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An ill wind blows as 28 workers lose their jobs

by Fiona Scott
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Machrihanish-based CS Wind has axed 28 jobs this week despite last-gasp attempts by councillors and industry union Unite to reverse the decision to cut the workforce.

More redundancies are expected as the only wind turbine manufacturer in the UK, and one of the largest employers in the area, looks to compensate for gaps in its order book.

Last month the Korean-run company announced that it would be making 80 per cent of its workforce redundant by December this year. A 30-day consultation period is now over and another 40 or so job losses are expected to come over the next month.

Officials from Unite, along with local councillors, have been calling on the Scottish Government to commit to renewable energy following last month's announcement.

Charlie McDonald, Unite regional industrial officer,

told the Courier: 'According to CS Wind, they are fighting to secure various different contracts but right now there is a gap in the order book, which is very disappointing for the workforce.'

'CS Wind is unique in that it is the only place in Britain able to build and store these towers. If the factory is allowed to wither on the

'It's mind-boggling that this has been allowed to happen'

vine, it will be a disgrace if we lost this renewables manufacturing facility – not only for Campbeltown but for the country.

'We are very soon approaching a situation where we'll have wind towers sitting off the coast and in the glens of Scotland that are built thousands of miles away.'

'Where is the commitment from the Scottish Government to the whole green economy and the

renewables sector throughout Scotland?'

Employees at the plant were told at the end of last week that a meeting would be held on Monday. Those who had volunteered for redundancy had expected to go on December 2 but others who had not volunteered were left stunned.

Argyll First councillor Donald Kelly said: 'It is extremely disappointing that people are now being made redundant.'

'It's mind-boggling that this has been allowed to happen – we are losing a highly skilled, experienced workforce who have played a major part in the renewables industry for the past 18 or so years.'

'I just cannot understand why more is not being done given that this industry appears to be at the top of the political agenda.'

'I have suggested that if the Scottish Government were serious about saving the plant that they should cover

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Santa's visit sparks festive fun



Santa joined in the festivities when Campbeltown's Christmas lights were switched on last Friday night. Among those who met the big man himself during his visit to Campbeltown Town Hall were Catriona McLean and her daughter Eve, and her niece Hollie, photographed here. For more of the town's Christmas celebrations, turn to pages 12-16. 50_c49lights12

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POLICE FILES

Abusive behaviour

A 22-year-old woman was arrested, charged and issued with a recorded police warning early on Friday morning at Roding Cottages, Campbeltown, for behaving in an abusive manner.

Theft from town bar

Police have arrested and charged a 45-year-old man after he allegedly stole a mobile phone and a pair of spectacles when in the Kinloch Bar on Saddell Street, Campbeltown, last Monday evening. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs find

Police visited a property on Ralston Road, Campbeltown, on Saturday and as a result a 42-year-old man was allegedly found to be in the possession of Methadone, which had not been prescribed for him, and cocaine. A sum of cash



was also seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act. The man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

BMW seized

Police seized a BMW car after it was allegedly found to have no valid MOT certificate or insurance in place.

The incident happened last Thursday afternoon, on the A83 near Campbeltown, when the car was stopped by police for a routine check.

The 30-year-old driver was charged with the alleged offences and he will be reported to the procurator fiscal as well as the vehicle being seized.

Woman assaulted

After an incident in a property near Ballygrant, Islay, early on Monday morning, a man was arrested for alleg-

edly assaulting a woman. He was charged with the offence, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Fence damaged

Police are appealing for information after a wire fence was damaged by being deliberately cut in several places.

The fence is behind a property on Ralston Road, Campbeltown, and the damage is believed to have happened between the mornings of Monday November 25 and Wednesday 27.

If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local Police Station on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Chief Inspector Darren Faulds, Police Scotland's road policing west area commander; Justice Secretary Humza Yousaf and Superintendent Louise Blakelock, Police Scotland's deputy head of road policing.

Drive sober this Christmas, police warn

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Argyll is one of the top five areas in the country where you are likely to be caught if you drive while drunk or on drugs, so be warned.

Scotland has zero tolerance when it comes to these motor-ing crimes.

And this is the first year the festive enforcement and awareness campaign includes new drug-drive laws.

This year's annual festive campaign highlights the criminal and personal consequences of being found guilty of driving a vehicle while under the influence alcohol or with drugs in your system.

Justice Secretary Humza Yousaf joined senior officers from Police Scotland to launch the campaign last week. He said: 'Driving a vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is totally unacceptable and puts not only the driver, but passengers and other road users, at risk of serious injury or even death.'

'As well as such devastating consequences, drivers caught drink or drug-driving also face significant criminal penalties which could re-

Crackdown on drink and drugs driving

This is the first drug-drive festive campaign and there is a zero tolerance approach to the eight drugs most associated with illegal use, including cannabis, heroin and cocaine. Police can now test,

using mouth swabs, for any motorist they suspect of drug-driving or who has been involved in an accident or stopped for a traffic offence.

During the first four weeks of the new drug-drive law coming into force, 96 people provided positive roadside tests. Of the 96, six were women aged between 23 and 42; the 90 men were aged between 17 and 50.

sult in them losing their licence or their liberty. The new drug-driving law and Scotland's low driver-alcohol limit are focused on making our roads safer for everyone.' Chief Inspector Darren Faulds of Road Policing West Command, which covers all of Argyll and the islands, added: 'As we move into the festive party season, I want to remind motorists of the devastating consequences driving with alcohol or drugs in their system can have on their and others lives.'

'New roadside testing for drugs was introduced in October and disappointingly we have seen nearly 100 peo-

ple provide positive tests in the first four weeks.

'Our festive campaign started on December 1 and we will have dedicated resources on patrol, targeting motorists at all times of the day who choose to take the risk of taking drugs and driving or drinking and driving.'

'I am urging people in Argyll to think if you have to drive what could the consequences be to your life if you do it under the influence of drink or drugs. Always remember and think about how you're going to get home safely and don't forget about the impact alcohol can still have the morning after.'



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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
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Sat, 14 Dec 2019						
Sun, 15 Dec 2019						
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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
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Tue, 24 Dec 2019				15:53	12:53	18:23
Wed, 25 Dec 2019				16:39	13:39	19:09
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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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Maggie receives Queen's Nurse award

A community nurse from Kintyre has been awarded the prestigious title of Queen's Nurse.

Maggie Wilkieson, from Gigha, was selected earlier this year to take part in a nine-month development programme run by the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland (QNIS).

She was nominated by her employers at NHS Highland for providing high quality, compassionate care to people in the community.

Caring

After completing the programme successfully, she was awarded the historic Queen's Nurse title along with 18 other community nurses, including Joanna Taylor from Lochgilphead, at a ceremony in Edinburgh last Thursday.

Maggie is based in Campbeltown where she works as the Community Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist, caring for people

in their homes as well as in the hospital.

She said: 'I meet people at various stages of their illness; my main work, however, is supporting those who require palliative and end-of-life care, a role in which I feel both honoured and humbled to share with patients and their families.'

'My job has evolved over the past 12 years, comprising mainly a clinical role, but also leadership, service development, community engagement and education.'

'My first community nursing post more than 20 years ago was working as a community nurse and midwife on Gigha where my mentor was a Queen's Nurse. She was an amazing person to work beside and really moulded the service to what the community needed. She was such a motivating person and a real inspiration to me.'

'To follow in her footsteps

and those of the other Queen's Nurses by receiving this title is a real honour for me and an ambition fulfilled.'

Elaine McTavish, Macmillan Partnership Quality Lead, said: 'I have known Maggie in her capacity as Macmillan Community Clinical Nurse Specialist for the past six years and have seen her outstanding commitment to her patients and their families year after year.'

Lucky

'She routinely goes above and beyond her role, always making herself available to support people and improving the experience people affected by cancer have in the Campbeltown area.'

'Her patients and families are truly lucky to have her help them navigate what is probably the most difficult journey of their lives. She does it with compassion, honesty, discretion and a huge level of caring.'



Maggie Wilkieson has been awarded the prestigious title of Queen's Nurse.

'I am thoroughly delighted to see her get this prestigious accolade and cannot think of a better recipient. I know that she will continue to develop with the programme offered to her.'

Joanna, who is based at the council building in Lochgilphead, has recently changed post from a com-

munity staff nurse, a role she did for 18 years, to working as Advanced Nurse for Clinical Education and a liaison lecturer for the University of the West of Scotland (UWS).

Liz Higgins, lead nurse, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, said: 'I am really delighted that Joanna and Maggie have been

awarded the title of Queen's Nurse. This is a well-deserved recognition for the work that they do day-in, day-out for their patients.'

'They are excellent examples of the nursing profession and, along with their other nursing colleagues in Argyll and Bute, they have a real compassion for the job that they do.'

Health chief hails progress

Argyll and Bute's health chief has hailed the progress made by the organisation during her first year in the post.

Joanna MacDonald, chief officer of the area's health and social care partnership (HSCP), was addressing a meeting of its integration joint board (IJB) on Wednesday November 27.

The challenges which remain for the IJB were acknowledged by Ms MacDonald, including an overspend on social work services exceeding £3 million, but measures have been implemented for better financial

control in recent months, and the work on that and other matters was highlighted.

Ms MacDonald, who was appointed in October 2018, said: 'I was fully aware of the challenges with recruitment and services across the area - that was one of the things that attracted me into this role.'

Key roles

'One of the key roles we have been missing was a head of finance and transformation, so I am delighted to have Judy [Orr] permanently in post.'

'There has been concern about the financial position

and the out-turn, particularly on social work, which has a £3.142 million overspend, which is particularly poor.'

'Bring it forward seven months, and we now have a permanent member of the leadership team, and have had a management restructure which was received quite positively this morning [ahead of the meeting].'

'Our financial governance is improved, our position has also improved and our grip and control has been one area which has helped us to understand finances.'

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Councillor Currie says 'Bring it on' after work overload claims

by Fiona Scott
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Fears have been expressed that a long-serving Argyll and Bute councillor is being 'overloaded' – but he insists he is enjoying it.

Kintyre and islands councillor Robin Currie, from Islay, was made the new policy lead for roads and infrastructure services in September, as well as becoming chairman of the environment, development and infrastructure committee.

He also sits on the policy and resources and planning, protective services and licensing committees, as well as the Argyll and Bute licensing board, and is chairman of the Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles area committee.

That led Councillor Jim Findlay to ask at November's



full meeting of the council if deputy policy leads are stepping up to the mark.

While appreciative of the concerns, Councillor Currie insisted he was relishing his

many roles – and even invited more work.

Councillor Findlay said: 'We are in a position where we have deputy policy leads; Councillor Currie has

stepped up to the plate to be policy lead for roads and infrastructure services.

'But I can't help feeling that there is a shortage of councillors willing to take on

Councillor Robin Currie is happy with his workload.

commitments, and I wonder if that is overloading on Councillor Currie.

'Is this unfair on him, as well as the community that this council is elected to serve?'

Council leader Aileen Morton responded: 'I would highlight that this is an issue which should have been raised when decisions were made two months ago.'

'Councillor Rory Colville has picked up on parts of Councillor Currie's remit, as has Councillor Gary Mulvaney in relation to municipal waste.'

The leader added that there was no update in the council papers from Councillor Alastair Redman, policy lead for economic growth, due to

his current suspension by the Conservative Party.

Although Councillor Redman did attend the meeting, he never spoke. His deputy as policy lead is Councillor Jim Anderson.

She added: 'On deputy policy leads, Councillor Anderson is fulfilling that role. I have spoken to him a number of times in the last few weeks. He is progressing with the work and will be more able to fulfil that going forward.'

Councillor Currie, who has been a member of Argyll and Bute Council since its inception in the mid-1990s, then said: 'I appreciate Councillor Findlay's concern.'

'But I give assurance to the Provost and the full council that I am thoroughly enjoying the expanded remit. Bring it on – bring more if you want.'

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Guild's sobering meeting discusses human trafficking

Members of Killean and Kilchenzie Guild and their guests had an engrossing and sobering meeting when they met under the leadership of Marion McDonald to hear about the church's anti-human trafficking policy.

Marion is a member of the Scottish Churches Anti-Human Trafficking Group (SCAHTG), which raises awareness of human trafficking and how society can defeat it.

Marion skilfully mixed statistics with stories of individuals, underlining the widespread nature of human trafficking and modern slavery.

One of the ladies who attended the thought-provoking meeting, which was organised by Maggie Young, said: 'Any possibility that we were in danger of dismissing the problem as one of inner cities, or "somewhere else", was dispelled by a map showing the widespread nature of incidents of human trafficking and modern slavery in Scotland, and there undeniable, was an incident in Appin. This shocked!



talk was far too pertinent.' To the question, 'What can we do?', Marion's answer was simple: Do what people in Kintyre already do so well – be good neighbours, talk to people and, if you are worried, keep on talking.

Marion also pointed out the unpalatable fact that human trafficking and modern slavery flourish with an end product often the user or the purchaser. If the price seems surprisingly low, it is often because the cost to another individual is unbearably high.

People were advised to be considerate, informed shoppers and were shown several logos, of which the most familiar was likely Fairtrade, of companies who ensure that their products do not involve slave labour.

A somewhat subdued group, following refreshments arranged by Margaret Morrison, voted that the proceeds of the bring and buy stall and a further donation should be sent to fairly new charity Survivors of Human Trafficking in Scotland (SOHTIS).

Southend school UNICEF award is first for Kintyre

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Southend Primary is the first school in Kintyre to receive a UNICEF award for its commitment to respecting children's rights.

The school's pupils and staff are 'delighted' to have received a Bronze: Rights Committed award, the first stage of the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA).

The RRSA is an initiative run by UNICEF UK, which encourages schools to place the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of its ethos and curriculum.

To achieve their award, Southend, which currently has seven pupils and two pre-five children, has



created the best possible environment for pupils, with commitment in promoting and realising children's

rights and encouraging staff and children to respect the rights of others in school and beyond.

Head teacher Margaret Bannatyne told the Courier: 'The RRSA encourages the children to have respect

The children of Southend Primary School and pre-five unit with their Bronze: Rights Committed award. 50_c49southend01

not just for each other but, beyond that, for all children, in a global sense.'

Mrs Bannatyne said that the initiative ties in with the school's current vision, values and aims, and although the children have been working towards their bronze RRSA since August, many past projects have taught the children about respecting others.

Last year pupils raised £124 for the Mary's Meals charity from the sale of a recipe book they created. The Argyll-based charity sets up school feeding programmes

in some of the world's poorest communities, where hunger and poverty prevent children from gaining an education.

A poster in the school reminds pupils of Southend's Convention for the Rights of the Child, which states that they have the right to: eat healthily, keep warm, play and relax, drink clean water, an opinion, play together, make friends, be respected, respect others, a name, practise a religion, be educated, share our views as long as they are legal, to go to a doctor, to go to a hospital, to believe what we choose, and to information.

Pupils and staff at Southend are now working towards the silver award, which they hope to achieve by June 2020.

Provost pays tribute to outgoing chief

Argyll and Bute's Provost has paid tribute to the council's outgoing chief executive at his final meeting of all its members, writes Fiona Scott.

Provost Len Scoullar recognised the contribution made to the area by Cleland Sneddon, who is leaving the council after nearly a decade to take up a similar role with South Lanarkshire Council.

Pippa Milne, the council's executive director for development and infrastructure services, has been confirmed as his replacement.

Provost Scoullar took the opportunity when they council held a full meeting



Cleland Sneddon.

last week to wish Mr Sneddon well, ahead of his departure later this month.

The provost said that Mr Sneddon had worked for Argyll and Bute Council for nearly 10 years, firstly as executive director for

community services, from May 2010 and then the role of chief executive in 2016.

Provost Scoullar also congratulated Ms Milne on her appointment, saying: 'Pippa comes into the role with vast experience in local government, and we look forward to working with her in her new post.'

The council's success at a COSLA Excellence Awards ceremony was also recognised by the provost at the meeting. The Supporting Our Refugees Into Work scheme, which supports refugees with integration into the area, was given a prize at the ceremony in October.

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the cost of wages until such times as the new orders are in place.'

A spokesperson for the Scottish Government insisted this week that renewables were a crucial part of the Scottish Government's transition to a low-carbon economy.

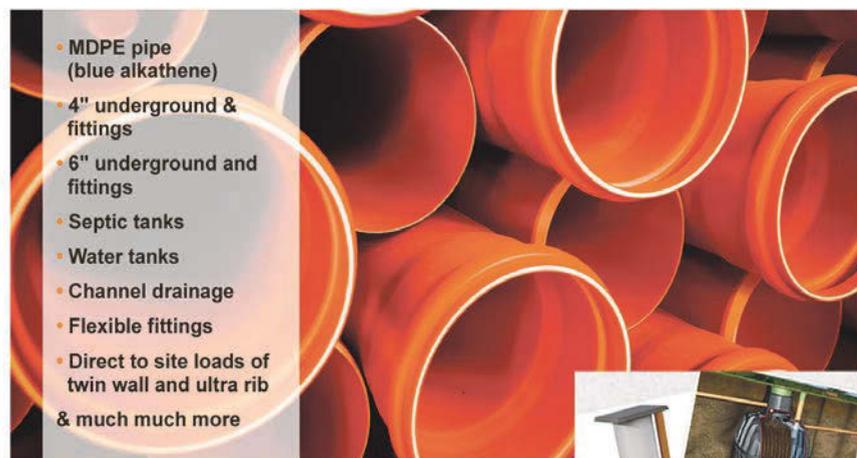
'Earlier this year we convened an offshore wind summit with unions, com-

panies and other interested parties who agreed to take urgent action to ensure more companies benefit from the awarding of contracts for offshore projects,' he said.

'This has been a very difficult time for workers at the CS Wind tower facility and our priority has been to support the company in its attempts to secure future work for the site to plug the

gap in its order book. We have explored all areas where we can assist the company to retain its workforce for the longer term, such as funding infrastructure and improvements to lower transport costs, but the Scottish Government does not have a legal route to gap-fund manufacturing itself as this would constitute a breach of state aid regulations.'

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A devastating blow

As the full force of festive frivolity hit Campbeltown last weekend little did revellers know that a devastating blow of equal proportions would land on Monday.

Following a month of talks with employees, local councillors, government ministers and the industry union, Machrihanish-based CS Winds UK swung the axe regardless and 28 jobs were lost.

A sad day indeed for all involved and the community as a whole.

The Scottish Government, which claims to be committed to renewable energy, has convened an offshore wind summit with unions, companies and other interested parties who agreed to take urgent action to ensure more companies benefit from the awarding of contracts for offshore wind projects. They will be reconvening this summit early in the new year.

As a collective 'other interested party', perhaps it is time we got together as a community to make sure these people know the devastating effect these redundancies, and possible closure, would have on the area.

Earlier the Scottish Government stepped in to save jobs at Ferguson Marine Engineering in Port Glasgow, which faced a similar fate to that of our own wind turbine manufacturer, the only one of its kind in the UK. Perhaps they can do the same for this uniquely-situated peninsula.

Subsidy myth

I congratulate Alan Reid for having fielded somebody from the substitutes' bench to respond to my letter. It is certainly time he was rested: he must be exhausted addressing all of those letters delivered by mail and compiling advertisements for the press.

I refer, of course, to Margaret Horrell, who, whilst agreeing with me that the NHS in Scotland delivers a better service than in England, claims that this is only because England subsidises Scotland.

She says that the Barnett formula delivers Scotland 25 per cent more to spend on public services compared to England. It's actually 20 per cent but I can't disagree with the essential truth.

However, I would offer clarification on two points. Firstly, it is a formula which takes account of many factors, including the infrastructure required to deliver services to a thinly spread population and, secondly, the money comes not from England but from the UK Treasury to which Scotland contributes more than its fair share.

The subsidy myth was frequently touted during the 'project fear' campaign by Better Together alongside 'you can't use the pound' and 'you won't be in the EU', all of which have been thoroughly debunked to the extent that they are seldom resurrected these days.

I have no problem with anybody opposing Scotland's independence. I disagree but it is a perfectly valid point of view even though based on emotion rather than logic.

However, I strongly object to opposition

to a second referendum. Scotland's future should be, and must be, Scotland's choice. Such opposition is illiberal and undemocratic and ill comes from a 'Liberal Democrat', especially since they are pushing for a second EU referendum.

The only political parties registered in Scotland (as far as I know) are the SNP, the SSP and the Scottish Greens; all of them support independence.

The opposition comes from parties registered in London.

Rennie, Leonard and (pro tem) Jackson Carlaw are branch managers, not party leaders, and in the upcoming election I would urge Scots to vote for Scottish parties.

It is the best hope of avoiding another Conservative, or Conservative/LibDem coalition, government.

On the other point concerning borders, I will only say that it is Brexit that will lead to borders and that was not Scotland's choice.

Every country that has ever become independent, and that includes 62 from the UK since 1939, have borders and have survived.

Finally, congratulations to Margaret, her letter could have been written by Alan Reid.

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

Election mailshot

If the people of Argyll and Bute are wondering why they can't open their doors for LibDem fake newspapers, I recently found out the answer.

Royal Mail set aside seven mailshot slots for election communications. The LibDems bought them all, which is strange behaviour for a party with 'democratic' in its name.

Apparently this is within the law – but, in my opinion, is morally dubious.

I will be hand-leafletting for the SNP – alongside fellow local activists.

**Henri Macaulay,
Gigha.**

Tactical voting

The main issue in this election is now Nicola Sturgeon's reckless demand for another independence referendum which is a clear breach of her promise to respect the previous one.

Her obsession with this issue is also a breach of her promise to make education her priority. Those of us who have children in school just now are well aware that education has never been her priority.

Brexit may be disruptive but it is nothing compared to the devastating divorce the SNP have planned for us. They want a hard border between us and the rest of the UK which is still by far the biggest market for everything produced in Scotland.

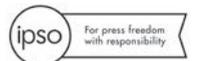
They want to scrap the Barnett formula at the very moment when we need it most, losing Scotland about £10 billion in funding each year.

They plan to make everyone take their wages and pensions in a new currency but can't say what it will be called or what it will be worth.

Worst of all, they plan a sad split between us and the people we have stood beside for

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over 300 years. None of this is for Scotland's benefit - it's just to feed the egos of people like Salmond and Sturgeon.

The only sensible response to this is to vote tactically to remove as many SNP MPs as possible.

Tory voters in Glasgow or Paisley should hold their nose and back Labour, Labour voters in Argyll or Perth should grit their teeth and vote Tory, both lots should back the Lib Dems where they have the best chance.

Most SNP MPs have small majorities; they could be removed if we get out and vote.

**David Barbour,
Southend.**

Misrepresentation of facts

Gary Mulvaney, Conservative candidate for Argyll and Bute, is visually distorting the truth in his adverts and literature.

In using a coloured bar-graph to display the results of the previous General Election he knowingly under-represents the percentage sizes of the Labour and LibDem votes.

They say 'seeing is believing' and by shrinking the columns of the LibDems and Labour by more than 60 per cent, the Conservative candidate is deliberately misleading the people.

One assumes Gary Mulvaney is learning from Boris Johnson how to misrepresent the truth, for personal gain.

How sad.
**Ursula Craig,
Cove.**

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Regular photograph of the week contributor John Anderson captured this male sparrowhawk in his garden recently. John, who lives on the Moss Road, said: 'This guy had just missed his lunch at our bird-feeder, so was a bit peeved!' The photograph was taken with John's Nikon D55100, using a 200MM lens.

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday December 4, 2009

Christmas comes to Campbeltown

Christmas was kicked off in style in Campbeltown last week when the Christmas lights were switched on.

Organised by Campbeltown Trading Association, locals turned out to see the annual parade and lights switching on ceremony.

This year Andrew Smith dressed as The Stig from Top Gear and Dennis the Menace officially turned them on.



Some of the children had their pictures taken with The Stig after he turned on the lights.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday December 9, 1994

Ten years of following in Footnotes' footsteps

Campbeltown's answer to all those other dance groups you've ever heard of celebrates its tenth birthday with a concert at the Grammar School next week.

The Footnotes dance group actually owes its roots to an after-school group started at Campbeltown Grammar School in 1979 by PE teachers Morag Martin and Alison Millar. But in 1984 it was a shame to exclude dancers from the group simply because they had left school and Footnotes, as we all know it, was born.

Since then the group has gone from strength to strength and at the moment has 32 dancers.

From the beginning Footnotes staged their own concerts and took part in many others as guests.

The group have been keen fundraisers and over the years have supported a number of charities, including the RNLI, the Christopher McSparran and Elizabeth Cook Appeals, Auchinlee minibus, the Campbeltown Kiosk Project, the Campbeltown Hospital Hydrotherapy Bath Fund and the local branch of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Outside Kintyre, the group's fundraising activities have helped the Southern General

Special Care Baby Unit, Cancer Research and the Children's Hospice Appeal.

Footnotes' performances have not been restricted to Campbeltown: they have also performed in Mid Argyll and Oban. Nor have they restricted themselves to dancing, as they have regularly taken part in Accent Players' pantomimes and school musicals, acting and singing.

Until recently, in conjunction with the local Rotary branch, they organised and staged the Good Citizen Award Concert during Festival Week and always tried to provide a colourful – and noisy – float for the Festival Parade.

The girls also work closely with the local branch of Rotaract and became involved in the annual Round Table Walks.

There have also been trips of a different sort to see shows such as Cats and Torvill and Dean's ice show.

Over the years the group membership has changed constantly but a few founder members are still on the go. Mairi McKinnon (Robertson) and Tracy Millar (Colville) can easily be recognised from the early photographs and not long after them came Rhona McGregor and Ailsa Colville.

The longest serving member is, of course, Alison Millar. But Alison feels the time may have to come to ease off a bit. She explains: 'From the beginning, we have worked very

much as a group, sharing responsibilities, from the dancing choreography and costumes through all the administrative and organisational aspects.

'I suppose my main function has been to nag – sorry, encourage – and motivate the dancers. Occasionally, enthusiasm wavers but not for long.

'I recognise the work and dedication of the group, especially the older dancers who have been with us longest.

'Often, the young are criticised for their lack of commitment and caring but, throughout, these young people have displayed a very positive approach.'

The birthday concert at Campbeltown Grammar School on Wednesday night will include Footnotes themselves, members of Campbeltown Brass, Mugsy's Revenge, the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band and singer/guitarist Lynsey Wardrop.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday December 4, 1969

RNLI branch sets all-time record

A total of £2,173 was raised by the Campbeltown branch of the RNLI during the year ended September 1969.

This remarkable achievement was announced at the branch's annual meeting on Monday, by Mr J M Rattray, the newly appointed Hon Treasurer.

The bulk of that sum – £1,525 – came from 'special efforts' – sales of work, coffee mornings, bridge drives, etc. The remainder came in the form of subscriptions and donations.

Branch secretary Mr J P McWhirter described the year under review as 'unique', in that within the space of a few months, circumstances forced the appointments of a new chairman, a new secretary and a new treasurer.

With the death of Dr Colin C McKenzie, ex-Provost A P MacGrory was unanimously elected to fill the vacant post of chairman. Mr

J P McWhirter took over as Hon Secretary in succession to Mr MacGrory.

With the retirement of Mr Neil McKellar from the position of Hon Treasurer he had held for 20 years Mr J M Rattray was appointed as his successor. Mr Rattray had held similar posts in Tarbert and in Lochgilphead.

The award of BEM to motor mechanic Duncan McCallum was mentioned. Mr McWhirter said Mr McCallum, who joined the crew of the Campbeltown lifeboat in 1931, had 'brought great credit to himself and honour to our branch'.

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday December 6, 1919

Campbeltown Nursing Society

The annual meeting of the Campbeltown Nursing Society, which is affiliated to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, was held in the Christian Institute on Tuesday afternoon. Rev Norman Mackenzie, MA, presided over a good attendance of ladies.

Mrs Gardiner, Redholme, Hon Secretary, read the 29th annual report, which showed that during the year Nurse Rankine had paid 2992 visits and been on duty 1603.5 hours.

One hundred new cases had been visited in addition to 25 remaining on the register from last year. Sixty of these cases were medical and 30 surgical, while 10 were ophthalmia.

Of these cases 64 are convalescent, 29 have died, three have been taken over by private nurses, four have been removed to hospital, and three to sanatoria.

These figures show a large increase in the work done by the Queen's Nurse – about 25 per cent more than any previous year, and that the nurse's services are increasingly in demand by the public generally.

Last year, Mrs Gardiner continued, the committee had to face the possibility of abandoning the work owing to the abnormal rise in the cost of living and the difficulty of raising sufficient money to carry on the work.



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The arts benefit from Co-op cash



Kintyre's music and dance scene has received a financial boost of more than £17,000 – thanks to Campbeltown's Co-op.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band (KSPB), James McCorkindale's School of

Dancing and Argyll FM were the three groups to benefit from the latest round of the supermarket's local community funding.

Buffet
Representatives from KSPB and James McCorkindale's

School of Dancing attended a buffet celebration in store recently to receive their cheques – for £5,818.54 and £5,766.92 respectively – from store manager Colin Middleton and team leader Courtney Lang.



James McCorkindale, left, was joined by three of his dancers at the presentation.



Courtney Lang making Argyll FM's presentation live on air.



Members of Kintyre Schools Pipe Band in store to collect their award.

Argyll FM's presentation, for £5,766.92, was made by Courtney live on Kenny Johnson's Saturday show.

The money was raised through the Co-op's Local Community Fund, which donates one per cent of the

money spent by members on selected own-branded products to three local causes, chosen by members.

Tarbert causes collect a share too

In Tarbert, a total of £13,945 was shared out between three causes important to its store's customers.

First Tarbert Guides received £4,520.16 to go towards their upcoming trip to Belfast; Loch Fyne Pipe Band was awarded £4,690, which will be used for uniforms and instruments; and £4,734 went to Tarbert Castle's Our Castle of Kings project, which will see more than 200 children involved with the latest archaeological digs and the group visiting eight Kintyre schools to explain their findings.



First Tarbert Guides are delighted to receive this donation towards their trip to Belfast.



Our Castle of Kings project will put the money towards educating children on the castle's archaeological dig findings.



Members of Loch Fyne Pipe Band accept a cheque on behalf of the band.

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Rhunahaorine Primary School children had a very early start as they left Tayinloan to visit Pollok House in Glasgow recently.

As part of their Old Largie Castle project, funded by the West Kintyre Windfarm Trust, pupils researched their family trees. They were keen to investigate more of the current laird's family, the Maxwell Macdonalds, who own Largie Estate, on which the ruins of Old Largie Castle sit.

Pollok House was gifted to the City of Glasgow in 1966 by Dame Anne Maxwell Macdonald, whose family had owned the estate for almost 700 years. It is now managed by the National Trust for Scotland and is open to the public.

On arriving at Pollok House, children, parents, grandparents and the teacher were all welcomed by the 'butler' and 'laird' - actually local volunteers who dress up as house characters.

They treated the children to VIP tours of the rooms where they found out about daily life in an estate house. At one time there had been 45 servants for three gentry.

The children were also given costumes to wear which included laird and lady, butler, under butler, valet, gardener and gamekeeper.

Stephanie O'Hanlon and Emma Byers, two mothers who joined the trip, dressed as maid servants - one with frills as they worked 'upstairs'.

Rebecca Maxwell Macdonald from Largie Estate welcomed the party at Pollok House and joined them on the tours, which empowered the children to expand their knowledge.

Acting head teacher Catriona Brown said: 'The visit helped the children make connections in their learning and extended their understanding of upstairs and downstairs.'

Although not going back in time as far as their own

Old Largie Castle ruins, the realisation that very few people would be 'royalty' with many more being at their bidding was shaping a picture of early life at Rhunahaorine in the 15th and 16th centuries.

On composing thank you letters for the day, it became apparent that the most popular room visited was the gun-room where the gamekeeper was surrounded by stuffed animals, paintings of hunts, and old fishing rods, guns and traps.

Mrs Brown's favourite was the governess who had the children actively involved in learning around pictures on the library carpet - a teacher ahead of her time.

Everyone had a day to remember and all were very appreciative to the Maxwell Macdonald family, the Pollok House staff and all the volunteers who remained in character throughout.

Coming soon - Rhunahaorine children explore Killean Crypt.



Pollok House is situated in Pollok Country Park, Glasgow.



The visit took the children back in time.



The children photographed with Mrs Brown, Pollok House 'staff' and Rebecca Maxwell Macdonald, who joined them on their tours.



The children met the 'lady' of the house as well as its staff.



Tours were given by volunteers who joined the children in dressing up.



This artist shot, taken by pupil Louise, shows wallpaper which had been taken down from another home and hung in Pollok House. It now has a screen over it in order to preserve it.



The children dressed up in many costumes, including gardener, butler and valet, as seen here.




THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS ARE ON THE WAY UP.

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Grace McCoubrey and Ava MacBrayne, joined by their mums and the Marvel superheroes, switch on Campbeltown's Christmas lights. 50_c49lights01



Sara Martin, Sarah-Jane Martin, Carys Martin, Luke Donnan, Barbara Donnan, Isobel Grogan and Jensen Grogan with Santa and two of his elves. 50_c49lights02

Let there be Christmas lights



by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Two special little girls were joined by some 'MARVELous' superheroes to turn on Campbeltown's Christmas lights this year.

Grace McCoubrey, aged five, and two-year-old Ava MacBrayne, the winners of the golden tickets who were selected to turn on the lights, were joined by Thor, Spider-Man, Iron Man, Captain America, Black Panther and 'baddie' Thanos, all from the fictional Marvel Universe, as they pushed the plunger and illuminated Campbeltown in festive cheer last Friday night.

There were some new additions to the lights this year – a sign above Longrow which reads: 'Christmas in Campbeltown', as well as set of new lights for the town's Christmas tree.

The tree lights, purchased by the Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group, are mostly clear, with a ring of red around the bottom in honour of those who have perished in wars, a request made by Campbeltown Benevolent Fund which made a donation to the group.

Main Street was once again the centre of the evening's entertainment, a return to tradition after last year's Burnside Square event.

The parade also returned this year, with many impressively decorated floats and dressed-up participants, led by the pipe band, kick-starting the festivities.

Willie Durnan and Bobby Cairns once again worked their magic to transform Campbeltown Town Hall and recreate Santa's living room, complete with warming replica fireplace, so that, afterwards, Santa and two of his elves could meet the many youngsters who attended the switch-on.



Little Jaxon Paterson met the superheroes who helped switch on the lights. 50_c49lights03

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Sophie, five, and Rory McDougall, seven, pose with one of Santa's reindeer. 50_c49lights04



Six-year-old Callan Griffiths had the perfect vantage point as he watched the switch-on from his dad Peter's shoulders. 50_c49lights06



Gary Grumoli holding his daughter Eva, with Eva McFadyen, centre, and his niece Kayla Grumoli, right. 50_c49lights08



Chloe Murray and her niece Sophie Stevenson, aged two, enjoyed the switch-on. 50_c49lights05



From left, James Macphee, Lynsey Macphee, 10, Margaret Raeside, Karen Irwin, Jamie Macphee, six, and Lileigh Allen, nine, enjoyed the festive atmosphere at the Salvation Army citadel where free soup and snacks were served. 50_c49lights07



Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association's festive float. 50_c49lights09

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David Mullen, Alecia Bell and Lesley Bell behind Lesley's Little Star Creations stall. 50_c49market01



Morna MacColl, who hand-crafted everything on her Homemade Christmas stall. 50_c49market03

Christmas comes to Campbeltown

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Christmas well and truly came to Campbeltown last weekend, with the annual Christmas market on Sunday, two days after the Christmas

lights switch-on. More than 60 stallholders gathered once again at Springbank Distillery where the malt barns transformed to become the perfect marketplace from 11am until 4pm.

Musicians, including an

ensemble from Campbeltown Brass, enhanced the festive atmosphere as shoppers browsed the many products and services on offer.

Many of the items were hand-crafted and bespoke, and most were made in

Kintyre or other parts of Argyll. As well as tantalising food, upstairs at the Explore Campbeltown event there were children's crafts and face painting as well as another opportunity to meet Santa and two of his elves.



The Wee Toon Carver team, from left: the woodcarver himself, John Brown, joined by Fiona Brown, Alix Brown and Alistair Gorman. 50_c49market02



Noreen McCormick, Paige McGarrie and Lindsay Croft, three generations of crafters who sold their wares on Sunday. 50_c49market04

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Elaine Gilmour and Stanley Watson behind the colourful McIvors stall. 50_c49market05



Robbie Anderson, aged two, and four-year-old Jake French were among the children who met Santa on Sunday. 50_c49market07



Alison Armour and Sarah Ellis manned Glenbarr Stores' downstairs stall. 50_c49market08



Adele Martin, Linzi Shields and Leighann Burns manning Moira's Christmas Crafts stall. 50_c49market06



Members of Campbeltown Brass kept shoppers' spirits up by playing festive tunes. 50_c49market09



Beard baubles and festive head boppers brought some festive cheer to the Harlequin Tearoom's stall. 50_c49market10

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Festive headgear worn by Lesley Barker, Heather Parkhouse, Emma Johnstone and Maddy Sloan brought some joy to Glenbarr Stores' food stall. 50_c49market11



Bethany Maclean manned Springbank Distillery's own stall, selling items including these unique baubles filled with whisky. 50_c49market13



Lana Panagjotu sold a variety of colourful creations while Laura Roze sold knitted products. 50_c49market14



Eilish Cameron sold lots of gift items on Fresh Connection's stall. 50_c49market12



Kate O'May of Kate's Krafts sold festive cushions among other hand-crafted items. 50_c49market15



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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

St Andrew's ceilidh boost for charity

A St Andrew's Day ceilidh and auction has boosted a Kintyre charity's funds by almost £4,000.

John Armour, as well as putting on a Reverend I M Jolly skit, ran an auction at the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund event, during which people put in bids on everything from whisky and paintings to massages and pony riding sessions.

No ceilidh would be complete without music, and last Saturday's fundraiser

in Campbeltown Town Hall featured tunes from top traditional band Trail West.

Money was still coming in when the Courier went to press but organisers said that at least £3,948 was raised.

As well as all those who attended, the committee thanked the following: those who made the night possible: John Armour; Argyll Bakeries; Trail West; Bobby Cairns and the town hall staff; and Amy McKerral, Eilidh Macalister and Abbi

McGougan at Look Good, Feel Good. Sponsors: The Ardsheel Hotel; Argyll Bakeries; Beinn an Tuirc Distillers; the Boyd family; Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy; CalMac; Cafe Cadora; Dunlossit Guest House; Fresh Connection; Glen Scotia Distillery; Glenside Tractors; Hope Blamire; Islay Frigate Hotel; The Kilbrannan Bar; The Kintyre Larder; Kintyre Tablet; Laphroaig Distillery; Jennie Dunn at Machrihanish Golf Club;



Trail West performed at the fundraiser.



People danced the night away.



John Armour kept the evening running smoothly.

Laura Kennedy at Serenity Spa; Lynsey Mcshannon massage therapist; Beth and Ross McEachran; RBCA Services Ltd; Springbank Distillery; Stuart Herd; Rachel Edwards

at Yoga Nadi; West Coast Motors; Johnson Fish; and Numero Dix Hair Salon. Last but not least, thanks go to the West Kintyre Windfarm Trust which offered financial

support to fund the event. A spokesperson said: 'The generosity of many has allowed us to keep supporting the folk of Kintyre who need it.'

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Kintyre Chorale's night



Guest artist Judith Jones sings Memory from Cats.

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Kintyre Chorale helped kick-start the festive season with a variety concert featuring show tunes from Cats, The Greatest Showman, The Phantom of the Opera and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

As well as bringing a taste of some of the country's best loved musicals to the Lorne and Lowland Church, the choir also performed classic songs from the likes of Elton

John, Bob Dylan and Toto. In addition to performances from the full choir at Saturday night's concert, there were solos, duets and ensembles.

Judith Jones, this year's guest artist, performed solos including Memory from Cats and some of her own compositions, as well as with the choir.

Conductor Mhairi Renton's

son Kevan entertained the audience when he sang as a soloist, offering a haunting rendition of Hallelujah, and as part of a duet, singing All I Ask of You from The Phantom of the Opera alongside Myra Millar.

Some choir members performed solos during whole choir performances, including Iona Barr during Will Ye Go Lassie Go

and Catriona Soudan in Hushabye Mountain. 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.

All level of abilities are welcome; inquiries can be made to Mhairi on 01586 552214.



Iona Barr performing a solo during Will Ye Go Lassie Go.

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Kevan Renton during his haunting performance of Hallelujah. KC_c49chorale04



Carole Harrow was the compere for the evening.

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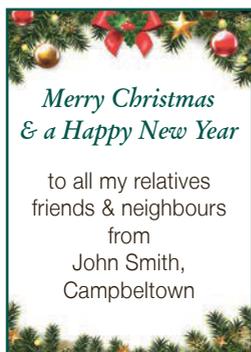
Catriona Soudan sings a solo in Hushabye Mountain, which features in the musical Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. KC_c49chorale03

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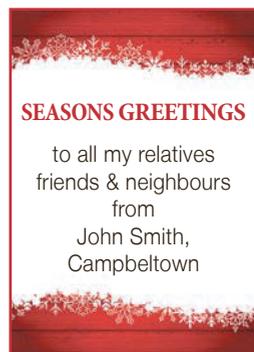
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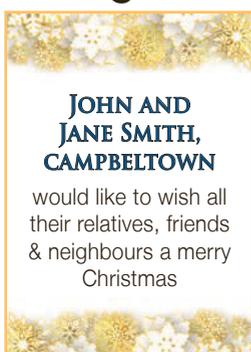
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Hilarity ensues at Winter Fling

This year's Winter Fling, Saddell and Carradale Parish Church's main fundraising event, raised some £3,600.

Held last Saturday, on St Andrew's Night, the event was an eclectic mix of stories and performances, from the world premiere of a new arrangement ... Saddell and Carradale Parish Church to an absolute mash up of Gilbert and Sullivan's Three Little Maids.



Alasdair Bennett holds a bottle of Ceann Loch Citrus Gin, one of the items donated to the auction which was conducted by Wum Semple, standing behind.

MC for the night Alan Milstead welcomed just over 100 to the hall before asking Reverend Steve Fulcher to say grace.

Alan then introduced Jane Dunbar's performance of Springhill Jack, after which Niall and Emma Macalister Hall, assisted by Su Black of Beinn an Tuirc Distillers, mixed and served Kintyre Gin cocktails for all.

Niall Gemmill played some tunes on his bagpipes before dinner - haggis, neeps and



Niall Gemmill piped at the event which took place on St Andrew's Night.



Sheena Ramsay, Judy Semple and Lesley Freeman serving up haggis, neeps and tatties.

tatties - was served. Each table had a little Kilkerran whisky to whet the haggis.

After dinner, Gordon Abernethy told stories and tales reflecting St Andrew's Night.

Once applause died down and conversation at the tables recommenced, Hamish Hunter stood and started to

sing a rendition of Carradale Glen. After each line, a new person stood to add their voice until there were nine singing, and others joined in - a flash mob hit Carradale.

A number of others joined in for another song before Wum Semple took to the stage to conduct the auction of some 15 items donated



Can you work out the identities of the stars of Carradale's version of Gilbert and Sullivan's Three Little Maids?

to the church. A small raffle was also part of the entertainment.

Alan Walker assisted Wum before retelling a few stories after which he introduced the earth-stopping performance of Three Little Maids - regrettably no one could hear the performance as there was so much laughter.

After some music by Alex MacKinnon and Christine Ritchie, Jane Dunbar gave another short performance before the evening ended with dance and song.

The organisers would like to thank all the local businesses who contributed to raffle and auction and a very successful event.

Sausage casserole



Ingredients

- + 2 x 400g cans chopped tomatoes
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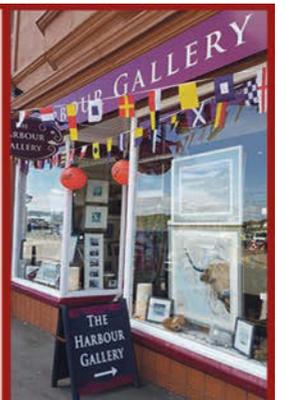
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The NFUS roadshow ploughs into Tarbert

National Farmers' Union Scotland (NFUS) ploughed into Tarbert last Friday as part of a 15-date policy roadshow.

A good turnout of farming and crofting members from across the region attended the event, and one in Oban later the same day, which saw NFUS vice-president Martin Kennedy, director of policy Jonnie Hall and regional board chairman John Dickson in attendance.

In a week that saw him meet farming and crofting members on Skye, Benbecula, Lewis and Harris, Mr Kennedy said: 'At a time of great change, it has never been more important for the union to meet with members to discuss the huge range of issues that they face.'

Opportunity

'By the time the roadshows finish next week, we will have had 15 meetings around the country giving every member the opportunity to discuss the urgent policy matters that will inevitably impact on them in the months and years ahead.'

'With great turnouts so far, issues have ranged from convergence, Brexit and future support to climate change, species management and supply chains and it is clear every sector faces a period of significant change.'

Mr Hall added: 'Politics and policy are rapidly shaping our industry's future at a time when farming and crofting



NFUS director of policy Jonnie Hall, regional board chairman John Dickson and NFUS vice-president Martin Kennedy, who were present to answer questions at Friday's roadshow. 15_T49_NFUSRoadshow

face unprecedented physical and financial challenges.

'From convergence, Brexit and future support to climate change and supply chains, every sector of Scottish agriculture faces a period of significant change. At the

same time, Scottish agriculture must also make the most of any new opportunities.

Prosperous future

'Our priority is to secure a prosperous future for Scottish agriculture and all that it underpins.'

'These 15 roadshows present an opportunity for members to have their say on urgent policy matters that will inevitably impact on them in the months and years to come.'

Starting on Thursday, November 7 in Castle Douglas,

the tour took in Dingwall, Thurso, Kirkwall, Irvine, Inverurie, Perth, Broadford, Benbecula, Stornoway, Lerwick, Tarbert, Oban and Carfraemill before finishing at Stepps near Glasgow yesterday.

Don't miss annual winter show

Kintyre Agricultural Society will be holding its annual winter show at Ballygreggan Farm tomorrow, Saturday December 7.

The show, which begins at 10.45am, is once again kindly sponsored by SRUC.

A spokesperson said: 'Some of the finest dairy cattle in the country will be on show but unfortunately, due to work commitments and illness, the Clydesdale horse and the pony section has been postponed but it is hoped that a show for the horses may be arranged in the New Year.'

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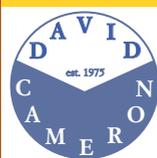
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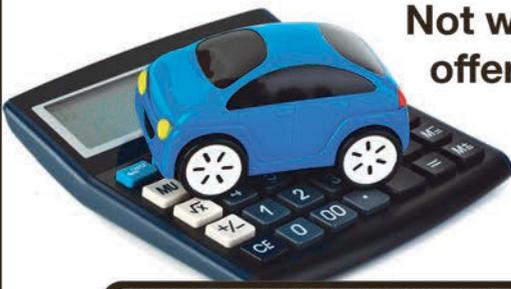
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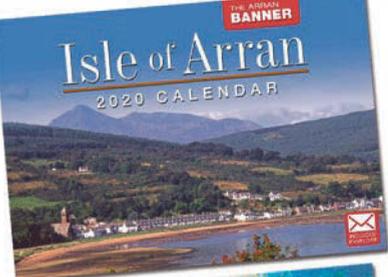



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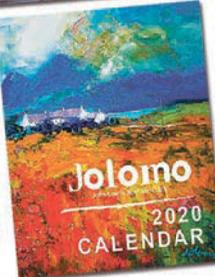
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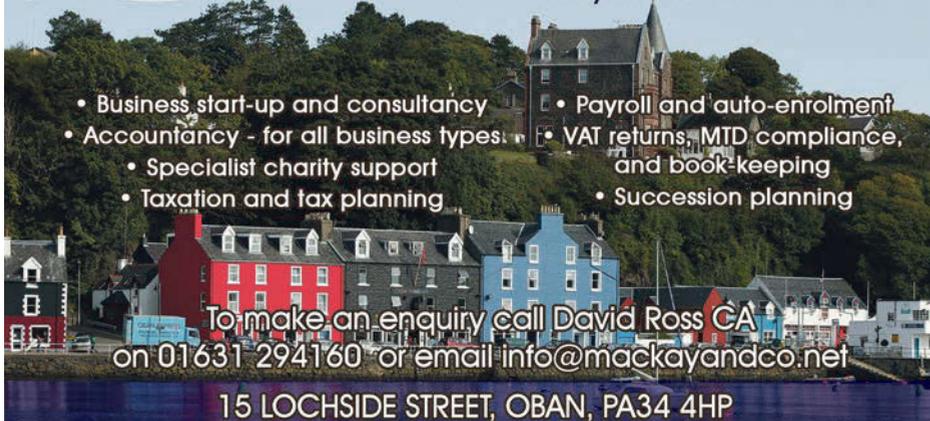
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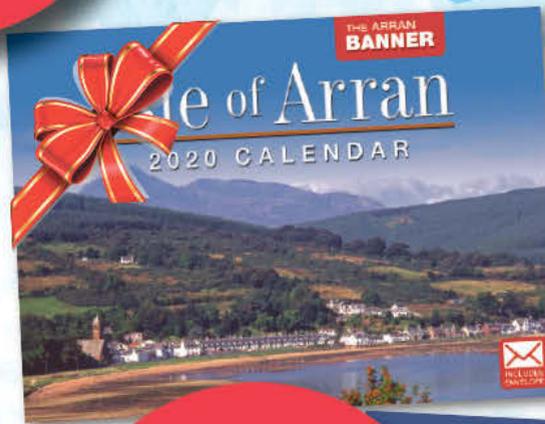
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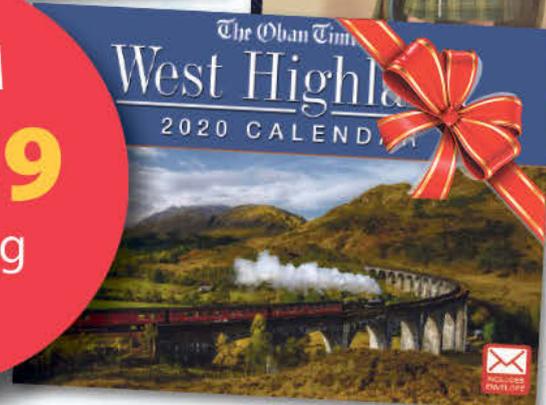
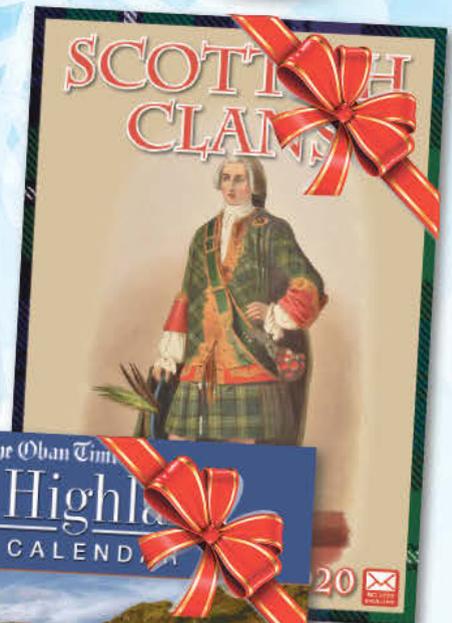
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Election of Trustees to Board of Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority

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Candidates should be able to demonstrate ability and a proven track record in their chosen profession or other activities, such as community work. Commitment and experience are as valuable as qualifications, although in some areas specialist experience will be an advantage. You will be required to work with senior and professional staff, so experience of achieving results through demanding board or committee work is important, as is the ability to grasp complex issues quickly and express yourself clearly. Residence within a reasonable distance of the port and familiarity with local issues in the region surrounding the port are highly desirable. The position of Trustee is non-remunerated.

Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority is committed to the principles of public appointment on the basis of merit and aptitude with openness and transparency of process. Political activity will not be a criterion for appointment, but candidates must fully support the objectives of the Board. If you wish to be considered for election please write to The Office Manager, Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority, Harbour Office, Tarbert PA29 6TR to request an information pack

Closing date for Applications: 31 January 2020.

Save the Royal Way

"The Royal Way" is an ancient public right of way following the route of least gradient from Tarbert Harbour to Tarbert Castle.

In recent years hundreds of people openly, peaceably and as a right walked the route, including the section from Tarbert Academy, via Baluachrach, to the scheduled monuments of Tarbert Medieval Burgh & Environs and Tarbert Castle.

However, a planning application now threatens the Royal Way's existence. The application is for a change of use of land near the new house "Cairnview", Baluachrach from "vacant land" to "residential garden ground". The applicants have stated that if the application is approved they will permanently close the right of way.

As present custodians of our people's rights and cultural heritage we cannot allow that to happen.

Argyll & Bute Council has a statutory duty to "assert, protect and keep open" public rights of way and a procedure to gather and use evidence of people's use of rights of way.

However, they need people to provide their evidence and this notice is a call to people to stand up and declare their use of the threatened section of the Royal Way.

The Council uses an online form to gather evidence from people who wish to claim that a right of way exists or may exist. To submit evidence of your use of the Royal Way please either complete the "Public Rights of Way Questionnaire" at: argyll-bute.gov.uk/public-rights-way, or contact the Access Team by your preferred means.

Those wishing further information or assistance may also contact the Campaign Secretary, Save the Royal Way by phone at 01880 820 404 or find us on Facebook.

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PLANNING

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

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

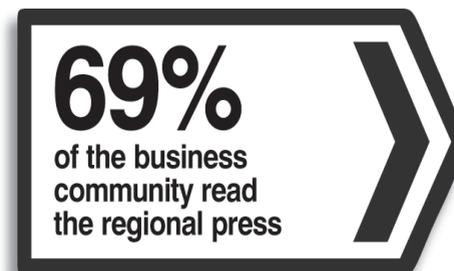
Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/02417/LIB	Internal alterations to form tea and cocktail lounge	1 Glebe Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6JJ
19/02431/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse with detached garage, installation of septic tank and formation of access	Land North Of Fairfield, Kilkenzie, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
19/02418/PP	Change of use of hairdressing salon (Class 1) to tea and cocktail lounge (Class 3)	1 Glebe Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6JJ
19/02406/PP	Refurbishment and extension to existing lean-to greenhouse	Garholm, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6JU
19/02415/LIB	Renovation works to shop front including display of fascia sign and external wall mounted menu display case (non illuminated)	2A Main Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AG

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

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THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017
ELECTRICITY (APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT)
REGULATIONS 1990**

Notice is hereby given that ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd, (company registration number NI028425 registered address The Soloist, 1 Lanyon Place, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT1 3LP) has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate Sheirdrim Renewable Energy Development on land approximately 11 km south of Tarbert on the Kintyre Peninsula in Argyll and Bute (Central Grid Reference 181302, 657098). The proposed Development would have an installed capacity in excess of 100 MW comprising of up to 19 turbines with a ground to blade tip height of up to 149.9 metres, with an installed capacity of around 114 MW and two ground mounted solar arrays with an installed capacity of around 20 MW, producing a combined output of around 134 MW. A battery storage facility would also be installed with storage capacity of around 38 MW of energy. The proposed Development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and an EIA Report has been produced. 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:

Location Name	Normal Opening Hours	Address
Argyll and Bute Council, 1A Manse Brae	Monday – Friday: 9.00am to 4.00pm	1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD

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The EIA Report can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ; on the application website at https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/sheirdrim_renewable_energy_development.aspx; or at www.energyconsents.scot.

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.

Any representations to the application may be submitted via the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to the Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@gov.scot; or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than 10th January 2020, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the developer will be subject to further public notice in this manner and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information, Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit processes consent applications and consultation representations under The Electricity Act 1989. During the process, to support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at www.energyconsents.scot. A privacy notice and a fair processing notice are published on the Help page at www.energyconsents.scot. These explain how the Energy Consents Unit processes your personal data. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please email: Econsents_admin@gov.scot or write to Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU.



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TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
A83 REST AND BE THANKFUL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
DETERMINATION BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS UNDER SECTION 55A
OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984**

The Scottish Ministers hereby give notice that they have determined that the project to address the landslide risk on the A83 trunk road at Rest and Be Thankful which is within the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park is -

- (a) not a project which falls within Annex I of Council Directive No. 2011/92/EU ("the Directive") on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment as amended by Council Directive No. 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and Council;
- (b) a relevant project within the meaning of section 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, and falls within Annex II of the Directive, but that having regard to -
 - (i) the selection criteria contained in Annex III of the Directive,
 - (ii) the results of the Environmental Screening Assessment using Annex III criteria and the consultations with the following statutory consultees: Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage and Argyll Fisheries Trust and Board.
 - (iii) The works are located on the A83 trunk road at Rest and Be Thankful, Glen Croe, between Tarbet and Cairndow. The works will involve the excavation of one debris pit to intercept debris flows as well as an extension of the culvert system along the east bound carriageway. The slopes above the pit will be stabilised with soil nails and mesh as necessary.

There are no environmentally sensitive areas or sites of cultural heritage interest within 300m of the works. Detailed consultation with Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park has been carried out to ensure appropriate mitigation measures for effects on the landscape are incorporated into the works design.

The Environmental Screening Assessment concluded that there would be no likely significant effects on the environment from the works. It should not be made subject to an environmental impact assessment in accordance with the Directive, and accordingly the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

In accordance with section 55A(5) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 -

- (a) the criteria set out in Annex III that are relevant to the project are:

- (i) the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
- (ii) the production of waste;
- (iii) pollution and nuisances;
- (iv) the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution);
- (v) the existing and approved land use;
- (vi) nature reserves and parks;
- (vii) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.

(b) the main reasons for the conclusion that no Environmental Impact Assessment is required are:

- (i) potential impacts from noise and air quality will be temporary for the duration of the works and there are no nearby sensitive receptors;
- (ii) pollution prevention guidelines will be adhered to at all times to prevent spillages of fuels and mobilisation of silt and therefore preventing risk to human health and the water environment;
- (iii) consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency on the licence required under The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 for the re-section of the culvert has been carried out, and all licence conditions will be adhered to at all times to ensure protection of the water environment;
- (iv) there will be minor loss of habitat, however the habitat is abundant in the area and is not suitable for protected species;
- (v) excavated topsoil will be re-used on site where possible and the waste hierarchy will be applied;
- (vi) extensive consultation with the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park has been carried out to ensure that the final appearance will not be significantly different from what currently exists.

(c) the following features of the project which are envisaged to avoid or prevent significant adverse effects on the environment are:

- (i) the scheme does not lie within a densely populated area and is not near to any environmentally sensitive areas or sites of cultural heritage interest;
- (ii) works will take place out with the key tourist period;
- (iii) works will take place as day-shifts;
- (iv) works will take place during the winter which is out with bird nesting season;
- (v) works are not located within an Air Quality Management Area or Noise Management Area;
- (vi) the waste hierarchy will be applied to any waste arisings;
- (vii) environmental best practice and guidance for the prevention of pollution will be adhered to at all times;
- (viii) the works will have longer term benefits and will help to reduce the effects of landslides on the water environment and human population, including the travelling public.

M. POLLAND

A member of staff of the Scottish Ministers
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ISLAY

Plans have been submitted for a former lemonade factory on Islay to reopen – only this time the drinks it makes will be a bit stronger.

The Vintage Malt Whisky Company wants to reopen the old lemonade factory in Port Ellen, previously used by Hasties, as a distillery producing rum and gin.

The purpose-built soft drinks facility was opened on the island during the 1950s and is thought to have remained open for that purpose until the 1980s or 1990s.

The business was then taken over by soft drinks manufacturer Dunns, who later used it as a distribution warehouse, before it was closed in 2016. It has lain vacant since then.

A decision by Argyll and Bute Council's planning department on the proposal by Bowman Stewart architects is expected in early 2020.

A statement in support of the plans says: 'At some point in the late 1980s or early 1990s, the business was taken over by Dunns Lemonade, now Dunns Food and Drink Ltd. When the factory stopped producing soft drinks, the building became a storage and distribution hub on Islay. Dunns operated a warehouse depot, distributing drinks, crisps and the like to catering establishments on the island.'

'The depot closed permanently in June 2016 and the building has been vacant since then.'

'The proposal is to renovate and carry out internal operations to the existing building for use as

LARGIESIDE

Decking the halls at Largieside

It was beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Tayinloan Village Hall when Largieside SWI members enjoyed making their own luxury Christmas baubles.

The workshop at their November meeting was led by Denise McKeown, who had thoughtfully prepared individual kits containing everything needed to create one of her stunning designs.

Under her guidance, the little bags of colour-coordinated baubles, beads and trimmings soon started to transform into impressive festive creations while Denise kept everyone entertained as she described how she had developed her hobby, working out the best materials and methods to use and the best



Members picking out kits, which were different colours.



Adding the finishing touches.

sources. After the workshop, Enid Williams, on behalf of the members, thanked Denise for her generosity, and patience, in sharing her skills and for taking the time to prepare the kits in advance.

The seasonal theme continued with the November completion with results as follows.

Handmade Christmas decoration: Tricia Johnstone, Linda Hutchinson, five points; Enid Williams, Adrienne Bradley, Cath Lowe, four points; Jessie Main, three points. Iced gingerbread loaf: Linda Hutchinson, five points; Helen Steel, Amanda White, four points; Cath Lowe, three points.

a micro-distillery for the small-scale production of rum and gin, providing new employment for two people.'

BELLOCHANTUY

Bellochantuy SWI's president won the annual Centenary Prize at the group's recent AGM.

The competition always includes two items, one in the 'housewives' class together with one in 'handicrafts'. The theme this year was autumn colours and Lois Fell's entry of a cake

decorated with marzipan autumn leaves and encircled with a complimentary cake band worked in cross-stitch was the runaway winner.

The meeting included an interesting talk on stained glass. John Titterton from Glenbarr told the ladies that when he was living in Germany he became interested in all the stained glass that decorated many buildings as well as other popular items.

His interest led him to attend night school classes and he has been a keen stained glass artist

ever since. He brought many examples of his work, both in composition and finished articles, and he explained the complexity of working the metal to support the glass and how great care was required to put the two together.

After the business meeting, the competitions were judged as follows. Baking – three pieces of fudge: Alice McLean, gold. Fun – paperweight: Janet Hamilton, Lois Fell and Margaret McKinnon, gold; Libby Kerr, silver; Tricia Fair and Alice McLean, red.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

She was such a wee star that she was hardly even noticed in the night sky even though she twinkled as best she could.

The other stars mocked her and said she would never be a shining light.

The other stars made really lovely patterns and had exotic names like The Milky Way, Orion's Belt and The Great Bear, and sounded so important.

The wee star wanted so much to be part of that.

Then one night there was a lot of excitement in the heavens and the angels were saying that a very important baby was going to be born and that he would be God's own son.

And strangely he was going to be called a king – yet he was not going to be born in a palace, but in a stable.

When they heard that God wanted a special star to point others to the stable, the other stars laughed and said: 'Well we're not going to shine over a manky smelly stable ... we are made for better things.'

So they told God about this and God said: 'Well, I'm sorry about this, but I need a star to shine over the stable because I came to be with the ordinary people – not the ones who think they are important.'

So God asked the angels to go round the heavens and see if they could find a star who would shine over the stable at Jesus's birth and point people to him.

And the angels chose the little star because she had God's light in her.

And as baby Jesus slept safely in his crib, Joseph went out and said to Mary: 'There is the brightest star I have ever seen in the sky tonight.'

'I know,' said Mary, 'it is Jesus's star.'

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DEATHS

DOUGLAS - Doreen Marie (previously Scrutton), née Best. Peacefully, on November 26, 2019, at Oxtou House Care Home in Glasgow, Doreen, aged 90 years, much loved mother of Shaun, Kerry, Nichola and Erinclare and sister to Adrienne. A celebration will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019, commencing at 11.00am, at the Pollockshields Burgh Hall, Glasgow, to which all family and friends are welcome. No flowers, but donations can be made to the Womankind charity.

GALBRAITH - Suddenly on December 3, 2019, at the R.A.H. Paisley, Archie (Baldy) Galbraith in his 84th year, of 26 Dun Mor Avenue, Lochgilphead and formerly of Ormsary Estate. Beloved husband of Annie and a much loved father of Christine and the late Finlay, cherished grandpa of Neil, Mhairi and Iain, much respected father in law, dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Tuesday December 10, 2019, at 12.30pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations to British Heart Foundation.

MCKERRAL - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, after a long illness, surrounded by his family, on November 29, 2019, David Keith McKerral, in his 67th year, 106 Milknoe, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Nan McMillan, much loved brother of Richard, Nancy, Jane, Adam and the late Pat, and a loving uncle and great uncle.

SCOTT - Peacefully, at Northwood Care Home, Helensburgh, on November 24, 2019, Harold Dunsmore Scott, in his 88th year, of Bannockburn Buildings, Tarbert, dearly beloved husband of the late Sandra Scott, née Jackson, much loved father of Ewan and Craig, step-dad of Rachelle and Karen and loving papa of Chloe, Murray and Jude.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ROBERTSON - Agnes and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and baking received on the sad loss of Mac. Special thanks to doctors, nurses and staff at Campbeltown Hospital, Acute Ward, Macmillan and Community nurses and ambulance crew for their care given to Mac. Also to Rev William Crossan for a lovely service, the Argyll Hotel for the purvey, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional services and to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £748 for Macmillan nurses and Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

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SMITH - Lorna, Russell and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits and cards received following the sad loss of James. Grateful thanks are extended to the local care teams for all their attention and care over the last few years, especially for their care which allowed James to remain at home, and also to Laurene for taking James on his weekly social visits. Our thanks to Rev Robert MacLeod for a comforting and uplifting service and Iain Malcolm for such a personal tribute to James; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient services; to The Stag Hotel for excellent purvey and to Morna for the beautiful flowers. A final thank you to all who paid their respects at church and graveside, especially those who travelled a great distance. Your support and kindness was greatly appreciated. The retiral collection raised £800 for Marie Curie, Mid Argyll and MS Therapy Centre, Lochgilphead.

IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL - Hugh, who passed away December 2, 2007. Always in our thoughts. Sadly missed.

- Ivor, Shauna, Robert and great grandchildren.

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Monday 9th December

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Church Hall

Tuesday 10th December

Tiny Tots 9.45am
New Hall
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Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall

Thursday 12th December

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Friday 13th December

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Army Kidz

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Wednesday

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George Street,
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Sunday 8th December

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Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
4.00pm Carol Service in
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Wednesday 11th December

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Friendly football gives children more game time



The young footballers who took part in Saturday's friendly matches.

Thirty-five young footballers from Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) took part in a friendly football tournament at the all-weather pitch in Campbeltown on Saturday.

The teams played five- and seven-a-side games over a two-hour period.

Regular event

CDJFA hopes to make this a regular event to give the

youngsters more game time and would like to thank Lorne McArthur for organising, the coaches who supported and the U15 and U13 players who turned up and supported coaching the teams.



The pupils proudly displaying the results of their labour.

Primary school pupils' beach clean pledge

Rhunahaorine Primary School's pupils have been getting out and active to achieve their goal of cleaning up Kintyre's beaches.

The school puts a high importance on pupil voice and strives to encourage all pupils to share ideas and make suggestions across all areas of the school.

Each child is on a committee – the Rights Respecting Committee, the Pupil Council or the ECO Committee. The

ECO Committee is focused on caring for the planet and working towards a more sustainable future.

Recently, the children, wrapped up warmly and armed with new robust litter pickers, financed by a grant from marine conservation charity Sea-Changers, worked in pairs to clean up their local beach at Point Sands.

Remains of plastic bags, ropes and bits and bobs brought in by the tide were

scavenged and the children collected five bags of rubbish.

There was time for a quick play at Point Sands Holiday Park's play park before walking back to the school just before the rain came on.

Acting head teacher Catriona Brown said: 'The school has pledged to undertake monthly beach cleans and if you would like to join us on one of these afternoons, please contact the school on 01583 441269 for dates.'

Physios now seeing patients at GP surgeries

Most top athletes require the services of physiotherapists and you can now see one at Campbeltown Medical Practice.

Marsaili Ross is based at the practice as a 'first contact physiotherapist', a scheme being gradually introduced in larger GP surgeries across Argyll and Bute as part of the national Primary Care Modernisation Project – not just for athletes.

To date, this service is only available here in Campbeltown and at the Lorn Medical Centre in Oban.

Patients can book an appointment with the physiotherapist through the practice receptionists as normal, which ensures that patients get to see the right professional at the right time. The scheme frees up GPs to spend more time with patients in specific need of their expertise.

The service is aimed at over-16s who have joint and/or soft tissue issues.

In this new role, physiotherapists can make a diagnosis and develop a treatment plan and refer patients for further investigations such as X-ray if required or to specialist services as necessary.

Mrs Ross said: 'I am really pleased that we are able to deliver the first contact



Marsaili Ross, Campbeltown Medical Practice's new physiotherapist.

physiotherapy service in Campbeltown. This means we can offer early access to specialist musculo-skeletal assessment and treatment planning, and provide physiotherapy support at the initial point of access.

'We can arrange appropriate investigations and imaging if they are required, following a comprehensive musculo-skeletal assessment, and also onward referral to the main physiotherapy department and other specialities.

'The feedback from patients has been very positive and encouraging and they are also

pleased that they can access the right health professional at the right time.'

The first contact physiotherapist service is currently in the early stages of development and will be introduced in larger practices within Argyll and Bute over the next three years. A remote and rural service is also in development for smaller practices.

The feedback so far has been good with patients recommending seeing the physiotherapist and saying they feel more motivated to do the exercises given and reach the targets set.



Winter sunshine made shooting tricky.

Winter league shoot in the Tarbert sunshine

Tarbert Gun Club held its December competition of the winter league series on Sunday December 1.

White frost and low winter sun added to the difficulty of seeing the targets for the 11 teams comprising a total of 59 shooters – or at least that was the excuse used by some for missing a target.

Roy Laird is the man in form, winning last month's shoot and just a second barrel cost him another win this month. Roy himself claims it is Specsavers that are making the difference.

It is early days yet in the team event, but Ronald Jenkins's lot are

building up a clear lead. They must have been at Specsavers too. Father and son John and Ian Winnard are both on good form; Ian tying with John Weir for High Gun and John winning his class.

Results:

Class A: 1= John Weir and Ian Winnard; 3 Ronald Jenkins. Class B: 1 Bob McColl; 2 Steven Sloan; 3 Jack Campbell. Class C: 1 Roy Laird; 2= Michael Harvey and Craig Samborek. Class D: 1 John Winnard; 2 Ian McVicar; 3 Shaun Johnson. Class E: 1 George Williamson; 2 Duncan McLean; 3 Arron Robertson

A good day for golf at Dunaverty

Dunaverty golfers were blessed with a dry, crisp sunny day with a gentle breeze in their quest to win the November medal and qualify for next season's Muneroy Cup.

Jim Williamson, one of the first players out, produced another good round by finishing with a net 62 ahead of John Marrison on 63 with John Dreghorn filling third place on

67 by virtue of a better inward half.

Best gross score of the day went to Keith Crawford who covered the course in 74 strokes. CSS was 65.

Result: 1 Jim Williamson, 80-18=62; 2 John Marrison 79-16=63; 3 John Dreghorn 75-8=67bih; 4 Bill Brannigan 79-12=67; 5 Donald Brown (Se) 86-18=68; 6 Neil Brodie 79-10=69.

Christmas lotto looking good

With weeks without a winner, the Dunaverty Golf Club lotto will be a Christmas cracker for someone who picks the winning numbers.

Winning numbers

The draw for Dunaverty's lotto took place on Sunday and the winning numbers were 2, 4 and 16 and

yet again there were no winners.

The roll-over means that the next draw for a jackpot of £900 will be on Sunday December 15.

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



Oban Saints players Lewis Cameron and Scott Maitland, front row left.

Saints boys in Scotland squad

Oban Saints players Lewis Cameron and Scott Maitland turned out for the Scottish Amateur International Select in a friendly match against Camelon Juniors at Falkirk Stadium

last Tuesday evening. In an entertaining game, the SAFA Select defeated the East of Scotland Premier Division side 2-1. Lewis set up both goals for the SAFA Select.

new SPOT THE SHINTY BALL

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THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £4050

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

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.

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

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.

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

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Friendly football gives children more game time

Winter league shoot in the Tarbert sunshine

Pupils feel the pinch as Glynhill score four

Glynhill Moorcroft 4
Campbeltown Pupils 1
SAFL Premier Division One

Campbeltown Pupils slumped to their first league defeat of the season after a below-par performance away to Glynhill Moorcroft.

Played in freezing temperatures at the Renfrew Sports Centre, the McFadyens-sponsored Pupils had started the brighter when Scott Souden knocked down a header into the path of Ryan Deans but his half volley was tipped over the bar by the Glynhill keeper.

Glynhill took the lead when their bustling number nine took advantage of some passive defending and slotted the ball past Pupils' keeper Alasdair Ferguson, who minutes earlier had made an excellent close-range save to temporarily keep the hosts at bay.

However, just before half-time the Pupils equalised, Deans battling for a high ball forward from defence, which dropped to John McCallum 15 yards out, and he guided a hooked right-footed effort which flew true and just inside the home keeper's left-hand post.



Alasdair Ferguson, seen here in action earlier this year, made some excellent saves on Saturday. 25_c16pupils01_Alasdair Ferguson



John McCallum scored the Pupils' only goal.

This St Andrew's Day match was played exactly six years since the McFadyens-sponsored Pupils took on local rivals Carradale in the Scottish Amateur Cup in front of a 600-strong crowd at Kintyre Park; the hardy corps of Pupils fans making the trip to Renfrew were in disbelief as they watched a headbutt and a bite on central defender Lee Allen by the Glynhill captain, after a grapple in the penalty area, go unpunished by referee Campbell.

Into the second half, there was then huge disappointment for the Pupils when the same Glynhill striker cut in

from the right to curl a shot past Ferguson, a fine finish for the home side, but one that committed the Pupils to going forward in search of goals.

Deans again came close for the Feathers Inn-sponsored Pupils – after strong aerial play from substitute Craig Lamont in the box – guiding a half-volley just inches over the crossbar.

The Pupils also had a strong penalty claim denied when Scott Souden was barged over in the box when driving past an opponent, but the match referee was unimpressed by the visitors' penalty appeals.

Glynhill then delivered the match's coup de grâce when they counter-attacked from a Pupils free kick in their own half, and advanced on the visitors' goal, where a cross from the left found an unmarked Glynhill winger waiting to nod a header home and make it 3-1.

Pushing again for goals, and ultimately without reward, the Pupils were left licking their wounds when a high ball wasn't cleared properly and the Glynhill number nine scored his hat-trick goal with a carefully guided lob, to put a rather harsh slant on the final scoreline.

After a chastening afternoon, the Pupils will look to recapture their strong early-season form tomorrow (Saturday) when they take on Dunoon Amateurs in league action at Kintyre Park, kick off 2pm.

For more information, visit Campbeltown Football on Facebook or @PupilsAFC on Twitter.



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