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# Youth mixed martial arts club is 'unprecedented'

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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A group of teenage boys with energy to burn have found the perfect outlet in the form of mixed martial arts (MMA) and have created a club in what is being described as an 'unprecedented' move.

The Campbeltown Grammar School students were first introduced to the combat sport when staff at the school drafted in David Galbraith from New Life Gym in Glasgow in a bid to help the pupils build positive relationships.

The youngsters took to the sport so quickly that, after just two sessions with David, a professional fighter, they have created their own club called Core MMA Campbeltown.

MMA is described as 'an extreme combat sport' in which contestants are allowed to use the fighting techniques of wrestling and boxing as well as those of martial arts including kickboxing, judo and karate.

Elaine McGeachy, the

school's acting depute head, said: 'The boys mentioned that they were fighting and were interested in MMA but there was nothing in the area like that for them so we contacted David.'

'After the first one-weekend taster session, they were instantly interested and engaged.'

Additional support needs assistant Jimi McCallum, the group's leader, said: 'It is giving the boys a sense of worth and a safe nurturing environment in which to grow. Instead of doing anything negative, they're doing something positive.'

Jimi has carried out some training with David to enable him to share some skills with the boys and there are already others in line to bring Brazilian jujitsu and boxing to the group.

Speaking to the Courier, David explained that the Campbeltown club is groundbreaking. He said: 'I've created a training structure that helps redirect aggressive behaviour, from younger groups

all the way up to teens. I work in a lot of different schools and in terms of actually going into a school, giving them an outlet and setting up an established club, that's pretty unprecedented.'

David uses his own life experiences - from his involvement with gangs, to surviving a nearly fatal stabbing when he was 18 - to impress on youngsters the dangers of following the wrong path.

He added: 'A lot of people are sceptical about bringing combat sports into schools but now a lot of issues are being recognised and mindsets are beginning to change.'

Machrihanish Airbase Community Company has awarded the club a £1,000 grant to help it get established.

Jimi is in talks with various governing bodies and has launched a JustGiving page to raise £1,000 to pay for public liability insurance.

To donate, visit [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jimi-mccallum](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jimi-mccallum) or search for 'Jimi McCallum' on the JustGiving website.

## Donations for Cooper roll in



Cooper Scally's parents cannot thank the community enough for the support they have received in fundraising to buy their seven-year-old son, who has cerebral palsy, a new wheelchair and trike.

But it is not only members of the public who have helped, as Super Cooper's cousin, Graham Brown, also aged seven, took on a mammoth 12-mile sponsored cycle to help boost funds.

A crowd of supporters, pictured here, joined Cooper at the finish line to cheer Graham in. Turn to page 31 for the full report.

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## Man jailed for using counterfeit cash

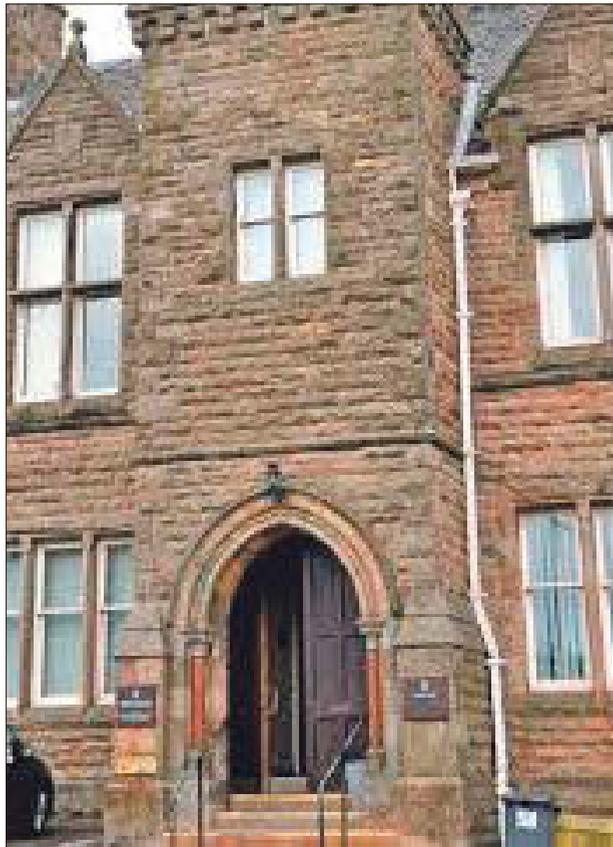
A man who passed four counterfeit £20 notes in Campbeltown shops on the same day, twice in the same shop, was sent to prison for nine months by Sheriff Patrick Hughes.

Colin William Murray, aged 30, of 10 Wellington Place, Clydebank, was caught out by a sharp-eyed assistant in another shop, the town's sheriff court heard on Thursday last week.

He admitted passing the counterfeit Clydesdale Bank notes, or tendering them as genuine, at McKellar's store, the Co-op supermarket, again at McKellar's, and at the Ceann Loch Diner café, all on October 7 last year.

Procurator fiscal depute Megan Glancy said that once discovered, a search of CCTV showed where Murray had passed the notes, receiving genuine currency in his change.

'A member of staff at another premises became aware,' said the depute fiscal and the police were called.



Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

His defence agent said that Murray, who had drug and alcohol problems, had spent some time on remand in custody before coming to court and this had given him the opportunity to reflect. He asked that Sheriff

Hughes consider alternatives to prison.

Handing down the nine-month sentence, Sheriff Hughes said that counterfeiting damaged the economy and more so in smaller shops in rural locations.

## Islay drink driver banned

A 20-year-old Islay man was fined £300 and banned from driving for a year after admitting drink-driving on the island.

When Lorne William Macdonald, of 35 Corrsgeir Place, Port Ellen, appeared in court on Thursday last week at Campbeltown he admitted driving with a breath level of 45 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood; the legal limit in Scotland is 22.

Procurator fiscal depute Megan Glancy said that the incident happened early on October 16 on the A846 near Bowmore on the island.

Police were stopping cars to warn them of poor road conditions and when an officer smelled alcohol on Macdonald's breath, he was breathalysed.

Macdonald, who was not legally represented, said he had been at a dance and intended to get a taxi home but because of very bad weather there was none to be had.

'I understand what I did wrong,' he said.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes banned Macdonald from driving for 12 months, with the opportunity to have this reduced to nine if he successfully completed a driver rehabilitation course at his own expense and fined him £300.



Drugs tests can now be carried out at the roadside. Photograph: Neil Hanna Photography.

# Roadside drugs testing introduced

A new law which introduces strict drug drive limits came into effect on Monday, meaning drivers in Argyll and Bute now face the possibility of roadside drug tests.

Police officers can carry out immediate tests using 'mouth swabs' for any motorist they suspect of drug driving, or who has been involved in a collision or stopped for a traffic offence. If the test is positive, drivers will be arrested.

A drug drive conviction is both a criminal and driving offence. Upon conviction, drivers will receive a minimum 12-month driving ban; three to 11 penalty points on their licence; a criminal record; up to six months in prison and/or a fine of up to a £5,000.

Chief Inspector Darren Faulds, area commander for Road Policing West, said: 'With our partners, we are committed to reducing road casualties and deplore the devastating consequences of drug driving on victims, their families and communities.'

'This new legislation gives my officers the powers to detect, at the roadside, those selfish motorists who risk the lives of others and themselves by driving after taking illegal substances. Hopefully, this will act as a deterrent to those who are involved in the taking of illegal substances from getting behind the wheel of a vehicle.'



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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
Thu, 17 Oct 2019	07:49	04:49	10:19	20:04	17:04	22:34
Fri, 18 Oct 2019	08:28	05:28	10:58			
Sat, 19 Oct 2019	09:12	06:12	11:42			
Sun, 20 Oct 2019	10:03	07:03	12:33			
Mon, 21 Oct 2019	11:03	08:03	13:33			
Tue, 22 Oct 2019	12:17	09:17	14:47			
Wed, 23 Oct 2019				13:43	10:43	16:13
Thu, 24 Oct 2019				14:58	11:58	17:28
Fri, 25 Oct 2019				15:55	12:55	18:25
Sat, 26 Oct 2019				16:43	13:43	19:13
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
Thu, 31 Oct 2019				19:14	16:14	21:44

Stay safe: Check weather conditions and hours of daylight as well as tide times before you go.



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## POLICE FILES

### Obstruction

Early on Friday morning, a 20-year-old man was issued with a recorded police warning following an incident on Cross Street, Campbeltown, in which he obstructed police officers when they were searching two other men.

### No insurance

When police stopped a car on Bolgam Street, Campbeltown, early on Saturday morning for a routine check, they discovered that the vehicle did not have any insurance. The driver, a 30-year-old man, was charged with the offence and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Car stopped in drugs search

Police officers stopped a car on the A83 in Ardrishaig on Monday at 3am and searched its three occupants. One, a man aged 25, was found to be in possession of cannabis. He was charged with the offence and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Possession of drugs

Early on Sunday morning, a man was stopped and searched by officers on Burnbank Street, Campbeltown. They found the 27-year-old in possession of cannabis and he was issued with a recorded police warning.

### Drunk driver

A 48-year-old man was arrested at 8.30am on Monday morning for driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The man, whose car was stopped on Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, was charged with the offence and released to appear at court on a later date.

### Public urination

A 23-year-old man was issued with a recorded police warning at about 10.55pm on Saturday October 19 for urinating in a public place in Castlehill, Campbeltown.

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

# No fireworks display this year

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It has been announced that the Bonfire Night fireworks display which is traditionally organised by Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants' and Residents' Association and Campbeltown Fire Station will not go ahead this year.

The reason is said to be due to the lack of a safe location from which to release the fireworks.

Last year, the New Quay was used but consultation has revealed that this year it will be unavailable around the time of Bonfire Night on November 5.

A spokesperson from the fire station said: 'We all deeply regret this as we enjoy the event as much as spectators. We hope everybody has an enjoyable time over Guy Fawkes. Stay safe.'

The NFU Scotland has



Hundreds of people lined Campbeltown's streets to see last year's impressive fireworks display. 50\_c45fireworks12

issued its own safety advice ahead of this year's commemoration, calling for 'common sense'.

The union is asking those who are planning to use fireworks to think about where they will be setting them off

in relation to livestock.

The loud noises from fireworks can be extremely distressing for cows, sheep and horses, and can lead to animals becoming agitated, getting loose from their fields or housing, and can often

seriously injure themselves and others.

Poultry are also at risk as they can suffer from 'smother', where, in a fear response, birds huddle together, which can result in death for some.

NFU Scotland's animal health and welfare policy manager, Penny Middleton, said: 'We would ask that you consider any neighbouring livestock and other animals when planning fireworks displays, even taking simple measures to warn animal keepers of a planned display can allow them to take measures to protect their stock.'

Supermarket Sainsbury's announced last week that it has stopped selling fireworks altogether, following in the footsteps of the Co-op which stopped selling them five years ago. A spokesperson for Tesco told the Courier that it will continue to sell fireworks this year.

## Call for new members for Argyll and Bute IJB

Argyll and Bute Integrated Joint Board (IJB) is the governance board of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership and has responsibility for the planning, resourcing and overseeing of the operational delivery of integrated services.

Membership of the IJB comprises elected councillors from Argyll and Bute Council, NHS Highland board members and individuals from a range of sectors and stakeholder groups including the third sector, independent sector, patients/service users, trades unions, staff and carers.

The IJB currently has a number of vacancies and is seeking new members to fill the following roles: unpaid carer, service user and non-GP medical representative.

Members of the IJB have a responsibility to:

■ Attend and participate in six board meetings and up to six board development sessions over a 12-month time frame.

■ Attend and participate in the business committees of the IJB, as appointed by the board, with a time commitment of between four to six meetings a year.

■ Undertake personal preparation prior to the meeting, including identification of any issues in advance of the meeting.

If you would like any more information about the IJB or the role, please contact Charlotte Craig, business improvement manager, at charlotte.craig@argyll-bute.gov.uk or call 01436 658839.

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## HSCP seeks locality planning group members

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is calling on local communities to get involved in the planning of health and social care services within Argyll and Bute.

One of the ways people can do this is through Locality Planning Groups (LPGs) which bring together NHS and council staff, community members, carers, representatives from the third and independent sectors and community-based groups who work together to improve the health and wellbeing of the community in which they live.

The HSCP has four LPGs and these are: Bute and Cowal; Helensburgh and Lomond; Oban, Lorn and Isles; and Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islands.

These LPGs are up and running but there is still a need for carer and community council representation for each of the groups.

The HSCP is looking for individuals who have an:

■ Understanding and familiarity of their locality

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■ Awareness and experience in health and social care services

■ Ability to commit to regular locality planning meetings (at least four per year) for approximately two hours per meeting

■ Interest and enthusiasm for engagement

■ Commitment to developing and delivering locality plans which reflect the needs

and priorities of people across Argyll and Bute.

The date to register an interest or nominate community members (with the nominee's permission) is Friday November 15.

If you are interested, or would like further information, contact Laureen McElroy by email at nhs.abhscp@nhs.net or by post at: FAO Business Improvement Manager, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, Victoria Integrated Care Centre, Jeanie Deans Unit, 93 East King Street, Helensburgh, G84 7BU

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# The battle for the council budget begins



Argyll and Bute Councillors have endorsed a raft of 'management savings' at Argyll and Bute Council after heated exchanges between administration and opposition members.

At one point council leader Aileen Morton and Provost Len Scoullar intervened to prevent a political spat and to

move to a vote at this month's full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council.

The motion to recommend that the council endorse the identified savings won by 15 votes to 11 after a show of hands was rejected in favour of a roll call.

But any final say on savings is not likely to be made for

another four months. This decision to endorse a series of savings which do not have an impact on staff numbers was made and councillors also voted in favour of a public consultation seeking council taxpayers' views on service priorities, which will be launched shortly and run until early December.

Councillor Sandy Taylor, SNP group leader, tried to get the wording changed to read that councillors noted the proposed service cuts, instead of endorsing them, but his amendment was defeated by 15 votes to 11.

School crossing patrols and pupil support hours in primary schools are all among

the potential policy options where spending could be cut, as revealed by the council the previous week. The price of burials, cremations and parking may also rise.

No decisions have been taken on what services, if any, will be cut; the council will do this in February when the budget is set.

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Council leader Aileen Morton.

## Argyll and Bute backs push for extra cash

Cautious hope has been expressed that further Scottish Government funding may mean fewer service cuts in the Argyll and Bute Council budget next year.

The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) is pushing Holyrood for an increase in council grants of inflation plus three per cent. This could mean an extra £9 million for Argyll and Bute, the council's policy and resources committee heard.

Council leader Aileen Morton said: 'Leaders have unanimously agreed [to ask] the Scottish Government that budgets have a minimum rate of inflation plus three per cent.'

'There are a number of options which are unpalatable and there is still a gap to be identified.'

'We have to lobby the Scottish Government for

funding to protect these services.' She added: 'We must also agree a balanced budget in February.'

The committee recommends that the council endorses the request by COSLA to the Scottish Government.

The council was also asked to note that: 'This does not necessarily address the challenges faced delivering services across such a geographically diverse area.'

After the meeting, Councillor Morton said: 'Local authorities for years now have sustained far greater budget cuts than the Scottish Government, despite how valued our services are.'

'If the Scottish Government accepts COSLA's ask and gives us an inflationary increase plus three per cent, it would make a real difference to the choices we will be making in February.'



The isthmus between Arrochar and Tarbet.  
Photograph: Sue Furness.

## Argyll places making a name for themselves

The stunning photograph above shows the head of Loch Long looking towards Loch Lomond, across the isthmus between Arrochar, bottom left, and Tarbet.

Variations of the Gaelic word 'Tairbert' can be found in various parts of Scotland where a low-lying neck of land would allow boats to be portaged from one body of water to another.

This, and umpteen other names found in Argyll, West Dunbartonshire, West Perthshire and Inverness-shire will be the subject of discussion at the Scottish Place-Name Society conference at Arrochar on Saturday November 2.

Members of the public are welcome to book a place at the event, with details on the spns.org.uk website.

## Poorly puppy Nelly is recovering from operation

Nelly, a poorly puppy suffering from multiple life-threatening conditions, is recovering from a potentially life-saving operation.

The Courier reported in September that Nelly's owner, Gayle McGeachy, who grew up in Campbeltown but now lives in Glasgow, has been fundraising to pay for the operation after finding out that Nelly, who was born with multiple abdominal vascular abnormalities, the main one being an arterio-venous fistula, as well as oesophageal and colonic varices, would have just a few months to live without it.

Following the five-and-a-half-hour operation, Gayle told the Courier: 'Nelly is doing OK. She had her surgery as scheduled and it all went well. The fluid is building up in her belly again but the surgeon said that is to be expected for now as her liver will be



Nelly has been wearing pyjamas to protect her surgery scar.

adjusting and it is still early stages post operation.

'We will be back to see the surgeon in three weeks for another check-up, scan, ultrasound, etc.'

Gayle, who wanted to

express her thanks to all who have donated towards the cost of the surgery, said that she is keeping the JustGiving page open as there is potential for future surgeries.



Milo Fee's five minutes of television fame have been postponed.

## Brexit debate postpones Milo's TV birth

An episode of Channel 5's The Highland Midwife featuring the birth of a Campbeltown baby has been postponed due to a Brexit debate which took place in its time-slot.

The episode, which shows footage from the Campbeltown Hospital birth of Milo Fee on January 16, was supposed to air on October 16 but had to be rescheduled because of a live Brexit debate titled Deal or No Deal?.

The new date for the fourth and final episode of this series of The Highland Midwife has not yet been revealed.



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## School 'fight club'

According to the NHS website, teenagers' behaviour can be 'baffling, stressful, hurtful and often worrying'.

The passage, titled Coping with your teenager, continues: 'But in most cases it doesn't mean that there is anything more serious going on than the natural process of becoming an adult.'

It is not news that teenage boys, dealing with surges of hormones and changes to their bodies, can behave aggressively.

Sometimes, however, teen aggression can turn into violence. Staff at Campbeltown Grammar School should be commended for taking steps to ensure its young students are supported during their teenage years to ensure they remain on the right path.

David Galbraith, the professional fighter who has helped some of those students establish their own mixed martial arts club, knows all too well the repercussions of not having that support.

He deals with post traumatic stress to this day after being stabbed six times, nearly becoming paralysed from the neck down.

'I had to go into an emergency operating theatre to reattach a severed nerve,' he said. 'I'm very fortunate to be alive.'

## Educational cuts madness

I refer to the news regarding the proposal by Argyll and Bute Council's education department to have 14 pupil support workers made redundant in next year's council budget.

This proposal to save £198,500, an average salary of £14,130 per employee, can be summed up in one word – madness.

I am not by any means an education expert but from 1995 until 2017, when I was councillor, I became very much aware in the budget process each year that councillors are presented with what are called savings options.

For instance, I see the estimate is a funding gap of £9.2 million, so I would assume around £12 million worth of savings will be put forward so that the most alarming proposals will be removed.

The Tory, Lib Dem and independent administration which has a 21-15 majority, will decide the fate of the 14 pupil support workers. I would hope that by the time this letter is published the lunacy of the proposal to remove these 14 key people will be stopped in its tracks.

In my 22 years as an Argyll and Bute Councillor I witnessed many foolish budget proposals but this one is just totally crazy.

It must be ceased because, if implemented, it will result in 14 excellent people losing their jobs and put immense pressure on those who are left.

**Robert MacIntyre,**  
Serpentine Road,  
Bute.

## Put PM's deal to a referendum

The Tory plan to put a customs barrier between Britain and Northern Ireland will be costly for businesses who trade with Northern Ireland and mean queues for travellers at ferry ports.

It is shocking that Boris Johnson repeatedly promised he would never do this, but then shamelessly signed up to this customs barrier in his EU withdrawal agreement. Every party in Northern Ireland opposes the Tory government's Brexit proposals.

This Tory betrayal of their former allies in Northern Ireland shows they can't be trusted to fight to keep the Union between Scotland and the rest of the UK.

Nobody voting 'leave' in the referendum knew they were voting to put up this customs barrier. That's one of many reasons for putting Boris's deal to a referendum.

Liberal Democrats want to bring down barriers, not build them.

**Alan Reid,**  
Liberal Democrat candidate,  
Argyll and Bute.

## Support for RAF veterans

My father and his two brothers all flew with the Royal Air Force (RAF) during the Second World War; one in Coastal Command, one in Bomber Command and one in Fighter Command.

I imagine it was quite unusual that the three brothers flew in the three separate branches of

the RAF and even more unusual that, come the end of the war, had all survived.

I am very proud to be backing the RAF Benevolent Fund's centenary campaign to reach out to RAF veterans and let them know the help and support they deserve is out there.

The fund, which celebrates its centenary this month, is here to help the whole RAF family through the toughest times. They estimate that there are up to 100,000 veterans and their partners who urgently need help.

Often national service veterans and their partners, who answered their country's call more than 60 years ago, don't even realise they can turn to the RAF Benevolent Fund for help.

Time is running out, we only have a few years to help these veterans before it is too late. So I urge you to speak to your relatives, neighbours and friends and if they once served for the RAF and are in need of support encourage them to contact the fund.

It is our duty to ensure these veterans spend their twilight years in comfort.

If you know someone who needs support, call 0300 102 1919.

**Sue Holderness,**  
RAF Benevolent Fund Ambassador.

## National Fertility Awareness Week

National Fertility Awareness Week runs from Monday October 28 to November 3.

Monday is #MentalMatters day – infertility is a disease that is not only about your physical health, but one that can affect your mental

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Tuesday is #FertilityInTheWorkplace day – most people going through fertility treatment are of working age. It's important to both know your rights as an employee, and how to provide a supportive work environment as an employer.

Wednesday is #MenMatter day – men are half of the fertility equation but may find it harder to express their feelings. Unfortunately, there is a severe lack of promotion of male voices in this community. To raise awareness of this, Fertility Network UK will spotlight the male voice and share testimonials from men facing infertility.

Thursday is #FertilityEducation day – 71 per cent of young people are not aware of lifestyle factors that could affect their fertility. We share results from our own Fertility Education project #FutureFertility, which was funded by the Scottish Government.

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## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's Photograph of the Week is taken from a vantage point that few of us get to experience – the top of a wind turbine.

The image, showing a view to Arran, was recently sent in to the Courier by staff from Deucheran Hill wind farm, near Carradale.

It was taken in the evening between showers, as evidenced by the rainbow.

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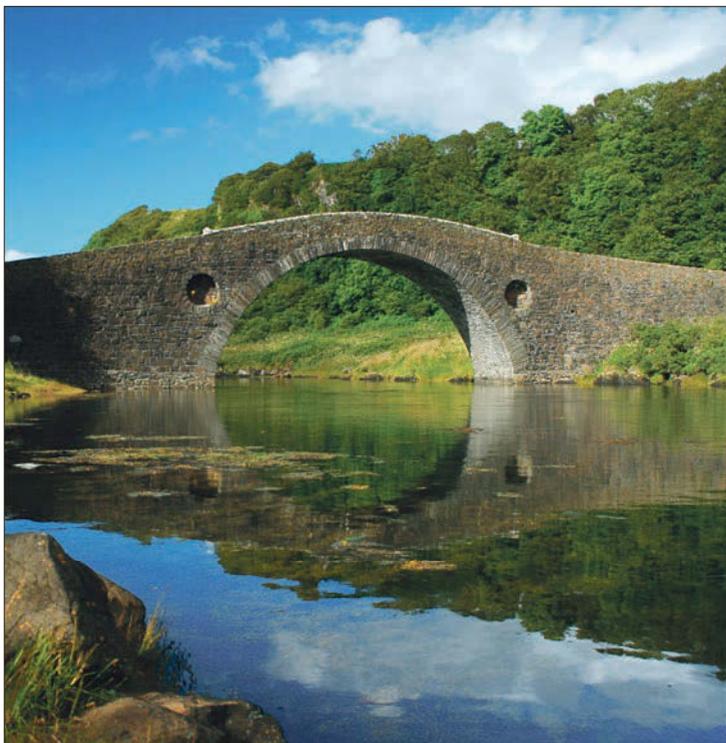
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## BRIDGING THE RETIREMENT GAP

Ever-increasing life expectancy means larger retirement pots are now needed. This means the ageold practice of stopping work at 65 is being replaced by phased retirement; many are reducing hours or responsibility, but extending their working lives by several more years, bringing with it a host of new financial considerations.

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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

**Friday October 23, 2009**

### Happy birthday, Hughie!

A grand old man celebrated his 100th birthday on Friday with five generations of his family around him.

Hughie McAllister came into this world in Skipness on October 16, 1909, and on Friday evening at MacGochan's, in Campbeltown, the family threw him a party to celebrate his centenary with as many of his six children, 11 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren as could get there. Well over 100 people attended.

Many people will know Mr McAllister as a scrap metal dealer but he also served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War on HMS Hood before transferring to HMS Maloja.



**Hughie McAllister surrounded by five generations of his family.**

The grey seals were a bonus on a morning I spent at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory.

One of Eddie's favourite tricks is to set up a high powered telescope and then tell visitors to the observatory to look through it.

The view in the eyepiece is impressive. Staring back was a moon-faced seal with swimming black eyes.

'You can count the whiskers,' quipped Eddie. And he was right.

Through the telescope you could also see a nasty looking wound on the young female's side which Eddie told me had probably been inflicted by a male.

After showing me the seals, Eddie set off on a brisk walk around the area surrounding the observatory hut at Uisaed Point. Inside

the hut is a notice saying, 'Time Spent In Reconnaissance Is Seldom Wasted.'

And we were on reconnaissance.

'I like to get out for the first half hour and get attuned to what's going on,' explained Eddie.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

**Thursday October 23, 1969**

### Oil threatens Islay beaches

Leakage from a 120,000-gallon oil tank at Bruichladdich, Islay, posed a serious threat to the beaches and wildlife on Loch Indaal.

The oil leaked from the tank early on Monday morning into a burn which flows into the loch. It spread for almost a mile along the shore, threatening the beaches and shellfish beds.

Immediate action by the Esso oil company resulted in a boom being placed round the area where the burn flows into the loch and supplies of detergent were flown on to the island to break up any of the oil reaching the beaches.

Members of Islay Fire Brigade were called out to help combat the menace and they were still working on the beaches, along with county council employees, yesterday, as the Courier went to press.

The Esso tanker Hythe, which had filled the tank on Sunday, was recalled to Bruichladdich pier on Tuesday and started pumping oil from the loch back into the ship.

It was estimated that something like 20,000 gallons had escaped from the leaking tank into the loch.

## ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

**Saturday October 25, 1919**

### Sir Wm Sutherland, KCB, MP, in Campbeltown

Sir William Sutherland, KCB, MP for Argyllshire, arrived in Campbeltown on Thursday night of last week and held a number of meetings in town and district at the weekend. The object of the visit, Sir William stated, was to get in touch with his constituents here and ascertain their views on matters of local interest which require his attention.

The gatherings, therefore, did not follow the orthodox lines of political meetings, but were more of a conversational nature, and the member elicited a good deal of valuable information in the course of several frank and intimate talks with audiences in town and country.

Everywhere he was most cordially received.

A meeting with Campbeltown fishermen took place in the open air at the New Quay Head on Saturday. There was a good attendance, and Mr Neil McLean presided.

Sir William said he had requested the calling of this meeting so that they might have a talk about the things that most particularly concerned themselves.

It was most important that the member for this constituency should know the fishermen's point of view, as the fishing community was a very important one not only in this district but in the whole county of Argyll.



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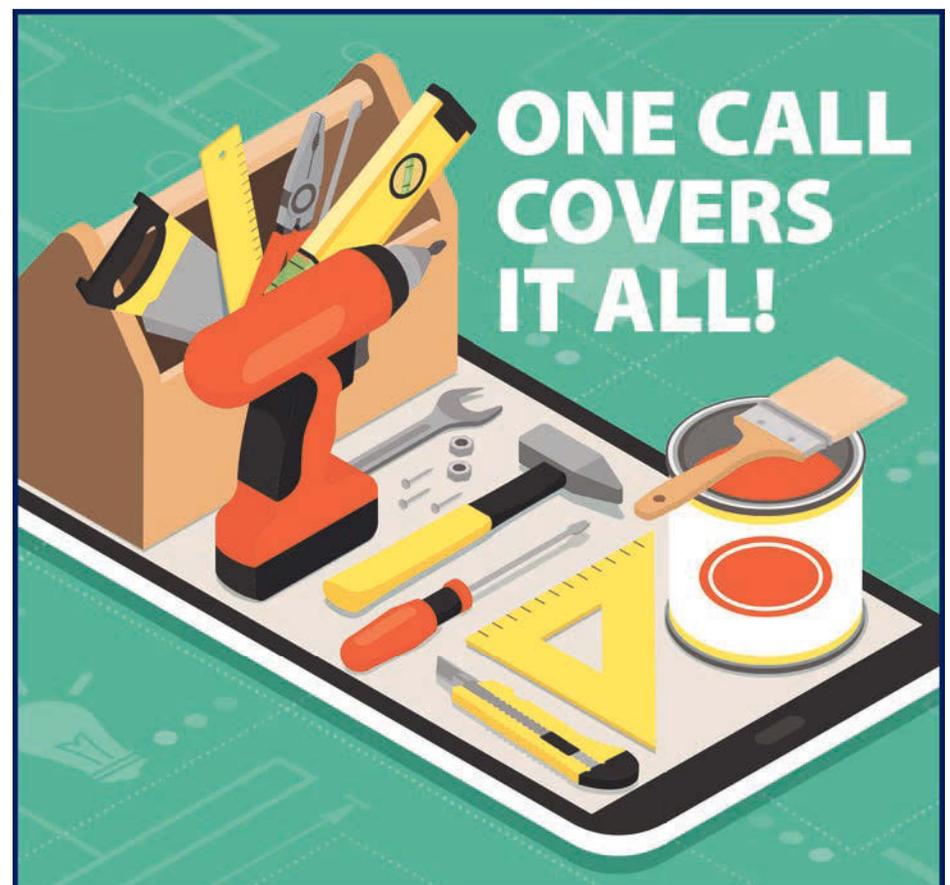
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A woman with strong family links to Kintyre has helped shine a spotlight on Campbeltown's historic and iconic buildings.

Efric McNeil, a chartered accountant who was brought up and schooled in Campbeltown, wrote a piece about the area for the Architectural Society of Scotland's autumn magazine.

She began by talking about Campbeltown's history, from an early settlement to a former royal burgh.

Efric said: "The Town

House, now the Town Hall, was erected in 1758-60 to replace the old Tolbooth. During the 18th century, the English-speaking worshippers built the Castlehill Church on the site of the castle, which had been demolished at the end of the 17th century. The church was in use until 1971 when it was converted into flats.

"The area to southwest of the church is still known today as Castleacres and has some of the earliest social housing designed by architect H E Clifford in the early part of the 20th century.



East Cliff is one of Campbeltown's most impressive homes. 50\_c43eastcliff01

'Elizabeth Tollemache, Duchess of Argyll, was instrumental in the proposal for the development of the quays to create a seaport in the sheltered waters of the loch.

'The project was finally achieved in the latter half of the 18th century. The old court house and jail dates from this time, and is, sadly, on the Buildings at Risk Register.'

Efric explained that Campbeltown developed with several good tenements, including number 4 to 14 Main Street, built in 1820, where, from 1901, her family ran a bookshop for more 100 years.

'Fishing and agriculture were the mainstays of the economic growth but the boom came with the legalisation of the whisky distilling in the early 19th century,' she said. 'The economic success of the town can be seen in the quality of civic buildings and residences.

'On the north side of the loch, several fine villas were built, including Springfield

House (1815) and A-listed Bellgrove (1810). Others include Sandbank, Springbank, Fairview, Rockbank and Rosemount.

'On the south side stand Ailsa House, Stronvaar, North Park, South Park and East Cliff, later remodelled by H E Clifford.

'Around 1880, the low-tide shore of the loch was reclaimed with the Kinloch Park being created, thus setting out the form of the modern town.

'The latter part of the 19th century saw further investment; John Burnet designed the imposing Longrow Church in 1865 and Hazelbank House in 1870. His son JJ Burnet followed with The Cottage Hospital in 1894, Creagdhù Mansions in 1897, Rothmar (A-listed) and, a jewel for the town, the public library and museum in 1897. In the early 20th century, Thomas Lennox Watson designed Barochan Place and Longrow South.

'H E Clifford, who had married the daughter of a doctor in Campbeltown, had a busy practice with many commissions for villas and commercial work. He built in a variety of styles, in keeping with the eclectic times.



Stunning Rothmar is one of Campbeltown's five A-listed buildings. 50\_c43rothmar01

'An early commission was Craigard in 1882, Auchenlea in 1885, both with hints of Alexander "Greek" Thomson. Clifford brought arts and crafts to Campbeltown. His many domestic commissions include Bellview (1884), Knockbay (1893), Redholme, (A-listed, 1896), Redcliff (1897), Rockwood, and Norwood (1898).

'In 1895, he designed the perfect club house, The Club, known locally as "the gentlemen's club", and still in operation today.'

Efric explained the development of tourism in the area, which gave the impetus for the formation of a company to build a cinema on the sea-front, designed by AV Gardiner in 1913.

She added: 'There are over 200 listed buildings in Campbeltown, including five A-listed and around 49 B-listed buildings. Seventeen are included in the Buildings at Risk Register. They reflect the cultural heritage of the town, remarkable in the quality and variety of typologies, a microcosm of society through three centuries.

'The town's most valuable asset is its physical presence within an outstanding natural environment.

'The Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme is improving the town's built heritage. Campbeltown has a rich architectural stock, but it needs protection for future generations.'

# We think Fridays are for dramming...



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## WE did it to help other children

The kind-hearted children at Rhunahaorine Primary School were so impressed when they heard about building a new school in India that they decided to help.

Teenager Morvern Paisley, from Whitehouse, volunteered in India during the summer helping to demolish and build a school with the WE charity.

Morvern gave a presentation at Rhunahaorine with lots of visual aids telling the pupils all about what she had done and why, and this captured their imaginations.

As a result, the school's pupil council was motivated



Soaping the dirt away.

to help others in India. They took a survey and everyone liked the idea of having a car wash.

All the pupils designed posters and the pupil

council laminated and displayed them around the community.

On the afternoon of Friday October 4, the children donned waterproofs, wellies and gloves and prepared their buckets.

Cars came in and moved to three areas around the playground – hub cleaning, soap up and, finally, the big rinse.

Highlights from the day were: 'Using the hose,' and 'Splashing my mum and dad when they were in the van'.

A grand total of £88.50 was raised for the WE charity.



Rinsing the cars was one of the best jobs, as was using the hose.

## New contracts for hydro on Islay will support power network

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) has placed its first economically-viable Constraint Managed Zone (CMZ) contracts on the Isle of Islay.

These are for a total of 6MW worth of services to support network outage and will be supplied by hydro power drawn from a reservoir on the island during 'adverse network conditions'.

### Cost-effective

The support provided through the contracts will also deliver cost-effective alternatives to traditional temporary generation services for the homes, businesses and communities SSEN serves and reduce reliance upon fossil fuel.

'Services to support periods of network outage are particularly important for our Highland and island customers who can experience harsh weather conditions. We are delighted to be increasing the resilience of our service through these contracts,' said Stewart Reid, the company's head of future networks.



Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks has announced a first for Islay and is continuing to extending its CMZ contracts across the Highlands and islands to support its network.

CMZ contracts are a central part of a 'flexibility first' commitment, where options such as renewables and energy storage are considered when addressing network issues prior to investing in the more traditional methods; this provides opportunities for smart energy technology to com-

pete with traditional forms of network management.

SSEN is looking at more of these contracts across the region and intends to secure 20MWs of contracted services before January 2020, with the aim of doubling this to over 40MW by the end of March 2020.

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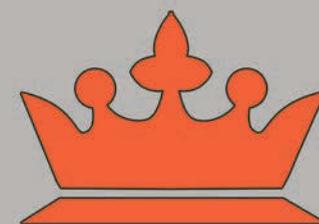
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Brendan O'Hara MP is supporting the move to smart meters.

## Get smart with your meter

Brendan O'Hara MP is backing a greater focus on energy efficiency and says getting a smart meter installed is one way to make a difference.

Research by Smart Energy GB, the University of Salford and the Energy Saving Trust found that fewer than three per cent of conversations about climate change mention the topic of energy efficiency but if every household took action, 11 per cent of the UK's 2050 carbon targets could be achieved.

After showing his support at an event in parliament, Mr O'Hara is encouraging people in Argyll and Bute to explore how they could become more energy efficient.

'It's impossible to avoid the environmental

issues our planet is facing, so I'm calling on my constituents to help fill in the missing piece in the climate change debate and take steps to become more energy efficient,' he said.

### More aware

'Getting a smart meter is an easy thing that I would encourage every household in Argyll and Bute to do. It will help you be more aware of the energy your home uses, and, critically, reduce our carbon emissions as a community.'

He points to research which shows 6,521 people in the constituency have upgraded their old analogue meter to a smart meter, helping to create a cleaner, greener energy system.

## Morag Goodfellow is the new HIE boss for Argyll and the Isles

Morag Goodfellow has been appointed area manager for Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) in Argyll and the Isles.

Morag joined HIE in 2009 and has been based within the Argyll and the Isles team for the past nine years, most recently as head of regional development, based in Lochgilphead.

She has played a key role in developing some of Argyll's recent infrastructure projects such as The Fairmile Building business hub in Dunoon and the European Marine Science Park in Oban.

Originally from Caithness, Morag studied economics at Glasgow University. She completed a master's degree in land economy before embarking on a career as a chartered surveyor, working in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Oban.

Commenting on her new role, she said: 'I am delighted to be taking up this role, leading the Argyll and the Isles team. I am very fortunate to live and work in such a beautiful region, which has so



Morag Goodfellow.

many natural benefits to help drive our economy.

'From tourism to whisky, aquaculture to marine science, there are significant opportunities for growth and innovation in all these sectors.

'There are also challenges, of course, including helping businesses adapt to leaving the EU and attracting new

talent to areas still experiencing population declines.

'I look forward to continuing to work with the team and our partners, including Argyll and Bute Council and North Ayrshire Council. Collaboration is the most effective means of strengthening the economy and community resilience of Argyll and the Isles.'

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# Cyclists thank first-aiders after dangerous driver disqualified

A couple injured when a car drove into them while they were cycling near Kennacraig wanted to thank the people who helped them.

The husband and wife, both in their sixties, expressed their gratitude outside Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday last week after Dominic Anthony Smith was found guilty of dangerous driving on the A83.

During his trial a witness said: 'The two men who delivered first aid were fantastic.' They were qualified first-aiders, she told the court.

The same witness, travelling south, passed the cyclists heading north and then heard 'the sound of horrendous screeching brakes'. She went back to help: 'My first thought was I couldn't believe anyone is not more injured. The driver was in shock. I felt sorry for him. It was awful all round.'

The 25-year-old Tarbert-based engineer denied driving dangerously by failing to stop when an anti-lock braking system (ABS) warning light illuminated alerting him to a defect with the braking system, driving at excessive speed for the prevailing conditions and losing control of his car, being unable to brake effectively to avoid colliding with cyclists and injuring them.

The cyclists, who live near Aberdeen, were on the popular five ferries cycle route and between Kennacraig and Tarbert on July 3 last year, just before noon, when Smith's car hit them from behind. The impact damaged the bonnet and broke the windscreen.

Two road policing constables gave evidence. Brendan Keowan examined the crash site, saying the tyre



The incident took place near the Islay ferry terminal junction at Kennacraig. 25\_c14kennacraig01

marks were 57 metres long and indicated the vehicle 'locked up' for a considerable length and was travelling at excessive speed, adding: 'It is a reasonably gradual bend, and with the very good conditions, the driver would have been able to see the cyclists

before the tyre marks began.' Smith had said at the scene that the ABS warning light had come on.

Constable Richard Kay, a qualified vehicle examiner, said the ABS warning light came on the VW Golf when he turned the ignition. He

traced the fault to the front near-side sensor wire which had been repaired with insulation tape.

Sheriff Hughes was told failure of the ABS meant the car still had brakes but they would lock if it had to brake hard and the driver should have 'brought this into his driving plan'.

Smith, of Flat 3, Merkins Avenue, Dumbarton, said he had driven from Tarbert to Tayinloan to check if he had left something in a colleague's van. When he started the car to travel back three warning lights came on - for the ABS, stabilising control and tyre pressure. He turned the ignition off and on again and the warning lights did not reappear then or at any other time during his journey.

'I do not feel like I was going fast, not over the limit,' he said. 'It was a series of unfor-

tunate events of my car and what happened that day. I did not expect my wheels to lock that easily.'

His defence agent, Graham Mann, said: 'There is insufficient evidence for a conviction of dangerous driving; at its highest, this case is careless driving.' Sheriff Hughes disagreed.

Finding Smith guilty, the sheriff said there was no criticism of the couple's cycling. He told Smith that his belated braking and excessive speed fell below the standard expected: 'This is a very serious matter and one which had very serious consequences.'

Smith was disqualified from driving immediately and the sheriff called for reports saying he would hear more from the defence once these were completed. The case will come before the court again on November 14.



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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

## Cheers to Campbeltown coffee mornings



David McEwan serenaded visitors to Kintyre Music Club's coffee morning in Kirk Street Hall.



Little Darcey Morrison enjoyed juice and biscuits at the town hall event.

Kintyre residents brewed up a whole lot of cash for local causes at coffee mornings across Campbeltown last Saturday.

Visitors to Kintyre Music Club's Kirk Street Hall event were treated to live piano music courtesy of David McEwan and Marian Fordom. There was also a baking stall and raffle at the event which raised about £260.

Just along the road, Campbeltown Town Hall was the venue for a Mairi Semple Cancer Fund event which featured all the usual stalls and raised about £722.

A spokesperson for the charity said: 'Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning. Our next event is our St Andrew's ceilidh - tickets are selling well so make sure you buy yours before they sell out!'

Tickets for the Saturday November 30 ceilidh, which will be headlined by Trail West, also in the town hall, are available from committee members Margaret Sinclair

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Elizabeth Young was one of the many volunteers at the Mairi Semple event.

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Marlene McLean caught up with friends at the Mairi Semple fundraiser.



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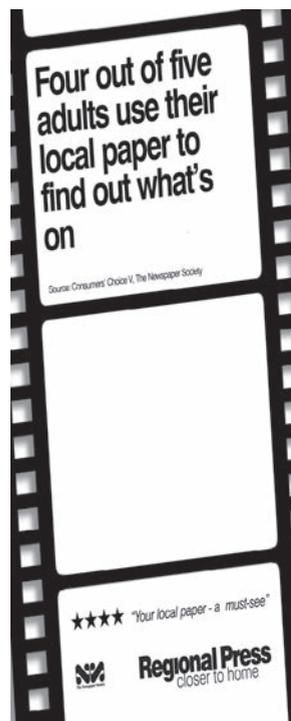
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## Results are in for Largside SWI ladies

The members of the Largside SWI have been cooking and crafting up a storm at their meetings this season.

The honours so far are: oven treacle scone: Helen Steel, five points; Hallowe'en mask: Adrienne Bradley, five points; strawberry jam: Ann Clark, five points; Kate Lowe, Jessie Main, three points; Fiona Macpherson, two points; Pat Rawson, one point.

Flower arrangement: Ann Clark, Amanda White, five points; Denise McKeown, Helen Steel, four points; Pat Rawson, Adrienne Bradley, three points; Adrienne Bradley, Kate Lowe, two points.

The institute's next meeting will be on November 21 with a demonstration by Denise McKeown on how to make hand-crafted Christmas baubles.

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# Clachan ladies enjoy a local tippie!

Members of Clachan SWI took to the road last Saturday in the beautiful autumn sunshine and went to Torrisdale Castle to visit Beinn an Tuirc gin distillery.

Neil and Emma Macalister Hall gave them a very warm welcome in their attractive shop where members were told about the history of the estate which has led up to their decision to go into gin production.

They then went to the refurbished outbuilding where the gin is distilled and bottled, and were invited to taste three of the gins made there.

The bottling and labelling methods were explained and members were surprised to hear of the very wide distribution of the gin throughout Scotland and England.

Neil and Emma will be opening a shop in Longrow, Campbeltown, very shortly where everyone will be able to top up their gin supplies for Christmas.

After all that hard work tasting, the SWI members travelled on to Carradale with much joy in their hearts and had a very enjoyable and sociable meal at the Glen before their return to Clachan.



The ladies of Clachan SWI enjoyed an informative tour of Beinn an Tuirc Distillery.

## Kintyre residents stand United Against Cancer

Two Kintyre men have put aside their political differences to stand United Against Cancer at a charity fundraiser tomorrow (Saturday).

The event's main organiser, Callum Semple, who discovered earlier this year that he has terminal cancer, has joined forces with others,



including Davie MacPherson, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, Maggie's Centres, Beatson Cancer

## Callum Semple, right, and Davie MacPherson stand United Against Cancer.

Community Company (MACC) Business Park is set to feature a bed race, a tug-o-war, a bouncy castle, a lucky squares board, tombola, grand raffle and a whisky auction.

Charity and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

The day's extravaganza at Machrihanish Airbase

As if that is not enough, there will be live musical entertainment throughout the day from Kintyre Schools

Pipe Band, Ceol an Aire, Ceilidhs Homet, Gullion, Hope Stang, The Democrats, Sound City Disco and 5 Strings, as well as headliners Heron Valley.

A courtesy bus will run every 30 minutes from the bus terminal on Kinloch Road from 1.30pm.

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# Farmer Jim Smith to host Scottish Rural Awards

A farmer comedian who packed Campbeltown Town Hall in September during his sell-out Back To The Teuchter tour will host the Scottish Rural Awards 2020.

The black-tie glittering awards ceremony will be held on April 2, 2020, at the Glasgow Hilton.

'With diversification now often less a lifestyle choice than a necessity, this year's Scottish Rural Awards will be hosted by Perthshire farmer Jim Smith, whose new sideline as a phenomenally successful stand-up comic has seen him break new ground,' said Richard Bath, editor of Scottish Field magazine, which partners the awards alongside the Scottish Countryside Alliance.

'We are huge fans of Jim Smith at Scottish Field and after Rosie Morton interviewed him for the July issue of the magazine we decided he was just the man for the job of hosting our prestigious rural awards. Nominations close on November 4 so busi-

nesses will have to get their nominations in fast if they want to be in with a chance of being shortlisted,' said Brian Cameron, commercial director of Scottish Field.

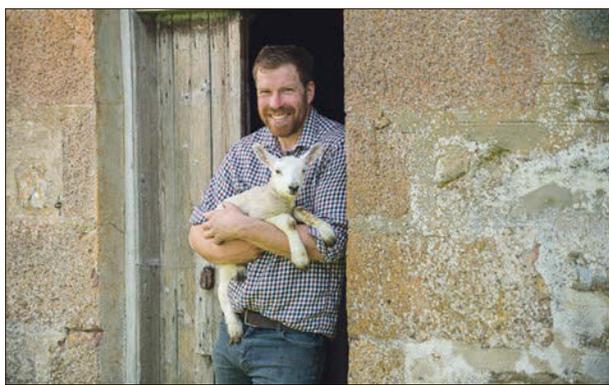
The comedian will follow in the footsteps of other Scottish Rural Award hosts who include Dougie Vipond and Fred MacAulay.

After catching the comedy bug writing sketches for the Young Farmers panto and making his comedy debut five years ago, Jim Smith is now one of Scotland's fastest rising comedy stars.

Still a working farmer in Perthshire, Jim's unique insight into rural living coupled with his sharp observational humour, has allowed him to create hilarious shows from his day-to-day life.

With two sell-out Edinburgh Fringe runs and his sell-out 40-date Scottish tour under his belt, when he's not on the farm Jim is in demand as a performer all over Scotland.

TV and radio credits include BBC Radio Scotland's Breaking The News, BBC Scotland's Scot Squad and



BBC Short Stuff 'The Farm Diaries'.

The ultimate benchmark of success in Scotland's countryside, the Scottish Rural Awards are now in their sixth year. There are 14 awards, twelve of which are open for nominations and the deadline is November 4. The finalists will be announced in December. And it couldn't be easier to enter.

Businesses and individuals can nominate themselves or a friend online. It only takes five minutes to fill in the form to register your nomination. Businesses can either self-nominate or be nominated by a friend,

family member, customer or member of the public.

The full criteria for each award, along with nomination forms, is on the Scottish Rural Awards website, [www.scottishruralawards.org](http://www.scottishruralawards.org). It is free to enter a nomination and, as an added bonus, every nominee will receive a free copy of Scottish Field magazine.

Mr Bath said: 'The Scottish Rural Awards go to the heart of Scottish Field's commitment to showcase the best that Scotland's countryside has to offer. That is why it has been an enormous pleasure to be a part of an awards that has grown in stature with

Farmer Jim Smith is set to host the Scottish Rural Awards 2020.

every passing year.

'Our involvement with the awards has also been an educational process: judging the awards each year has revealed the extraordinary levels of innovation and energy of the people who live in rural Scotland. In turn, the awards have given those dynamic custodians of Scotland's rural economy the public recognition which they so richly deserve.'

Jamie Stewart of the Scottish Countryside Alliance said: 'Land-based businesses contribute over £2 billion to the Scottish economy. Despite the multiple challenges they face, they are hugely valuable brand ambassadors for Scotland, and many provide vital support to their local communities. These awards give Scotland a chance to recognise the resilience, innovation and contribution that rurally-based people and businesses make to its success.'

## Good clearance at Oban tup sale

United Auctions held a sale of 215 shearlings and 30 tup lambs of all breeds in Oban on Wednesday October 16.

Quality tups were keenly bid for, resulting in a very good clearance.

At the show of Cheviot tups prior to the sale, the following awards were made: Shearling: 1 Bowmont Farming; 2 A & G Francis, Balure; 3 A Cameron, Ardchatten. Aged tup: 1 F Renwick, Inverbroom; 2 J M Elliot & Partners, Woodside; 3 Bowmont Farming, Champion: F Renwick, Inverbroom. Reserve champion: J M Elliot & Partners, Woodside.

Leading prices: Shearlings: SUFF: £700, Woodside Farm; £550, Woodside Farm; £550, The Arr; £550, Woodside Farm; £500, The Arr; £500, Newton of Crathie. Bluefaced Leicester: £700, Broadleys; £600, Liddesdale House; £600, Arncliffe; £600, Broadleys; £500, Ardchatten; £500, Drimsynie Farm. TEX: £1100 and £700 (2), Torrax; £600, Achnaba; £550 (2), Crow Wood; £550, Torrax; £500, Torrax; £500, Achnaba; £500, Ardachuple. TEX/BELT: £700, £500, Dalchirla. CHEV: £900, Woodside; £800, Commonsie; £800, Lochbroom; £600 (2), Woodside Farm; £550 (2), Bowmont Farming; £550, Maidencroats; £550 (3), Commonsie; £500 (2), Lochbroom; £500, Commonsie. BF: £600, £550, Saulmore; £450 (2), Balliemeanoch.

Tup lambs: SUFF: £300, Ardchatten. TEX: £500, Barcaldine HF; £500, Drimsynie; £480, £450, £400, Barcaldine HF. BF: £250, Balliemeanoch.

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## Livestock sells well at Islay sale

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Lambs averaged £50 (+£2.06) per head and 138.42p/kg (n/c).

An excellent entry of Blackface lambs sold to a keen ringside of buyers. All other classes sold well and above sellers' expectations.

Leading prices per head: Lambs: SUFF: £59.00, Uiskentuie; £57.00, Coull (Jones). TEX: £70.00, £66.00, 19 Gartness Cottages; £65.00, Lower Cragabus (S Smith); £62.00, Blackrock; £62.00, 19 Gartness Cottages. CHA: £56.00, Grulinbeg. CHEV: £51.50, Coull Farm; £46.00, Duich. CHEV MULE: £57.50, Coull Farm. CROSS: £62.00, Lossit; £57.50, Lower Cragabus (S Smith); £56.50, Coull Farm. MULE: £55.00, Coull (Jones); £54.50, Rockside; £53.50, Grulinbeg. BF: £57.50, Lossit; £56.00, Uiskentuie; £55.00, Lower Cragabus (McCuaig); £53.50, Ceannacroic.

Ewes: SUFF: £70.50, Bayview. BFL: £62.00, Ballachlaven. TEX: £83.00, 19 Gartness Cottages; £79.00, Bayview; £78.00, Blackrock; £70.50, Conisby. CHAR: £71.00, Grulinbeg. CHEV: £78.00, £77.00, Cruach (E & J Brown). CROSS: £56.50, Duich. MULE: £55.00, Coull. CHEV MULE: £59.00, 19 Gartness Cottages. BF: £39.50, Conisby; £39.00, Ballachlaven; £39.00, Cruach (E & J Brown); £38.50, Coull Farm (Jones).

Leading prices per kilo: Lambs: SUFF: 145p, Duich; 145p, Coull Farm (Jones). TEX: 163p, 154p, Blackrock; 152p, Keills. CHAR: 165p, Grulinbeg. The same day, 278 calves were sold.

137 bullock calves averaged £675.95 (-£15.61) to £1010 for a 398kg Limousin cross from Ardnave Farm and averaged 229.58p/kg (+1p) to 304p/kg for two 296kg Limousin crosses from Ardnave. 141 heifer calves averaged £595.32 (+£14.94) to £900 for a 340kg Limousin cross from Ardnave and averaged 209.67p/kg (n/c) to 287p/kg for a 272kg Limousin cross also from Ardnave Farm.

A good following of mainland buyers ensured all stock sold at levels above sellers' expectations. The entry of calves was mainly spring-born and they were of superior quality.

Leading prices per head: Bullocks: AAX: £630, Kilmenny. BAX: £750 (2), Ardnave Farm. CHARX: £950, Ardnave Farm; £920, £910 (2), £900, Aoradh; £900 (5), Ardnave. LIMX: £1010, Ardnave; £945, Octomore; £940, £900 (2), Ardnave. SALX: £815, Starchmill. SIMX: £930, £835, £815 (2), Corrory. Heifers: AAX: £710 (3), Octomore. BAX: £615, Ardnave. CHARX: £750 (2), £740, Ardnave; £700 (2), Aoradh; £700, Ardnave. LIMX: £900, £870, Ardnave; £850, Kilchiaran; £840, £830, Ardnave. SIMX: £830, £770, Corrory.

Leading prices per kilo: Bullocks: AAX: 217p, Kilmenny. BAX: 278p, 213p, Ardnave. CHARX: 293p (2), 291p (2), 284p, 283p (2), 281p (3), Aoradh; 266p, Ardnave; 264p, Aoradh; 255p (8), Kilmenny. LIMX: 304p (2), 286p (2), 281p, 273p, 254p, 242p, 238p, 230p (2), Ardnave. Heifers: AAX: 198p, Mansefield Terr. BAX: 230p, 205p (8), 198p, 196p (3), Ardnave. CHARX: 238p (2), Ardnave; 231p (7), Mansefield Terr; 227p, Ardnave; 224p (10), Kilmenny; 223p (5), Ardnave; 219p (2), Aoradh; 213p (12), Kilmenny; 212p (2), Aoradh; 208p (2), Ardnave. LIMX: 287p, 265p, 249p (2), 245p (2), 234p, 230p (2), 229p, 227p, 222p, Ardnave; 221p, Kilchiaran; 218p (2), Starchmill; 215p (3), Ardnave. SIMX: 193p (2), Corrory.

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## The best dates, deals and places get booked up quickly so you need to act fast

Get your Christmas off to a cracking start by planning your party nights out well in advance.

The same goes for your Christmas lunches too! Argyll and Bute schools close for Christmas on Friday December 20 and you will not be popular if you book a Christmas lunch or after work drinks party on that day.

This is why getting organised as soon as possible is so important. In the run up to Christmas people's diaries start to fill up very quickly; the best bet is to use the party for work as an event which opens, rather than closes the party season.

So it is a good idea to have a couple of alternative dates to send round in an email or pin up on the notice board. There are lots of school concerts and parties to factor in; Argyll is a very sociable place.

Another idea which is becoming very popular is 'layering' your party, be it for work, a club or a large gathering of friends.

Plan to meet for drinks after work or early in the evening and then go on for a meal with drinks afterwards.

That way people with other commitments that night can come to one or all of the night's fun as and when suits them. This is also a great way to include everyone. Mums and dads can go for the first part of the evening, or go home from work and return later.

This layered approach also helps people who live out of town, or those who might be on a tight budget and would prefer not to go out for the whole evening.

Remember that a Christmas party can also include a trip to the cinema or a concert or dance – and there are plenty on offer this Christmas.

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For those wishing to stay over we are doing a special rate on party nights of £50.00 per couple, inclusive of breakfast.

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#### MAINS

- Roast Turkey served with Traditional Trimmings
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- Honey Roast Gammon served with Spiced Apple Puree
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## Business Spotlight

# Coorie Doon this Autumn at th

A long-term love affair with Tayvallich turned into a more permanent relationship when Brian Masson and his wife Kathryn took over the Tayvallich Inn almost three years ago. And it has gone from strength to strength ever since.

If you haven't been before, or for a while, you should think about taking the scenic drive down one autumnal afternoon or evening. You'll be glad you did - and you'll want to return again and again.

The pub has been tastefully refurbished recently and the outside area is very inviting for a bit of alfresco lunch - the views are as good as the food!

The kitchen has been redeveloped to cope with an increase in custom and whilst Kathryn is a great cook and likes to get stuck in, head chef Pedro has recently taken over the top spot, creating beautiful dishes to tempt every taste bud.

The dining area and bar

now have a fresh, open feel. Paintings by local artists and specially-commissioned glass art adorn the walls of the restaurant, adding to the contemporary but warm feeling in the room.

The bar, with its centred stove and sheepskin throws over rustic wooden chairs give it a really cosy feel, perfect for a pint and/or a glass of wine, following a brisk walk on a crisp day.

Brian and Kathryn have introduced a new range of tempting gins and real ales, but good food remains the vital ingredient. Brian said 'We aim for freshly-prepared food using local suppliers. 'Seafood is our speciality, and we serve hand-dived scallops which are landed in Tayvallich. Our langoustines and crab are caught in the Sound of Jura, and our meat comes from Oban.'

The Tayvallich Inn can accommodate up to 80 people in the restaurant, bar and outside

decking

area, and is proud to employ local people. Brian continued 'we are keen for people to take a trip out to beautiful Tayvallich and enjoy a good meal in a friendly atmosphere.'

The winter warmer menu is launching early November and will include classic dishes, including seafood gratins, a pie of the day and sticky toffee pudding. The winter opening hours will be Tuesday to Sunday (closed Monday).

If you fancy a wee night out in Tayvallich, here's a date for your diary! At the Tayvallich Inn on November 9th, there will be music from Archie McAllister on fiddle and Iain McFadyen on vocals and guitar. It should be a great night. Why not book a table first and enjoy some food before the entertainment starts?

Brian, Kathryn, manager Danny, Pedro and the team look forward to seeing you soon.



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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/01512/PP	Alterations, extension and change of use of former nurse's residential accommodation to form dwellinghouse with associated garden ground and car parking	The Lodge, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6JU
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19/02046/LIB	Retention of windows	1 Cross Houses, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute, PA32 8UE
19/02123/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank	Land North Of Dunmore Lodge, Dunmore, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
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# Hilda McSporran: an appreciation

By John Armour

The word legend is probably bandied about too often these days but, in drama circles, in Hilda McSporran we really did have someone who deserved to be considered a legend. Hilda sadly passed away on Monday October 14, aged 86.

To be part of the very first Kintyre festival in 1949, playing the part of Bella Crewe in Machrihanish Dramatic Club's performance of *Dark Brown*, and still be able to play a major role in the 70th festival earlier this year was some achievement and something of which I know Hilda was very proud.

Many will have memories of Hilda throughout the years with her involvement with various clubs but as a club member for the past 26 years she has played a huge part in Peninver Players.

Hilda stepped in very late in the day to take the part of Lena Sheehy in the play *Lena* after Mary McCrank was unable to continue in the role due to illness.



Hilda, far left, on stage as Mrs Wilson in *Match of the Day*. Andy (Hamish Taylor) finds Mrs Wilson's revelation that she has been drinking that well known 'tea', *The Famous Mouse*, hilarious, while Rev Wilson (John Armour), Annie (Fiona Sweeney) and Linda (Rhona Kelly) look on.

Club producer Donald McCallum knew there was only one person who could come in and make the part their own and learn the lines at such short notice and that was Hilda. It was only supposed to be for that one performance but I would like to think that she felt at home with Peninver and so stayed on for the next 26 years.

Hilda played many and diverse parts during the years and our club members will have their own favourites. Here are some of mine: As Lady Alice in *Hallow'een*, going from the straight-laced lady to trying to de-frock the Abbott after mistakenly taking the love potion; as Mrs Wilson, the minister's wife, in *Match of the Day* – nobody in the cast will ever forget the way Hilda acted more and more inebriated as she drank cup after cup of what she thought was tea but was in fact whisky that had been poured into the teapot. 'This is a lovely flavoured tea, what's it called? Oh yes, *The Famous Mouse* ...'; and the wonderful portrayal of the all-knowing Aunt Olive in *The Eagle Eye*.

Hilda had said that one part she always wanted to play but never had was a French maid so in 2009 there was a part in *A Pain in the Neck* for such a character. Hilda, with a French maid outfit of fishnet tights and high heels, played the part of Esmeralda to perfection despite not feeling well at all. During that winter at rehearsals, Hilda indicated that she was ready to step down from acting and said she could not have been happier with the part she had in *A Pain in the Neck* being her final performance.

However, three years later the club was short of one player for the small part of an office receptionist – Miss Nomer in *Our James* – and Hilda immediately offered to do it, putting on a wonderful performance at both the



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Campbeltown and Ardrishaig festivals.

When Anne Leith got a junior team up and running in 2010, Hilda was there to offer help, advice and experience to the young actors who I know really appreciated the advice given to them.

The support Hilda has given the club over all of the 26 years has been invaluable and I am sure anyone who had the good fortune to work with her throughout these years will feel that they have learned a huge amount from someone who was a master at what she did.

Although her health was not great over the last few years, Hilda was still keen and able to come to see rehearsals whenever she could.

I will miss her greatly, as will Peninver as club. This really is the end of an era.

## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

I don't think I've ever seen Mull so beautiful. As I approached Craignure, the sea was a wonderful tapestry of blues, greens and aquamarine.

As I drove off the ferry, the late afternoon sun highlighted all the glory of autumn as the hills and bracken were clothed in shades of red, gold and brown. The result was breathtaking.

I was to have the privilege of leading worship in the beautiful churches at Tobermory and Dervaig.

Hospitality on Mull is renowned and I was embraced in a welcome of love in so many ways.

It was to be a weekend of celebration as the Mull choir had just won several medals at the Royal National Mòd in Glasgow.

It is said Gaelic is the language of Heaven and after hearing these haunting beautiful harmonies, I can believe it.

It was even more poignant as all members of the choir wore a little pin badge on their chests.

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As I approached the lovely wee church at Dervaig, I was embraced, and into my hand was placed a small pebble with the oystercatcher painted on it.

I could not have received a richer gift if I had been given the biggest diamond in the world.

As I led worship in that beautiful wee church, I was very aware that love surrounded us on both sides of time.

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DEATHS

**BARBOUR** - Robert (Bobby), peacefully at home, on October 22, 2019, in his 96th year, beloved husband of Betty, much loved dad of Elizabeth, Fiona, Robert, David and Ruth, and a proud grandpa. Funeral service at Mauchline Parish Church, on Friday, November 1, 2019 at 1.00pm, followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Irvine. A retiral collection if desired, in aid of Gideon's UK (Ayrshire South Branch). Family flowers only.

**KEE** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 17, 2019, William Thomas Kee (Willie), in his 89th year, Mingary, Machrihanish, formerly of Clydebank, dearly beloved husband of Ruby Kee, much loved dad of Elaine and Duncan, father-in-law of Iain and Clare and beloved grandfather of William and Finlay.

**ROXBURGH** - Peacefully, after a short illness, at Hairmyres Hospital, on Friday, October 18, 2019, Janet (Milne). Funeral service at South Lanarkshire Crematorium, Sydes Brae, Blantyre, G72 OTL, on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 11.45am.

**WOOD** - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on October 17, 2019, Robert Alexander Wood, in his 83rd year, of McLullich Buildings, Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Cathie (MacKay) and much loved father of Flora, Lachlan, Wilma and May. Much respected father-in-law of Lee, Moira, Iain and Angus, adored grandpa of Jamie, Lucy, Mark, David, Holly, Innes, Eleanor, Emily, Evan and Brodie and great grandpa of Jackson. Dear brother of the late David and Alison, and a good neighbour, former work colleague and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. Sadly missed by all.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MCSPORRAN** - The family of the late Hilda McSporran would like to sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind words, cards and expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all the staff at Campbeltown Hospital, The Beatson, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, the Kintyre care team, and Carr Gomm for their support over recent

years, to the Reverend William Crossan for his heartfelt service, to Kenneth and all at T A Blair Funeral Directors and to Flora, Marion and their staff at the Ardshiel Hotel. Finally, thanks to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside and those who contributed to the collection for Macmillan Nurses and Lorne and Lowland Church.

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- Neil, David, Alan and families.

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**Sunday 27th October**  
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am  
**Friday 8th November**  
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**Monday 28th October**  
Messa Church 3.45 - 5.30pm  
Church Hall  
**Tuesday 29th October**  
Tiny Tots 9.45am  
New Hall  
BBs Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
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**Thursday 31st October**  
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7.00pm Scottish Bible Society  
Speaker: Norman Liddle  
**Monday 28th October**  
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## Docherty lands October medal

### GOLF

Dunaverty Golf Club's October medal competition was held on a sunny day with a very fresh breeze and it turned out to be a very close contest.

Steven Garrett and John Marrison had a ding-dong battle in the morning session with Steven edging John out by one shot for the lead.

It was the afternoon session which produced the winner in the form of John Docherty who went out in 33 strokes and back in 40 for a net 63.

Result: 1 John Docherty, 73-10=63; 2 Steven Garrett, 76-12=64; 3 John Marrison, 81-16=65; 4 Bill Brannigan, 78-12=66; 5 John McKinlay, 79-10=69; 6 Ross Sinclair, 74-4=70. John Docherty had the best scratch score of 73 and the CSS was 64.

## Ladies' medals at

### GOLF

## Dunaverty

With the season now nearing an end, the ladies of Dunaverty Golf Club are playing monthly medals supplemented with the winter league.

September's medal winner was Katharine Hardman, 90-22=68; second was Mary McKinnon, 91-22=69. Lowest scratch score was 81 by Lindsay Garrett.

The October medal went to Lindsay Garrett, 75-11=64; Florence Chrystie was second, beating Linda Brannigan by two, both scoring 71. Lowest scratch score was 85 by Elizabeth Marrison.

## Lotto rollover

The draw for Dunaverty Golf Club's lotto took place on Sunday and the winning numbers were 1, 7 and 8; there were no winners.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £600, will be held on Sunday November 3.

Tickets are available from the club steward, committee members, at Muneroy Tearoom and also at the Burnside bar.

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The Machrihanish Golf Club prize-winners of 2019.

# Prize-giving night is a triumph at Machrihanish

## Silverware saved from clubhouse fire presented to winners

Machrihanish Golf Club's annual prize-giving was held on Saturday at the Argyll Hotel in Campbeltown, with a wonderful array of trophies, many of which had been saved from the clubhouse as the fire took hold in December last year.

Willie Ross, club captain, presided over the event, assisted by his wife Kirsteen and committee member, Finlay Wylie.

The first prizes presented were for competitions played over the nine-hole Pans course over the season. The main prize, the club championship, was won by Ann Gallacher; the main handicap prizes were won by Lindsey Irwin who took the silver category trophy, while Jennifer Gilchrist took the title in the bronze category.

The other titles were well shared out with Lorna Ralston, Lindsey Irwin, Jennifer Gilchrist, Catherine Armour and Linda Wallace all having fine seasons.

Catherine Dobbie was also in the prizes as were Elizabeth Casey, Pia Davis and Hilary Oman.

Maggie MacArthur was prolific in taking the ladies' prizes on the championship course; her tally was bettered by young Murdo MacLean who picked up an incredible stash of vouchers for the best junior scores over the big course.

George MacMillan received the gents' club championship after an extremely impressive and memorable competition in June.

This is the seventh time MacMillan has won the championship and he did incredibly well to claim the prize this year ahead of Niels Andersen who shot a club record-equalling seven-under-par 63 in the first round.



Far left, George MacMillan, gents' club champion, centre, with club captain Willie Ross and his wife Kirsteen.

Left, Stephen Kelly, McDairmid Cup winner, centre, with Willie and Kirsteen Ross.

The handicap prizes went to Donald Laing for the first two rounds and young Kyle Colville who picked up the Bob Ballantyne for his fine golf played in rounds three and four.

Dean Ratcliff won the esteemed gold medal for having the lowest scratch score at the spring meeting and John Shaw won the Order of Merit for the most consistent performances over the year.

Stephen Kelly polished off a good season claiming the seniors' open and the prestigious McDairmid Cup, the singles handicap match-play trophy.

This is Kelly's third win in the event following victories in 1991, when he defeated current club captain Willie Ross in a final that was extended to 36 holes after the first game finished all square and likewise in 2016 when he defeated Iain McGougan also at the 36th hole.

This year his victim was Ian Docherty, after halving the first



Willie Ross and his wife Kirsteen present Dean Ratcliff, centre, with the spring meeting gold medal.

match over 18 holes an extra round was required to separate the players and again it was Kelly who prevailed by the score of 4 and 3.

Ian Docherty's brother John had a terrific season picking up a number of prizes including the George Durnan two-rounder.

Alan McLean picked up two lovely pieces of silverware to try and keep up with son Murdo in the prize money stakes and there were multiple prizes for Brian Cook, Kevin Allibone, Kevin Gilchrist, Stevie Gorman and Michael Morrison who took the John McLean two-round scratch trophy despite missing the majority of the season after an accident.

The biggest cheer of the night was reserved for Iain MacKinnon for his fine victory in the Glencalladh bowl.

An excellent evening came to an end with captain's wife Kirsteen Ross receiving a bouquet from Finlay Wylie for all of her work in presenting the prizes.

# Graham's pedal power raises cash for Cooper

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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'Selfless' seven-year-old Graham Brown used pedal power to raise £2,000 for the fundraiser to buy his cousin, Cooper Scally, a new state-of-the-art wheelchair and trike.

Graham recently completed a 12-mile sponsored cycle from Campbeltown's ferry terminal to Machrihanish and back alongside his father, also Graham.

Little Graham started to struggle at Drumlemble on the way back in as his legs began to ache but he was determined to carry on after stopping to enjoy a flask of tea with his dad.

He arrived back at the ferry terminal after just two and a half hours to a crowd of close friends and family cheering him on with homemade banners.

Money from sponsor sheets is still being handed in but so far Graham has raised around £2,000.

There is only one month between Graham and Cooper, who has cerebral palsy and is unable to

walk, talk or eat independently. Cooper's parents, Zoey Booth and Greg Scally, set up a fundraising page to enable them to purchase the bespoke equipment, estimated to cost £10,000 in total, which will give Cooper the ability to self-propel.

'When Graham found out we were raising money, he decided on his own that he wanted to do something to help,' said Zoey.

Zoey continued: 'We'd just like to thank Graham's mum Janna for handing out sponsorship forms and collecting the money, his dad Graham for supporting him to do the sponsored cycle and to all the local people who donated and businesses that have taken in sponsor forms.'

'We'd also like to thank Wee Toon Trends for donating a personalised T-shirt for Graham to wear during his cycle. The biggest thank you of all, of course, goes to our wonderful nephew Graham for such a selfless act - cousins really do make the best friends and Cooper is very lucky to have you.'



There was a large group of supporters waiting for Graham to return from his cycle.



Cousins Graham Brown and Cooper Scally are only one-month apart in age, left, Graham wore a personalised T-shirt, provided by Wee Toon Trends, throughout the cycle.

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# Pupils learn their lesson to win Argyll derby match

Campbeltown Pupils 1  
Lochgilhead Red Star 0  
SAFL Premier Division One

Campbeltown Pupils made it three league wins in a row last Saturday with a hard-fought win over Argyll rivals Lochgilhead Red Star.

A 200-strong crowd, encouraged by a calm, crisp autumn day, watched the Kintyre Park side leave it late to overcome their stubborn visitors by a single goal.

Beyond the derby hype, the first half proved a non-event, the spongy grass pitch helping only to produce cagey play from both sides.

Red Star's midfield linchpin Aaron Moore was the first to have an effort on goal, seeing his early free kick tipped round the post by Pupils keeper Alasdair Ferguson,

the latter enjoying another fine display.

Some tidy work in the box on the half-hour mark saw Pupils left-winger Gregor McFadyen release attacking midfielder Donald McCallum, but the Pupils number 10 directed his effort over the bar with his left foot from 15 yards out.

Lone striker Scott Souden also had a good chance for the Pupils but could only guide his cushioned effort over the bar.

There was a moment of worry for the Pupils later in the first half, too, when a Red Star cross from the visitors' right flank was seemingly destined to loop over Ferguson into the Pupils' net, but floated just wide, and ran out for a goal kick.

Red Star staged a Centenary Cup coup on their last visit to the Wee Toon, in August,



Donald McCallum celebrates after scoring the Pupils' match-winning goal. Photographs: Danielle Christine Photography

overturning a 1-0 deficit to take a 2-1 win back to Mid Argyll. This time, a defensively disciplined performance by the Pupils' back four of Stuart Crossan, Ross Souden, Lee Allen and Keith Mitchell kept the Red Star attackers at bay for long spells, keeping the game poised at 0-0 going into the second half.

Just after the hour, the McFadyen-sponsored Pupils shuffled the pack in search of a winner, John McCallum replacing Gregor McFadyen and playing as lone striker in the Pupils' usual 4-2-3-1 formation, with Scott Souden shifting to left midfield, while young Calum McKillop entered the fray at right midfield to replace the hard-working Ryan Gilchrist, the latter

playing well outside his usual central midfield role.

These fresh legs would prove important for the home side to break down the determined Red Star back-line, and on 75 minutes, the Pupils' own red terror, ex-Arbroath man Donald McCallum, provided the match-winning strike for the home side.

Picking up possession 30 yards out, McKillop took control before playing a delicate slide-rule pass to John McCallum, whose low first-time pass across the box with his right foot found his brother Donald, who despatched a low shot that proved too fast for the Red Star keeper's outstretched legs.

And while the Feathers-sponsored Pupils were worthy

of their goal, leading 1-0 is a precarious advantage at any level of football, and the hosts were almost made to pay when Red Star's ex-Dumbar-ton trainee Coll MacCallum met a header perfectly from a corner, but he directed his downwards effort just wide of Ferguson's left-hand post.

As in Paisley the week before, Liam Renton occupied the Pupils' holding midfield role, and was backed up by Ellis Robertson. The 21-year old grew into the game and made some great interventions to maintain the Pupils' hold on possession in the closing minutes, helping the hosts edge out their rivals in a keenly-fought match.

The Feathers Inn-sponsored Pupils are in Argyll league

derby action again tomorrow (Saturday) when they travel to face Dunoon Ams, with the Dunoon Stadium the expected venue.

The Pupils would also like to thank West Coast Electrical (Argyll) Ltd for kindly sponsoring the match ball, and AM Transport, for their recent kind donation towards the team's training equipment.

Video of last Saturday's game's winning goal is available on the Campbeltown Football Facebook page, or @PupilsAFC on Twitter.



Scott Souden, centre, in action last Saturday.



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