

season's greetings

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Newly crowned bar of the year to represent Scotland

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Staff at the Ardshiel Hotel celebrated with a dram or two after winning the Hotel Bar of the Year award at the prestigious Whisky Magazine Icons of Whisky Scotland Awards.

And they had even more reason to celebrate than usual as last Friday's win means they will now represent Scotland at the Whisky Magazine Awards in London in March.

Flora Grant, who co-owns the hotel with Marion MacKinnon, said: 'This is massive for us. We've won lots of awards in the almost 13 years that we've been here but never one from Whisky Magazine.'

'We were up against the biggest and the best in the business - this was probably our most unexpected award so far. We're absolutely ecstatic, really over the moon.'

The Icons of Whisky Scotland Awards recognise the nation's top people, bars, producers and retailers

of whisky. According to organisers, those who take the coveted top spots have been chosen for showing 'particular dedication and drive, taking not just their companies, but the industry, too, to another level'.

In the years since Flora and Marion bought to hotel, it has been named Wee Dram Whisky Bar of the Year 2010, Scottish Field Whisky Bar of the Year 2013, Scottish Field Whisky Bar of the Year 2014, Wee Dram Bar and Pub Awards finalist in 2015, and earlier this year, in August, Scottish Bar and Pub Awards Whisky Bar of the Year.

Flora said: 'Every award we have won is huge but the latest is very significant as we will now represent Campbeltown and the rest of Scotland to the world.'

Despite their success, which Flora says is down to hard work from all the staff, they insist their awards always come as a surprise.

Marion said: 'We certainly didn't expect to win another by the end of the year but it



From left: Flora Grant, Julie Ferguson, Marion MacKinnon and Amanda Grant celebrating back home at the Ardshiel Hotel. 50_c50ardshiel01

shows that our success is not just a flash in the pan.'

The Ardshiel team only learned that they were in with a chance of winning the Icons of Whisky Award a couple

of weeks ago and almost didn't make it to the awards ceremony at the Balmoral Hotel in Edinburgh as they are very busy in the run-up to Christmas.

Thankfully Flora and Marion were able to attend the formal lunch celebration, but say they hope to have a celebration for all the staff once the seasonal rush is over

at the hotel. The hotel's bar, which has almost 800 bottles of whisky on display, with about 2,000 bottles in the building, has become something of a tourist attraction in itself, bringing visitors to Campbeltown from across the world.

'We've got some of the oldest and rarest whiskies in the world,' said Flora. 'There were about 100 when we arrived and we've spent a lot of time and money on building up the bar. We are constantly learning and investing in it, and are very proud of it.'

Amanda Grant, the hotel's office manager, and Julie Ferguson, front of house team member, added: 'We want to say how proud we are of everyone who works here, including Flora and Marion.'

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POLICE FILES

■ A 78-year-old woman was arrested for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol after she was stopped on Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, at about 12.45am on Thursday December 5. She subsequently provided a blood sample for analysis.

■ A car parked at New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, at about 1.45pm on Friday December 6 was found to have no insurance in force. The owner, a 60-year-old woman, was traced and charged with the offence and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ At about 7.35pm on Saturday December 7, in Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, a 26-year-old man allegedly behaved in an abusive manner and breached bail conditions imposed by the

court. Police arrested and charged the man and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ A 32-year-old man was arrested shortly after 10.30pm on Tuesday December 3 for allegedly driving near Bridgend, Islay, while under the influence of alcohol. He was charged and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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

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CS Wind clarification

Following last week's news that CS Wind UK has axed 28 employees the Courier would like to clarify that the Machrihanish-based factory

is the only manufacturer of towers for wind turbines in the UK, not the only manufacturer of wind turbines.

Asthma to blame says breath-test fail man

Asthma was the reason given by a man for his failure to give two roadside breath tests, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard on Tuesday.

David Donnell, 38, of 10 Park Place, Newton Hill, Stonehaven, was working in Campbeltown for a transport company when the offence happened on July 20 this year.

Donnell denied that he had failed to cooperate with officers in the execution of their duty by taking part in a breath test when required by a uniformed officer who reasonably suspected he had been driving having consumed alcohol.

During the trial, a constable told Sheriff Patrick Hughes that in the first test Donnell took a deep breath before blowing so hard and quickly it failed to register

and in the second he took short, shallow breaths and sucked. The officer also said that, when questioned, Donnell gave his first name, admitted he had been driving but to every other ques-

'We had to class him high risk in custody for his own safety'

tion answered 'no comment'.

Two police officers on duty were acting on information received from a member of the public when they approached a Mercedes lorry parked outside the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown; the engine was running and the lights were on, brake lights showing and Donnell was in the driver's seat.

When asked to get out of the cab, the officers said he 'stumbled out' of the van; 'we had to prop him up,' the other added in their evidence. Both officers said Donnell smelled strongly of alcohol and his speech was slurred.

They both said Donnell continued to reply 'no comment' when taken to the town's police station and his 'obstructive and obtuse' behaviour led to a decision not to test him on the breath test equipment there.

'Because he would not answer any questions we had to class him as high risk while in custody, for his own safety,' said one of the officers.

It was during his time in the cells that Donnell told the officers he was asthmatic and needed to use his inhalers; they collected some

from Campbeltown Hospital for him.

Giving evidence, Donnell said: 'I gave them the information required.'

The fiscal told Sheriff Hughes: 'His conduct towards the police, his conduct from the start was obstructive. This was someone not cooperating.'

Donnell's defence agent pointed out that initially Donnell had been charged with the wrong offence. 'Procedures police followed should cast doubt on their evidence,' he said, adding, 'a recognised procedure was not performed.'

Sheriff Hughes did not agree with this and found Donnell guilty, noted his uncooperative attitude and fined him £400 and added four points to his driving licence.

Sheriff gives two women chance to prove themselves

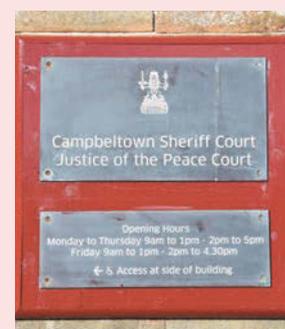
Sheriff Patrick Hughes has given two Campbeltown women the chance to prove they can behave.

Former partners Vicky Gamble and Gina McKee appeared before him this week after an incident at McKee's home at 2 Castlehill Court, Campbeltown, on October 5 this year.

McKee, 42, denied behaving in a threatening or abusive manner, shouting, screaming, swearing and struggling with police officers in the execution of their duties, but was found guilty after her trial on Tuesday.

Gamble had previously pleaded guilty to the offence plus five others relating to an incident at the address on September 18 when she uttered threats to self-harm, had a knife, plus three instances of assaulting police officers in the execution of their duty twice by attempting to kick and once by spitting.

Sheriff Hughes said that as a first-time offender McKee would be given three



months to show she could be of good behaviour and her case would call again on March 5 next year.

Gamble, 25, of Flat 1-2, Close 2, Mafeking Place, Campbeltown, was placed on a community payback order for two years and must cooperate with social workers on her rehabilitation; continue working with The Shine Women's Mentoring Project; and was also placed under a restriction of liberty order for six months. Her progress will be reviewed on March 5.

At McKee's trial on Tuesday, the court heard two police officers on patrol received a call to attend at

McKee's home on October 5. There they found Gamble, who had attempted to self-harm, and had hurt her hand, and her then-partner McKee was attempting to care for and calm her.

One officer described the pair as 'hysterical', with Gamble becoming more agitated on seeing him, a male officer, and the situation 'exploded very quickly' to the point where Gamble was arrested.

McKee then grabbed hold of her partner and tried to pull her free from the police, shouting at them, leading to her own subsequent arrest.

'I suggest she was saying to you that she needs help,' said McKee's defence agent, Derek Buchanan, 'she was trying to calm her [Gamble] down.'

McKee did not give evidence and, speaking on her behalf, Mr Buchanan said that seeing police arrest Gamble exacerbated matters for McKee and she reacted by telling the police 'in her own vernacular' to take their hands off her.



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	Morning	Safe Walking Times		Afternoon	Safe Walking Times	
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Mon, 2 Dec 2019	08:37	05:37	11:07			
Tue, 3 Dec 2019	09:29	06:29	11:59			
Wed, 4 Dec 2019	10:29	07:29	12:59			
Thu, 5 Dec 2019	11:42	08:42	14:12			
Fri, 6 Dec 2019				12:56	09:56	15:26
Sat, 7 Dec 2019				13:57	10:57	16:27
Sun, 8 Dec 2019				14:46	11:46	17:16
Mon, 9 Dec 2019				15:26	12:26	17:56
Tue, 10 Dec 2019				16:02	13:02	18:32
Wed, 11 Dec 2019				16:37	13:37	19:07
Thu, 12 Dec 2019				17:12	14:12	19:42
Fri, 13 Dec 2019				17:50	14:50	20:20
Sat, 14 Dec 2019						
Sun, 15 Dec 2019						
Mon, 16 Dec 2019	07:48	04:48	10:18			
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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
Sun, 22 Dec 2019				14:05	11:05	16:35
Mon, 23 Dec 2019				15:02	12:02	17:32
Tue, 24 Dec 2019				15:53	12:53	18:23
Wed, 25 Dec 2019				16:39	13:39	19:09
Thu, 26 Dec 2019				17:22	14:22	19:52
Fri, 27 Dec 2019						
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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Wee Toon workers 'invaluable' during Falkirk's gas outage

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Two Campbeltown engineers have been praised for their 'invaluable' support in restoring gas supplies to 8,000 homes following a large-scale outage in Falkirk.

Ronnie McKerral and Ryan Deans are both multi-skilled craftspeople for gas distribution company SGN, which means they are capable of carrying out boiler repairs and general maintenance alongside their roles as first call operatives (FCOs).

FCOs are emergency response workers who are the first people to be called upon during a crisis.

Ronnie and Ryan were informed on Sunday December 1 that they would be assisting thousands of other engineers from across the UK to help restore supplies in Falkirk, so they packed their bags and left on Monday morning.

This is the furthest the engineers, who normally work in and around



Ronnie McKerral, left, and Ryan Deans, right, assisted with the major gas outage. 50_c50gas01

Campbeltown, have been asked to travel, and the biggest operation that Campbeltown engineers have assisted with in at least 20 years, according to their bosses.

Ronnie and Ryan explained that most SGN engineers tend to focus on one role but, being based

in a remote location, they are skilled in several areas. It was this versatility which led a senior manager to describe their assistance as 'invaluable', as they were some of the only engineers capable of repairing boilers once the network was restored.

Speaking to the Courier after they returned to Campbeltown last Friday, the men said that during three and a half days' work in Falkirk, they visited 230 houses.

Ronnie, 31, who has worked for SGN for 10-and-a-half years, described the experience as 'quite an eye-opener', saying: 'There were maps up on the walls, managers everywhere - it was like something from a Second World War film. Hats off to the managers, who organised everything as it was a major incident.'

'We lost power here for six days in 2013 so we know what it's like for them, and how people would be feeling, so we got there as quickly as we could.'

'People in Falkirk couldn't have been nicer; everyone was very understanding. The staff at Camelon Community Centre, which served as our base, spent a lot of hours volunteering and were really nice and helpful.'

Ryan, 22, who has worked for

SGN for two years, was supposed to be receiving training at the time but was pulled out to help.

Both men agreed that the incident gave them good on-the-job experience and they would help in a similar situation 'in a heartbeat'.

Campbeltown has three FCOs, so the town was left in safe hands should a situation have arisen while the pair were away.

It is believed that a fault in a piece of equipment that regulates pressure in the gas network was to blame for the issues.

In a statement, SGN said: 'Over recent days, our engineers have been working tirelessly to restore gas to more than 8,000 homes across Falkirk.'

'We've been joined by engineers from across the UK, which has enabled us to reconnect supplies more quickly than we first anticipated.'

'We know it's been a challenging few days without your gas supply, but we've been overwhelmed by the sense of community spirit.'



Rhoda Grant MSP is campaigning for defibrillators in all schools.

MSP asks council to fit schools with defibrillators

An MSP is contacting Argyll and Bute Council to ask if it will fit defibrillators in all its secondary schools in an effort to save more lives.

Highlands and Islands Labour MSP Rhoda Grant is continuing her campaign to encourage people to undertake emergency life-saving training (ELS) and to have defibrillators displayed in local communities.

Mrs Grant said: 'There does not appear to be a nationwide consensus on installing defibrillators in all schools and it would still be for a council or individual school to decide.'

'Some local authorities in

Scotland have already committed to fitting defibrillators in their secondary schools and I am therefore contacting councils in our region in a bid to encourage them to follow suit.

'I've read that in a recent survey three quarters of people said they wouldn't be confident to act if they saw someone having a cardiac arrest.'

'So, more training and greater awareness can change that and save more lives.'

'I understand pupils are eager to take up the ELS training and I would like to further encourage this by

having defibrillators on site at schools in our region.'

Mrs Grant added: 'When it was announced in April this year that each of Scotland's 32 local authorities had pledged to ensure every secondary pupil will now leave school having been trained in life-saving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), I was absolutely delighted as this will undoubtedly save lives.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson told the Courier that all of the authority's secondary schools provide CPR training to pupils but there are currently no plans to fit defibrillators.

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Social enterprise in Clachan secures UnLtd support

The Clachan-based West Kintyre Promotions (WKP) has received an award from UnLtd, the UK's foundation for social entrepreneurs.

The award's funding and tailored business support will significantly help WKP to widen the positive social impact for the West Kintyre and broader Kintyre community.

Following on from their work with Clachan Village Hall Development Fund, the team at WKP wanted to broaden their scope and bring bigger and better events to Kintyre while keeping ticket prices down.

They are also keen to work with local groups to bring events into the smaller villages throughout Kintyre.

A spokesperson for the group said: 'Through bringing

people together to enjoy social events, we believe we can have a positive social and wellbeing impact on the area.

'Already secured are performances from the brilliant Eddi Reader and The McDougalls in Tarbert in 2020 as well as a fantastic magic and illusion

'Social entrepreneurs are true alchemists... making innovative gold'

show by Scotland's premier magician, Billy Reid.

'We have also tied up artists for a special show in Tarbert Village Hall in September as part of Tarbert Music Festival.

'As part of our inclusion and bringing people together remit, the brilliant McDougalls

will perform their special Go Global show in Whitehouse Hall on January 24, which is open and free to school groups. So if you want your school to enjoy a winter warmer show, then get in touch!

Nas Morley, UnLtd's director of Partnerships and Influence, underlined the importance of the expertise and support on offer and said: 'I'm constantly amazed by the ideas social entrepreneurs have, especially as we welcome our latest cohort of award-winners.

'Social entrepreneurs are true alchemists, taking society's urgent problems and their lived experience and making innovative gold to share with their communities and beyond.

'This cohort represents that perfectly, and their unique

alchemy is increasingly necessary in these trying and unpredictable times.

'To help our award-winners create long-term success and impact, we give them the tailored expertise, funding and support networks they need.

'While I can't predict the future, I can confidently say it will be a brighter one with the contribution these award-winners make to the lives of many and the society we live in.'

Lesley from WKP said: 'We are grateful to UnLtd for their support.

'We believe passionately in what we are doing and the whole package of support, not just financial, on offer from UnLtd is first class.

'We are excited to be working with them on our journey.'



Willie and Jay are seen here during a break in the evening's proceedings.

Campbeltown pipers get everywhere!

Two pipers with Campbeltown connections met up at Dumfries Piping Club's final meeting of the season, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Willie McCallum, the award-winning and world-renowned Campbeltown piper, was the guest of honour and

he met one of the club's younger but most enthusiastic members, Jay McConnachie.

Jay is the great-grandson of Nancy and the late Gordon McPherson, Lorne Campbell Court, and the late John and Helen McConnachie, Longrow.



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Cinema receives commendation at Screen International awards

Campbeltown Picture House (CPH) is celebrating after receiving a Highly Commended honour at an awards ceremony attended by Dame Judi Dench, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

CPH just missed out on being named Cinema of the Year in the 24 screens or under category at this year's Screen Awards, at which Dame Judi picked up an outstanding achievement award.

Excellence

The annual awards ceremony, now in its 10th year, is organised by Screen International to celebrate excellence in UK film distribution, exhibition and marketing. This year it was held in London on November 28 and was hosted by Sally Phillips.

CPH was up against Keswick Alhambra Cinema, The Castle Cinema in Hackney, The Hippodrome Cinema in Bo'ness, Parkway Cinema Beverley, Queen's Film Theatre in Belfast, London's Prince Charles Cinema and the Rio Cinema in Hackney, with



CPH manager Ellen Mainwood. 25_c50ellenmainwood01

the latter being crowned the overall winner. The judging panel was made up of industry professionals in film production and distribution. Some of their comments about CPH were: 'An astonishing project given the context and location', 'Innovative and groundbreaking while losing no sense of tradition', and 'It's a fantastic refurbishment and the impact of a project like

this on its locale cannot be overestimated'.

The cinema's manager Ellen Mainwood said: 'It was a great honour to have CPH recognised at the Screen Awards, especially with such strong competition in our category.

'All of the cinemas were more than worthy so we're delighted that the judges picked us for a special mention.'

Last chance to have your say on council budget...

You have until Monday at noon to have your say on what you would like to see in the Argyll and Bute Council budget for the next financial year.

Once responses have been collected and further debate has taken place among councillors, the budget is due to be finalised at a meeting of the full council on Thursday February 27.

But the final decisions depend on the allocation of Scottish Government funding, which might be delayed by the result of yesterday's (Thursday) General Election.

Councillor David Kinniburgh has encouraged resi-



Councillor John Armour has encouraged people to take part in the consultation. KC_c50johnarmour01

services which are priorities for them, and this has been vital in shaping the way the council delivers the many services it provides.

'While some of the services provided are statutory, the need to make savings increases on the non-statutory services and, as with other years, this year's consultation document provides you with the opportunity to give your opinion on some of the savings being considered.

'This year's consultation

only has a few days to run so if you wish to submit your views you can do so until Monday December 16.'

At Tuesday's Campbeltown Community Council meeting, Councillor John Armour also urged people to make their voices heard by completing the survey which can be found on the council's website as well in some council offices including the Burnet Building.

Further debate among councillors on the budget is expected at the policy and resources committee's meeting on Tuesday December 17, delayed by five days because of the election.

... and also health and social care provision

People across Argyll and Bute are also being invited to have their say on updating the document that outlines how health and social care functions and services are provided locally.

In 2016, Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland brought all health and social care services together to form the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

The main purpose of integrating these services was to improve the wellbeing of people who use them, particularly those whose needs are complex and involve support from health and social care at the same time.

A Scheme of Integration was subsequently agreed in 2016 which provides information about which health and social care functions and services will be delivered by the HSCP. By law, this must be reviewed every five years and submitted to the Scottish Government for approval.

The current scheme has recently been updated by the council and NHS Highland

and it is important that the public and stakeholders are also consulted to seek their views on any proposed changes and to consider all views expressed.

The consultation will run for six weeks until January 17. A copy of the revised scheme, together with a summary of the proposed changes, can be viewed at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/consultations/integration-scheme-review

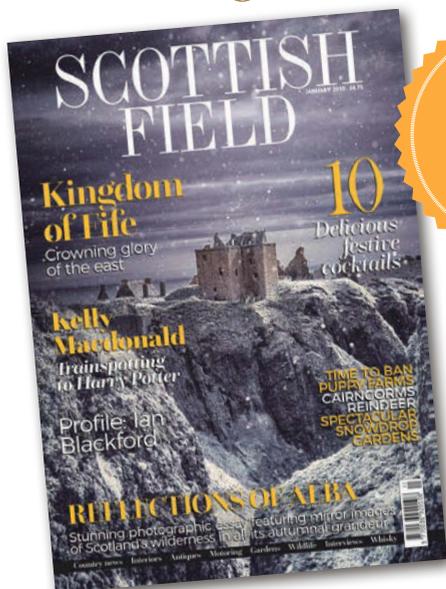
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People with any questions or comments can email them to integrationschemereview@argyll-bute.gov.uk by Friday January 17.

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Scottish Field are offering one lucky reader the opportunity to win a Just You & Nick half day cooking experience for you and a companion, worth £795. You could have Nick Nairn and his award-winning Cook School in Port of Menteith, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2020, all to yourselves for half a day.

The prize begins with a telephone consultation with Nick. Based on your personal consultation, Nick will create your own bespoke menu featuring what you'd like to eat, cook, learn and drink on a day of your choosing.

Nick's TV career spans four decades and includes Ready, Steady Cook, Saturday Kitchen, The Great British Menu, Landward and Paul & Nick's Big Food Trip - so whether you're a serial toast burner or know your way around a kitchen, you will enjoy an utterly fabulous, totally entertaining, never-to-be-forgotten cooking experience, created by Nick Nairn, just for you.

If you'd like a chance to win this amazing prize, answer the following question.
Which anniversary is the Nick Nairn Cook School celebrating in 2020?

The prize is for one person and a partner of their choice to attend a Just You & Nick half day cooking experience at the Nick Nairn Cook School, in Port of Menteith, near Stirling. The prize is to be taken before 31st December 2020 and does not include transport. The date and time of the prize is to be agreed beforehand. There is no cash alternative.

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Success stories

It is nice to be able to share several success stories this week, bringing a bit of cheer after so many weeks of doom and gloom.

While it must still be a worrying time for those who have lost their employment and those whose jobs still hang in the balance, the triumphs of the Ardshiel Hotel and Campbeltown Picture House, as well as the hard work of SGN employees Ronnie McKerral and Ryan Deans, will hopefully lift the spirits of every reader.

Kintyre's young people continue to flourish too, as evidenced by the unbelievable haul of silverware collected by James McCorkindale's Highland dancers at competitions across the world this year. The dedicated young dancers – and their teachers and parents – really do deserve a break!

Competitions here in Kintyre have revealed several champion athletes too, with several personal bests being smashed at the junior swimming championships.

The festive features which have graced the Courier's pages in the last couple of weeks – and will no doubt continue to in the run-up to December 25 – will hopefully also help to get everyone into the Christmas spirit.

Autism Strategy Group

I was extremely disappointed that at the council meeting on November 28 the Policy Lead for Health and Social Care, Councillor Kieron Green, omitted yet again to mention the reinstatement of the Autism Strategy Group or make any reference to autism.

In fact he, when I questioned him on where he might be implementing policies relating to autism, replied that he had made no progress as he had been busy with finance.

I am cautiously optimistic, that the chief officer of the Health and Social Care Partnership has made a commitment that the Autism Strategy Group will meet mid-January and no later than the end of January, and that after a lapse of a year some progress might be made.

I believe there has been serious neglect of children and adults with autism in Argyll and Bute by the Conservative, LibDem and independent administration of Argyll and Bute Council and I will continue to endeavour to have the issues addressed without further delay.

**Councillor Anne Horn,
Kintyre and the Islands.**

Looking for information on the 8th Argylls

I'm currently researching the history of the 1st/8th (Argyllshire) Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders from August 1914 until their return to Argyll in 1919.

Although a Stirling man, my grandfather L/Cpl John McRobbie served in the 8th from

mid-1915 until March 1919, and this was the reason that I initially became interested in the battalion.

However as I have researched it has become apparent that this particular battalion has a very rich history and a story which needs telling.

I have the bones of the story written from official histories and war diaries; what I'm lacking is the personal stories, diaries, letters, photographs and so on.

I'm very aware that Kintyre lost more than its fair share of its young men serving in the 8th Argylls and I'm hoping that there will still be families who have treasured possessions from the war, either from those who died or from those who came home, that they would be willing to share with me. I will, of course, acknowledge the source.

My email address for anyone wanting to discuss this with me is iain.mcrobbe@talktalk.net

**Iain McRobbie,
Dunblane.**

General Election and what could lie ahead

In his letter published on December 6, Tony Williams urged voters to avoid another Conservative government by voting for Scottish parties, all of whom support independence.

What he fails to mention is this tactic, if successful, would usher in a Corbyn-led government. Much of Corbyn's support comes

from the Millennials, a generation that has no experience of life under governments led by Wilson and Callaghan.

This was an era when unemployment went from 600,000 to 1.5 million, inflation reached 20 per cent while miners' strikes of 1969, 1972 and 1974 resulted in the three-day week for factories and scheduled power cuts for the whole country, at a time when almost all our power stations were coal-fueled.

Then the 1978-79 Winter of Discontent when public sector trade unions called for wide-spread strikes that brought the country to its knees.

All of that would still be a walk in the park compared to what lies ahead if Corbyn gets to govern, and I imagine Mr Williams will have to modify his self-styled sobriquet to Excessively Grumpy Old Man after a very short time under Corbyn.

Mr Williams refers to the 'subsidy myth' of the Barnett formula. Barnett himself admitted it had all been a mistake and never should have been introduced, but I must correct Mr Williams in his assertion the money comes from the Treasury rather than from England.

The Treasury is funded by tax-payers and currently there are 1.34 million paying income tax in Wales, 2.56 million in Scotland and 31 million in England, so I fail to see any justification in Mr Williams' claim that Scotland pays more than its fair share, while Margaret Horrell is basically correct, in that the vast majority of Barnett formula is funded by English tax-payers.

**Brian Gee,
Lefkara, Carradale East.**

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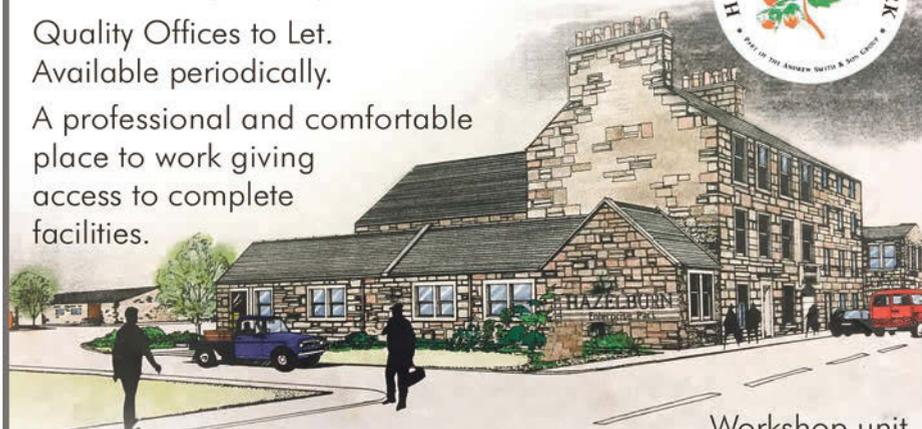
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Fuel poverty in Argyll and Bute

Current estimates of fuel poverty which are based on Home Analytics data shows a very worrying and unacceptably high percentage of households in Argyll and Bute that have a likelihood fuel of poverty.

With the Scottish average of likelihood of households in fuel poverty being at 27 per cent, the numbers for Argyll and Bute sadly dwarf the national average. Argyll and Bute overall comes in at 43 per cent, Jura is at 46 per cent, Islay is at 54 per cent, Kintyre at 63 per cent and, most shockingly of all, the Isle of Gigha stands at 79 per cent.

This once again shows the vast rural urban divide in Scotland with the urban belt-obsessed Scottish Government being slow and uninterested in the vast challenges facing our rural and island communities.

My ward simply should not have percentages of fuel poverty that are in some areas nearly three times the Scottish average.

The Kintyre and Islands ward is a huge success story with large-scale economic and industrial growth particularly from our distillery industry.

This is yet another example of the tax and spend imbalance with hundreds upon hundreds of millions pounds in tax revenue coming from my ward yet so many of my constituents are at risk of fuel poverty.

This rural urban imbalance must end.

**Councillor Alastair Redman,
Kintyre and Islands.**

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Catherine Cochrane submitted this week's Photograph of the Week which was taken on a recent trip to Campbeltown and shows Davaar Island 'looking fabulous' after a heavy rain shower.

Catherine said: 'I spent another wonderful week in and around Campbeltown. Even when the weather

is not great there are always some super walks in the area with amazing scenery for everyone to enjoy.'

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

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday December 11, 2009

Settling in just fine at new nursery

Councillor Donald Kelly visited Campbeltown Nursery's new modular building this week to see how the children and staff were settling in.

Finished in October, the building now houses the Toy Library, Meadows Under Fives and Campbeltown Nursery.

The new fit-for-purpose building has been developed with the children in mind, with children's toilets and hand basins at their height as well as the kitchen to allow the children to get hands-on experience starting from a young age.

Viv Dudley of Campbeltown Nursery told the Courier: 'We are really pleased and it is nice to have all the groups back together again in the same building. We now have all the facilities we need.'

Councillor Kelly campaigned to get the old building replaced and said: 'This is the satisfying part of a councillor's job when you see a project like this being delivered.'

'The staff and children now have a nursery which is fit for purpose and will meet the needs of 21st century education.'



Councillor Kelly with the children in the new modular building.

leap forward, despite fears from an established seafood firm that the go-ahead would affect their chances of finding employees.

Argyll and Bute District Council planning committee has recommended that the plans for the Argyll and the Islands Enterprise backed project be approved by a meeting of the full council – to be held on January 18.

The project would see a long-established family fish processing business from Dumbarton moving to the town. Dalriada Salmon plan to employ four family members to begin with and it is forecast that the workforce would increase to around 12 within 18 months.

Mull of Kintyre Seafoods made representations to the council after learning of AIE's plans to help finance the small smoked salmon business venture in Campbeltown's Snipefield Industrial Estate.

Concern was expressed over AIE's support for the venture into fish processing – not over

fears of free competition but a 'lack of vision' due to a decline in the industry.

The company also highlighted certain problems attracting workers into the fishing industry in the current depressed climate, claiming a further fish processing unit would have an 'adverse effect' on employee numbers.

However, these concerns were thrown out by planners as they were 'not valid planning considerations'.

The production manager at Mull of Kintyre Seafoods, Mr Laurence Callaghan said: 'While bringing employment into the town is a good thing, it might have been better done in a different way.'

'It's not a question of direct competition, but we will be competing for labour.'

Argyll and the Islands Enterprise is supplying a grant of £20,000 and a loan of £15,000 towards the £55,000 project cost.

A spokesperson for AIE said: 'They would not be in competition and the new firm would be expecting to export.'

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday December 11, 1969

Council say it – 'Binder is going'

Campbeltown Town Council confirmed it at the monthly meeting on Monday night – Binder Engineering Company Ltd is leaving Campbeltown.

A spokesman for the company said on Wednesday that the shifting operation would likely be completed by the end of February next year. The 18 employees at the company's Kinloch Road factory are to be 'paid off gradually'.

The closure decision had come to the council, as Councillor Alastair McKinlay put it, as 'an awful shock'.

Provost Daniel McKinven said that Binder had put forward 'some sort of excuse' about the cost of transporting goods to and from Campbeltown in support of the decision to close. Provost McKinven said that the company had complained of 'losing labour to other industries in the town.' He said that in the latter case the only way a firm could prevent that was by providing its workers with 'good conditions and good pay'. Provost McKinven remarked that if Binder had planned the expansion of its Campbeltown factory as well as it had apparently planned its withdrawal, then he would have 'some thought for them'.

Councillor William Stevenson said: 'It seems a terrible thing that machinery installed in a place such as that can't be held in it, when it has been provided by the Highland and Islands Development Board.'

Councillor N S MacCallum mentioned the town's 'hard core of unemployed' and said that ninety-nine per cent of those unemployed 'genuinely wanted to work'. Councillor MacCallum said that the future of Campbeltown looked 'dim'.

It was suggested in the council that a deputation from the council go with Mr John Rollo of HIDB to meet representatives of Bridport Gundry Ltd – Binder Engineering's parent company.

Our tragedy – the Highland town that grew up too quickly

Once again the horrible spectre of redundancy has visited Campbeltown. The abrupt decision of Binder Engineering Ltd to clear out of Campbeltown will throw about a score of people – most of them young – on to the 'buroo'.

Blame will be thrown about, and blame

repudiated. When all is said and done Binder Engineering will skip off scot-free to Bridport. But what lesson is there in it for us? If there is a lesson, is it a new lesson, or an old one dressed up in recent clothes?

To find the real causes of Campbeltown's appallingly bad post-war industrial record, we have to burrow into history. Campbeltown, at the end of the 19th century and during the early portion of the 20th century, was a highly prosperous burgh.

As a Highland outpost very closely affected by the industrial boom which the invention of the steamship brought to the Clyde, Campbeltown enjoyed a brief, ecstatic spell the best of two worlds.

There was here an industry quite particular to the Highlands – whisky distilling; and there was here an industry peculiar, then, to the industrial belt – shipbuilding. This town had also a fishing fleet of enormous size, built around a phenomenally prosperous herring industry. Add to those industries the coal mining activities at nearby Drumlemble and the picture which forms is one of a unique West Highland township profitably absorbing two influences poles apart in character.

We have inherited the decline of these industries. But just how severe that decline has been hasn't quite sunk into the heads of those generations that didn't witness the advent of it. There is still a tendency among Campbeltownians – and not all of them young – to survey the industrial landscape, and with a shrug of the shoulders testify: 'Well, we still have the fishing industry and there are still two distilleries. We now even have a shipyard...'

And our tragedy is not the tragedy of a dead industrial horse being flogged in vain by HIDB. Our tragedy is the tragedy of a West Highland town that tasted the sweet fruit of prosperity too early – at a time when other Highland townships were piecing their communities together after the disastrous Clearances, and beginning to learn the difficult lessons of Highland economics.

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday December 6, 1919

Alarming driving accident

Last Friday afternoon a driving accident of an alarming nature occurred in the burgh. A horse yoked to a dogcart belonging to Mr Stewart, Darlochan, was being driven to town by a lad named John Graham, whose home is at Drumore Cottages, when the animal took fright at the steam road roller, working at the head of Longrow, and bolted. In the machine along with the driver was a servant girl named Alice McCormick, employed at Kilmichael, who had been given a 'lift'. Although Graham held on gamely to the reins, the horse was quite beyond control and galloped down Longrow and into Main Street.

In turning towards the quay head, the machine was upset and both occupants thrown violently on the street. The horse only continued its career a short distance with the machine on its side before it was brought to a standstill. The lad and girl were taken to Dr Brown's consulting room where they were medically attended to. The girl was able to walk home but the lad was more seriously bruised and shaken, and at first it was feared that he was badly injured. He was taken home in the ambulance car and it is understood that, while he was hurt in a way that will keep him confined to bed for some time, no bones were broken and he luckily escaped results which might have been very serious indeed.

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A Lancashire lady is appealing for help from Campbeltown Courier readers and the Kintyre community so that she can revisit her former holiday home.

Shelly Allison arrived in the area for a two week break with her family in 1978 or 1979 and instantly fell in love with the scenic West Coast.

Taking up the story, Shelly said: 'I came to the Mull of Kintyre with my dad and two sisters and stayed in a cottage, three miles down a track in a valley.

'The cottage had a wood-burning stove for heat and I don't think it had any electricity. Outside was a big stream, and we had a lots of fun in it with our inflatable boat.

'I remember that further down the valley was a sheep shearing barn and we watched the guys doing the shearing.

'On the second week of the holiday, a family friend came with his daughters. We had driven to Scotland but they flew into Campbeltown airport. My dad had borrowed a white Land Rover from a friend, which was great for the terrain.

'We stopped at a local shop once and were asked if the car belonged to Paul McCartney.

'It was our best holiday ever and we all would love to track down the house again as no one can remember where it was exactly.

'Hopefully, someone will remember us being there. If anyone can help us find

the house again, it would be wonderful.'

Shelly now lives in Preston in Lancashire but has kept photographs of her precious family holiday.

'I know we went on a fishing trip one day,' she recalled, 'and I have another photo of us at a funfair.

'We originally took the ferry to Arran, but it was too rough to travel the rest of the way from Arran to Kintyre, so we ended up taking the ferry back from Arran and then driving the length of Kintyre.'

Anyone with any information relating to Shelly's holiday can contact us at editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or call Hannah O'Hanlon on 01586 554646 and we will pass any information on to her.



Do you recognise this Kintyre house that Shelly's family visited?



Shelly's family enjoyed getting in touch with nature during their visit to Kintyre.



A rented Land Rover helped the family navigate rural Kintyre's rough terrain.



The family fell in love with the scenic West Coast.

The trip included a visit to a barn where the family watched some sheep shearing.

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James McCorkindale's dancers

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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The members of the James McCorkindale School of Dancing gathered on Monday for a photograph with the plethora of shields and trophies they won this year.

Days before, on Saturday December 7, the Highland dancers put on two sold-out shows, titled Celtic Heritage, to celebrate the end of the 2019 season.

Southend's Dunaverty Hall was the venue for both performances, one at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea, and the other at 8pm, after which there was a licensed bar.

Among the dances which were performed on Saturday was Life in the Scottish Coal Mine, the dance which won the school second place in the group choreography event and \$750 at the United States Highland Dancing Championships in Las Vegas in July.

All 13 dancers who made the 'once in a lifetime' trip to



America were placed in the individual Highland competitions, taking home an impressive 16 gold medals and four overall section trophies.

Among the school's other highlights was Cowal Highland Gathering, where nine members took home trophies, making it the

school's most successful trip to Cowal ever.

At the August competition, Linzi Cameron won the Islay Trophy for first place in the

Argyll Championship, 12 and 15 years; Solana McMurchy won the DA Martin Memorial Cup for first place in the Argyll Championship, 12 and 15 years.

Performing Life in the Scottish Coal Mine on Saturday night.

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13 years; Taylor McMillan won the Gerald and Mary Simmons Memorial Trophy for first place in Intermediate, 13 years and under; Korri McMillan won the Isa and Duncan Lauder Memorial Trophy for first place in Novice, nine years and under; Emma Johnston won the Corrigal Black Trophy for first place in Beginners, eight years and under; Emma Millar won the Christina McGeachy Trophy for second place in Novice, 10 to 13 years; Ellie Gorman won the Achamore Shield for second place in Novice, nine years and under; Sophie Galbraith won the Bincow Cup for third place in the Argyll Championship, 11 years and under; and Lisa McKellar won the JoAnne McGeachy Trophy for fourth place in the Argyll Championship, 14 and 15 years.

There are currently about 60 dancers in the group, some of whom train as often as four times a week.

After their photograph on Monday evening, James presented each dancer with a selection box which they will hopefully enjoy during a well deserved break before they resume their training for the forthcoming season on January 6.

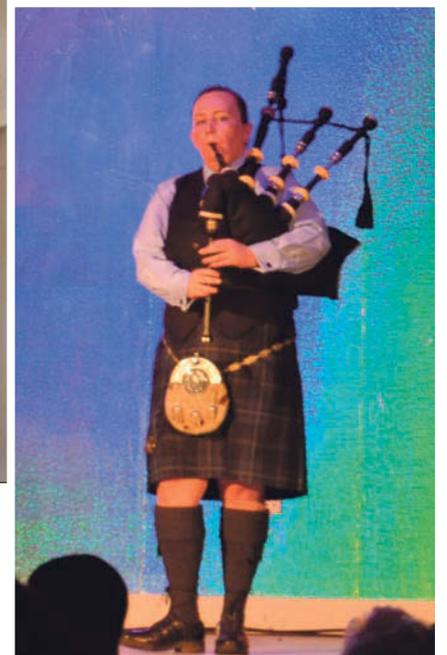
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Above, Olivia Veitch and Tiffany Norris who performed The Ocean of the Free at Saturday's shows 20_c50jmdance03 and, right, Beinn an Tuirc Kintyre Pipe Band's Pipe Major Julie Blue performed at the event, titled Celtic Heritage.

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Most of the members of James McCorkindale School of Dancing among a sea of silverware from the 2019 season. 50_c50jamesmccorkindale01



The young dancers put on a show for a packed audience. 20_c50jmdance02



Dunaverly Hall was packed for both sold-out shows. 20_c50jmdance05

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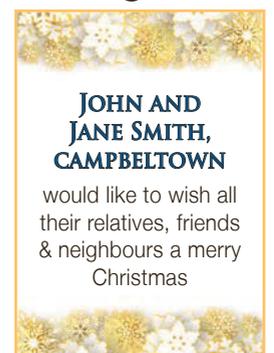
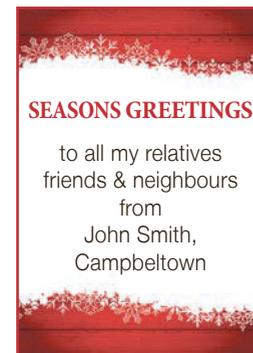
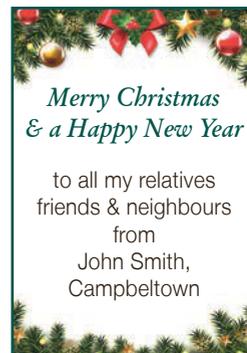
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Members of the U3A choir donned their new uniform for the first of their festive performances.

U3A dress to impress for concert

The U3A choir members put on a show at their Christmas meeting in the Argyll Arms Hotel, after which they enjoyed a lovely festive dinner. Members of the audience

were encouraged to join in with the choir and sing some well known carols. This was the first concert of four that the choir has in Campbeltown over the

Christmas period, and it was the first chance for members to wear their new uniforms, which they were able to purchase thanks to a grant from Tesco.

Festive fun at Clachan



From left, Tricia Weeks, Liz Ball, Jane Griffiths, Margaret Mundell, Joyce Andrews and Jane McCallum enjoying some festive fun.

Once again Clachan SWI members were invited to the stunning home of Jane Griffiths to enjoy their Christmas party.

A spokesperson said: 'Jane decorates the house

beautifully with branches suspended from the ceiling from which she hangs all sorts of Christmas goodies. She thinks up a number of different games which keep us guessing and laughing.'

'There was a wonderful variety of food that we had all brought to share and plenty of wine to go with it! 'Thank you, Jane, for a very special and happy night.'

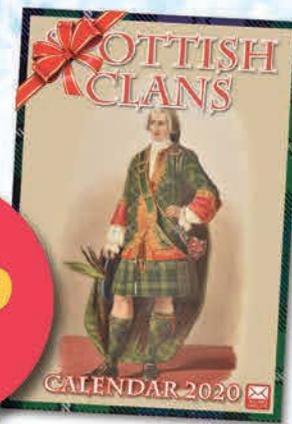
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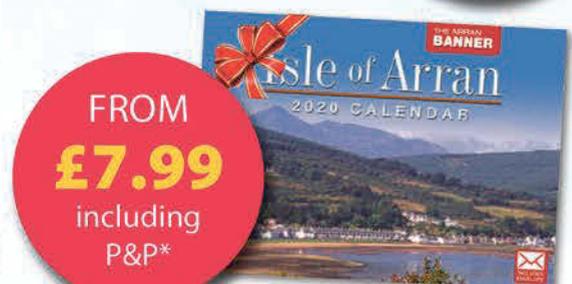


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SWI Christmas party



The ladies enjoyed a Christmas get-together in Jane Griffiths's beautifully decorated home, with lots of festive treats.

Campbeltown carol for today

Campbeltown Christian Writers' Circle recently invited members of the public to help pen a Campbeltown carol for today.

Held at Springbank Evangelical Church, the workshop was titled If Christ were born in Campbeltown, and was led by Ian McGregor.

The resulting carol, which is sung to the tune of Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, is as follows:

O guid Wee Toon around the Loch,

How quiet you are tonight.

And high above Beinn Ghuilean Hill,

Yon sky's ablaze wi light.

For shops are shut, and all is still,

As townsfolk sleep this night.

While o'er the streets of



Campbeltown,

A Star shines clear and bright.

For up the stairs, within a flat,

Lies in His mother's arms,

The Light of Life, who ever comes,
To every waiting heart.

So let us celebrate with joy,

In this Wee Toon of ours,

The Child whose birth



The group which created the carol for today, with Ian McGregor, seated, who led the workshop; and left, the writing team hard at work during the workshop.

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Beinn Ghuilean path closure extended to April

Trail restrictions on Campbeltown's highest mountain are to be extended further than was initially intended.

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) has advised this week that the restrictions around Beinn Ghuilean, which came into place in September and were due to be lifted by the end of the year, will now be in place from January to April.

The closures – to facilitate the felling of diseased trees affected by *Phytophthora ramorum* – will now include more of the forest road because trees will be felled to either side.

The heavy plant needed to fell and remove the trees will use the forest road both as their only way in and out of the site.

Tommy McGrory, FLS planning forester, said: 'Having made further assessments of the site and the work that we

need to do, we've taken the decision to extend the safety zone beyond the area that we had originally intended.

'We're still looking to get some preliminary tree felling and site preparation work out of the way in mid-December so there may be some restrictions in place but these will be lifted for the Christmas holidays.

Restrictions

'When we start back on January 6, access restrictions will apply from the Tomaig Road/Narrowfield entrance and there will be no through route and/or access along this route for the duration of the operations.

'Safety signage will be in place and, as we have already advised, all visitors should observe and obey the safety signage in the forest, even if there appears to be nothing happening on site.



'Although the work zone will be strictly a no go area, the rest of the forest will still be accessible.

'We apologise again for any inconvenience that this might cause.'

The impact of the disease can be devastating for larch

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Forestry and Land Scotland has advised this week that the restrictions around Beinn Ghuilean, which came into place in September and were due to be lifted by the end of the year, will now be in place from January to April.

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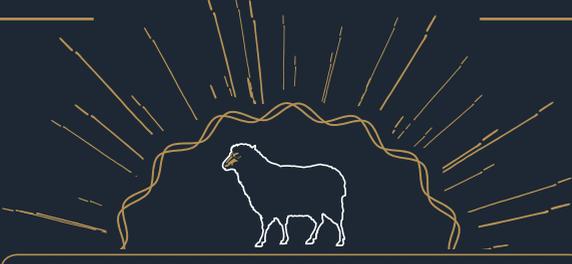


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Death knell gets louder for Skipness Primary



The closure of a primary school in Kintyre has moved a step closer, with councillors asked to give their approval to moving the process on.

Skipness Primary School has not had any pupils on its roll since the 2014/15 session, with its maximum projection for at least the next three years being only one.

It has been decided that closing the school, and widening the catchment area of Tarbert Primary School to include pupils in the Skipness catchment area, is the best course of action.

A report on the situation went before Argyll and Bute Council's community services committee on Tuesday (December 10) when members were asked to allow officers to work up a draft proposal to come back to the committee's next meeting, in March.

Should that proposal be

approved, it would trigger the formal consultation process under the Schools Consultation Scotland Act 2010.

The school was built in 1886 and is 12 miles away from Tarbert Primary, which pupils from the area have attended since Skipness was mothballed.

A council report said: 'Skipness Primary School has been mothballed for three years.

'The school roll was very low and not predicted to rise in the near future. This continues to be the situation.

'There is very little support for the reopening of the school. Whilst the building is closed, it continues to deteriorate.

'The community is very proactive and is planning a future for the building.

'Along with several other rural councils, Argyll and



Skipness Primary School

Bute is facing increasing challenges in recruiting staff. 'The majority of people

who attended the options appraisal meeting were not in favour of reopening Skipness

Primary as a school. They commented that there were not enough children to sup-

port re-opening the school. Additionally, with respect to low numbers in future school roll projections, the sustainability of the school did not support reopening of the school.

'Comments in relation to the closure of Skipness Primary School and attendance at Tarbert Primary School were positive.'

A covering report by Douglas Hendry, the council's executive director with responsibility for education, added: 'After consideration of the preliminary requirements, all identified reasonable alternatives and the reasons for why the future of the school is being considered, closing Skipness Primary School and redrawing its catchment area to the delineated catchment area of Tarbert Primary School is considered to be the most reasonable option.'

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David has experience in many sectors across industry and has particular expertise in the voluntary sector. 'I have been, and am currently, treasurer for several local charities, which helps immensely when talking to clients as you have seen what it's like from their point of view, which gives a much better understanding of the issues they face. The same issues are often transferable to other types of business.'

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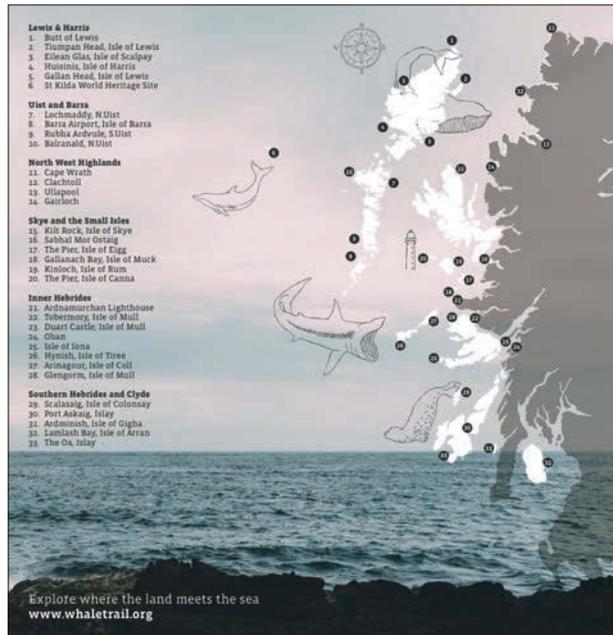
Conservation charity the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust is celebrating after its newly launched Hebridean Whale Trail was a finalist in a major award announced at a glittering event in London last week.

The spectacular trail, which includes Colonsay, Islay, Gigha and Arran, was a finalist in the New National Treasure (UK) category – alongside London's Alexandra Palace Theatre and eventual winners the National Maritime Museum – of the National Geographic Traveller Reader Awards 2019.

The Hebridean Whale Trail is the first of its kind in the UK.

It connects 33 top places across the Hebridean archipelago and Scotland's west coast that offer opportunities for land-based sightings of whales, dolphins and porpoises, or showcase the region's whale heritage.

'We're thrilled to have been a finalist for this prestigious award, and hope this success will further promote the Hebridean Whale Trail, which has really caught people's imagination since its launch in June,' said Alison Lomax, director of



Hebridean Whale Trail map. Photograph: HWD.T.

the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust.

'By promoting low-impact marine wildlife watching from land, the trail is championing the importance of protecting the Hebrides' wonderful and globally important marine wildlife. Collaboration was key in forging the trail, and its success is testament to the people and communities who have come together to create this exciting initiative.'

Scotland's west coast is dotted with stunning places to quietly watch out for whales, dolphins, porpoises – together known as cetaceans – and other wildlife, including basking sharks.

The trail links sites ranging from easily accessible attractions to remote and wild destinations, and features opportunities for visitors and residents to get involved in marine conservation. Its



Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust Director Alison Lomax looks out for whales. Photograph: Lucy Hunter

website www.whaletrail.org includes routes, transport options and site details.

While sightings can never be guaranteed, the Hebridean seas are exceptionally rich in wildlife.

More than a quarter of the world's whale and dolphin species have been recorded in the region, including many conservation priority species. The award comes as VisitScotland prepares for the

Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 – a year-long programme of events and activities spotlighting Scotland's coasts and waters.

David Adams McGilp, VisitScotland's regional director, said: 'Being a finalist for this accolade, just under six months since the experience was launched, is testament to this clever initiative by the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust and the

energy and enthusiasm that has gone into making it a success.

'People who have followed the trail and visited the region obviously love what they have experienced.'

The Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust is based on the Isle of Mull and has been taking action for the conservation of cetaceans off western Scotland for over two decades.

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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Coffee morning boost for cat rescue

It was all paws to the deck at Campbeltown Cat Rescue's annual coffee morning.

Last Saturday's fundraiser, which was held in Campbeltown Town Hall, featured the usual stalls, including baking, bottle, guess the number of sweets in the jar, and guess the weight of the cake, as well as an extensive raffle.

Donnie McLean of the cat rescue said that £1,136 was raised and expressed his thanks to all who contributed to the morning's success.



Margaret Jones and Jean Smith enjoying a coffee.
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Ayla Campbell with the jar of sweets. Can you guess how many there were?
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John McLean has manned the door of the event for the past 20 years.
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Mairi McLean ran the bottle stall.
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Sheena Robertson, who served up tea and coffee.
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Elspeth Fulton, Nancy Hope, Justine Adams and Val Hope behind the bottle and bric-a-brac stalls.
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Brian and Audrey Gee selling raffle tickets.
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Opera Highlights spring into Campbeltown

Opera Highlights is back on the road on February 4, with four singers and a pianist journeying to 17 venues, including Campbeltown's own Victoria Hall, the length and breadth of Scotland.

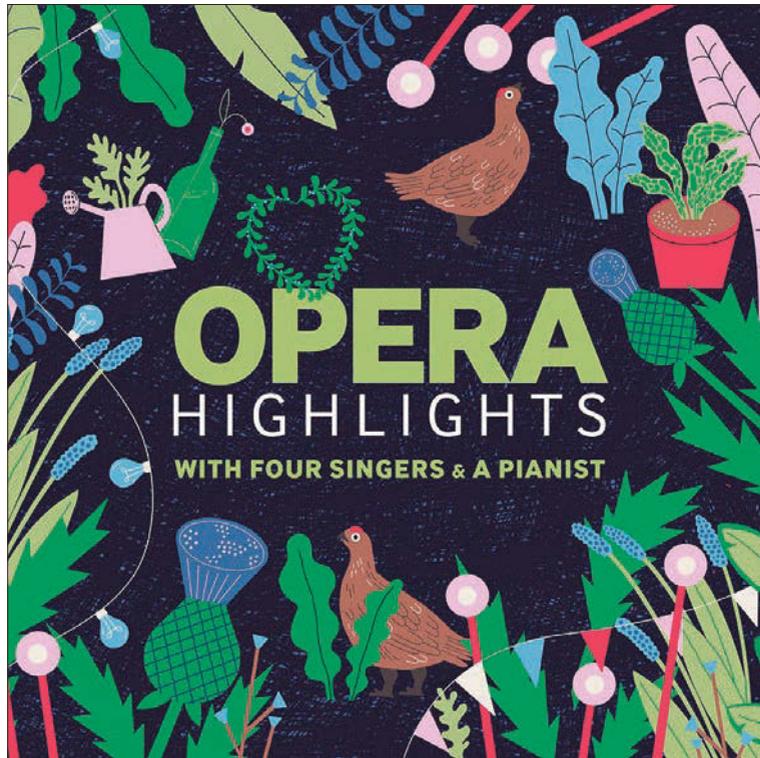
Following 17 performances in autumn, the same Opera Highlights but with a new cast is travelling the highways and byways, from Lerwick in the north to Castle Douglas in the south, by land, sea and air.

Set in a beautiful garden, director Roxana Haines's production features a playlist of operatic classics and must-hear rarities, curated by Scottish Opera's head of music Derek Clark. Highlights include Delibes' 'Flower Duet', Vaughan Williams' 'Blue larkspur in a garden' and many more from the likes of Mozart, Lehár and Scottish Opera composer in residence, Samuel Bordoli.

Scottish Opera 2019/20 emerging artist repetiteur Michael Papadopoulos is the pianist/music director, and is joined by soprano Zoe Drummond; mezzo-soprano Jade Moffat; tenor Andrew Irwin and baritone Arthur Bruce, The Robertson Trust Scottish Opera emerging artist this season.

Roxana Haines, who directed Scottish Opera's hit Edinburgh Festival Fringe show Fox-tot! this summer, said: 'After a successful autumn tour, I am pleased to revive this Opera Highlights show, where the cast cordially invite you to a party on your doorstep.

'This spring we have a brand new cast to guide you through our story, which takes place in luscious gardens and magical flora and fauna of opera. The stage has been set, decorations unpacked and the guests have all arrived



Opera Highlights is back on the road.

but, the problem is we're still not sure whose party this is...

'As the evening progresses, the connections between our characters unravel through music from the likes of Handel, Donizetti and Mozart, and lighter pieces from Gilbert and Sullivan and Vaughan Williams as well as a new work by Samuel Bordoli. Prepare for an evening of charm, magic and love in all its operatic forms in a show that highlights the joy and absurdity of opera.'

The tour will also visit Bowmore Hall on Islay (Thursday February 13) and the Three Villages Hall in Arrochar (Saturday February 15).

This Opera Highlights tour is supported by the Friends of Scottish Opera, JTH Charitable Trust and the Scottish Opera Endowment Trust. Tickets went on sale on December 11.

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Top lawyer raises the bar with debut novel

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the West Indies, an insurrection and love.

Released last month, *The Crown Agent* is the debut novel of Greenock-born lawyer Stephen O'Rourke and features Campbeltown as one of the main locations.

A large part of the plot involves the hero of the story journeying to Campbeltown from Greenock by means of a steam launch.

Mungo travels with Gabriel Birkmyre, the Collector of Customs at Greenock, and they arrive to visit Hector Mackay, the Inspector of Customs, whose offices are beside the harbour in Campbeltown.

Descriptions of the loch, the new distilleries springing up in the town after the Excise Act 1823, the herring industry and landing the fish show the Wee Toon as a very dynamic and exciting place at that time.

Mungo's investigations lead them to caves near the beach at Machrihanish and to an encounter with an Irish beachcomber who lives close by. Aside from the Campbeltown Customs House, Mungo visits the Black Sheep where he stays overnight, then continues his investigations the following day at fictional distillery Springburn (closely based on Springbank, of course).

'I enjoyed writing about Campbeltown and Machrihanish immensely because it is a part of Scotland I like very much,' said the author.

'I have visited Campbeltown many times over the years for work and leisure, and have enjoyed playing the local golf courses many times and occasionally fly fishing for brown trout in the area.'

'My father and brother are keen whisky experts (my

father, James, is a former customs officer who worked in Campbeltown many years ago) who rate Campbeltown's whisky very highly.'

'Writing this book was a really enjoyable way of celebrating so much that is great about the west coast which I hope readers will appreciate too.'

Originally from Greenock, Stephen grew up in Port Glasgow but now lives and works in Edinburgh where he is a QC (Queen's Counsel) at the Scottish Bar.

The Crown Agent is his first book, inspired after winning an online creative writing competition organised by a national newspaper. Married with one child, Stephen has previously written for the Scotsman, the Guardian, the Caledonian Mercury and has contributed to the Think Scotland website.

Stephen is donating a third



Stephen O'Rourke.

of his royalties to Tumbling Lassie, a charity set up by a group of Scottish lawyers to fight against modern slavery and help victims of human trafficking.



Front cover of *The Crown Agent*.

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Fundraiser boost for St Kieran's coffers



Hand-crafted cushions, on sale to help fund new pews, were one of the attractions at a St Kieran's RC Church coffee morning.

Last Saturday's fundraiser in St Kieran's Hall, which also featured a bottle stall, baking

stall, bric-a-brac stall and a raffle, made about £300.

Thank you

Father Tony Wood said: 'There was a lot on that morning so thank you very much to all who supported the event.'



Jen McGrory behind the bric-a-brac stall. Jen also sold hand-made cushions she makes in aid of pews for the church. 20_c50stkierans03



Mary Watson sold raffle tickets. 20_c50stkierans06



Bill Brannigan, who manned the bottle stall. 20_c50stkierans05



Linda Brannigan, Anne McWhirter and Betty McIntyre behind the baking stall. 20_c50stkierans04



Lucy Cunningham, Joan Claffey, Jen McGrory and Marina MacLellan enjoying a coffee. 20_c50stkierans02



Andy and Lauren Smith with their nieces Anna and Robyn Watson. 20_c50stkierans01

Mince Tarts

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Ingredients

- Low calorie cooking spray
- For the pastry:**
- 225g plain flour • pinch of salt
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- Cold water, for mixing

For the filling:

- 16 level tbsp mincemeat
- 1 level tbsp icing sugar for dusting



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190°C/170°C Fan/Gas Mark 5. Lightly spray some bun trays with low calorie cooking spray.
2. Make the pastry. Sift the flour and salt into a mixing bowl. Add the fat, cut up into little pieces. Gently rub it in with your fingertips. Add sufficient cold water to mix to a ball that leaves the sides of the bowl clean. Rest in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.
3. Roll out the pastry thinly on a lightly floured surface. Cut out 32 rounds with a 7½cm fluted cutter. Use to line the prepared bun tins.
4. Divide the mincemeat between the pastry cases. Roll out the remaining pastry trimmings and make some little stars with a small star cutter. Use to decorate the tops of the tarts.
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Kilkeddan cow is Winter Show's dairy champion

A Holstein from Kilkeddan Farm won Gavin Semple the overall champion prize at this year's Kintyre Agricultural Society Winter Show.

Last Saturday's SRUC-sponsored show was held at Ballyreggan Farm, which once again proved to be an excellent venue for a show of five calves, and 20 cows and heifers.

Willie Ralston had the very difficult job of judging the first-class stock on show.

Postponed

Unfortunately, the horse section had to be postponed this year but it is hoped that a date can be found in the new year for a horse show to take place.

In a very keenly contested Ayrshire section, Thomas Cameron from Gartvaigh produced the champion with a sixth calver by West Mossiel Athos, who calved on September 6, and was

also Ayrshire champion at last year's show. The reserve champion was also from Thomas, a September-calved heifer by Burtlette.

Numbers in the Holstein section were up from last year and like the Ayrshire section the quality was well up to national standard.

Gavin Semple from Kilkeddan took the champion ticket with a fifth calver by Golden Oaks Alexander, calved in October, which was reserve Holstein at the same show last year.

Peter Littleleson's heifer by AltaCEO took the reserve champion rosette.

The Holstein from Gavin took the overall champion prize, with Thomas reserve.

Prizes were presented by Tracy Millar.

The society directors are very grateful to Archie and Tracy Millar for once again hosting the show at an excel-



Gavin Semple's champion Holstein, the show's overall champion. 20_c50wintershow01

lent venue, to Willie Ralston for judging, John Forster and SRUC for generously sponsoring the show, and Argyll Bakeries for catering.

Results: Dairy Section: Ayrshire calf exhibited by primary school pupil: 1 Cameron Ralston, East Drumlembie. Handler: 1 Cameron Ralston. Ayrshire calf exhibited by secondary pupil to 25 years old: 1 Jack Ralston, East Drumlembie. Handler: 1 Jack Ralston,

East Drumlembie. Best Ayrshire calf: Jack Ralston. Holstein calf exhibited by primary pupil: 1 Alex Coffield, Killegruer. Handler: 1 Alex Coffield, Killegruer. Holstein calf exhibited by secondary pupil to 25 years old: 1 Jenny Semple, Kilkeddan, 2 Kathryn Semple,

Kilkeddan. Handler: 1 Kathryn Semple, 2 Jenny Semple. Best Holstein calf and handler combined: Jenny Semple. Overall champion calf: Jack Ralston. Ayrshire calved heifer: 1 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, 2 Graeme McMillan, Gartvaigh, 3 T M Ralston & Sons, East Drumlembie. Holstein calved heifer: 1 Peter Littleleson, Killegruer, 2 John Ralston, Kilkivan, 3 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan. Ayrshire cow in calf: 1 J & M Barr, Clochkiel, 2 J & M Barr, Clochkiel. Ayrshire cow in milk: 1 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, 2 J & M Barr, Clochkiel, 3 T M Ralston & Sons, East Drumlembie. Holstein cow in milk: 1 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan, 2 Peter Littleleson, Killegruer, 3 Lindsey Irwin, West Trodical.

Trophy winners: County Garage Cup for overall champion in the dairy section: Gavin Semple. The SAI Cup for Ayrshire champion: Thomas Cameron. The Duncan McKerral Cup for Holstein champion: Gavin Semple. The Levers Cup for best calving/calved Ayrshire heifer: Thomas Cameron. Davidsons of Shotts Cup for best calving/calved Holstein heifer: Peter Littleleson. The James Barr Memorial Cup for best Ayrshire bred by exhibitor: Thomas Cameron. The Society Cup for the best calf: Jack Ralston. Presidents Cup for the best Ayrshire calf: Jack Ralston. Holstein Breeders Cup for best Holstein calf and handler: Jenny Semple.



Thomas Cameron's champion Ayrshire. 20_c50wintershow03



Gavin Semple picked up the Duncan McKerral Cup for the Holstein champion as well as the County Garage Cup for overall champion in the dairy section. 20_c50wintershow04



Jenny Semple won the Holstein Breeders' Cup for best Holstein calf and handler. 20_c50wintershow06



Jack Ralston picked up the Society Cup for the best calf and the President's Cup for the best Ayrshire calf. 20_c50wintershow07



Thomas Cameron received three cups for entries to the Winter Show, the SAI Cup for Ayrshire champion, the Levers Cup for best calving/calved Ayrshire heifer, and the James Barr Memorial Cup for best Ayrshire bred by exhibitor. 20_c50wintershow05

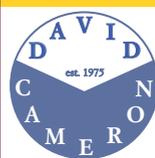
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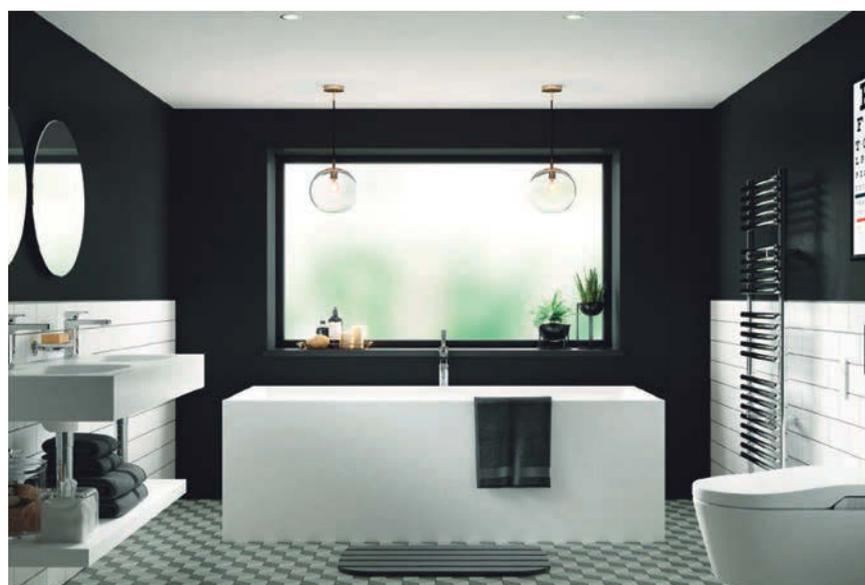
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Monday 30th December
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10.30am Mass - St Margaret's
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Carol Service

Achahoish at 7.00pm

Watchnight Service
Ardrishaig at 11.30pm
(Carol Singing from 11.15pm)

Sunday 29th December
Escape!

Ardrishaig at 11.00am
Achahoish at 12.30pm

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Friday 20th December
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Father Simon Mackenzie and Wilf Stout

Sunday 22nd December
Joint Service Inveraray Church 11.30am

Margaret Sinclair
Tuesday 24th December

Watchnight Services Cumloddan Church
7.30pm

Margaret Sinclair
Inveraray Church 11.30pm, Margaret Sinclair

Mulled Wine & Mince pies after service

Christmas Day
Inveraray Church, 10.30am

Caroline Wood & Margaret Sinclair
Sunday 29th December

Lochgair Church 10.00am
Inveraray Church 11.30am

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Rev C Fulcher
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Christmas Eve

Kilberry Church Christmas Eve Torchlight
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Sunday 29th December
Skipness 10.00am

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Pastor Steve Davies

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Sunday 22nd December

4th Sunday of Advent, Mass 10.00am

Christmas Eve

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Christmas Day

Holy Mass 10.00am

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Wednesday 1st January 2020

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Holy Mass 11.00am

Fr Tony Wood

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AT CARRADALE

Sunday 15th December
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Tuesday 24th December

8.00pm Christmas Eve Carols
at the Church

Wednesday 25th December

10.45am Christmas Day United
at Episcopal Church, Campbeltown

AT SOUTHEND

Sunday 15th December

11.45am Nativity Service

Friday 20th December

6.30pm Carol Singing in the village

8.00pm Carols in the Argyll Arms

Tuesday 24th December

11.30pm Watchnight Service
at Southend Church

Wednesday 25th December

11.45am Christmas Day United
at Episcopal Church, Campbeltown

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A'CHLEIT

Sunday 15th December

Advent 3: 11.30am

Sunday 22nd December

Advent 4: 11.30am with Baptism

Christmas Eve

Watchnight Service 11.30pm

CLACHAN

Sunday 15th December

Advent 3: 10.00am

Sunday 22nd December

Advent 4: 10.00am

Christmas Eve

Family Carol Service 7.00pm

GIGHA

Sunday 15th December

Advent 3: 11.00am

Sunday 22nd December

Carol Service 11.00am

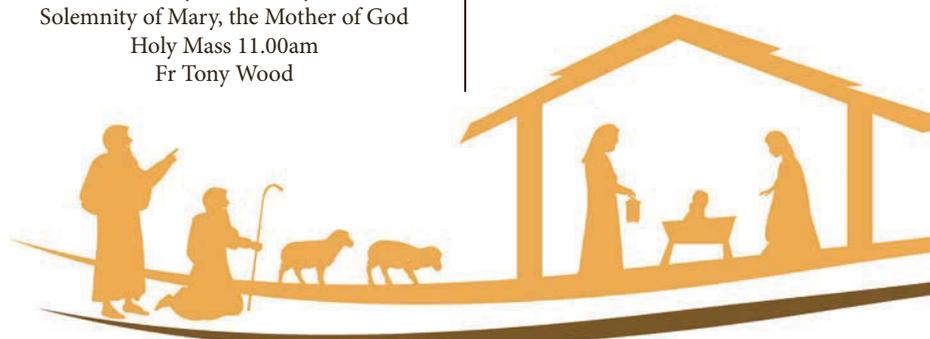
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WHITEHOUSE



B Flat's Kevin MacKaveney, George Burns, Ian Sanderson and Alexander Horn with their prizes. 50_c50whitehouse01

Singers prove they have other talents

Four members of Fynesiders Barbershop Chorus proved they have more than just great singing voices when they won Whitehouse Village Hall's annual quiz.

Kevin MacKaveney, George Burns, Ian Sanderson and Alexander Horn, the members of the winning B Flat team, were up against eight other teams of four, some of which contained fellow members of the singing group, resulting in an added element of competition.

Quizmaster Michael O'Donnell, who proved his own quizzing prowess as part of the winning team at the recent Tayinloan Village Hall quiz, asked 10 rounds of devilishly hard questions.

The scores, which were kept secret throughout the quiz, were tallied up by Michael and revealed after everyone had tucked into a supper of cheese and biscuits.

It was an incredibly close contest, with B Flat finishing on 103 and two teams, Killer Bs and Red Devils, sharing second place with 101 points.

GIGHA

Island's small step towards Dark Sky recognition

The islanders of Gigha took a small step forward in their quest to become recognised as a Dark Sky Discovery Site.

Dark Sky Discovery Sites are part of a nationwide network of spots from which stargazing is optimal, chosen because of they are away from the worst of any light pollution, they provide good sight-lines of the sky, they have good public access, including firm ground for wheelchairs, and they are generally freely accessible at all times.

On a recent crystal clear night, so common on Gigha, islanders of all ages gathered together for their first Dark Sky experience.

The evening, a bit like the launch of many a cosmic exploration, happened in stages. Blast off was at 7pm when they watched the International Space Station glide past overhead.

This was followed by a short in-service training session at the village hall to learn a bit more about night skies and to hear of the plans to take the Dark Sky adventure forward.

Finally, they ventured forth on to the island's airstrip to experience the star-spangled sky with horizon stars sparkling brightly.

Being a week of Perseid meteor showers, the night sky did not disappoint.

Having just six street lights on the entire island, all of which



Isle of Gigha.

are located at the ferry slip, Gigha is an excellent choice of venue for stargazers.

This is backed up by the night sky readings, taken recently, which give considerable weight to the island's desire to become a recognised Dark Sky area and, in fact, the island's dark sky readings are even better than many existing Dark Sky venues.

At present this new venture is simply asking the community three questions:

- Are we a suitable place for a Dark Sky area?
 - Are we interested in such a venture?
 - Would we like to become one?
- If the turnout at the recent

meeting was anything to go by, the answer has been a resounding 'yes!' – a sentiment echoed by the community trust.

Though plans are already under way for a second event in the New Year, the other small step that has already been taken is to create a home-made Dark Sky Theatre area at the very north tip of the island; basically a large circle of logs for folks to sit on while watching the glorious skies.

Small steps these may be, but the islanders are hopeful that such small steps will eventually lead to them gaining international recognition as an excellent Dark Sky venue.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

Baby of Bethlehem – who are you?

Some 2000 years ago you were the Christ, but who are you today?

I think of the situation in Bethlehem today with tears in my eyes and frustration in my being.

As I think of the baby of Bethlehem of 2000 years ago, homeless and rejected, I think of the many babies who will not grow up in a peaceful land there today.

I think of babies who may well be left homeless when their house is bulldozed illegally and in contravention of international law.

And I want to commend to you this Christmas the Olive Grove Chapel at the Tent of Nations, Bethlehem.

'We refuse to be enemies' is the ethos of the Tent of Nations, a farm owned by the Palestinian Christian Nassar family just outside Bethlehem.

The farm is surrounded on all sides by illegal Israeli settlements and is under constant threat of demolition, with the family under threat of eviction.

The Nassar family works the land and lives by that ethos written on a stone as you enter the farm. 'We refuse to be enemies.'

Through continuing to grow olives, grapes, almonds and various other fruits, as well as hosting work parties, groups and children's summer camps, the family non-violently resists the moves by settler organisations to remove them from the land which has been owned and farmed by the family for generations.

I also give thanks for those wonderful Rabbis for Peace who act as human shields to protect the Palestinian harvest from vandalism and who work to bring peace.

This Christmas, let us kneel by the Prince of Peace and pray for that day when peace will come in the land of his birth.

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MACKAY - Peacefully, after a short illness, at Lorn and Island Hospital, Oban, on December 8, 2019, Malcolm Duncan MacKay, in his 79th year, of 13 Chalmers Court, Inveraray, and previously of Electric Cottage, Inveraray, beloved husband of the late Liz, much loved father of Iain, Catherine and the late Calum, much respected father-in-law of Tracy and Stuart, dear brother of Jake and the late Duncan, and a dearly loved uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and great friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Inveraray Parish Church, on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 11.00am, thereafter to Glen Shira Cemetery, Inveraray. Family flowers only please. Donations to Macmillan Nurses, Mid Argyll. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

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EDWARDS - Phil, Craig, Yvonne and Grace would like to thank the many friends and relatives who have shown such kindness to us, who have written to us, messaged us, called at the house, offered us help, supported us, fed us and listened to us after the sudden, devastating loss of Rory. It means so much to us, more than you will ever know. We would like to thank the police and ambulance personnel who attended that day for their compassion to us and their professionalism. Also thanking Adam, Rhiannon and Cheryl who are bound to us forever. We would like to thank the Rev William Crossan for his most personal and heartfelt sermon. Thanking also all who attended to pay their respects at the church and at the graveside, it was very humbling and comforting to see the amount of people who came. We hope he knew how loved he was. Also thanking Ross Conner for playing such a beautiful and moving lament at the cemetery. We would like to thank the Ardshiel Hotel for the excellent purvey and also for everything they did on the day, it was

truly appreciated. Lastly, we would like to thank Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their very professional services, hard though it must have been for them and for going above and beyond to help us. The retiral collection raised £2,305.69 for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

MCKERRAL - The family would like to thank friends, neighbours, family, and all who sent cards, flowers, phone calls and messages of condolence after the sad loss of our brother, David. Special thanks to doctors, nurses and staff at Campbeltown Hospital, Macmillan Nurses, and also doctors and staff at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary for their care given to David. Also to the Rev William Crossan for a lovely service, to the Argyll Hotel for the purvey, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional services, and to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The collection for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality raised £113.01.

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN - In loving memory of James, a dearly loved brother, who died December 13, 2009.

Always in our thoughts.
- Families, home and away.

BROWN - Jamie, died December 13, 2009.

Every day in some small way,
We miss you more than words can say,
In our hearts you will stay,
Loved and remembered every day.

- Agnes.
Granda, we talk of you,
We still remember, love and miss you.

COFFIELD - Ian, who passed away December 13, 2014.

Seems like yesterday.
Sorely missed.
- Vivian and your wee family xxx.

COFFIELD - Ian, December 13, 2014.
Missed every day.
- Martin and family.

FLETCHER - In loving memory of Archie, our dear dad and grandpa, who died December 13, 2003, and Margaret Robertson, beloved mother, who died November 5, 1977.

Gone for many years and sadly missed, but not forgotten.
- Inserted by son Gill, Teresa, Jennifer, Hugh, Emma and Callum.

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JACKSON - In loving memory of Alex, a deeply loved husband, adored dad and cherished papa, who slipped away December 12, 2013.

Although we're apart, You're part of us still.
- In our hearts always, Marleen, Iain, Mhairi, Sandi and families.

MACIVER - Billy. Twelve years now, Daddy, since you went away, And I miss you more every single day.

Time doesn't heal or make things right, I still pray you will visit me in my dreams at night. I can hear your voice and see you so clearly, My Daddy, I love you so very dearly.
- All my love, your 'Trina.

MCMILLAN - In loving memory of my wife, Mary, December 12, 2017. She was taken without any warning, Her going left hearts filled with pain, But though she is gone from amongst us, In our hearts she will always remain.
- James xx.

MCMILLAN - In loving memory of our mum and gran, Mary. When nights are cold and stars are few, We close our eyes and think of you. A silent hope, a silent tear, A silent wish that you were here.

Miss you Mum/Gran. Always in our thoughts.
- Andrew, Siobhan and Calum xx.

MCMILLAN - Mary. Flowers grow in heaven, you were taken there too soon, We're giving you the biggest bunch, we hope you see them bloom.

Another year without you but you're always in our thoughts, We talk about you often, it brings us back to sorts. Love and miss you always, Mum, forever in our hearts.
- From Jamie, Kristy and James George xxx.

WILKIN - Treasured memories of John Alan Wilkin, who left us bereft on December 20, 2010. A dearly loved husband, dad, granda and papa tin.

Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts.
- Nancy and family.

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HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH



SC002493
Sunday 15th December
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in the Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am
All welcome

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Scottish Charity Number SC 11686
Sunday 15th December
11.15am Morning Worship
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1 Rev W Crossan
Tuesday 17th December
Tiny Tots 9.45am New Hall
BBs Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm Church Hall
Thursday 19th December
Choir Practice 7.30pm

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Friday 13th December
SKY Youth Group Christmas Party at Carradale 7.00 - 9.00pm
Sunday 15th December
Family Communion Service 11.00am
Wednesday 18th December
Bible Study 7.30pm
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.org.uk
SC014646

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Advent 3
Holy Communion 10.45am
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10.00am
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(SC002876)

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Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Service
Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm CAMEO
Major Ruth Russell
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Scottish Charity Number SC009359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 15th December
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
5.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday 18th December
12.00 noon Bible Study & Prayer
All welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Sunday 15th December
11.00am Family Service
Speaker - Ken Watson with Sunday school and refreshments after the service
Sunday 22nd December
11.00am All Age Service with Nativity Play
Pastor Mark Jasper
pastor@campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322
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ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

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Advent 3
What's Behind Window 3?
Patience (James 5:7)
Services in Ardrishaig at 11.00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm
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Sunday 15th December
11.00am Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's, Poltalloch (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
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Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

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All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
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Saturday 14th December
10.30am - 12.30pm
Achnamara Hall
Café Connect
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6.30pm Achnamara Hall
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Young Pupils lose despite impressive performance



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Campbeltown Pupils	1
GDYFL Under-15 League	

In their final away fixture of 2019, Campbeltown Pupils Youth Under 15s enjoyed an overnight stay in Bellshill before playing an early Sunday morning kick-off at 9.30am at the impressive Bothwellhaugh Playing

Calum Ellis, photographed earlier this year, scored the Pupils' only goal on Sunday, his 15th this season.

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Pitches – home of semi-professional Lowland League side Caledonian Braves.

With only 11 players available, this was always going to be a tough test against a Lanarkshire side that beat the Pupils easily, 7-1, earlier in 2019 in Campbeltown.

It took the Ardshiel Hotel-sponsored side 10 minutes to settle in as the home side dominated the early exchanges.

Gradually, the Pupils grew in confidence as they started to take control of the game and missed a number of chances to take the lead.

Against the run of play St Patrick's scored on the 27th minute. Their lead was wiped out eight minutes later when Calum Ellis latched on to a great through ball from Shields to round the St Pats keeper to make it 1-1 – the young Pupils striker continuing his fine run of form

scoring his 15th goal in nine matches this season. The second half continued as the first with both sides enjoying their share of the play but again with the visitors arguably enjoying the best chances – something the young Pupils side would live to regret.

With 15 minutes left, the signs of having no substitutes started to show as the youngsters tired and St Pats capitalised.

A great cross from the left found its way into the net off one of the Pupils defenders before the home side made it 3-1 with a header with nine minutes left to play.

The visitors continued to battle and were unlucky not to pull one back through chances created for Stuart Phillips and Ellis but it was the home side that collected all three points as the final whistle blew.

A Pupils spokesperson said:

'This was a tremendous performance by the 2005s – one they should be really proud of against a well drilled St Patrick's side.'

'On another day the result could have easily swung the other way and this was acknowledged at the end by the St Pats coaches who were full of praise for the youngsters, saying they were the better side.'

'Every one of the players deserves credit for a battling performance but special mention to right-back Michael Campbell and forward Phillips who, despite being a year younger, played fantastically well again for the Kintyre side.'

This Sunday the Pupils 2005s play their final league game of 2019 as they welcome East Kilbride Rolls Royce to Campbeltown. Kick-off is 12.30pm on the 3G pitch at Kinloch Green.

Shooting 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.

South Argyll Schools dig out hard-fought win

Report by Lee Buckley

An Argyll schools rugby team produced an impressive performance to grind out a hard-fought victory against East Dunbartonshire opposition.

South Argyll Schools (SAS) under-16 boys' team, made up of players from Lochgilhead, Tarbert and Campbeltown high schools, competed in their final regional schools quaiuch group game of the season against Boclair/Bearsden on Thursday November 28.

After St Thomas Aquinas failed to raise a team for the first game of the group, SAS were then narrowly beaten away to Lomond School and at home to Shawlands Academy. The games were

well contested, and the Argyll boys could have won both matches. Two lapses of concentration against Lomond let them in for easy tries and only two points separated the teams in the Shawlands game at the end, when SAS had been in the lead for large parts of the match.

The whole team thought it was important to finish the group with a good home win.

The boys set out their stall early at MacRae Park when a contested ruck ended with a good turnover from SAS number seven McLean and a great pass out to winger Gritten from number eight McColl-Smith, who then released MacKay. The fullback



Great defending from SAS pack, with captain Donald Self, Ruaridh Condie, Kian MacDonald and Robbie Herd.

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SAS's Ethan Thomas breaks the Boclair line.

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ran 80 yards to score under the posts and then convert his own try. SAS were next on the score sheet when captain Donald Self went over the whitewash. MacKay converted and SAS were 14-0 up.

Some good play from both teams was making for a great game, enjoyed by a large home crowd. Pupils were given the chance to watch the game and they made their voices heard and, spurred on by the crowd, Euan MacArthur was next on the score sheet and once again MacKay converted the try.

The first half finished 21-0 to the home team.

The second half started with

Boclair coming back at SAS and, after some good running, they pulled a try back.

SAS found themselves under sustained pressure and soon Boclair had a second try. Only one try was converted, and the score was 21-12. Another try, this one converted, for Boclair and the pressure was really on.

South Argyll thought they had secured the game when Ellis went over and grounded the ball only to realise he had gone over the deadball line. No try and the pressure was on again.

Minutes later, after some great forward work to turn the ball over, McArthur again

went over for South Argyll's fourth try. Another two points from MacKay made the score 28-19.

After the restart Boclair went all out to get another score. Great defensive work from the SAS backs kept Boclair out for a sustained period of attack until, with only seconds to go, the scored their fourth try.

As the conversion attempt fell short the final whistle blew and South Argyll celebrated a hard-fought win.

While South Argyll did not get out of the group stages they can be very pleased with third place, only one point behind second spot.



Last year's winner Danny Halliday, right, presenting Bill Brannigan with the Heidbanger Cup.

Bill holds his nerve in the Heidbanger Cup

Dunaverty's Heidbangers' year-long competition came to a dramatic conclusion last week with Bill Brannigan taking the top honours over Neil Brodie.

Designed to lead to a close finish, the scoring system over the competition is based on three points for a win, two for a second place and one point for each round played up to a maximum of 26.

The Heidbangers played the final round of their season on a dry day and, although having to contend with gale force winds, they nevertheless enjoyed it.

Contention

With two rounds to go, only two members were in contention for the Cup. Brannigan was leading with 20 points from Brodie on 15, but, on the penultimate round, Danny Halliday threw his hat in the ring with a win to bring his score to 17 and making it a three-man shoot out on the final day.

Neither player had a good round but it was Brodie who put together an excellent score of 33 to gain two points and finish in second place

overall on 17, leaving Bill as the cup winner for the second time.

With Danny and Neil on 17 each, their places were decided on the number of points each scored on their winning rounds and Neil came out on top with 195 to Danny's 190.

The scores on this final round were very close with honours going to Robin Finlay, who battled round to amass 34 points.

At the presentation dinner, over a fabulous meal at the Muneroy Tearooms, Bill thanked green-keepers David Scullion and Robert Irvine for their efforts in keeping the course in top-class condition and Ailie Goddard in the Tea Box for her culinary skills every Wednesday in providing food for the ever hungry Heidbangers.

Final day results: 1 Robin Finlay 34 points; 2 Neil Brodie 33; 3 Graeme McLennan 32 (BIH); 4 Keith Crawford 32; 5 Hamish Taylor 31.

Heidbanger Cup result: 1 Bill Brannigan 46 points; 2 Neil Brodie (on points) 43; 3 Danny Halliday 43; 4 Robin Finlay 39; 5 Sandy Watson 38; 6 Willie Ralston 37.



A very well fed group in the Muneroy Tearoom.

Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur FL - Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils v Dunoon, postponed; Premier Division 1 - Parkhall 3, Lochgilphead Red Star 6. Central Scottish AFL - Division 1B - Oban Saints 1, Blantyre RGM 0. This Saturday's fixtures: Scot-

tish Amateur FL - Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils, no game; Premier Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star, no game; Premier Division 2 - Stathaven v Tarbert. Central Scottish AFL Division 1B - Oban Saints, no game.

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Bill holds his nerve in the Heidbanger Cup

Young Pupils lose despite impressive performance

Records tumble at junior swimming championships

Junior swimmers made waves and smashed several personal bests when Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club (KASC) held its 13th annual club championships in Aqualibrium.

There was an excellent entry in the youngest age category at the recent contest with 14 swimmers competing in the eight and under age group, many of whom were at their first competition.

The afternoon's swimming started with four heats of the individual medleys which saw Evie Judge top the 12 and under 100m event in a new personal best of 1:18.42.

Personal bests tumbled in the backstroke events with strong swims from the younger competitors with Carla Renton, aged eight, taking nearly three seconds off her time to finish first.

Nine-year-old Cara Mac-



The eight and under boys collecting their medals and ribbons.

pherson, 12-year-old Evie Judge and Euan Charlwood, aged 14, all took gold in their age groups.

The younger swimmers started the breaststroke events strongly with seven-year-old Kyle McQuaker setting a new personal best to top the podium.

Lucy McFadzean, aged nine, took gold in the girls' nine to 10 age group, which saw three heats with 10 girls entered.

There was a noisy atmosphere with spectators seated along the poolside in Aqualibrium encouraging the young swimmers in each event.

Louisa Coffield, aged 10, took gold in a new personal best of 51.23 in the girls' nine to 10 50m butterfly. Louisa's swim was followed by new personal bests for Evie Judge, Euan Charlwood and 18-year-old Ryan McGeachy in the 100m events.

A number of the club's new

officials were poolside to accurately time the events after completing a recent Scottish Swimming course to be fully qualified timekeepers.

All seven eight-and-under girls swam under 30 seconds in the 25m freestyle, many of whom were competing in their first gala.

In the nine to 10 girls' 50m freestyle, Ailie Renton, aged 10, took gold along with Angus Woods, aged nine, in the boys' event. Evie again showed her excellent form taking her time in the 100m freestyle to 1:07.11.

Sophie McSporrán, aged 14, touched first in the girls' 13 to 14 age group with 15-year-old Astrid MacLellan taking the girls' 15 and over age group in the same event.

In the final event of the afternoon, the open 200m freestyle, Evie again showed excellent form to top the girls' event in yet another personal best of 2:29.76.



The KASC 2019 age group club champions, back row from left: Euan Charlwood, Evie Judge, Ryan McGeachy, Caitlin Russell and Sophie McSporrán. Front: Carla Renton, Cara Macpherson, Kyle McQuaker, Angus Woods.

Euan Charlwood emulated Evie's form doing the same in the boys' open 200m free.

The final presentations of the afternoon saw each age group champion collecting their trophies.

The age group club champions 2019 are: Girls age eight and under: Carla Renton. Boys age eight and under: Kyle McQuaker. Girls age nine to 10 years: Cara Macpherson. Boys age nine to 10 years: Angus Woods. Girls age 11 to 12 years: Evie Judge. Girls age 13 to 14

years: Sophie McSporrán. Boys age 13 to 14 years: Euan Charlwood. Girls age 15 and over: Caitlin Russell. Boys age 15 and over: Ryan McGeachy. Head coach Stuart McQuaker said: 'It was an enjoyable afternoon to watch our swimmers continue to impress across all strokes.

'It was particularly pleasing to see so many of our younger swimmers take to the water in their first ever competition and swim so fantastically well.'

Club training continues

through December with seven Kintyre swimmers entered into FIRST Annual Open Meet in Grangemouth across January 4 and 5 as part of the wider Argyll and Clyde Swim Team where they will join with swimmers from Inverclyde ASC to compete in this composite squad.



The 13 to 14 boys' 100m breaststroke finalists: winner Euan Charlwood, centre, with William McLean in second, left, and third-placed Sean Charlwood.

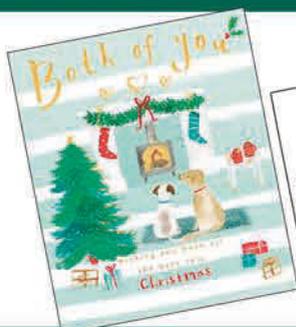


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