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Council seeks government support for fragile economy

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Argyll and Bute Council's leader is seeking UK Government support to help save Kintyre's 'fragile' economy.

Writing in a report which was set to go before a full council meeting yesterday (Thursday November 28), Councillor Aileen Morton stated she has sent a letter to Alister Jack, Secretary of State for Scotland, asking him to explore 'any possibilities for UK Government support' following the news of potential job losses at two of Kintyre's biggest employers.

Campbeltown Creamery is set to close in a matter of weeks, resulting in 14 job losses, while turbine manufacturer CS Wind UK could make 73 of its 94 employees redundant.

Councillor Morton has also written to Paul Wheelhouse, minister for energy, connectivity and the islands, Michael Matheson, cabinet secretary for transport, infrastructure and connectivity, and other Scottish ministers in relation

to the CS Wind situation, asking them to identify 'any particular means of supporting the company in its endeavours to keep production costs as low as possible'.

She said: 'Given the seriousness of the situation, I have been in regular correspondence with Scottish ministers about this, seeking urgent national intervention on a Team Scotland basis, to support the already fragile Kintyre economy.'

'The longer term sustainability of the Kintyre milk field now is under threat.'

Talking about First Milk's decision to close Campbeltown Creamery, Councillor Morton said: 'A key issue was the inability to secure a future customer base for Kintyre cheese at a sustainable price that returns a profit.'

'The effects of the global economy and ongoing pressure to reduce costs have also

been significant factors in the production of a bulk cheese product and this is also reflected across the entire UK dairy industry.

'First Milk has provided reassurances in the short term, at least ... however, the longer term sustainability of the Kintyre milk field is now under threat, which is a significant issue for the Kintyre economy, given it directly supports the livelihoods of 145 people in Kintyre.'

She said that in addition to a Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) initiative led by Skills Development Scotland with support from Business Gateway, council staff will do 'everything possible' to support affected workers.

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'Having already written to both governments requesting additional support for the Kintyre economy I welcome the leader of the council's intervention.'

Staff consultations at CS Wind were expected to come to a conclusion today (Friday).

Double gold for Campbeltown Brass



Campbeltown Brass was celebrating this week after returning from the Scottish Festival of Brass Youth Championships with two golds. Campbeltown Brass Intermediate won the development section, while Campbeltown Brass Juniors placed second in the preparatory section. Pictured are the first-placed intermediate band with conductor Katrina Barr. For the full story, turn to page three.

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Campbeltown Sea Cadets Ellie Lowrie, left, and Beth MacPherson with their CalMac cheque.

There is still time to apply for CalMac grant funding

Groups have until December 13 to apply to CalMac's community fund for a project or activity that will benefit young people aged 26 and under.

Organisations based in a mainland port or island the company serves can apply for £500 to £2,000.

So far the fund has supported 39 projects, from women's football in the Outer Hebrides to Campbeltown Sea Cadets, who received £2,000.

Brian Fulton, director of

community and stakeholder engagement at CalMac, said: 'This is the last chance for groups to tap in to the support we are offering. Many hundreds of young people have benefited from the fund so far and we are still in position where we can help even more.'

Organisations that have been unsuccessful can submit a new application, but successful applicants cannot apply again.

Visit calmac.co.uk/community-fund

CalMac team wins national award

CalMac's service updates team has been crowned team of the year by the Contact Centre Association (CCA) for the quality of its customer care.

The ferry and harbour operator beat off competition from major international brands such as Vodafone and Sky to pick up the prestigious UK Excellence Award.

The CCA works with more than 500 leading companies representing nearly a third of all customer service activity in the UK.

The team is responsible for delivering consistent and clear messaging to customers in times of disruption.

Robbie Drummond, managing director of CalMac Ferries Ltd, said: 'They are the voice of the company when disruption occurs. Their job of keeping our customers up-to-date with what's happening is essential if they are to get to where



Celebrations after the CalMac service updates team win.

they're going with the minimum of fuss.

'The pressure on the team during times of disruption, for reasons more often than not outwith our control, is intense. Customers rightly need to know what's going on, and having staff who can keep calm under stress can do a lot to determine whether a customer's experience is a good one or not.'

'I'm delighted for the team, being recognised by their industry peers as being the

best in the business is a great accolade and one they fully deserve.'

'It is our goal to try to speak to customers in a way that suits them. Our team is committed to embracing the very latest communications channels to keep passengers informed quickly about any changes to their planned sailing,' added Robbie.

'This responsiveness and commitment to first-class customer service is a huge asset for us.'

Why they are the best

The five-strong team operates around-the-clock, every day of the year, monitoring more than 160,000 sailings for potential disruption as well as monitoring other transport operators for events that may have an impact on ferry services.

Last year they published 13,513 social media posts and responded to more than 45,000 messages and emails.

Judges were impressed by the commitment to communicate disruption to customers within eight minutes of being alerted, and their innovative use of social media, growing a following of 1,500 to more than 18,000 in just three years.

The team received more than 500 notes of appreciation from grateful customers over the past year.



Davaar Island Safe Walking Times

	Morning	Safe Walking Times		Afternoon	Safe Walking Times	
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Sun, 1 Dec 2019	07:51	04:51	10:21			
Mon, 2 Dec 2019	08:37	05:37	11:07			
Tue, 3 Dec 2019	09:29	06:29	11:59			
Wed, 4 Dec 2019	10:29	07:29	12:59			
Thu, 5 Dec 2019	11:42	08:42	14:12			
Fri, 6 Dec 2019				12:56	09:56	15:26
Sat, 7 Dec 2019				13:57	10:57	16:27
Sun, 8 Dec 2019				14:46	11:46	17:16
Mon, 9 Dec 2019				15:26	12:26	17:56
Tue, 10 Dec 2019				16:02	13:02	18:32
Wed, 11 Dec 2019				16:37	13:37	19:07
Thu, 12 Dec 2019				17:12	14:12	19:42
Fri, 13 Dec 2019				17:50	14:50	20:20
Sat, 14 Dec 2019						
Sun, 15 Dec 2019						
Mon, 16 Dec 2019	07:48	04:48	10:18			
Tue, 17 Dec 2019	08:40	05:40	11:10			
Wed, 18 Dec 2019	09:37	06:37	12:07			
Thu, 19 Dec 2019	10:39	07:39	13:09			
Fri, 20 Dec 2019	11:48	08:48	14:18			
Sat, 21 Dec 2019				12:59	09:59	15:29
Sun, 22 Dec 2019				14:05	11:05	16:35
Mon, 23 Dec 2019				15:02	12:02	17:32
Tue, 24 Dec 2019				15:53	12:53	18:23
Wed, 25 Dec 2019				16:39	13:39	19:09
Thu, 26 Dec 2019				17:22	14:22	19:52
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Sat, 28 Dec 2019						
Sun, 29 Dec 2019						
Mon, 30 Dec 2019	07:32	04:32	10:02			
Tue, 31 Dec 2019	08:13	05:13	10:43			

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POLICE FILES

Sunday afternoon saw an incident on the A83 near Kilchenzie when a blue Peugeot 207 car overturned. Police report that the driver, a woman aged 54, was taken to Campbeltown Hospital where her injuries were not thought to be serious.

The road was blocked while the incident was ongoing and for the vehicle recovery, but the road was fully open by 4pm.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

Early on Tuesday afternoon last week, a man, aged 30, allegedly made threats via text and phone to a woman in Campbeltown. The man was later arrested and charged, he was held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

A 46-year-old man allegedly behaved in an abusive manner in Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, on Saturday evening.

The man was later traced, charged and issued with a

recorded police warning.

There have been two separate reports of vehicles being damaged by vandalism in Kintyre.

A blue Audi A4 car, which was parked in Queen Street, Campbeltown, had two tyres punctured and damaged between the evening of Saturday November 16 and lunchtime the following day.

A black Peugeot 4007 car parked at the Ugdale Hotel, Machrihanish, from the evening of Saturday November 16 until the morning of Tuesday 19 had its rear window smashed. Police are investigating the incidents and are appealing for witnesses.

A driver was issued with a £100 fixed penalty ticket on Monday evening November 18 on the A83 near Kilchenzie for allegedly driving while towing a vehicle that did not have a proper number plate fitted.

On Thursday evening last week a car was stopped by police for a routine check, on Summerhill Crescent, Campbeltown. Checks showed that there

was allegedly no insurance in force for the vehicle and the driver, a man aged 25, was charged with the offence and the vehicle was seized.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Police stopped a lorry because the 40-year-old driver was allegedly driving while using a mobile phone on the A83 in Campbeltown on Friday morning.

The man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On Sunday afternoon on the B842 near to Peninver, a car was seen to be driven in an allegedly careless manner while negotiating a bend.

The car was stopped by police and the 57-year-old man who was driving was charged with the offence and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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.

New culture role at NHS Highland

NHS Highland is recruiting an external adviser with the remit of providing advice, challenge and oversight of plans and progress within its culture programme.

Professor Boyd Robertson, of NHS Highland, said: 'I will personally be leading the selection of this role to complement our existing resource with additional expertise to take forward our cultural programme and hold us to account for delivery of the plans.'

To ensure an independent and external perspective on plans, which was recommended in the Sturrock Review, the post is not open to current employees, contractors or non-executive directors of NHS Highland or other NHS Scotland boards.

This is a new role and so the successful post holder will play a key part in shaping the role and its priorities.

Campbeltown Brass are 'credit to the town'

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A planned road closure meant Campbeltown Brass could not wait for the results at the Scottish Festival of Brass Youth Championships but the band's players and conductors were no less overjoyed when they found out they received two gold awards.

In addition, Campbeltown Brass Intermediate, conducted by Katrina Barr, won the development section, while Campbeltown Brass Juniors, conducted by Stephanie Mitchell, was placed second in the preparatory section at the competition in Perth Concert Hall on Saturday.

The intermediate band played the set test piece, Prismatic Light, a tenor horn solo called Arirang - which featured horn soloist Andrew

McMillan who received special mention from the adjudicators - and a hymn tune called Quem Pastores, finishing off with Bohemian Rhapsody.

The junior band played Cheesy Feet Rock, Stal Himmel, Fox Hunter's Jig, Over The Rainbow and Final Countdown.

Afterwards Katrina told the Courier: 'It was an incredibly long day but the result made it all worthwhile. The children worked so hard to prepare for the competition and it has paid off. They are a real credit to Campbeltown.'

Both bands were in Perth for a rehearsal at 9.30am, with the junior band competing at 11.15am, and it was not until 6pm that the intermediate band took to the stage.

With a planned road closure on their long route home, the band had to leave straight

after the intermediates had competed, finally finding out their success at 9pm.

John Doyle spoke on behalf of the adjudicators during the results and said of Campbeltown Brass: 'What an amazing sound the band makes, very mature, we loved the sound.'

'Really, really superb solo horn - I think there's something in the water up there, because the solo cornet, the euphonium, the solo horn, the soprano cornet ... they were so mature in the way they played.'

The trophy and medals will be collected this weekend when the Campbeltown Brass senior band returns to Perth Concert Hall for the Band Supplies Scottish Challenge.

Stephanie Mitchell's gold-awarded junior band.



Gina McMurchy, left, and Helen Fairbairn, Campbeltown midwives, learning all about TEC.

Go digital for the good of your health

As part of the National Digital Health Fest last week, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)'s Technology Enabled Care (TEC) team hosted events across Argyll and Bute to showcase the innovative digital healthcare technology available.

Aileen McCheyne, a TEC outreach health worker based in Kintyre, welcomed health and social care staff and members of the community to the information and demo stand, set up in Campbeltown Hospital last Friday to help inform people about TEC services and systems.

There is a variety of technological solutions for telecare and home health monitoring and these were all on show -

telecare basic and enhanced packages, home health monitoring, Florence, activity monitoring solutions, cognitive behaviour therapy and attend Anywhere/NHS Near me video consultations.

Solutions

The HSCP recognises the potential of these digital solutions to transform the way people engage with, take ownership of, and control their own healthcare, empowering them to self-manage their own care in a way that is right for them and in their own home. Debbie Holroyd, TEC coordinator, said: 'The Argyll and Bute TEC team offers a wide range of systems and services that encourage the use of technology and devices such as personal

alarms, monitoring services and wearable devices.

'The technology-based solutions are helping to build on care at home and community services to improve health for patients with conditions such as COPD, diabetes and heart conditions. During Digital Health week, I attended the Annual Digital and Health Care Conference in Glasgow, and was really excited to learn about new innovations in digital health both nationally and globally.'

The advancement in digital technology is giving many people of all ages more choice to manage their own health conditions and helping to keep people living safer and independently in their own homes for longer.

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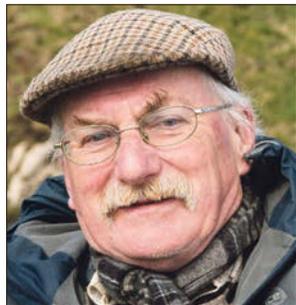
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A toast to Angus Martin's latest book launch

Campbeltown Library is set to host the official launch of renowned Kintyre author and historian Angus Martin's new book.

Campbeltown Whisky: An Encyclopaedia explores the history of whisky distillation in the town from which Mr Martin hails.

Books will be on sale at the launch on Thursday December 5, at 7pm, at the reduced price of £15 and Mr Martin will also be available to sign copies.

Iain McAlister, manager of Glen Scotia Distillery, will be in attendance to offer a complimentary dram.

Raffle tickets for a bottle of Glen Scotia malt, and three signed copies of the book can be purchased at Campbeltown Library.

Early learning first for Argyll and UHI



The University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) has welcomed its first, full cohort of graduate apprentices in early learning and childcare.

A total of 15 apprentices from early learning and childcare across Scotland have signed up to the graduate apprenticeship in early learning and childcare, one of two being piloted in Scotland in 2019-20.

For the first time this gives school-leavers, people looking to change career or those already working in the industry the opportunity to follow an alternative work-based learning route with an employer, to study up to degree level, and gain Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) practitioner status, all within three years.

On completion, the apprentices will graduate with a degree plus valuable work-based experience.

Local authority nurseries Argyll and Bute and others in Perth and Kinross, Shetland and Moray are among those to sign up apprentices, along with private and third sector employers in the Highlands and Islands.

The early learning and childcare sector in Scotland is facing a skills shortage and the graduate apprenticeship supports the Scottish Government's commitment to employ 11,000 new childcare workers by 2020 to enable it to meet its commitment of providing 30 hours of free childcare to eligible two-year-olds, and three- and four-year-olds by next year.

It also aims to raise the overall quality of early learning and childcare provision and the ambitions of staff within the sector, who want to be degree qualified.

The delivery of the UHI pilot programme is led by



Argyll's graduate apprentices in early learning and childcare.

Inverness College UHI and is networked across university partners including Moray, Perth, Shetland, Lews Castle and Argyll, allowing people to study remotely while living and working in their local community.

The apprentices are attending their local UHI on day-release, with assessors visiting them in the workplace. Work undertaken 'on the

job' will contribute to their studies. Apprentices and their managers attended a three-day welcome induction at Inverness College UHI last month.

Programme leader Alice Mongiello said: 'This graduate apprenticeship is enabling people living in some of the remotest parts of Scotland to study up to degree level, while working in an early learning

and childcare setting. We met with all the apprentices and managers as part of a three-day induction and the feedback was excellent, with everyone excited about what this type of qualification could mean for the sector.'

It adds to the range of other early learning and childcare qualifications offered by the UHI including its children and young people foundation apprenticeship and modern apprenticeship, and its Introduction, HNC and BA(Hons) in childhood practice.

In Scotland, currently only four per cent of the workforce is male. Four university partners Argyll College UHI, Inverness College UHI, Moray College UHI and West Highland College UHI have set up fast-track courses to tackle stereotypes and encourage more men into the profession.

Argyll and Bute Council appoints new chief executive

Pippa Milne, Argyll and Bute's current executive director, will be its new chief executive from December 19.

Ms Milne will take up her post when Cleland Sneddon, whom she is replacing, leaves for South Lanarkshire Council.

Ms Milne brings with her 28 years of local government experience, five with Argyll and Bute Council.

As executive director, she

has led initiatives that will be key to developing a prosperous future for the area, most notably the Rural Growth Deal for Argyll and Bute.

Council leader Aileen Morton: 'We had a very strong pool of candidates to choose from. I would like to congratulate Pippa on securing this role, and I look forward to working with her, as chief executive, for the benefit of Argyll and Bute.'

Ms Milne said: 'Argyll and Bute is an amazing area that deserves a prosperous future and I will work tirelessly to build this.'

'I understand the challenges the area faces, and the difficulties this council deals with every day. I also see the opportunities for success that are there for us to take.'

'It will be a privilege to work for Argyll and Bute as chief executive of its council.'



Pippa Milne takes up her new post in December.

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Get ready for winter, says Scottish and Southern

The UK's electricity networks are among the most reliable in the world, with the number and duration of power cuts reducing steadily and significantly over the past 20 years.

That is no reason to be complacent and Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) is encouraging its customers to prepare

for the colder months ahead and the potential for extreme winter weather to cause disruption to electricity supplies.

SSEN owns and operates the electricity distribution networks in the north of Scotland and central southern England and works 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to

maintain, upgrade and invest in its networks to deliver a safe and secure supply of electricity to its customers.

This year, SSEN is investing around £220 million to upgrade and strengthen the overhead lines, underground cables, electricity poles and substations delivering power to over 3.8 million customers, with approximately £10 million invested in automated technology to minimise disruption when faults occur.

While SSEN says it has well established resilience plans and is fully prepared for whatever extremes this year's weather may bring, customers are being encouraged to take some simple, practical steps to be ready together with SSEN to strengthen their resilience.

This includes signing up to SSEN's free Priority Services Register, or finding out if a friend or family member could benefit from the

scheme, which supports customers who may need extra help during a power cut.

Colin Nicol, managing director, networks, at SSEN, said: 'Providing a safe and secure supply of electricity to the 3.8 million homes and businesses we serve requires a continuous programme of focused investment in our network, including major upgrades to the critical infrastructure people rely on every day.'

'This investment means our network is resilient for the vast majority of the time; but extreme winter weather, including high winds, heavy snow, thunderstorms and lightning, has the potential to cause damage to our equipment and disrupt supplies.'

'We're encouraging everyone to take some simple, free steps to help improve their resilience so we can be ready together this winter and beyond.'



SSEN engineer talking to customer.

Being prepared ahead of bad weather is something that is especially important for those who may need extra help during a power cut, including the elderly, disabled and families with small children.

It is particularly important for those who may rely on electricity for specialist and often life-saving medical

equipment such as a kidney dialysis machine or ventilator. SSEN offers extra help and support to ensure its customers are cared for through its free Priority Services Register. By registering, customers will be contacted to warn them of potential bad weather to help them prepare and to offer extra support where required.

More than 700,000 of SSEN's customers are already signed up for the service, but SSEN is aware that there are still some customers who may not realise they are eligible for the scheme that provides extra support during power cuts.

Customers can qualify if they:

- are deaf or hard of hearing,
- are blind or partially sighted,
- have a disability,
- live with children under five,
- have a chronic illness,
- use medical equipment/aids reliant on electricity,
- are aged over 60.

For more information on the support available from SSEN, and for helpful advice on preparing for and dealing with a power cut, please visit the company's website at www.ssen.co.uk.

Work to halt deadly tree disease to start in New Year

Trail restrictions are expected to be in place around Beinn Ghulean forest from January to April, when urgent tree felling begins to help slow the spread of a deadly tree disease.

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) is to carry out the work in a bid to slow the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum*, a disease which

primarily affects and kills larch trees.

Tommy McGrory, FLS planning forester, said: 'We'll begin work mid-December to prepare the site and make sure that trails within the work zone are closed and safety signage is in place but the main felling and extraction operations will start in January following the Christmas/New Year break.'

'We're having to remove around 7,500 tonnes of timber from the forest and, presuming that we are not hampered by too much bad weather, it could take four to six months to complete.'

'Public safety is always a high priority for us and that means putting access restrictions in place for Beinn Ghulean forest.'

The impact of the disease can be devastating for larch and can have a significant impact on the look of forests and of the wider landscape.

Visitors can also help stop the spread of the disease by following FLS's 'Keep It Clean' advice and brushing off forest debris and mud from their boots, walking gear, bike wheels and dogs' paws.

The spores that cause the disease can travel from forest to forest on twigs, leaf litter and mud.

It is anticipated that the felling operations will be carried out over several months and Phase 1 will be completed by the April 2020.



A map showing the work site which will be closed to members of the public.

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Take the bad with the good

For several weeks, the Courier's front page has focused on Kintyre's economy, with references to its fragility and the perilous current situation surrounding jobs in the area.

While the news may be demoralising, it is extremely important it is shared and that everything possible is done to support the people who have lost or may lose their jobs, as well as the businesses struggling to survive in tough national and global markets.

Thankfully, along with the disheartening news, always comes something positive.

This week, it was another successful competition for Campbeltown Brass. The band's accomplishments may come as no surprise to many, but they are just rewards for huge amounts of hard work from everyone involved.

An adjudicator at the Scottish Festival of Brass Youth Championships said: 'I think there's something in the water up there' and we at the Courier agree.

The talent on show when Campbeltown Brass joined three equally impressive youth groups - Footnotes, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band and James McCorkindale's Highland dancers - for a recent super-concert was the talk of the town.

Coffee morning thanks

Following last week's Courier's coverage of our Kintyre SWI coffee morning, I am pleased to announce that the final amount raised was £638.

Thank you very much to everybody who came along and supported the event.

Patricia Fair,
President of Kintyre SWI.

Poppy Appeal thanks

Once again, many thanks to the folks of Campbeltown and surrounding area for their kindness and generosity in this year's Poppy Appeal.

The total sum raised was £3,209.20 - a substantial sum from the town considering the political turmoil in the country.

Many thanks to the shops, hotels, pubs and donors, and also to my helpers at Tesco and Co-op, without whom I couldn't do it, to Sheila McNeill for help on Gigha and Lorna Loss who counted the collection.

Looking forward, God willing, to next year. Many thanks.

Richard Cameron,
Area organiser for poppyscotland.

Thank you for donating stamps for Leprosy Mission

I would like to thank the Courier readers who have collected the stamps from their letters and donated them to me in aid of the

Leprosy Mission. I would also like to ask people to continue saving their stamps - there are donation boxes in Keeping It Local, Boots on Longrow and at the Post Office.

It doesn't matter if the stamps are still stuck on the envelopes, I remove them all before I send them to the Leprosy Mission.

There is a cure for leprosy now - which costs just £26 - but it is important to catch it in people before it develops and is too late.

Joyce Draper,
Campbeltown.

Benefits to Scotland of being in the UK

Mr Williams (last week's letters) was correct when he wrote that the NHS in Scotland delivers a better service than in England.

The reason for this is the Barnett formula which gives Scotland 25 per cent more to spend on public services, including the NHS, compared to England.

That's the benefit to Scotland of being in the UK.

If Scotland were to leave the UK, then we would lose all that money and be forced to make drastic cuts to the NHS and all other public services.

Independence as proposed by Mr Wilson (also last week's letters), is not the solution to Brexit.

If Scotland were inside the EU and England were outside, there would be a hard border at Gretna.

The Irish have been desperately trying to

avoid this on their island, yet the SNP is keen to put such a border on our island.

A hard border would cause many problems. One of the worst would be the high EU tariff on food imports which Scots would have to pay on food imports from England. This high tariff would cause misery for people on low incomes.

The only policy which makes sense is the Liberal Democrat plan to stay in both the EU and the UK.

Margaret Horrell,
Helensburgh.

Letter from Santa

As Christmas draws ever nearer, why not get the little ones excited for the big day with a letter from Santa?

It's a great way to bring joy to your own family, whilst knowing you're making a positive difference to the lives of children who may need it most this Christmas.

The letters are tailored to your child with name, age, hobbies and a personal message to get Christmas in your household off to a magical start.

We know that on average at least two children in every primary school classroom have suffered some form of abuse.

You can help us be there for them and provide the necessary support at Christmas and all year round. For every letter from Santa, we suggest a donation of £5, which goes a long way to helping children.

With £8, we can cover the cost for our volunteer counsellors to answer two calls to

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Paul Cockram,
head of fundraising for NSPCC Scotland.

Boris Johnson's latest wheeze

I wonder if readers have clocked Boris Johnson's latest wheeze?

To save the NHS, he is going to fast-track the immigration of doctors (and nurses?) from the EU.

Hang on a minute. It was Johnson who led the charge to stop EU citizens migrating to the UK in the first place, a primary selling point in his Brexit campaign. Is the man completely incapable of planning ahead?

Here is the policy of a man who sets fire to your house then promises to fund a fire brigade.

The NHS was doing perfectly well in recruiting EU doctors and nurses before the Conservatives dreamed up Brexit. Let's just bin Brexit.

Ursula Craig,
Cove.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This unique photograph of low clouds over Loch Lomond was taken from the Campbeltown to Glasgow bus one morning earlier this month. The opportunistic shot was taken by David Mayo using his iPhone 5 mobile phone. Mr Mayo added: 'The bus then drove through the clouds - on the road!'

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday November 27, 2009
CGS does the town proud

The kids of Campbeltown Grammar School are top of the class when it comes to kindness and generosity – and this year they have beaten their own record and raised more than £11,000 for Children in Need.

Not bad going for a school with around 500 students – meaning they've raised an average of more than £20 for every student.

Each year the sixth formers take on the fundraising challenge to beat the year before.

Things began with a coffee morning at the town hall last Saturday, which raised £1,281.

Events ran at school throughout the week and a massive concert on Thursday night in the school hall.

The appeal draws in other activities the children take part in outside school hours, so the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, the brass ensemble, James McCorkindale School of Dance and Footnotes Dance Group were also involved in the concert, as was the school choir.

Even the school janny joined in – head janitor Tony Jones also performed at the concert.



Campbeltown Grammar School raised over £11,000 for Children in Need.

Pamela was in Campbeltown doing work experience at Langa Farm at the time of the accident. She was in hospital for nearly 10 weeks.

'I'm now completely normal and I want to give hope to the many road accident victims and their families,' she said.

'I cannot remember the accident but I've been told I ran across the road and straight into a car.'

Mary Colville, of Langa Farm, where Pamela was working, still vividly remembers the accident. 'It's as though it was yesterday – it was horrific.

'Pamela's almost like part of the family, and many people in Campbeltown often ask how she is getting on.

'She really has made a remarkable recovery, and she has been back down to the town since.'

Pamela is studying zoology and maths at the University of Glasgow. She is taking a year out of vet school.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday November 27, 1969
Concorde – boom damage feared

One of the topics discussed at a recent meeting of Campbeltown Town Council was the Anglo-French Concorde, and the effects

its test flight will have on the Kintyre area. Councillor Alastair McKinlay reported on a meeting held at East Kilbride in October, at which Mr J A Hamilton, director general of the Concorde Project, Mr J Cochrane, deputy chief pilot of the aircraft, and representatives from Ministry of Technology attended.

Councillor McKinlay, who had represented the council at the discussions, along with town clerk Mr William Wilson, spoke on the reasons offered by Mr Hamilton in support of the route chosen for the aircraft's test flight. This route, which extends from north of Lewis southward to a position off the Brittany coast, was the only one under consideration which satisfied a number of important requirements.

Firstly, said Councillor McKinlay, the depth of the sea over which the aircraft flies should not exceed 50 fathoms. This depth is the normal safe limit for diving and recovery operations, should the aircraft crash into the sea.

Councillor McKinlay explained that this was a contributory factor in the choice of the 800-mile-long western route. The populations of Cornwall, Wales, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland and the other areas which will be affected by the aircraft on its test flight were smaller than those of other areas considered.

Councillor McKinlay said, on the subject of the sonic boom which the aircraft will generate: 'Our concern is, will we be able to put up with it?'

He told the council that badly-fitted windows and old ceilings could 'come down' as a result of the boom.

But, he pointed out, the Ministry of Technology is under obligation to settle claims for test flight damage.

Provost Daniel McKinven said later in the discussions that: 'We can take that with a pinch of salt.'

He went on to say that he could imagine the trouble people would have in getting claims settled. The test flights would likely start 'after spring', Councillor McKinlay said, and there would probably be one per week.

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday November 29, 1919
Guides launched in Campbeltown

Provost Colvill presided over a representative meeting of ladies and gentlemen in the Christian Institute on Friday last, 21st inst., the object of the gathering being to consider the question of introducing to the town a branch of the Girl Guides movement.

The Provost welcomed those present and introduced the Dowager Duchess of Argyll.

The Dowager Duchess of Argyll said: 'The movement we are here today to inaugurate, the establishment of a branch of the Association of Girl Guides in our midst, is one of far-reaching importance, as it involves the training of the young to habits of self-control and self-discipline, and the development to the fullest extent, mentally and physically, of all the powers possessed by each member, so as to fit them to become useful citizens of the Empire.

'The work of the Association as been recognised to be of national importance, and it has received the support of all acquainted with the good it has accomplished in every part of the Kingdom where it has been instituted.

'Troops of eager young adherents have joined the ranks of the Girl Guides, the number of whom is now estimated to be over 70,000.

'Among the admirable rules of the Association is one which sounds simple, but which leads to great results. It is that each member should do an act of kindness every day, and when one thinks of the 70,000 acts of kindness by which the world is daily enriched, one realises the value of such a rule.

'For the habit formed of looking out for this special duty, cultivates intuition and perception, as so many possible acts of kindness present themselves during the search that the Girl Guides learn not to limit themselves to one only: and so the blessed quality of unselfishness is acquired and beautiful characters may be built up which will shed a bright influence around them on their way through life.'

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday December 2, 1994
Remarkable recovery

A young woman has bravely battled back from the brink of death after an accident in Campbeltown last year.

Courier readers may remember how 22-year-old Pamela Watt, from Bridge of Weir, was knocked down by a car after getting off a bus – suffering multiple fractures in her legs, arms, pelvis and spine as well as a head injury.

But Pamela – whom doctors nicknamed 'the walking miracle' – has made a remarkable recovery.

She even took part in the recent 10km Great Caledonian Run to raise funds for the Head Injuries Trust Scotland (HITS).



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Kilmartin Museum's Prehistoric Collection, located less than 60 miles from Campbeltown, was recently unveiled as the 50th Nationally Significant Collection in Scotland.

Scotland's Recognition Scheme celebrates, promotes and invests in nationally significant collections beyond those held in our national museums and galleries. The Recognition Scheme is administered by Museums Galleries Scotland (MGS) on behalf of the Scottish Government.

The prehistoric collection at Kilmartin Museum is a unique collection of fundamental importance to understanding Scotland's history. Many of the museum's objects were discovered or excavated at the Neolithic and Bronze Age sites and monuments in Kilmartin Glen, near to where the museum building is located.

The museum's setting in this landscape is important to the display of its collection, near the Upper Largie prehistoric site and overlooking an impressive cemetery of burial cairns.

Museum staff and supporters joined the chairman of the Recognition Committee, Dr Katie Stevenson, and representatives from Museums Galleries Scotland at the

award announcement earlier this month. Dr Stevenson said: "The Kilmartin Museum Prehistoric Collection is a remarkable asset to understanding the importance of this period and of the area to the earliest centuries of settlement in what is now Scotland.

"The collection is wide-ranging, and includes very early examples of 4,000-year-old decorated Beaker pottery, and a hoard of 3,000-year-old Bronze Age metal weapons, which had been ceremonially placed in a bog on the Isle of Coll.

"Set in the context of its landscape, the Prehistoric Collection at Kilmartin Museum is a remarkable jewel in the crown of Scottish museum collections. As the 50th Nationally Significant Collection, it highlights the diverse range of objects that are in the care of Scotland's museums and the significance of them to understanding Scotland's history."

Dr Sharon Webb MBE, the curator and director of Kilmartin Museum, said: "We are thrilled that Kilmartin Museum has received recognition for its Prehistoric Collection. The artefacts are well worthy of this status, and it is a great achievement for the whole organisation.

"Kilmartin Museum is soon to be transformed into a state-of-the-art visitor attraction and centre for archaeological engagement and learning. We are deeply honoured that our new galleries will open in 2022 with a Nationally Significant collection as their centrepiece."



Concorde in Kintyre – photographed in 1987 by Doreen Webb.

Campbeltown Concorde coincidence

Coincidences are not uncommon in the Courier office but it's not often reporters happen to land on two Concorde articles from our own archive on the same day!

The Aérospatiale/BAC Concorde was a British-French turbojet-powered supersonic passenger airliner that took its first flight in 1969 and entered service in 1976, flying until 2003.

Supersonic

One of only two supersonic transports to have been operated commercially, the jet is the topic of the '50 years ago' section in this week's From Our Files page.

In 1969, ahead of the jet's first flight, the Courier reported that Campbeltown Town Council was concerned about potential dam-

age caused by its sonic boom – the shock wave that emanates from a supersonic aircraft.

While it is reported to have rattled windows and startled unsuspecting people and animals, meaning flights over land were restricted to subsonic speeds, Concorde's two-psf boom was said to be no worse than natural weather events.

A chance delve into the Courier's 2008 archive revealed a Down Memory Lane photograph of a Concorde visit to Kintyre.

The image, taken and submitted to the Courier by Doreen Webb, shows the plane on the runway at Campbeltown Airport where it spent a week, for pilot training, in 1987.

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The minister, the Duchess of Sutherland and the Earl of Stafford.

Castlehill Primary School's P7 pupils became entertainers and educators when they put on a show about the Highland Clearances for friends, family and the rest of the school.

The production was staged after the children studied the period of Scottish history during the 1700s and 1800s, during which many Highland landowners forcibly evicted their tenants to make way for sheep.

Having been taught about it in class, the

youngsters did extra research at home and demonstrated everything they had learned by putting on the performance.

The youngsters also found out about the ships which called in to Campbeltown to take many of the displaced families to new homes in Canada and Australia.

Afterwards, the pupils wrote reports about their performance, excerpts from which are printed below.

Neve: 'This report is a backstage pass to the Highland Clearance play that we performed. After we

Castlehill re-enacts

did the play we sang 500 Miles by the Proclaimers and that lifted the mood very well.'

Mitchell: 'We had been learning about the Clearances and how they affected Scotland and Campbeltown. I was a narrator. I wore a robe with tartan on it and underneath the robe I wore a button-up shirt.'

Anya and Eloise: 'Our families arrived at 1pm but we got into character at 12.30pm. At 1.10pm the first narrator gave the introduction and the play commenced.'

Annie: 'Castlehill's primary seven class put on a breathtaking performance of the Highland Clearances which took place in the Castlehill gym hall with the whole class involved. The Highland Clearances took place around 200 years ago in the 1700 and 1800 when wealthy and greedy landowners decided to replace the people renting out and



The whole class took part in the performance.

living on their land with sheep in the hope to make more money.'

Maia: 'The story was about the MacNeill family getting evicted by Patrick Sellar and having to move

away on ships called the Annabella, the Edinburgh and the Hercules.'

Niamh and Gemma: 'The MacNeills were poor tenant farmers that owned a black house and a few strips of

rigs. There were 12 in the family - seven girls, five boys. Their house was split into two and one half was for their animals and the second half was for them.'

Jim and Ben: 'P7



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the Clearances



Sellar's men. First we came in from the back of the hall then the side with fake torches in our hands and then we placed them down on the floor. For my homework, I did research on my family names. In class we made sheep head broth and we also did sewing.'

Freya: 'The class thoroughly enjoyed getting into character with the outstanding costumes provided by Mrs Watson, class teacher. Excitement and nerves were felt by everyone as we stood back stage ready to perform.'

Oskar: 'I was one of the sons in the family and I wore a kilt. I was happy when I got my costume on.'

Alan: 'The whole school and some adults came to watch. I wore a T-shirt, a waistcoat and a green kilt. Before it started I was nervous.'

Erin and Emma: 'Near the end of the play we read out some of the names that were on the passenger list we found: Lamont,

shortened the story of the Clearances into three acts: the first introducing the McNeills and their everyday life; the second act introducing the problem, showcasing a pleading min-

ister trying to convince the landlords to not evict the families; and in the third act they sadly are removed from home.'

Matthew: 'Everyone had a part. I was one of Patrick



Patrick Sellar and his men.

Sinclair, Curry, McVicar, McGeachy, McIlchere, Mekendrick, Montgomery, Smith, Darroch, Finlay, Craig, Campbell, Allan, McCallum, Kelly, Colville, McEachran, Stewart, Ramsay, McGougan, McKenzie, McArthur, McDougall, McMurchy, McLean, MacKay, Murphy, Anderson and Watson.'

Hannah: 'On the Monday before the performance we

were shown our costumes. We saw that one of the costumes was too small and we were all panicking. What was going to happen? Luckily Mrs Watson fixed it and the costume was looking good.'

Josh: 'On the day, everyone had mixed emotions, such as very happy but a little nervous. Nevertheless, the whole class did so, so well.'

Aiden: 'My lines were 'Aye Archie, right, Patrick and his men are nae match for us', 'Aye, you'll hae to get past us first' and 'You should be ashamed of your self Sellar.' It was a fun topic and play.'

Jake: 'During the play it just felt like a rehearsal to me because I had my mind set not to pay attention to

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Castlehill pupils turn reporter to share the news

Continued from page 11 the audience and focus on my lines. At the end of the play I felt really good for standing out in front of a big audience.'

Charlie: 'I felt quite nervous, shocked and happy at

the end. Mrs Watson took a photo of the class. We all got changed and it was fun. Everyone loved it - P2/1 sent us a card and P7 loved it.'

Cara and Emma: 'Each role did many different things and a few people had

lots of lines to learn. Some people were still going over lines the day before the play.'

Ben: 'We made brochures for our family. My granny and my mum came to watch.'

Morgan and Calum: 'For our Highland Clearances topic we have done a lot of work like making sheep's head broth, making our brochures, our coat of arms, sewing tartan, sketching Dunrobin Castle and our play. Making sheep's head broth was fun. I would do it again.'

Finn: 'I was a bit nervous during the play. I was feeling very good after the play, it was astonishing after it was done.'

'I loved singing the song 500 Miles.'

Morgon-Faith: 'I felt nervous, relieved and angry because I nearly read someone else's line but in the end it turned out very good.'

Brandon: 'I was a narrator in the play. I was nervous to speak in front of lots of people but doing the play was fun.'



The MacNeill father and sons.



The MacNeill mother and daughters.



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James Lehmann of Kilmartin has come home to Argyll and launched his Argyll-based mobile music and recording business.

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Amongst his work during his 25-year career James has recorded musicians in Madagascar, Manouche French gypsy-jazz in the mountains and mixed an album for a Chinese traditional jazz band. Your average church or community centre in Argyll is going to be no problem.

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James says that today's technology and equipment means it's viable to make high-quality recordings almost anywhere, compared to the old days of needing to book out an expensive studio for weeks.

'There has been a massive sea-change over the last fifteen years,' he said.

'And that is especially true for young musicians and what I find so exciting is the number who come out of school or college and form groups and are really reinventing folk music around the West Highlands and Islands. I really want to put something back into and contribute to the local community.'



The event was organised by Sam McKee of Skippuccino.
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Gifts galore at winter craft sale

Skipness Village Hall was the perfect place to pick up Christmas gifts on Sunday.

It was the venue for the village's winter craft fair which featured a plethora of mostly hand-crafted products from

across Kintyre. It offered shoppers a 'warm atmosphere' in which to browse the wares, from 11am to 3pm, on a cold day.

From bespoke jewellery to hand-knitted animals, jump-

ers, hats and baubles, there was something for everyone.

The festive event was a treat for the taste-buds too, with food available from Argyll Hog Roasts and freshly brewed coffee

from Sam McKee, owner of Skippuccino, who organised the event.

Sam said she was very pleased by the turnout and that a lovely day was had by everyone.



Textile artist Cathleen MacDonald of Woolly Bobbins.
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Amanda Duffy Brown sold knitted items, including cosy hats. 20_c48skipness06



Hazel Fennell from The Wee Gem Shop sold hand-crafted jewellery. 20_c48skipness01

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Andrina McAulay of IKM Crafts sold a range of goods. 20_c48skipness09



Joan McHugh sold a variety of knitted garments. 20_c48skipness07



Rhianna Cash of Chaotic Creations Emporium with Ross Payne of Skipness Smokehouse. 20_c48skipness08



Margaret Davidson's Twisted Yarn stall was next to her daughter Cathleen MacDonald's display. 20_c48skipness04

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Santa and some of his little helpers.

Change of venue for Santa's visit to Oban and Lorn Lions Club

Readers of the West Coast Review will have seen that Santa had planned to visit The View in Oban on December 7 and 14.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of Santa's Little Helpers, Santa's plans have had to change and he will make just one stop this year, to the Royal Hotel, Oban, on December 7 between 11am and 3pm.

Jim Edge, of Oban and Lorn Lions, who helps organise the annual visit, said: 'We would like to take this opportunity to thank the good people at The View for all their help. We are sorry for any confusion caused.'

Entry to visit Santa is free, but donations are welcome.

A carol for Campbeltown

Campbeltown Christian Writers' Circle invited budding lyricists and musicians to attend a creative afternoon at the Springbank Evangelical Church to help create a Campbeltown carol for today.

Calling the event 'If Christ were born in Campbeltown', the workshop was led by Ian McGregor and the result was titled 'There's nae lights on my Christmas tree'.

Norman Weir of the Campbeltown Christian Writers', who organised



Ian McGregor, seated, with some of the writers who attended the event.



The writing team hard at work.

the event said that heavy rain last Saturday afternoon might have reduced the numbers attending but everyone who went along enjoyed the challenge.

The event was supported

by the Scottish Fellowship of Christian Writers.

Look out for the lyrics of the carol, which is sung to the tune of Campbeltown Loch, which will be featured in the Courier soon.

Christian fellowship's panel night

Kintyre Christian Fellowship (KCF) will hold a meeting in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown, on Friday December 6.

This will take the form of a panel night and any questions can be submitted at the door at the start of the meeting, which begins at 7.30pm.

Panel members will be Liz Ferguson, Pastor Steve Davies, Pastor Mark Jasper and Kelvin Moller.

KCF secretary Moreen Moller said: 'Please do come along and there will be an opportunity to take part in the discussions if desired.'

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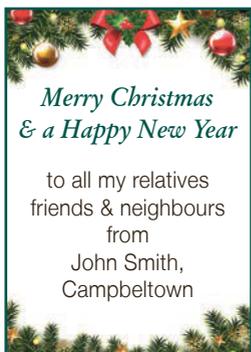
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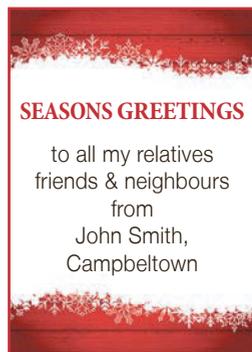
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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Silver Steppers' swinging Saturday

Campbeltown's senior citizens have enjoyed quarterly Silver Steppers tea dances for the past year, thanks to 1000 Voices.

Volunteers, entertainers and guests united once again at the Masonic St John's 141 Recreational Club for another musical afternoon on Saturday November 16.

The first half of the afternoon kicked off with Oban's own Spotlight Boogies, sing-

ing a rendition of 1940/50s and swing music.

The afternoon continued with refreshments from Argyll Bakeries and a raffle. Prizes were donated from Fresh Connection, Campbeltown Pottery, the Computer Shop, Boots (Longrow store), Duncan McMillan, Wee Toon Sports, Campbeltown Picture House (five cinema tickets), and individuals' donations of

chocolates, jewellery, wine and flowers. The top prize was a very generous £50 voucher from Landrail Firearms.

The second half of the event was a Christmas sing-along with Robert McCallum, which saw the Spotlight Boogies joining everyone up dancing on the floor.

Michele Prout, Argyll and Bute 1000 Voices project coordinator, said that none of these events would have been



The dance-floor was packed during Robert McCallum's sing-along.



Michele Prout, centre, with The Spotlight Boogies.



Volunteers Wilma Campbell, and Lou and Richard Thomas running the raffle.

possible without the help of a dedicated team of volunteers who helped promote the event including Jean Kirk, Wilma Campbell, and Lou and Richard Thomas, who tirelessly arranged the raffle and helped on the day.

Michele would also like to thank the entertainers, the

Masonic, and everyone who has supported and attended these events over the past year.

She said: 'It has brought people together for a fun afternoon, where memories have been created. This definitely won't be the last.'

1000 Voices aims to reduce

social isolation and loneliness in people aged 65 years or age. Monthly activities include a lunch club, cinema trips, body boosting bingo exercises, informal tours and indoor shooting.

For more information, contact Michele on 01586 554744.

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Local singers' and dancers' talent blows audience away



Footnotes performed a rendition of This is Me from The Greatest Showman.



James McCorkindale's Highland dancers on stage.

A super-concert hosted by members of four Campbeltown music and dance groups showcased the outstanding level of home-grown talent in the area.

Footnotes Dance Company joined forces with Campbeltown Brass, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band (KSPB) and James McCorkindale's School of Dancing for the event, dubbed Bands Up and Dance, in Campbeltown Grammar School earlier this month.

KSPB opened the concert with a rousing medley of tunes.

Next up was Footnotes Dance Company, members of which performed a bright African-themed dance which had everyone smiling.

Campbeltown Brass Senior Band followed with an amazing selection of arrangements,

finishing with Glory Glory Hallelujah which raised the heartbeat as well as the roof.

James McCorkindale's Highland dancers gave a stunning, precise performance as usual, with a high standard from all the girls.

Solos

Kerry Dickson of Footnotes said: 'We had the pleasure of two solos from Hannah Black who travelled from London to be with us that night.'

'Hannah is studying dance, drama and singing in London and jumped at the chance to come home to perform.'

'Hannah's family has always said it was due to Footnotes Dance Group that she made the big decision to go on and study performing arts.'

'Also joining us was former James McCorkindale and Footnotes Dance Company dancer Linzi Cameron

and four of her fellow students who are studying in Edinburgh. Linzi's group performed a lovely contemporary piece to Coldplay's Fix You. It was a very moving piece which tackles the often forgotten subject of mental health.'

Footnotes Dance Company closed the first half with a rendition of This is Me, featuring two 'amazing' youngsters, Emily Gillies and Gregor Craig, who signed through the piece with energy.

Commitment

Kerry said: 'British Sign Language has been brought to the fore in recent years and due to the commitment of Gregor's mum, Martine Craig, we now have more understanding of sign language.'

Campbeltown Brass and KSPB came together to form a formidable team led by

conductors Katrina Barr and Julie Blue to give the audience a rendition of some fine tunes.

The second half was as impressive as the first, but the finale proved to be the showstopper.

It started with Kevin McMillan on keyboard with Hannah Black singing solo. They were joined by Kevin's daughter on the flute, as dancers entered the stage. Eventually the brass and pipes joined in too.

Kerry said: 'A totally amazing amount of talent in one room, all coming together to perform an outstanding concert.'

She added: 'The new venue was a challenge but with the amazing guidance of James Murdoch everything ran smoothly.'

'Thanks also to our MC for the evening, John Armour.'



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The concert brought together members of Campbeltown Brass, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, James McCorkindale's School of Dancing and Footnotes Dance Company.



Footnotes Dance Company performed a bright African-themed piece.



Campbeltown Brass performed throughout the show.



Campbeltown Grammar School was packed for the concert.

James McCorkindale's dancers performed many dances.

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Chorale set to put on a show

Now in its 21st year, the Kintyre Chorale is going strong with 25 ladies who love to sing music of all genres, ranging from original members to newcomers who just joined this year.

The choir is having its annual variety concert in the Lorne and Lowland Church on Saturday November 30 at 7.30pm.

Entry is by donation, in aid of the Kintyre branch of Cancer Research UK.

A spokesperson said: 'If you are looking for an evening of musical entertainment, come along and listen to the varied programme which includes songs from the movies such as Lion King, Pocahontas, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, The Rose and The Greatest Showman.

'There will also be classics from Elton John, Bob Dylan and Toto to sweet harmonies from Edward and John Rutter, mostly performed in

wonderful three-part harmony, the sound beautifully enhanced by the delectable Mr Jamie G.

'Accompaniment is provided by the very talented David McEwan on piano and organ, and the compere for the evening is Carole Harrow.

'This year Judith Jones is the guest artist, who will sing some of her own compositions, ably accompanied by Catherine Black.

'Every year the choir chooses a different local charity to benefit from the proceeds of the concert so bring your friends and family this year to support the local branch of Cancer Research UK.'

The choir is always looking for new members and for anyone interested, who loves singing and making new friends, the Kintyre Chorale meets on a Tuesday night from 7.15pm to 9.15pm in the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall.



Kintyre Chorale put on an outstanding show last year.



The town hall was packed for the event.

Country comes to town

A Campbeltown audience was taken on a musical journey to America's Deep South at a country music hoedown last week.

The hugely popular, award-winning Legends of American Country show made its Campbeltown debut at the town hall last Thursday night, with its stars performing under hanging Stars and Stripes bunting.

The two-hour show, featuring singers

Joe Moore, James McGarrity, Anthony McBrien and Tracey McAuley performing hit songs from the likes of Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers, Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette and Don Williams, has been seen by more than 300,000 people at sold-out venues across the UK.

Many members of the audience dressed to impress and joined the show's stars in wearing cowboy hats.



Cathy Duncan, right, wore a cowboy hat as she joined friends at the show.



Many audience members came in cowboy hats.



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McCornick calls for an end to stagnation and uncertainty

NFU Scotland president Andrew McCornick used the annual AgriScot event, held at Ingleton last week, to demand that progress replaces political stagnation and uncertainty.

Mr McCornick said that, in the three-and-a-half years since the EU referendum, making long-term business decisions on farms and crofts was akin to playing the roulette tables at Las Vegas.

He said: 'Politicians have failed to appreciate the difficulty in planning for the future by constantly kicking the can down the road.'

'It may massage egos to be continually politicking on every issue but, behind that, people have to get on with their lives and their businesses. They are wholly frustrated by the policy-makers and decision-takers not doing their jobs of running a vibrant, prosperous country.'

Mr McCornick said that the union's mantra around trade, labour, future policy and support was virtually unchanged since the vote in June 2016.

He said: 'I am a free marketer and believe in the marketplace, but it is not



NFUS president Andrew McCornick.

working, as this year stands testament to. There is no sector that has not suffered in 2019 to one degree or another.

'When you look at the difficult situation that beef, milk and cereals producers find themselves in, it is abundantly clear that trade is the glue which allows us to function. We cannot be asked to provide the safe, high standard traceable food we do if it is sold out to poor trade deals that export all this quality for the sake of cheap food.'

'I want to see trade delegations being invited to Scotland and tripping me

up as they go from farm and croft to plate and all places in between, as we build relationships and open doors for new markets.'

Mr McCornick called

on Scottish Development International, Scotland Food and Drink and the Scottish Government to 'pull up their socks' and invest more time and cash in the industry's 2030 ambition of doubling the value of the food and drink sector.

Looking closer to home, Mr McCornick added that a nation which values good food and drink should also be one which values the production of that food as a basic principle.

'There is a wealth of opportunities for Scottish Government to put food producers on a better footing if it delivers, as promised, Good Food Nation legislation in this parliamentary term,' he said.

Workforce

Mr McCornick said solving workforce issues around having adequate permanent and seasonal staff should have been 'low-hanging fruit' for the UK Government and should have been sorted a long time ago.

'If we do not retain the free movement of people after this Brexit debacle, we face the completely unacceptable prospect of rearing produce and growing crops in Scotland that we are either not going to be able to harvest or process to get to market,' he said. 'Our industry needs a competent, reliable, well-rewarded labour force and the sooner the government wakes up to that fact, the better.'

Petroineos meets NFUS for fuel talks

Unprecedented numbers of farmers and crofters have raised their concerns over serious fuel issues.

Fuel splitting, poor machinery performance and frequently blocked fuel filters led to a meeting for the NFUS with Petroineos, the only crude oil refinery in Scotland at its Grangemouth refinery last week.

The meeting was attended also by fuel suppliers, distributors, UK and Ireland Fuel Distribution Association (UKIFDA) and hauliers.

NFU Scotland representatives raised the issues which have been reported, in huge numbers, by members.

Since putting out its call to members for information on any fuel issues they might be having, NFU Scotland staff have logged 280 calls.

At the meeting, Petroineos outlined their commitment to work with all the industries affected by these issues and to find a solution but it also reassured stakeholders that they are producing fuel within the required specification including that for biofuel content.

NFUS acknowledges this willingness to work with industry but is of the view that there is an issue with the specification outlined in EU's standards relating to biofuel inclusion (EN 14214).

Despite the fuel supply being produced to specification, it has become obvious that there have been issues for some time and this has only been exacerbated by the recent cold spell.

The union is calling on the UK and Scottish governments to respond to this industry crisis and provide a derogation on the inclusion of biofuel in diesel until a

solution can be found. NFUS is also calling for an expert working group including the union to be convened by the Department of Transport to look specifically at biofuel inclusion for off road vehicles.

NFUS president Andrew McCornick said: 'This is an unprecedented situation for the industry and our members are understandably frustrated to find themselves in a situation where they cannot rely on their machinery to operate as they would expect.'

The fuel problems could have a knock-on effect in rural areas like Argyll and Bute where farmers also play a vital role in winter resilience by carrying out functions such as snow clearance, so this issue will be of great concern for local authorities.

There is also a suggestion that upcoming colder temperatures will further exacerbate the current problems as farmers store fuel over winter.

Excellent show of spring-born calves at Islay

There was an excellent show of spring-born calves was presented to a strong force of mainland buyers resulting in sellers returning home highly satisfied with the day's proceedings on Friday November 22, on Islay, when United Auctions sold 418 suckled calves and store cattle.

Bullocks averaged £712.05 (+£41.66) per head to £1,140 for a 610kg CharolaisX from J Morris Jnr, Woodend, and 218.24p/kg (-0.97p) to 262p/kg for a pen of three, 254kg CharolaisX from Dunlossit Farming, Keills.

Heifers averaged £683.64 (+£54.91) per head to £930 for a pen of 4,444kg CharolaisX from C McMillan, Tallant

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Leading prices per kilo
Bullocks: Aberdeen AngusX: 243p(4), 238p(3), Aoradh; 208p, Dunlossit Farming Keills. CharolaisX: 262p(3), 260p(3), Dunlossit Farming Keills; 259p(3), 258p(6), Aoradh; 255p, Dunlossit Farming Keills; 254p(2), 248p(6), 246p(8), Aoradh; 245p, 239p(2), 238p, Ardtalla Estate. LimousinX: 260p, Smaladh; 256p(2), 253p(3), Dunlossit Farming Keills; 252p(2), Kintra; 252p(6), Dunlossit Farming Keills; 250p(11), 247p(4), Kilbride; 245p(2), 243p(4), Kintra; 243p(7), Dunlossit Farming Keills; 241p, Kintra. SimmentalX: - 231p, Ardtalla Estates.

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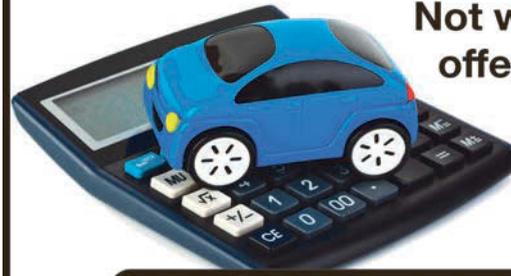
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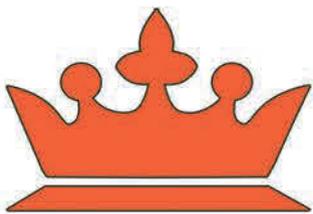
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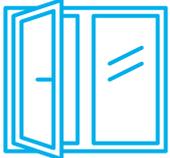
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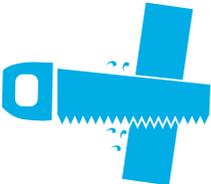
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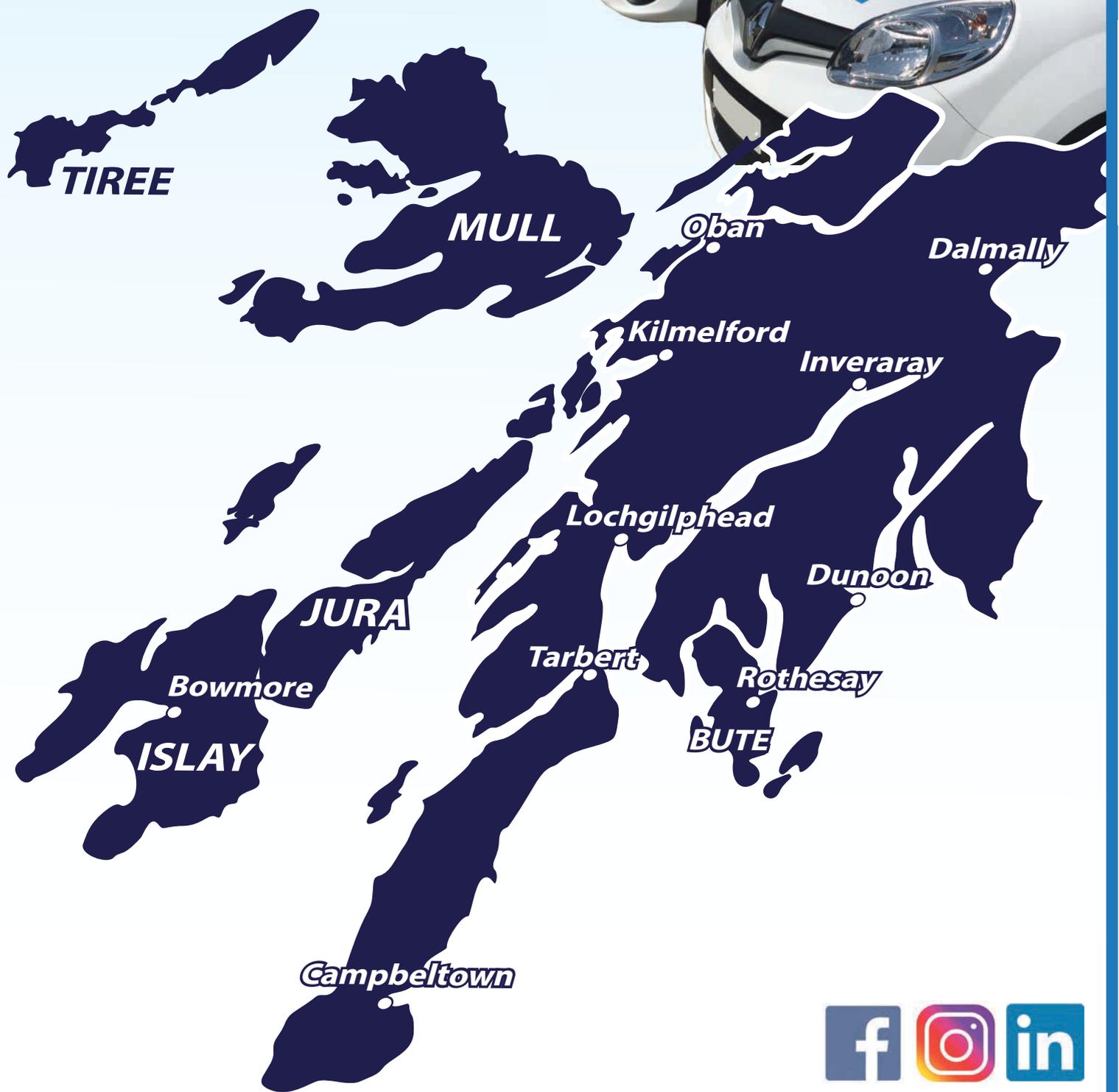
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- Renault scoops coveted title at the annual GreenFleet Awards
- It's the second win for Renault in this category following 2017 success
- New ZOE praised for its great value for businesses and impressive range
- Award recognises the brand's extensive EV car and commercial fleet
- Renault also shortlisted in the City Car and LCV categories

Renault has been named Electric Vehicle Manufacturer of the Year at the prestigious GreenFleet Awards. It's the second time the brand has received the coveted trophy, following a similar success in 2017.

The judges praised Renault's commitment to making electric vehicle development, with the New ZOE leading the brand's EV charge. With its 245 mile (WLTP) range, a completely new interior with recycled interior plastics and upholstery as well as excellent ownership costs, the pure electric hatchback sets new standards in its

segment.

Speaking about Renault's success Editor of Green Fleet News' Angela Pisanu said: "Standing out in a highly competitive category, Renault scooped the award for Electric Vehicle Manufacturer of the Year for making electric mobility a realistic option for business users, with the ZOE able to achieve a 245 mile range. Coupled with the new Master Z.E. large van, as well as the existing zero-emission small van, the Kangoo Z.E 33, Renault offers electric powertrains across all vehicle segments, up to 3.5 tonnes."

Groupe Renault Fleet Director Mark Dickens commented: "We're delighted to win Electric Vehicle Manufacturer of the Year at the Green Fleet Award for a second time. It once again demonstrates that Renault is a market leader in this sector, committed to delivering electric vehicles that appeal to both individual and corporate customers across the UK. New ZOE in particular demonstrates this approach, with its enhanced range, zero tailpipe emissions, low taxation and smooth, silent running making it an extremely attractive and cost

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Renault's range of EV models currently runs to the Twizy and New ZOE, with plug-in hybrid (PHEV) and hybrid (HEV) E-TECH versions of the All New Captur and All-New Clio due in 2020. The brand's commercial fleet is equally extensive, with the Twizy Cargo, Kangoo Z.E. 33 and New Master Z.E. offering businesses a wide choice of zero tailpipe emissions vans.

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ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd has also applied for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the EIA Report discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

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Copies of the EIA Report may be obtained from ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd (telephone: 0141 614 0451) at a charge of £1,000 hard copy and £15 on CD/DVD or USB. Copies of a short non-technical summary are available free of charge.

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WEDDING



BLAIR - BROLLY

Sarah, daughter of Colin and Karen Blair, Lochgilhead, married Jude, eldest son of Colin and Jenny Brollly, Inverneil on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Slate Quay, Luss, Loch Lomond. A perfect day filled with love and laughter, surrounded by their family and friends.

GRADUATIONS



CALUM MACPHERSON

Graduated from Glasgow Kelvin College with an HND in Music. Former pupil of Strachur Primary School and Dunoon Grammar School. Grandson of Ilene and the late Ernie MacPherson.



DAVID RENNIE

Graduated from Liverpool John Moores University, on November 22, 2019, with a PhD in Sport and Exercise Science. David is the head of physiotherapy at Leicester City Football Club. He is the highest qualified physiotherapist in the English Premier League. David is the son of Ron and Martha Rennie, 1 Victoria Terrace, Campbeltown.

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Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

It was wet and miserable and visibility was poor. So I was surprised to meet two photographers at Cleit beach, geared up against the weather and equipped with cameras with very long lenses.

As a keen photographer, and worried that I was missing something, I asked them what they hoped to photograph.

'We hope to see the otters,' was the response.

Evidently, the otters had been enjoying the playfulness of the tides and had been spotted by several folk these past few days.

I wished them well and hoped they would be fortunate enough to catch these elusive creatures on camera.

That same evening I received a text from a friend which included the most enchanting video clip of these very otters captured by her friend earlier that day.

I wonder what it is that enchants us about the creatures with whom we share this planet and our lives.

Since coming here from the city, my life has been enhanced beyond my wildest imaginations.

On my doorstep I can witness the story of evolution in the rocks; I can stop and wonder at the silent messages left for me in cup and ring mark; I can witness the wonders of migration by the swallow and the house martin who wing their way to our outhouse after travelling 3,000 miles from Africa.

I can stop and wonder as the sun sets over Islay and Jura leaving a painted sky which any artist would take a lifetime to replicate.

So in this troubled and turbulent time, I can still stop and wonder.

I can see God in the midst and if that is so, then there is hope.

JURA

Sarah and Kirsten to run islands passport scheme

Who better to manage a new tourism initiative promoting the attractions of Scotland's 80 accessible and inhabited islands than two women who live and work on an island?

Sarah Compton-Bishop and Kirsten Gow will jointly manage the Scottish Islands Passport Scheme from a base in their home island of Jura, which has a population of just 220.

They have been appointed by HITRANS, the regional transport partnership for the Highlands and Islands, to create and introduce the scheme, which has attracted funding from the EU Leader Programme and is backed by the Scottish Government and Zetrans.

Their aim is to launch the passport to coincide with Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters in 2020. A key element of their work will be to implement a detailed project plan that will include the development of both a physical and online app-based versions of a Scottish Island Passport that is capable of appealing to different markets and demographics.

Sarah and Kirsten were chosen from a wide range of candidates and impressed at their interviews with their enthusiasm and vision for delivering the scheme.

The colleagues will be based at the Service Point in Craighouse, Jura's main settlement, but



Kirsten Gow and Sarah Compton-Bishop.

will spend time visiting other island communities throughout Scotland to discuss and identify the most effective ways on each island of encouraging more visitors to experience the treasures of island life.

They will be designing a passport for visitors to use on their travels and developing a website and app to point tourists to the various island communities.

It is estimated there are 80 inhabited islands in Scotland with ready public access.

On Jura, during the summer months, residents and visitors can use a 12-seat passenger ferry which plies between Craighouse and the mainland at Tayvallich, a journey of 45 minutes.

For the rest of the year, resi-

dents rely on a ferry service to the neighbouring island of Islay and then onward to the mainland at Kennacraig.

Sarah moved to Jura eight years ago, with her partner Ronald, a native of Jura, and their three children, and has previously worked in tourism and community roles.

As well as originally building the island shop, Kirsten's family ran the Jura Hotel for a number of years and, after some time living on the mainland, she moved back to the family croft last year. She also works part-time for Rural Housing Scotland.

Kirsten said: 'We are incredibly lucky to be able to live and work in such an amazing place and the view from the office window

will definitely be a huge motivator when looking at ways to encourage people to explore the beautiful landscapes, rich culture and exciting activities on offer across all of our islands, not just the better known.'

Sarah said: 'This project is a great opportunity for us to channel our love of Scotland's islands to help others discover the hidden gems us locals take for granted. As islanders ourselves, we're really keen to look at ways we can encourage ethical and sustainable tourism and we're looking forward to working with island communities in this regard.'

Ranald Robertson, director of HITRANS, said: 'Sarah and Kirsten are outstanding candidates and hugely impressed with their passion for island life and for introducing this exciting new tourism initiative, which we hope will offer sustainable economic opportunities on each island, and, in particular, those less well known or more remote.'

'The work undertaken during their 18-month contract will be overseen by a project steering group including those who have shown their commitment to the project by providing the match funding to support the proposal, which is a Programme for Government commitment.'

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DEATHS

BULLOCH - On September 16, 2019, Kerr Bulloch, only son of Iain and Annie Bulloch.

EDWARDS - At home, 49 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, on November 19, 2019, Rory Dominic Edwards, in his 25th year, dearly beloved daddy of Ivy, much loved son of Phil and the late Gillian, loving brother of Craig and Grace, beloved step-son of Yvonne, a loving nephew and cousin, and a good friend to all who knew him. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today, Friday, November 29, 2019, at 1.00pm, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. At the family's request, ties are optional. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

FERGUSON - James (Jim), passed away peacefully, on November 19, 2019, at St Joseph's Nursing Home, Warrenpoint, County Down. Loving husband of the late Catriona and the late Ita and brother of the late May. Sadly missed by sister Catherine (known as Betty) and the family circle and friends. Jim was a forester in Argyll and retired to Ardrishaig, before moving to Northern Ireland in 2002. Jim was interred in Kilbroney Cemetery, Rostrevor, County Down, on November 23, 2019, after funeral Mass at St Peter's Catholic Church, Warrenpoint.

MACKENZIE - Peacefully at home, Myertoun Cottage, Alva, on November 20, 2019, James MacKenzie, in his 87th year, much loved husband of the late Mary McKenzie, née MacPherson, formerly of Glenahanty, Southend. A service will be held in Menstrie Parish Church, Menstrie, on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 10.30am. An interment service will take place in Keil Cemetery, Southend, on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

MCKERRAL - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 21, 2019, James Buchanan McKerral (Jamie), in his 94th year, 25 Lorne Campbell Court, and formerly of Hillside Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Donald and Mary McKerral and a much loved uncle.

SMITH - Peacefully at home, after a long illness, borne bravely, on November 22, 2019, James Smith, in his 68th year, of Lorn, Bridgend,

Kilmichael Glassary, by Lochgilphead, youngest son of the late Hugh and Flora Smith (Ballimore Farm, Kilmichael Glassary), and dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and associate to many in the farming community. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, today, Friday, November 29, 2019, at 12.00 noon. Thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations to Marie Curie and MS Centre, Lochgilphead.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMERON - The family of the late Arthur Cameron would like to express their thanks to the staff at the Oban, Mid Argyll, and Inverclyde Royal hospitals, doctors and nurses of the local practice, the ambulance crews on their many call outs, and all the carers for their patience and care. Thanks also to Margaret Sinclair for an appropriate and fitting service and to funeral director Stan Lupton for his caring and professional services. Thanks go also to the staff at The George Hotel for the purvey, and a special thanks to all those who came to pay their last respects at the church and graveside, to one of Inveraray's own. Donations to British Heart Foundation totalled £180.

COUPAR - The family of the late Norina Coupar would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all involved in her care and to all who helped in various ways. Thanks also to Margaret Sinclair for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, George Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations to Inveraray and District Pipe Band raised £340.

DODDS - Cathi and family would like to offer heartfelt thanks for all the kindness, support, cards and flowers received following Rae's death. Rae received excellent care and love from NC Support's Naomi and Lorene, Argyll Homecare staff, and formerly of Hillside Road, Campbeltown, Caledonia Court staff and latterly, from Ardfenaig Care Home, where she spent the last part of her long life. Special thanks to Fiona, Cammy and Roddy of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors whose care and respect was amazing. Sincerest thanks to James McLellan for his

spiritual support and for conducting Rae's services so beautifully.

KENNEDY - The family of the late Isobel (Bella) Kennedy would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the following: the medical and nursing staff of both the Lorn and Islands and Mull and Iona Hospital, Dr Grose of the Beatson Centre, Glasgow; Donald MacDonald (Roderick and team) for their attentive and sensitive handling of all funeral arrangements; the staff and volunteers at Glen Iosal Housing in Tobermory for their loving care and support they gave Isobel during her 10 year tenure there. She truly flourished and was surrounded by a caring team, led by Linda Noble. Thank you also to Reverends David Carruthers and Liz Gibson for their thoughtful and moving sermons. Lastly, thank you to all her friends and extended family for their notes, calls and flowers, as well as those who travelled distances to join us on November 19 and 21, your expressions of sympathy will forever be remembered.

WOTHERSPOON - The Wotherspoon family would like to thank everyone that took the time to sympathise, send cards or messages, and attend the funeral service of our beloved mother, Maimie (Mary Jane). Special thanks to the numerous NHS staff who supported her over the past few years, to the Rev Scott Burton for the lovely service, to Gigha Hotel for the purvey, and to Kenneth Blair for a professional and personal service. The amount of £641 was collected at the church for Campbeltown Cat Rescue, with further donations since received.

IN MEMORIAM

MACLEOD - Precious memories of Murdo, who died on November 29, 2017. Missed every minute of every day. - Jane and family.

MARTIN - Precious memories of Marion, died December 2, 1997. Loved and missed always xxxx. - Nichola, John, Kyra and Mathew.

STEWART - Inserted in loving memory of my dear grandmother, Agnes Mitchell McMillan, who died November 29, 1978. A heart of gold stopped beating. Two willing hands lie still. The one who did so much for me. Is resting at God's will. Remembering not just today but every day. - Johnnie.

CHURCH NOTICES

HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH



SC002493

Sunday 1st December
The service will be conducted by Mr Gordon Cosgrove and will be held in the Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am
All welcome
Monday 9th December
Session Meeting in Kirk Street Hall

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

Sunday 1st December
11.15am Morning Worship
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev W Crossan
Monday 2nd December
Guild New Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 3rd December
Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
BBs Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall

Thursday 5th December
Choir Practice 7.30pm
Friday 6th December
Lunch Club 12.00 noon
New Hall
1.30pm meeting of helpers
Saturday 7th December
BB Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon
Church Hall

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Friday 29th November
SKY Youth Group meeting at St Blaas's Southend 7.00 - 9.00pm
Sunday 1st December
Family Communion Service 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies
All welcome
Joint Evening Service 6.30pm held at Springbank Church
Speaker Mark Jasper
Wednesday 4th December
Bible Study 7.30pm at the Manse
Friday 6th December
Kintyre Christian Fellowship
Springbank Church 7.30pm
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.org.uk
SCO14646

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ST KIARAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Sunday 1st December
Advent 1
Holy Communion 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
(SC002876)

SALVATION ARMY



Friday 29th November
Christmas Lights Switch-On
Soup, tea, coffee & nibbles served after switch-on
No charge, all welcome
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Service
Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm CAMEO
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch Craft Group
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number SCO09359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



Sunday 1st December
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Duncan Peters
11.15am Sunday School
6.30pm Joint service in Springbank
Evangelical Church
Speaker: Pastor Mark Jasper
Monday 2nd December
4.00pm Road to Recovery
Wednesday 4th December
12 noon Bible Study and Prayer

2.00pm Water of Life Café
All welcome
www.campbeltownfree-church.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Sunday 1st December
11.00am Communion Service
Visiting Speaker - Riaz Mohammed with Sunday school and refreshments after the service
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

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meeting to be held on **Friday 6th December at 7.30pm in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown**
Panel Night - "Any Questions"
Questions can be handed in at the door
Tea/coffee served after meeting
Everyone most welcome

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 1st December
Advent 1
What's Behind Window 1? (Matthew 24:42)
Services in Ardrishaig at 11.00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm (including the Lord's Supper)
All welcome

CHRIST CHURCH SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sunday 1st December
11.00am Eucharist & Coffee
4.30pm Ecumenical Christian Aid Carol Service
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

ST MARGARET'S RC CHURCH

Lochgilphead
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr Ronald Campbell 01546 602380
All Welcome
(SC0002876)

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN & FORD PARISH CHURCH

Kilmartin
Sunday 1st December
Kilmartin 11.30am
The Worship Group
All very welcome
(SC0 02121)

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity number SC001002
Sunday 1st December
10am Tayvallich Church
Advent Worship
Saturday 30th November
NO Café Connect
Tuesday 3rd December
4-6pm Kilmartin Church
Messy Church
Christmas Party
All welcome
www.northknappdale.org

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

1st Sunday in Advent
Skipness Service 10am
Dr John L Morrison OBE
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mr Matthew Ramsay
Monday 2nd December
Guild - 2.30pm
Tarbert Church Hall
Wednesday 4th December
Kirk Session - 7pm
Tarbert Church Hall
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 1st December
Lochgair Church - 10.00am
Inveraray Church - 11.30am
Services led by Mrs Margaret Sinclair Cumloden and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
All welcome

Mixed martial arts club takes hold



A newly-formed youth mixed martial arts (MMA) club is going from strength to strength, with the number of available places filling up within weeks.

Jimi McCallum, who leads the group, said the club has proven so popular that he has had to open up another 15 spaces.

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

The group's members were first introduced to the sport when they met David Galbraith from New Life

Gym in Glasgow, a professional fighter who travelled to Campbeltown in a bid to help the youngsters build positive relationships.

After just two sessions with David, they created their own club called Core MMA Campbeltown. The group meets on Fridays at 4.30pm, for two hours, in Kirk Street Hall but it is seeking a bigger space in which to train.

Impress

David, who uses his own experiences of being in a gang as a youngster and surviving a nearly fatal stabbing to impress on youngsters all over the country the dangers of following the wrong path, is helping to lay the foundations in Campbeltown so it can

become a self-sufficient and sustainable club.

Jimi and the boys recently travelled to David's gym in Glasgow for a Newlife inter-club competition.

'All the boys did really well,' Jimi said afterwards. 'The pros couldn't believe how little training they had. We have a few very promising young fighters.'

A JustGiving page initially set up to fund public liability insurance is still up and running.

Jimi said: 'Thanks to everyone for their donations, but our insurance is now paid, but we still desperately need kit.'

The club would be very grateful for donations of any equipment including pads,



The original members of Core MMA Campbeltown with professional fighter David Galbraith and group leader Jimi McCallum, centre.

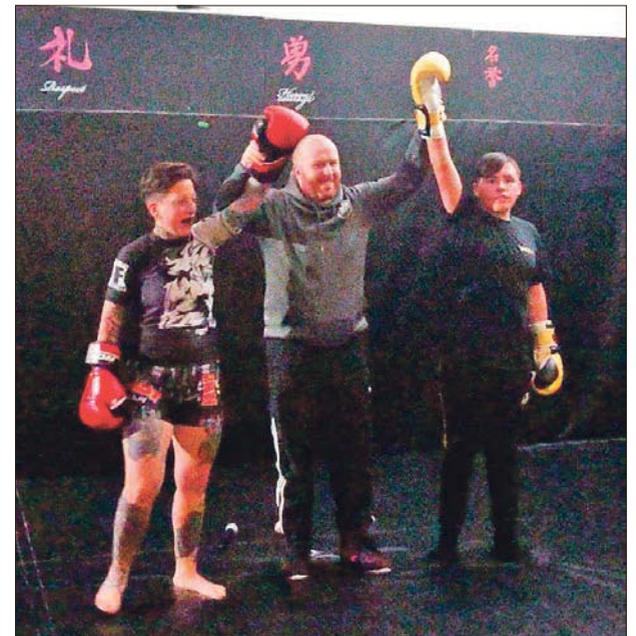
punch bags and weights, as well as donations to the JustGiving fund, which can be found by visiting www.just-giving.com/crowdfunding/jimi-mccallum.



The boys recently took part in an inter-club competition in Glasgow.



They competed against many more experienced fighters.



The Campbeltown crew impressed the professionals.



The youngsters enjoyed a tour of Hampden Park.



In the national stadium's dressing room.

Hampden here we come!

Saturday saw young players from the 2010 age group at Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA), including four from the girls' section, travel to Glasgow to experience the Hampden Park stadium tour and visit the Scottish Football Museum.

The trip was a massive hit with everyone in the group. The information given by the tour guide was very interesting and kept every member of the group's attention throughout.

The youngsters experienced lots of different highlights throughout the trip including participating in the stadium's hotshot goal challenge where the players' power was measured taking a penalty; they just couldn't possibly match club chairman Rhys Blair's 63mph shots though!

They spent half-an-hour

challenging each other at Fifa in the stadium's Xbox booths, before finishing off the day with a trip through to Paisley to watch St Mirren take on Ross County.

The children all had the best experience being wowed by the very talented magician at the family fun zone. They also got to experience live music, face painting and balloon

modelling before the game. The day was topped off with them experiencing a win for St Mirren; the very excited group had a sing-song all the way home. A CDJFA spokesperson said: 'The children had an absolutely fantastic day making memories. Their behaviour did our association proud and they took a massive interest in the tour.'



The trip included a visit to Paisley to watch St Mirren take on Ross County – with face paints optional!



Action from one of the seven-a-side matches.

Campbeltown youngsters play league games in Oban

On Sunday, the Pupils 2009s side travelled to Oban to play in the town's primary Sunday league in which Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) has an open invitation to participate when opportunity allows.

This gives the young CDJFA youngsters valuable game time, during which they compete in seven-a-side matches.

The team came home happy and full of confidence after playing four games against teams from Oban and Lochnell.

Players of the week are back

Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) has recently reintroduced the player of the week award system.

Each week the coaches award a club medal or trophy for the player to take home for the week. The winning players will be chosen based on attitude, effort and behaviour.

The first age groups to introduce

this were the 2015s and 2010s. The first awards went to Evan and Jamie of the mini kickers 2015s, Kyle who scooped up the Friday session's, and Jake who was awarded Monday's, with both boys from the 2010 group.

Most other age groups have jumped on board and are awaiting arrival of their trophies. Well done everyone!



Kyle scooped up the Friday session's award.



Jake was awarded Monday's trophy.



Jamie was one of the mini kickers winners.



Evan, from the mini kickers group, was pleased to win his award.

new SPOT THE SHINTY BALL

Win!
THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £4000

We have removed the shinty ball from the photograph below. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 20 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1.

If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 20 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to "Spot the Shinty Ball" Competition, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB by 2pm Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline.

You may hand it into any of our offices - The Oban Times, Lochavullin, Oban; The Lochaber Times, High Street, Fort William; The Campbeltown Courier, Main Street, Campbeltown; The Argyllshire Advertiser, Argyll Street, Lochgilphead or the Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

The Company's decision is final on all matters relating to the

The game starts with a jackpot of £500 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball. If the crosses overlap the entry will be void.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time. Winners agree to have their photograph taken for publicity purposes. Winners' names and home towns will appear in the newspaper. Employees of Wyvex Media, their immediate relatives and any person otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter. We will protect your personal data. We only gather what we need for the requirements of this competition. Entry data will be deleted/destroyed within 30 days of the competition entry deadline and in a manner appropriate to GDPR regulations. Entrant's details will not be used for any other activity.



Please remember to enclose £1 for 20 crosses. The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 20, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish. No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules. How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen. Twenty crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. Send to 'Spot the Shinty Ball' Competition, The Oban Times, P.O. Box 1, Oban PA34 4HB or hand in to any of our offices as detailed above.

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Tel No.....

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RECENT WINNERS:

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S Campbell Sept '18 **£2550**
L Currie Nov '18 **£800**
L Nicolson Dec '18 **£3900**

LAST WEEK'S SHINTY BALL WAS HERE...



The two entries who got nearest the ball and each receive £25 are:

D Cameron
Inverloch
F Cameron
Inverloch

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Campbeltown
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Tarbert Golf Club toasts winning players' successes

Tarbert Golf Club members and guests gathered at Tarbert Hotel last Friday night for the annual dinner and presentation of prizes.

Although the event was poorly supported, those in attendance enjoyed a terrific meal along with some excellent conversation.

As always, captain Chris Smyth made sure the evening went smoothly and told everyone of his pleasure in being club captain for the past two years and despite his tenure coming to an end he will always be available to help in any way.

He highlighted three proud moments of his captaincy, two of which were fundraisers – one for the Nancy Glen

Appeal and the other A Day For Gordon when many thousands of pounds were raised. The third moment was when he presented James MacNab Sr with an honorary membership for a lifetime of dedication to Tarbert Golf Club.

He was accompanied in the presentation by vice-captain Eric McDougall, with gents' club champion Iain Macalister and ladies' champion Sheena Ferguson picking up their awards.

Country boy Duncan Johnstone had to hitch up a trailer to his pick-up in order to take his fine haul of silverware back to Largieside.

For the rest of the club, there is always next year.



Tarbert Golf Club's prize-winners.
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Tarbert Golf Club

Gents' club champion Iain Macalister, centre, with captain Chris Smyth, right, and vice-captain Eric McDougall, left.



Duncan Johnstone, right, with vice-captain Eric McDougall, picked up many of the prizes up for grabs.



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