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Could bridge plans solve Kintyre's economic issues?

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Is a massive injection of infrastructure the answer to Kintyre's current job woes and the future economic prosperity of Argyll and Bute?

A bridge spanning the North Channel between the Mull of Kintyre and Northern Ireland could be viable, a leading architect has said.

And so could a rail tunnel which could link Dublin and Belfast with Glasgow says the Cowal Fixed Link Group which formed after an economic summit was held in Argyll in 2013.

Internationally renowned Professor Alan Dunlop, a Fellow of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, has long been a supporter of a Celtic crossing bridge. His vision has once again hit the headlines following the General Election campaign.

New prime minister Boris Johnson seems in favour and Ireland's Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, is on record as say-

ing the idea is worth looking into, but only if the UK is footing the bill.

The North Channel bridge idea has always put the Portpatrick route first as this gives the faster onward journey to the all-important central belt. But a Cowal connection with extra infrastructure would put the Mull of Kintyre bridge back in the game – and bring other opportunities for the rest of Argyll as it would open up the entire area.

Back in January 2018 Prof Dunlop believed the Portpatrick route would be about 21 miles, costing £15-20 billion, with the shorter Mull of Kintyre bridge put at £12 billion. To put this in perspective, ideas for an English Channel bridge have been costed at £120 billion.

The proposed Portpatrick bridge runs to the north of Beaufort's Dyke, a huge sea trench which is the site of a major arms dump containing First and Second World War munitions; to this day it is not fully known exactly what

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People came together at events across Kintyre to celebrate the beginning of 2020.

Gillian Watson and Karen Cairns, standing at the back of this photograph,

joined John Nutt, Michelle Mayberry, Joanne Arbuckle, Lorne McMurchy and Graeme Macphail, sitting, at Campbeltown Town Hall's party, which featured live music from Treble

Trouble as well as soup, sandwiches and a raffle.

For more photographs from events across Campbeltown, turn to pages 16, 17, 18 and 19.

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Man wilfully set fire to Campbeltown property

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A man suffering from auditory hallucinations barricaded himself inside and set fire to his Campbeltown home.

The flat at 29C Albyn Avenue was badly damaged by the fire in the summer of 2017. The blaze was so intense that it burned walls back to the brickwork, buckled radiators and melted the bath.

Duncan Woodford, 36, was not in the dock when his case called at the town's sheriff court on Tuesday.

Instead, Sheriff Patrick Hughes conducted an examination of the facts under the mental health provisions of criminal procedure legislation.

Woodford was charged with behaving in a threat-



ening and abusive manner likely to cause fear and alarm by repeatedly striking and cutting himself; uttering

threats of violence; barricading himself in the flat and smashing windows; culpably and recklessly throwing

items to the street below and at police, and wilfully setting fire to the flat, resulting in extensive damage to the flat, the flat below and to the danger of other residents in adjoining properties.

After hearing evidence from fire, police and ambulance personnel plus a doctor, Sheriff Hughes said: 'The witnesses gave credible evidence and I am fully satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the charges are proved.'

He has now called for an up-to-date medical report on Woodford before he reaches a verdict and the case will call again on February 4.

Station Commander Ronnie Souden from Campbeltown Fire Station told the court that within minutes of the call on the afternoon of

The 2017 fire caused extensive damage to the flat and damage to surrounding properties.

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July 27, 2017, two appliances were at the scene where they found the first-floor flat 'well engulfed in flames'.

The firefighters feared that it was just about to enter the roof space and spread to the adjoining flat.

The fire was fought immediately from the outside and two teams of two firefighters, each wearing breathing apparatus, then went inside. Thick smoke meant zero visibility for the firefighters in the flat as they negotiated items used to barricade the door.

The fire was quickly under control and extinguished but a crew had to wait there until crime scene officers had travelled from Glasgow to examine the premises.

Mr Souden said that water from melted pipes and the fire hoses caused water damage to the flat below where the elderly occupant had to be evacuated.

The other first-floor flat smelled badly from smoke; only one flat in the block of four was unscathed.

Electricity and gas engineers also had to come and make sure the building was safe.

Constable Christopher Bain said he was one of the first officers on the scene after a call to report Woodford was self-harming and

barricading himself inside the flat. Woodford was at the living room window of the flat, shouting, swearing and throwing items to the ground below.

'He said he was going to burn the flat down and threatening to kill himself,' said the officer.

The police tried to open up a dialogue with Woodford and a crowd began to gather outside; police estimated up to 100 people were watching.

Extra police were called in, said Sergeant Alasdair MacLaren.

A request for extra officers and a negotiator, all two hours away in Glasgow, was not granted. A member of Woodford's family went to the scene to try to talk to him.

The stand-off continued until the fire started.

Officers began to break down the door but Woodford had jumped from the kitchen window at the rear where other officers restrained him.

Ambulance service paramedic Jamie Morris said he and a colleague checked Woodford for spinal injuries after the fall.

They then took him by ambulance to Campbeltown Hospital, accompanied by a police officer.

The GP on duty at the hospital described Woodford as very compliant and co-operative, but noted a low mood, paranoid and auditory hallucinations plus suicidal ideation.



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Sun, 5 Jan 2020				12:43	09:43	15:13
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Mon, 13 Jan 2020						
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Thu, 16 Jan 2020	09:18	06:18	11:48			
Fri, 17 Jan 2020	10:14	07:14	12:44			
Sat, 18 Jan 2020	11:16	08:16	13:46			
Sun, 19 Jan 2020				12:28	09:28	14:58
Mon, 20 Jan 2020				13:40	10:40	16:10
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Careless driving charge

A car was stopped by police after it was allegedly seen to be driven in a careless manner and at excessive speed at about 5.50pm on Friday December 27, on the A83 near Glenbarr.

The 58-year-old male driver was charged with careless driving.

Child not wearing seat belt

A 47-year-old man was

charged and issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket after the car he was driving was stopped by police at about 1.40pm on Friday January 3, on Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, and there was a child not wearing a seat belt.

Sheep attacked in Tayinloan

A dog or dogs allegedly attacked and injured sheep in a field at Dalmore Farm, Tayinloan, between noon on Friday January 3 and 2.30pm on Saturday January 4,

resulting in one sheep being killed and 11 others injured.

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

Man dies after house fire

The 45-year-old man who was injured as a result of the fire in Saddell Street, Campbeltown on December 21, subsequently died on December 30.

Council leader 'concerned' by UK government budget plans

Argyll and Bute Council's leader has described as 'concerning' plans by the UK government to set its budget for a fortnight after the authority is due to set its own spending plans for 2020/21.

Councillor Aileen Morton also said that the decision by Chancellor of the Exchequer Sajid Javid to announce the budget at Westminster on Wednesday March 11 'makes everyone's job much harder'.

The council is currently due to set its budget for the coming financial year at a meeting of all its members on Thursday February 27.

However, fears have previously been voiced at the impact of the recent general election on that process, and further concerns have been prompted by the announcement by Mr Javid of the date of his budget statement.

The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) has already pledged to write to Mr Javid, while the Scottish Government's finance secretary Derek Mackay has claimed that the budget date 'could have profound consequences' for the funding of local services.

Councillor Morton said: 'As the council starts to prepare for setting our budget at the end of February it is concerning to see this latest announcement of national government timescales as it introduces uncertainty and makes everyone's job much harder.'

'It is the Scottish Government that provides the majority of our funding so we really need to know as soon as possible when we will receive confirmation of our funding from April onwards.'

Mr Mackay said: 'This is really disrespectful to devolution, to Scotland's parliament and people, in setting a UK budget so late.'

'It shows the UK government hasn't considered devolution, hasn't considered our agreements or the impact on Scotland's public services, not least local government. Those are profound consequences.'

Mr Javid said at Westminster this week: 'In the election we've just had we talked time and time again about the need to unleash the entire UK, and of course that includes all of Scotland.'

'Where Scotland has been let down time and time again is by the SNP government - which is giving Scottish people the highest taxes in the UK and the worst set of public services.'

COSLA's resources spokes-



Councillor Aileen Morton.

person Gail MacGregor said: 'By delaying the UK budget until mid-March, the UK government is putting thousands of essential public services at risk of going without funding.'

'Any delay to our budgets means that these services are put at risk. The UK government's decision runs the risk of delaying the Scottish Government's budget.'

'This significantly impedes the ability of local authorities to formulate their own budgets meaning Scotland's communities are disadvantaged.'

'COSLA is calling on the UK government to provide Scotland with an increased settlement so that the Scottish Government can provide councils with enough funding to deliver the vital services that our communities rely on.'

Could bold bridge bid solve Kintyre's economic issues?

Continued from page one was dumped there or where. The Courier has carried reports over the decades of munitions washing ashore. The last major incident coincided with the laying of a pipeline across the area.

'As a technical challenge it wouldn't be insurmountable,' Prof Douglas has said.

He points to the Hong Kong-Zhuhai Macau bridge which is more than 22.4 miles long and built to withstand typhoons, and the Øresund Bridge which has brought incredible economic and social benefit to both Sweden and Norway by linking the two countries.

Infrastructure across Argyll and Bute's Cowal peninsula could help speed up the journey to the Central Belt and beyond. This has long been suggested by the Cowal Fixed



The Øresund Bridge which links Sweden and Denmark.

Link Working Group, formed as a response to the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum and its summit held in Dunoon.

David McKenzie from the forum said that a rail link, feeding into the national network at Garelochhead via Glen Lean and Loch Fyne, crossing the North Channel via Kintyre to feed into the Irish rail network near

Colrairie, was just one of their proposals.

'Eventually there could be spurs leading off to Dunoon, Lochgilphead and Kintyre,' he said.

'The idea for a rail link of this nature has been discussed since the 19th century.'

With the move away from road to rail prompted by climate change and the success of the reopening of the Borders Railway linking Edinburgh with Galashiels and Tweedbank the group believes the idea should be back on the agenda.

'The economic expectations have far exceeded expectations in the Borders,' Mr McKenzie said.

Øresund Bridge

This year the Øresund Bridge which links Sweden and Denmark celebrates its 20th anniversary; at 16km long the bridge serves both road and rail.

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Don't forget to register your child for P1

Argyll and Bute Council is reminding parents that children who turn five between March 1, 2020, and February 28, 2021, should be registered for primary school next week.

Parents should take their children to their local primary school to register from Monday January 13, between 10am and 3pm.

Further information, including how to make a placing request and how to request early entry to primary school, can be found on the council's website: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/primary-school-registration-2020

Alternatively, parents can contact the education team by calling 01369 704000 or by writing to Community Services, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ.

A list of all the schools in Argyll and Bute is on the council website: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools.

It includes Gaelic-medium education, denominational schools and non-denominational schools.

Communities urged to 'plunge in' to Year of Coasts and Waters

Surrounded by sea on three sides, Kintyre has more reason than many areas to celebrate Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters 2020.

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is marking the year with the launch of a new £150,000 fund, the Plunge In! The Coasts and Waters Community Fund, offering a range of grants from small pots for schools and youth groups, to awards of up to £10,000.

Applications are now open for community-led ideas that will engage and connect more people with Scotland's seas, coasts, lochs, rivers, streams and wetlands, as well as their unique wildlife.

Projects might include

plans for restoring habitats, carrying out local surveys or promoting and celebrating local environment or wildlife, and should leave a legacy from the year – for example, through improved skills and knowledge or the creation of a community resource.

Smaller grants of up to £500 will also be available to allow groups of young people to connect with nature by visiting one of Scotland's many stunning national or local nature reserves.

SNH chief executive Francesca Osowska said: 'As Scotland's nature agency, we're really excited about the Year of Coasts and Waters. There is so much to celebrate about our coastlines and



Westport is one of Kintyre's best-known beaches although there are many beautiful stretches throughout the peninsula. 50_c11westport01

waterways and we want to encourage and inspire people to explore and enjoy them as much as possible throughout

this year and beyond.

'We know communities up and down the country will also want to celebrate the

year in their own way, but we recognise that some might lack the resources to do so.

'This new fund is a fantastic opportunity for groups to get involved, be creative, help their local environment and wildlife, and improve our coasts and waters.

'We hope it will help secure a real and lasting legacy for the year in communities across Scotland, as well as allow many more young people to connect with nature in some of our most beautiful places.'

Applications to the fund will be open until February 28.

For more Year of Coasts and Waters-related news, see page 11.

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Campbeltown cheese spotted among French fromage

A Scots lawyer living in Paris was taken back to his roots when he stumbled upon Campbeltown cheese at a French market.

Tommy Longmuir spied the Isle of Kintyre Applesmoke mature cheddar among a variety of French cheeses at the regular Saturday market in La Celle-Saint-Cloud, about 12 miles west of the French capital.

Tommy's father, Martin, is originally from Campbeltown and his late grandfather, Ewen, was county treasurer of Argyll until 1975 when Strathclyde was formed. His late grandmother, Irene, was an accomplished pianist and piano teacher.

Although he grew up in Glasgow, Tommy frequently visited Campbeltown while his grandparents were still here.



The Kintyre cheddar, which stands out thanks to its colourful packaging, was surrounded by French cheese.

Funding boost for coastline projects

Campbeltown is set to benefit from a share of £1.158 million funding allocated to Argyll and Bute from the Scottish Government's Crown Estates Fund.

At the council's Policy and Resources Committee in December, councillors agreed that the funding should support the following projects across Argyll and Bute: Campbeltown flood defences – £270,000; Tobermory railings and flood prevention scheme – £145,000; Rothesay

pontoons improvement – £151,000; Helensburgh flood mitigation – £300,000; Coastal roads improvements, flood mitigation and emergency works across the area – £292,000.

Policy lead for roads and infrastructure, Councillor Robin Currie, said: 'Argyll and Bute has more than 4,000km of coastline. This funding award therefore is very welcome and will benefit a number of communities.'

Depute policy lead for

economic growth, Councillor Jim Anderson, added: 'Marine Scotland, which distributes the funds, is keen that our coastal communities enjoy the benefits by the end of March 2020.'

'Given the quick turnaround for organising and delivering the work required, funding will support key projects already under way across the area, helping to progress these more quickly than would otherwise have been possible.'

Kintyre kitten cadges a lift to Helensburgh

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A stowaway kitten travelled more than 100 miles before being discovered under the bonnet of a car at Helensburgh Toyota garage – much to the bewilderment of his Tangy owners!

How the three-month-old cat, who was nicknamed Gasket by the garage's staff, made the journey is as much a mystery to his owners Kerry Gilchrist and Kevin McMillan, of Rathlin View, seven miles north of Campbeltown, as anyone else.

Kevin explained that the kitten, whom they named Honey, had arrived at the family's home at the end of November with his mum and brother.

'The mother arrived at our door and I started feeding her,' he said, 'and then two kittens appeared – one black-and-white and one ginger. I emptied out our wood store and made a bed in there for them. They came in the house during the day but slept outside.'

The three cats stayed at Kevin and Kerry's house for about three weeks, before their neighbour, Ruth Smith from Drumalea Farm, who is a vet, took the mother to be neutered.

'The next night, the wee

black-and-white cat appeared but the ginger cat had gone,' Kevin said. 'I was down the road with a torch the next night, to see if he had been run down but there was no sign of him. We searched for about four or five nights, checking all round the area, but we couldn't find him.'

'He was last spotted at a rope swing just up the road on December 22 but we never



Gasket's brother, now named Bolt, has been rehomed in Kintyre.

saw him again. We assumed someone had either taken him as a pet, or he had fallen in the water or been run down.'

On Monday, Helensburgh Toyota appealed on Facebook to trace the owners of a kitten, matching Honey's description, which had leapt out from under the bonnet of

a car that had been traded in. Kevin and Kerry spotted the post and said that everything suggests the moggy is the one they lost, from his markings and colourings, to his estimated age.

'What are the chances of losing a cat here and then it turning up in Helensburgh? But it's too much of a coincidence for it not to be the same animal,' Kevin said.

'He used to crawl up the wheel on the car here, so I don't know whether someone parked down at the main road, and he went into the engine, or we took him into Campbeltown and he transferred into another car ...

'Someone said they spotted a wee ginger cat in Dunoon getting attacked by birds, and a car came into the garage from Dunoon, so that could be how he ended up in Helensburgh.'

Used car manager Gavin Wilson, who was one of the garage staff who discovered the cat, took him back to his Helensburgh home – where his daughters Claire, 10, and Laura, eight, fell in love with him – until his owners could be traced.

Kevin and Kerry – whose daughters Taylor and Korri are also aged 10 and eight – decided the kitten, now named Gasket, could remain with animal lover Gavin and

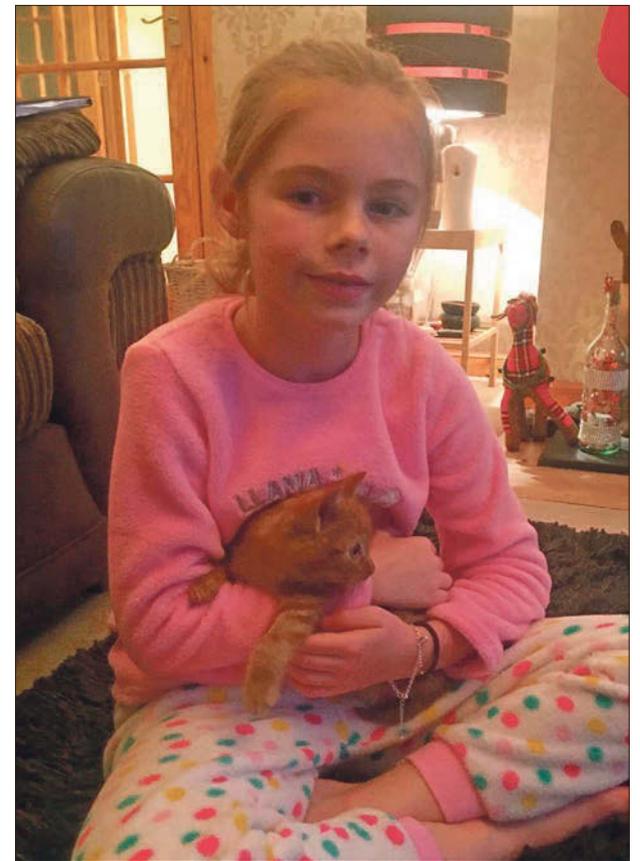
his family, who already have two cats.

'We decided that he would be better to stay there in case he got run down on the road here,' Kevin said, 'as we've lost three cats here already.'

All three cats which appeared at Kevin and Kerry's house now having loving homes – the black-and-white kitten, now named Bolt, at Drumalea Farm; the mother with her original owner, who lost her six months ago from a house a quarter of a mile away; and little Gasket in Helensburgh.

'They were becoming a part of the family,' Kevin said, 'but I'm quite happy that they've all been homed.'

Taylor and Korri will be Highland dancing in Alexandria in February and it is hoped that they will be able to pay a visit to Gasket in nearby Helensburgh at the time.



Taylor McMillan with the kitten they called Honey, before he disappeared.



Now named Gasket, the kitten is being doted on by used car manager Gavin Wilson's daughters in Helensburgh.

The top photograph shows the kitten while he lived in Kintyre, and the bottom photograph shows him shortly after being discovered in Helensburgh.

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Kintyre's missing link?

The idea of a bridge or a tunnel from Scotland to Northern Ireland may at first seem far-fetched, but given the recent blows to employment in Kintyre, some serious thought should be given to any suggestion which will bring more people in this direction.

It is not the first time the notion has reared its head. In 2018, Professor Alan Dunlop, who spoke to the Courier again this week, said that the plan would present some geological challenges but that they can be overcome.

As well as bringing tourists, a Scotland/Northern Ireland connection could present a whole lot of opportunities for people in Kintyre.

Could people who lost their jobs at Campbeltown Creamery or CS Wind UK find employment in Ballycastle?

We share a Celtic culture and heritage with our neighbours across the Irish Sea – and a bridge could help to strengthen the link established by the ancient kingdom of Dalriada.

Desperate times call for inspired measures.

If we can bid for a space port, why not genuinely hope for a bridge from Kintyre to Northern Ireland?

Tory arrogance towards Scotland not sustainable

Mike McGeachy (last week's letters page) is on a hiding to nothing if he thinks the SNP's election landslide last month on a 45 per cent share of the vote is not a clear-cut mandate for IndyRef2 when, following the logic, Boris Johnson's lower 43.6 per cent is taken as a mandate to leave the EU on January 31 and to govern.

Westminster electoral rules are the rules, Mr McGeachy, regardless of your disappointment in the result.

General elections and the democratic legitimacy they confer are not to be trifled with.

In December, the Scottish people, as in 2016, emphatically rejected the Tory pledge to leave the EU. Indeed, Brexit has exposed the democratic deficit at the heart of the UK – the rock solid mandate of the Scottish government to offer Scots the chance of a different future and an intransigent Tory government, rejected by this country, standing in the way and offering only diktat.

Johnson's dismissive attitude to Scotland reeks of contempt and underlines starkly how the union promised to Scotland in 2014 – readers will remember the unambiguous promise that a 'No' vote would protect our EU membership and that an 'equal' Scotland would 'lead, not leave' the UK – was a work of fiction.

Tory arrogance towards Scotland is not sustainable. The UK is still – just – a voluntary

union of nations. The cause of democracy, self determination and the right to choose our future, whether as a free independent country at the heart of Europe or as a marginalised region within an insular post-Brexit UK, is one every Scot will decide.

The longer the Tories try to delay IndyRef2, the stronger the case for independence grows.

Ron Wilson,
Secretary of Kintyre Branch SNP.

Independence – another flying pig

Michael McGeachy, in his letter published on January 3, covers (or uncovers) a great deal the governing body at Holyrood would prefer we didn't know about.

The currency adopted by an independent Scotland is just one and it was made clear by all Westminster parties in 2014 this would not be pound sterling. Any currency would be at the mercy of speculators and, without the reserves to back it, would soon be reduced in value, hitting all of us in the pocket.

Forget about an independent Scotland joining the EU and using the euro as there is a greater possibility of me being the next Archbishop of Canterbury than of Scotland being admitted into the EU.

One of the conditions of acceptance is that the country applying has a deficit lower than three per cent of GDP.

During the run-up to the December General Election, Stewart Hosie had this put to him

by a reporter and he tried to bluff his way out by saying the EU had bent the rules for other countries with a high deficit.

This is true but the EU has enough basket cases as a result and has learnt from the mistake, to the point it will not continue to make it in Scotland's case.

The EU could also insist membership included joining the Monetary Union so that might be the currency of an independent Scotland sorted.

Take away the Barnett Formula's contribution of about £11 billion per annum and the economy goes backwards. But there is an even greater threat to reducing the deficit – that an independent Scotland would immediately be responsible for paying its share of the national debt of the United Kingdom.

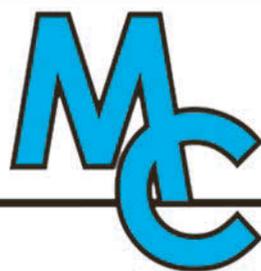
The only way Scotland could do this is by borrowing the money, and figures I saw indicated the interest alone on such a loan would be more than £1 billion per annum.

Late last year, when details of the economies were published showing those of England and Wales grew at a rate four times greater than that in Scotland, we were indebted to Alex Orr for his explanation that this imbalance resulted from a malevolent plot at Westminster, ignoring the fact control of economic development was among devolved powers granted by the Scotland Act of 1998. This, of course, is now the standard procedure of the SNP, to abdicate all responsibility for its shortcomings in office by blaming Westminster for them.

Brian Gee,
Lefkara,
Carradale.

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Opinion on proposed road crossings

Regards the proposed changes to crossing points from the Royal Hotel to the Co-op, I would like to make a few suggestions.

Double yellow (no parking) lines at the radius from the Royal Hotel to the Victoria Hall.

A new crossing point from the gable of the Royal Hotel and the Victoria Hall 12 kerb lengths west of the existing tactile paving and drop kerbs at point A on the map, doing away with proposed crossing point B. A pelican crossing at point C is 100 per cent okay.

Remove points D, E and G as they are confusing and not needed.

My proposal to site a new crossing point between points A and B would better serve the needs of pedestrians wanting to cross the road to gain access to the harbour, the Old Quay and the Esplanade, where the greatest need for residents and tourists wanting to cross the road safely is. Less able pedestrians would feel safer with no parking at the nib at the Royal Hotel which would increase visibility for vehicles and pedestrians. The needs of pedestrians should be the first priority in an urban area, with the motorist second.

As someone with 40 years' experience working on roads and highways, 30 as a clerk of works on many major projects, I think I know what I'm talking about.

Donald Gillies,
Campbeltown.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Hobby photographer Bob Goodman, of Campbeltown, told the Courier that with the start of a new year, he is looking forward to spring when he hopes to capture new wildlife pictures. This photograph of a sika deer with its fawn was taken last year on the road to the Mull of Kintyre Lighthouse. **If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk, send it via the Courier's Facebook page or bring it into the Courier office to be copied.**

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday January 8, 2010

Residents skating on thin ice

Residents at Roading Cottages, Campbeltown, were forced to take risks to get out of their homes over the Christmas period after icy conditions in their cul-de-sac made it dangerous for them to step outside.

One resident, Tommy Morran, a taxi driver, fell and hurt his shoulder when he came home from a night shift.

When the Courier visited the area last week, the car park and pavements were still covered in a sheet of ice.

Another resident tried to unload her car of shopping and came back to find her car had slipped down the hill, narrowly missing another car.

Tommy's wife Janette phoned Argyll Community Housing Association, which is in charge of Roading Cottages, last Monday and was told to phone Argyll and Bute Council. When she got hold of the council she was told that only main roads were a priority.

Speaking on Tuesday, she said: 'The nearest salt bin is at the top of Calton Avenue and it is hard enough to get out of the car park, never mind up the hill.'

'The bin lorry couldn't get in today because of the ice and all our bins are still full from Christmas.'

'God only knows what would happen if an emergency vehicle was to try to get in.'



Roading residents keep a wary eye on the icy conditions.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday January 13, 1995

Jean and Jaeger make it 40

Jaeger's Jean McKinven has obviously found a job that suits.

For as Jaeger this week celebrated its 40th anniversary in the town, Jean was the only member from the original intake to still be with the company.

Andrew Douglas Limited, a Borders manufacturer of Harris Tweed jackets, brought new

skills to the town in 1995, and it is unlikely that many people realised at the time how business would blossom.

Jean McKinven joined straight from school in the week it opened, and still goes to work in the factory, developed from the Andrew Douglas enterprise.

'The 40 years have flown by in a flash,' she said this week.

'Things have certainly changed as it was all done by hand in the early days.'

Congratulating Jean on her 40 years, Jaeger general manager Harry Rea said: 'Jean reminds us that out of small acorns sometimes great oak trees truly grow.'

Town's lottery woe continues

A late rush of lottery mania in Campbeltown forced Woolworths to turn several disgruntled punters away on Saturday.

And the Courier has more bad news for lottery hopefuls – it may be another month before Victoria Wine and the Co-op are online.

With a jackpot of £10 million up for grabs, there was no shortage of townfolk eager to snap up tickets at the weekend.

But the size of the queue in the Main Street store – the only outlet in the town with a working terminal – forced staff to turn potential buyers away, as the store's closing time neared.

A spokesperson for Woolworths explained why people were turned away.

'There were already 70 people in the queue and there were more waiting outside. We must apologise to them but we have to make sure that the store can run smoothly.'

'This weekend, however, the doors will not be shut until 5.30pm, but everyone who is inside by then will get their tickets.'

This week's estimated jackpot is £17 million.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

January 8, 1970

'Flu outbreak causes bottle shortage

Mainly as a result of the present outbreak of influenza there is a temporary shortage of medicine bottles.

The Scottish Home and Health Department asks anyone going to the chemist with a prescription for medicine, please try to bring a medicine bottle with you.

Mr A H Fleming, local chemist, told the Courier that he is experiencing considerable difficulty in getting sufficient medicine bottles.

You can help by returning to him any medicine bottles you no longer need.

It is impossible to forecast how long this shortage may last, and anyone who can help his chemist by returning used medicine bottles is asked to do so as a matter of urgency – and in the interest of himself and others.

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday January 10 1920

Presentation to Mr Andrew McCorkindale

On Tuesday of this week Mr Andrew McCorkindale, who fulfilled the duties of Harbourmaster at Campbeltown for the past 34 years, left home on the first stage of his journey to the United States of America, where he has decided to make his home with his sons, who have been settled there for a considerable time.

Mr McCorkindale got a splendid send-off, though the parting was tinged with regret at losing an official and townsman so widely known and highly esteemed.

When Mr McCorkindale's decision to spend the evening of his life in another land and under another flag became known, a movement was set on foot to suitably recognise in a tangible way his long service as a public official.

Mr Alexander Ollar undertook the secretaryship of the movement, and under his experienced and enthusiastic direction the effort in a very short time became a notable success.

The testimonial to Mr McCorkindale was presented to him in the Argyll Arms Hotel on Saturday night. The function was attended by a representative company.

Bailie Campbell presided, and before the proceedings commenced a seasonable cup of tea, provided by the chairman, was handed around.

The chairman conveyed the compliments of the season to all present, and expressed a wish for the health and happiness of everyone in the new year.

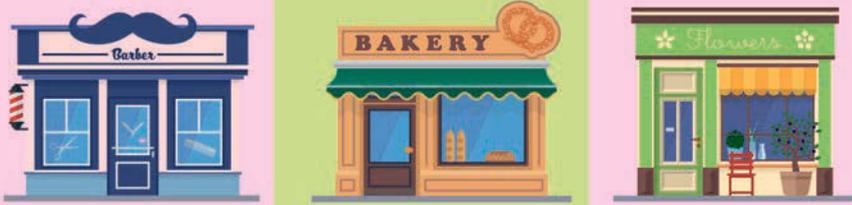
He intimated apologies for absence from Mr D Mactaggart and Mr T Mackelvie (town clerk).

Proceeding, he said the occasion of their meeting was one of importance, and it was unique in many respects.

Mr McCorkindale had spent three-fourths of a natural life in the office which he was now quitting and in the course of the years, it was no exaggeration to say, he has endeared himself to all with whom he had come into contact.



Mr Andrew McCorkindale.



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DOWN MEMORY LANE



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Following last week's appeal for the owners of previous Down Memory Lane submissions to come forward, the Courier is publishing some more unclaimed photographs.

If you recognise any of these images, or can even give us a little more information about them, please get in touch.



This photograph has some information written on the back but no owner is identified. It shows a Southend football team, possibly in the mid 1950s, and the players are, back row, from left: David Galbraith, Archie McCorkindale, Lieut RN, Charlie Anderson, Archie McIntyre, Charlie Jordan and Ian Munro. Front row: Jackie Bird, Billy Jordan, Dougie Stewart, Charlie Flaws and Gavin Muir.



According to the cask in the centre of this photo, these whisky workers belonged to Campbeltown's Lochruan Distillery which is thought to have been established by brothers Robert and Charles Johnston in either 1833 or 1935 on the corner of Princes Street and John Street, eventually closing in 1925.



Can anyone identify these young ladies standing outside the much-loved Locarno Café on Longrow South, one of three Italian cafés which once operated in Campbeltown.



The sign at the bottom of this photograph reads: 'Platers, Campbeltown, 1913.' Can you tell us more?



There is a trophy at the front of this photograph but why did this group win it?



According to the sign at the front, this 1928 photo features employees of the Clydeside David & William Henderson and Company marine engineering and shipbuilding firm, but why did it appear as a Courier Down Memory Lane?



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The sky's the limit for Super



Greg and Cooper take the trike for a spin on Christmas morning.

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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'Cerebral palsy warrior' Cooper Scally continues to reach new heights with the help of equipment purchased thanks to the generous donations of more than 1,000 people.

A campaign last year raised more than £10,000 in less than a week to fund 'life-changing' equipment for seven-year-old 'Super Cooper', including a new wheelchair, custom-built disability trike, and a special child carrier which allowed his dad Greg to carry him to the summit of Beinn Ghuilean.

Greg, an 'outdoorsy' person who enjoys walking, hiking and camping, always dreamed of taking his son to the summit of Kintyre's highest hill, and admitted he had a lump in his throat when the monumental moment finally came in December.

Cooper was born 14 weeks prematurely, on May 14, 2012, weighing just 1lb 12oz, and spent the first 16 months of his life in hospital in Glasgow. Despite enduring eight major operations, 18 blood transfusions and a resuscitation, Cooper continues to thrive but he cannot walk, talk or eat independently.

His mum Zoey explained that being unable to do the usual father and son activities which many people enjoy

has been extremely hard for Greg. She added: 'Don't get me wrong, Cooper has been camping multiple times and on forest trail walks but taking him to the top of Beinn Ghuilean just didn't seem like an option, although it was a dream of Greg's and on our Cooper Bucket List.

'We've ticked off things like wheelchair ice-skating and swimming with dolphins, and now we can tick off the summit of Beinn Ghuilean thanks to the Freeloader Child Carrier, which is specially designed to enable adults to carry children weighing up to 40kg.

'Its aluminium frame means it is extremely strong yet incredibly lightweight. We bought this piece of equipment specifically using money that was donated to us by the little super swimmers.'

A sponsored swim, during which seven of Cooper's friends swam more than three miles in Aqualibrium's pool, raised £850 and was one of several individual fundraising events which contributed to the main campaign fund.

A few weeks later, Santa delivered Cooper's bespoke Tomcat Trike to him and he spent much of Christmas morning riding his first bike up and down the street.

'That would not have been possible without the help of the people of Campbeltown,' Zoey said, 'so I'd just like to

take the opportunity to say thank you again to anyone who donated.'

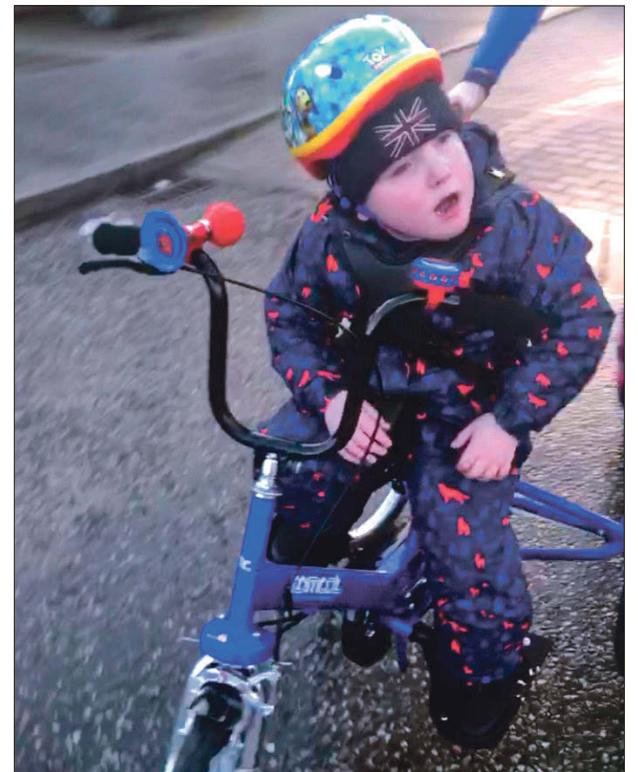
Greg was joined by Graham Brown, Paul Souden and Jamie McGougan on the Beinn Ghuilean climb, with the men taking turns carrying Cooper.

Zoey said: 'I think it was emotional for all involved. Greg has a very close group of friends and I think it meant

a lot to them all to be able to help Greg achieve this dream.

'They've set their sights even higher now and plan on enlisting the help of more friends and family to take on Ben Nevis with Cooper in the summer.

'If they set their minds to something, they are definitely going to do it, so I'm very excited to see what 2020 is going to bring for Cooper!'



The Tomcat Trike increases Cooper's quality of life as it gives him access to therapeutic cycling.

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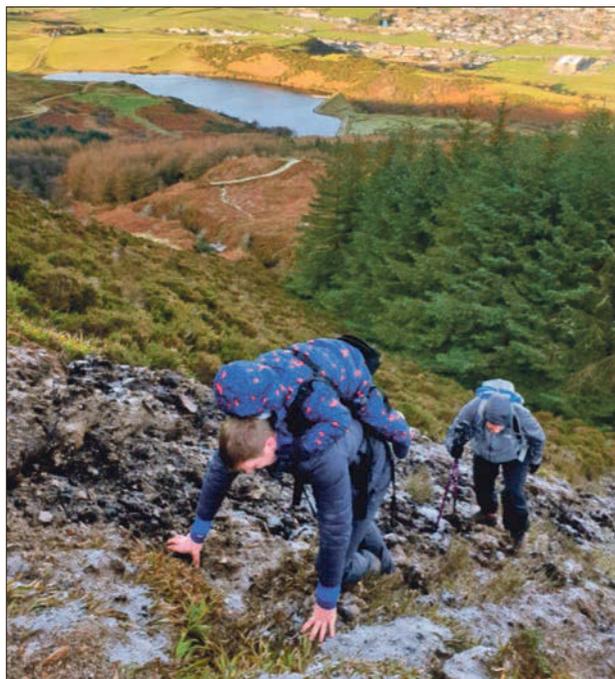
Cooper



Greg Scally and Jamie McGougan give the thumbs up as Paul Souden takes a turn carrying Cooper on their way to the summit.



Greg and Cooper felt on top of the world when they made it to the summit of Beinn Ghulean.



It was no mean feat making it to the summit of Kintyre's highest hill.

Splash into 2020 with a Beach Award

Environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful is encouraging community groups, local authorities and landowners from across Scotland to enter the annual Scottish Beach Awards.

The accolade celebrates well-managed beaches, including those not designated as official bathing waters.

Revamped to celebrate the Year of Coasts and Waters 2020, the Scottish Beach Awards recognise the best beaches across the country and act as a benchmark for local environmental

quality all along Scotland's coastline. The awards now provide the opportunity to celebrate sites that are not designated bathing beaches.

For a beach to be successful in achieving a Beach Award, it must meet a range of criteria, including beach safety, access and facilities, and cleanliness. The full criteria can be accessed on the Keep Scotland Beautiful website.

Focusing on local environmental quality, the award is designed to complement the work currently undertaken

by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency on bathing water quality.

It has been almost 30 years since Keep Scotland Beautiful began awarding Scottish beaches, and last year 61 received the accolade.

Applications can be made by local authorities, community groups or other agencies and a Beach Award brings with it a wealth of benefits, including the official accreditation.

To enter visit www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/beach.

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New Funeral Support Payment

Are you, or someone you know, struggling to pay for a funeral? You may be able to get help with some of the costs.

Funeral Support Payment is available if you live in Scotland and get certain benefits or tax credits.

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The money can be paid directly to your chosen funeral director, or into your account.

You can apply from when the person dies, and up until six months after the date of the funeral.

This new Scottish Government benefit is delivered by Social Security Scotland, and is an investment in everyone.

This support is there to help when you need it and you are encouraged to find out if you are eligible for Funeral Support Payment.

If eligible, the amount you get will depend on what funds were left by the person who died, and the eligible costs incurred. If the person who died left financial assets we will recover this payment from their estate.

Social Security Scotland was set up by the Scottish Government to deliver a number of benefits and, once fully operational, will deliver benefits for people on low incomes, disabled people, carers, young people entering the workplace and to help people heat their homes.

For more information or to apply for Funeral Support Payment visit mygov.scot/benefits or call 0800 182 2222



Green light for return of an 'iconic' Islay distillery

A glass can be raised to plans for a new distillery on Islay after Argyll and Bute Council planning officers gave the facility the go ahead.

Diageo Limited has been granted planning permission for a new distillery to be built at the Port Ellen Maltings – despite an objection being received from Islay Community Council.

The plans, which will see the downsizing and removal of existing buildings, along with various new facilities for the site, will bring one of the world's most famous distilleries back into production.

Port Ellen was established as a malt mill in 1825, and then developed as a distillery under John Ramsay from 1833 to 1892.

The distillery was acquired by the Distillers Company Limited in 1925 before being closed in 1930.

It was rebuilt in 1966/1967 and continued production throughout the 1970s, closing in 1983. Dwindling supplies of its single malt whisky, now a collector's item, are still available.

An Argyll and Bute Council planning officer said that the proposed new distillery represented an opportunity to enhance what a report described as 'an economically fragile area'.

A planning and access statement by Diageo said: 'The development proposals will see a re-establishment of the Port Ellen Distillery.'

'Currently serving as maltings to the majority of Islay's distilleries, Port Ellen will be brought back into production in an innovative combination of tradition and experimentation.'

'The proposals involve removal and replacement of



An artist's impression of the new Port Ellen Distillery.

several buildings included within the listed designation.

'The buildings relate to the 19th-century distillery

and were predominantly ancillary buildings around the perimeter of the distillery part of the site and over the years have been significantly altered.'

'As such, they are considered of little historic value and are not suitable for conversion in order to accommodate modern distillery requirements.'

'The removal of these buildings opens up the site, providing previously unseen views to and from the former malt drying kiln.'

'It also allows space for the development of a new distillery building to the west, and visitor building to the east with the reintroduction of Kiln Square in between.'

'The now isolated kiln building will be adaptively re-used to house visitor facilities and sensitively connected to the main distillery building via a glazed link.'

Community councillor Rachel Whyte said in a representation to the council in July 2019: 'We are concerned that the development may reduce water and foul treatment capacity overall – and consequently jeopardise further, much needed, housing development in the Port Ellen area.'

'We request to know how many workers will be employed at the distillery and whether Diageo has considered how the housing

needs of any new staff will be addressed. We also share concerns about lack of detail re flooding, foul drainage and air quality.'

'Port Ellen residents need assurances that the development will have no hazardous or polluting impact on their environment and that air quality is maintained.'

Answering those concerns, the planners' report stated: 'The proposal represents an opportunity to enhance the conservation area, setting of listed buildings and provide an overall improvement to this part of Port Ellen.'

'Islay is considered an economically fragile area and this proposal will generate employment opportunities and investment in the settlement.'

'The design is consistent with the provisions of the development plan in terms of impact on listed buildings and the wider conservation area.'

'The proposal has demonstrated a minimum and acceptable impact on the water environment through both a flood risk assessment and drainage impact assessment. There are no adverse comments from consultees and no third party representations.'

'The proposal also offers a unique opportunity to reopen an iconic whisky brand from the island and a chance to improve the realm around the maltings.'



What remains of the former Port Ellen Distillery is to be revamped. mp_a02PortEllen02

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High spirits on Glen Scotia's seasonal free tours

Free tours of Glen Scotia Distillery helped people get into the Christmas spirit ahead of the festive period.

The distillery hosted free tours at 11.30am, 1pm and 3pm on Saturday December 21, and also handed out a free dram of Victoriana whisky

and a mince pie to all who visited the shop throughout the day. Victoriana is described as 'warm and full-bodied with sweet caramelised sugar, rich spiced fruit and a mildly smokey aftertaste; the perfect dram for a cold winter's evening'.



The tour passes by stills and wash chargers. KC_c02glenscotia05



Visitors were captivated as they listened to information inside the distillery. KC_c02glenscotia02



Roseanne proved to be in the Christmas spirit, wearing a fluffy Santa hat. KC_c02glenscotia04



Visitor centre manager Roseanne Powell welcomes people to one of the tours. KC_c02glenscotia01



The tour passed by whisky-producing equipment including the stills. KC_c02glenscotia03



At the cheque presentation, from left: Linda McAulay from Springbank, Richard and Lucinda Thomas from Kintyre Food Bank, Wilma Stevenson and Viv Campbell from Macmillan Cancer Support, Ranald Watson from Springbank, Lesley Renton from Youth Impact, Mandy Robertson from The Hub, local paramedic Scott Ramsay on behalf of Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance, Kelly McSparran from Campbeltown Young Firefighters, and Findlay Ross from Springbank. A representative for the Fishermen's Mission was unavailable on the day.

Springbank donates to seven charities

Springbank Distillers has donated to seven local charities – thanks to money raised by friends of Springbank and lovers of the local area.

Bottles of whisky were donated to Peter Greve, from Springbank's German importers Hanseatische, and charity auctions and tastings were held to raise money which amounted to £5,000.

Distillery employees nominated charities or causes to which they wanted a share

of the money to be donated, based on the benefit these organisations bring to the community.

Representatives from the chosen charities – Kintyre Food Bank, Macmillan Cancer Support, Youth Impact, The Hub, Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance, Campbeltown Young Firefighters and the Fishermen's Mission – recently joined Springbank staff in the Cadenhead's shop tasting room to receive their donations.

Crinan Hotel 2020

We wish you a happy New Year, and thank you for all your support during 2019

The hotel will be closed after breakfast 12th January until 31st January in the evening.

The Seafood Bar and coffee shop within the hotel will be open for the rest of 2020.

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Dinner 18.00 till 20.30

We are open for tea and coffee from 09.00 till 18.00

The coffee shop by the canal will be open again in March when the weather warms up

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Frances and Nick arrived 5 days after their wedding having become engaged in Cape Town with a view to staying 6 months in Scotland but fell in love with Crinan. Frances' mother was from Oban and her grandmother from Tarbert so Argyll was already a favourite place and Nick soon realised why, and of course their children Julia and Ross and grandchildren Archie and Jock now live most of the time in Argyll.

Archie MacAllister will be playing at the Hotel on 29th February to celebrate so please book and come along.

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Happy New Year, Happy New You!

Now is the time to shine and be the best you that you can be – and you can do it with all this help!

It is a long way to Hogmanay 2020 – so do not give up at the first hurdle – there is so much help and advice at hand!

The new year is just a few days old; your vacuum cleaner is still picking up the last of the pine needles, tinsel and glitter.

How are those New Year resolutions doing?

A quick reminder to yourself on December 31 about your ambitions,

be they health, finances, career, interests or ambitions, is always a good idea and helps set the tone for the coming year.

But chances are that by now they might be fraying a bit round the edges. Like the great American author Mark Twain said: 'New Year's Day – now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual.'

The first New Year's resolution to make is: don't give up, just keep on that path that leads to the best version of you that you can be.

Remember that nobody is perfect – you are bound to slip up but the secret is in the name, New Year's

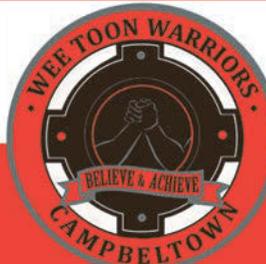


resolution. Just resolve that in 2020 you will do your best and not beat yourself up about the occasional failure, but celebrate the successes and never give up.

You will be amazed how good you will feel at 11.55pm on Thursday December 31, 2020, when you look back at all you have achieved.

You have a whole year to:

- Loose weight
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Campbeltown's Slimming World members lost 369 stone in 2019



As soon as a member walks through the doors of any Slimming World group, be they fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, children or friends, they can all be assured of a warm welcome from their consultant and fellow members - a group of really friendly people all at various stages of their weight loss journey.

Before they decide whether to join, their Consultant will explain Slimming World's programme and they'll be invited to observe a group session - and join in if they wish. If they decide to join, they'll be weighed and enrolled by the Consultant at the end of the group.

Our group support system combines individual attention and group participation in a carefully structured forum. Group discussions range from practical sharing of tips and ideas to a deeper understanding of each individual's danger zones and slimming pitfalls. On a practical level, there is a strong emphasis on sharing favourite recipe ideas and discussing local stores' and special offers on healthy foods. There is also a focus on basic cooking skills

rather than reliance on convenience foods, and general cooking tips are shared. Our advice and literature take cost, cultural preferences, cooking ability and time constraints into consideration.

For those in need of a deeper level of support, our Consultants have a number of methods and tools to help members become aware of individual obstacles and barriers to change and through carefully facilitated discussion, develop personal strategies to overcome them. All sessions last for around 1hr 30mins, with additional support provided between groups in the form of a series of 'lifelines':

- Telephone, email and text support from the Consultant and other group members
- Free online support from the Slimming World member website
- Slimming World magazine and recipe books

Individual dietary needs

Food Optimising caters for members with special dietary requirements or conditions affected by diet, including diabetes, Coeliac disease, lactose intolerance and IBS.

Consultants and members have access to a variety of health fact sheets to help incorporate their dietary needs into Food Optimising, for example, highlighting gluten and dairy free products.

What's your favourite Slimming World recipe?



Free2GO - 11 to 15 year olds

It's no secret that young people are eating less healthily, have a less active lifestyle and are suffering from weight-related problems like diabetes at a much earlier age.

To help young people in the very best way it can, Slimming World has launched Free2Go - a specially devised healthy eating plan, which focuses on the power of Free Food and Healthy Extras and encourages the step-by-step reduction of less healthy foods like burgers, chocolate and confectionary.

MEET THE TEAM



**Rhona Galbraith
Consultant**

Hi, I'm Rhona and have been a SW consultant, for eight years. I cover Lochgilhead/Campbeltown and absolutely love my job. Running between five classes then offering driving lessons in between keeps me on my toes but I love to help people achieve their goals. Announcing the weeks weight loss gives the members a real boost and makes it all worth while so come along to one of our classes and meet our friendly groups. We cant wait to see you!

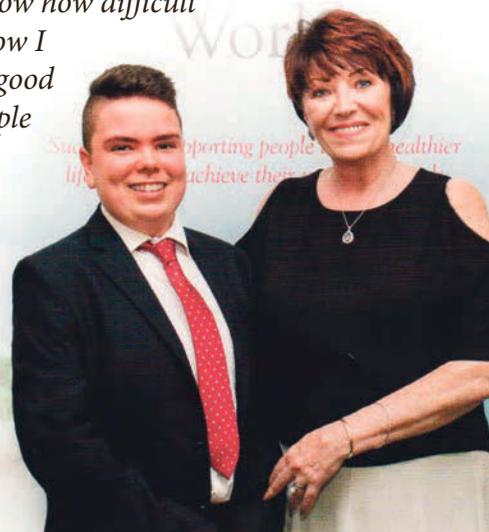
Case Study

Thomas Munnely joined Slimming World with his mum, Anne, and following the Free2Go healthy eating plan for 11-15year olds. Since losing 3st, his life has changed dramatically.

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Thomas before



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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Having a blast on Hogmanay



Malina McAulay and her niece Gayle McGeachy joined other family members at the Ardsheel. KC_02hogmanay12

People celebrated the dawn of a new year in style, with Hogmanay bashes taking places at venues across Campbeltown last Tuesday

night. While some enjoyed quiet gatherings at home, many other people donned their finest party clothes and headed out and about to pubs,

clubhouses and halls to commemorate the start of 2020.

Photographer Kenny Craig popped into some of those events - at Campbeltown

Town Hall, St John's Masonic Lodge No 141, Argyll Bowling Club and the Ardsheel Hotel - to capture everyone enjoying the party atmosphere.



Sammy Jo Shields and Shelley Kennedy enjoying the Masonic Lodge celebration. KC_02hogmanay04



Gary Milloy and Donnie Lawson were all smiles at the Masonic Lodge celebration. KC_02hogmanay05

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The Newlands and Duncan families celebrated the engagement of Carly and Greg, second and third from the right, at the Ardshiel Hotel. KC_02hogmanay01



Four generations of the Armour family, including newest addition Ellen Currie, held by mum Hazel at the back right, brought in the new year at the Ardshiel Hotel. KC_02hogmanay02



Neil John and Linsay MacPhail joined Argyll Bowling Club president Kenny Kerr and his wife, Alison, and daughter and son-in-law Nichola and James Young at the clubhouse celebration. KC_02hogmanay07



Andy Thomson, Russell Lafferty and Donald MacKinnon got into the spirit of new year at the town hall. KC_02hogmanay09



Donald Milloy and Peter McEachran welcomed people to the Masonic hall. KC_02hogmanay11

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Wee Toon revellers celebr



Darren Muller, joined by Ewan MacHardy, gives the town hall event the thumbs up.
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Gerry Nugent with his granddaughter, Sorcha, visiting from Galway in Ireland, at the Argyll Bowling Club celebration.



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Gregor and Janice MacGregor attended the town hall event. KC_02hogmanay10



Mary and James Colville enjoyed the Ardshiel celebration. KC_02hogmanay13



Robert Currie and Alistair McKinlay enjoying the atmosphere at the Masonic Lodge party. KC_02hogmanay16



Robert Herbertson and Stephen MacSporrnan celebrated at the Masonic Lodge event. KC_02hogmanay15

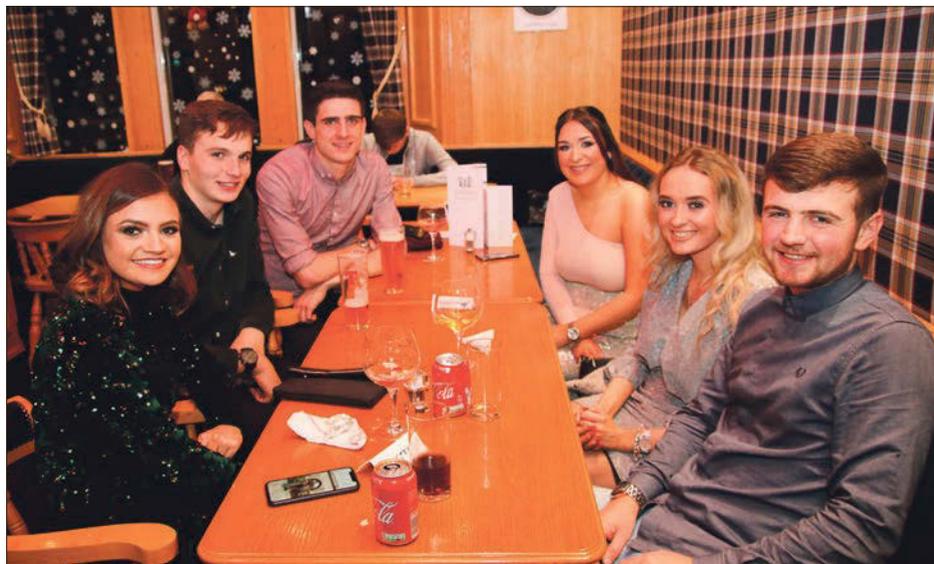


David and Martha Rennie enjoyed the Masonic Lodge event. KC_02hogmanay17



Caroline and Eddie McGougan attended Argyll Bowling Club's celebration.
KC_02hogmanay18

ate the new year in style



Lauren Anderson, Jack Galbraith, Elliot Harris, Tanya McDonald, Hannah Young and Blair McKay partied at the Ardshiel Hotel. KC_c02hogmanay14



Una Baker, Anne Jackson, Alan Baker and Roddy Jackson at Ardshiel Hotel. KC_c02hogmanay22



Sandy Ronald and Gus Gillies enjoyed a catch-up at the Ardshiel. KC_c02hogmanay21



Julie Ferguson, Peter Ferguson and Lesley Maguire gave good wishes to all customers at the Ardshiel Hotel. KC_c02hogmanay23



Coast Collective performed at the Masonic Lodge. KC_c02hogmanay24



Graeme Macphail and Karen Cairns joined friends at Campbeltown Town Hall. KC_c02hogmanay29



Davie Robertson of The Wee Toon Tellers belting out a song at the Ardshiel Hotel. KC_c02hogmanay19

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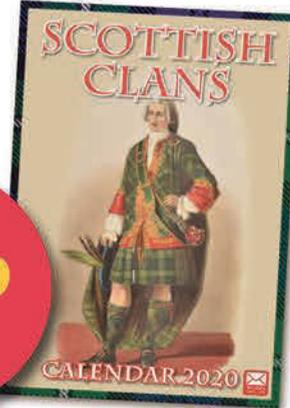
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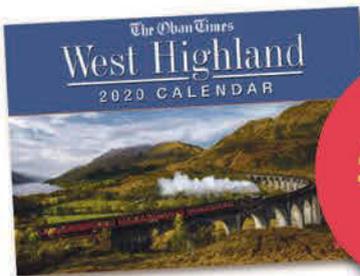
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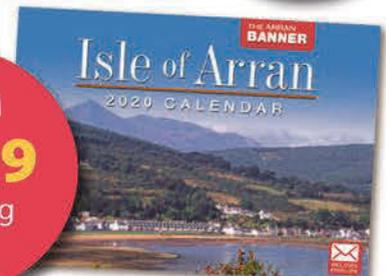
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He said start as soon as possible, adding: 'It costs on average £195,000 to put a child through private school education, based on P1 to S6 – an increase of more than 20 per cent since 2012 – so the sooner

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'As ever, our schools will be concentrating instead on what works, what is achievable, and what makes a genuine difference to young people's lives.' – John Edward, director of the Scottish Council of Independent Schools, a charity providing a listing of Scotland's independent and private schools with relevant information and advice on finding the right school and financing your child's education.



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Lomond School – Applications open for 2020 scholarships

Following the success of the scholarship programme launched on the back of the school's recent 40th Anniversary Celebrations, Lomond School is pleased to announce they are welcoming scholarship applications for January and August 2020 entry.

The scholarship programme is open to applications for both day and boarding places from Junior 5 to Senior 6 with scholarships awarded for Academic Excellence, Music, the Creative Arts and Sport as well as the David Arthur All-Rounder Scholarship.

Like all young people attending Lomond School, in Helensburgh, Argyll, Lomond Scholars will benefit from the excellent systems in place

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Beyond the classroom, Lomond School provides many opportunities for young people to further explore their interests with pupils enjoying a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs and sports. They also have access to life-changing

experiences such as the recent trip to Tanzania where pupils worked with Moving Mountains Trust.

Principal, Johanna Urquhart said: 'Beyond the help and support our teachers and staff provide, the school itself has a

very welcoming environment where young people support each other and celebrate each other's achievements. In many ways this is the backbone of much of our pupils' success, at a time in their lives when peer acceptance and acknowledgement is so important. We are looking forward to providing more opportunities for young people to benefit from all we have to offer through our Scholarships Programme for 2020.'



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EID system for cattle is to be showcased in roadshow

A national consultation programme that showcases a state-of-the-art system of electronic identification of cattle in Scotland goes back on the road next week.

A second round of roadshows by ScotEID will explain the new scanning system to track and monitor Scotland's cattle herd in real time, reducing paperwork not only for farmers and crofters but for markets and abattoirs.

The latest phase continues until mid-March with 15 meetings taking place in regions across Scotland, and farmers and industry representatives are encouraged to learn more after the first phase of meetings were well attended and resulted in useful feedback being made.

ScotEID's Anna Robertson said: 'We look forward to meeting more stakeholders during our roadshow programme which continues until March. Please come along and join the discussion and find out more about future-proofing the recording process through electronic data transfer.'

'It's been great to have so



Scot EID continues its national consultation on the pioneering cattle traceability system.

many people coming along to find out more about technology that will shape the future of recording cattle movements in the industry for decades to come, bringing many benefits with it.

'Farmers appreciate that this advance in technology will reduce paperwork, reduce handling of animals which brings health and safety benefits and will pro-

tect the coveted Scotch Beef brand status.

'We're finding sectoral and regional differences. Where there is a small number of cattle or small pedigree breeds, the farmer might want to continue to read tags manually on their farm or smallholding, and that's fine.'

'In Orkney and Shetland, owing to cattle transportation by boat, we are already

working on testing readers on the pier for the onward movement of cattle.

'Some dairy farms operate low frequency in parlour systems, and that throws up points for further consideration. We're keen to hear views and comments to help deliver the best possible system to farmers.'

To attend any upcoming meeting, contact the ScotEID

team on 01466 794323 to allow for catering and seating arrangements.

ScotEID manages the database for recording animal movements in Scotland and has designed and developed the new recording system.

It will incorporate births, deaths and movements of cattle, replacing the British Cattle Movement Service's Cattle Tracing System for Scottish cattle keepers and provide an online line service and with the introduction of bovine EID and an Online Herd Register.

The new system embeds data experience from research and development and current data management by ScotEID, with the use of UHF technology bringing a number of new benefits.

The ScotEID database will bring together all farm livestock movement records within a central source and will lead to the removal of paper passports.

It will be straightforward to use, will improve the speed and accuracy of traceability and reduce manual handling of cattle.

Dates to note

January 15 – Carfraemill Hotel, noon and 7pm
January 16 – Somerton House, Lockerbie, noon
January 22 – The Green Hotel, Kinross, 7pm
January 23 – Finavon Hotel, Finavon, noon
January 23 – The Red House Hotel, Coupar Angus, 7pm
February 4 – Lanark Mart, noon
February 10 – Columba Hotel, Oban, 7pm
February 11 – Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William, noon
February 24 – Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway, 7pm
February 25 – The Portree Hotel, Skye, 7pm
February 26 – Dark Island Hotel, Benbecula, 7pm.
March 4 – Argyll Arms, Campbeltown, noon
March 5 – The Machrie Hotel, Islay, 11am
March 11 – Auchrannie Resort, Arran, 7pm
March 12 – The Glenburn Hotel, Bute, 7pm

Argyll and Isles AGM focuses on the younger generation

A discussion panel at the forthcoming NFU Scotland Argyll and the Islands regional AGM will focus on the views of the next generation of farmers and crofters.

The AGM will take place tomorrow (Friday January 10), starting at 11am in Tarbert Bowling Club. The morning session will see the regional AGM and the presentation of the Argyll and the Islands Stalwart Award.

The highlight of the afternoon will be a panel session chaired by the region's Next Generation Committee

representative, Ian Dickson, from Scalpsie Farm on Bute.

The top line-up of panel members includes: Jenny Baillie, regional manager, Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs (SAYFC); Jenny Brunton, policy manager, NFU Scotland; Ian Davidson, national adviser, Scottish Land Matching Service; Colin Ferguson, chairman, NFU Scotland Next Generation Committee; John McCulloch, chairman, SAYFC West Rural and Agri Affairs Committee.

Regional board chairman

John Dickson said: 'As an industry, we need to focus on how we support the next generation of farmers and crofters to get them into the sector.'

Encourage

'At NFUS, our challenge is how we encourage the next generation to also get involved in the union.'

'This panel will be an opportunity for members to hear views on the future for the next generation of farmers and crofters, in what are going to be challenging times ahead. And I would encour-

age those who are coming along to bring a young person with you – maybe a son, daughter, nephew, niece who is involved in your family business.'

'We want to ensure that young people have a bright future in the sector, and we want them to become involved in agri affairs, policy lobbying and NFU Scotland.'

'To help get the next generation involved, NFUS farming or crofting membership now entitles family members to also be signed up at no extra cost.'



NFUS Argyll and the Isles regional board chairman John Dickson.

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NFUS welcomes cash pledge but seeks clarity and commitment

NFU Scotland has welcomed the UK Government's commitment to fund direct payments when the country leaves the EU.

A meeting planned between the union and Westminster this month will be used by the NFUS to see further clarity on last week's announcement and press for long-term commitment to farming.

'We will also look for further measures that will help farmers secure a fairer share of returns from the supply chain,' said union president Andrew McCornick. 'With the UK set to leave the European Union and the Common Agricultural Policy on January 31, it is essential that the farming industry knows where it stands with regards direct payments.'

'Farm businesses still rely upon these payments and, until we see a fairer redistribution of the share of the profit in the supply chain, direct support will remain important for almost all farmers and crofters.'



NFUS president Andrew McCornick.

giving them confidence for next year.

The UK will leave the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Direct Payments Scheme, which supports farmers across Europe with subsidies in 2020. This will be replaced by a new system based on public money for public goods. The cash injection will allow the funding for direct payments for 2020 to continue at the same level as 2019 and supplement the remaining EU funding that farmers will receive for development projects until 2023 at the latest. We will guarantee the current annual budget to farmers in every year of the parliament.

It is in addition to the £206.6 million of funding awarded since spending round to support the farming sector in Scotland and Wales.

The Chancellor said: 'The funding is spread across two financial years with £449 million for the Scottish Government in 2020/21 and £24 million for 21/22.'

Last week the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt Hon Sajid Javid, confirmed nearly £3 billion of funding for 2020 to support farmers once the UK leaves the EU.

'When we leave the EU and are freed from the Common Agricultural Policy, we will be able to support our vital rural communities - who are a cornerstone of life in

the UK - with a fairer and less bureaucratic system,' said the Chancellor. 'Farmers can enter the New Year with confidence that they have our backing and will be able to

thrive after Brexit.'

This cash injection will maintain the level of funding for direct payments at the same rate as last year and will provide certainty for farmers,

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Remaining EU funding under CAP Pillar 2 (for rural development and environmental projects) will continue until the current EU funding is used up or 2023, whichever is earliest.

The UK Government will fund direct payments for 2020 domestically.

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The funding will be provided by the UK Government across two financial years with 95 per cent of funding provided at Main Estimates 2020 and flexibility over the release of the remaining five

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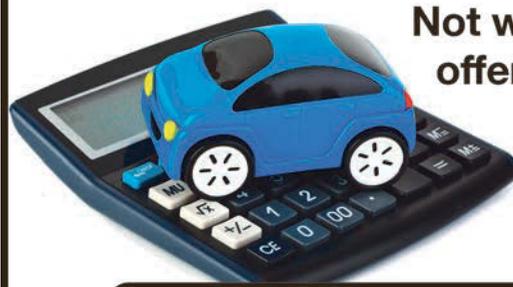
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Vincent Tourette, Managing Director for Renault UK commented: "We're absolutely delighted to accept this prestigious award for All-New Clio. Thirty years in the making, All-New Clio represents an exciting step change in the small car sector, particularly in its interior layout, which delivers unrivalled technology, quality and style. Yet All-New Clio also retains the eye-catching exterior styling that has made it the bestselling car in its class

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RYAN MCCUAIG

Ryan McCuaig graduated with a BEng (Hons) degree in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering from the University of Edinburgh. Ryan is the elder son of Donald and Ailsa McCuaig, Kilmartin and eldest grandson of Iona Gillies, Kilmartin.



AUTUMN-MARIE TAYLOR

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PERSONAL NOTICES



THANK YOU

Well he finally did it, Callum Brown has retired. I would like to thank Billy, Darren and Tom of McFadyen's Contractors for the send off they gave me and my co workers and past retired friends who managed to come along. A huge thank you to everyone for their kind thoughts, cards and gifts. I raise my glass of the good stuff to you all.

Callum & Alison Brown

would like to thank the terrific paramedics, Dr Anderson and Anne & Jamie of the A&E department who took excellent care of us during our recent illnesses. Also to the Air Ambulance Service and Queen Elizabeth University Hospital for their amazing care and getting us back on the road to recovery. Finally, to our family, friends and neighbours, we can never thank you all enough for everything.

Thank You

Maureen Johnson would like to thank all family and friends who came along to her Big Birthday Bash and made growing older so enjoyable! Grateful thanks to all for cards, gifts and messages, and for donations to Mary's Meals, who benefited by £500.

You are all wonderful!



Happy 60th Birthday Granda

Lots of love,
Lexie xxx



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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

This year has certainly not begun well.

What dreadful loss of animal life as Australia burns and so far half a billion animals have died. People are homeless and flee for their very lives. They cry for rain.

In Indonesia, the people are engulfed by floods and cry, 'No more rain'.

Across the water, President Trump threatens war and fear lingers in the air as Iran sabre-rattles in retaliation.

It is only a couple of weeks since we heard of the good news about a baby born who would be the Prince of Peace.

We heard that people would beat their swords into ploughshares, we heard that nation would not rise up against nation, we heard that people would speak of war no more.

We heard that the trees of the fields would clap their hands, that nature would rejoice. We heard that good news was coming for all people.

Was it good news or fake news?

How do we hold on to hope when there is so much tragedy, so much pain, so much hurt?

Should we tuck ourselves away with the tinsel till next Christmas and forget about the Angels' song?

But it was to this very world of reality, in all its pain and horror and sadness, that Jesus came.

He came to a world just as troubled, just as broken, just as needy, just as hurting – and he didn't walk away, he didn't give up on it. He loved it and he lived in it to make a difference.

That is what he asks of us – to make a difference.

'I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.'

WEST KINTYRE

Youth club ceilidh draws a big crowd

West Kintyre residents turned out in force for a Hogmanay ceilidh in Tayinloan Village Hall, organised by Clachan Youth Club.

A great time was had by all at last Tuesday night's dance which was headlined by the Ross Kennedy Trio – there was even a special celebrity on the drum, with local wrestling personality James Kennedy in attendance.

There was also a display of local talent as well as a raffle and games.

Locals were joined by visitors at the event and they all danced the night away together before celebrating the start of 2020.

Lori Silvan, of Clachan Youth Club, said: 'The ceilidh was a great success – thanks to all those who helped in all sorts of



The hall was packed with visitors.

ways. It was a real team effort. These include Garreth Roberts and Arthur Duff for sound and lighting, Lesley and Chris who helped with tuck shop, Pauline

Simson on the door, and Uta Korner and Sue Francis for helping cleaning up afterwards.

'It was great to have a family friendly night out at Hogmanay. Thanks to the band, the Ross Kennedy Trio, for stepping in at the last minute and for their fantastic music – they kept everyone literally on their feet!'



The Ross Kennedy Trio headlined the ceilidh.



Revellers took part in various Scottish country dances.



Tayinloan Village Hall was lined with dancers.



Local talent was also on display at the relaxed event.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

MACDONALD - SMYLLIE - At Cumlodden Church, on January 16, 1970, John to Sandra. Present address Arleigh, Cairndow.

DEATHS

DICKINSON - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 31, 2019, John Stevenson Dickinson (Jackie) in his 77th year, 4 Main Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved dad of Laura, John, Kristofor and the late Colin and a loving papa and great grandfather.

FLETCHER - Peacefully, on January 3, 2020, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, after a short illness, borne bravely, Duncan McColl Fletcher, in his 83rd year, of 16 St Clair Way, Ardrishaig, and formerly of Mo Dhachaidh, Tarbert Road, Ardrishaig, beloved husband of Elaine, much loved father of Mairi, Steven and the late Fiona, dearly loved papa of Hannah, Naomi, Innes, Freya, Isaac and Eli, and a dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please. Donations to Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

HELM - Peacefully at the University Hospital, Wishaw, on January 5, 2020, David Helm, in his 90th year, formerly of Woolfords Farm Cottages, Cobbinshaw, West Lothian. Dearly beloved husband of the late Agnes (Nan) Mitchell, brother to Donald and the late Andrew and a much respected brother-in-law, uncle and cousin.

MACDONALD - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 6, 2020, George MacDonald, in his 87th year, formerly of Longrow, Campbeltown, dearly beloved dad of Fiona and Georgina, father-in-law of Nicholas and loving grandad of Amy, Stephen, Alexander, Darren and Nicky. Funeral service in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Friday January 17, 2020 at 1.00 p.m. thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Alzheimers Scotland.

MCMILLAN - At The Royal Infirmary, Glasgow on December 30, 2019, Martin James McPhail McMillan, in his 46th year, 18f Saddell Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Edward and Jennifer McMillan, much loved brother of Joanna and Niel and a loving uncle. Funeral

service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Friday January 10, 2020 at 1pm thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Campbeltown Fire Cadets.

MCPHEE - Peacefully at home 29 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, on January 1, 2020, Agnes McMillan McDonald (Senga) in her 87th year, formerly of Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Jock McPhee and a loving grandmother of Fiona Merchant nee McPhee. Funeral service in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Thursday January 16, 2020 at 1pm thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

MOORE - It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to John Michael Moore, who died on January 1, 2020, aged 77. He leaves his wife Judith, son Alexander, and granddaughter Marloe. There will be a Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium on Monday January 20, at 1.15pm and any friends who wish to attend will be welcome. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Guide Dogs or SSAFA.

RICHMOND - Suddenly, after an illness bravely borne, with her family by her side, at Tullich Croft, Soroba, Oban, on January 6, 2020, Johan Richmond in her 60th year, of 19 Croft Park, Tarbert. Beloved daughter of James (Jimp) and Mary (McGlynn) Richmond. A cherished cousin, niece and very dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Tarbert Parish Church on Tuesday January 14, 2020, at 12 noon, thereafter to Carrick Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations to Tarbert Nursing Aid. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

WAREHAM - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 6, 2020, Catherine Girvan, in her 84th year, formerly of Roy Place, High Street and Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Wareham, much loved mum of Catherine, John and the late Robert and Joanne, loving granny of Dean, Danielle, Kylie, Kerri-Ann, Michael and Chloe and a beloved great granny. Funeral service in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Tuesday January 14, 2020 at 1pm thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Elderberries.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HATTON - The family of the late Jim Hatton would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, flowers and baking received during their sad loss. Special thanks to the staff of Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, for all their excellent care over the years, also to Collette Morgan and the healthcare assistants for aiding Jim to be at home, and to Dr Phillips for all his kindness to Jim. Thank you to Rev David Carruthers for his personal and comforting service, to Donald MacDonald, Funeral Directors, for their professional services, to Morna for the beautiful flowers, Craig Lang for piping and Nikki for all your help. £860 was raised for Glenaray Ward, Lochgilphead.

MACCOLL - Morna and Alasdair would like to thank family, friends, neighbours and all who sent cards, flowers and messages of condolence following the sad loss of their mum Elma. Grateful thanks to Campbeltown Community Care Nurses, Macmillan Nurse Maggie and Marie Curie for all their help and care given to mum. Thanks also to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional and compassionate services, and Rev Anne McIvor for a lovely service. Thanks also to Ardshiel Hotel for an excellent and warming lunch. Finally, sincere thanks to all those who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £680.66 for Cancer Research UK.

MACKAY - The family of the late Malcolm MacKay would like to thank friends, neighbours and family for their support and messages during their recent loss. Special thanks to the staff at Mid Argyll Community Hospital and The Lorn and Islands District General Hospital for the care and kindness shown to Malcolm during his short illness. Further thanks to Ross MacPherson, Calum MacPhail and Ethel McCallum for their beautiful music in the church, to Margaret Sinclair for her service, Roddy and Fiona from Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professional services and Donald and Kris Clark and the staff of the George Hotel, Inveraray for their hospitality. Sincere thanks to all those who paid their respects at the church and the graveside and donated generously to the retiral collection which raised over £1,200 for MacMillan Nurses.

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN - In loving memory of Carol, died January 11, 2019. Remembered with a smile and always in my thoughts. - Mandy x.

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of a dear brother, Kenneth, who was taken from us on January 14, 2006. My brother, my friend, thinking of you every day. Missing you. - David and Anne.

GILCHRIST - In memoriam of Flora (Florrie) Law Gilchrist, who sadly passed away on January 13, 2019. Much loved aunt of Peter and George, and family friend of Bettina. Sadly missed.

HOUGHTON - In loving memory of my dear parents Muriel and Davie and brother Michael. Loved and missed everyday. - Linda and family.

JOHNSTONE - Treasured memories of our mum, Sarah (Morag), passed away January 12, 2018. Also our dad, Donald (Donnie), passed away August 8, 2003. Always in our thoughts. - Catherine, Romey, Neil, Donald, Sarah and family.

MCLEAN - Agnes. Promoted to Glory on 6 January 2008. Our dearest Nana - we love and miss you always. - Senga, Sean and Millie and Maureen and family.

Precious memories of our dear Mum - forever in our hearts, Rene and Flora. Also our beloved sister and a much-loved and missed auntie, Carolin McLean - Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2018.

MCMILLAN - Neil Brodie. In loving memory of Norman, who passed away on Friday, January 15, 2010. Here's to the past and its memories bright.

Here's to the future, these fond thoughts will light. Here's to the loved ones, gone over the hill. Here's to the road we are travelling still. Ae fond kiss. Va pensiero. - Kate.

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Friday 10th January
SKY Youth Group meeting at Springbank Church 7pm - 9pm
Sunday 12th January
Family Communion Service 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies
All welcome
Wednesday 15th January
Bible Study 7.30pm
Pastor Steve Davies
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.org.uk
SCO14646

ST KIARAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Sunday 12th January
Epiphany 1
Morning Prayer followed by Theological Reflection 10.45am
Enquiries tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

ST KIERAN RC CHURCH

St. John Street, Campbeltown
01586 552160
Rev Tony Wood
stkieransrc.org
Vigil Mass
Saturday 6.00pm
(except 1st Saturday of the month)
Sundays, Holy Mass
10.00am
All welcome
(SCO02876)

SALVATION ARMY



Sunday 12th January
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service
Major Ruth Russell
Wednesday 15th January
Lunch Club 12.15pm
CAMEO 1.30pm
Make 'n' Munch Craft Group 7.00pm
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number SCO09359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 12th January
11.15am Worship Service
Calum Ferguson
11.15am Sunday School 4pm Service in Tayinloan Village Hall
Rev Rodger Crooks
Monday 13th January
4pm Road to Recovery
Wednesday 15th January
12.00 noon Bible Study & Prayer
All welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Sunday 12th January
Family Service with Sunday School
Refreshments after the service
Speaker - Elizabeth Irwin
Playgroup
Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 am (Term-time only)
Pastor Mark Jasper
pastor@campbeltown-communitychurch.co.uk
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322
We meet at the SKDT Hall, Kirk Street PA28 6BL

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It's good to sing praises to our God"
Sunday 12th January
Services in Ardrishaig at 11.00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm
All welcome

ST MARGARET'S RC CHURCH

Lochgilphead
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inverary
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr Ronald Campbell
01546 602380
All Welcome
(SCO002876)

CHRIST CHURCH SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sunday 12th January 11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's, Poltalloch (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
All welcome
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN & FORD PARISH CHURCH

Kilmartin
Sunday 12th January 10.00am
Rev Christine Fulcher
All very welcome
(SC0 02121)

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity number SC001002
Sunday 12th January Bellanoch Church
10.30am Choir Practice
11.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Achnamara Hall
Second Sunday Supper
Saturday 11th January 10.30am - 12.30pm
Café Connect
Achnamara Hall
All welcome
www.northknapdale.org

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 12th January
Skipness Service 10am
Mr Matthew Ramsay
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev Chris Holden
Kilberry Service 2pm
Rev Chris Holden
All welcome
Tarbert and Kilberry
Charity No: SC002622
Skipness Charity No: SC004280
For all church enquiries and pastoral care contact CFulcher@churchofscotland.org.uk

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church of Scotland
Sunday 12th January Cumlodden Church
10.00am
Inverary Church 11.30am
WestLochfynside
Charity No. SC016665
All welcome

The New Year's Day loony dookers take an icy plunge

Some loony dookers wore fancy dress to take part in the seventh annual Dip For Dosh.

Many also wore wetsuits in a bid to combat the cold, but some hardy dippers wore nothing more than a swimsuit.

Whatever their attire, all dippers must have been glad of a hot shower after the New Year's Day dip, which aims to raise funds and awareness for the regeneration of Dalintober Beach.

Here are some photographs taken by photographer Kenny Craig on the day – for the full story, turn to the back page.



Phil Edwards, second right, and David Miele, centre, who took part in the dip, pose for a photograph with supporters Raymond Harvey from the RNLI, Grace Nicoll and Yvonne Edwards. KC_c02dipfordosh07



Father and son dippers Daniel Fee, left, and David Fee, right, were supported by family members Susanna, Ineke, Saul, Angus and Milo. KC_c02dipfordosh08



A group of dippers, some in fancy dress, others wearing traditional swimwear. KC_c02dipfordosh10



Dalintober Beach Group chairman Jamie Maclean spent some time on Hogmanay clearing the beach of seaweed ahead of the dip. This is a before and after shot of the shore.



The dippers run into Campbeltown Loch from Dalintober Beach. KC_c02dipfordosh05



Dalintober Beach Group chairman Jamie Maclean emerges from the water dressed as a candy cane. KC_c02dipfordosh02



The loony dookers make a splash as they enter the water. KC_c02dipfordosh06



The warm clothes worn by spectators demonstrated how chilly the conditions were. KC_c02dipfordosh13



Kelly Grogan, Campbell Ramsay and Aaron Croll before the dip. KC_c02dipfordosh09



Even minimalist costumes were very effective. KC_c02dipfordosh12



Woolly hats and swimming costumes – the perfect combination for the Dip For Dosh! KC_c02dipfordosh11



Hamish Taylor, right, presents Alistair McConnachie with the Taylor Tankard.

McConnachie takes the Taylor Tankard for second year in a row

Dunaverty Golf Club members once again had to contend with gale-force winds and rain when competing in the New Year event, the main prize for which was the Taylor Tankard, donated by the Taylor family.

Playing in the first group, Alistair McConnachie, winner of the Tankard last year, set about defending his title by reaching the turn in 37 strokes, two ahead of Neil Brodie and Campbell MacBrayne, while in the last group David MacBrayne produced an excellent front nine total of 34 to threaten Alistair's lead.

However, Alistair, determined to retain the Tankard, dug in and posted a 36 on the inward half while David slipped badly on the way back and carded 49 for the back nine.

Neil also stumbled slightly to record 42 which put both of these players out of contention.

Grant Edmondson played a steady game to get within touching distance of Alistair but bogies at 17 and 18 left him in second place as Alistair had a better inward half.

This was the next round of a two-round event, the other being the Christmas competition, and David MacBrayne came through to take the honours in this one.

His first round net total of 60, together with the New Year net 72, left him the winner by two strokes.

Alistair not only won the Taylor Tankard but, by virtue of being first in the new year competition, he scooped the captain's prize of a bottle



Captain John Brown, right, presents Alistair McConnachie with the captain's prize, a bottle of Glenfiddich whisky.

of Glenfiddich whisky.

Captain John Brown thanked the members for supporting both competitions and looked forward to a busy 2020.

New Year competition result: 1 Alistair McConnachie 73-6=67(bih), 2 Grant Edmondson 81-14=67, 3 Neil Brodie 80-10=70(bih), 4 Malcolm Ronald 87-17=70, 5 Campbell MacBrayne 79-8=71, 6 David MacBrayne 83-11=72.

Alistair had the best scratch score with a 73 and the CSS was 66.

Christmas and New Year combined result: 1 David MacBrayne 60+72=132, 2 Alistair McConnachie 67+67=134, 3 Malcolm Ronald 69+70=139, 4 Alan Goddard 68+74=142, 5 Keith Crawford 70+75=145.

Bobby's grand lotto win

The latest draw for Dunaverty Golf Club's lotto took place on December 29. The winning numbers were 2, 4 and 8. After ten draws, congratulations go to Bobby Greenlees for winning the £1,000 jackpot.

The next draw for a jackpot of £100 will be on January 11.

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

Football fixtures

Fixtures: Saturday January 11. Scottish Amateur Cup, fifth round – Oban Saints v Renfrew Town, kick-off 1pm at Oban High School 3G; Greater Glasgow Premier League, Division Three: Oban Saints v Kirkfield United; Scottish Amateur League: Jimmy Marshall Cup, first round – Claremont v Dunoon; Glenburn Athletic v Lochgilphead Red Star; Neilston v Tarbert; St Convals v Campbeltown Pupils.

Result: Saturday January 4 - Greater Glasgow Premier League, Division Three – Lovat Arms 0, Oban Saints GG 6.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK:

McConnachie takes the Taylor Tankard for second year in a row

The New Year's Day loony dookers take an icy plunge



The hardy dippers stand on Dalintober Beach before taking the plunge. KC_c02dipfordosh01

Dip For Dosh dookers herald start of new year

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Almost 50 men, women and children splashed into the

chilly waters of Campbeltown Loch on January 1 for the seventh annual Dip For Dosh. While the famous Firth of Forth Loony Dook at South

Queensferry, in which about 1,000 people participate each year, hit the headlines for charging participants £12 to take part, Campbeltown's version is completely free.

There is no obligation but some people receive sponsorship for taking the plunge, and there are also collection buckets, which this year raised £418.

Awareness

The event, which encourages fancy dress, aims to raise awareness and funds for the regeneration of Dalintober Beach, from which the runners – this year dressed as candy canes, elves, bananas and dinosaurs, to name a few – entered the water.

After the dip, there was the usual soup, sandwiches, hot drinks, refreshments and an opportunity for a shower – always welcomed by those who took to the water – at Campbeltown Sailing Club.

Dalintober Beach Group

chairman Jamie Maclean said: 'There were lots of new faces this year, as well as the usual hardy dippers and, as always, a great turnout of

supporters. It is a community event, not just about raising money, but also about doing something a bit different for community, and bringing

people together on New Year's Day.

'The tide and weather were with us which makes all the difference too.

Thank you

'Thank you to Campbeltown Sailing Club for the use of its premises, the RNLI, first aiders, safety support in the water, all helpers on the day, the Craigard Hotel and Jewson for their sponsorship, the public for supporting the event, and, of course, the participants.'

Three or four people have taken part in every dip so far – will you join them next year?

For more photos from this year's event, see page 38.



Nigel Ferguson and his daughter Sunny were all smiles after completing the dip. KC_c02dipfordosh03



Millar and Murray Mackay, photographed with their mum Valerie and dad Donald, wrap up warmly after running into the chilly water. KC_c02dipfordosh04



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