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# Work to start on 'five-star' Machrihanish clubhouse

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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The main contractor for the new Machrihanish Golf Clubhouse has been announced – and work is expected to begin as soon as the start of October.

Club captain Willie Ross described the appointment of Campbeltown-based building firm McKinven and Colville as 'win, win all round', citing the fact that most of the money for the project will remain in Kintyre.

Last Friday's announcement came less than a year after the previous clubhouse was destroyed by a devastating fire on December 19, 2018. Members voted heavily in favour of a new design by Glasgow-based G1 Architects at an extraordinary general meeting in March, and only a couple of minor changes have been made to the planned design.

Willie said: 'Seven companies showed interest in the tender process, but McKinven and Colville offered the

best price. It was always our intention to keep it local and McKinven and Colville has made that possible.'

Barry Colville, owner of the building firm, added: 'We are absolutely delighted for our company and for the club. We put a lot of effort into getting the job as competitively as we could.'

Barry, who is a member of the golf club, said that when subcontractors are involved most will be sourced locally, but as elements of the clubhouse's design are bespoke, some specialists will need to be brought into the area. He anticipates that 70 per cent of the tender cost will go back into the local economy.

He said that many contractors in Kintyre, and their employees, have links to the golf club so they will effectively be 'building it for themselves and their community'.

Barry added: 'It is pretty much the biggest contract the company has had and we are delighted to be a part of it. It's a nice legacy to have.'

Willie said: 'McKinven and



Barry Colville, left, shakes hands with Machrihanish Golf Club's captain, Willie Ross, after winning the contract to rebuild the clubhouse. 50\_c39mactend01

Colville has helped the club in the past by sponsoring events and this strengthens those ties. Barry himself has

given up a lot of his free time for the club – he is responsible for our new website and he always gives 100 per cent.'

At the moment, portable buildings erected at the site, which were funded by the club's insurance provider,

serve as an office, a meeting room, a locker-room and changing facilities.

Of the new clubhouse, Willie added: 'It really will be something – we didn't want to build a like-for-like clubhouse. It is our intention that it can be used for functions and will generate employment as well.'

Barry anticipates that work will start at the site at the beginning of October, and it is hoped that it will be completed by August 2020. An official opening date will be set nearer that time.

Willie said: 'For the first time in the club's history it will be inclusive – men, women and juniors all under one roof, as it should be.'

There are no plans at the moment for the ladies' clubhouse, which was untouched by the fire.

Willie added: 'The whole sub-committee has worked really hard and given up copious amounts of time for this. Finally Machrihanish will have a five-star clubhouse to go with a five-star course.'

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# Gigha man banned after ignoring roadwork convoy

Road workers must be kept safe at all times, said Sheriff Patrick Hughes, sitting at Campbeltown Sheriff Court when he heard how a motorist ignored traffic lights and a convoy system and drove through a closed stretch of the A83 at night.

Charles Donaghy, 37, of 2 Woodside, Gigha, formerly of Tayinloan, admitted driving without due consideration for other road users by refusing to comply with a red traffic light and road closed signs, driving past a queue of stationary vehicles awaiting a convoy, driving through road works on freshly laid tarmac, weaving between lanes, plant and machinery, in close proximity to site workers and narrowly avoid-



ing colliding with a person working on the site.

The incident happened early on May 30 on a stretch of the A83 between Tayinloan and Clachan near to South Lodge Dun. Resurfacing work was taking place and the road was closed during the night for work with 'amnesty' convoys of cars at set times.

Donaghy had denied that he had been driving dangerously and at his trial last

Wednesday he admitted the lesser charge.

The court heard from the BEAR Scotland engineer at the works who said the carriageways were below 6m wide and so the road was closed for safety with traffic in convoys during the night at set times.

A call came through on the walkie-talkies that a car had driven through the red light and workers were shouted a warning.

'I managed to stop the car by putting my hand up,' he told the police.

Donaghy said he had been told he could drive if he was careful. He then drove off, switching lanes as he went.

The engineer told the court that all the workers were out

of the way apart from a technician working on his own, who had to 'jump'. The vehicle left tracks in the freshly laid and rolled tarmac.

The procurator fiscal said that Donaghy had been driving at a reasonably slow speed, which was given as between 15mph and 20mph.

Donaghy's actions that night were 'informed purely by frustration and he regrets driving in that way', said his defence agent.

Sheriff Hughes fined him £380 and disqualified him from driving for six months, saying his behaviour was disgraceful, exposing the workers to danger. 'I am sending out a message to drivers that workers on these roads must be kept safe.'

## Man given 150-hour payback order for abusive behaviour

A Kintyre man must carry out 150 hours of unpaid work in the community as part of a 12-month-long community payback order.

John McVicar, aged 46, of 17 Bayview, Machrihanish, had pleaded guilty previously to threatening and abusive behaviour likely to cause fear and alarm by shouting, swearing, uttering offensive remarks, repeatedly striking doors and windows and demanding entry. He also admitted possessing cocaine. Both offences occurred on June 28 this year at an address in Kintyre.

McVicar appeared before Sheriff Patrick Hughes at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday August 21

when procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty described events leading to McVicar's arrest. He said: 'When arrested and charged, he made no comment about the domestic incident but accepted ownership of the drugs.'

Sheriff Hughes called for reports to be prepared on McVicar. The case called again on September 19 when Sheriff Hughes was told by the defence agent that McVicar 'does accept his responsibility for what occurred'.

The sheriff said that after reading the reports, he was sentencing McVicar to a community-based disposal which included supervision by a social worker for 12 months.

## Lochgilhead man fined £180

Bad behaviour led to a £180 fine for a 29-year-old man when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Thomas Mullholland, whose address was given as The Caravan, Arduine Farm, Lochgilhead, admitted behaving in a threatening and abusive manner, shouting,

swearing and acting in an aggressive manner at an address in Tarbert on June 28.

'My client fully apologises for his actions,' said Stephen MacSporrán, defence agent.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'I do take into account your previous good character and what has been said on your behalf.'

## Davaar Island 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			
Mon, 23 Sep 2019	12:38	09:38	15:08			
Tue, 24 Sep 2019				14:02	11:02	16:32
Wed, 25 Sep 2019				15:17	12:17	17:47
Thu, 26 Sep 2019				16:14	13:14	18:44
Fri, 27 Sep 2019				17:02	14:02	19:32
Sat, 28 Sep 2019				17:46	14:46	20:16
Sun, 29 Sep 2019				18:29	15:29	20:59
Mon, 30 Sep 2019				19:12	16:12	21:42

## Farmer told to be of good behaviour for nine months

A farmer described in court as 'a loner' has been told he must be of good behaviour for nine months.

Fergus Wilkie, 55, of Crossibeg Farm, had previously admitted engaging in behaviour which caused a woman fear and alarm by loitering and following her outside her place of work and in a supermarket. The incidents happened between June 9 and 29 this year on streets in Campbeltown and in the Co-op.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes had asked for reports on Wilkie and when the case called again at Campbeltown last week he deferred sentence for nine months. The sheriff warned Wilkie: 'You are to have no contact with the complainer; if you do, it will result in a custodial sentence.'

Wilkie's defence agent told the court: 'There was nothing malicious; he has been described as a loner and someone who does not socialise.'

Sentence was deferred until June 25, 2020.

## Woman given payback order over 'crime of violence'

A woman's attack on a man was described as 'a disturbing matter, a crime of violence set against a background of violence' by Sheriff Patrick Hughes at Campbeltown last week.

Courtney Cairns, aged 21, of 2 St James Way, Coatbridge, previously of Campbeltown, was found guilty of pushing a 21-year-old man on the body and striking him on the head, to his injury on Main Street, on June 30, 2017.

During her trial in August, Cairns had claimed that striking the man on the head had been 'an accident'.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes did not believe this and found her guilty, calling for reports to be prepared.

Last week he placed Cairns on a community payback order for 12 months during which time she must carry out 200 hours of unpaid work in the community and work with social workers.

## POLICE FILES

A woman, 24, was held in custody for court on Wednesday evening last week following an incident in a property on Ralston Road, Campbeltown. The woman was charged with behaving in an abusive manner, possessing a knife, resisting arrest, vandalism and assaulting police officers.

After police stopped a car on Longrow, Campbeltown, on Friday September 13, for a routine check, a 71-year-old man was charged with not having insurance. A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

When police stopped a 77-year-old motorist on the B842 in Carradale on Tuesday last week, he was allegedly driving without insurance. He was charged and a report sent to the fiscal.

After a report of dangerous driving on High Askomil Road, Campbeltown, on September 18, a 71-year-old man was traced and a report sent to the fiscal.

Police are appealing for witnesses after a purple Audi Q8 had its body work damaged outside Tesco on Lochend Street, Campbeltown, shortly after noon on Thursday last week.

On Saturday evening, at Tarbert Marina, a powerboat allegedly had its port side damaged by another boat but no details were exchanged.

Anyone with information on the above or any incident to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

# Amazon Prime's The Three Drinkers visit Glen Scotia

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The stars of an Amazon Prime show visited Campbeltown last week to film an episode for part two of their acclaimed first series.

Helena Nicklin, Aidy Smith and Colin Hampden-White, known collectively as The Three Drinkers, visited Glen Scotia Distillery to shoot scenes for their show, The Three Drinkers Do Scotch Whisky.

The show is billed as an 'imbibing adventure' in which the 'travelogue trio put spirits and entertainment side by side'.

The hosts described it to the Courier as 'edutainment' or 'infotainment' and said it is something which is not only for the enjoyment of whisky lovers.

Helena explained that all three, who have 37 years of experience as wine and spirits



The Three Drinkers, from left, Colin Hampden-White, Aidy Smith and Helena Nicklin, during their visit to Glen Scotia Distillery.

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to write for LUX and Condé Nast.

Helena added: 'We didn't expect the series to go so well but that's why we're here now, filming a second part.'

She explained that it had taken The Three Drinkers eight months just to get a meeting with a terrestrial television company, but with Amazon Prime, it took only seven months from the initial idea to the series being launched.

While series one is all about whisky, The Three Drinkers told the Courier that potential future series may be about wines, beers or other spirits, but probably always categorised by country or region.

Aidy explained that in Campbeltown, they focused on Glen Scotia's whisky, adding that they 'tend to do one main place in each region'.

Asked why Campbeltown was chosen as one of those regions, Aidy said: 'It's probably the only place Colin hasn't been and it's the whiskiest place in the world, so we had to come here!'

Earlier this year, Glen Scotia launched a campaign to position Campbeltown, which once had more than 30 distilleries, as the 'whiskiest place in the world', despite only three distilleries remaining.

Colin said: 'We're also going to film a segment where we try some fishing off the sea wall somewhere.'

Helena added: 'We want to showcase settings, not just the whisky but also the tourism.'

When asked what they thought of Campbeltown,

Aidy replied: 'So far, so good! It's very picturesque and the food has been amazing - the best we've had so far.'

'The beds are so comfy at the Royal Hotel,' Helena added. 'And the scenery is great. I like waking up to the smell of the sea.'

Iain McAlister, Glen Scotia Distillery manager, told the Courier: 'It was fantastic to see The Three Drinkers in Campbeltown. They seemed to have a great time learning about the rich and varied history of whisky and the town. It was also a privilege to host them at Glen Scotia Distillery and taste a few drams.'

Part one of the series, which is available in 167 countries and territories worldwide, in 39 languages, was filmed in July last year and is currently available on Amazon Prime. Part two is expected to be available in early December. 'Just in time for Christmas,' Helena said.



Donald Cameron MSP at Campbeltown Creamery following Monday's meeting.

## Donald Cameron 'hopeful' for Kintyre creamery future

Donald Cameron, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, has said he is hopeful that there will be a 'positive outcome' for Campbeltown Creamery, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Speaking after holding talks onsite on Monday, Mr Cameron, who is the Scottish Conservatives' Shadow Cab-

inet Secretary for the Rural Economy, said: 'I had a useful meeting with local management and staff about the future of the creamery and I'm hopeful that there will be a positive outcome.'

'Local farmers are very keen to ensure that processing capacity is retained in Kintyre, and I am aware First

Milk is working closely with potential operators in order to secure its future.

'The creamery makes a significant contribution to the local economy as both a business and an employer, and it is critical that we work together to ensure it continues to do so for many years to come.'

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# Backing for O'Hara to defend Argyll and Bute seat

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Argyll and Bute SNP members have given Brendan O'Hara MP a vote of confidence by unanimously backing him as their candidate in any forthcoming general election.

On the day the UK Supreme Court declared that Boris Johnson had acted illegally in suspending parliament, and as he prepared to return to London to resume his seat at Westminster, Mr O'Hara said: 'In these deeply worrying times, I am both honoured and humbled to have received such an incredible show of support from our local SNP members here in Argyll and Bute.'



Brendan O'Hara MP.

Looking ahead to a possible general election, Mr O'Hara added: 'When the general election comes, we

in Scotland must be able to choose our own future. 'Here in Argyll and Bute, this election will be a straight

fight between the SNP and Boris Johnson's Tories. It will also be a fight for Scotland's future.'

Following Mr O'Hara's reselection, Michael Russell MSP said: 'Scotland mustn't be dragged out of Europe against our will. It is vital that we oppose the no-deal plans of Boris Johnson and the actions of the extreme, and dangerous, Brexiteer clique around him.'

'They are trying to ride roughshod over democracy and the people's right to choose their own future. If there is a snap election, those will be the big issues and Brendan O'Hara is the right person to represent this area when they are debated at Westminster.'

## Grand reopening of TOFS

Bargain hunters of Campbeltown are getting geared up for the re-opening of The Original Factory Shop (TOFS) tomorrow (Saturday).

The Main Street store closed for refurbishment at the end of August and after a month-long wait its doors will reopen to the public.

From 9am, as well as seeing the store's fresh new look, shoppers can enjoy a host of activities for the whole family, including balloons, sweet treats, goodie bags and face painting – all free of charge. There will even be a pipe band performance to help get the party started. Plus, a special appearance by Chase from Paw Patrol at 11am to keep the little ones entertained.

Area manager for TOFS Fiona Leishman said: 'We are planning a day packed with fun and activities to celebrate



The Original Factory Shop has received a make-over.

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our reopening, as well as opening day offers.

'We have been listening to our customers about what they would like to see us do more of in store, so we are looking forward to showing our customers new products and ranges based on their feedback.'

## Flu vaccination clinic

Campbeltown Medical Practice's next flu vaccination clinic is on Thursday October 3. It will take place from 9.30am to 3.30pm in the Lorne and Lowland's new church hall.

No appointment is necessary

but please note that this clinic is only for eligible patients registered with Campbeltown Medical Practice.

Employed carers should check for occupational health clinics in Campbeltown Hospital.

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## More reasons to be sociable and smile

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Oral Health Improvement Team is turning to social media to spread the word about good oral healthcare across the authority.

It has launched its very own social media pages. Look out for it on Facebook (@oralhealthimprovementAB), Twitter (@OralHealthAandB), and Instagram (@oh\_improvement\_ab).

The team is quick to stress that any advice or information posted on social media pages is for support purposes only. People should always seek the advice of their own dentist or other qualified health and social

care professional. That said, getting information out to people living in Argyll and Bute through social media platforms is a modern way to communicate with people of all ages.

It creates the sense of being part of a community. The team wants to share and make people more aware of the importance of oral healthcare and share oral health key messages.

### Social media

Margaret Morrison, oral health improvement manager, said: 'I am really pleased that the HSCP is expanding its use of social media.'

'The team is really looking forward to developing these pages and I would

encourage people in Argyll and Bute to have a look at the social media pages for themselves.

'The team members make regular posts on current oral healthcare initiatives and services ensuring communities are aware of available oral health support and services in Argyll and Bute.'

'And, most important of all, this is good quality, accurate NHS advice.'

'This is very important as more and more people are using online methods to access information on a range of health services, including mental health, and it is vital that the websites they access provide trusted and accurate information.'



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# Fundraiser Karen Penny rolls through Kintyre

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A woman walking 20,000 miles around the coastline of Britain and Ireland to raise funds and awareness for Alzheimer's Research UK said she was 'delighted' to cross the 4,000-mile mark at the Mull of Kintyre.

Karen Penny, who is into her fifth pair of boots, the latest ones donated by Arran Active, set off on the four-year journey on January 14 and has walked every day since. Not content with a task as challenging as it already is, Karen is also walking around many of the islands off the coastline.

So far she has completed the coast of Ireland, Wales and north-west England, carrying 26 pounds of equipment, and is also onto her second rucksack.

Karen, who arrived in Kintyre from Arran last Thursday, said: 'I have loved Kintyre.

'I immediately noticed the quietness and remoteness of the area. My highlights have been walking through the nature reserve at Largiebaan, the beach at Machrihanish and the Mull of Kintyre.'

The weather has been as Karen expected: 'A heatwave one minute and pouring down the next - I have managed to burn my nose over the past few days!'

One thing she has struggled with since arriving in Scotland is poor mobile phone signal.

She said: 'Some may say that it must be a lovely to have complete peace and quiet, without the phone, but this is a charity walk raising money and awareness for Alzheimer's Research UK and, with a following of over 5,500 people on social media, it is essential that I keep up-to-date with offers of help, encouragement and support. People love to see where I have been and the people I have met.'

Although she carries a tent



Karen crossed the 4,000-mile mark at the Mull of Kintyre.

and can sleep almost anywhere - from barns and bird hides to castles and woods - Karen welcomes offers of accommodation.

'People are exceptionally kind and if they know I am coming, they always help out by offering a safe spot to rest my head,' she said. 'In Carradale, Robert Strang arranged for me to stay at the fire station which was such a wonderfully unique experience, and I stayed with Mhairi Reid in Campbeltown and Moyra Paterson in Dalbuie.

'All of them, without exception, supported me on my journey, and without help it would be so much harder. I know as it gets more remote in Scotland I will be relying on my tent.'

On Tuesday night, Karen stayed at Point Sands Holiday Park near Tayinloan before taking the ferry across to Gigha on Wednesday.

'After Gigha, I will head to Islay and Jura and will reach the Outer Hebrides by the end

of October,' she said. 'After the islands I return to Wemyss Bay where I rejoin the coastline of the mainland.'

She anticipates covering the Scottish Highlands and Islands over the next 12 to 18 months, hoping to walk at least 20 of the Scottish islands.

Karen embarked on the solo expedition, during which she hopes to raise £100,000, following the death of her mother-in-law and father-in-law, who both suffered with Alzheimer's and dementia.

'It is a very cruel disease and there is no current cure, but with research there will be a breakthrough,' she said.

'I have so far raised £42,500 in just eight months which shows how people feel about supporting Alzheimer's research.'

Keep up-to-date with Karen's progress by joining Facebook group, Karen Penny The Penny Rolls On Walking Britain and Ireland or donate by visiting [www.justgiving.com/thepennyrollson](http://www.justgiving.com/thepennyrollson).

## Waverley £1M boiler boost from Scottish Government

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, has announced that the Scottish Government will support PS Waverley's return to service with £1 million being provided for essential boiler replacement works required to save the historic ship.

Waverley was withdrawn from service earlier this year when it was determined that her boilers would need replacing if the iconic steamship was to sail again.

### Appeal

An appeal to raise the £2.3 million required to return Waverley to full operation was launched in June.

Paul Semple, Waverley's general manager, said: 'We are delighted that the Scottish Government has allocated this level of funding towards the Waverley recognising the ship's heritage value and the economic benefit she brings to many coastal communities.'

'This funding together with the donations received from



Fiona Hyslop with the PS Waverley.

thousands of individuals takes our running appeal total to £1.9 million.

'However, we urgently need to secure a further £400,000 through donations, corporate funding and grants to ensure we can carry out all the work required to have Waverley back for next summer.'

Ms Hyslop said: 'The Waverley has delighted generations of locals and visitors throughout its 70-year history and I am pleased to be able to announce this significant financial commitment to help

the historic paddle steamer set sail once again.'

If further funding is secured Waverley will return to service for 2020 which has been designated as the Year of Coasts and Waters. Passengers on Waverley will be able to experience Scotland from a different perspective viewing vast areas of the Firth of Clyde and the west coast.

A decision on the £250,000 application for Waverley to the National Lottery Heritage Fund is expected by November.

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## Penny for your thoughts

'Find a penny, pick it up...' That is unless you bump into Karen Penny, whose only mode of transport as she travels the entire coastline of Britain and Ireland – including many islands – is her own two feet!

Karen received a lot of support in Kintyre, including offers of accommodation, which must make her experience much more comfortable.

We wish her all the best as she continues on her journey to raise funds and awareness for Alzheimer's Research UK – a very worthy cause.

The next line of the rhyme goes: 'All day long, you'll have good luck.'

Hopefully, that applies to Machrihanish Golf Club, where a penny was found the very day Barry Colville, owner of the firm which won the contract to rebuild the clubhouse, shook hands with club captain Willie Ross.

Willie spotted the corroded coin in the club's car park and passed it to the Courier's reporter.

With luck, it will be a symbol of good luck for the future clubhouse as it rises like a phoenix from the ashes of its predecessor.

## Wonderful birthday celebrations

I had the most wonderful weekend celebrating with family and friends, my 80th birthday.

From my youthful days at Drumlemble FC to coaching at Campbeltown Boys AFC, football has played a major part in my life.

Through sport I have made many lasting friendships.

I would like to thank 'the boys' for their very special gifts of memorable photographs, Cognac and personalised Snifter glass. And in typical club fashion, the thoughtful gifts of a hamper, flowers and chocolates for Margaret.

To Meg, my family, the many relatives and friends, Campbeltown Boys AFC and staff of the Burnside Bar, thank you all for your thoughtfulness in making my 80th birthday celebrations very special.

Tommy MacPherson,  
North Shore Street,  
Dalintober.

## Campbeltown's upgraded amenities

I am an elderly lady living in Ardrishaig and I visit Campbeltown by bus several times a year.

This week was the first time I had the opportunity to see Campbeltown Picture House since the extensive reconstruction was completed.

I was delighted to be welcomed into the café/

reception area by pleasant staff and was impressed by their attention and service. Being able to pay the entrance fee for the cinema at the same counter was a great idea, however, I was surprised no-one checked my receipt on entering the cinema section.

The seating in the cinema was very comfortable, with sufficient space between the rows for people to pass without the need of those seated to stand up.

Campbeltown is certainly upgrading its public amenities - the Aqualibrium with its beautiful swimming area, the gymnasium and superb library, followed now by a two-theatre cinema, are examples of a town which can compete in the west with Dundee and its extravaganza in the east, albeit on a smaller scale.

J Thorgrimsson,  
Ardrishaig.

## Named Person scheme scrapped

The SNP has finally scrapped the hated Named Person scheme and must apologise.

After years of pressure from campaigners, families and the Scottish Conservatives, the SNP has finally made a U-turn on its plans for this Orwellian scheme.

Last month, an expert panel set up to examine the issue found that going ahead with the policy was 'not the right thing to do at this time'.

The separatists pursued this policy for more

than six years, despite being told it was unpopular and unworkable.

The Scottish Conservative and Unionist party is the only party that has consistently opposed Named Persons. When we pointed out the huge flaws with the plan and the threat to family life, they told us we were scaremongering.

The SNP must now apologise to everyone who has been affected by this flawed policy.

Councillor Alastair Redman,  
Kintyre and Islands.

## Climate change action needed

Last Friday I joined Liberal Democrat leader Jo Swinson and thousands of others on the climate change march in Glasgow. We were joined by millions throughout the world calling for urgent action from governments to protect our environment.

Here in Scotland, the SNP government has declared a climate change emergency, but is not following these words with action.

For example, it has postponed from 2021 to 2025 the ban on sending waste material to landfill. It had not made the necessary preparations to achieve the original target of 2021.

We need to replace petrol and diesel cars with electric ones. These obviously require vehicle charging points, but the Scottish Government is failing to provide enough of these here in Argyll and Bute. People won't switch to electric cars until they are convinced

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they will be able to charge them everywhere in Scotland.

This week the Liberal Democrats will move an amendment in the Scottish Parliament setting a target of cutting carbon emissions in Scotland to a quarter of their present amount by 2030. I hope all MSPs will vote for this. We owe it to young people and future generations to take steps now to protect our environment from the effects of climate change.

**Alan Reid,**  
Lib Dem candidate,  
Argyll and Bute.

## Here for people with Alzheimer's and dementia

As September is World Alzheimer's Month, I would like to share a little more about our work supporting couples and families living with Alzheimer's and dementia.

According to the Alzheimer's Society, unpaid carers supporting someone with dementia save the economy an estimated £11 billion per year. That's why we are passionate to do everything we can to support carers and those they lovingly care for to take a break and enjoy some time away from their everyday routines.

I work for Revitalise, a wonderful charity that provides respite holidays for disabled people and carers at three accessible UK centres. For more information about Revitalise, visit [www.revitalise.org.uk](http://www.revitalise.org.uk) or call 0303 303 0145.

**Abby Kessock-Philip,**  
Revitalise.

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's atmospheric photograph of the week was submitted by Kev Cowley.

Kev said: 'I took this with my phone from my house last Friday

evening. The mist from the glen at Carradale was purple. It was very eerie.'

If you have a photograph you would like to share, please

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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

Friday September 25, 2009

### Neil gives Joanna a ploughing lesson

Neil MacPhail of Skernish Farm, Glenbarr, became a star of television and the national press when he gave actress and Gurkha campaigner Joanna Lumley a lesson in ploughing.

Neil was taking part in a match held as part of the Homecoming events celebrating 250 years since Rabbie Burns was born.

It was held at Ellisland Farm, near Dumfries, and Joanna, who has a home nearby, was attending the event to meet the ploughmen and present prizes.



Joanna and Neil plough a few furrows.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday September 30, 1994

### Before Jaeger came

By Hamish Mackinven

After a lifetime of writing on many subjects, one of my most significant articles appeared 40 years ago in 'Scotland', magazine of the Scottish Council (Development and Industry).

The article extolled Campbeltown and Campbeltonians and the outcome of those hundreds of words culminated in the clothing factory now operated so successfully by Jaeger.

As I wrote, but quite unknown to me, Mr Andrew Douglas was considering a new factory to produce high quality men's sports

jackets. He already operated a clothing factory at Carntyne Industrial Estate.

Mr Douglas, I later learned, had a profound social conscience and a desire to do right by his fellow humans.

After announcing his decision to set up a new factory, Mr Douglas was inundated with offers of assistance from all over the country, particularly from Glasgow, the new towns, and the Borders. The Ministry of Labour gave him a list of places where such a factory would be of immense social benefit - including Campbeltown.

Obstacles seemed insurmountable - isolation, distance from raw materials and markets, no pool of trained labour, no suitable premises. But having read my article, Mr Douglas decided to see for himself. He drove

to the town, liked what he saw and heard and the deal was clinched.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday September 25, 1969

### Mystery of the dying birds

Hundreds of birds, known locally as 'dookers', have been washed up dead on the shores of Campbeltown Loch and in the inner harbour.

How the birds died is still a mystery.

A possibility that the birds - a species of guillemot - were affected by a visiting US oiling ship has been ruled out because some had died before the ship sailed in.

A fisherman said that some of the birds were too weak to get clear of moving fishing boats

in Kilbrannan Sound. Tides and currents carried them into the loch after they had been killed, he said.

Another fisherman said 'dookers' are affected by disease which, every few years, kills off the weak birds, leaving the strongest to survive.

## ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday September 27, 1919

### Slaughter house dues

At the monthly meeting of the Town Council of Campbeltown on Wednesday, the public health committee recommended an increase of 50 per cent in the slaughter house dues in consequence of the increased cost of upkeep and wages.

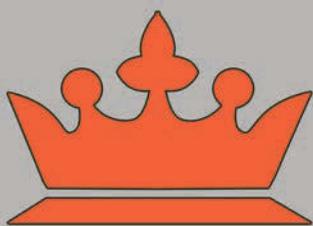
Mr John Smith said the slaughter house has been showing a deficiency for several years of about £150 a year. Previous to that, the deficiency had been from £40 to £50.

He thought this was the first increase in these dues perhaps since the slaughter house was built.

The town clerk suggested representatives of the council should meet with the butchers with a view to coming to a mutual agreement with regard to the charges.

Failing a mutual agreement, the matter would have to be referred to the sheriff.

Mr Dugald Smith said the slaughter house was at present a government controlled institution. It was the government that paid the dues.



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Following the annual commemoration of Merchant Navy Day earlier this month, this week's Down Memory Lane tells the harrowing experience of two Islay Merchant Navy seamen - Duncan MacLellan from Port Charlotte and Gilbert MacIntyre from Portnahaven - during World War Two.

The story was related by the two men themselves, a number of years ago, to fellow Ileach James MacArthur, who is able to share some of it now.

On July 30 1940, the German raider Atlantis attacked the passenger liner SS Kemmendine, on which Duncan MacLellan, who was also a Great War veteran, served. The Kemmendine opened fire with her stern-mounted three-inch gun but the Atlantis returned fire with her much heavier guns.

The Kemmendine was soon ablaze and was finished off with torpedoes.

Passengers and crew were taken off the burning

wreck and the Merchant Navy crew members, including Duncan, were taken as prisoners of war.

In August 1940, the Atlantis encountered the SS King City belonging to Smiths of Cardiff Shipping Company, which was on a coal run. Gilbert MacIntyre was a crew member on board. The Atlantis opened fire and the King City's bridge was soon ablaze, killing four Merchant Navy cadets and a cabin boy.

Another sailor died on the operating table. The rest of the crew, including Gilbert, also became prisoners of war.

The Islay men, along with other prisoners who were captured from different vessels as a result of Atlantis' raiding operations, were kept in the raiders' hold and shipped to a camp in Somaliland. They became the responsibility of the Italians who were part of the Axis powers.

Years later, Duncan recalled that they were

reasonably well cared for - their German captors treated all the prisoners humanely. The two Ileachs were not aware of each other's plight and Gilbert did not recognise Duncan, especially as he was sporting a beard. But Duncan soon realised the man sitting opposite him in the ship's hold was a fellow islander.

He shouted across to him in Gaelic: 'Were you ever in Kelsay?', which is a farm near Portnahaven. Gilbert was injured when his ship was shelled, so Duncan took him under his wing and was a great support to him.

It was not until they were handed over to the Italians in Somaliland that their real ordeal began. The sadistic camp commander made their lives a misery with food and water deprivation.

As Gilbert was not in a fit state, and with both of them hungry all the time, Duncan, who was 'as tough as nails', took it upon himself to do something about



Gilbert MacIntyre.



Duncan MacLellan.

it. At night he would crawl under the wire enclosure where the camp commander kept his hens and help himself to eggs.

This went on for some time. It was reported that the commander was furious when he found out, as he thought his hens had stopped laying.

Duncan was caught by one of the guards one evening and the commander threat-

ened to shoot him because of his 'crime' but this threat never materialised because, by this point, the writing was on the wall for the Italians.

Soon the prisoners' ordeal was at an end as the Italians capitulated and the camp was liberated, meaning Duncan and Gilbert were on their way home to Islay and their families.

Duncan returned to his wife Mary and three little

girls and, as the war went on, a boy and another girl were born.

Gilbert was reunited with his family in Portnahaven and just after the war he married Port Ellen girl Cathy Johnston and settled in the village.

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# A good year for Fyne Homes

A total of £2.6m was spent maintaining and upgrading housing stock in the past year, the Fyne Homes AGM was told.

Fyne Homes held its annual general meeting at the Discovery Centre, Rothesay, on September 18.

The meeting was well attended by members, staff and guests who received a full report on performance across all sections of the organisation and celebrated Fyne Homes' 40th anniversary.

Key highlights of the year included the £2.6m spend on

maintenance and upgrades; 20 properties adapted with Scottish Government funding of £66,000 enabling tenants to stay in their homes; 94 per cent of stock now meets the Scottish Housing Quality standard; and 86 per cent currently meets the Energy Efficiency Standard for social housing.

Arrears in rent now stand at 1.2 per cent against a 2.5 per cent target and there was a positive feedback on tenant participation event.

Plus the association could report an operating surplus



Robert Reid, longest serving committee member, with Colin Renfrew, CEO.

of £1.7m which is an increase from £988,000 last year.

The financial year 2018-19 also saw the completion of the Fyne Energy wind turbine project at Glenbarr. All three turbines were commissioned and generating electricity between December 2018 and January 2019. The project was 11 years in the making with investment of £14m. The profits will be split between Fyne Homes, Fyne Futures and the Glenbarr Community Development Association.

Following the meeting, a buffet reception was held at Rothesay's Victoria Hotel to

celebrate the association's 40th anniversary, which was earlier in the year, and the recognition and celebration of long service awards for three members of staff and three developments off site at Lochgilphead, Dunoon and Minard.

The association also recognised its chief executive officer, Colin Renfrew, who is the longest serving staff member, at 36 years; as well as Elizabeth Russell, holder of the longest tenancy, at 37 years; and Robert Reid, the longest serving committee member, at 58 years.



A bouquet for Elizabeth Russell, holder of the longest tenancy, from Colin Renfrew, CEO.



Colin Renfrew receives his award at the buffet.



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# Black Sheep pub shortlisted for national award

The Black Sheep pub in Campbeltown is on the shortlist of finalists for the pub of the year award in the inaugural Scottish Bar and Brew Awards.

The pub at the Royal Hotel is on the list of South West finalists and the winner will be announced on Monday at Glasgow's Marriott Hotel.

The awards have been established to bring together the bar industry and celebrate those who established their businesses successfully and found their corner in the market, due to their dedication to be the best.

A spokesperson for the Scottish Bar and Brew Awards 2019 said: 'The bar industry has seen a massive growth over the past few



years and this ceremony aims to acknowledge those who have played a great role

in introducing innovation to this sector. We would like to congratulate all the finalists

and we can't wait to welcome all our guests and deliver an enjoyable event.'

The Black Sheep pub is part of the Royal Hotel.



The volunteers taking a well-earned rest.

## Volunteers tidy up composting site

Fifteen volunteers cleared the Seneval site in Carradale of scrub and the ubiquitous rhododendron on Saturday September 14. Carradale Community Trust, Carradale's community business, has recently bought the site from Forestry and Land Scotland with plans to create a community composting facility.

The volunteers took a well-earned break when Sheena Ramsay turned up with tea and coffee and shortbread in a pink wheelbarrow.

The site was cleared ready for local contractors to put down hard-standing and create bays to organise the compost, all sponsored by SSE.

Groundworks will be undertaken in October by Donald McLean Contractors.

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# Beinn Ghuilean – the perfect train



James MacNab's face is a picture of concentration as he lines up for a series of steep corners during 'Big Saturday'.

**By Simon Freeman**

Recently the Courier reported that a case of Phytophthora ramorum, a deadly disease which mainly affects larch trees, was discovered on Beinn Ghuilean.

To be honest, none of us is quite sure what the hill will look like once the necessary felling of the diseased larch trees is completed. Will the multi-use trails we mountain bikers all enjoy disappear forever under an avalanche of cut timber, or will the majority of the tracks be spared for everyone to use again in the future?

Perhaps the removal of these trees will open up new vistas over the town that will actually increase our enjoyment of the hill in the years to come. Not even the people contracted to undertake the work will be able to forecast just how much disruption there will be until they get under way, but it is inevitable that the landscape will change forever.

We decided that the best thing we could do in the short

term was to just enjoy riding the multitude of tracks that criss-cross the hill while we still have them, so we gathered as many troops as we could muster on Saturday morning and set about dropping into as many of them as we were physically able to.

Everybody knows about the red and blue loops and the steep track to the bench that have been well maintained by the Forestry Commission and Forestry and Land Scotland for years, but there is also a network of narrower tracks that are so well concealed that many occasional visitors might not have even noticed them.

This vast warren started to appear long before I moved to the town – tracks like the original Freeride and the Bobsleigh have been amusing more adventurous mountain bikers for a decade and more. As the numbers using these tracks grew, so the network grew and as technical advances in bike technology made the tracks easier for most people to ride, so the newer

runs were designed to be ever more awkward to negotiate.

It would be over-stating things to say that these trails have been 'built'. A few low branches lopped off here, a few flat stones laid out to cross a wet hole there and a general rake out is all most of these rat-runs ever need. The most intrusive thing that has been done is to lay off-cuts of plastic culvert pipes to form a few burns' crossings.

Working our way down the hill, using the existing topography and the most interesting natural land-forms as we went, we rode in more than a dozen of these trails over a four-year period, with all but one accessible from either the bench path or the new forest road.

Although the results appear as random as the ground they cross, they are all created with the same remit – that wherever possible they steer fast-moving bikers away from potentially dangerous direct contact with other trail users and that they test the riders' abilities without resorting to



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# ...ing ground for mountain bikers

including unnatural features or dangerous gap jumps.

The riders who came to meet on 'Big Saturday' form the nucleus of a group of friends who have met up the hill on hundreds of previous evenings and weekends. Many have ridden at other locations in Scotland and abroad, and a handful have raced at Scottish Downhill races and in the Scottish Enduro Series.

This year Alex Dickson, David Muirhead and myself have raced all the rounds of the Enduro series, with Fraser McSparran and Scott Stalker also attending individual rounds.

This race series has taken us to Laggan, Innerleithen, Kinlochleven, Pitfichie, near Inverurie, and will also see us tackle Fort William's Nevis Range trails at the series finale next month.

Our results have been mixed, but have not been without highlights. David and Alex both raced brilliantly in a field packed with full-time riders at Innerleithen – a race that was co-sanctioned with

the European Enduro Series – and I managed a fifth place in the over-50s category on the uncompromising mountain tracks at Kinlochleven.

David finished 17th in the senior category at Kinlochleven – another co-sanctioned event; the stacked field at Kinlochleven included all the top riders from the British series – which is undoubtedly the stand-out performance for a Campbeltown rider in the history of the series.

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The magnificent view from the bench on Beinn Ghuilean.



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# The perfect training ground



Scott Stalker racing in the POC Scottish Enduro Series at Laggan earlier in the year. Beinn Ghulean's trails have been the perfect environment in which to build the skills we have needed to compete at national level.

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most complete test of our bike-handling skills but also help to build the massive upper body strength that we need in order to hang on to our wide bars on race tracks that regularly last five minutes or more.

We have been lucky to have had such a fantastic facility right on our doorstep and we have enjoyed encouraging younger riders and older beginners as they appear on the hill and become curious about what is available for them to cut their teeth – and no doubt their legs and arms! – on.

### Satisfying

Youngsters such as Jack Campbell and Lewis O'Hanlon have attained a level of ability, strength and fitness this summer which will set them in good stead for years to come, and it is very satisfying to see them enjoying a facility which gets them out of the house and into their natural environment.

It is not just the adrenaline



Jack Campbell sneaking down the outside line on the rock staircase halfway down Sergeant Major on Saturday.

junkies who have been able to get the most out of these local trails either. Even committed road riders such as Dom Sharkey have come over to the 'dark-side' and have regularly used the red trail to improve their fitness and off-road bike skills in preparation for racing multi-discipline events in the Highlands.

All of these local riders can only hope that some part of this brilliant, natural facility is still intact once the neces-

sary work to clear the infected trees is completed.

We are not sure exactly when the work to remove the diseased trees will begin – we may yet have the opportunity to ride again before we have to take an enforced leave of absence.

'Big Saturday' was the perfect way for us to officially sign off, though, and gave a huge gathering of enthusiasts a last opportunity to ride some tracks which may

inevitably and unavoidably be destroyed during the work.

Hopefully, we will be able to resurrect a portion of the network once the work is completed, and maybe we will even have the opportunity to freshen things up a bit.

I already know what I'm going to call the first trail I create after the harvesters move out – it's going to be the Phoenix!

See the back page for a full report from 'Big Saturday'.





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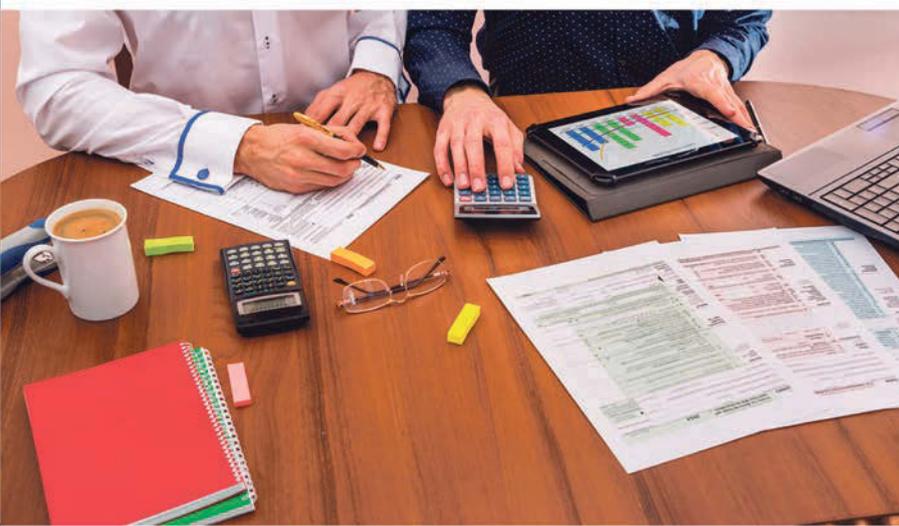
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# Major survey of skate is under way

This week sees a major survey in the Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura Marine Protected Area (MPA).

The Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura MPS was designated to conserve a nationally important population of common skate, the largest remaining coastal population of the species.

Common skate display an unusually high level of residency in the area. This has been confirmed by an analysis of angler mark-and-recapture data and an acoustic tagging project that continuously monitored the movements of tagged skate in the Sound of Jura. These tagging projects showed the skate either stay within or repeatedly return to the area covered by the MPA.

As the marine environment does not always respond as we might anticipate, further marine science is needed if we are to ascertain if the status and condition of habitats and species is improving in response to MPAs.



Scientists measure a common or flapper skate before releasing it.

typically to 15 minutes, to minimise disturbance to the skate. Skate caught in this survey will be tagged and released and genetic samples will be taken to enable scientists to relate data on juveniles to adults.

Elasmobranchs (shark, skate and ray) are important components of marine ecosystems, but globally many species have suffered major declines due to fishing and habitat loss. Elasmobranchs are typically slow growing, have a late age of sexual maturity, often in their teenage years, and produce a low number of large and well-developed young.

The common skate is considered to be two separate species: the flapper skate (*Dipturus intermedius*) and the blue skate (*Dipturus batis*).

The flapper skate is the largest species of skate in Europe, measuring more than two metres from wing tip to wing tip and weighing over 100kg.

To understand if juvenile skate use the MPA, in addition to adults, Marine Scotland Science, in collaboration with St Andrews University and Scottish Natural Heritage, is undertaking the survey on

the research vessel Alba na Mara between September 23 and 30.

Various methods have been tried previously, such as cameras and fish traps, but juvenile skate have proven

elusive. Therefore, for this survey, trawl gear will be used at locations within the MPA where such activity can take place year round and in areas where it is restricted on a seasonal basis (a scientific permit

has been issued for the latter).

The seasonal restriction also maximises the chance of finding juveniles as the area has been undisturbed over the closure. The duration of each haul will be limited,

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'You're mad!' was the general opinion of most of my friends when they heard that a boyhood ambition to holiday on the uninhabited west coast of Jura was about to become a reality, writes Iain Thornber.

The trip was to chart a course through the Corryvreckan whirlpool, Europe's most dangerous tide-race, in order to spend a long weekend living in a cave among wild goats and spiders on an adder-infested island.

I had my reservations, but was not going to be deterred.

As a boy, I had been influenced by an islander's thrilling legends of giants, whirlpools, caves, Fingalian warriors and of the supposed treasures of Beinn an Oir, the Mountain of Gold. The Viking invaders called the island Deura – deer island – after the wild herds that roamed over it.

Years later, I had heard from Ian and Cubby Mackinnon from Jura that some of the large caves along the island's west coast were used as shelters by funeral parties conveying the bodies of friends, and relatives to the sacred burial-grounds of Oronsay and Craignish.

More recently, I had come across a little-known local tradition that Robert the Bruce and his henchman Angus Og MacDonald had hidden in one of the Jura caves after their skirmish with the MacDougalls at the Pass of Brander in 1308. And that it was here and not on Rathlin Island, off Ulster, that Bruce supposedly encountered the spider that inspired him to keep on trying to overthrow English rule.

The prospect of exploring this piece of Jura in mid-May, with no bracken or midges, was enhanced by having a companion, Brian Wilson, author and conservationist, who had passed this way before on a solo canoe journey around Scotland. Moreover, I discovered from his book, *Blazing Paddles*, that he was a survival instructor. His presence was reassuring.

The main purpose of our visit was to explore the many caves for signs of early occupation. The early inhabitants of Jura probably did not live only in caves, but some of these primitive refuges had yielded archaeological finds, including some 9,000-year-old bone and flint implements. Few of the caves on the northern section of coastline had been thoroughly investigated.

I was keen to go, yet bothered particularly by one thing: adders, Scotland's only poisonous snakes. Tales of 'huge serpents' crawling into the caves at night for warmth had an unsettling effect and the advice from the Mackinnon brothers that they were likely to be less frisky in May than in June determined the date but did little to assuage my concerns.

Where to linger and which cave to choose? It was preferably to be free of dead goats in varying stages of decay. An hour's search and we settled on one near the head of Glentrosdale Bay, with a 20ft high entrance, fully twice that deep and half as broad, where there was not only fresh running water, but a plentiful



Jura's wild and rugged north-west coastline and caves and, inset, Glegarrisdale, the scene of a battle between the Maclaines and the Campbells. Photographs: Iain Thornber

supply of driftwood thrown up on the nearby beach.

For sheer desolation and raw landscape, the north coast of Jura is unique. The crumbling cliff which extends more or less the entire length of the west coast is punctuated by a few shingle beaches and deep streams. Raised beaches, relics of the Ice Age, are now high above the level of the sea but still have shoreline birds nesting on them whose eggs are a welcome treat for hungry adders, and provide a feeling of uncharted territory, much akin to an Arctic wilderness. We had visitors that first night.

In the gloaming, a herd of wild goats, keen to gorge themselves on the tangle of succulent kelp stems left behind by the most recent high tide, descended from the high ground. An hour later 30 of them stood at the entrance to our cave snorting, head-shaking and hoof-stamping, clearly annoyed by having their lodgings taken over. More driftwood was put on the fire to deter them and they ambled off seeking shelter elsewhere.

They belonged to the largest herd of feral goats in Britain. Robert the Bruce had held them in esteem when they discouraged his pursuers above Loch Lomond from entering a cave in which he was hiding. Consequently, he issued a decree that goats should never be molested.

Gaelic lore has references to these creatures

killing adders and, subsequently, giving me some peace of mind!

Our plan was to investigate as many of the 40 or so caves shown on Ordnance Survey maps between the Gulf of Corryvreckan and Loch Tarbert. Soon, however, we discovered caves by the hundred. One, though, was distinctive in being a bothy used by shepherds and stalkers not that long ago. It had stone benches and had been wood-lined.

We wondered whether this was the place in which the Edinburgh scientist Dr John Walker might have worked during his classic experiments conducted on Jura in 1812, concerning the boiling-point of water at sea level and high elevations. However, the remains of sheep-shears, brass cartridges and empty whisky bottles were less to do with past research and more with recent times.

Caves are more numerous further south along this inhospitable coast. They are graveyards for livestock, especially the young goats and deer born in January and February. We found the remains of a kid and a yearling deer calf lying side by side. They must have lain together for warmth, only to be overcome by cold and hunger. It was a pathetic sight.

Near Glegarrisdale, there is a cave shown on the Ordnance Survey map as Maclean's Skull Cave. Allegedly, the skull belonged to a Maclaine of Lochbuie who had been killed on the field in front of the old house, which is now

looked after by the Scottish Mountain Bothy Association, in a fight with the Campbells in 1647.

We could find no trace of the skull or its rock-shelter, but we did have our share of excitement when we discovered a large and very much alive stag sheltering from the scorching heat in another cave nearby as it rushed out. I was knocked to the ground and, when I struggled to my feet, realised that I was wrapped in a spider's web that was thick with huge wefts of ancient-looking gossamer.

Later that day, beyond Glegarrisdale, I discovered more of these webs and saw the large, grey and white spiders which make them.

All too quickly our time had come to an end but before departing we took the opportunity to visit Breacan's Cave where this Scandinavian prince is said to be buried. Close by its entrance, we found the smooth side-slabs of a prehistoric stone cist or coffin. It had been robbed many years ago and nothing now remained to suggest this had been a royal tomb.

We may not have made any startling historic finds, but at least we could confirm that there are sufficient caves on the west coast of Jura to hide an army – and that some of them contained spiders.

A return to this fascinating coastline to discover more was planned, as what could be more in the tradition of Robert the Bruce than to try, try and try again?

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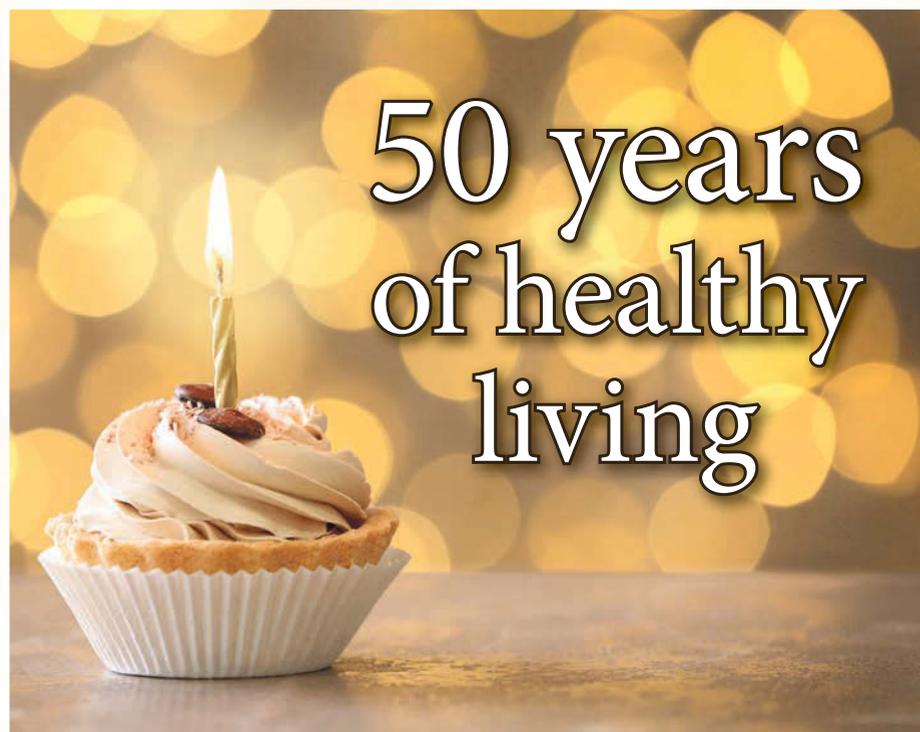


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## The value of residential devel



A new report commissioned by Homes for Scotland (HFS) has revealed the wider value created by building the homes Scotland requires.

The report, launched on September 18, 2019, and entitled *The Value of Residential Development*, shows that each new home built in Scotland supports four jobs across the economy, over 80,000 jobs in total.

It has also revealed that home building in Scotland contributes around £570m annually to government finances.

The report found that new homes contribute to improved health and education outcomes, particularly through upgraded housing stock and reduced overcrowding. It also indicated that home building is a major driver in regeneration.

Yet HFS's paper also highlighted that Scotland is only building at 80% of the level required to meet housing need and demand and that Scotland and the wider UK perform relatively poorly on an international scale in terms of housing development intensity.

The report arrived on this year's Scottish Housing Day. The report has drawn on evidence from national and international literature over several decades.

Discussing the report, Nicola Barclay, HFS chief executive, said: 'Building the homes that Scotland requires is crucial to our country's wider social wellbeing and economic success. Today's report highlights the different measures which can be used to assess this value in areas which are often not recognised.

These include the environment, the regeneration of areas of deprivation and training and apprenticeships. What it also shows, however, is that we still aren't building at the level required to meet housing need and demand and to unlock the broader benefits this would offer. This is detrimental to our growing population in terms of affordability, market volatility and increasing intergenerational wealth inequality.'

Dr John Boyle, director of Research & Strategy at Rettie & Co, who led the research team, said: 'Homebuilding has economic value, supporting over 80,000 jobs in Scotland and the potential to support 100,000 if levels could be restored to where they were pre-recession. Residential development also makes a very important contribution to government finances. However,

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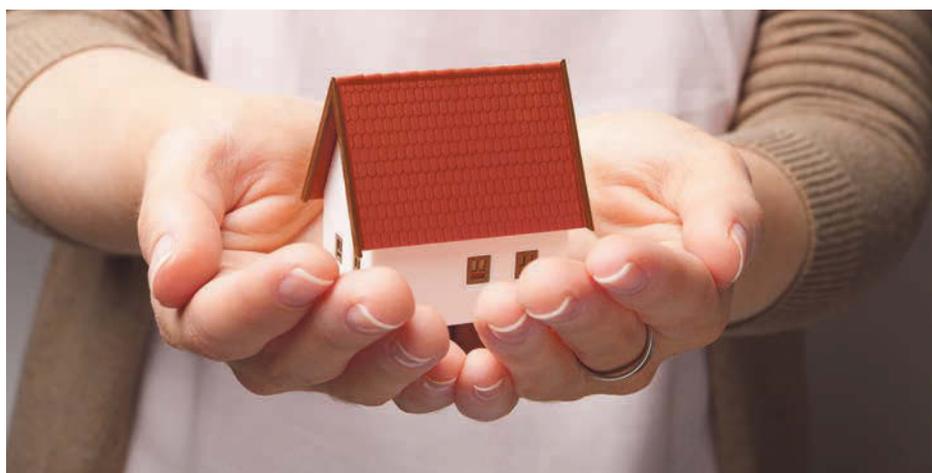
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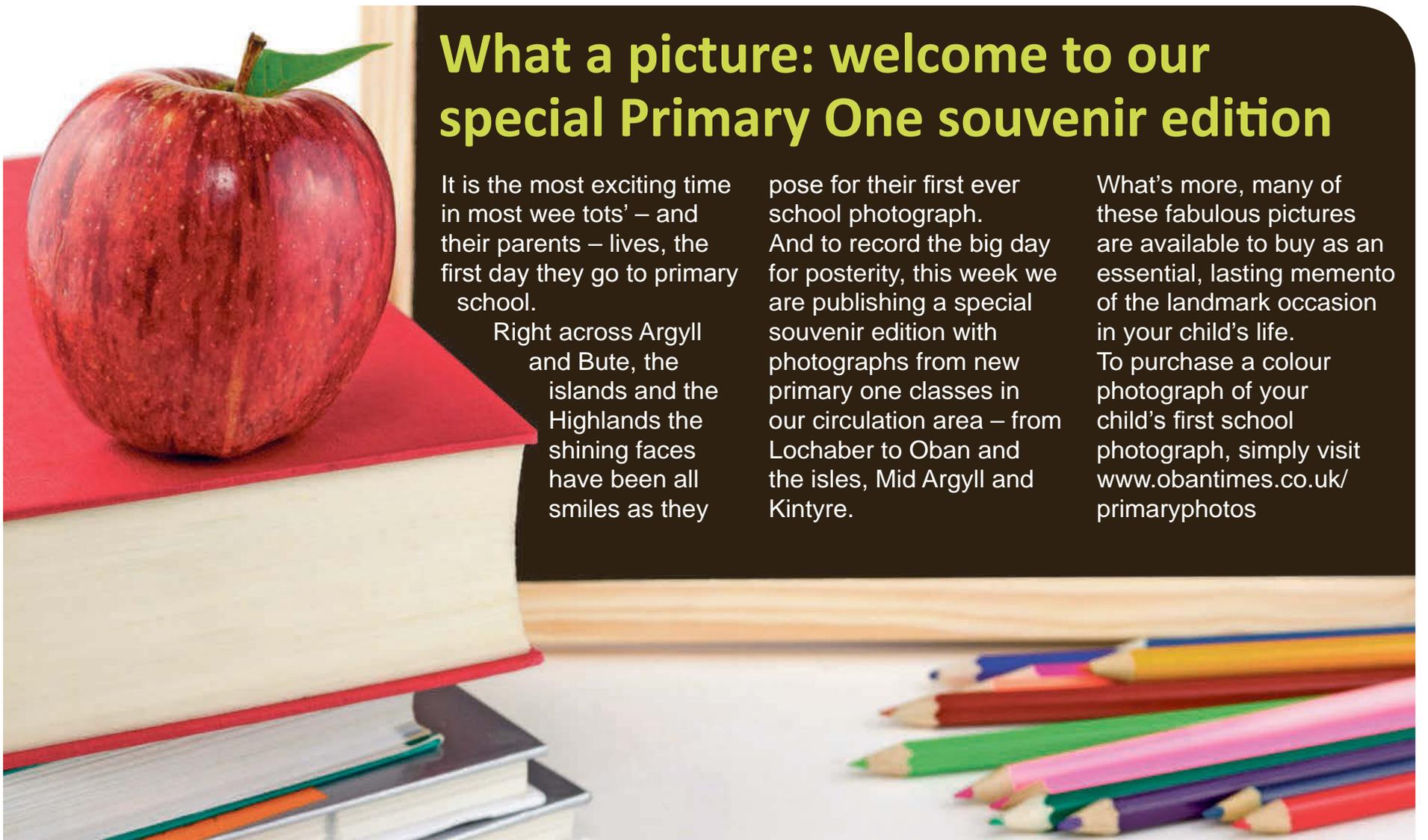
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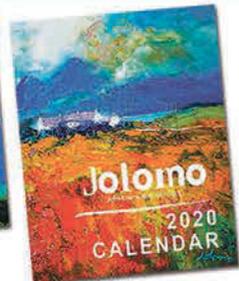
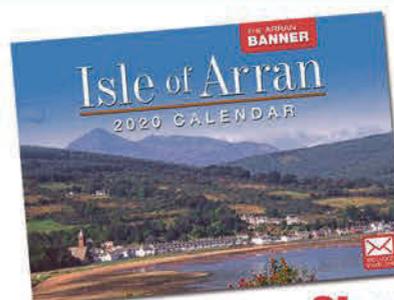
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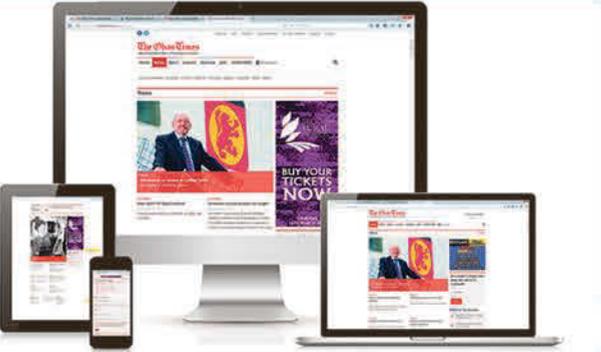
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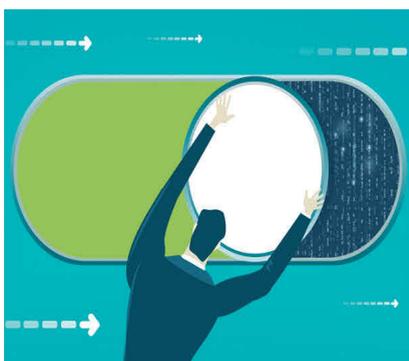


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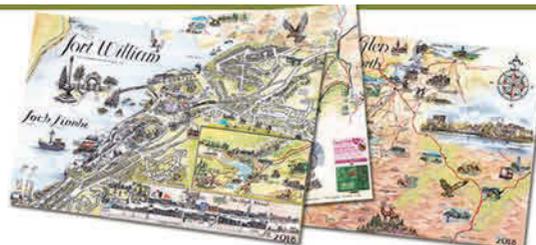


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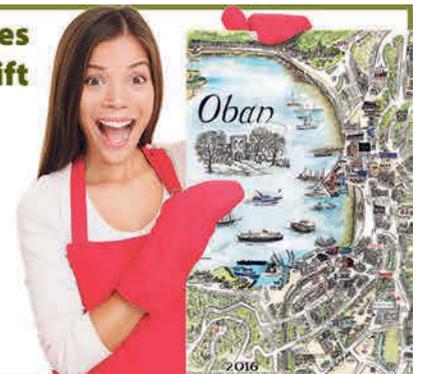
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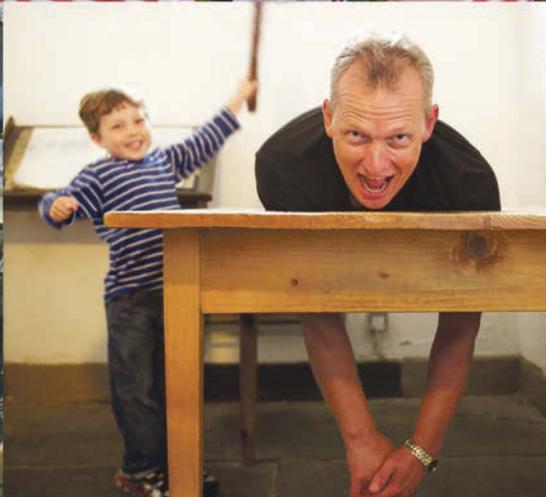
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JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
1 Wed	1 Sat	1 Sun	1 Wed	1 Fri <small>North Kintyre schools closed</small>	1 Mon
2 Thu	2 Sun	2 Mon	2 Thu	2 Sat	2 Tue
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22 Wed	22 Sat	22 Sun	22 Wed	22 Fri <small>Mid Argyll, South Kintyre &amp; Islay and Jura schools closed</small>	22 Mon
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27 Mon	27 Thu	27 Fri	27 Mon	27 Wed	27 Sat
28 Tue	28 Fri	28 Sat	28 Tue	28 Thu	28 Sun
29 Wed	29 Sat	29 Sun	29 Wed	29 Fri	29 Mon
30 Thu		30 Mon	30 Thu	30 Sat	30 Tue
31 Fri		31 Tue		31 Sun	<b>Summer break</b>

# LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

## Dementia-friendly Downton treat at cinema



Sarah McFadzean from Shopper-Aide, left, and Ellen Mainwood, the cinema's manager, right.

Shopper-Aide project development coordinator Sarah McFadzean worked with Campbeltown Picture House to hold a dementia-friendly screening of Downton Abbey.

Cost to cinema-goers was £4 with Shopper-Aide paying for the Elderberries members, who enjoyed free tea and coffee and biscuits courtesy of Fyne Homes. Accompanying carers went free of charge.

Around 40 people enjoyed the movie, including those from the Elderberries group, residents from Kintyre Care Home and individuals and their carers.

Staff at Campbeltown Picture House have taken part in Dementia Friends training and can be seen wearing their Forget-Me-Not badges to demonstrate they have an awareness of some of the issues a person with dementia might be facing.

As well as encouraging businesses, services, groups and individuals to become dementia friends, Sarah is working across Kintyre to introduce new dementia-friendly social opportunities to people over 60.

Outreach Elderberries groups are scheduled to begin soon starting with Tayinloan on the October 2 at 1.45pm, then Carradale on October 7, 2pm to 3.45pm and Clachan on October 11, at 1.15pm; please see local notice boards for further dates and times. This work is supported with funding from the Life Changes Trust which is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund.

If you are interested in participating, or volunteering, or are interested in any of Shopper-Aide's services you are welcome to meet Sarah at any of the outreach sessions in your local village hall.

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'Alternatively drop in to see us at our new premises at 47 Longrow, Campbeltown,' said Sarah. 'Or come along to our new drop-in session and enjoy a morning coffee and a blether with this week's Campbeltown Courier at Courier and Coffee from 10.30am every Friday.'



The crew worked together to clean the cars.  
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## Charity car wash success

Firefighters and cadets from Campbeltown Fire Station put their hoses to good use during a charity car wash.

The crew rolled up their sleeves and scrubbed until every car which visited them at Campbeltown's ferry terminal last Saturday was squeaky clean.

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Davie Macpherson paying his dues to young firefighter Scott Jarvie.

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# Golden couple's generous donations

A Campbeltown couple who received almost £1,000 from friends and family during their golden wedding anniversary celebrations have donated it to two charities.

James and Flora Grogan thanked everyone who made a donation on their 50th anniversary.

They received £900, which will be evenly shared between the Kintyre branches of Marie Curie and Macmillan



Flora and James Grogan presenting a cheque for £450 to Macmillan Cancer Support. Margaret Rankin is on the left of the photo beside Flora Grogan, who is holding one side of the cheque. Back row: Peggy Minshaw, Christine Duncan, Moira Wareham, Jean Kirk, Sheena Armour and Nancy Armour. Front: James Grogan holding the other side of the cheque, and Valerie Graham. 20\_c39grogans01



At the Marie Curie presentation in the Ardshiel Hotel, from left: James Grogan, Marie Curie nurse Rona Cameron, Flora Grogan and Marie Curie community fundraiser Sara Murray. The Ardshiel also raised £160 for the charity through a music night.

Cancer Support, remaining in the local area.

Marie Curie provides care and support to people with terminal illnesses and their families, while Macmillan Cancer Support provides

specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer.

Last week, the couple met with members of both charities' Kintyre committees to present them with £450 each.



Lorna Hasson receives the cheque from Campbeltown Grammar School pupils Danny Hughes and Natasha Graham. 50\_c39redcross01

## Pupil power raises Red Cross funds

Campbeltown's Red Cross Shop has had a cash boost after a group of Campbeltown Grammar School students planned and prepared a finger buffet to raise funds for the charity. As part of a maths project, the senior pupils chose a charity in the community to support and set about raising funds.

Last week Danny Hughes and Natasha Graham, two members of the group, presented Lorna Hasson, the Campbeltown shop's assistant manager, with a cheque for £28.

Afterwards, Lorna thanked them for the donation and all their hard work, explaining that the pupils regularly volunteer in the shop, sorting through items and displays.

Lorna said the shop, which is stocked almost completely with donated items as well as some new products like mugs and cards, is the 12th best performing Red Cross shop in the UK.

'That is amazing,' she added, 'considering it's such a wee shop and a small town. The generosity of the community is phenomenal.'



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# Youngsters have a blast d



Jake Kerr and Molly Lamont, both aged five. 50\_c39funbox03



18-month-old Emelie Willis's granny Val McAulay made her outfit. 50\_c39funbox02



Left: Evan Downie, three, and Jessica Ferns, four. 50\_c39funbox08

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

Campbeltown's cutest little aliens, astronauts and space princesses landed in the Victoria Hall last Friday and buckled up for a performance of Funbox's all-singing, all-dancing space race tour.

Captain Kevin, First Officer Anya and Navigator Gary, the crew of Starship Funbox, filled the hall with laughter and excitement as they took the audience on a journey across galaxies on a mission to find space keys.

During the out-of-this-world experience, answers

to whether there really is a man on the moon, what the stinkiest planet is and where the friendliest aliens live were answered.

The children, some of whom are photographed here, had such a blast during the show it may have eclipsed last year's hit production.



From left: Navigator Gary, Captain Kevin and First Officer Anya on the Victoria Hall stage. 50\_c39funbox01

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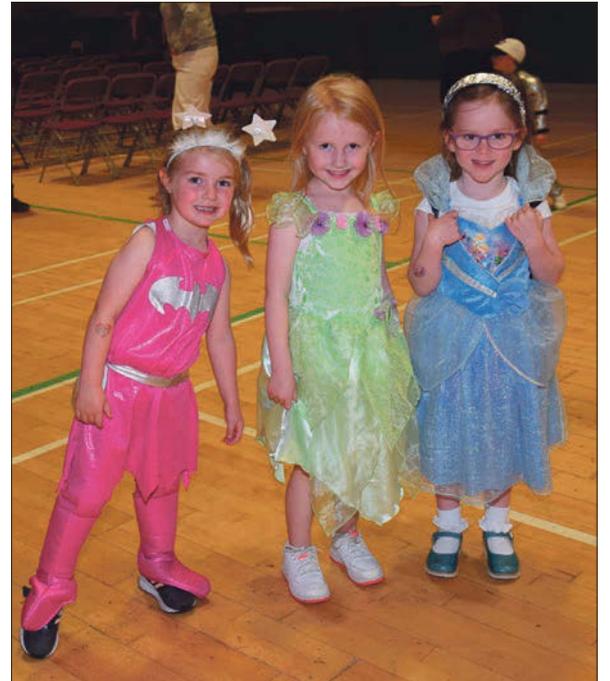
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# Crofting day gains ground at inaugural Gathering Pace

by Fiona Scott  
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Following on from a successful inaugural event at Glachbeg croft on the Black Isle, the Scottish Crofting Federation's social crofting initiative moved to Elchies in Moray last weekend.

Jointly funded by Moray Leader and Highland Leader, the initiative furthers the principle of green care – the promotion of social, mental and physical wellbeing through working with the land and animals.

The project is aimed at both crofters and smallholders living in the Highland and Moray regions and is quickly gathering interest from a range of people, including service providers, social workers, teachers, support services and families interested in social crofting opportunities. The project seeks to develop the inputs from crofters, and others who are interested in developing a formal

network, to explore this emerging labour market as an opportunity for diversification.

Attendees at Sunday's meeting came from across the country – Lochaber to Lossiemouth – and the hosts, Elchies of Speyside, multiple award winners for their high quality goat meat and mutton, gave an overview of their business model which includes a number of community targeted activities such as work with local schools and children of all ages and abilities.

Presentations were then given by Stephen Wiseman and Ruairidh Milne from N4H (Nature for Health, for Happiness, in the Highlands) who explained some of the research into benefits of outdoor activities.

Focus groups then explored what the project could achieve to help crofters enter this field of activity, before a final word from Karrie Marshall, author, international speaker and founder of Creativity



Valuable input came from all attendees working in focus groups.

in Care, a community arts company working with a wide range of people.

Julie Comins, of Elchies, said: 'It is wonderful to be able to host initiatives like this. Our ethos is to make farming accessible and understandable to everyone and today we

have seen that there are real benefits to be had both for crofters and those who can experience the provenance of our food through the land we live in.'

Ailsa Strange, Gaining Ground project administrator with the

Scottish Crofting Federation who launched their new social crofting digital hub at the event, added: 'Elchies presents a very different perspective on social crofting to the model we experienced at Glachbeg – both are valid and both are exemplars that can signpost what we are trying to achieve with this project.'

'We are looking forward to creating some real, usable and valuable resources from the outputs of these meetings which will inform and guide crofters into this emerging opportunity.'

'A new website has been launched at [social.crofting.org](http://social.crofting.org) and we are asking interested individuals and organisations to sign up to our Gaining Ground email network and join us on Facebook.'

For further information visit the website or contact Lucy Beattie, Tina Hartley and Ailsa Strange by emailing: [gainingground@crofting.org](mailto:gainingground@crofting.org)

## NFUS calls for member evidence for migration advisory committee

Union extends survey for Scottish farm-based businesses and agri-food sector on permanent and seasonal staff needs

In light of a new consultation from the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC), NFUS Scotland is to extend the deadline for its survey on the importance of permanent and temporary non-UK workers.

A key goal of NFUS Scotland is to ensure continued access to non-UK workers, both permanent and temporary, post-Brexit. It has a critical role in Scottish food and farming, filling seasonal, temporary and permanent positions and delivering high-quality Scottish produce from field to fork.

The survey launched at the start of September to gather information on the vital role of non-UK staff will now be extended to Monday October 7 considering the MAC consultation launched last week looking at salary thresholds for migrants and a points-based (Australian) system for immigration.

The survey is available to all online at: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NFUSNonUKLabourUse](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NFUSNonUKLabourUse).

There are two sections, one each for non-seasonal and seasonal workers – those who come in the summer for



harvest work. For permanent staff, the union is also keen to establish if non-UK workers have applied to the UK Government's EU Settled Status Scheme.

On seasonal workers, the union is asking further question on the success or otherwise of the pilot Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme (SAWS). The union has previously called for 70,000 SAWS permits to be made available.

NFUS president Andrew McCornick said: 'We are absolutely convinced that without non-UK workers, many farm-based businesses and the agri-food supply chain will be unproductive and unable to deliver food from farm gate to the plate for UK consumers.'

'Facts and figures will back up our lobbying effort on this and I urge anyone affected to complete this short survey ahead of submitting our response to the most recent MAC consultation, which closes on November 5.'

'The MAC is consulting on salary thresholds and how the Prime Minister's preferred new points-based immigration system, such as the type used in Australia, New Zealand and Canada, could be applied in the UK context.'

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

'I am pleased this is now open to review, but NFUS must be in a position to feed in the strongest possible evidence to ensure any wage or skill thresholds applied within the UK Government's new immigration system genuinely meet the needs of the Scottish agri-food labour market. Gaining facts through this survey will allow us to submit the strongest evidence for a differentiated proposal for workers in Scottish farming and agri-food.'

## Sheep have a vital role in helping to tackle climate change

The National Sheep Association (NSA) is contributing to the climate change emergency by not only encouraging sheep farmers to engage with the challenges it presents but also to correct the many misleading statements being made that suggest sheep farming is causing a problem rather than being one of the solutions.

The association's concern is that alternative ways of managing land and vegetarian type foods are being proposed as being options to reduce warming while increasing evidence is showing that the opposite is true.

Despite the 'fake news' constantly being hoovered up by the mainstream media, NSA says that by eating sensible amounts of British lamb from extensive grass-based systems, consumers can feel confident their food choice is helping to protect our future.

NSA chief executive Phil Stocker explains: 'Contrary to mainstream media messages, sheep, by their very existence, are excellent for the planet and are part of a circular recycling of natural elements.'

'Their reliance on fossil fuels is minimal compared to processed foods based on soya, almonds or palm oil – and we all know that Britain's grass-



lands are highly appreciated for their association with our native wildlife whether it's birds mammals or insects.'

Mainstream media bases its 'best thing we can do for the planet is to stop eating meat' advice on global statistics, which consider sheep and beef farms from across the globe – including large intensive units housing tens of thousands of animals.

Mr Stocker continued: 'UK sheep farms have sheep spread across the countryside – often in areas that are simply not suitable for other types of farming – and are used in other systems to help naturally rejuvenate the soil for arable crops. Sheep can be used in so many ways to benefit the environment and naivety from mainstream media risks increasing our environmental footprint.'

Livestock is also widely criticised for its methane emissions which, NSA says, is again, misleading.

Mr Stocker added: 'Methane shouldn't be ignored; it is an emitted gas that has an impact on global warming. However, we now know that it doesn't behave in the same way as the other major warming gases and the calculations should take this into account.'

'Methane has a short, rotational life cycle that means providing livestock numbers remain stable, methane levels won't build and build.'

'We are also finding that nitrous oxide emissions from grassland are far lower than was previously assumed and it only needs a small application of common sense to conclude that the main problems are caused by fossil fuels.'

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# Good trade at Kintyre sheep sale

A catalogued entry of 100 rams and 600 breeding and store sheep attracted a big crowd to a sunny Campbeltown Show Field on Saturday, leading to good trade when C & D Auction Marts held its annual sale of breeding sheep, in conjunction with Kintyre Agricultural Society.

Shearling rams averaged

£305 overall with Bluefaced Leicesters selling to £600 from J and M Turner, Kildalloig, to J Armour and Co, Brennanlea. Other Leicesters to £450 (twice) from Dalbhraddan.

An NC Cheviot shearling from Sue Francis, Balure, went to Ballywilline Farm at £600.

Suffolks topped at £520

and £450 from Glenahervie and £500 and £450 from Gartvaigh. Texels made £520 twice, firstly from Machrihanish Farm and then from Low Tirfergus with High Dalrioch at £480.

Beltex went to £450, twice, from Killochcraw with Charollais to £400 Inverae Cottage. Ram lambs topped at £320 for a Texel from Low



John Thomson from C & D Marts, right, presents Stuart McConnachie with the Royal Highland Society medal for winning the 2019 ploughing match.



John Thomson presents Harry Gemmill with the new cup donated by the Burnside Bar for the champion native bred sheep at the August show.



John Mclachlan in the ring with one of his Bluefaced Leicesters from Kildalloig.

## Bigger lambs slow to cash at Dalmally

United Auctions recently held a sale of 3,045 lambs and sheep at Dalmally Auction Market.

In keeping with current market trends prevailing in prime markets, bigger lambs were slow to cash, while smaller sorts maintained their values against last year. This resulted in the sale average being £1.81 p/head back on the corresponding sale last year, whilst levelling out at £36.96.

Principal lots and prices: Lambs: Suffolk x: £46.00, Ardsheal Farm. Texel x: £55.50, Couston Farm; £55.50, Tullochcan; £54.00, Stroneskar; £52.00 and £50.00, Tullochcan. Cheviot: £48.00, Benmore Home Farm; £46.00, Glenshero. Cross: £52.00, Brackley; £49.00, Kilchattan; £48.00, Ichrachan. Mule: £56.50 and £53.00, Achalic Farm. Blackface: £47.00, Stroneskar;

£46.50, Auchreoch; £45.50, Littleport; £45.00, Achnaba; £44.00, Auchreoch; £44.00, Eden Taggart; £44.00, Benmore; £44.00, Saulmore; £43.00, Meggernie Estate; £41.50, Castles Estate; £40.00, Balliemeanoch (Lochgilthead).

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Home Farm; £32.00, Craig Farm.

Rams: Blackface: £320, £280, £220(2), £200(2), Castles Estate.

Top prices per kilo: Lambs: Texel x: 166p, Garrogie Estates; 164p and 160p, Daltote; 155p, Balnahard; 155p, Brenchoille; 155p, Dunans; 154p, Daltote; 154p, Tullochcan; 151p, Garrogie Estates; 150p, Dunans. Cheviot: 157p and 156p, Brackley; 156p, Benmore Home Farm; 151p, Rhynachulaig. Cross: 159p, Balnahard; 157p, Ichrachan; 153p, Blarmafoldach. BF: 144p, Achnaba; 142p, Eden Taggart; 139p, Meggerine Estates; 138p, Castles Estate; 136p, Littleport; 135p, Benmore HF, Garraron and Melfort and Butterbridge Farms; 134p, Garraron and Melfort and Garrogie Estates; 132p, Homefield Croft and Garrogie Estates.

Tirfergus. In the gimmer section, Mules sold to £115 and £112 from Skernish and £112 from Low Ranachan with Blackfaces also to £115 from Brennanlea, Beltex crosses £120 Kildalloig and Blue Texel gimmers from Low Ranachan at £130.

Low Ranachan had Blue Texel ewe lambs at £95 with Texel and Beltex ewe lambs £75 and £62 off Ifferdale.

Mule and other ewe lambs made to £62, Auchaleek, and £60 Low Tirfergus. Blackface ewe lambs topped at £52 Coulinlongart. Store lambs to £51 Kildalloig.

The day was a social event too with Kintyre Agricultural Society presenting two awards from its show in August.

Stuart McConnachie was presented with the Royal

Highland Society Medal for winning the 2019 ploughing match in March and Harry Gemmill was presented with a new cup, donated by the Burnside Bar, for champion native bred sheep at the August show.

The awards were presented by John Thomson from C & D Marts, Longtown.

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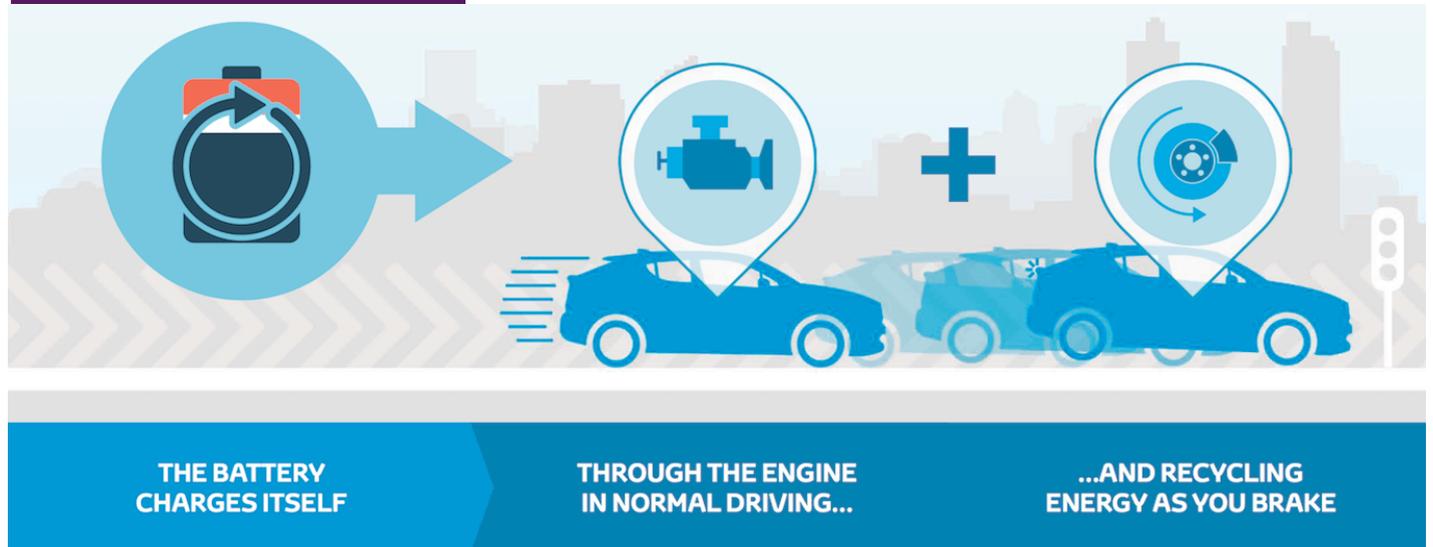
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**TARBERT AND SKIPNESS RENEWABLES LTD**  
**2019**

Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 7:15 p.m.  
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre  
www.tsct.org.uk info@tsct.org.uk  
Followed at 7:45 p.m. by



**AGM**  
**TARBERT CASTLE TRUST**  
www.tarbertcastle.info

**MID ARGYLL**  
**ARTS**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
(Scottish Charity No. SC006711)

**AGM**  
in Ardrishaig Hall  
Saturday  
28 September at  
6.15pm  
All Welcome

Mid Argyll  
Agricultural  
Society

**AGM**  
Thursday 17 October  
2019  
at 8pm in Kilmartin  
Hotel  
*All Welcome*




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**Portavadie Marina**  
**Loch Fyne, Portavadie, PA21 2DA**  
**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**  
**Covering of Outfall Pipe, Portavadie Ferry Terminal**

Notice is hereby given that CMAL (Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited) care of Graham + Sibbald has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of covering of outfall pipe at:

Cost	£11,000	
Location	Latitude	Longitude
Portavadie Ferry Terminal	55° 52.58226	05° 19.00226
	55° 52.58432	05° 19.00231
	55° 52.59032	05° 19.02476
	55° 52.59187	05° 19.02289

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at  
**Portavadie Marina**  
**Noticeboard in the Foyer**  
**Loch Fyne**  
**Portavadie**  
**PA21 2DA.**

Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:  
Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email to: [MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot](mailto:MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot), quoting reference: **07020** and **Graham and Sibbald.**

**Fair Processing Notice**

The Scottish Government's Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) determine applications for marine licences under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. During the consultation process any person having an interest in the outcome of the application may make representation to MS-LOT. The representation may contain personal information, for example a name or address. This representation will only be used for the purpose of determining an application and will be stored securely in the Scottish Government's official corporate record. Representations will be shared with the applicant and/or agent acting on behalf of the applicant, any people or organisations that we consult in relation to the application and, where necessary, be published online, however personal information will be removed before sharing or publishing.

A full privacy notice can be found at: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Licensing/marine/PrivacyNotice>. If you are unable to access this, or you have any queries or concerns about how your personal information will be handled, contact MS-LOT at: [ms.marinelicensing@gov.scot](mailto:ms.marinelicensing@gov.scot) or Marine Scotland - Licensing Operations Team, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB.

**Argyll and Bute Council**

**PLANNING**

These applications listed below may be inspected between 09:00 -12.30 -13.30-16:00 hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae OLochgilphead PA31 8RD. They can also be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and at your Local Customer Service Point (check opening times).

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT**  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/01738/PP	Erection of 2no holiday lodges	Land West Of Strathholm, Clachan, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
19/01872/PP	Erection of 2 dwellinghouses and formation of vehicular access	Land South East Of Knock Farmhouse, Upper Lochgair, Lochgair, Argyll And Bute
19/01416/MIN	Formation of borrow pit for the extraction of hard rock and siting of ancillary infrastructure including welfare facilities, storage container and mobile crusher for the purposes of overhead line project (Auchindrain)	Land North Of Auchindrain, Furnace, Argyll And Bute
19/01821/PP	Erection of summerhouse (retrospective) and installation of replacement timber cladding on porch	Lintbrae Cottage, Big Brae, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6UQ
19/01905/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access	Land East Of Auchinbreck (Plot 1), Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute

Written comments can be made to the above address or submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed at all Area Offices, Council Libraries and on the Councils website.

To find out more about living and working in Argyll & Bute visit us at:  
[www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)  
Comhairle Earra - Ghàidheal agus Bhòid



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# RECRUITMENT

## IN ASSOCIATION WITH HIJOBS



The Campbeltown Courier has an opportunity for a bright, passionate and hungry reporter to join our busy team.

The person we are looking for will ideally have passed their NCTJ Prelims, including shorthand, be multi-media literate, and unafraid of hard work.

They will be bursting with ideas on where to look for stories, understand the importance of fostering great contacts and knowing their patch, and be capable of working on their own initiative as well as part of a team.

They should also hold a full driving licence. As well as writing for the newspaper, they will be expected to take occasional pictures on the job, as well as contribute to our social media channels. In return for all this we offer a competitive salary, great experience and training, as well as an enhanced pension.

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

Career opportunities



**JOINERS**  
(Islay, Oban & Lochgilhead)

**BRICKLAYERS**

The above positions are also suitable for Sub-Contractors. Full time/Permanent positions

Please send CV to [jobs@mkmacleod.co.uk](mailto:jobs@mkmacleod.co.uk) or call 01546602989 for further info.



H D Ferguson Butchers  
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**Part time Counter Assistant required**  
for busy Butcher/Fruit & Veg Shop  
E-mail [lenaferguson@btconnect.com](mailto:lenaferguson@btconnect.com)  
for further information

### North Argyll House

Bealach an Rìgh, Oban, Argyll PA34 5TG

Currently recruiting for:

**Senior Carer**  
**Care assistant**  
**Cook**  
**Housekeeping staff**

Full and part-time permanent positions.  
Good pay and conditions. Experience not essential as training will be given.

For an application form contact manager

**Morag A Telfer. 01631 562168**

Email [info@northargyllhouse.org](mailto:info@northargyllhouse.org)

### George McNaughton and Son

Lochgilhead

**The opportunity has arisen for an experienced Accountant/ Bookkeeper to join our busy office team.**

Duties include writing up and maintaining Sage line 50 bookkeeping records

Task will include

- Bank Reconciliation
- Managing Purchase Ledger
- Issuing Sales invoice and managing Sales Ledger
- Completing VAT returns
- Managing CIS deduction
- Running Weekly Payroll using Sage Payroll

Training could be available if required.  
Full-time. Salary- Tba

Send CV to – [gmnargyll@gmail.com](mailto:gmnargyll@gmail.com)  
Or phone for further information on 01546 602389.

### CLASS 1 DRIVER

Required

**ALSOP TRANSPORT SERVICES**

Tel: 01852 300393

### Riverside Filling Station Oban Road, Lochgilhead

**CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSISTANT**

We require a motivated individual to join our team at Riverside. This position is full time, 40 hours per week including weekend shifts. Duties include fuel sales, shop stock keeping, efficient use of cash register and other retail related tasks.

**This post is available for immediate start.**

Applicants should send CV's to [riverside@mkmacleod.co.uk](mailto:riverside@mkmacleod.co.uk) or Call Calum Charlwood (Manager) on 01546 603858.



### Advertising Sales Manager

**We have a rare and exciting opportunity for the right person to join our team in a senior sales management role.**

Based in Oban, the successful candidate will report directly to our MD and will be expected to lead our experienced sales team to achieve realistic revenue targets both in print and online. They will also be expected to use their sales experience to deliver their own individual revenue target.

You will be working with highly recognisable and trusted brands including the Oban Times, Scotland's second highest selling weekly newspaper.

The right person for the job will have considerable sales experience, ideally within a media or digital background. They will have a track record of delivering results both from a personal and team perspective. They will be confident, articulate and target driven and above all they will be able to motivate and inspire their team.

In return, we offer an excellent salary, company car (you will require a full driving licence) and the chance to work in one of the most beautiful locations in Scotland.

**If this sounds like you and you are up for the challenge send your CV and current salary to Nicky Murphy, [nmurphy@obantimes.co.uk](mailto:nmurphy@obantimes.co.uk) by 8th October.**



### CCAP SUPPORT SCIENTIST

(Part-time – 18.5 hours per week)

Fixed Term Appointment – 2 years

Salary £17,079 pro rata

We require a Support Scientist to prepare sterile media and carry out wash-up duties in a busy microbiology laboratory. The work will mainly be for the Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP) but also supporting science projects at SAMS.

The successful candidate will have good organisation skills, flexible and a good team-worker.

Full training will be provided, however, knowledge of chemistry would be an advantage.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone looking to gain experience post education or looking for a career change.

Further information is available online at [www.sams.ac.uk](http://www.sams.ac.uk). Alternatively, please write to: Human Resources, CCAP Support Scientist, D08/19.CC The Scottish Association for Marine Science, Scottish Marine Institute, Oban, Argyll PA37 1QA or e-mail [recruitment@sams.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@sams.ac.uk)

**The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 4th October 2019. Interviews will be held week of 14th October 2019**

*SAMS is a registered Scottish charity (SC 009206), has an equal opportunities policy and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.*

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TELEPHONE: 01586 554646  
Lines open: Mon to Fri 9am- 5pm

POST & IN PERSON: Main and Longrow South  
Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE  
Office hours: Mon - Thurs 9- 5pm, Fri 9 - 4pm

E-MAIL: adverts@campbeltowncourier.co.uk  
Please give your name, address, postcode & phone number.

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& STORAGE**

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- HOUSE CLEARANCE

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Working from concept to completion

## PEST CONTROL

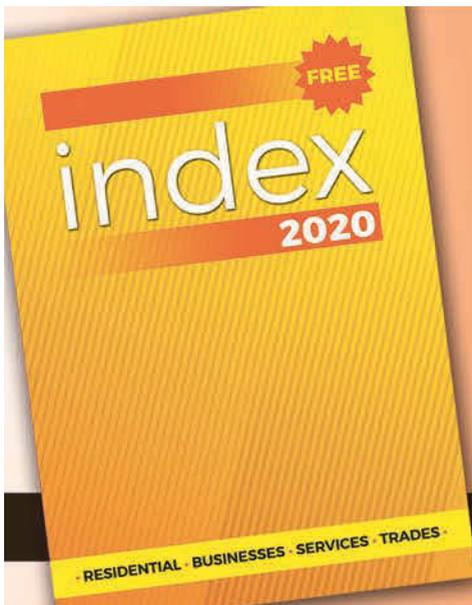
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Bird Control & Proofing	All Domestic & Commercial Needs
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**Matt Jukes**  
Proprietor Tel 07721406574

## Keeping your business in the forefront throughout 2020

Remember to book your entry in our local telephone directories before Friday 30 August to receive our special early bird offer

Email Fiona at [fmacinnes@obantimes.co.uk](mailto:fmacinnes@obantimes.co.uk) or call 01631 568018

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## ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES

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- By Alexander Wanless, 1949, 1st Edition, part of collection of vintage fishing books, 1940's/1950's - acceptable condition. Campbeltown, £5.00 Telephone 01586 554537

**GAME FISHING TACTICS**  
- Vintage fishing book, by Sidney Spencer, 1974, hardback, good condition, part of collection. Campbeltown, £5.00 Telephone 01586 554537

**SALAR THE SALMON**  
- Vintage fishing book, by Henry Williamson, hardback, good condition, part of collection. Campbeltown, £5.00 Telephone 01586 554537

**VINTAGE FISHING BOOK**  
- Sea Trout and Occasional Salmon, by Jeffery Bluett, 1948, 1st Edition, hardback, acceptable. Part of collection. Campbeltown, £10.00 Telephone 01586 554537

**VINTAGE FISHING BOOK**  
- Introduction to Fly Fishing, by L. Angried, paperback, 1950's, acceptable. Part of collection. Campbeltown, £5.00 Telephone 01586 554537

**SUCCESSFUL SEA TROUT ANGLING**  
- By Harris and Morgan, 1989 Hardback, good condition. Part of collection of similar. Campbeltown, £5.00 Telephone 01586 554537

**ARTIFICIAL FLIES, HOW TO**

**TIE** - Vintage fishing book by L.Vernon Bates, 1956, part of collection of vintage fishing books. Acceptable condition, Campbeltown, £5.00 Telephone 01586 554537

**SELECTION OF ANTIQUE PLATES** - 1670 delft Chinese blue, white, red and black ironstone, 2 blue floral ironstone oval plates all with wall hangars, £15.00 Telephone 01631 720369

## BABY EQUIPMENT

**BLUE TODDLER BED GUARD** - As new, seldom used at Granny's. Smoke and pet free home, £10.00 Telephone 07733 485482

## BUILDING / DIY

**REPLACEMENT CHIMNEY POTS** - for older houses, ornate Victorian/Edwardian pots in various sizes and colour, £40.00 Telephone 01631 564578

## CARS AND CAR PARTS UNDER £250

**NEW BRIDGESTONE TYRE** - Toranza T005 205/60/R16, £80.00 Telephone 01586 8302207 after 7pm.

## CLOTHES, SHOES AND ACCESSORIES

**JEFF BANKS, SUIT JACKET**  
- Brand new with tags, Jeff banks smart navy suit jacket with faint stripe. 40" chest. Campbeltown, £20.00 Telephone 01586 554537

**BLACK LEATHER** - cross body man bag brand new. 25 x

28cm, £20.00 Telephone 07733 485482

**HANDED KNITTED HARRIS WOOL SOCKS** - £5.00 per pair postage extra. Mrs C A MacKay, 17 Achmore, Isle of Lewis, HS2 9DU.

## DOMESTIC APPLIANCES

**HOKY 3000 CARPET SWEEPER** - as new, amazing gadget, £40.00 Telephone 07733 485482

**HOSTESS BUFFET SERVER** - Complete with serving bowls and integral warming compartment, in as new condition, £45.00 Telephone 07934 491712

## FURNITURE

**DINING ROOM CHAIRS** - Small chairs, £20.00 Telephone 01397 704638

**DINING ROOM CHAIRS** - 4 Small Chairs, £20.00 Telephone 01397 704638

**SILVER TRIPLE BUNK BEDS** - double on bottom, single on top, £70.00 Telephone 07828 024617

**NEW BLINDCRAFT** - Back Care Deluxe Single Mattress, 6'3"x3'. Still in Polythene, Telephone 01681 700214

## GARDEN

**VINTAGE LAWN ROLLERS** - cast iron and decorative, for working use or colourful garden feature, various sizes from £90.00 Telephone 01631 564578

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**VINTAGE CHIMNEY POTS** - in various sizes and styles, make lovely garden planters. Prices from £40.00 Telephone 01631 564578

## HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

**PEARLISED PAPER & CARD** - white, blue and pink colours in stock, available in A3/A4/A5 sizes, from 13p per sheet. Contact Krisp Print, Telephone 01586 554975

## KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

**WALL SHAVING MIRROR** - New Boxed Stainless steel expanding wall mirror, magnified one side. Can email pics and deliver Oban area, £5.00 Telephone 01631 720369

## MOBILITY

**BRITISH LIFE HEALTH CARE** -

inflatable bath lift, complete with compressor and charger. In first class condition. Demonstration, if required, £99.00 Telephone 01631 563272

## OUTDOOR SPORTING EQUIPMENT

**LADIES HALF SET GOLF CLUBS** - Ladies half set golf clubs including bag and trolley, all very good condition £75. Phone Anne, £75.00 Telephone 01631 570884

## PRINTING AND STATIONERY

**THANK YOU CARDS** - new baby or wedding, with a photo of your new arrival or big day. Truly individual, a treasured keepsake. Call Krisp Print, Telephone 01586 554975

**PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL** - market your business effectively with professionally designed leaflets, posters and flyers from Krisp Print, Telephone 01586 554975

## RETAIL

**REVOLVING GARMENTS DISPLAY** - Chrome revolving garments display stand. 4 arms. Adjustable height. Would take up to 120 hanging garments. Heavy duty and very good condition, £30.00 Telephone 01546 605374

## WANTED

### RURAL LAND WANTED

To situate off grid static home. Any acreage considered. Freehold or options.

Tel 07432401804

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FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN, just answer the following question:  
Where are A. D. Rattray located?

T&Cs - 1. Entrants must be aged 18 or over, and resident in the UK. 2. Entries must be received by 31st October. 3. The winner will be contacted via the email address that they provide. 4. The winner will be asked to respond by email with the name/message for their personalised bottle and to provide a UK mainland address where they can receive delivery of their prize. 5. If the winner does not respond to our email within one week, another winner will be randomly selected and contacted as above.

To enter, send separate entries (in the same envelope) with your name, address, telephone number and email address to **Scottish Field Competitions, Fettes Park, 496 Ferry Road, Edinburgh EH5 2DL** or enter at [www.scottishfield.co.uk](http://www.scottishfield.co.uk). Closing date, unless otherwise stated, is 31 October 2019. **Winners drawn from all competitions also enter a prize to win a bottle of Whitetail Gin.**

Entrants must be 18 or over. Employees of Scottish Field, the competition promoters, and their direct families are ineligible to enter. No purchase necessary. The winner will be first correct entry drawn after closing date. No cash alternative is available. The winner will be informed by telephone. Usual Scottish Field rules apply. We will protect your personal data. We only gather what we need for the requirements of this competition - your name, address, telephone number and email address. If you wish to receive news and offers from the third party running the competition, then please mark the words 'OPT IN' on your postcard entry. If you enter various competitions on one card, you will be opting in for every competition running. Unless you opt in to receive further marketing information we will only contact you if you win a prize in the competition. Scottish Field (Wyvex Media) will retain your information for a maximum of 3 months after the competition closes and then it will be deleted. If you have opted in to receive third party information, the data you have supplied will be passed to the third party company running the competition. This may be used for the purposes of the third party contacting you regarding new products and services for a period of 3 months, unless you agree to an extension with the third party company at a later date.

ISLAY



Most of the members of the Ella Edgar MBE School of Highland Dancing.

## Ella Edgar's pupils dance to victory

Pupils of Islay's Ella Edgar MBE School of Highland Dancing are to be presented with their exam awards for tests they sat in June.

The six dancers standing at the front of this photograph – from left, Iona Scott, Breagh Woodrow, Dannielle Barker, Abbie Morris, Sophie Baker and Emily Logan – all passed their teachers' exams and have become associates of the Scottish Dance Teachers' Alliance. Iona and Emily have now gone to universities on the mainland.

Three dancers are missing from the photograph of the group, which includes five dancers from the neighbouring island of Jura who travel across each Saturday morning to attend the classes. The dancers range in age from four to 18.

Members attended the Donegal Open Competition in June travelling from Islay to Ballycastle on ribs from Port Ellen, winning trophies and medals, and they also travelled to Canada in August to compete at Glengarry Games and Championships in Maxville, and Montreal Games. They returned from Canada with three trophies – a sixth place in the championships and a total of 72 medals between the 10 dancers who entered.

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## Next new ferry will be for Islay, say Ministers

The next new CalMac ferry will be for Islay, Scottish ministers have promised, and its main role will be to carry freight.

Islay, like Lewis, looks set to have an overnight freight service, for the ever-expanding production of its world-famous whisky, bringing ingredients onto and the water of life off the island. This makes the Islay sailings from Port Ellen and Port Askaig the busiest services for freight in the Clyde and Hebrides network.

'It will be developed with a clear focus on freight, including the capability to operate a possible overnight freight service,' Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) announced this week along with the news that Scottish ministers have agreed that the next major CalMac vessel to be commissioned will be for Islay.

The company met with councillors and the Islay ferry committee on the island last month to brief them and more meetings with the wider community will be 'arranged soon'.

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited has appointed naval architecture consultancy, naValue GmbH, to support the project for the new ferry.

Flensburg-based naValue specialises in custom ferry design and consultancy and has significant experience in the marine industry. The firm's lead naval architect led on the design of MV Loch Seaforth, which operates on the Stornoway-Ullapool route.

One of the biggest design flaws ever on board that vessel, in the opinion of the passengers, was the lack of a dedicated bar area. Caledonian MacBrayne insisted the lack of a bar on that new boat 'reflected a change in public tastes'.

Given the amount of whisky tourism on Islay, they might want to rethink plans for this time.

The new ferry will be designed to complement the service provided by MV Finlaggan, which currently operates on the Islay route, although the emphasis will be on freight.

'We are working closely with all parties to develop a vessel which will satisfy the island's



MV Finlaggan.

vital economic activities,' said Jim Anderson, director of vessels. 'We plan to hold further meetings with the extended Islay community in the near future and we will update relevant stakeholders on the progress of the project along the way.'

'We expect the vessel tender programme to be undertaken early next year, with the award of a shipbuilding contract scheduled for autumn 2020.'

Donald Cameron MSP questioned the Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands, Paul Wheelhouse, in the Scottish Parliament last Thursday, following the ferry summit which Mr Cameron also attended.

Mr Cameron said: 'I was pleased that the minister responded positively to my questions.'

'Nothing could be more important to the people of Islay than a ferry service with increased capacity which is resilient and reliable. Demand is growing all the time with increasing visitor numbers and the success of Islay's whisky industry.'

'I look forward to working with all interested parties in Islay, especially the Islay community council, to ensure that the necessary investment takes place so we can look forward to a service which really meets the needs of everyone on the island.'

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

The renowned atheist Richard Dawkins has written another book called *Outgrowing God*.

I'm not quite sure why Mr Dawkins seems compelled to keep writing books trying to convince people that God doesn't exist and that the Bible is nonsense.

It would seem to me that he has not engaged in conversation with some of the modern critical thinkers of the current times, but continues to beat a drum which lost its rhythm long ago.

If he were to engage with Marcus Borg, Dominic Crossan, John Selby Spong, to name but a few, I would feel his argument might have a little more credence.

However, Dawkins continues to bring out the same old arguments concerning the validity of scripture and shows a great ignorance of current critical thinking.

Mr Dawkins makes the mistake of thinking that Christians cannot apply logic and science to the stories of the Bible, regarding some as myths, some as parables and some as guidance instructions for a specific time and custom.

To make mockery of the story of Noah's Ark by assuming that Christians regard it as literal truth confirms how little Mr Dawkins actually knows about Christian faith today.

There is an old native American saying which says: 'I do not know if it happened this way, but I do know the story to be true.' Perhaps Mr Dawkins should read the Bible looking for the nuggets of truth within it, rather than desperately trying to disprove every word.

I do not believe in the vengeful angry God Mr Dawkins finds in the Bible either.

Maybe Mr Dawkins hasn't been introduced to the God Jesus came to show us.

Something seems to compel him to keep searching.

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**CROLL** - Suddenly, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on September 17, 2019, Mairi Christeen MacKay (MC), in her 54th year, Bracara Road, Inverness, and formerly of Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved partner of Kristian McFarlane, much loved and loving mum of Ashley, Gregor and Gareth, loving granny of Aaron and Remy, beloved sister of Ronnie and a good friend to all who knew her.

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**MACKINNON** - Suddenly, at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on September 19, 2019, Ian MacKinnon, in his 82nd year, of 37 Highbank Park, Lochgilhead, beloved and loving husband of Andrina, cherished father of Sinclair, much respected father-in-law of Pam, dearly loved papa of Kerri, Hayley and Lesley and proud great papa of Harris and Emilee. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilhead Parish Church, on Thursday, September 26, 2019, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

**STEVEN** - Peacefully at home, on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, Audrey Steven, (retired nursing sister), aged 80 years, of Ellanvannin, Auchenmalg, Glenluce, beloved wife of the late Forbes, much loved mum of Angus, Audrey and Robert, devoted grandmother of Ellen, Ewan, Kirsty and Victoria.

Funeral service, to which all friends are respectfully invited, at Roucan Loch Crematorium, by Dumfries, on Friday, October 4, 2019, at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Parkinson's UK, on retiral from service.

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**GALBRAITH** - Senga would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following the sad loss of Margaret (Pearly). Special thanks to Campbeltown Hospital, Dr Elder and Carr Gomm carers for their care, to Rev William Crossan for a comforting service, to T A Blair for their efficient services, and to all paid their respects at church and graveside.

**MACQUARRIE** - Marjorie and Donna extend their deepest thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy and comfort received following the recent sad loss of Donnie. Thanks to Mrs Margaret Sinclair for the comforting services at Inveraray Church and Cardross Crematorium and to the organist and good friend, Mrs Ethel MacCallum, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, and to all the nursing staff at Mid Argyll Hospital for the love and care Donnie received there. Finally, thank you to all who attended to pay their last respects, and the retiral collection raised £830, to be shared between Erskine Hospital and Cancer Research.

**MACTAGGART** - Following the death of John Norman Mactaggart, Helen, Claire and Alice extend their thanks to everyone for their expressions of sympathy and their presence at Cardross Crematorium, where the funeral was conducted by Ellen Gibson and directed by T A Blair Ltd, Campbeltown.

**MEENAN** - Jamie, Margaret and all the family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy received on the sad loss of Denis. Special thanks to Maggie Wilkinson and the community nurses for all their help and support. Thanks to Kenneth Blair for his professional services and kindness, the Ardshiel Hotel for the purvey and David McEwan for providing the music. Thanks to Fr Tony Wood for a beautiful Mass, which was a fitting tribute to a much loved and respected gentleman. Many thanks also to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAM

**MACAULAY** - In loving memory of our dear mother and granny, Marie, died September 29, 2016. You walk beside us every day. Still loved, still missed, always near. Forever in our hearts. - Love, Julie and Chloe.

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- Lily and family.

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## Weather won't play fair for men

### GOLF

The weather once again played havoc with the scores in Dunaverty Golf Club's September medal.

Strong winds, for most of the players, deflected several balls into the severe rough and out of bounds and pushed scores upwards.

Robert Shaw, one of the first out in the morning ballot, had an excellent round to finish on a net 63 from Ken MacMillan on net 69.

The wind continued in the afternoon but didn't deter John Docherty from the best scratch score of the day. He recorded 72 to give him a net 61 and pushed Robert into second place.

Result: 1 John Docherty, 72-11=61; 2 Robert Shaw, 79-16=63; 3 Ken MacMillan 86-17=69; 4 Ross Sinclair 78-4=74(bih); 5 Alex Arkle 88-14=74; 6 Alex Roxburgh 93-18=75(bih).

## McKinven and Colville better ball

### GOLF

The McKinven and Colville two-ball better ball open was held in August and 42 pairs took to the fairways of Machrihanish Golf Club to play for the prizes.

The winners were Iain Brown and Chris Jewell with a score of 10 under par 60. They took the prize by four shots from Robert and David MacNaughton in second place on six under par 64. Trevor Wignall and George MacMillan were third with 65.

Linda Wallace and Jennifer Gilchrist won the ladies' competition with a terrific score of 70, winning by seven shots from the now married Armour sisters, Lindsay Irwin and Lorna Ralston.

## Dunaverty lotto results

### GOLF

The draw for Dunaverty Golf Club's three-number lotto took place on Sunday.

The winning numbers were 3, 10 and 13 and there were no winners.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £400, will be on October 6. Tickets are available from committee members, the club steward, Muneroy Tearoom and the Burnside bar.

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# Pupils to the four in opening league win

Campbeltown Pupils	4
Glynhill Moorcroft	0

SAFL Premier Division One

Campbeltown Pupils made a stunning start to their 2019/20 league campaign with a four-goal victory over Glynhill Moorcroft.

Determined to pick up three points in front of an expectant Kintyre Park crowd, the McFadyens-sponsored Pupils produced a disciplined performance to run out convincing winners.

The Pupils had a chance to score within the opening minute when Scott Souden played in Donald McCallum, but the visiting keeper came to the rescue and made a strong save.

The Pupils' early pressure told again when young winger Ross Brown advanced towards goal, only to square the ball to Gregor McFadyen, but the lone striker found himself ahead of the ball and could only hook a shot wide of the target.

There was another chance for Donald McCallum but he saw a tremendous curling effort from 25 yards bounce back off the crossbar, and Brown's header on the rebound couldn't find the net – but he did appear to be barged in trying to jump



for the ball. McCallum would not be denied, though, and, after half an hour, he latched on to Brown's neat infield pass to slot the ball under the sprawling keeper with his left foot.

The goal was the release the Pupils needed, but a moment of hesitation in defence only minutes later nearly cost a goal, when Glynhill's number nine produced a fine header which looked to have crossed the line, but young Pupils keeper Alasdair Ferguson – who, along with his centre-half screen of Lee Allen and Ross Souden, enjoyed an excellent game – managed to clamber it back to safety, and play continued.

Scott Souden completed the Pupils' scoring. 20\_c39pupils04

Into the second half, the Pupils were almost in again within the first minute of play, with Brown's effort denied by a last-ditch tackle by a Glynhill defender.

Then, after Stuart Crossan and Donald McCallum both saw almost identical efforts flash wide of goal from a tight angle, the Pupils doubled their lead when Crossan's floating free-kick was guided back across goal by right-back John McCallum's header, for Gregor McFadyen to score his second in three games on his return to action, with a perfectly executed left-footed volley that gave the away keeper no chance.

Introduced with only 20 minutes remaining, Marcin Radecki wasted little time in making an impact on his Kintyre Park debut. Assisted by Scott Souden's low cross from the left flank, the substitute striker guided a delightful flick into the net beyond the Glynhill keeper.

Taking on the role of target-man with gusto, Radecki played a big part in the Feathers-sponsored Pupils' fourth goal, when he held off a defender down the right wing and crossed to substitute Calum McKillop, whose back-heel flick found Souden at the penalty spot,

and the 20-year-old winger, making the journey home from Edinburgh for a game, passed the ball into the net with ease to complete the scoring.

The game became a procession in the closing minutes with man-of-the-match Crossan, the midfield linchpin alongside the impressive Liam Renton, orchestrating some controlled possession football, but there was some trouble on 82 minutes when a malicious foul on ex-Dumbarton man D McCallum sparked into a melee with players from both sides involved. It resulted in a second booking for Kenny Kerr, a yellow for J McCallum, and a red card for the original Glynhill culprit, as well as yellow for the visiting keeper from referee Jimmy Litster, after charging from his own goalmouth to become involved.

Undeterred, the Pupils settled back down to a richly deserved victory, achieved through a disciplined and determined performance.

The Kintyre Park side will now enjoy a free week, with a return to action scheduled for Saturday October 5, opponent to be confirmed.

For fixture updates, and to see second-half action and goals from last Saturday's match, see Campbeltown Football on Facebook, or @PupilsAFC on Twitter.

## Dramatic final minute sees young Pupils take points

Ashfield Juniors	2
Campbeltown Pupils Youth	3

GDYFL Division A – U15s

With a dramatic finish to the game, the Pupils Youth Under 15s returned to Kintyre with all three points after a tight encounter against Ashfield Juniors in Glasgow on Sunday.

This was the first time the sides had met and the Pupils knew they would be in for another tough test on the road playing against a side which won the GADYFL B Division last season.

The visitors showed no signs of their early journey to the north end of Glasgow as they started brightly and enjoyed the majority of possession early in the game. However, it was the home side that took the lead on the 22nd minute when Ashfield's centre forward cut in from the left before sending an unstoppable shot into the top corner.

A test of character was required from the boys as they fell behind and, with five minutes of the half remaining, they were rewarded after a corner dropped to Stuart Phillips in the box. The young forward



The Pupils U15s enjoying a trip to Ibrox after the match.

adjusted his feet quickly to send a beautiful curling shot past everyone to make it 1-1.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, the Pupils took the lead. New signing Raphael MacLachlan, playing in only his second appearance for the 2005s, sent in a delightful whipped corner that brushed off the Ashfield centre-half into the goal to

make it 2-1. The Clachan youngster can be proud of his impact on the game and is already proving to be a valuable addition to the team.

As the Pupils pressed for their third of the game, a long ball evaded the defence to allow the Ashfield number seven in again to equalise with 15 minutes remaining.

As the game drew to a close,

it looked like both sides would share the points until a dramatic final minute. A long clearance by Ashfield was misjudged by the Pupils defence to allow Ashfield's player in with a chance of his hat-trick but the youngster scuffed his shot into thankful hands of Pupils goal-keeper Lorne Paterson.

Knowing it was the final minute, Paterson tried to kick the ball up the field as quickly as possible only for it to cannon off the back of Euan O'May's head.

It landed back in Paterson's hands and he quickly dispersed the ball, long up the field where the ball bounced high over everyone, only for Calum Ellis to nip in front of the Ashfield centre-half, run in on goal, calmly round the advancing goal-keeper and stroke the ball home to make it 3-2 to the Ardshield Hotel-sponsored side – much to the delight of his fellow team-mates and coaches.

It was the latest for Ellis, who has now scored seven goals in the Under 15s' opening four games.

This weekend the team will enjoy a free fixture before playing at home to Glasgow Boys Club on Sunday October 6.



The winning team, from left: Tom Millar, Michael MacKinlay, Robert Borthwick and Darren McGillivray.

## McFadyen's AmAm – a tremendous day of golf

### GOLF

A total of 23 teams took to the fairways of Machrihanish Golf Club for the annual September AmAm. The competition involves teams of four playing better ball golf with the best two scores at each hole counting.

It was one of sponsor McFadyen Contractors Ltd's own teams that won the trophy with a tremendous score of 124 – a mighty 16 under par. Tom Millar led the team – remarkably the second time that Tom has lifted a prestigious AmAm trophy at Machrihanish, having won previously the May AmAm with a different side. He was ably complemented by Robert Borthwick, young Michael MacKinlay and Darren McGillivray.

They won by four clear shots from runners-up the Stewart brothers,

Nigel and Kenny, with David Sinclair and James Todd Jr with an excellent score of 128, 12 under par.

In third and fourth places tied on 129, just a shot further back, was the captain's team of Willie Ross, Cameron McGeachy, Ranald Watson and Graham MacMillan, and the team of John Ramsay, Roy McKinven, Calum MacLean and R Paterson.

In fifth place, completing the prizes was the team of Allan Rattray, Keith Crawford, Robert MacNaughton and David MacNaughton on 10 under par 130.

The club would like to thank the sponsors McFadyens Contractors Ltd for a tremendous day, Campbeltown Bowling Club for hosting the prize-giving and Jennie Dunn for setting the teams off in such good spirit.

## Weather favours the ladies

### GOLF

A golf course in fabulous condition and a beautiful warm sunny, if a bit windy, day created the near perfect arena for the Dunaverty Golf Club Ladies' autumn meeting.

Thirteen ladies competed for the prize of a voucher and a celebratory bottle, all donated by the lady captain, Lindsay Garrett.

The strong wind prevailed for both the morning and afternoon players with some coping better than others. Leader after the morning session was Katharine Hardman with four par scores on her card to score 70 net.

The in-form Mary Wilson played a very steady round being the only player carding a score in the 60s and



Ladies' vice-captain Eleanor Hawkins presenting the prizes to Mary Wilson.

taking the lead from Katharine with a net 68. Result: 1 Mary Wilson, 6-28 = 68; 2 Katharine Hardman, net 70; 3 Joan McInnes, 71 net.

Lowest scratch score was 82 by Ailie MacBrayne.

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# End of an era for the Beinn Ghuilean bikers?

By Simon Freeman

A squad of mountain bikers gathered on Beinn Ghuilean on Saturday after finding out that access to the hill will be restricted while urgent tree-felling takes place to tackle a disease mainly affecting larch trees.

The plan for 'Big Saturday' was to meet early and bring lunch – that way we could ride as many tracks as we could and give our network the best possible send-off.

Naturally, we started at the bench, riding the Freeride before climbing back up to drop into the shorter but more fearsome Chute Chute the Runner. A big trudge back to the viewpoint meant we needed a break before riding off the front of the hill down into the trees and across Berta's Pipes.

The biggest push of the day followed, from Crosshill Loch all the way up past the bench into the trees near the summit for the start of the hill's most fearsome and best hidden trail, Suicide Slide. This monster features an extended, locked-up slide and a series of viciously steep and heavily sculpted catch berms before exiting onto the very end of the track that leads down from the bench, from where riders can choose to either stop for breath or press on to link into lower tracks such as Hoots Roots or Green Cross Code.

We chose the latter option on this occasion, clattering

down it all the way to the bottom path. Suicide Slide into Green Cross Code is as difficult to ride well as anything we have encountered on this year's Enduro circuit – it really is a full three-minute examination of every ounce of our skills and training and it has definitely stood us in good stead on our travels.

Everybody who rode it on Saturday made a complete hash of it, so it was an easy decision to push all the way back up for a rematch. This time we linked Suicide Slide into Hoots Roots.

After an extended lunch, we moved over to the upper east side, where there are four tracks that start at or near the highest point on the red trail. The Bobsleigh is the oldest of these – a steep-sided roller-coaster that twists one way and then the other, holding you in and tempting you to ride faster than you should into its final, rocky channel.

Helter Schmelter stays on the red trail for longer, cutting down to the right over the burn just before what used to be a horrible pinch point where riders would in the past regularly meet unsuspecting trail users coming round the corner the other way. Regular downpours have washed this track right down to the bedrock and base roots, which makes it brilliantly entertaining and incredibly difficult to ride without it ever getting overly-steep.

6p and The Sergeant Major



Young and old ... just part of a huge squad that came out to ride on 'Big Saturday'.

complete the quartet and provide similarly intense challenges despite having been honed by different builders.

David Muirhead joined us for the afternoon session and, after negotiating all of these east side tracks, he insisted

that he was going to ride Chute Chute the Runner regardless of how tired we were, and, of course, we couldn't let him go on his own.

After an inch-perfect bonus slide down this favourite, we still had to ride back to the

top of the red trail to collect our bags, from where we drifted back down Sergeant Major and collapsed in an exhausted heap at the bottom. One more run? Nah, 11 laps and 4,960 feet of climbing was quite enough for one day!

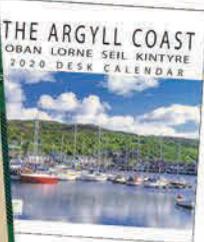
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