campbeltown Ferry Terminal and runners will be escorted to the official start line at the beginning of the old railway cutting for safety.

The route goes along the railway cutting, Limecraigs and Meadows Avenue, turning right down Tomaig Road before turning left towards Stewarton. The route remains on the pavement until the cross over at Stewarton and turns left for Southend. From there, it follows the B842 until the Southend War Memorial and then turns right

to go around the single-track road loop, heading past Dunaverty beach through Southend village, turning right just after Low Machrimore Farm, which is the half-way point and relay swap, before heading towards the Leaside. It takes the lower Leaside road towards Campbeltown, finishing along Kilkerran Road, next to the Quarry Green at the ferry terminal.

'Glen Scotia Distillery has been fantastic and we have unique medals this year that I'm sure all participants will be very happy to receive,' said Elaine McGeachy from Campbeltown Running Club. 'There will be bottles of Glen Scotia whisky on offer as prizes also for overall winners, category winners and teams.'

The other sponsors are Tunnocks, who are providing caramel wafers for all participants and marshals. Argyll Bakeries will be at the ferry terminal with teas, coffees, soup and rolls for all runners and helpers.



The race begins at the cutting. 25_c13marathon26



The young players shaking hands after last Sunday's match.

Young Pupils prevail in final league cup decider

Campbeltown Pupils	8
Helensburgh	5
GDYFL (U13) League Cup	

In the last of three league cup deciding matches, and after a defeat the week before, the Campbeltown Pupils U13s were fired up ready for last Sunday's fixture against Helensburgh FC U13s.

Played at the 3G pitch at Kinloch Park, the home side got off to an early lead with a great team goal starting from defence through

midfield and up to the strike force. The visitors managed to pull back a couple of goals and the home side went in at half-time 2-1 down.

The quick break did the young players the world of good and at the full-time whistle, the Pupils were victorious at 8-5.

Pupils U13s coach Rhys Blair said: "The team put on a great performance and they should all be proud off their efforts."

Tomorrow (Saturday), the U13s are off to Clydebank to play in the Scottish Cup.

Dunaverty ladies enjoy a very hectic August

August was another busy month for the ladies at Dunaverty Golf Club.

As well as the captain's pink charity day, as previously reported, the month got off to a flying start with Mary Wilson continuing her run of winning scores.

The August medal had 14 ladies playing, five of whom posted scores in the 60s and even this was not enough to win.

Evelyn Shaw was runner-up having scored a magnificent 79-20 = 59; the winner was Mary Wilson with 91-34=57.

The Charles Hunter competition is held over two rounds but numbers were severely curtailed with horrendous rain at lunchtime and evening, resulting in only the morning ladies managing to play.

The winner on the day was Katharine Hardman with 87-22 = 65, followed closely by Evelyn Shaw on net 67 and Joan McInnes on net 69. Round two saw Eleanor Hawkins as winner with 88-18 = 70, just beating Jennifer Mack, also on 70, with a better inward half.

Overall result: 1 Jennifer Mack, 141; 2 Joan McInnes, 145; 3 Eleanor Hawkins, net 146.

The Golf Foundation competition was a Stableford, with 13 playing and six posting scores of 30 points or more.

Mary Wilson, despite losing six off her handicap, still managed a great score of 36 points, to finish in second place. Linda Arkell, playing off 22, finished in first place with 39 points.

Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results - Tarbert 1, Houston United 3; Stedfast 1, Oban Saints 4.

This Saturday's fixtures - Scottish Amateur Cup - 1st round - Campbeltown Pupils v Beith; Kilmarnock United v Lochgilphead Red Star; Newshot v Dunoon. Central Scottish League - Bridgewater v Oban Saints.

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Tennis ace Jane does the double



Jane Gallagher and John Watson won the HMS Platypus Cup for mixed doubles.

The mixed doubles and ladies' doubles were played out at Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club last week – and Jane Gallagher was one half of each winning team!

Both competitions were played in a round robin format with the floodlights

needed on both evenings.

The HMS Platypus Cup for mixed doubles was won by Jane and John Watson, with Donald MacKay and Dorothy Gray runners-up.

The ladies' doubles competition was won by Jane and Amy Shaw, with Fiona



McQuaker and Catherine Dobbie runners-up.

A club spokesperson said: 'Well done everyone!'

The Dickson Cup for gents' singles is being played on Sunday, September 8, starting at 10am.

The ladies' doubles competition was won by Jane Gallagher and Amy Shaw.

Eric Dunlea triumphs to take home the Black Sheep Cup

The annual Black Sheep Cup was contested in the most outstanding weather at Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club on Sunday August 25.

Eric Dunlea took full advantage of the conditions to emerge victorious and lift the iconic trophy after amassing a total of 39 points.

A spokesman for the club thanked Bidvest Foods for its sponsorship of this event, adding: 'Your support is very much appreciated.'

Full results: overall champion: Eric Dunlea, 39 points; 1st male: Alan O'Neill, 38 points; 2nd male: Stuart Widdowson, 38 points;

3rd male: Bailey Freeman, 37 points; 4th male: John Montgomery; 37 points. 1st lady: Anne Storm; 34 points; 2nd lady: Florence Chrystie, 30 points; 3rd lady: Margaret McFarlane, 28 points.

Nearest the pin prizes at the 5th and 12th holes were both won by Jon McLean.



Eric Dunlea and his wife Louise pictured in front of their magnificent Ferndean House with the equally stunning Black Sheep Cup.



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