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Devastation as tree disease closes Beinn Ghuilean trails

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Walkers and mountain bikers have spoken of their devastation following the news that the trails on Campbeltown's highest mountain may be closed until the end of the year after the discovery of a deadly tree disease.

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) has revealed that urgent tree-felling to help slow the spread of Phytophthora ramorum will mean access restrictions for Beinn Ghuilean forest towards the end of this month.

The disease primarily affects and kills larch trees and its impact can be sweeping, having a significant effect on the look of forests and of the wider landscape. There are no remedies for it, other than to fell any affected trees before the disease has a chance to spread.

Beinn Ghuilean forest is also made up of sitka spruces and some lodgepole pines which are not usually affected but an FLS spokesperson told the Courier that, for operational

reasons, some of them may also have to be removed.

Tommy McGrory, FLS planning forester, said: 'This disease can have a devastating impact and if we are to minimise its effect in Beinn Ghuilean forest and other forests in the area, then we need to fell infected trees before the disease has a chance to spread.'

'Public safety is our top priority so we will have to close some of the trails in the forest while the team is carrying out the felling work.'

Inconvenience

'Diversion and alternative routes will be put in place wherever possible but we would urge all visitors to observe and obey the safety signs in the forest.'

'We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this might cause but we hope visitors will understand and appreciate the need for the closures.'

It is anticipated that the felling operations will be carried out over several months and be completed by the end of the year.

However, if the infection continues to spread, it is

likely the felling area may be increased. FLS estimates that the mountain's half a dozen trails receive about 2,500 visits annually.

Simon Freeman, who regularly mountain bikes on the hill, said: 'This felling work will obviously affect the chosen leisure activities of many people but FLS has a duty to prevent this disease from spreading into other stands of healthy trees so it needs to undertake this operation at the earliest opportunity. It is encouraging to see it taking a proactive approach to the issue. The least we can do to help it achieve its goal is to abide by whatever signs it feels it is necessary to erect.'

Another person, who chose not to be named, said: 'This is devastating news as the hill is a fantastic spot for mountain biking, and the next closest trails are in Lochgilphead. This means a long drive and a lot of expense to continue riding as frequently as we do at the moment.'

'However, I'm glad the disease is being dealt with to protect the forest.'

Family cheers for champ Garry



Garry Muir's wife and daughter were waiting for him when he crossed the finish line of the second Glen Scotia Mull of Kintyre Marathon in first place on Saturday. This was Garry's first marathon and not only did he win by completing the race in under three hours but he broke the record set at the inaugural race in 2017. See pages 10, 11, 12, 13 and 40 for more on the marathon.

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£305,000 Mafeking Place project starts

Work is under way at Close One, Mafeking Place, in what is the final tenement repair project to be delivered via Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) round six.

Scaffold has been installed on Burnbank Street and Longrow and the remaining scaffold will be installed next week.

The £305,000 project will see extensive repairs to the exterior of the building, including lead works, associated slated roof works, chimney repairs, associated timber repairs and rot works, as well as the repair of the roof light that covers the common stairwell.

The building includes 10 flats and two ground-floor businesses. For the past few years, owners have been carrying out urgent repairs and maintenance to safeguard the property. They formed an owners'



Scaffolding has been erected as the Mafeking Place project gets under way. 50_c37mafeking01

association, allowing them to work together to enable major repairs to be carried out.

Campbeltown CARS round six runs from April 2015 to March 2020. Extensive repairs have already been carried out to five tenement buildings and the failing amenity deck behind the

properties at 1 to 21 Longrow South has been replaced.

In total, 69 CARS grants have been awarded totalling £1.4 million. When the Mafeking Place project has been completed, the total amount spent repairing buildings will be £2.7 million. From 2007 to 2015, Argyll

and Bute Council delivered Campbeltown CARS round one and the Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative.

These led to more than £7 million of repairs to buildings including Campbeltown Town Hall, Campbeltown Backpackers and the tenement at 50 to 52 Main Street.

The regeneration work has brought a number of vacant buildings back into use, generating employment for local contractors while creating opportunities for investment in the historic town centre and significantly improving the appearance of Campbeltown town centre.

The council is offering grant assistance for shopfront improvements in Campbeltown.

Visit <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/campbeltown-shopfront-improvement-scheme> or contact James Lafferty on 01586 559049.

Denzil is heading to European Parliament

A Campbeltown author is to speak at the European Parliament in front of its president and other senior figures at the end of this month.

Best-selling crime fiction author Denzil Meyrick will join writers, publishers and agents from across Europe at a Meet the Authors event in Brussels on September 25.

The aim of the evening of discussion, which is followed by a cocktail reception, is to strengthen cultural ties between nations, regardless of what happens regarding Britain's membership of the EU.

The poster for the event reads: 'Say yes to creativity and culture! Support an ambitious policy for creators and the re-establishment of the Parliamentary Intergroup on Cultural and Creative Industries.'

Denzil said: 'I will be speaking on the impact Brexit may, or may not, have on Scottish writers.'

Denzil is a man in demand and will take a break from



Denzil Meyrick at Southend in July.

his book tour, following the launch of *A Breath on Dying Embers*, the seventh installment of his acclaimed DCI Daley series, to head to Belgium.

The next stops on the tour are the Wigtown and Isle of Wight literary festivals.

He also recently appeared on BBC's *Off the Ball*, and fans should look out for his interview on BBC Radio Scotland with Fiona Stalker, coming soon.

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Safe Walking Times

	Morning	Safe Walking Times		Afternoon	Safe Walking Times	
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
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			
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Mon, 30 Sep 2019				19:12	16:12	21:42

Waverley appeal steers towards first million

The Waverley Appeal to raise cash to refit the wonderful old paddle steamer Waverley, the last seagoing passenger-carrying boat of its type, has now exceeded £850,000.

The Waverley is a much-loved visitor to Campbeltown each summer as she makes her tour of Highlands and islands harbours. More than 5,000 people have donated since the news broke in May that Waverley would not operate during her 2019 season as the boilers needed to be refitted.

An appeal target of £2.3 million has to be reached so further funds are urgently required to ensure Waverley returns to service for the 2020 summer season.

Paul Semple, Waverley

Excursions general manager, said this week: 'The continued support for the boiler refit appeal has been heartening. We are receiving support from across the UK and beyond with many donations being made in memory of someone.'

'We are delighted that the total raised so far is more than £850,000 but time is tight if we are to reach our target and have Waverley back in service for next summer.'

'The Paddle Steamer Preservation Society has continued to support our efforts and recently made a grant of more than £150,000 to the appeal. With so many people donating, there is clearly strong support for this special ship.'

Work is progressing aboard

Waverley with volunteers assisting in the task of removing components from the boiler room following the decision to withdraw the ship from service and fit new boilers. If further funds can be secured, the work to recommission the last seagoing paddle steamer in the world will begin in earnest in January.

Mr Semple added: 'All involved with this project are totally focused on the fact that Waverley must sail again and can't remain static. Our aim is to keep Waverley alive, but to achieve that aim we will need further support.'

The charity which owns Waverley has applied for funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

POLICE FILES

Drugs

A 23-year-old man was stopped and searched by police in Kirk Street, Campbeltown, on Tuesday morning last week and was found to be in possession of cannabis. He was charged and issued with a recorded police warning.

Theft of petrol

Police are investigating and

appealing for witnesses after a driver filled up a van with fuel and drove off without paying. The incident happened at 4.50pm on Monday September 2, on the forecourt of the Tesco Express, Paterson Street, Lochgilphead. The vehicle is described as a black Transit-style van.

Phone offence

Police stopped a car on the

A83 at Inveraray on Tuesday morning last week, as the driver, a man aged 44, was allegedly driving while using a mobile phone. He was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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

Everyone's a winner as new cars help to lift green award

Argyll College UHI saves cash, carbon and adds charging point to town

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Argyll College UHI has received the Scottish Environment Protection Agency Award for excellence in environmental sustainability.

This award was presented at the SCDI Highlands and Islands annual dinner and business excellence awards at the Drumossie Hotel, Inverness, last Friday.

A sell-out audience of 350 guests attended the awards ceremony, which was hosted by Gyles Brandreth. The award is presented to the Highlands and Islands business or organisation which best demonstrates its commitment to improving its environmental performance



From left, Giles Brandreth presented the award with Martin Jones, principal of Argyll College UHI, and Ivan McKee MSP.

and resource efficiency, in ways which go beyond regulatory compliance and also increase profits and/or efficiency.

Argyll College, part of the University of the Highlands

and Islands, provides further and higher education from nine centres spread throughout the vast geographical area of Argyll, Lochaber and Arran. The average mileage of the entire college staff runs

to approximately 150,000 miles a year as people travel between centres to deliver training and to meet with students and business partners.

In 2015/16, Argyll College leased three fully electric vehicles. While there was initial doubt and in some cases opposition from staff to the use of such vehicles, given the terrain involved, and the perceived lack of charging points, the cars travelled some 30,000 miles in their first year.

Ailsa Close, Argyll College UHI finance director, said: 'We are delighted to have our green credentials recognised in this way. We are lucky enough to live and work in such a wonderful part of Scotland and all of our

staff have a commitment to protecting our beautiful environment.

'Building on the success of our first three vehicles, we now operate a fleet of six Nissan Leafs, four Renault Zoes and a hybrid Mitsubishi.

'We have recently been successful in securing funding to install charge points at Campbeltown, Oban, Dunoon and Helensburgh.

'These chargers will be available to the general public as well as which will ease the burden on the council chargers in those areas where, other than in Oban, there is currently only one charging point per town.

'Given that the main nervousness with regard to the use of electric vehicles is the lack of infrastructure, we

see the installation of these chargers as being quite a big part of improving that infrastructure in Argyll.'

With the current electrical vehicle fleet, it is estimated that the college's annual petrol and diesel mileage is now just 10,000 miles, down from 150,000, giving an annual carbon emissions reduction of a staggering 20 tonnes. This adds up to a saving of around £42,000 for the college and the public purse in 2019/20 alone.

The college is currently operating a vehicle-sharing agreement with Police Scotland in Lochgilphead, and has plans to extend this to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in Argyll and possibly to relevant charities in the area.



Part of the college's electric vehicle fleet.

Warning issued after council tax text scam

Kintyre residents are being warned not to click on any links they receive via text message claiming to offer a council tax refund.

A concerned member of the public got in touch with the Courier and said the convincing message, which appears to be from council tax officials, reads: 'You are due to receive a refund from your council.

'Visit our secure website to begin the process.'

The message is followed by a link.

The person told the Courier: 'I don't deal with my council tax online and I know the council don't have my mobile number so I checked and, sure enough, it's a scam.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'The methods used by scammers are becoming more sophisticated, making it more important than ever to be wary of unsolicited calls,

texts, emails and post. If something doesn't sound quite right, trust your instinct. Never provide any personal information or bank details, and report anything suspicious to Advice Direct Scotland on 0808 1646000.'

The council's Trading Standards page on its website includes information on what to look out for when it comes to scams, bogus workmen, counterfeit goods and more advice for consumers.

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Hospital recognises sepsis day

There is an information display in Campbeltown Hospital's reception area throughout September to help raise awareness of World Sepsis Day, which is today (Friday).

Sepsis occurs when the body over-reacts to infection and, with early diagnosis, it can be effectively treated. Yet it is estimated sepsis claims the lives of seven to nine million people per year globally, with around 52,000 deaths annually in the UK.

Earlier this year the community, through the Kintyre Cancer and Palliative Care Fund, enabled the purchase of a blood analyser which can help with the early detection and subsequent management of those presenting with



Campbeltown Hospital.

symptoms which may lead to sepsis. As some cancer treatments can increase your risk of sepsis, Macmillan Cancer Support has linked up with the UK Sepsis Trust to provide additional information and support, including

the information available at Campbeltown Hospital.

Maggie Wilkieson, Macmillan clinical nurse specialist at the hospital, said: 'I think it's really important that, as a community, we are aware of sepsis. It is a condition which can be easily treated but if left undetected may be life-threatening.

'We don't know why some people who develop infection are more susceptible to sepsis than others, but if we are all talking about it, and learn to know the signs, then it gives everyone the confidence to ask the question 'Could it be sepsis?' Better awareness can save lives.'

For further details, contact Maggie by phoning 01586 555822.

Go with the Flo and take time to relax

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) has officially launched an innovative digital self-help service called Take Time to Relax.

It has been developed by the Technology Enabled Care team (TEC) to help people learn mindful breathing exercises to help experience the benefits that relaxation techniques can have on improving mental wellbeing.

It is a simple technique, easy to learn and can be practised almost anywhere.

The Argyll and Bute TEC worked closely with Yennie Van Oostendea, retired health improvement specialist, to produce accompanying audio guidance and soothing music.

This is partnered with TEC Florence (Flo) text messaging self-management system so service users receive a daily text message at an agreed time, or times, to remind them to practise the technique.

Kristin Gillies, senior service planning manager, said: 'Take Time to Relax is a self-management service and aims to help people to become more self-aware, feel calmer, less stressed and provide a positive benefit to overall physical and mental wellbeing.'



Yennie Van Oostendea has helped prepare the relaxation technique package.

The HSCP acknowledges that mental health illness is one of the major public health challenges in Argyll and Bute, with around one-in-three people estimated to be affected by mental illness in any one year.

The HSCP recognises that at some point in their lives people may feel stress or anxiety of varying degrees which may be brought on by things like work commitments, academic pressure and busy and demanding lifestyles.

This can make people feel overwhelmed and in some cases can lead to mental health problems.

Take Time to Relax is a calming technique and takes just a few minutes and can be done anywhere. People will get the most benefit if they do it regularly, as part of their daily routine. Take Time to Relax and Flo text messaging self-management system is provided by the NHS and there is no charge for either of the services.

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New technology rolled out to help people beat the blues

Beating the Blues (BTBs) is a behavioural therapy course which has now been developed for people to use via referrals from their GP.

At first it could only be accessed by a laptop or desktop PC but the service can now be used with modern smartphones and tablets.

'Beating the Blues' programme helps people make sense of their feelings and uses interactive tools to help them change their thinking patterns, and learn how to overcome negative thoughts about themselves.

There are video clips which follow other people who are suffering from anxiety and depression and exercises to complete which help put the new thinking techniques into practise and can really make a difference.

The course has been designed to be completed in the comfort of people's own homes and patients are in control of when and where

they want to complete the online CBT therapy.

There is no need to visit busy clinics or sit waiting for an out-patient appointment.

Patients can access the programme quickly, within seven days of being referred.

It is completed over eight weekly sessions which helps people to better self-manage and be in more control of dealing with their emotions.

Case studies have shown that CBT is just as effective as antidepressants for treating anxiety and depression, and more effective at preventing the symptoms returning. The therapy works for most people who complete the course.

It is a step-by-step method which means that the more participants do and the more tasks that they do the better they will feel.

Iona McMurdo is the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership's Beating the Blues coordinator. Her role is to assist with any

technical difficulties, help keep people motivated and provide support to steer people through the programme while they are working their way through their recovery.

Nikki Gillespie, the HSCP's local area manager for mental health, said: 'We are really pleased to be able to offer this service to the people of Argyll and Bute and excited about the latest developments of the service now being compatible with laptops, PCs, smartphones and tablets.'

'Studies have shown that 70 per cent of patients with mild to moderate depression, who complete the online CBT programme, require no further treatment and 89 per cent of participants rated Beating the Blues as helpful.'

Using the course is easy; referrals are available through a GP. Patients receive an activation code within a few days. People who feel the service would be beneficial are advised to speak to their GPs.

Overwhelming support as village shop opens again

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A Kintyre man has combined his years of experience in the retail and catering industries to bring back Muasdale's village shop.

Will Anderson, who lives at South Muasdale Farm with his partner Stephen Jones, bought the building, which for decades was Muasdale Stores, from artist Senja Brendon who had converted it into a studio.

Will, who has retained the name Muasdale Stores, held the shop's re-opening last Saturday. He told the Courier: 'My partner and I were passing the store the very moment Senja was placing the "for sale" sign in the window. You could say it was literally a sign. I have always wanted to have my own shop and this one was on our doorstep.'

The shop stocks a varied selection of products, from everyday items including household goods, snacks, baby items, pet food and toiletries, to premium fine foods and local produce. There are also some gifts and cards, and, as of this week, newspapers.

'I'm also listening to what people would like to see stocked in the shop and do my best to meet their needs,' Will added.

Will feels that reopening Muasdale Stores was a 'perfect opportunity' for him, combining his years of experience of sales and



Will Anderson has reopened Muasdale Stores. 50_c37muasdale01

retail at The Treehouse in Campbeltown, and his time catering at Dunaverty Golf Club as the club steward.

He said: 'I have found a great company which supplies me with excellent fresh coffee beans. My bean-to-cup machine also makes the most delicious, extra creamy hot chocolate. The ladies and gents from Dunaverty Golf Club always enjoyed my soup, so I've been making a pot every day and it is selling well - I have to say it is pretty good.'

Will already stocks a limited number of eggs from his own hens at South Muasdale Farm, but he hopes to sell more farm produce in time.

'We plan to sell beef fairly soon and home-grown vegetables and pork next year,' he

explained. 'The farm is in the process of organic conversion so all produce is farmed organically and will be certified organic in 18 months. While we will be selling produce from South Muasdale, we also want to stock other fantastic local produce.'

Will said the feedback since he opened has been fantastic: 'Everyone who has come into the store has been beaming. Members of the community have been delighted and extremely happy to have their wee shop back.'

'I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of our community in Kintyre since setting up my new business. I have received invaluable help and advice from family and friends

and people that I have only recently met. It is incredibly touching to know that they care and I can't thank them all enough.'

Senja, who worked hard with Will since February to make sure the sale went ahead, wished him all the best with his new venture.

The artist has had a caravan at Bellochantuy for years and after moving from London to Arran, she bought and extensively refurbished the shop, opening it as Saltwater Studio last summer. She decided to sell up after struggling to commute from Arran over the winter.

She said: 'I had subsequent offers after Will's but the buyers had other ideas for the building. I thought the village could do with having a shop back again, somewhere people can meet up. It is something that I think is important to the village.'

'When I took it on as an artist's studio, I asked around as I didn't want to be the person who took away the local shop but it had been empty for six

months. I am really happy now that it is going back to being a hub for the village - I really hope it works out for Will as he has some brilliant ideas.'

She added: 'We made some lovely friends during our time in Muasdale, friendships that will last. I would like to say a big thank you to all the local people who made me feel so welcome.'

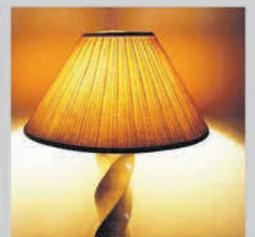
Senja plans to re-open Saltwater Studio on Arran - at the moment she will be working from a studio at Cladach, near Brodick. She still has her caravan at Bellochantuy and will be returning to Kintyre to paint and sketch. She added that she was looking forward to being a customer at Muasdale Stores, which will be open from 7am to 5pm from Monday to Friday, from 8am until 4pm on Saturday, and from 8am until 3pm on Sunday.



The fresh produce has been popular, almost selling out in the first weekend. 50_c37muasdale03

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Beinn Ghuilean

While the closure of Beinn Ghuilean's trails is understandably disappointing for those who frequent the mountain, it is fortunate that the tree disease has been discovered and can be dealt with straight away.

Several people have already said that perhaps this is an opportunity to refresh the mountain's trails and offer more, varying routes.

One dog walker described the 'fantastic' forest at Ardkinglas, entry to which costs a small amount, adding that it had turned the Kinglas Water, which flows through it, into a feature.

Maybe some good can come from the situation on Beinn Ghuilean and the mountain can be turned into an even better attraction.

MOK Marathon success

The second Glen Scotia Mull of Kintyre Marathon was another great success.

It is a jolly good day out for the whole family, not just athletes, with a fantastic atmosphere at the finish line all afternoon.

A huge amount of the credit should go to Elaine McGeachy, who organises the biennial event almost single-handedly.

Fingers crossed the weather is as lovely in 2021 as it was on Saturday!

Ladies will have secure facility at golf club

I refer to the letter from Gordon Waite of Bury, published on August 23, on the subject of lockers at Machrihanish Golf Club.

Earlier this year, I attended a packed meeting of the golf club which enabled members to view and discuss the plans for the new clubhouse. Those plans include an integrated locker room for women golfers. One woman asked politely at this members' meeting what the plans were for the existing ladies' locker room and was told there were no plans. So it seems Gordon Waite's comment that the old lockers will be ripped out and replaced with modern equivalents is just not true.

When the new clubhouse is built, the women of Machrihanish will be able to store their expensive clubs in a secure facility which will be the equivalent to what the men have had for many years until destroyed by fire.

Currently, women store their clubs in a communal outdoor tin shed and have done for years. Gordon Waite refers to old lockers which are not fit for purpose since they are not large enough to take a golf bag.

Subsequently, Hugh Sinclair has corresponded with you at the Courier, stating that maybe the original plan to replace the ladies' lockers may not materialise. Even before the fire, there never was a plan to replace the lockers. Additional modern, secure lockers were to be installed in another area and a plan for this work had been posted on club noticeboards.



The golf club was devastated by fire.

Most golf clubs long ago refurbished their locker rooms to give all members the modern facilities they deserve and, in fact, pay for.

I am astonished to see our local newspaper publishing negative letters about the business of a private members' golf club. I have never seen public criticism of other local clubs or institutions such as sports clubs, music clubs, schools, church boards, etc. Such criticism has the undertone of a culture which has no place in our community and is definitely not the way of the people of Kintyre.

Machrihanish currently has no clubhouse. Let's give the club the opportunity to get on with the enormous task of recovering from the fire and implementing the plans which were

made available to all members for input and discussion.

Maggie MacArthur,
Campbeltown.

Housing and broadband vital for economic growth

I had a very productive meeting with depute policy lead for economic development, Councillor Bobby Good, and depute policy lead for communities, housing and islands, Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor, in Kilmory where we discussed many pressing issues.

With continued industrial and broad economic growth in the Kintyre and Islands ward and across Argyll and Bute it is essential that we strive to provide good quality housing that meets our diverse and dynamic economy's needs. This must include a sensible mix of direct affordable purchase properties, part rent, part buy shared equity schemes and social leases.

As I have stated so many times in the past we need at both a local and national level a renewed push for better digital connectivity across our rural constituency.

Some surveys in the past have shown that Argyll and Bute has the third slowest broadband speeds in Scotland. This is truly damning and should focus the minds of our political leadership north and south of the border as well as our various internet providers.

Long gone are the days that many people just used the internet for checking emails and

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Carol Povey,
Director of the National Autistic Society's Centre for Autism.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph comes from a regular contributor, John Anderson, who sent in this snap of a young fox in his garden. John said of the photo, which was taken in June: 'This young chap was wandering round bold as brass. He was quite willing to pose for me so the shot is nice and clear. We've seen his mum a lot but quite far away at dusk. I think he's on a wee independence march!' John took the photograph with a Nikon D5100 camera using a 200mm lens. If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk, send it via the Courier's Facebook page or bring it into the Courier office to be copied.

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday September 11, 2009 A brave ship remembered

More on Nancie Smith's trip as Campbeltown's representative at the 250th anniversary of the founding of Campbeltown, Pennsylvania, and the close links both communities have with HMS Campbeltown.

HMS Campbeltown was originally built in Bath, Maine, by Bath Iron Works and launched as USS Buchanan in January 1919.

In September 1940, prior to the United States involvement in the Second World War, the US Navy transferred 50 American destroyers to Britain in return for the lease of naval and air bases in the Caribbean and the North Atlantic.

Once in the hands of the British Royal Navy, the ships were renamed for towns common to Britain and the USA and so HMS Campbeltown was born.

Named for a small community in the south west of Scotland, it served on several missions during the war before sealing its fate as a legend within naval circles.

Disguised as a German warship, HMS Campbeltown, loaded with explosives, rammed the dock gates at St Nazaire on the west coast of France, a strategic port for the German battleship the Tirpitz.

In destroying the dock, HMS Campbeltown destroyed herself, leaving behind her bell, which was returned to Campbeltown PA in 1950 where it sat outside the fire station for almost 40 years.



In 1982, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the raid, the bell was returned to Campbeltown so that the TS Campbeltown Sea Cadets could display the bell for the occasion.

In 1989, the bell was on the move again, this time to be reunited with HMS Campbeltown, only this time she was a modern frigate.

HMS Campbeltown was represented by two members of the ship's crew at the 250th anniversary celebration of the Founding of Campbeltown last month.

Lt Cdr Rob Welford and Chief Petty Officer Tommy Cooper carried the bell from the ship across the Atlantic to reunite it with the community which had guarded it for almost 40 years after the Second World War.

Chief Petty Officer Tommy Cooper, Nancie Smith and Lt Cdr Rob Welford with the HMS Campbeltown bell.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday September 16, 1994 Chinook memorial service this weekend

Around 200 people from Northern Ireland are expected in Kintyre this weekend for a memorial service for the 29 people who died when a Chinook carrying members of the security forces crashed in June.

Members of the rescue teams and other emergency services involved in the aftermath of the disaster are expected to swell the total number attending the open-air service at the crash scene to around 300 people.

The organisers of the service have been overwhelmed by the response from the families of the 10 members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary's Special Branch who died in the crash in June.

By Tuesday, 186 people from Northern Ireland had said they wanted to attend the service which will involve the dedication of a commemorative cairn at the crash site.

Representatives of the Army, RAF, Northern Ireland Office and the Security Services are all expected to attend the service.

The crash killed all 29 people on board the flight from Northern Ireland to Fort George near Inverness. The dead included many of the top anti-terrorist experts in Northern Ireland, including members of the Army Intelligence Corps and MI5. The service will be conducted by the minister of Southend Parish Church, the Reverend Roddie McNidder, and RAF Padre the Reverend Andy McMullen, Army chaplain the Reverend David Wilkes and Father Mike Masterson, also an army chaplain.

The memorial has been built by local man, Mr Duncan Watson, and is on the same site as the cairn built by the RAF Regiment who stood guard over the crash scene. Meanwhile the RAF Board of Inquiry is still investigating the cause of the accident. Their report may not be ready until next Easter.

FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday September 11, 1969 Well done boys

The presentation of medals to the successful teams in the Boys' League's first season was made on Saturday night at the Christian Institute.

The President of the Boys' League, former local football star, Mr Malcolm Lang, spoke briefly to the boys and told them to 'be good sportsmen' and to be 'good to your parents and old people.' He commented that he saw among them 'quite a few potential footballers' and reminded them that Campbeltown had produced two Scottish international footballers, Peter Purcell of Rangers, and Neil McBain of Ayr United.

Mr Lang also disclosed that he had been in contact with a senior club about a young Campbeltown amateur.

The following are the medal winners: Crosshill Boys (9-12 years): winners of the Lang Shield: Craig Kelly, Keith Millar, Billy McDonald, Neil McCallum, Kenneth Anderson, Michael Donnelly, William McKinven, Douglas McMillan, Stewart McGuire, Jimmy Boyd, Stephen Morgon,

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Meadow Boys (12-15 years): Caskie Cup and League: - David McWhirter, Stewart McSporran, Roy McKinven, Kenny Jones, George Nelson, John Mewse, Danny Martin, Alistair Grant, Kenny Hastie, Jimmy McCallum, Robert Hamilton, David Martin.

Longrow Boys (9-12 years): League - Jimmie Lay, Archie McMillan, Craig Cook, Thomas Blue, James Stimpson, Leonard Shields, Jimmy McAulay, David Allen, Richard Graham, Angus Dow, Robert McCallum, Ruari MacLean.

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday September 13, 1919 The harvest in Kintyre

It is rather unfortunate that ever since the commencement of harvesting operations in Kintyre a little over three weeks ago the weather has been very broken and cutting has been a good deal interrupted.

There have been occasional ideal spells of sunshine accompanied by high drying winds, but these have been of short duration, and were invariably quickly succeeded by rain.

On several occasions the rainfall has been exceptionally heavy, raising fears that the crops would be made to lie, while at other times, notably this week, it has been of the soft, drizzling kind, which, with a humid atmosphere, constitutes the very worst conditions for the stooks.

That the cutting of the crops has not been more kindly favoured by the weather is a matter for regret, for a sufficient spell of good harvest conditions was all that was required to crown a season that has favoured the peninsula in a very marked degree, especially when contrasted with less fortunate experiences reported from other places.

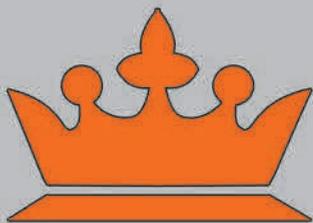
All crops have been looking well for a long time, and visitors from other districts have spoken of the appearance of the countryside in this respect in flattering terms, if not at times with a degree of envy when they happened to hail from places which have suffered from the prevailing drought.

There is, of course, time yet for the weather to recover and give Kintyre farmers reason to reflect that once again they have been better favoured than most. At present, however, they have the anxiety that the weather may seriously mar the ingathering of what promises to be a most satisfactory harvest.

The season up until now has been especially suitable to Kintyre. We had a fairly good spring. The latter end of May and the beginning of June provided as good weather as it would be possible to wish for. There was an unkindly spell in the latter part of June, when most unseasonable weather set in with cold withering winds and a good deal of frost, which blighted nearly all vegetation and gave growth a considerable setback. Fortunately, however, no permanent damage was done. On deep soils crops recovered rapidly, and some farmers have remarked that the backward period kept their crops from becoming too heavy.

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Celebrating the 525th anniversary of the first dram in Scotland

The Courier is taking a look at Campbeltown's whisky heritage after the 525th anniversary of the first recorded dram was celebrated at the Scottish Parliament.

Ministers and MSPs were joined by the Scotch Whisky Association's chief executive, Karen Betts, at last Wednesday's gathering at Holyrood to mark the occasion.

The first known mention of Scotch whisky distillation is credited to Lindores Abbey in Newburgh, Fife. A note in the 1494 Exchequer Rolls details that by order of King James IV, 'eight bols malt' be supplied to Friar John Cor to produce 'aqua vitae' – the water of life.

Campbeltown's own whisky heritage dates back to 1609 when the first licence to produce 'aqua vitae' was granted.

By the Victorian era, Campbeltown had been

dubbed Whiskyopolis and was known as the 'whisky capital of the world', boasting more than 30 distilleries.

Today, only three remain but Campbeltown is still one of five recognised Scotch whisky-producing regions, along with Islay, Highland, Lowland and Speyside.

Campbeltown's remaining distilleries – Springbank, Glen Scotia and Glengyle – are much celebrated and the annual Campbeltown Malts Festival welcomes vast numbers of visitors from all across the world, showing that the area's single malts are still very much in demand.

However, even for Campbeltown residents, the history of the town's lost distilleries is not easy to come by. Several books have been written on the subject, and last year Campbeltown Heritage Centre's Whiskyopolis

exhibition filled in many blanks, but it is information that people are unlikely to stumble upon.

Some former distilleries now house different businesses – Hazelburn Distillery is now Hazelburn Business Park, Benmore Distillery is West Coast Motors' head office, and part of what was Burnside Distillery is Campbeltown Creamery, which was known as Burnside Creamery until 1963. Meadowburn Distillery, like many, was demolished, but it once stood in what is now the creamery's car park.

All traces of most razed distilleries are gone but some remnants remain to this day, much in plain sight. Certain walls and business warehouses, which people may have walked past obliviously for years, were once part of Campbeltown's forgotten distilleries.



Many of the features of Benmore Distillery remain a part of what is today West Coast Motors' head office.

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Part of what was Hazelburn Distillery, at one time Campbeltown's biggest distillery, is an office complex, known as Hazelburn Business Park.

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The words 'Benmore Distillery' are still faintly visible above gates at West Coast Motors' Campbeltown base.

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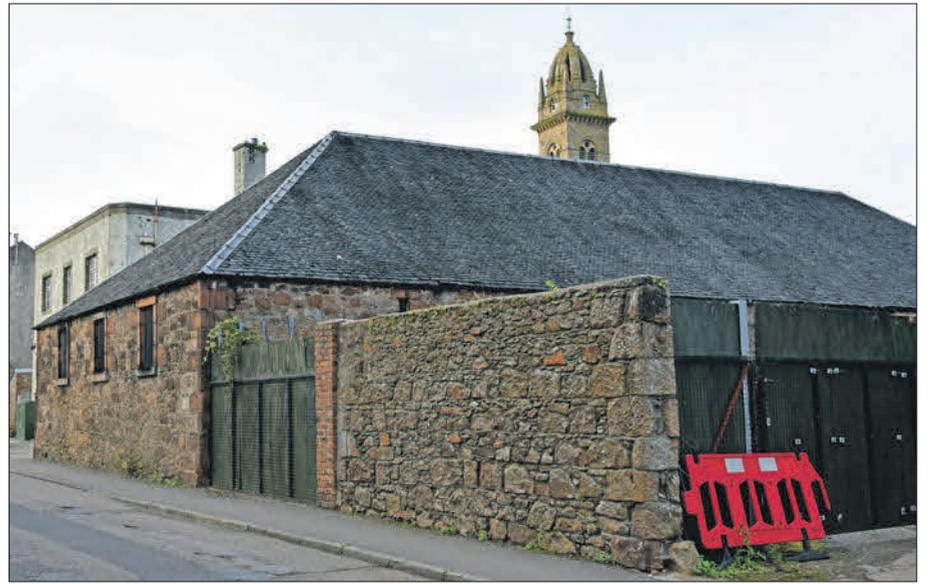
The last few hints of the area's distilling past are fading with the passage of time – the words above this door on what was once a Glen Nevis Distillery warehouse are now illegible but are said to have pertained to its whisky history.

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Part of Burnside Distillery is now Campbeltown Creamery, and the site of Meadowburn Distillery forms part of the creamery's car park.

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This wall and building on Glebe Street were part of Springside Distillery, which was built on the west side of Burnside Street in 1830.

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Much of Glen Nevis Distillery, which stood where McFadyen's Contractors' yard is now, was demolished but its two most northern warehouses and some walls remain.

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Four-person relay winners: Campbeltown Running Club Men's Darren Renton, Stuart McGeachy, Tommy Morran and James Murdoch. 50_c37mokwinners03



Ladies' over 60 veteran, Fiona Watson. 50_c37mokwinners09



Two-person relay winners: Brothers Gary and Matthew Turner. 50_c37mokwinners04

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Every competitor in this year's Glen Scotia Mull of Kintyre Marathon picked up a unique medal – a miniature bottle of the distillery's whisky, secured on a lanyard, complete with a special label commemorating the 2019 race.

In addition, each podium prizewinner also picked up a larger bottle of single-malt alongside their trophy.

The winners were announced by event organiser Elaine McGeachy and the prizes were presented by Aaron and Lucas McAlister, sons of main sponsor Glen Scotia Distillery's manager Iain McAlister.

Marathon results: 1 Garry Muir, 02:58:53, M, Campbeltown Running Club; 2 James Austin, 03:01:35, M, Clydesdale Harriers; 3 Ewan Smith, 03:17:45, M, Campbeltown Running Club; 4 Alex Souden, 03:25:32, M, Campbeltown Running Club; 5

Andy Law, 03:30:07, M, Victoria Park City of Glasgow AC; 6 Iain McGougan, 03:35:19, M, Campbeltown Running Club; 7 Jennifer Campbell, 03:37:55, F, Campbeltown Running Club; 8 Paul Young, 03:45:54, M, Lothian Running Club; 9 Alastair Cunningham, 03:47:52, M; 10 Peter Ward, 03:48:07, M; 11 Sarah Ward, 03:52:26, F; 12 Ralph Hill, 04:00:19, M, Campbeltown Running Club; 13 Fiona Cook, 04:17:36, F; 14 Colin Rattray, 04:17:39, M; 15 Johnny Girvan, 04:21:03, M, Campbeltown Running Club; 16 David Adams, 04:21:36, M;

17 Stephen Povey, 04:22:58, M; 18 Craig McKerral, 04:27:10, M; 19 Naomi Lawrie, 04:28:21, F, Lochaber Athletic Club; 20 Linda Cunningham, 04:39:13, F; 21 Claire Reid, 04:52:39, F; 22 Gordon West, 04:53:11, M, Jog Scotland; 23 Colin Brailsford, 04:59:09, M; 24 Sarah McFadzean, 05:03:57, F, Campbeltown Running Club; 25 Katherine Harrison, 05:47:39, F; 26 Margaret McSpornan, 06:17:26, F; 27 Fiona Watson, 06:17:27, F.

See the back page for the full report and pages 12 and 13 for more results and photographs.



Ladies' over 50 veteran, Linda Cunningham. 50_c37mokwinners05



Men's over 40 veteran, Alex Souden. 50_c37mokwinners06



Men's over 50 veteran, Ian McGougan. 50_c37mokwinners07



Men's over 60 veteran, Andy Law. 50_c37mokwinners08

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Marathon's mighty winners



Men's marathon winners:
1 Garry Muir, 2 James Austin and 3 Ewan Smith.
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Ladies' marathon winners: 1 Jennifer Campbell, 2 Sarah Ward and 3 Fiona Cook.
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The unique medals which were presented to runners this year.
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Garry breaks record in first ever marathon

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registration, driving mini-buses, putting up or taking down signs to giving out T-shirts at the finish line – they were all superstars and testament to the pride and community spirit that Kintyre has to offer.

‘Thanks to Argyll and Bute Council for the use of the ferry terminal building, it is a great spot for the start/finish and a fantastic facility, Live Argyll for the gantry and timing clock and Jim Martin for supplying the generator and portaloos.

‘We are very grateful to the coastguard and fire service and cadets who provided first aid and marshalling – they were simply superb and kept

all our runners safe. ‘Our local Co-op continues to support community events and provided bananas, Mars Bars, Lucozade and water to keep runners hydrated and fuelled – particularly needed on the hot day it ended up to be. Tesco also kindly donated Mars Bars and water too – thank you very much – it is amazing how hungry people can be after running 26.2 miles. And Argyll Bakeries was on hand at the finish for delicious soup and refreshments too.

‘Thanks to Corryvreckan Delights who donated tasty baking treats and thanks to Tunnocks for their donation of caramel wafers.

‘In addition, thanks to

massage therapists Sharon Gillies and Ali Ralston, who professionally treated very tired legs all day – every runner was most appreciative of this.

‘Of course it wouldn't have been the event itself without our principal sponsor, Glen Scotia, making this event happen with its financial support and providing such excellent, unique medals this year and amazing whisky prizes.

‘The sun shone in Kintyre to make a great event even greater – thanks everyone so so much and hopefully we will be back in 2021.’

For more results and photographs from the marathon, see pages 12 and 13.





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It is thumbs up from event organiser Elaine McGeachy. 50_c37mokaction09

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The Glen Scotia Mull of Kintyre Marathon takes runners through some of the area's most picturesque scenery.

The route goes from Campbeltown down to Southend, via the B842, before looping round the single-track road which passes St Columba's Footprints and through Southend village, joining back on to the B842. It

then takes the Leaside road back to Campbeltown, saving some of the biggest hills for the final half of the race. This meant the relay teams had to carefully choose who ran in which section, to ensure each athlete was best suited to the terrain.

It is worth noting how highly-spirited the runners seemed to be throughout the race – perhaps because they were enjoying some of the best views Kintyre has to offer.

Two-person relay: 1 Gary Turner and Matthew Turner, 02:48:51; 2 Neil Renault and Katie Renault, 02:57:18; 3 Jimmy Anderson and John Watson, 03:42:09; 4 Alan Anderson and Lynn Wilson, 03:53:59; 5 Stewart Ireland and Mairi Mckillop, 04:03:53; 6 Eilidh Girvan and Emma Morran, 04:05:17; 7 Gail Williams and Stuart Scott, 04:08:03; 8 Lorraine Macdonald and Margaret Sinclair, 04:28:51; 9 Catherine Scott-Dodd and Janet Scott-Dodd, 04:36:49; 10 Alison Doolan and Ian Doolan, 04:52:08; 11 Iona McIntosh and

Neil John MacPhail, 04:52:35; 12 Kirsty Robertson and Kathryn McGeachy.

Four-person relay: 1 CRC Men, 03:00:01; 2 Drome Flyers, 03:20:03; 3 Team Lorraine, 03:53:29; 4 CRC Ladies, 03:57:32; 5 Uphill Hurriers, 04:01:20; 6 Gintastic Fantastic Flyers, 04:13:26; 7 Archie's Angels, 04:16:53; 8 Hell Fighters, 04:18:30; 9 Campbeltown Running Club team, 04:29:48; 10 We thought Linn said rum!, 04:34:37; 11 Jamathon, 04:41:09; 12 The Jager Bombers, 05:02:20. For full report, see back page.



Glasgow's Katherine Harrison, who was the harpist at the last two Gintyre festivals, celebrated her 41st birthday by running the full relay. 50_c37mokaction01



The ever-smiling Ewan Smith near the start of the race. 50_c37mokaction03



Gary Turner was focused during the race. 50_c37mokaction04



This marathon was Paul Young's 100th. 50_c37mokaction06

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Calum McKillop piped the runners to the start of the race. 50_c37mokaction02



A hug between friends: Margaret McSporrán, left, and Fiona Watson embrace after supporting each other until the end of the race. 50_c37mokaction12



Stephen Povey was in good spirits as he neared Southend's thoroughfare. 50_c37mokaction07



Amy Armour jumps for joy during her section of the relay. 50_c37mokaction08



Margaret Sinclair is joyous at the start of her half of the race. 50_c37mokaction10



Linda Cunningham smiles as she approaches the turn off for the Learside road. 50_c37mokaction11



Alex Souden passes Carskey Bay in Southend watched by interested spectators. 50_c37mokaction05

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Loch Fyne Pipe Band's tenor drummer Jack Stuart, 12, from Tarbert, tries out the stocks for size, watched by fellow drummer, Guthrie Scott, 13, from Kilberry.

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After successive days of inclement weather, the sun made a welcome appearance for this year's medieval-themed Clachan Smallholders' Gathering.

In gloriously warm sunshine last Saturday, the well-supported event – held in Tayinloan this year – saw children with painted faces

try their hand at jousting and haggis-throwing, and adults and children alike could see displays of traditional crafts like hand-carving and spinning.

Meanwhile a great array of crafts and produce, including fruit and flowers, knitwear, art, candles, soap, cards and eco-friendly wrapping was available to purchase inside the village hall.

Sustenance in the form of soup and bread, tea, biscuits

and cakes was also on offer.

Lori Silvan, on the Smallholders' stall, explained the purpose of the event: 'The Smallholders' Gathering is not a fundraiser for Clachan Village Hall. It provides an outlet for local crafters and it is good to bring local people together, to share their skills and to show and sell what they make and grow.'

Lori added: 'We want to help support as many local groups as possible, and today

that includes Loch Fyne Pipe Band and Kintyre Food Bank.'

As the afternoon was drawing to a close, the crowd, enjoying the warmth of the afternoon sun, gathered round to enjoy the fine sound of Loch Fyne Pipe band.

In the evening, there was more entertainment at a licensed event in the hall, where singers, songwriters, bands and choirs from across the area took to the stage.



Morag Duff demonstrates spinning.



Isla Hales gets a spinning lesson from Morag Duff watched by her children, Anna, seven, Charlotte, five, Joseph, two, and husband, Sam.



Martin Brown, 18, models the belted plaid, an original form of the kilt, fashioned by Uta Korner.

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medieval-themed gathering



Zephyr Moller, six, and Raphael MacLachlan, 13, admire Prince the donkey.



The jousting provides much fun, with Zephyr Moller, six, on the donkey.



Loch Fyne Pipe Band played in the late afternoon sun.



Morvern Paisley, 15, paints a pretty design on five-year-old Brogan Bannatyne's face.



Tayinloan Playpark Committee members at their stall to raise funds for the new play park, are, back row, from left: Donald McDonald, chairperson, Sarah Mills, Craig Hurd, Barry McNeill. Front: Caroline Smith, treasurer, and Frances McNeill.



Pauline Simson provided lunch in the form of homemade soup, bread and cakes.



Margaret Weir looks adoringly at her two-week-old great-granddaughter, Haileigh Campbell.



Grace Norris, nine, sword dancing.



Lori Silvan at the Smallholders' stall, raffling a bottle of Kintyre Gin to raise funds towards next year's smallholders' event, and selling local produce to help the Clachan Village Hall Development Fund. Loch Fyne Pipe Band would also benefit from funds raised at this table.



Kat Berrie promoting reduced use of plastics by selling reusable beeswax wraps.

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Gaia Silvan, who previously studied contemporary art and now studies contemporary performance at The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, was selling her own artwork.



Karen Henderson selling her soaps and bath products.



Julia Griffiths with her own artwork and beautiful hydrangeas from her own garden.



Squirrel's Vintage Knits by Squirrel Cross.



Louise Oppenheimer with her greetings cards and hand-woven tapestries.



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Gladys and George McAllister from Campbeltown and Sarah Mills from Tayinloan enjoying the day's festivities.

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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Alistair McDonald delights fans with Free Church concert

by Joan Crooks
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The opportunity to experience the renowned Alistair McDonald in concert encouraged folk-music fans to brave the elements on a cold, wet, blustery evening and make their way to Campbeltown Free Church for the long-awaited concert.

For some, the evening's songs on Wednesday September 4 brought back many happy memories, inspiring much foot-tapping, and many smiles, with Alistair remarking how good it was to see lips move along

to the words of the very familiar songs and encouraging the audience to join in.

By request from a lifelong fan, and to the audience's approval, Alistair sang Sam the Skull, with audience participation in the refrain, 'I'm a cat, I'm a cat, I'm a Glasgow cat.'

As no Alistair McDonald concert would be complete without it, he also sang The Wee Kirkcudbright Centipede, and once again members of the audience knew every word.

Commenting on the concert being held in a church, and with a smile and a nod

to the fans in the front rows, Alistair remarked that from his experience, 'church gatherings do not normally fill up from the front'.

He thanked the Free Church for the invitation to perform in a 'place of worship' and expressed in spoken word and song the faith he now has in Jesus Christ.

The evening was a delightful blend of folk, fun, faith and fellowship as Alistair rewarded his loyal fans with the songs they love so well.

And he mingled and chatted over tea and home-baked goods at the close of the concert.



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The value of the work will be in the region of £24,000/year, potentially over a 3 year period. If you have experience in particular of contract forestry surveying or other relevant experience and are interested in tendering for this type of work then please come along to the event, where more details of the work involved will be discussed.

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Picture House joins in with Into Film festival

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Campbeltown Picture House (CPH) is one of three cinemas in Argyll and Bute taking part in this year's Into Film festival, the world's largest free film festival for children.

The festival, which runs from November 6 to 22, is hosted by British film education charity Into Film, which runs film-based programmes for children aged five to 19.

This year's festival comprises eight strands which can help educators navigate the packed programme: Mental Wellbeing and Identity, Language and Creativity, The Natural World, Exploring History, Debate, Fantasy and Adventure, Rebellion, and Musicals.

CPH is showing Beautiful Boy for secondary pupils, Singin' in the Rain for primary pupils and The Grinch for families.

The cinema's manager, Ellen Mainwood, said: 'Into Film has become a popular part of



Campbeltown Picture House's calendar and inviting the young people in to enjoy a free screening is such a privilege.

'This year, Campbeltown children were given the task of deciding which films would be screened in the Musicals category so it's fun to

now see those films being watched by children across the country.'

Different movies will also be on offer in Dunoon Burgh Hall and at Oban Phoenix Cinema.

Kirsty Gallacher, Into Film programme delivery manager for Scotland, said: 'Film is a powerful

Singin' in the Rain will be shown at CPH as part of the Into Film Festival. Photograph: MGM.

tool for learning and engagement. It is rich in curriculum from story to screen and everything in between.

'The Into Film festival programme in Scotland has so much to offer educators and their learners with so many screenings and special events that cover very relevant and current themes.

'I would urge teachers to look at the programme and explore the associated resources to see how it can be used to support pupils' learning with clear links to the Curriculum for Excellence.

'Tickets get snapped up quickly so I would advise teachers to be quick to book tickets for screenings in their area to save disappointment.'

The Into Film team has worked with cinemas, theatres and some unusual venues across Scotland, from castles to aquariums, to ensure

pupils north of the border will have access to a wide variety of films.

The Into Film programme supports children and young people to watch, make and understand film in new and creative ways, as well as learn about the film industry and foster a lifelong love of cinema and film-making.

Some of Into Film's celebrity ambassadors, alongside Into Film's Youth Advisory Council, have helped programme this year's festival and have chosen their favourite children's films.

The Into Film festival is supported by Cinema First and the BFI through National Lottery funding and is backed by the UK film industry. It is one of the biggest, free cultural events of the year, offering more than 3,000 film screenings and speaker events covering a vast range of curriculum-linked topics.

All events and screenings are free. For programme information, to sign up for priority bookings, book tickets and download resources visit: www.intofilm.org/iff19bookings

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'We love coming to Campbeltown,' said Anya, 'the audience really get

into the show. They totally immerse themselves in it, joining in with all the songs and actions, and telling us what to do. It's not just for the younger ones though, as there are plenty of jokes for the big people too.'

'We kept being asked to do a space-themed show,' added Kevin, 'and with 2019 being the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landings, it couldn't be a better time. Children are fascinated with space travel, aliens, robots, planets, stars etc, and they're so clued up – they know more about it than us! Space really is the final 'fun-tier.'

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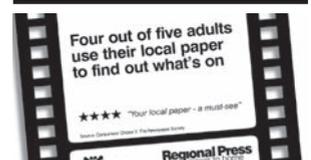
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Campbeltown has no shortage of people who enjoy singing, as Paula McLean found out when she was asked to offer group singing as an evening class.

Plenty of ladies turned up, full of enthusiasm. No prior experience was necessary and no-one was turned away. The group's progress led to the formation of two ladies' choirs - The Upbeats and One Voice.

Paula's ambition to have a mixed-voice choir led her to recruit some men but, try as she might, only a handful have agreed to take part.

The small number of men made a balanced choir difficult to achieve and even harder when one of the men was unavailable.

Paula said: 'Even so, we managed to perform in a number of successful charity concerts with the men singing in the mixed choir and



There is no shortage of female singers in Kintyre but where are all the men? 25_c37choirs01

also as an all-male group. The ladies' choirs are going well and the men's group has recruited a few more, though still not enough.'

So here is the challenge to the men of Kintyre, especially if they enjoy singing in the car, in the shower or anywhere else, don't know how much

fun it is to sing in a group and would like an activity which helps forget worries: go along to Campbeltown Town Hall at 9pm on Tuesday September 17 or telephone 01586 551762 and give the men's group a try.

The women are meeting separately. No-one needs to audition or read music; they

just have to enjoy singing. Being part of a group is more fun with more back-up and less daunting than singing alone.

Paula added: 'The challenge for the women of Campbeltown and Kintyre is to persuade your men folk to give singing a chance.'

A twisted fairy tale?

A propensity towards cartoonish violence, along with many pop culture and historical references, led to an interesting debate at the first Film Club meeting at Campbeltown Picture House last Wednesday.

Quentin Tarantino's *Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood* was the first film under the spotlight.

This graphic fairy story was loved by some, too violent for others and downright hated by a few but all that made for an illuminating and animated discussion on the movie and Tarantino's unique, although somewhat gory, storytelling techniques.

Helen Pickering, the driving force behind the Film Club, said of the inaugural meeting: 'I am really pleased with the turnout for the first meeting. There was a wide range of contrasting opinions that led to some varied, but good-natured, discussions in which everyone participated.'

The group, which will meet on the first Wednesday of each month, now has *The Goldfinch* in its sights. This intriguing drama begins screening on Friday September 27.

The Campbeltown Picture House Film Club will meet on Wednesday October 2 at 7pm in the conference room.



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Campbeltown's social scene



Tommy and Stewart Blue will return to the Masonic Live stage. 25_c37singalong01

If anyone is looking for something to do over the coming week, Campbeltown has plenty to offer.

Kicking off the entertainment, Tommy and Stewart Blue are the latest Masonic Live listing.

The father and son singing duo will hit the stage at Lodge St John's 141 Recreational Club tomorrow for a sing-along on Saturday from 4pm to 8pm. Their popular tunes are sure to get feet tapping. Entry is a donation at the door and there will be a raffle. All are welcome.

If anyone is looking for a midweek distraction, Campbeltown Flower Club resumes on Wednesday September 18 at 7.30pm in Lorne and Lowland Church Hall. New members are very welcome.

Next Friday, September 20, Barry Hogg and Jennifer Phillips will host 'an evening of mediumship' at 7.30pm at the Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown. Tickets are £15 and can be reserved by calling 07751 350204 or bought at the door. A number of private mini readings are available.



Campbeltown Flower Club is welcoming new visitors.



Senior citizens bid farewell to student

Amy Paterson gave a farewell concert on Tuesday to the senior citizens' Monday Social Club, a group she has visited since her primary school days, before she moved to Manchester to study music. After the concert, Amy was presented with a gift from the club by chairwoman Cathie Duncan, who wished her well in the future. A spokesperson said: 'No doubt when Amy is back home in Campbeltown she will visit the club whenever the opportunity arises.'

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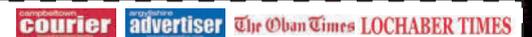
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SPRINGBANK INVITATIONAL



Last year's competitors

Campbeltown will play host to some of the piping world's finest on Saturday September 14 at The Springbank Invitational.

Organised by the Kintyre Piping Society and held at the Seafield Hotel, entry to this elite competition is by invitation at the discretion of the committee. Last year's winner Callum Beaumont from Dollar will be amongst those taking part and the list of competitors reads like a list of piping's top names.

This year's judges are John Wilson, Murray Henderson and Dr Angus MacDonald.

President John Lang Brown extends a warm welcome to all, players and audience alike: 'We have invited nine of the world's best pipers and three top judges respected throughout piping circles and we are delighted with the continuing involvement of Springbank Distillery as our main sponsor, and are highly indebted to them and

Mr Hedley Wright. We hope that everyone has a day to remember, and enjoys the wonderful music of the Great Highland Bagpipe.'

The competition begins at 10am and fear-an-tighe for the day is Finlay Wylie of Kintyre Piping Society. At the end of the day's competition Heather McFadyen of McFadyen's Transport and Ranald Watson, director of sales and marketing at Springbank Distillery will present the prizes.

The prizes

For Piobaireachd, The Argyll Arms Hotel Trophy with the Carmichael Quaich for the runner-up and in the March, Strathspey & Reel, The Serco Trophy with the Muir Quaich for the runner-up.

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The champion piper is awarded the Willie McCallum Memorial Cup with an overall Silver Medal awarded to the competitor gaining most points for Ceol Mor and

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With the onset of autumn, shorter days and less predictable weather, boat owners are starting to think about laying their craft up, or all-year-round berthing, for the winter.

Most boat owners will already be booked into their boat yard of preference or accommodated in other storage space for the winter.

Whether you choose to store undercover or winter berth, there are essential maintenance tasks to carry out for the winter. If you have newly acquired a boat, book a space soon since many yards are nearly at full capacity.

Yards need to know a lift-out date and whether you wish the mast removed and stowed over the winter and what winter work is required to be done. Some offer undercover storage for varying lengths of time and where available this can be a good

option to carry out work that needs good drying conditions.

Maintenance of all craft, whether it be a yacht, motor boat or RIB is essential to keep boats in a good, safe and seaworthy condition.

As well as essential tasks like engine servicing, a rig check, safety checks etc, there may be other improvement work to be carried out. A planned programme of winter lay-up work will make sure all is good for the next season. Many owners will get essentials carried out by the yard or the relevant independent marine service supplier to make sure work is done.

Depending on whether your craft is sail or motor, some key areas need considered in a laying-up work plan:

- Keel, hull, topsides, deck, cockpit
- Frost damage prevention
- Interior
- Sails and rigging
- Engine/batteries/electrics
- Safety equipment

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to laying your boat winter season

A lot of owners are fully competent to carry out most winter lay-up tasks themselves. However, if not and the services of the yard or an independent marine service operator are required, contact them early to get booked in.

It's always helpful to compile a basic check list to work through and have a list of equipment needed to carry out tasks.

KEEL/HULL/TOPSIDES/DECK/COCKPIT

Watch out for damage to through hull fittings from hoist strops on lift out and remove and blank as necessary.

Pressure washing on lift out removes a lot of fouling and anti-fouling giving a good preparatory surface for new anti-fouling in spring or other coatings required like epoxy, copper coat etc as well as making it easier to identify any repair work required. When the boat is ashore, check over the hull, keel, skeg and rudder for any damage and effect repairs while the weather and temperature conditions are good. Check keelbolts, any play in the rudder/cutlass bearings and the prop-shaft.

A wash down of the whole boat with the application of a protective wax on the topsides will protect from winter dirt and make polishing a lot easier in the spring.

The cockpit should be cleaned thoroughly paying attention to nooks and crannies that trap dirt. If any paint or woodwork here and on deck needs touched up, carry out now if conditions allow. Temperatures may be higher in the autumn than spring.

A cover over the whole boat or even just the cockpit can pay dividends. However, make sure covers are well secured and allow for ventilation and check for any chafing at regular intervals.

Some yards will shrink wrap but allow an area of access so you can continue to work inside.

Ensure the cradle, trailer or support legs are secure and the trim of the boat is slightly bow up to make sure water doesn't 'puddle' in the cockpit. Regular inspection over the winter is important in case cockpit drains get blocked by leaves/debris and water builds up.

WATER SYSTEMS

Cold temperatures and freezing of fittings can cause a lot of damage so prevent by following a few basic methods. Fully drain anything that holds or carries water – ie pipes and tanks, pumps and strainers. Flush water systems through with a water sanitizer first. Flush heads through, drain and lubricate and disconnect hoses to allow them to 'breathe'. Pump dry if necessary. Drain down any water heaters or calorifiers. Flush seacocks through to remove salt build up and service and grease. Remove the barrels from traditional style seacocks to prevent them seizing. If in any doubt as to how to do any of the above safely, get the yard or an independent operator to help.

INTERIOR

With boats increasing in size and sophistication the interior needs to be kept clean and pristine. Installing a de-humidifier and heater will keep the saloon and cabins warm and dry.

If not requiring to stay on the boat during winter, it's a good idea to remove as much equipment as possible and take home and store. This has the benefit of seeing



if anything needs to be cleaned or replaced. Clear plastic stack boxes are good to allow inspection of contents which should all be cleaned before packing – boxes can be easily brought back to the boat in the spring. Berth cushions and soft furnishings in particular are prone to mould if left on the boat over the winter and will benefit from storage at home in a warm, ventilated and rodent-free space.

Lockers, bilges, cookers and toilets should all be washed down – a weak bleach mixture rubbed over can remove and prevent mould build up. There are a number of good items available for this purpose from all chandleries. Always ventilate the boat well and do any touch up work inside when weather permits. List any items required for the 2020 season.

Check gas systems on board are up to standard with a qualified gas engineer. Also fire extinguishers, fire blankets and other safety equipment in the cabin and replace as necessary to keep up to the correct safety specifications.

SAILS

Check over all your sails and seek advice from your local sail loft on repairs and upgrades. They are the powerhouse of the yacht so deserve good attention. Often a sail cleaning service is offered by sail lofts and even storage which may be a good option for many owners. However if taking home, make sure sails are kept in a dark, warm, well-ventilated area and away from potential rodent damage.

And, if you need new sails have a chat with your local sailmaker and get your order in quickly. There's often a discount period at this time of year.

RIGGING AND DECK GEAR

Wear and tear on both standing and running rigging and deck gear can lead to serious accidents so should be checked overall carefully. Wash everything with fresh water to remove salt and debris build up. Look over sheaves, swages, split-pins and spreader mounts for any corrosion and replace if suspect. Check standing rigging for any breaks and weakness. Also look over all deck fittings such as sheaves, blocks, winches, cleats etc and if work is needed get it done asap. Servicing winches either now or in the spring is essential.

Many owners remove halyards with messenger lines to aid longevity. Inspect for chafe and wash and dry halyards/sheets before storing in a dry place. If the mast is stored off the boat it's easier to check masthead instrumentation and that rigging blocks are running freely. Grease everything to prevent water ingress. It's always a good idea to remove anchors and chain to look for any damage or wear – these can be stored on a pallet below the boat washing first with fresh water to remove salt and dirt. Service anchor winches and check over chain links and shackles for wear. If the weather is good this is an ideal time to paint out the anchor locker for the spring.

ENGINES, BATTERIES, ELECTRICS

Winterising is essential to good engine maintenance and both inboard and outboard engines need this done. An oil change is standard. New oil prevents internal corrosion and protects the engine standing over the winter. Yard or independent engineers will do this for you if you lack time or confidence to carry out yourself.

The outboard should be flushed through with fresh cooling water and antifreeze/water mix. Remove the impeller and plug the air and exhaust outlet with an oil-soaked rag. Fill fuel tanks to prevent condensation and add a biocide. Change filters as required and bleed system for next season. Change engine and gearbox oil and make a note of the date of change. Minimise condensation by spraying the engine with a moisture repellent and cover with a cloth. Put batteries on a trickle charge and if not needed onboard, take home and sit in a place that won't freeze. Electrics/instrumentation on board should be looked over and any problems checked out by an electronics engineer and repaired or renewed.

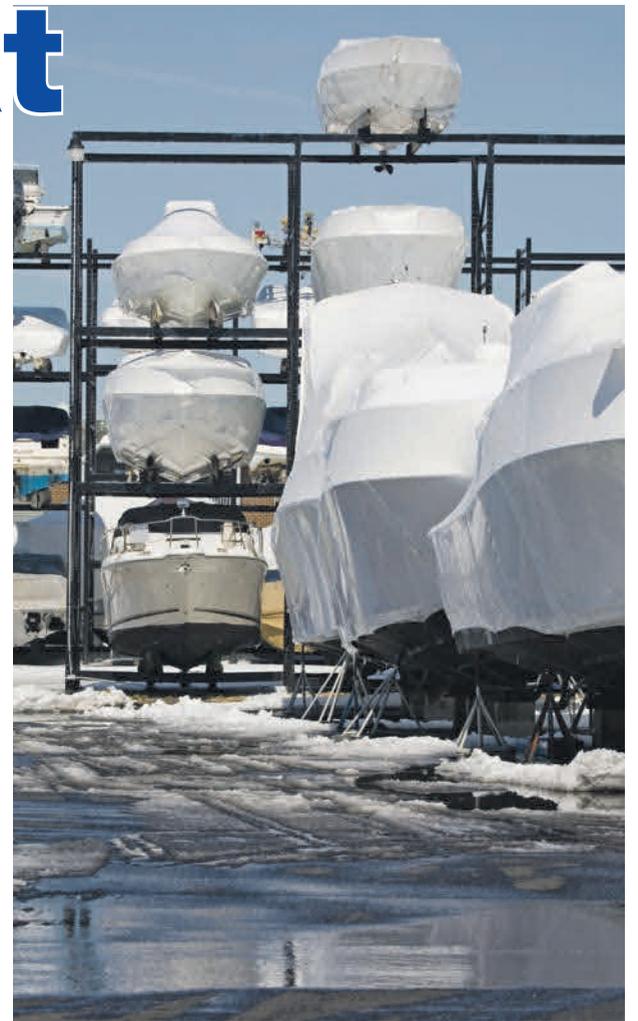
SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Safety gear is vitally important aboard any craft and its maintenance equally important. There is not much point in wearing a lifejacket in a life-saving situation if it fails to inflate.

It's therefore imperative to overhaul everything. Inspect lifejackets, harnesses and safety gear replacing anything that looks suspect. It's advisable to store lifejackets partially inflated over the winter – that way any leaks can be detected and the outer covering won't deteriorate. Check jacket bottles for corrosion and replace as required – kits are available from chandleries. Ensure your flares are in date and replace for next season as necessary. Store flare packs in a dry area and dispose of old flares through official collection depots. Life rafts should be removed and serviced by an authorised centre on their due date. Clean and repair dinghy tenders, storing partially inflated.

Seasoned boat owners will go through all the above as routine but for those new to boat owning it's reassuring to know there is plenty of help and advice on hand from a range of sources – boat-yard operators, service engineers, boat builders, chandleries and sail-makers. If there's anything an owner is unsure about these are the experts, so don't hesitate to ask if you need to.

And once your boat is laid up safely with all maintenance in hand, you can relax and look at planning for the boating season in 2020.





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NFUS talks Bew Review with prime minister



Andrew McCornick met the prime minister last week.

NFU Scotland president Andrew McCornick, vice president Charlie Adam and chief executive Scott Walker met with the prime minister on Friday, when he confirmed that the UK Government will accept the funding recommendations of the Bew Review into intra-UK agricultural funding.

This will bring a further £51 million into Scottish agriculture over two years, on top of the £160 million convergence funding announcement made in the chancellor's spending review on Wednesday,

September 4 – the biggest cash injection in recent memory.

The terms of the Bew Review are to ensure that funding for domestic farm support is fairly allocated across the UK between 2020 and 2022; agreement to carry out a review followed a six-year campaign by NFUS for the convergence funding injustice to be addressed.

The long-standing view is that it was exclusively as a result of Scotland's low CAP support payment rate per hectare that the UK was

awarded the convergence uplift of £190 million in 2013 as part of the European reforms of the CAP.

The UK Government chose to share this dividend across the whole of the UK based on historic allocations, seeing only £30 million awarded to Scotland, a decision that the NFUS believed was deeply flawed.

By this government's acceptance of the Bew Review recommendations, Scottish farmers will receive an extra £51.4m over the next two years, in addition to the

£160m allocated in the chancellor's spending round.

Speaking after meeting Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Mr McCornick said: "Taken together, the two announcements will inject £211 million into Scottish agriculture over the next two years. At a time of uncertainty, that represents the largest funding uplift for the sector in recent memory. Securing a fair agricultural funding settlement that recognised the flaws in the historic approach has been a priority for NFU Scotland for six years."

Dippen and Strathnafanaig win at Stirling premier calf sales

Kintyre and Islay were among the prizes at the annual premier show and sale of suckled calves held by Caledonian Marts Ltd at Stirling, thanks to Dippen Farm, Strathnafanaig and Ardnave.

The judging on the day was in the capable hands of Jason Wareham, Little Tottingworth, East Sussex, and the following were his awards: the overall champion came from B Harper, Greenwells, Falkirk, with a spring-born Limousin heifer selling for £3,600 purchased by A Morton, Lochend, Denny, on behalf of JCB Commercials, Northern Ireland.

Reserve champion was again a spring born-Limousin bullock from T Laird and Son, Sunnyside, Cumnock, selling for £2,700 purchased by D Morrison, Burnside, Sutherland.

Senior section: Class 1: Charolais bullock, sponsored by R Brown and Son, Butcher, Stenhousemuir: 1 D W Semple and Son, Dippen Farm, Carradale; £1,500 to A Paterson; 2 J McLaren, Murrayshall, Stirling; £1,320 to Backmuir Livestock.

Class 2: Limousin Bullock, sponsored by HRN Tractors: 1 and Opp Sex to senior champion, T Laird and Son, Sunnyside, Cumnock; £1,650 to J and S Wareham; 2 J Robertson and Son, Newton of Logierait, Ballinluig; £1,250 to Blair Duffton; 3 J Robertson and Son, Newton of Logierait, Ballinluig; £1,280 to Backmuir Livestock.

Class 3: Bullock any other breed, sponsored by Arnold Clark Stirling; 1 Messrs McBeath and Jessop, Lower Greenyards, Bannockburn; £1,250 to Backmuir Livestock; 2 A J and B Forrest, Hillend, Biggar; £1,200 to Blair Duffton.

Class 4: Charolais heifer, sponsored by Stirling Trailer Centre: 1 D W Semple and Son, Dippen Farm, Carradale; £1,600 to Blair Duffton.

Class 5: Limousin heifer, sponsored by Showtime: 1 and senior champion, T Laird and Son, Sunnyside, Cumnock; 2 and reserve senior champion, J Robertson and Son, Newton of Logierait, Ballinluig; £1,120 to Backmuir Livestock; 3 S Dick, Westerton, Cowie; £1,100 to J and S Wareham.

Spring-born section: Class 8: Limousin bullock, sponsored by Buffalo Farm, Kirkcaldy: 1 and reserve overall champion, T Laird and Son, Sunnyside, Cumnock; 2 G Bell, Haasside, Lockerbie; £1,250 to an undisclosed bidder; 3 G Bell, Haasside, Lockerbie; £900 to Backmuir Livestock.

Class 9: Bullock any other breed, sponsored by East Coast Viners: 1 B Harper, Greenwells, Falkirk.

Class 10: Charolais heifer, sponsored by H Black and Son, Butcher, Stirling; 1 T Epps, Ardnave, Islay; £2,200 to June Dowie.

Class 11: Limousin heifer, sponsored by Action Lawn and Leisure: 1 and overall champion, B Harper, Greenwells, Falkirk; 2 B Harper, Greenwells, Falkirk; £2,000 to J Mathers, Kelso; 3 G Bell, Haasside, Lockerbie; £1,180 to C Malone.

Class 12: Heifer any other breed, sponsored by W McIntyre Livestock Haulage: 1 J J and C McCallum, Strathnafanaig, Tarbert; £2,000 to K and A Morton; 2 B Harper, Greenwells, Falkirk; £1,280 to H MacKinnon; 3 J J and C McCallum, Strathnafanaig, Tarbert; £2,000 to J MacKay.

Special awards and prizes: Best turned out stockperson, sponsored by Scott Bros, Butchers, Dundee: Shona Stevenson, Sunnyside, Cumnock.

Best bred in Kintyre and Knapdale, sponsored by P McKerral and Co, Campbeltown: J J and C McCallum, Strathnafanaig, Tarbert.

Pen of four bullocks: Charolais, sponsored by R W Stewart, Haulier, Bo'ness: 1 J McLaren, Murrayshall, Stirling,

Limousin, sponsored by J Cooper and Co, Gartocharn: 1 W Walker, Camreggan, Girvan; 2 W Walker, Camreggan, Girvan; 3 Markhill Farms, Glenduisk.

Pen of four heifers: Charolais, sponsored by Clyde Vet Group, Stirling: 1 J McLaren, Murrayshall, Stirling. Limousin, sponsored by MacSafe Training, Stirling: 1 W Walker, Camreggan, Girvan; 2 ML Wilson, Baluskie, Barrhill; 3 Markhill Farms, Glenduisk.

Champion pen four bullocks, sponsored by D McKenzie Plant Hire: W Walker, Camreggan, Girvan.

Champion pen four heifers, sponsored by W Walker, Haulier, Strathkinn: W Walker, Camreggan, Girvan.

Best pen of eight in yard, sponsored by Fair Buildings Ltd: 1 ML Wilson, Baluskie, Barrhill; 2 W Walker, Camreggan, Girvan; 3 ML Wilson, Baluskie, Barrhill.

Best pair of bullocks, sponsored by Stirling Trailer Centre: 1 T Laird and Son, Sunnyside, Cumnock; 2 ML Wilson, Baluskie, Barrhill; 3 Markhill Farms, Glenduisk.

Best pair heifers, sponsored by JMR Plumbing Services Ltd: 1 ML Wilson, Baluskie, Barrhill; 2 Markhill Farms, Glenduisk; 3 W Walker, Camreggan, Girvan.

Champion pair, sponsored by Geyer Plant Services: T Laird and Son, Sunnyside, Cumnock.

Bullocks averaged 208p selling to 233p from ML Wilson, Baluskie, Barrhill and to £1,110 for a pen of Limousins from W Walker, Camreggan, Girvan.

Heifers averaged 205p selling to 246p from M Campbell, Glenstockdale, Stranraer and to £1,190 for a pen of Limousins from W Walker, Camreggan, Girvan. Other leading prices: Bullocks per head: £1,100, Camreggan; £1,090, Greenwells; £1,080 Baluskie (J Hyslop) and Camreggan; £1,060 Greenwells, Baluskie (twice), and Camreggan. Heifers per head: £1,180, Glenstockdale; £1,110, Baluskie (A Hyslop); £1,100, Camreggan (twice); £1,090 Greenwells (twice); £1,080 Baluskie (J Hyslop). Bullocks per kg: 232p Greenwells; 230p Markhill; 229p Camreggan; 224p Baluskie. Heifers per kg: 245p Greenwells and Baluskie; 237p Greenwells; 236p Camreggan; 229p Baluskie; 223p Carie.

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High satisfaction with childcare and a sharp increase in concern about climate change are two of the key findings in this year's Scottish Household Survey.

Of households with a child aged two to five, 86 per cent said they were either very or fairly satisfied with the overall quality of funded early learning and childcare they received.

Meanwhile, concern about climate change has soared to a record high. Almost two thirds of adults viewed climate change as an immediate and urgent problem. The greatest increase in concern was among adults aged 16-24, rising from 38 per cent in 2013 to 67 per cent in 2018.

Scotland's communities and housing also fared well in the survey. Findings include:

- nine in 10 households are very or fairly satisfied with their housing
- more than eight out of 10 people who have used their local schools or health service are satisfied with them
- the number of households managing well financially has risen from 42 per cent to 55 per cent in the 19 years to 2018
- home ownership among young people aged 16-34 has increased since 2014
- internet access in homes is high, and continuing to increase, and the

gap in connectivity is narrowing between lower and higher income households

- 83 per cent of adults living in Scotland believe their neighbourhood is one where people are kind to each other

Responding to the findings, Deputy First Minister John Swinney MSP said: "The Scottish Household Survey is a unique opportunity for people to share their views and experiences and help the government understand how people feel about life in Scotland.

"This survey shows that parents are ready to benefit from the Scottish Government's £2 billion investment in the expansion of early learning and childcare, with the increase in flexibility and choice that this will bring, including options like year-round provision. We know the transformative impact that a high quality, nurturing, early learning and childcare experience can have and from August 2020 children will be able to access almost twice as many funded hours.

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Advice, criteria and application forms are available on the Windfarm Trust pages of the new East Kintyre Community website - eastkintyre.org or alternatively from the Secretary/Treasurer:

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Advice, details and application forms are available from the convener via email:
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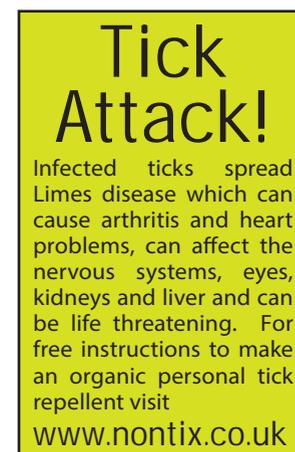
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Person-centred services take account of individuals' needs, priorities and strengths. Of course, to support this approach, the HSCP has to talk to people, engage with communities and learn what people need.

To reach out to people, the HSCP needs some structures around which to build engagement and the HSCP is using community conversation cafés as one of the ways to open up discussions about health and social care.

A conversation café is built on equality and inclusion, bringing together service providers and people who use those services to talk about how the HSCP can make health and social care as good as possible. By making the discussions less formal, it is hoped that more people will take part.

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

These LPGs will set priorities for the locality, including what topics will be discussed within each conversation café. A service manager related to the topic will be invited to attend the cafés.

This manager will provide some information about the topic, can take questions and comments about the service they run and take responsibility for information and actions arising from the session.

A conversation café has been arranged in Islay for Wednesday September 25 from noon to 2pm in The Ideas Building, Killarow. Members of the public are invited along to discuss 'Reablement'.

The Reablement Service provides free support services to people with a wide range of needs and long-term conditions. This service is usually provided to people for up to eight weeks to encourage them to achieve their goals and to live independently for as long

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Newly formed Mid Argyll Radio Sailing Club (MRS) meets on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at Loch A'Bharain, next to lock nine of the Crinan Canal.

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Referrals are made to the team through local health and social care professionals or by contacting the Single Point of Access telephone number on 01496 851045.

The HSCP is committed to working with people to ensure their views can improve services and looks forward to coming together with the community at these exciting new events to ensure everyone has the opportunity

to learn about, discuss, and provide feedback about new services.

For more information please email us at nhs.abhscp@nhs.net

INVERARAY

Glenaray and Inveraray Parish Church's summer sale has ended for this year, raising a fantastic £7,000 for church funds.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

I wonder what you would save from your home if it was at risk of being destroyed.

Discounting pets, what would be so precious that you would make every effort to save it?

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I wonder which of us would think to rescue a bible. Would we? Or would we go for our phone, or iPad, or our most expensive jacket?

Bibles drying in the sun must be one of the greatest symbols of faith I have witnessed. How precious the word of God is to some, and what an example of faith against the odds.

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When everything crashed around them, the people in the storms of life rescued their bibles. This was what brought them comfort.

What would you save in the storm?

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Mark and Laura (née Galbraith) are delighted to announce the birth of Callum George, on August 15, 2019, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A first grandchild for Jeanette, and Mairi and Duncan, Greenock.

DEATHS

MCQUARRIE - On September 10, 2019, peacefully at Glenarary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Donald McQuarrie (Donnie), in his 90th year, dearly loved husband of Marjorie, beloved dad of Donna and the late Rhoda, much loved brother of the late Neil, May and Minnie and a dear brother-in-law, uncle and good friend to many. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church, on September 17, 2019 at 11.00am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium at 2.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Cancer Research UK and Erskine Hospital.

MEENAN - Peacefully at home, 5 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, on September 5, 2019, Denis Meenan, in his 93rd year, dearly beloved husband of the late Netta Meenan, much loved dad of Jamie and Margaret, loving granda of Jamie, Denis, Emma, Frank, Jennifer and Laura and a loving and much loved great granda, brother and uncle.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GIRVAN - The family of Alexander Thomas Girvan would like to sincerely thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received following the sad loss of Alex. Special thanks to the staff at Ardfenaig Home, Ardrishaig, for the compassionate care provided to Alex over the last few years. Thanks to Reverend Gary McIntyre for his lovely, comforting service, making it a true reflection of Alex's life and to David McEwan for his skilful music. Thanks to Kenneth, Rhys and David Blair for their professional and consoling funeral arrangements and to the hospitable staff of Ardshiel hotel for their purvey. Finally, our many thanks to all who paid their last respects to Alex at the Highland Parish Church and thereafter the graveside at Kilkerran Cemetery.

WATSON - Ivor, Stanley and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on the sad loss of Zandra. Special thanks to the nursing staff at the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital, Argyll and Bute carers, Rev William Crossan for a lovely, fitting service, T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professional services, the staff at the Ardshiel Hotel for an excellent purvey, and all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside, and donated generously to the retiral collection for the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

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IN MEMORIAM

CUNNINGHAM - Neil Blair, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, passed away September 14, 2012. Loved and remembered every day.
- Christine and all the family.

GODDARD - Agnes, died September 6, 1999. Miss and love you always.
- Mum, Sandra, Ali and family.
Love and miss you very much.
- Twinkle.

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- Senga, Billy and family, and Roger, Heather and family.

CHURCH NOTICES

HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH



SC002493

Sunday 15th September
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in the church at 11.15am
All welcome
Wednesday 18th September
A congregational meeting will be held in the Highland Parish Church at 7.00pm.
As this is about the linkage with the other churches we hope that as many people as can will attend

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Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

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Rev W Crossan
Monday 16th September
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3.45 - 5.30pm Church Hall
Tuesday 17th September
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Boys' Brigade
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Wednesday 18th September
Congregational meeting of Highland Parish, Southend, Saddell and Carradale and Lorne and Lowland Churches
7.00pm Highland Parish Church
Friday 20th September
Lunch Club 12.00 noon
New Hall

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Sunday 15th September
Family Communion Service 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies
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Joint Evening Service 6.30pm
At the Community Church
Thursday 19th September
Bible Study
7.30pm at the manse
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Sunday 15th September
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Holy Communion 10.45am
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Rev Tony Wood
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Saturday 6.00pm
(except 1st Saturday of the month)
Sundays, Holy Mass
10.00am
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SALVATION ARMY



Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Service
Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm CAMEO
Major Ruth Russell
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Scottish Charity Number SCO09359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH



Sunday 15th September
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
6.30pm Joint Service in Campbeltown Community Church
Speaker: Rev Rodger Crooks
Wednesday 18th September
12.00 noon Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Cafe
All welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Sunday 15th September
11.00am Family Service
Speaker - Pastor Mark Jasper
with Sunday school and refreshments after the service.
6.30pm Evening Service
A joint service with Springbank Evangelical Church and Campbeltown Free Church
Playgroup
Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30am
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10am Tayvallich Church
Sacrament of Communion
Saturday 14th September
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Cafe Connect
Achamara Hall
Thursday 19th September
7.30pm Tayvallich Church
Kirk Session
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Tom MacKay
Tarbert service 11.30am
Tom MacKay
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Skipness Charity No: SC004280
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Church of Scotland
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Cumlodden and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
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Last gasp equaliser secures cup replay for the visitors

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Scottish Cup - first round	

A never-say-die attitude was the reason for an unexpected 11th-hour equaliser from visiting team Beith, as a side that was 'dead and buried' fought back to score two late goals to prevent the Pupils from progressing to round two of the competition.

The early stages of the match saw the home side grab two first-half goals, a lead that looked unassailable by

the half-time whistle, but the Ayrshire side stuck to their task and couldn't be denied in a late twist of fate that means both sides have to do it all over again this coming Saturday.

Although the first-half was a scrappy affair, the home side always had the measure of their opponents, and it was no surprise when front-man McCormick broke free to loft the ball over the advancing keeper to give his side the early lead. The goalkeeper made a valiant attempt to stop the ball crossing the line, but it

was well and truly in before his effort failed to retrieve the situation.

A second followed on the half-hour mark when the visitors pressed forward only to be caught on the break with the best move of the first-half. An incisive attack by the home side shredded the visitors' defensive line, a great move that ended with a firm cross into the box.

The goalkeeper could only parry the ball into the path of Souden and the young striker made no mistake to double the home side's lead.

Everything looked rosy in the garden at half-time, but for some reason the home side failed to appear after the break.

Forced back by their energetic opponents, a blistering drive by Nimmo – son of Campbeltown man Angus – flew past Ferguson in the home goal to reduce the leeway. From the visitors' first serious attempt on goal, the game from here on adopted a completely different complexion.

It was now 'nip and tuck' from one end to the other, great for the spectator, but a bit confusing as the home side was never under any threat

until the early thunderbolt drive effectively gave the visitors heart and momentum to their play.

Now with the lion's share of possession, the visitors pushed forward in pursuit of an equaliser.

Deserting possession play for a route one philosophy, as Beith pushed forward, the Pupils created a number of one-on-one situations with the last line of defence.

This was before substitute Gregor McFadyen broke free to pass the ball cleverly into the net with 15 minutes remaining. Two ahead and time running out, for the home side it should have been 'game, set and match', but inexplicably, two free headers deep into match time, the same from identical free kicks, rendered the previous 80 minutes completely irrelevant.

Nevertheless, this is a young Pupils side, a team on a learning curve that needs the comfort and organisation of a settled line-up.

The talent is there and the future is bright, however, both sides will have to do it all over again, with the replay scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday September 14, in North Ayrshire.



Scott Souden in action earlier this year. 25_c19pupils02



Gregor McFaden goes for a header in a previous game.

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Sheena and Angela take the honours



Sheena Ferguson won the ladies' championship, while Angela Vernel won the nett trophy.

Tarbert Golf Club's ladies' championship came to a conclusion last Sunday at Glenralloch with a delighted Sheena Ferguson taking top honours, while in the nett trophy competition, Angela Vernel was the winner.

This Saturday the gents head 'overseas' to Islay to play the splendid Machrie Links, where they will compete against Islay Golf Club for the Dougie MacKinnon Memorial trophy.

Argyll to Aberdeen cycling challenge triumph

When Robbie Semple set off for a cycle to work from Glenbarr to Lochgilhead early on June 21, 2017, the conditions were perfect – but something didn't feel right, so after a few miles he turned back and instead drove the 40 miles.

Later that week he could not believe his eyes when he read that renowned cyclist Mark Beaumont had set off from Tayinloan, bound for Aberdeen, that very same morning on his last training ride before cycling around the world.

Mark's journey of 240 miles that day was mind-boggling to Robbie as he had only bought a road bicycle in the previous month and thought 40 miles was enough for anyone in a day.

Fast forward two years and, along with four other riders and two support teams which included a GP and cycle mechanic, Robbie had his own Argyll to Aberdeen challenge



Robbie Semple and Stephen Blackstock were in good spirits on the road. They are seen here – Robbie, left, and Stephen, right – just north of Crianlarich.

and completed the distance on Saturday August 31.

The riders replicated Mark's 'Around the World in a Day' event of 2018 which raises cash for the STV Children's Appeal and fills the gap until his next event in spring 2020.

'We were keen to have a go so we just built our own plan and support team and continued to raise funds for the STV

Children's Appeal which is in the true spirit of the event,' said Stephen Blackstock of Campbeltown, one of the five riders in the team, which included Kevin Stacey of Inverness, and Timothy Pitt and David Steele, both of Edinburgh.

The Semple and Pitt families provided the support teams and the plan was set.

At 4am they set off from Glenbarr to head to the official start point at Tayinloan ferry terminal, then headed onward to Aberdeen with stops at Furnace, Lochearnhead and Forfar before reaching Duthie Park, Aberdeen, at 11pm.

The weather conditions for the first 120 miles were very wet but a favourable tailwind helped throughout the day.

The riders were met at Forfar by STV news reporter Anne Smith, formerly of Ferry Farm, Tayinloan. Anne, a former Courier reporter and Campbeltown Grammar School sports champion, is no stranger to the challenge as she completed the route in 2018 and had just returned from a 750-mile non-stop cycle in France.

The team would like to thank everyone for their kind sponsorship and the amount raised will be announced live on the STV Children's appeal show on the October 4.

Lifeboat Open – a good day's golf on a well-kept course

The 45th Lifeboat Open golf competition was held at Dunaverty Golf Club on Saturday with 143 golfers taking part on a bright, dry day with only light winds.

The course, as usual, was presented in magnificent condition by the green-keepers despite the heavy rain in the days leading up to the event and many golfers took advantage and scored well on the day.

Campbeltown RNLI is grateful to the golf club for once again organising this competition and to all who helped on the day, also to all who donated prizes to make this Campbeltown Lifeboat's main fundraising event of the year.

Any prize winners who have not received their prize should contact the lifeboat station on 07719 244464.

Results: Handicap men: 1 Donald Johnson, 61-5-56; 2 Chris McGovern, 73-14-59; 3 Iain McArthur, 76-15-61 BIH; 4 John Brown, 71-10-61 BIH; 5 Jonathon Bruce, 77-16-61 BIH. Scratch men: 1 George MacMillan, 60; 2 Jamie Campbell, 67; 3 Campbell MacBrayne, 70 BIH; 4 Donald MacNeil, 70; 5 Michael Morrison 72. Handicap ladies: 1 Lindsay Garrett, 74-11-63 BIH; 2 Evelyn Shaw, 81-18-



Jake MacMillan, winner of the Junior Trophy.

63; 3 Mary MacKinnon, 87-22-65 BIH. Scratch ladies: 1 Nicola Kidd, 77 BIH; 2 Ailie MacBrayne, 77; 3 Ann Gallacher, 80. Junior: 1 Jake MacMillan, 73. Nearest pin, 16th: John Nott. Longest drive: Men: George MacMillan; Ladies: Lorna Ralston.



The winners and runners-up with club president Kenny Kerr.

Closely-fought final at Glen Scotia invitational fours

Argyll Bowling Club held its Glen Scotia invitational fours on Saturday in brilliant sunshine.

The 14 teams entered were split into two sections of seven with the winners and runners-up going through to the semi-finals.

The teams skippered by Bobby Dalziel Jr, Gavin McLachlan Sr, Jimmy Anderson and Greg Ireland progressed to the last four, with Gavin and Greg going on to contest the final.

After a closely-fought final, which went to an extra end, the winners were Bobby Mathieson, Jimmy McCallum, John McLachlan and

Gavin McLachlan Sr. Runners up were Sharon Camley, Calum MacMillan, Matt Camley and Greg Ireland representing Menstrie.

A club spokesperson said: 'Thanks to everyone who helped especially Jean for the bar and Isobel and Maggie for the kitchen; Bobby and his team for preparing the green, Gavin for organising order of play and everyone who donated to the raffle.'

'The club sends a massive thank-you to Glen Scotia for its continued sponsorship and all competing teams for making it a great day of bowls.'

Dunaverty lotto roll-over

The Dunaverty Golf Club lotto was drawn on Sunday.

The numbers were 16, 17 and 18 and there were no winners; the next draw takes place on Sunday September 22 when the jackpot will be £300.

Tickets are on sale in the clubhouse, and from committee members, Muneroy Tearoom and the Burnside Bar.

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Garry breaks record in first ever marathon

by Hannah O'Hanlon
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

The winner of this year's Glen Scotia Mull of Kintyre Marathon said he had a bone to pick with the race, after injury prevented him from competing at the inaugural race, and he did just that, beating the course record in the process.

Campbeltown Running Club's Garry Muir – competing in his first ever marathon – finished Saturday's 26.2-mile race round some of Kintyre's most beautiful (and hilly) countryside in a time of two hours, 58 minutes and 53 seconds, quicker than the biennial race's inaugural winner, Stuart McGeachy, who completed the race in three hours, six minutes and nine seconds in 2017.

This year, Stuart took part in the race's four-person relay race. His team, titled Campbeltown Running Club Men and including Tommy Morran, Darren Renton and James Murdoch, placed first in its category in three hours and one second, while brothers Gary Turner and Matthew Turner, originally from Kintyre but representing Shettleston Harriers, claimed the top spot in the two-person relay in a time of two hours, 48 minutes and 51 seconds.

Campbeltown Running Club also produced the winner of the ladies' marathon, with Jennifer Campbell finishing first, and seventh

overall, in a time of three hours, 37 minutes and 55 seconds.

Although 50 competitors entered the marathon – many more than last year – many failed to turn up on the day, so it was 27 runners who tackled the entire race. Twelve teams finished the two-person race, and 12 teams – five more than in 2017 – finished the four-person race.

After days of rain preceding the race, it was a surprise for most people to wake up on Saturday morning to sunshine and a light breeze.

Calum McKillop piped the athletes from the ferry terminal building to the start point at the Cutting in warm morning sunshine, and the sun was still splitting the sky as the runners returned to the ferry terminal throughout the afternoon.

As well as welcoming the runners, going through the safety briefing and officially kick-starting the race, the event's organiser Elaine McGeachy also entered as part of a four-person team which placed fourth.

With the backing of Campbeltown Running Club, Elaine organised the inaugural race from scratch in 2017.

She said: 'It is something I really enjoy but it is a lot of work for one person. This year I am extremely grateful that some family members helped organise it with me – my sister Mairi, my husband Stuart and my brother-in-law-to-be Stewart in particular gave up



Garry Muir was the winner of the 2019 Glen Scotia MOK Marathon. 50_c37mokmarathon01

so much of their time to pull this off, not to mention all the other family and friends I roped in nearer the time. I'm forever grateful, as is Kintyre. We aim to show off our wonderful place we call home.'

There were many other people who Elaine also

wishes to thank. She said: 'I would really like to thank the community once again for supporting the event. The marshals around the course and the volunteers at fuel stations were simply amazing and added to a wonderful, supportive atmosphere –



Jennifer Campbell was the first lady across the line. 50_c37mokmarathon02

Elvis was even spotted in Southend. The runners were so appreciative and we've had such amazing feedback saying how the marshals and people cheering really helped them get through such a challenging course.

'So many people came

forward on the day to help make it such a success from

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