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£488,000 boost for Kintyre spaceport development

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Plans for a Kintyre spaceport have taken a giant step forward after Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) was awarded almost half a million pounds from the UK Space Agency.

Chris Skidmore, UK Minister for Science, announced a package of £488,000 for MACC, which owns the former RAF base, funding which will be used to explore horizontal spaceport development services from the site using UK-based space technology companies.

The project will be led by MACC with consultancy support from UK Launch Services Limited and Grey Consultants Ltd, industry support from TAO Tech UK Ltd, specialists in high altitude platforms and pseudo-satellites (HAPs), and Reaction Engines Limited, the UK's foremost developer of hypersonic engines and one of the UK's 1000 Companies to Inspire Britain.

A MACC spokesperson

said: 'We are delighted to have received this funding from the UK Space Agency to develop our spaceport plans. The team we have will bring a huge wealth of experience and technical expertise to the project to allow us to develop a robust, sustainable and deliverable plan for the establishment of spaceport-related activities on site.'

UK Launch Services Limited will advise on market and flight safety requirements for the rapidly growing commercial space flight sector. Grey Consultants will provide a detailed facility review for the site's infrastructure, the environmental and sustainability analysis of any potential development on the site, and importantly a community engagement plan. TAO Tech UK Ltd is an experienced HAPs manufacturer and operator which will work on establishing complementary range services utilising their existing technology as well as developing a concept for HAP launch of micro-satellites.

Reaction Engines Limited,

a leading contender for the next generation of hypersonic flight and space access vehicles, will assist MACC to explore the feasibility of using the Campbeltown site for future Synergetic Air-Breathing Rocket Engine (SABRE) technology flight test operations. The study will also assess the potential for down-range landing support operations to future operational SABRE vehicles.

The project will run until the end of March 2020 - long-term, the project's aim is to encourage the development of a spaceport cluster centred on an aerodrome which has the longest runway in Scotland.

Mr Skidmore MP said: 'The incredible strength of the UK space industry and the contribution it makes to life across the country is inspiring. There are huge opportunities as space becomes more commercial, and to meet them we must harness the inspirational effect space has on young people and bring even more people into this fast-growing sector.'

Raising a cup at Castlehill



Castlehill Primary School charitable students joined in with Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning last Friday. Pupils from the school's P2, P3 and P4 classes organised and ran the event which featured home-baking and bric-a-brac stalls and a cafe serving juice and biscuits. Mrs Hurd is pictured here with her P4 class who all helped with the event. For the full story, turn to pages 14 and 15.

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A 41-year-old driver was stopped for allegedly exceeding the speed limit on Thursday evening last week on the A83 at Bellochantuy. He was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Police are investigating two incidents of cars being vandalised in Tarbert; it is not known if the two are linked. The first happened between Thursday September 19 and Wednesday September 25, outside a property on School Road, Tarbert, when a black Seat Leon was damaged by having body work scratched. Then, between the evenings of Saturday September 21 and Monday September 23, a white Ford Fiesta also had its body work scratched outside a property in Kingsway.

Two drivers, a woman aged 19, and a youth aged 17, were charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal following two incidents of driving at excessive speed and in a careless manner on Islay. These happened on Friday night and early on Sunday morning respectively, both on Main Street, Bowmore.

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

Pupils hold second protest over climate

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A small but passionate group of Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS) students held their second of two protests as part of the Global Climate Strike last Friday.

The group took time off school and stood in the town centre to raise awareness of the issues surrounding climate change. They held signs and placards reading: 'There is no planet B,' 'School strike for climate,' and 'Save our planet.'

Many students across Argyll and Bute, including some of those who participated in last Friday's strike, took part in a similar school walk-out the week before, on Friday September 20.

Sixteen-year-old Tristan Holmes, the main organiser of the CGS pupils' protests, told the Courier that the Global Climate Strike was a week-long event, from September 20 to 27, so they decided to hold protests both at the start and end of



the week. Tristan said they had met with opposition from the school's head teacher, but he added: 'We would argue that it is our individual right to strike. We want to raise awareness - it's not like we're skiving, we're doing it for a good cause.'

He added: 'We're passionate about the climate. We need to raise awareness, not just among children,

and call for the government to take action, because we really aren't doing enough. People are already dying from this.'

The pupils said they received lots of support from passers-by, and were even given free hot chocolate - in reusable cups - from nearby café Tea on the Quay.

All the youngsters who spoke

The protesters took to the streets last Friday. 50_c40climate01

to the Courier said they had their parents' permission to take part but one later admitted they had not officially told the school about their plan to strike and, as such, could understand the schools concerns.

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Pupils who attended the global climate change strike on September 20 were given authorised absence, provided parents informed the school of their absence.'

'The following week, however, a group of pupils decided to hold their own impromptu strike without informing the head teacher. While we are proud to see pupils participating in the global movement to tackle climate change, we have a duty of care and could not support unofficial action where groups of pupils fail to attend school without our prior knowledge and/or permission of parents.'



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Thu, 3 Oct 2019	08:54	05:54	11:24			
Fri, 4 Oct 2019	09:40	06:40	12:10			
Sat, 5 Oct 2019	10:33	07:33	13:03			
Sun, 6 Oct 2019	11:46	08:46	14:16			
Mon, 7 Oct 2019				13:24	10:24	15:54
Tue, 8 Oct 2019				14:35	11:35	17:05
Wed, 9 Oct 2019				15:32	12:32	18:02
Thu, 10 Oct 2019				16:19	13:19	18:49
Fri, 11 Oct 2019				16:59	13:59	19:29
Sat, 12 Oct 2019				17:33	14:33	20:03
Sun, 13 Oct 2019				18:03	15:03	20:33
Mon, 14 Oct 2019				18:28	15:28	20:58
Tue, 15 Oct 2019	06:50	03:50	09:20	18:55	15:55	21:25
Wed, 16 Oct 2019	07:17	04:17	09:47	19:27	16:27	21:57
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Sun, 27 Oct 2019				16:27	13:27	18:57
Mon, 28 Oct 2019				17:09	14:09	19:39
Tue, 29 Oct 2019				17:50	14:50	20:20
Wed, 30 Oct 2019				18:32	15:32	21:02
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Staff at the official re-opening, from left: Jessie-May Dewar, Michelle MacMillan, KSPB member Shanna Brown who cut the ribbon, Mhairi Craig, Caitlyn Spree, Tracey Muscroft and Marie Mckerral.

Chase on the case at TOFS reopening

Chase from Paw Patrol was the star of The Original Factory Shop's grand reopening last Saturday following a refurbishment, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Cartoon

A life-size version of the children's television cartoon dog greeted shoppers young and old as they visited the new-look Campbeltown branch of the discount department store for the first time in almost a month.

A group from Kintyre Schools Pipe Band performed twice on the day, and member Shanna Brown had the honour of cutting the ribbon to officially reopen the renovated store.

There was face painting to keep the little ones entertained while mums, dads and



Chase met many families on Saturday, including Alan Goddard and his children Elle and Louie.

other adults browsed a range of opening day offers.

Photographs by Danielle Christine Photography.

Walker is 'devastated' by poor state of Kintyre Way

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A man who carried his best friend's ashes as he walked a section of the Kintyre Way in 2016 to fulfill a deathbed promise has told the Courier he is 'devastated' to discover the route in a state of disrepair.

John Ramage promised his childhood best friend Brian Burns that he would carry him the rest of the way after they failed to complete the newest section of the 100-mile route before Brian became unwell and eventually died from cancer in February 2016. In April that year, John fulfilled his promise, completing the route to Southend and the Mull of Kintyre.

John said: 'This was Brian's favourite walk - he did lots, including the West Highland Way, but he loved this one.



He loved the sea, and the islands and the diversity. It's tremendous.'

John returns to walk the Kintyre Way every year around the anniversary of Brian's death as he believes it keeps his friend's memory alive, but during his most recent visit, in September,

he was shocked to discover overgrown paths, decayed way-markers and collapsed bridges.

He took his brother with him, to show him the route, which is also one of John's favourite walks.

He said: 'We ended up walking on the road to get

John Ramage walked a section of the Kintyre Way in 2016 carrying his best friend's ashes.

away from the nettles and briars at Tayinloan. It's dangerous because that's a fast bit of road. I was telling him there used to be a path in places but we couldn't see one because it was so overgrown.

'It means so much to me because of my mate and I'll be up again next year, but it puts you off.'

John, who runs a walking club in Scotstoun, believes the route needs to be better promoted and supported by the local community.

'Walkers can stay in Carradale or Clachan, for example, so hotels should support the Kintyre Way,' he said. 'It opens up the islands like Gigha and Arran as well.

If the walk is not maintained, people won't do it, and that's a lost opportunity.'

The company which formerly administered the Kintyre Way, The Long and Winding Way Ltd, closed down in 2016 due to financial difficulties.

Alan Milstead, convener of the Kintyre Way, the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation which now maintains the route, told the Courier he sympathised with John. He said that one of the reasons for the route's decline was 'poor buy-in'.

He added: 'Another major issue is that the website URL was in the care and control of one of the creators and he has refused to relinquish it, so we've lost the established website. However, we have been working on a new website - now active at www.thekintyreway.com - and we

are looking to incorporate a problem reporting system.

'We've had good support from Scottish Natural Heritage, Forestry and Land Scotland and another few charities but we were turned down by two local funds and we just haven't been able to maintain the upkeep as a result.

'Looking forward, however, we remain positive about the future of the Kintyre Way.'

Alan added that anyone who wishes to help or support the Kintyre Way can email thekintyreway@gmail.com to find out more.

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Karen Penny enjoying a well-earned rest at the bench on Westport beach.

Walker Karen made Alzheimer 'Champion'

Karen Penny, who featured in last week's Courier as she passed through Kintyre during a 20,000-mile walk around the British and Irish coastlines, has been made a 'Champion' of Alzheimer's Research UK.

The prestigious accolade recognises her 'incredible fundraising and tireless dedication raising awareness of dementia', as well as her 'exceptional commitment' in an undertaking that will see her walk continuously around the coast for an estimated three years, a feat never before undertaken by a woman.

Karen said: 'I am delighted to have been named as an Alzheimer's Research UK Champion in recognition

of my support for the charity. Dementia has had a profound impact upon my family. During the past 10 years we have lost two very dear family members to vascular dementia and Alzheimer's disease, so I am passionate about the need for life-changing research.

'Everywhere I go on my walk around the UK and Ireland, I speak with people whose own families have been affected by these diseases. Their stories, and the determination to raise funds for research, are keeping me going on my journey.'

Karen joins a group of around 50 people who have been made Champions in recent years in recognition of their efforts in both

fundraising and raising awareness on behalf of Alzheimer's Research UK.

Hilary Evans, chief executive of Alzheimer's Research UK, said: 'Karen has taken on an impressive challenge, both in terms of the distance she is covering and the staggering amount of money she is raising. She is also raising awareness about dementia, the importance of research and of the work we do at Alzheimer's Research UK wherever she goes.

'We appreciate all she is doing for us and therefore we would like to thank her by inviting her to become one of our Champions.'

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Kintyre's Super Cooper is on track to get new wheels

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The parents of a seven-year-old 'cerebral palsy warrior' have expressed their heartfelt thanks after £10,000 was raised in less than a week to buy their son two sets of bespoke wheels.

Cooper Scally, known as Super Cooper, was born 14 weeks prematurely, on May 14, 2012, weighing just 1lb 12oz. He spent the first 16 months of his life in hospital in Glasgow and has endured eight major operations, 18 blood transfusions and a resuscitation in his short life.

Despite all the odds, Cooper thrives today but he cannot walk, talk or eat independently, and is fed via a gastrostomy tube in his stomach.

At the moment, he uses a 'run-of-the-mill' NHS-

funded wheelchair but, determined to give him the freedom to move independently, Cooper's parents, Zoey and Greg, set up a JustGiving page in September hoping to raise £10,000 to pay for a new lightweight wheelchair and a disability trike, both custom-made.

'I would like to thank each and every person who has donated. We are so grateful'

Zoey explained the difference the CLEO wheelchair by Hoggi will make to Cooper's life, saying: 'Having this state-of-the-art wheelchair will mean that Cooper has the ability to self-propel as this is designed specifically for that reason.

'Its lightweight design will



Left, mum and dad, Greg and Zoey, with Super Cooper; and above, today Cooper is a thriving seven-year-old.

also make our lives so much easier as we have to lift his equipment in and out of

the car, as well as him, and eventually that takes its toll on you.'

She explained that an added off-road adaptation to the wheelchair order will enable them to travel over rough terrain without Cooper being uncomfortable.

'This is incredible for us as we can take the dogs to places like Lussa Loch as a family,' Zoey said. 'And having the Tomcat Trike will significantly increase Cooper's quality of life as it will give him access to therapeutic cycling which is incredible for his diagnosis.

'There is also a social aspect as the trike will do Cooper for years to come so he can use it to participate in things like cycling proficiency.'

Zoey told the Courier that she 'burst into tears' when she realised they had surpassed their £10,000 goal after less than a week, thanks in part to comedian Jason Manford and his 'charity ninjas'.

Zoey explained that the comedian chooses a 'worthy cause' to which he challenges his fans to donate small

amounts of money overnight, so that the fundraisers wake up with considerably more money than the night before. All the donations are anonymous, signed off simply as being from a 'charity ninja'.

Although the charity ninjas were responsible for about £8,000 of the money received, 'restoring Zoey's faith in humanity', she cannot thank the people of Kintyre enough for all they have done.

She said: 'Greg and I would just like to thank each and every person who has donated. We are so incredibly grateful and we will never forget the immense kindness shown to us by the people in the Wee Toon.'

Not anticipating raising the money so quickly, there are still some outstanding fundraising events planned - Cooper's friend since nursery, Nina Woods, and six of her friends were set to complete a two-mile relay swim at Aqualibrium on Wednesday; Greg and five of his friends are walking the West Highland Way in

March; and Cooper's cousin Graham, who is also seven, and his dad are planning to cycle from Campbeltown to Machrihanish and back on October 13.

Zoey said that the extra money means the family can tick two more items off the 'Cooper wish-list'. One is a 'safety sleeper' - costing almost £3,000 - which is a safe space in which Cooper can sleep when he is away from home and his hospital-profiling bed which has bumpers to prevent him from rolling off the bed and injuring himself during the night.

Zoey added: 'We're also looking at getting the Freeloader Child Carrier [costing about £300] which will enable Greg to carry Cooper on his back for a few years yet, allowing him to fulfill his dream of taking Cooper to the top of Bengullion.

'The money that has been raised over our total will by no means be going to waste. I literally wish I could thank everyone who has donated in person and give each of them a massive hug.'

As well as enhancing his quality of life, Cooper's new wheels might come in handy for one of his future roles - page boy at his parents' wedding. Zoey, 26, and Greg, 27, are set to tie the knot in September 2020 and it is hoped that Super Cooper will be able to self-propel his new wheelchair down the aisle.

Cooper, left, was born weighing just 1lb 12oz.

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No experience

She said: 'Starting out with no experience was a daunting prospect but I found learning on the job was the best way to find my feet.'

'While working part-time in the office every week, I spent two days a week at college in Glasgow undertaking my NCTJ training to gain the relevant qualifications for my role, which the company paid for.'



Courier reporter Hannah O'Hanlon met some potential future journalists during a school visit to the office in 2017.

'This allowed me to put into practice straight away the many things I learned, and my experience in the work place definitely gave me a head-start at college. It was the perfect way to get into a competitive industry.' As well as the chance to learn,

being a reporter opened up many other opportunities for Hannah.

Handful

She continued: 'So far, I have had behind-the-scenes access to the renovations at Campbeltown Picture House, the building of the

new Campbeltown Grammar School, and I was one of a handful of people at the exclusive launch of a 25-year-old Glen Scotia whisky.'

'I have also met MPs and MSPs, as well as television presenters and other well-known people. But some

of the best moments of my career have come from time spent with members of the community.'

'My job allows me to join in with some of the most intimate moments of people's lives – big birthdays, anniversaries and new babies, to name a few. This is the third year that I have photographed primary one pupils at Kintyre's schools and it is lovely watching those little people grow.'

Hannah says her role has also broadened her personal opinions.

'My job has taken me to many events which I wouldn't have chosen to go to personally, but which I thoroughly enjoyed,' she said. 'Being a reporter really is an enriching experience.'

Hannah has made many friends through her work, both people she has interviewed and colleagues.

'Interviewees, people I met at college and many of my colleagues have all become firm friends,' she said. 'Wyvex Media, the company which

owns the Campbeltown Courier, owns several other titles and has offices across Scotland, so although the team in Campbeltown is small, we are supported by a much bigger network of people across the company.'

Hannah is keen to stress that no experience is necessary to take on the apprenticeship.

Experience

'Three years ago I had never written a word for any publication or had any professional photography experience,' she said, 'but now I am the main reporter responsible for putting the Courier together each week.'

'All you need is an interest in writing and photography, and a willingness to learn.'

If you are interested in joining the Campbeltown Courier team as an apprentice, send your CV, along with a covering letter on why you are interested and what you could bring to the team, to Group Editor Susan Windram by emailing: swindram@obantimes.co.uk

Campbeltown's Black Sheep pub named south-west's best

The Black Sheep pub has been named the south-west pub of the year at the inaugural Scottish Bar and Brew Awards.

The Black Sheep, which is part of the Royal Hotel and wider Machrihanish Dunes complex, was up against nine other pubs in its category, many of them based in and around Glasgow.

Around 150 representatives from the top bars in Scotland attended the awards ceremony at the Marriott Hotel in Glasgow on Monday evening where the winners were announced.

The awards aim to showcase bars that performed well over the past year and are considered the best by the public, as well as celebrating top establishments that strive to be different. They commend those who serve unique drinks, blended with secret recipes and ingredients as well as bars that offer fantastic atmosphere due to their sophisticated ambience.

A spokesperson for the Black Sheep told the Courier: 'Everyone at Machrihanish Dunes would like to thank



The Black Sheep, part of the Royal Hotel, has been named the best pub in the south-west.

all the locals and visitors who voted for the Black Sheep pub to win this fantastic award. The Black Sheep is an amazing pub and we are very proud to receive this recognition.'

Irfan Younis, chief executive officer of Creative Oceanic said: 'This industry has grown massively over the past years and we aimed to reward those who have managed to make a real difference by providing fantastic drinks and great hospitality.'

'The winners are an outstanding example of excellence whose dedication to be the best has made them stand out among the rest.'

'We would like to congratulate all finalists and winners for their amazing achievements.'

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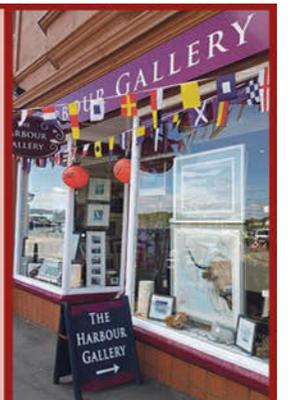
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Fresh faces on the street

Campbeltown was bustling last weekend with the official reopening of The Original Factory Shop the day after Fresh Connection launched in its new Main Street location.

While people may miss having a traditional newsagent in the town centre, Fresh Connection has brought a bright new look to the street – and more products, too – as well as a city centre-type window coffee bar. Look out for more on this in next week's Courier.

It is fantastic to see vacant shops immediately becoming occupied – there are exciting plans for Fresh Connection's former Longrow South premises too. It is set to become Hall's of Campbeltown, selling fine wine, craft beer and craft spirits, and it will be the official retail outlet for Beinn an Tuirc Distillers.

The growth in the number of independent retailers selling local produce in Campbeltown is welcome.

And it is good news, too, that the plans for a spaceport at Machrihanish Airbase Community Company's business park have received a boost. Maybe extraterrestrial visitors will be frequenting Campbeltown's shops in the future!

Kilchousland Cemetery upkeep

I tried to visit my great-grandfather Captain Duncan Martin's war grave at Kilchousland Cemetery on September 20 but entry is impossible due to knee-high brambles.

I first went there in 1946 with my father, and in 1974 with my family. I am 81 now and it would have been nice to see it – maybe for the last time.

Argyll and Bute Council needs to look at this neglect and the Royal British Legion could at least lay a wreath at the gate.

Harold Martin,
Kilmarnock.

The Royal Way to Tarbert Castle

May I, through our local newspapers, draw people's attention to a matter of considerable importance and urgency.

I refer to a threat to the ancient right of way that follows the route of least gradient from Tarbert Harbour to Tarbert Castle. The old people called this route 'The Royal Way'.

It runs through Kings Way, where Bruce's Brig crossed Black's Burn, past Tarbert Academy, through Baluachrach to approach the western walls of Tarbert Castle.

Why it was given its name is obvious and, though not documented, it is likely that Kenneth MacAlpine himself traveled it.

This is an invaluable cultural asset both locally and nationally but its continued existence is now under threat from a planning application which, if granted, will close a short section of The Royal Way to the public.

The planning application was advertised in this newspaper on September 20, 2019, under the case reference 19/01854/PP (retrospective) but it appears, from the representation made on it to date, to have attracted little local attention.

Local authorities have a duty under section 13 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 to 'assert, protect and keep open and free from obstruction' rights of way but inexplicably our council has never included The Royal Way in its Register of Core Paths thus leaving it vulnerable to threats of closure.

However, if enough people, including the many who have walked The Royal Way and particularly the stretch between the Tarbert Academy area and Tarbert Castle, are prepared to demand its protection and, if able, to give testimony that they did walk it 'openly and peaceably' – even if only once in their lives – The Royal Way's future can be secured.

People should also bear in mind that the threatened section of The Royal Way is shown on Ordnance Survey Maps, title deeds plans, planning application plans and Land Registry plans. It is shown clearly on the ground as a very short length of the easiest route of access to Tarbert Castle and its grounds for those with mobility problems and the safest route for Tarbert Academy children pursuing educational projects.

I would urge everyone who has an interest in Tarbert's history – and Scotland's – and who is concerned about the protection of our cultural heritage to look at the planning application and the representation already made on it and to consider if they too should have their say.

Arthur McFarlane,
Mount Pleasant,
Tarbert.

Response to Redman and Reid

In recent months I have largely ignored the almost-weekly missives from Councillor Alastair Redman, Conservative and Unionist, on your letters page, my ire being fully occupied by his grown-up, yet still childish, compatriots at Westminster and their 'clusterbourach' of Brexit.

However, never one to miss a passing bandwagon, this week he's crowing about the Scottish Government scrapping the so-called 'named person scheme'.

The scrapping, he claims, is due to 'years of pressure from campaigners, families and the Scottish Conservatives'.

He fails to mention who the campaigners were – a coalition of hard-core Christian groups who believe they have an inalienable right to raise children in their own image without interference.

They lost their case in two Scottish Courts and only won in the Supreme Court on the

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aspects of the scheme relating to the sharing of information which would breach European privacy laws.

The Supreme Court concluded that the Scheme was 'unquestionably legitimate and benign'.

Ironic is it not that it was European law that it breached?

Redman refers to the 'hated' Act, ignoring that it was supported by a majority of the public and organisations such as Barnados.

He also conveniently ignores the fact that his own party did not oppose the original legislation – they abstained, so had not, in fact, been campaigning against it for years; only since they spotted the chance of an 'SNP-BAD' story.

Reading on, and what a delight, a letter from Alan Reid, once again, apparently, Lib Dem candidate Argyll and Bute.

He, and the supremely uninspiring Jo Swinson, marched for climate change in Glasgow together with the thousands of others.

But, hold, those thousands cannot claim credit for the climate change legislation passed in the Scottish Parliament, that lies with the Lib Dems who proposed an amendment. Of course it does! Ably led by Willie Rennie, who makes Richard Leonard look effective.

I'm so glad Reid is back. Now I have two dedicated self-publicists to aim at.

**Tony Williams,
Angry Old Man,
Muasdale.**

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



September's changeable weather was perfectly captured in this week's photograph of the week, which shows a rainbow over Carradale Harbour.

Photographer Alasdair Bennett, from Waterfoot, said: 'I was grateful to have my phone – a Huawei P20 Pro – with me to get a photo of Carradale Harbour

in the eye of a beautiful rainbow on September 27, before another heavy autumn shower arrived.'

If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk, send it via the Courier's Facebook page or bring it into the Courier office to be copied.

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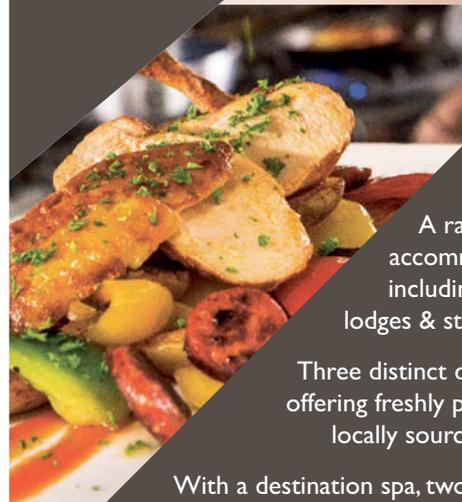


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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday October 2, 2009

Good things come in threes!

If you've recently been disappointed at not being able to book dinner at Dalnaspidal Guest House, Tangy, there are three very good reasons why the restaurant is temporarily closed.

The Lavery triplets are home and mum Lolita and dad David are providing room service round the clock.

Charl, Islay and Skye were born at the Queen Mother's Hospital, Glasgow, on May 29.

When they were born they weighed in at 5lbs 10oz for Charl, 4lbs 10oz for Islay and 4lbs 1oz for Skye.

After a few weeks at home and lots of tender loving care they now weigh in at 14lbs 4oz for Charl, 9lbs for Islay and 10lbs 13oz for Skye.

Lolita said: 'David and I knew we were having twins early on in the pregnancy but only discovered baby number three at the 12-week scan.'

'Although the children totally consume our life, I wouldn't have it any other way as they are a real joy.'

'They are generally very happy good babies but do have their moments and when they all scream at once you wish you had an extra pair of hands - and a pair of ear defenders!'

'Luckily, we have granny here from South Africa to help until the end of November.'

The triplets will be christened at A'Chleith Church on October 25.



Skye, Charl and Islay Lavery.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday October 7, 1994

Swimmers in danger tides drama

Three Irishmen battled some of the most dangerous tides in Europe last weekend to almost halve the record for swimming between

Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The three, all members of Dublin-based Vikings Sub Aqua Club, swam the 14 miles from the Mull of Kintyre lighthouse to the east lighthouse on Rathlin Island in five hours 35 minutes. The previous record, for a crossing between Bangor and Portpatrick, was nine hours and 56 minutes.

Michael Moore, 51, Eddie McGrettingan, 36, and Gearoid Murphy, 34, decided not to publicise the bid until it was over because they were afraid they would not be successful.

As it was, the fierce tides pulled them six miles further south than planned. But the tide turned and pushed them back on course.

They were accompanied by a support boat crewed by Mr John Morton from Ballycastle in Northern Ireland.

He told the Courier: 'The last two miles were the worst because they were going against a counter tide.'

'They were pretty tired by the time they came ashore but they made it.'

The three wore divers' masks, wetsuits and special swimming slippers for the crossing.

They hope the swim will mean a place in the Guinness Book of Records.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday October 2, 1969

Farewell to the Lochfyne

On Tuesday the 38-year-old MacBrayne mailboat Lochfyne made her last run from Greenock to Tarbert and so ended a MacBrayne service which spanned almost a century.

The service has been taken over the Caledonian Steam Packet Company, which, like MacBrayne, is incorporated into the Scottish Transport Group. The paddle steamer Caledonia will make the daily trip until the end of the week. The following week she will be replaced by the Maid of Skelmorlie.

The Lochfyne, built by Denny Brothers, Dumbarton, in 1931, was the first diesel electric coastal passenger ship built for service in Britain.

During the Second World War she operated on the daily Wemyss Bay to Ardrishaig run. A boom across the mouth of the Clyde prevented her from using Gourock Pier. She took up summer and winter sailings on the Clyde after

the termination of her Oban summer sailing service in 1958. She is now on the market for disposal, after narrowly missing a month's reprieve in the shooting of the film, For Whom The Bell Tolls, presently being made on Mull.

Another order for the shipyard

The Campbeltown Shipyard Ltd has secured an order for another ship to be built at its yard at Trench Point, and negotiations are going on with several more inquiries.

The new ship, a 36ft 6in steel survey launch, is to be built for the Manchester Ship Canal Company.

The main engine will be a Thornycroft 360 marine diesel, developing 98 shaft hp at 2,500 rpm, with keel cooling. The ship will have a 2:1 'self changing gears' gear box and the steering gear will be a hydraulically-operated Kitchen reversing rudder.

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday October 4, 1919

Campbeltown fisherman presented with DSM

A most interesting ceremony was carried out in the Town Council Room on Wednesday, when Leading Seaman James Morrans, Corbett's Close, Longrow, was presented with the Distinguished Service Medal, awarded to him for gallantry, in connection with the sinking of a German submarine in the Mediterranean by the trawler on which he was serving, the Sea Sweeper.

There was a large attendance of Town Councillors, and the ceremony was performed by Provost Lothian, who presided.

Captain Benning, DSO, RN, the senior naval officer in the port, was unable to be present, and he was represented by Lieutenant Parkinson, RN.

The Provost said he had been requested by the Admiralty to make this presentation, and he counted it a privilege, an honour and a pleasure to do so. The distinction had been conferred on their fellow-townsmen, James Morrans, 'for services to the country, rendered on 12th June 1917, when he was one of the crew of the trawler Sea Sweeper, which on that date sighted and sank a hostile submarine'.

The award was well merited, and he felt the greatest pride that a townsman should have borne a leading part in that gallant action. On the highest authority they knew that the men who manned the trawlers engaged in mine sweeping and in hunting submarines had helped in no small way to win the war.

It was matter for pardonable pride that on the outbreak of war the fisherman of Campbeltown, young and old, had volunteered for Naval service in dozens, or rather in hundreds.

All through the war there were no seas, no shores, no inlets of the sea which our Navy did not touch and command, and it was not too much to affirm that wherever the British Navy went there were to be found some of our kith and kin.

He had great pleasure in pinning this token of honour and of gallantry on the breast of Seaman Morrans.

Leading Seaman Morrans modestly acknowledged the Provost's kind remarks.

Bailie Campbell said he had the pleasure of knowing Morrans and all his family connections, and he could say that on both sides of the 'house' he was a representative of families who had borne themselves with honour in the war, and rendered gallant and distinguished service to their country.



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MACC on the big screen

This week, the Courier reported that Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) has been awarded almost £500,000 to develop its 'spaceport cluster plan centred on an aerodrome with the longest runway in Scotland'.

Did you know that the runway at the former RAF base featured in a 1985 movie called White Nights?

The film's title refers to the sunlit summer nights of the Russian city Leningrad – now called St Petersburg – which is the setting for the majority of the film.

The drama tells the story of Soviet ballet dancer Nikolai Rodchenko. When his plane makes an emergency landing in Siberia – actually RAF Machrihanish – he is recognised as a defector and brought into custody.

He is returned to Leningrad and reunited with his former love, ageing prima ballerina Galina Ivanova, who is played by Helen Mirren.

Nikolai meets American dancer Raymond Greenwood, who defected to the Soviet Union during the Vietnam War but has secretly grown disenchanted. Together, they plot an escape to the American consulate and freedom.

At the time, it was common for models to be used when filming crash-landings

of expensive aircraft like a Boeing 747, but the crash sequence of a 'British Orient' 747 at the beginning of White Nights used two different full-sized planes. For shots with the plane in the air, a re-badged Aer Lingus Boeing 747 was used. The plane, flown by a stunt pilot, performed a touch-and-go landing at RAF Machrihanish, chosen because of the area's remote location and the length of the runway.

For the shots showing the British Orient on the ground, an older Boeing 707 was purchased from South America and converted to look like a 747.

Early-career

As well as Helen Mirren, the film contains an early-career performance by Maryam d'Abo, who would later star as a Bond girl in James Bond film The Living Daylights.

As well as in the UK, the movie was shot in Finland, Portugal, Austria and the Soviet Union.

Pat Thomas, ex-RAF Machrihanish fire service, recently brought a photo into the Courier office which shows the plane 'crash-landing' at Machrihanish. When he left the base, Mr Thomas was given a copy of the photo, which showed events filmed before he worked there.

'I knew of the movie,' he said, 'but I had no idea those scenes were filmed at Machrihanish.'



A Kintyre under-16 shinty team at Campbeltown Highland Games in 1986.

Kintyre youth shinty

This photograph was handed into the office of our sister paper, the Argyllshire Advertiser, after being discovered by Lochgilphead's Ian MacPhee while helping to clear the attic of his friend and fellow shinty stalwart John Crawford from Ardrishaig, who died recently.

John himself, looking very smart, is on the right of the image, which has written on the back: 'Donald Woodrow, left, with his Kintyre under-16 side after having been presented with the Peter English Trophy, awarded by the Shinty Year Book for achievements made under difficult circumstances. The

presentation was made by John Crawford.'

Courier staff recognised one or two of the faces, including football coach David Paterson, and asked him if he could name the rest.

David said: 'It was 1986 at the Campbeltown Highland Games with a shinty tournament on the Meadows. I have a copy of this photo and one of the presentation of the cup by John Crawford too. Great memories indeed!'

The players are, from left to right, back row: Neil McKinnon, Randall Robertson, David Paterson, Craig Allamby, Martin Durance and Mark Wylie. Front row: Alex Wilson, Gavin McLachlan, Jamie O'May, Kevin McCallum and Graeme Lafferty.



A 'British Orient' 747 'crash-landing' at RAF Machrihanish – a scene from 1985 movie White Nights.

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CGS opens its doors to the public



Youngsters enjoyed the school's sensory room.

Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS) opened its doors to the public last Saturday, to show people what the facility has to offer.

The open day, which was also a fundraiser, was organised by a senior administration and IT class. As well as tea, coffee, homebaking, a raffle, a bottle stall and an opportunity to guess the number of sweets in a jar, there was the use of the climbing wall, a treasure hunt, school tours, and a beat-the-goalie competition.

Class teacher Elaine McGeachy told the Courier:

'It was a great event and well supported by the community. It was fantastic to see so many people enjoy our new school and open the invite out to the wider community. We hope to have more of these events.'

'I want to thank everyone in my class who worked very hard and all the CGS staff and other pupils who came along to help and make the day a success - everyone worked so well as a team!'

The event raised £1,301.51 for school funds.

Photographs: Danielle Christine Photography.



From left: Class teacher Elaine McGeachy, with the students who organised the event: Amy McSporrán, Codie McCallum, Ellie McNair, Mary Thomson, Beckie Robertson, Archie McKellar, Liam Stacey, Chloe McPhee, Hannah Ross, Jessica McGown, Becky Shields and Hannah McPhee.



Dougie McEachran presents cheques for £400 each to Leona O'May, left, and Wilma Stevenson, right. 50_c40mceachran01

Dougie's donations boost charities' funds

Retired Campbeltown businessman Dougie McEachran has donated £800 which he received on his 80th birthday to two causes from which he believes many people in Kintyre benefit.

Dougie celebrated his big birthday in September with family and friends and decided to donate half the money he received to the Kintyre fundraising committee for Macmillan Cancer Support, presenting the other half to Leona O'May, who ran the Great Scottish Run 2019 in aid of Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland.

Leona ran last weekend's 10K race in Glasgow in memory of her dad, Malcolm O'May, known as MOM, who died last year after suffering a heart attack.

So far, including Dougie's donation, Leona has more than doubled her £500 target, with her total sitting at more than £1,200 when the Courier went to press.

She said: 'This is a huge boost and it's very much appreciated.'

Wilma Stevenson, chairperson of the Kintyre Macmillan Cancer Support committee, added: 'Thank you very much

to Dougie for this donation, we've been awfully lucky recently.'

If you would like to make a donation to Leona's fund, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/leona-o-may

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Aerial view of Inveraray showing the jail overlooking Loch Fyne

Enjoying doing time

Come and meet the 'inmates' during the October holidays

All members of the staff who work with the public are in costume; historically accurate for the guides and a 'prison uniform' of a striped shirt and long flannel skirt or trousers for the front of house team. They talked about what they like best about their jobs.

History comes to life at Inveraray Jail, a building which has played a major role in the life of Argyll.

The courthouse and jail opened in 1820. Hard to believe today as you see the conditions in which people were imprisoned and the sentences handed down that this was a 'model' prison for its time.

Once closed, this A-listed building, which is so important historically, socially and architecturally, was brought back to life and still provides a valuable service to Argyll for its tourism industry. It is one of the finest year-round, all-weather attractions in Scotland and has won just about every honour it is possible to win in tourist destination awards.

Jock Munro, one of the guides is a retired plumber and heating engineer who worked on the renovation of the building in the 1980s.

'What saved the jail, I believe, is that it was kept wind and water tight.

The police continued to use the cells after the court closed, and so the cells on the ground floor had heating.

'The GPO, which ran post and telephones before they were privatised, used another part as a sorting office, stores and garage. That was back when Hughie Bain and John Stewart were the phone engineers and Malky and Archie were the posties.'

Visitors to the courtroom today see it set out as if the Circuit Court was in session and tour the jail meeting warders and prisoners.

People come from around the world, some to trace their ancestors. This is where Inveraray Jail excels; every story told be it heard in the court room, or recounted by the costume guides is based on true stories. All the court records are available to make this an incredibly authentic experience.

'People are fascinated by the macabre, by 'dark tourism' like the jail and Edinburgh dungeons, or Chernobyl,' said Gavin Dick today's prison governor.



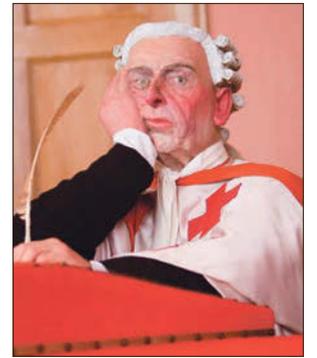
Robert Irons, the chief guide and warder; 'For me it is the old prison, the whole sense of atmosphere you get as you walk in.' He also supervises the paranormal nights where the jail is opened to groups of researchers; he advises on history and covers the health and safety aspects of setting up their equipment within the building. Is it haunted? 'Yes!'



Laura Best is one of the front of house staff who welcomes people to the jail at the reception desk and works in the shop. Her favourite part of the jail is the old prison because of the history. 'In the shop my favourite products are in our Scottish section; I like to buy these as gifts for friends.'



Jock Munro, costume guide: 'My favourite part of the building has to be the indoor exercise yard on the top floor. You can imagine the prisoners gazing out at the sea and hills knowing they were only yards away but they couldn't get to them.' Jock is prisoner 417 and like all prisoners doing time today, the guide's character is based on a true story. 'Donald McVicar was from Lochgoilhead and was sentenced to 25 days for being drunk and disorderly,' said Jock. 'I like to say he was celebrating the harvest festival, the whisky harvest, but the judge didn't see it that way.'



Jude Crawford works as one of the members of the front of house team. 'My favourite part of the jail is the courtroom, I like to sit and listen to the trials.' Her favourite things to sell in the shop are the children's books. 'The Wonky Donkey is a permanent favourite, and so is the picture story book in Scots, The Tale O the Wee Mowdie that wantit tae ken wha keeched on his heid'.



Marion McKinlay, shop manager and **Sam Potts** assistant manager. Marion, left, said: 'What I love about the Jail most is the building; the architecture, the front facade of the building in particular.' Sam said: 'For me it is the old prison, there is something about the building and its atmosphere.'

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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Raising a cup to world's biggest coffee morning



Janet Russell and Anne Thomson were joined at Macmillan Cancer Support's coffee morning by Dorothy Waldron, who was in Campbeltown visiting her aunt and likes to attend coffee mornings.
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Stallholders Sheena Armour and Jean Kirk at the Kirk Street Hall event.
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Castlehill Primary School participated in the 'world's biggest coffee morning' – a Macmillan Cancer Support campaign to host fundraising events across the globe on or around a particular date.

This year that date was last Friday, September 27, and that is when Castlehill's P2, P3 and P4 pupils held their fundraiser. Each class had

its own task – P2 sold bric-a-brac, P3 sold baking and P4 ran a 'cafe' serving juice and biscuits.

Enjoy

Teachers and fellow students visited at different time-slots from 9.15am until noon, and it was the organisers' turn to enjoy some of the treats in the afternoon.

The event, for which pupils

could also pay 50p to wear non-uniform, raised £416.95.

Macmillan Cancer Support's Kintyre fundraising committee hosted its own 'world's biggest coffee morning' event on Saturday September 21.

The Kirk Street Hall function, which included the group's annual grand raffle, raised almost £2,000.



Ella Young, Marlene McLean, Jennifer McKerral and Violet Dixon at the Macmillan Cancer Support fundraiser. 20_c40maccoffee02



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Some of the students who organised Castlehill's fundraiser.



Some P1 pupils enjoying an early morning treat at Castlehill. 50_c40castlehill01

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Kintyre's picture

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About 70 youngsters took their first step into the world of education in Kintyre in August.

The primary one pupils featured in a supplement in last week's Courier alongside students from across Argyll, Lochaber and the isles, but this week we are shining the spotlight on Kintyre's new starts.

Castlehill, Dalintober, Drumlemble, Southend, Glenbarr, Rhunahaorine, Clachan and Gigha primary schools all welcomed new additions, who smiled perfectly for the Courier's photographer.

Dalintober's pupils chose to pose in front of a new playhouse for which their fellow students fundraised. Last year, pupils from Mrs McSporran's P1 class and Mrs Campbell's P6 class worked



Gigha Primary School. 50_c39schools08_gigha



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together to hold a bring-and-buy toy sale to raise money. They chose the style of house they preferred and

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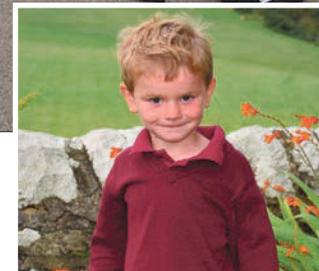
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Advertorial

LiveArgyll call for volunteers

Find out how you can make a difference in your community

LiveArgyll, the charitable trust charged with the management of Argyll and Bute's health and wellbeing, has put out a call for new volunteers. This is an opportunity to volunteer in a rewarding position and make a positive contribution. There are volunteer vacancies across all of LiveArgyll's operations, including within sports, swimming, library events, technological assistance and even visiting housebound neighbours.

From October, LiveArgyll will have a new system in place both online and in person at our halls, gyms and libraries to facilitate applications for any volunteer post. While applicants will go through a series of protocols, the number of positions available means that there really is something to suit every personality. Volunteering can boost self-esteem and wellbeing, as well as looking great on CVs and other job applications, and the tangible results volunteering brings to communities is undeniable.

The positions include: sports coach and assistant sports coach, which will see volunteers working with children and young people for half an hour at a time; swimming and fitness programme volunteers, which helps foster a lifelong skill and love of fitness and swimming; Reading Buddies, who will help both children and adults fall in love with books; Tech Buddies will teach PC and internet skills to those less technologically confident; Bookbug volunteers to deliver the national programme of song and rhyme to the youngest members of our communities; homebound volunteers bring the joy of reading to someone who cannot leave the house; events, halls and theatres volunteers can build valuable experience and gain technical knowledge that translates directly to careers in creative industries; and museums and archives assistants, who will be responsible for preserving the history and culture of Argyll and Bute.

While many of the roles require a level of responsibility more suited to adult volunteers, there are still a number of positions that are ideal for those aged 14 to 18. In particular, assisting with fitness, swimming, reading, technology and



sports coaching are great opportunities for adolescent heroes to make a difference.

Volunteers will work alongside paid LiveArgyll staff in most instances, being sure of a guiding hand and someone available to provide solutions to more complex demands. Depending on which role applied for, time commitments range from weekly to one-off, and many require only 30 minutes per instance.

Volunteering is a fun way to improve your own self-con-

fidence and learn new skills, to make friends and provide a real boost to your community. It can offer an invaluable lifeline, especially to those in more vulnerable positions, and the benefits of volunteering at a young age can last a lifetime. Contact LiveArgyll by emailing volunteering@liveargyll.co.uk, or pop in to one of our libraries or leisure facilities to see each of the roles in more depth and find out how you can apply to make a difference.



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The Highland Cattle Society's 122nd annual autumn show and sale takes place on Sunday and Monday, October 13 and 14.

With entries from all over Scotland and the north of England, it is the premier sale of Highland cattle, which at Oban Livestock Market, Upper Soroba, Oban.

The October sale is of predominantly females consisting of heifers, cows in calf or calves at foot with a small selection of males. There will also be a dispersal of the Jedderfield

fold with 26 animals on offer.

Traditionally, the sale of females has been held in the autumn, with the sale of males in February before the bulls are put out with the females.

The Highlander has been synonymous with Oban for a great number of years.

New folds, as herds of Highlanders are known, are founded every year both at home and abroad, and in recent years Highland cattle societies have been set up in Sweden, Denmark, Austria, Germany, Holland, Finland,

France, Switzerland and Norway and there are also Highlanders in Luxembourg, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Poland and the Faroe Islands.

In the British Isles, folds are found from the furthest south to the extreme north on many different types of ground, varying from the slopes of the Sussex Downs, the fenlands of East Anglia, to the wind-swept machair of the Outer Hebrides.

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Record entry of Angus bulls at Stirling sales

United Auctions is set to welcome a record entry of Aberdeen-Angus bulls for a second consecutive year at Stirling Bull Sales in October.

Scotland's leading livestock auctioneers will also see entries of Beef Shorthorn, Limousin and Simmental bulls up on the year.

The Autumn Bull Sales run from October 20-22, with 698 pedigree bulls and females across nine breeds on show and sale at Stirling Agricultural Centre.

The Stirling Bull Sales is supported by independent property consultancy Galbraith.

Sunday judging on October 20 will include Aberdeen-Angus, Beef Shorthorn and Limousin cattle, with their sales taking place the following day along with the sale of Maine Anjou, Lincoln Red, Salers and British Blond bulls.

The pre-sale shows of Charolais bulls and Simmental cattle will take place on Monday October 21 and they will then go under

the hammer on Tuesday October 22.

A highlight of this year's national event will be three major dispersals of pedigree Aberdeen-Angus and Charolais.

On Monday, Aberdeen-Angus breeders will have the opportunity to secure great bloodlines from two successful and well-established herds.

First through the ring is the total sale of Ben Marsden's Liley herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle from Penistone, South Yorkshire. It includes the sale of multiple show champion Liley Kinannie and senior stock bull Shadwell Earl P773.

Next will be the complete sale of the autumn calving portion of the Forfar-based Wolfaw herd from D & P Murray, comprising 20 cows with calves at foot.

Meanwhile, the complete sale of the Lesliepark herd of pedigree Charolais from Denny-based breeder G Russell will take place on Tuesday morning. The sale

comprises 15 cows with calves at foot, four maiden heifers and stock bull and offers excellent genetics from a successful herd with a selection of female lines from some of the breed's well-known herds. Included in this sale will be this year's junior female and overall junior champion at the Charolais National Show, Lesliepark Nora.

John Roberts, United Auctions' group sales director, said: 'It's great to see a record entry of 109 Angus bulls this year and the increase of Beef Shorthorn, Limousin and Simmental bulls forward.'

'This year's busy programme of high-quality bulls and females has something for every buyer.'

'The set of sales will be led by a dynamic team headed up by sales director David Brown with Ross Forthingham, Raymond Kennedy and Murray Rainnie who will be sure to keep the buzz going from the first day to the last.'

Around the markets

Dalmally, Friday September 27: United Auctions ends their week of sales in the West of Scotland with another successful Breeding Sheep Sale when they sold 7008 head at Dalmally Auction Mart.

Cross Bred Gimmers including Mules sold to £142 for Mules from Achalic and averaged £96.19 (+ £8.71). Blackface Gimmers sold to £980 from High Staward and averaged £100.72 (+ £16.83). Swale Cross Blackface Gimmers sold to £98 from Orchilmore and averaged £88.72 (+ £19.09). Cross Bred Ewes sold to £82 for Lleyen Crosses from Steall, Fort William and averaged £64.07 (- £0.73). Blackface Warranted Ewes sold to £270 from Tay & Torridon Estates and averaged £59.90 (+ £13.50). Cross Bred Ewe Lambs sold to £90 for Mules from Ashburn Cottage, Ardeonaig and averaged £66.36 (+ £5.79). Blackface Ewe Lambs sold to £78 from Crammie and averaged £41.14 (- £4.68). Overall, a very satisfactory level of trade was obtained throughout the day and further stamps this event as a premier one for Breeding Sheep in the

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Good turnout for Islay Beef Herd competition

Islay Beef Herd competition was held last Saturday, September 28. The judge was Mathew Ralston, who had the hard task of having to judge the 20 herds.

RESULTS

Individual cow - 1. Neriby, 2. Brybruich, 3. Octofad.

Team of cows - 1. Neriby, 2. Ardnave, 3. Brybruich, Equal Craigens.

Individual autumn calf - 1. Ardnave

Individual spring calf - 1. Ardnave, 2. Neriby, 3. Craigens.

Best Individual calf - Ardnave.

Team of autumn calves

- Ardnave.
Team of spring calves - Ardnave, 2. Neriby, 3. Kilbride

Best team of calves - Ardnave.

Highland herd - 1. Easter Ellister, A Wiggins, 2. Easter Ellister, L Dawson.

Small herd - 1. Brybruich, 2. Cruach, 3. Torrandarroch.

Native breed herd - 1. Mulindry @ Balole,

2. Ballymeanach, 3. Ballymeanach.

Best overall herd - 1. Neriby, 2. Ardnave, 3. Brybruich.

Organisers would like to thank all who entered the competition, to judge Mathew Ralston, the sponsors, as well

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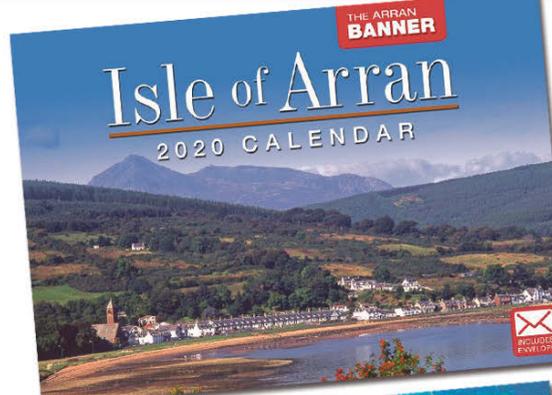


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Marion Reid.

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The Scottish Conservative MSP said: 'I share the immense disappointment of people in Islay when they discovered that Loganair was going to axe the Edinburgh service. There was no consultation with the community, and the sudden announcement took everyone by surprise, especially since the service has only recently been launched. This is no way to treat an island community which is completely dependent on its air and ferry services, and I fully intend taking this up with the Scottish Government to find out when they were first made aware of this and what they intend to do about it.'

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Alastair Redman, an Islay resident himself, added: 'We cannot hope to develop Islay's economy if critical decisions about our transport infrastructure are taken on such a short-term basis. We need to attract further investment to build on the great work being done by Islay's whisky and tourism sectors and I fear that this very disappointing announcement is going to make that task more difficult.'

KILCHENZIE



The Campbeltown Young Farmers' display at Drum Farm.

Young Farmers promote local causes

Campbeltown Young Farmers (YF) are promoting a Kintyre cancer charity through a national bale art competition. As well as the Mairi Semple Fund, the display at the Drum Farm, which is visible from the A83 road just north of Kilchenzie, promotes local cheese, with the slogan: 'Kintyre cheese, yes please.'

This year the competition's aim is to raise awareness of cancer charities so the Campbeltown group chose the Mairi Semple Fund which raises money for cancer relief and research. A Campbeltown YF spokesperson said: 'We decided on a display that supports our local

farmers by promoting their local produce - Mull of Kintyre cheese. 'We would like to thank the Young family at Drum Farm for the use of their bales, shed and field to set up the display, and Glenside Tractors for donating a roll of bale wrap.' The competition entries will be on display until October 6, after which judges will choose a winner.



Flowers, jam and bowling for Largside ladies

The Largside SWI September meeting was the first of the new season. Members showcased their flower arranging with a display in a tea cup, as well as their jam-making skills, before enjoying an indoor bowling session for both experienced and novice players. New members are always welcome to join the group.

Members enjoyed a game of indoor bowls.

Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

We were enjoying one of our favourite walks on Arran with our dogs at a place called Kings Cross Point. It is nothing whatsoever like that crowded, frenzied, busy, noisy part of London. It is a beautiful, well-kept area of fields with trees and bushes and is nestled close by the shore.

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This morning, to their delight, we met up with a couple with three friendly canines and so the games began. Soon we noticed that two of the dogs were clipped together on a double lead of about four feet.

A little spaniel and a border terrier happily rushed over to greet us and then shot off to explore the area, joined amicably together. The owners explained that the spaniel was deaf and almost blind, and so the border terrier was her guide dog.

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Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Ian Stewart Parker, to Kirsty Margaret Howson, on September 28, 2019.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS



FUGE - MOODIE
At Dunoon High Kirk, on October 1, 1969, by the Rev Allan MacLeod, Tom to Ann.

DEATHS

BROWN - Peacefully at his home, with his family by his side, on September 24, 2019, James (Jim) Brown, in his 85th year, of Innishail, Ford, by Lochgilphead, formerly of Drimvore, and the Island of Luing, retired postman and church officer, beloved husband of Violet and loving father of Lorraine and Morven, and a much loved and adored grandpa of Iona, Duncan, Rowan, Douglas, Roshan, Digby and Nisha. Brother of Mary-Margaret and respected father-in-law of Angus and Robin. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, October 3, 2019, followed by interment at Kilchattan Cemetery, Isle of Luing. Sadly missed.

SEMPLE - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on September 25, 2019, William Semple, in his 81st year, Brackley Farm and formerly of Barmollach Farm, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of Margaret McLean, much loved dad of Catherine, Margaret and Tommy, loving grandpa of Peter, Craig, Fiona, Hannah, Paul, Emma, Neve and Willie-Jack and great grandpa of Eve.

WHITEFIELD - Peacefully, at Ardfenaig Residential Home, on September 26, 2019, with his family by his side, John, in his 84th year, loving husband of the late Nan, much loved dad of Graham, Joyce, Janice and Irene, dear father-in-law of Alison, Keith, Robert and Donald, adored grandpa of Craig, Ross, Lewis, Ashleigh, Rebecca, Keir, Aaron, Caitlin, Eoghan and Isla and great grandpa of Harper, Daisy and Heidi. A dear brother, uncle and friend to many. Funeral service will take place, today, October 4, 2019, at Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church, Kilmartin, at 12.00 noon. Donations if desired, to Alzheimer Scotland and Ardfenaig Residential Home comfort fund.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACKINNON - Andrina, Sinclair and family would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, phone calls and visits received following the sad and unexpected passing of Ian. Our thanks to doctors, nurses and staff at Mid Argyll Hospital and Lochgilphead Medical Centre for their care of Ian over the years. Sincere thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a comforting and uplifting service, in keeping with Ian's personality; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring and efficient arrangements; to the Stag Hotel for excellent catering, and to Morna for the beautiful floral tributes. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised over £800 for the British Heart Foundation.

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MCARTHUR - The family of the late Christian (Chrissie), née McCallum, would like to sincerely thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received following the sad loss of Chrissie. Grateful thanks to all the lovely staff at Kintyre Care Home who supported Chrissie lovingly with care, respect and compassion especially during the last few difficult months. Thanks to Rhys and Kenny Blair for professional service and also for their help and advice. Thanks also to the Rev Bob Johnston who returned to conduct a lovely, personal service that Chrissie would have appreciated, to the talented David McEwan for the music, and to the Argyll Hotel who provided a lovely purvey, which everyone enjoyed. Lastly, thank you to all who came to the Highland Parish Church and Kilkerran, and who generously donated to Alzheimer Scotland and the staff of the HC-One Care Home.

MCLELLAN - Don would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following the sudden sad loss of Wanda. Thanks to Rodger Crooks for a comforting service and to David McEwan for the lovely music. Thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional services and kindness, and to the Argyll Hotel for the purvey. Many thanks also to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAMs

LIPPE - Precious memories of Feuna Margaret Kerr, who died October 9, 1992, aged 26 years. If all our prayers were answered, Feuna, Our dreams could all come true, We'd have nothing left to wish for, Because we'd still have you.
- Love, Mum, Dad, Iona, John, Paul and Feuna.
Love you always, Mum.
- Peter John xx.

SOUDEN - In loving memory of our dear mum, Betty. You're always in our hearts.
- From your loving daughters, Isabel and Elizabeth, and all the family.

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HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH



SC002493
Sunday 6th October
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All welcome

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686
Sunday 6th October
11.15am Morning Worship
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Mr J McLellan
Monday 7th October
Guild 2.00pm New Hall
Tuesday 8th October
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
Thursday 10th October
Choir Practice 7.30pm
Friday 11th October
Lunch Club 12.00 noon
New Hall

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Friday 4th October
SKY Youth Group
Guest speaker Mr Nigel Kenny
Meeting at Springbank Church
7.00pm - 9.00pm
Sunday 6th October
Family Communion Service 11.00am
Guest speaker Mr Nigel Kenny from the Christian Institute
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Joint Evening Service 6.30pm
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Thursday 10th October
Bible Study
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Sunday 6th October
Pentecost 17
Morning Prayer and Theological Reflection
10.45am
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Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm CAMEO
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group
Major Ruth Russell
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Saturday 5th October
9.00am Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 6th October
11.15am Worship Service
Speaker: Calum Ferguson
11.15am Sunday School
6.30pm Evening Service
Joint service with Community Church and Springbank Evangelical Church
Speaker: Pastor Steve Davies
Monday 7th October
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12.00 noon Bible Study and Prayer
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Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mr C Holden
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Lochgair Church
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A great day of golf in memory of Gary Thomas

Dunaverty Golf Club's Gary Thomas Memorial Texas Scramble attracted a field of 123 men and 20 ladies, who made up 49 teams and, according to the participants, it was a fantastic day.

Gary had been vice-captain of the club in 2011 but tragically passed away while on holiday in September that year and, as a tribute to his popularity, this event continues to have every tee-slot filled.

A party of more than 40 members of the Thomas family and their friends travelled from the Hamilton area to take part and pulled out all the stops to make this very popular event a success by supplying a huge number of prizes.

Special thanks go to Archie McKie who has donated top-of-the-range golf bags, putters, wedges and more for the spot prizes every year since the event was first held in 2012.

In appreciation of the family's continued support, captain John Brown, on

behalf of Dunaverty's members, presented Gary's wife Lorraine and his brothers Dougie and Craig with a framed 125th anniversary flag of the fourth hole which was Gary's favourite par three and has a bench in his memory at the fourth tee box. Family and friends were also given the opportunity to collect a 2019 Gary Thomas-logged golf ball.

The competition, held in dry, breezy conditions, was one of the most closely-fought, with two shots covering the first 10 teams and places being decided on better inward halves.

The top two teams finished on the same score both having recorded 26 strokes on the outward nine but Dougie McCallum's team of George MacMillan and Stuart Gillespie, by covering the inward half in 29 strokes, took first place from David Campbell, Neil MacCallum and Finlay Wylie who had posted 30 strokes on the inward half, with the third team 0.6 of a stroke behind.

Captain John Brown, at



With the flag, from left: Craig Thomas, Dougie Thomas and Lorraine Thomas Campbell.

the presentation of prizes, thanked all the players for taking part, greenkeepers David Scullion and Robert Irvine, both having been out at the crack of dawn cutting the greens, for presenting the course in excellent condition.

A club spokesperson added: 'Ailie Goddard and her staff in the Tea Box excelled themselves by providing a first-

class catering service while members of the ladies' section ran the raffle table and the captain thanked them all for their efforts. All in all it was a hugely successful day.'

Spot prize results: First hole nearest the pin in two: Ian Hill, 1.6m, who won a Ping Putter; Hole two, nearest the pin: Malcolm Ronald, 44cm, who earned a Cleveland Wedge; Fourth hole, hole-in-one would have won £200 but no winner, Mary Wilson



From left: captain John Brown with the winning team of George MacMillan, Dougie McCallum and Stuart Gillespie, with Lorraine Thomas Campbell.

was rewarded with a Ping Putter for nearest the pin at this hole with a distance of 1.18m; Seventh hole, nearest the pin: Jamie O'May, 4ft 11in, who gained a golf bag; Nearest the pin at the 10th: Ross Sinclair, 2ft 2in, who won a golf bag; Nearest the pin at the 14th: Neil McCallum, 1.2m, who won an RBZ rescue club; 15th hole nearest the pin in two: Kenny Litfield, 72cm, who won a golf bag; Nearest the pin at the 16th: Katherine Hardman, 1.75m, winning a Ping Putter; Gents' longest drive at the 17th: R Maxwell, winning Glen Scotia single malt; and the ladies'

longest drive: Lindsay McGeachy, winning a Glen Scotia golf umbrella.

Team result: 1 Dougie McCallum, Stuart Gillespie, George MacMillan 55-1.8=53.2(bih); 2 David Campbell, Finlay Wylie, Neil McCallum 56-2.8=53.2; 3 Ross Sinclair, Bobby Willan, David Sinclair 55-1.2=53.8(bih); 4 Graeme McLennan, Douglas Greig, Lindsay McGeachy, 59-5.2=53.8(bih); 5 Jamie O'May, Keith Cowan, Sandy Crawford 59-5.2=53.8; 6 Grant Dickson, Campbell MacBryne, Duncan Watson III 57-2.4=54.6.

Badminton brothers take their A game to Oban

Campbeltown brothers Duncan and Calum Hooper were stars at the second Oliver Sports Oban Bronze badminton doubles tournament at Atlantis Leisure recently.

Fifty-nine players from all over the country made the journey, over 20 more than the previous year, to take part in the three-tiered competitive tournament organised and run by Oban Badminton Club's Bruce Aitken.

Hive of activity

With gents', ladies' and mixed doubles' competitions all taking place at the same time, the six-court sports hall was a hive of activity throughout the day with the first matches beginning at 9am.

Each competition was run on a three-tier drop down system, allowing strong players stay in the A draw while weaker



Duncan and Calum Hooper, left, beat Ali McDonald and Simon Morrison to take the gents' doubles A title.

Photograph: Dave Solis Photography.

players drop into the B and C draws. Top of the crop in the A section gents' doubles were Campbeltown brothers Duncan and Calum Hooper who won their final match against Ali McDonald and Simon Morrison 21-19, 21-14.

Coached by multiple European and World championship contender Ray Stevens, the siblings, currently based in Glasgow, first picked up their rackets at

a very young age when their dad took them to Peninver Village Hall to learn the sport.

'It's great to have a competitive tournament here in Argyll and we're delighted to have won today,' said Calum. 'We haven't really played that much together since we were younger but we got on fine today and felt we played well among some tough opposition.'

Young footballers' fantastic fun at Lochnell festival

Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) sent nine teams to Lochnell Football Festival on Saturday, comprising a total of 62 players.

The 9.30am kick-off meant an early start for the 2013s, 2012s, 2011s and 2010s.

The 2013s sent two teams to play fun fours and all had a fantastic day; their coaches felt pretty sure they thought they were in the premier league but that's what it's all about - having the drive and enjoyment to play football representing their home town.

Display

The 2012s also sent two teams to play fun fours with another great display of football and a bright future for the town's football for years to come.

The 2011s sent two five-a-side teams which played great football, with goals scored and team work all evident throughout. A special men-

tion has to go to goalkeeper Richard Giffen, who played for both Campbeltown 2011 teams, playing 12 games in total. Poppie Lawson also played for this team.

The 2010s played five games at seven-a-side and displayed great football, showed enthusiasm and had a desire to prove what they can do as a team.

In the afternoon, the 2009s, 2008s and the girls turned up to represent Campbeltown.

The 2009s showed how they are gelling as a team and how much they have come along in their third year of seven-a-side. According to their coaches, they are showing a true understanding of positions and reports say they played some lovely football.

The 2008s formed a team for the day with a mixture of P7 and S1 pupils born in 2008. They made a strong team and gelled very well together, confidence on the ball was evident.

Last but not least, the seven girls who travelled to form a six-a-side team. The girls played all their games to an excellent standard and played lots of exciting football against some tough opposition. The association now has 26 girls attending Friday night training, which is fantastic to see.

Commitment

A CDJFA spokesperson said: 'A massive thank you to all the voluntary coaches who week in, week out put their commitment and time into coaching the teams and allowing away days like this to happen.'

'Thanks also to everyone who supports our fundraisers as festivals, come with entry fees which our funds cover so again we thank everyone for their continued support.'

'Please keep an eye out for news of our final sponsored walk count and some exciting funding we received in the coming weeks.'



From left, Alistair Mackay, Louise Mackay, club captain Bobby Dalziel, runners-up Moira Wareham and Jimmy Anderson, and winners David Brown and Tommy Blue.

Bowls boost for PSYV

Campbeltown Bowling Club's George and Jenny Mackay Memorial Charity Pairs was held in aid of Campbeltown's Police Scotland Youth Volunteers this year.

Twenty pairs entered the competition but it was David Brown and Tommy Blue who were crowned the winners after beating Jimmy Anderson and Moira Wareham in the final. Prizes on the day were sponsored by Wm Cadenhead's whisky shop.

The event raised £1,200 and this year the Mackay family chose to donate it to the PSYV citing it as 'a deserving cause which doesn't get any funding'.

Accepting the cheque, the PSYV's group coordinator, PC Karen Cairns said: 'We're delighted. We've got 11 new recruits so this will pay for their uniforms.'

'A significant amount like this will also take the pressure off a bit as we do all our own fundraising.'



At the cheque presentation, from left, PSYV Brodie MacLaren, Alistair Mackay, adult volunteer Aileen Morris, PSYV Iona Campbell, PC Karen Cairns and PSYV Thomas Dickson. 50_c40mackay01

Seniors come from near and far

The famous Machrihanish Golf Club Seniors Open was held in August. This is always the busiest day of the club calendar with 124 golfers coming from near and far to contest the prizes in the four age-group categories.

The young seniors Category A, 55 to 59 years, was won by Robert McCallum with 39 Stableford points. Robert's excellent round included six holes where he scored three points. He was going so well that he could afford a double bogey six at the last hole and still came out on top. He was followed home by two Charlies, McIntyre and Reppke each with an excellent total of 37 points.

In Category B, 60 to 64 years, it was Stephen Kelly of Springbank whose performance was the cream of the crop. He scored an incredible 41 points, including a 4-point birdie 3 at the tough fifth hole. Davie Campbell was second with an excellent 37 points of his own.

Category C, 65 to 69 years, was won by Dennis Nivens with 39 points playing off a handicap of 15. Dennis had a tremendous back

nine of 22 points and that gave him victory over Machrihanish's own David Rankin who put on another good show in this competition with 37 points.

The Category D competition was the most fiercely contested with more than 40 golfers playing for the prizes. The winner, with an incredible score of 41 points, was the 'mole catcher' himself, John Rennie. Just like the younger Stephen Kelly, he scored 41 points to win with his highlight being a fabulous birdie 3 for 4 points at the tough fifth hole. Fellow mole-catcher Stewart MacMillan was runner-up with 35 points.

Pupils in derby date

Campbeltown Pupils are back in league action tomorrow (Saturday), hosting Argyll rivals Lochgilphead Red Star, with Kintyre Park the venue, weather permitting. Kick off is at 2pm.

The Pupils would also like to thank AM Transport for their kind donation towards training equipment for the squad.

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A great day of
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Gary Thomas

Young footballers'
fantastic fun at
Lochnell festival

First Dalriada Rugby Festival of the season



Meadows welcomed teams from across Argyll recently for the first Dalriada Rugby Festival of the season.

Junior Rugby welcomed Mid Argyll Wild Boars from Lochgilphead and the Etive Vikings from Taynuilt.

The event involved children from P4/5 and P6/7 and was played using the new Age Grade Law Variations and with some new ideas from the new Argyll and Bute rugby development officer Andrew Johnston.

player of the match awards selected by the coaches for Teghan Campbell, Angus Taylor and Bryson Lawrie for Kintyre and Joseph Brown and Richard Giffen for Mid Argyll.



Isiah Doxsey from Campbeltown makes a break for Kintyre against Mid Argyll in the P4/5 match.

Instead of just focusing on the number of tries scored, there were points awarded for positive aspects of play such as offloads out of the tackle, getting the ball into space and tackling, bringing a different emphasis to the games and producing some really enjoyable rugby.

In the P6/7 event, the Wild Boars and the Vikings were very evenly matched over the course of the day with both teams winning one match, losing one match and drawing the final match 28-28. Yet again there was some fantastic rugby on display. Player of the match awards were voted for by the opposition coaches who selected Scott Murdoch, Tom Corns and Aiden Lawrie for the Etive Vikings and Aaron Martin and Jemma Macdonald for Mid Argyll.

In the P4/5 age group, Kintyre emerged victorious in two games against Mid Argyll and drew the third with some exceptional rugby on show. There were



Joseph Brown from Mid Argyll makes a break in the game versus Kintyre. 20_c39rugby03

Jane and Neil smash tennis championships



Congratulations to Jane Gallagher who has made a clean sweep this year, winning the Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club ladies' championship, mixed doubles with John Watson and ladies' doubles with Amy Shaw.

Three sets

Jane regained the ladies' championship after coming through the knock-out stages to meet Catherine Dobbie, last year's winner, in the final. The final went to three sets with Jane finishing stronger at 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Ladies' champion Jane Gallagher.

Men's champion Neil Little-son only joined the tennis club this summer so his win is a fantastic achievement. He was a champion badminton player at school so has transferred these skills across to tennis. Qualifying was in a round robin format, with Neil defeating club captain Donald MacKay in the final.

Special mention has to be made for John Watson who ran half of the Glen Scotia Mull of Kintyre Marathon round the Leaside the day before playing in the tennis championships.

Men's champion Neil Little-son.



Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Scottish AFL – no games due to the holiday weekend. Central Scottish AFL – Blantyre RGM 2, Oban Saints 5.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, 2nd round – Oban Saints v Vale of Earn, postponed.

SAFL Premier Division One – Campbeltown Pupils v Lochgilphead Red Star. Premier Division Two – Tarbert v Cardross.



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