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# Jane Mayo named as finalist in BAFTA film competition

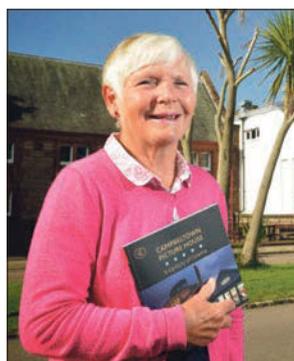
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The chairman of Campbeltown Community Business is 'thrilled' and 'staggered' that she's in with a chance of winning BAFTA's second annual For the Love of Film competition.

Jane Mayo, who chairs the community trust which operates Campbeltown Picture House, is one of nine people shortlisted by a special BAFTA jury, having been nominated by the British public for their exceptional contributions to their communities through film.

Jane was chosen as a finalist not only because she led the community to raise more than £6 million to save the historic gem – the UK's oldest continually operating cinema – but also because she generated a sustainable programme of self-funding activity to ensure the unique cinematic and architectural treasure will endure, serving the community as well as attracting visitors from all over the globe.

Jane's citation reads: 'Inspired by the power film has to motivate, educate, inspire and entertain an entire community, not only in the town itself but the wider Kintyre diaspora, Jane's passion, commitment and



Jane Mayo.

dedication to making this project a reality has seen the community's "wee picture house" brought back from the brink of dereliction to be once more at the heart of the community.'

Jane told the Courier: 'I'm staggered by this nomination! I'm so pleased that the Picture House should get this

national coverage, which is so important to help put both it and Campbeltown on the map.

'As for myself, of course I'm thrilled, just to be nominated in such an impressive field of other contenders.'

The category's two winners, to be announced in January 2020, will be invited to attend the nation's biggest celebration of film, the EE British Academy Film Awards, on Sunday February 2.

Jane said that if she is successful she plans to take her husband, David, along with her.

Amanda Berry OBE, chief executive of BAFTA, said: 'We're proud to shine a light on these dedicated individuals from across the country, people who do what they do purely "for the love of film".

'Now in the second year of the competition, so many of the people who have been brought to our attention have demonstrated an incredible passion for film in their communities, which reinforces our belief that film plays a vital role in our everyday lives.'



Captain Hook found the Lost Treasure of Christmas at the Salvation Army's town carol service. Sharing this photograph with the Courier, Margaret Raeside said: 'These are some of the children who helped Major Ruth Russell to get him to understand the true reason for the season.'

The offering at the recent service in the Lorne and Lowland Church amounted to

£306 and will be split between the work of the Salvation Army and the Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group.

Margaret added: 'If any children would like to join us, we meet each Sunday at 10.30am in the Army hall; transport can be provided.'

'Anyone interested can contact myself through our Facebook page.'

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## Campbeltown Sheriff Court:

### Leading country sportsman fined £1,100 for drug and gun offences

A man considered one of Scotland's foremost country sports guides was fined a total of £1,100 for growing cannabis at his home and lax security for his firearms when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

At an earlier court appearance, Alastair Gibson Brew, of Gortinanane House, admitted producing the plants and also to contravening certain conditions of his shotgun certificate – namely that firearms and ammunition be stored securely at all times to prevent them being accessed by unauthorised persons.

The court had previously heard that officers called at the Tayinloan property on May 20 this year on an unrelated courtesy visit and a 'curious look' in a poly-tunnel revealed the cannabis plants.

The 27 plants were calculated to be around two months old with a possible yield

value of £5,400 to £10,800, said procurator fiscal depute David Glancy.

A shotgun was found unsecured inside a wardrobe with ammunition found in an ice-cream tub, a boot bag and on top of a kitchen unit. The keys to the gun cupboard were also found.

Brew, aged 60, said it was not his intent to sell the cannabis or plant more.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes called for reports before sentencing took place last week.

The sheriff was told that firearms certification was now in the hands of other family members involved in the nationally and internationally renowned country sports business which not only brings customers to Scotland but also provides services overseas, mainly in Europe and Africa.

Defence agent Stephen MacSporran described Brew's work as 'much more a way of life' and added: 'He has had his [firearms] licence revoked.'

Sheriff Hughes noted Brew's 'excellent record and otherwise unblemished character' and the contents of the report.

'Both charges are serious matters and the production of a controlled drug is always of concern to the court,' he said, adding that he took note of the medicinal background mentioned in the report.

### 'Naked rambler' must pay compensation

A 'naked rambler' who said he found relief from the stress he was under by going walking without clothes must pay two women £250 each as compensation for witnessing his activities.

Following his trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last month, Jason Ward, aged 49, of 2 Langcraigs Terrace, Paisley, was found guilty of committing a breach of the peace and conducting himself in a disorderly manner by not wearing clothing and repeatedly walking on Rhunahaorine beach in the presence of a swimmer; watching her swim and standing in front of her when she came out of the water.

He also denied walking out of the bushes towards another



Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

woman who was walking her dog, continuing to walk towards her and staring at her.

On each occasion, the women were alone on different sections of the beach on two consecutive days in August last year; the swimmer on August 16 and the dog walker on August 17.

Ward, a holidaymaker who was camping, said he was not on the beach on August 16 and that the following day, if he had known someone else was there, he would not have gone naked.

The dog walker drove off, alerted the police and Ward's van was stopped.

Sheriff Hughes said he found the crown witnesses credible and reliable and found Ward, who had no previous convictions, guilty and called for reports.

At last week's sitting,

after having read the reports, the sheriff was addressed by Ward's defence agent, Stephen MacSporran.

'He has been assessed as a low risk. Taking part in nude rambling gave him a sense of freedom and now he understands the consequences of doing so,' Mr MacSporran said.

Ward previously told the court he was the full-time carer for his elderly mother, which was very stressful.

Sheriff Hughes said he must pay £250 compensation to each of the women.

During her evidence, the swimmer told the court: 'I felt very threatened, I thought that guy was going to attack me.'

The dog walker said she screamed in fright and shouted out before she jumped in her car and drove off.

### Do unpaid work or go to jail, says sheriff

A man who made 'disgusting comments' to a female police officer has been warned he faces jail if he does not complete a community payback order.

Gordon McKenzie Townsley, aged 56, of 7 Manse Croft, Clachan, had previously admitted behaving in a threatening or abusive manner during a journey in a police vehicle between Clachan and Campbeltown on July 31 this year.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes deferred sentence until last week for reports to be prepared.

Officers took Townsley into custody following an incident at his home and on the way to the police station he repeatedly made a series of 'grossly offensive' sexual remarks and gestures towards a female officer.

David Glancy, procurator fiscal depute, said that Townsley had drunk a bottle of whisky and, once sober, had no recollection of what happened.

Defence agent Stephen MacSporran said that Townsley was now involved with Addiction to work on his alcoholism.

'He is absolutely disgusted at himself and the comments he made,' said Mr MacSporran.

'It is quite right that you are feeling disgusted about your behaviour, it is quite appalling,' said the sheriff, who

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### Drugs arrest

On Sunday evening, police had cause to stop a woman near to Aqualibrium, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown. The woman, aged 39, was allegedly found to be in possession of a quantity of herbal cannabis and other controlled drugs. She was arrested and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Theft on boat

A boat was broken into whilst berthed at The Old Quay, Campbeltown, between Tuesday December 3 and Friday December 13. Officers are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

### Driving offences

On the morning of Monday December 9, a man was stopped by police at the Sound of Kintyre regarding his manner of driving. The man, aged 55, was charged with careless driving and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On Friday December 13 at 1.15pm, a man was stopped by police in Main Street, Campbeltown. He was allegedly found to be driving without insurance or a valid MOT

and his vehicle was overlaid. He was charged with the offences and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Police have issued a witness appeal after a collision on the A83 at Inverneill on Saturday December 14 at 11am, when a man allegedly performed a dangerous overtake of a line of vehicles in the face of oncoming traffic.

### 'Random' assault

A man was allegedly assaulted in what police say appears to be a random incident in Donald Caskie Square, Bowmore, at 10.30am on Friday December 13. Officers are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

### Vandalism

A window was allegedly smashed at a property in West End, Port Charlotte, on Saturday night. Officers are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

**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.**



### Davaar Island Safe Walking Times

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

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



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ordered Townsley to complete a community service payback order of 200 hours of unpaid work within 12 months, warning him that if the work is not done he will be called back to court and sent to jail.

## Man must pay officer £750

An Ardrishaig man who repeatedly spat on a police officer must pay him £750 compensation.

Frazer Mullaney, aged 27, of 14 Glenfyne Terrace, admitted assaulting a police officer on July 8 this year during an incident at Davaar Avenue and Hazelburn Business Park, Campbeltown, by repeatedly spitting on him, plus resisting and obstructing officers in the execution of their duty.

He also admitted failing to comply with his bail conditions on December 7 this year and acting in a threatening and abusive manner.

In the latter incident, Mullaney was subject to a bail curfew but missed a bus home as it had arrived early. His defence agent said: 'His conduct was born of frustration and panic; he had not breached a curfew before.'

'This police assault is an appalling one,' said Sheriff Patrick Hughes, sitting at Campbeltown, last week. He ordered Mullaney to pay compensation and to undertake a 12-month community payback order with 144 hours of unpaid work in the community with a restriction of liberty order from 8pm to 7am.

The sheriff also deferred sentence for the other cases and ordered an updated report on Mullaney and his suitability for alcoholism treatment. The case will call again in January.

## Driver in convoy system fined

A 52-year-old man heading home to Edinburgh had a costly encounter with road works and a convoy system on the A83, after appearing at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Dale Hughes of 59 Braid Road, Edinburgh, admitted careless driving at road works near to Stonefield Castle on April 3 this year. He was fined £300 and had six penalty points added to his licence.

Procurator fiscal depute David Glancy said a convoy system was guiding traffic through roadworks and Hughes's car was waiting first in line at the traffic lights, to go through.

As the convoy vehicle

appeared, its driver turned the vehicle and got ready to set off again but he stopped and talked to a co-worker and Hughes became impatient.

'Quite a robust dialogue had taken place,' said the fiscal.

Hughes drove close to the opposing carriageway and collided with traffic cones, and workers had to take evasive action. His number was noted and police stopped him further up the road.

In Hughes's defence, it was said that the convoy driver and a co-worker 'appeared to be chatting and sharing a joke'.

When Hughes had a 'brief exchange of words', the convoy driver then drove 'at a slow pace'. It came to a stop and Hughes realised that he had been effectively blocked in by the convoy driver and another works vehicle.

'He decided to drive out of the situation to avoid a confrontation,' said his defence agent, adding that Hughes was unaware that he had struck the cones.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said it was vital that roadworks safety systems were respected.

## Fined £150 for knife at door

Hugh Myles McDougall, aged 38, of 228 Lomond Road, Coatbridge, was fined £150 when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

McDougall, formerly of Glebe Street, Campbeltown, admitted threatening behaviour by opening the front door of his home while holding a knife with the blade in an upright position on August 19 this year.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes heard that police called at McDougall's home after a report of an earlier incident and he opened the door holding the knife.

Procurator fiscal depute David Glancy said: 'He told officers he had been assaulted earlier but didn't name the assailant.'

McDougall had blood on his hands and a broken nose.

Defence agent Charles Drummond said: 'He has no record whatsoever,' adding, 'He is an individual with difficulties but has a supportive family.'

## Changes to festive bin collections

There will be some changes to the refuse collections over the festival period.

### In Kintyre:

- Collections due on Wednesday December 25 will be collected on Thursday December 26.
- Collections due on Thursday December 26 will be collected on Saturday December 28.
- Collections due on Wednesday January 1 will be collected on Thursday January 2.
- Collections due on Thursday January 2 will be collected on Saturday January 4.
- Gigha's recycling collection due on Wednesday January 1 will be collected on Tuesday 31 December 31.
- Recycling collections by Kintyre Recycling due on Wednesday December 25 will be collected on Friday December 27.
- Recycling collections by Kintyre Recycling due on Wednesday January 1 will be collected on Friday January 3.
- All other days will be collected as normal.

The Roading recycling and civic amenity site will be closed on December 25 and 26 and January 1 and 2.

### On Islay and Jura:

- Refuse and recycling collections due on Wednesday December 25 will be collected on Friday December 27.
- Refuse and recycling collections due on Wednesday 1 January will be collected on Friday 3 January.
- All other days will be collected as normal.

Gartbreck recycling and civic amenity site will be closed on December 25 and 26 and January 1 and 2.

Information is also available from the council website and from local offices.

Argyll and Bute Council is also advising people that there are ways to help reduce the amount of waste going to landfill over the festive period.

As usual, paper, card, cans and plastic bottles/tubs/pots/trays can be placed in recycling bins or bags – please remember to rinse out the cans and plastics. Many types of Christmas paper and cards can also be recycled.

Unfortunately, anything covered in glitter or foil-based paper cannot be recycled.

If you want to check if the paper is foil, scrunch the paper up. If it springs back, then please put it in the general waste bin.

# Flood prevention scheme takes another step forward

A council contribution of £270,000 capital funding towards a flood protection scheme for Campbeltown will go forward to be considered as part of the budget process in the 2020/21 financial year.

This was agreed by the council's Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on Thursday December 5, which also approved the preliminary confirmation of the Campbeltown Flood Protection Scheme (CFPS).

The scheme involves a flood storage area in the Millknowe area and a partial up-sizing of the surface water culvert running down Dalaruan Street, from the proposed storage area.

In addition, surface water management will be implemented to other areas within the town at Meadows and Burnside Street to further reduce the risk of flooding to the town.

Property Level Flood Protection will also be provided to some properties to



It is hoped that the scheme will help to prevent flooding like this in 2014, described as 'the worst in 30 years'.

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improve the standard of protection offered by the scheme.

CPFS is the first such project to be promoted in Argyll and Bute under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) 2009 Act.

So far, its development has received £4.787 million of Scottish Government funding out of a possible £9.33 million scheme.

The Scottish Government is expected to contribute 80 per cent of the total funding, while the council will fund the remaining 20 per cent.

Development of the scheme has been ongoing since 2017 with a series of events and consultations with the com-

munity and engagement with key stakeholders, including SEPA, Scottish Water and affected landowners.

Councillor Robin Currie, policy lead for Housing, Roads and Infrastructure Services, said: 'Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultations. This was invaluable in helping us find the best solution for reducing the risks of flooding in Campbeltown.'

Full details of the flood protection scheme can be found by visiting <https://www.argyllbute.gov.uk/consultations/campbeltown-flood-prevention-scheme>

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# Brendan O'Hara re-elected as MP for Argyll and Bute

by Colin Cameron  
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Scottish National Party candidate Brendan O'Hara has been re-elected as the Member of Parliament for Argyll and Bute with an increased majority.

The Argyll and Bute UK general election count began at Lochgilphead Joint Campus after polls closed at 10pm on Thursday December 12 and was carried out through the night, with the result declared at 5.45am on Friday December 13.

At the end of what can reasonably be described as a low-key constituency campaign in comparison to the rancour and division elsewhere in the country, Argyll and Bute's electorate handed SNP candidate Brendan O'Hara a majority of 4,110 votes over his nearest challenger,



Brendan O'Hara's daughters Charlotte and Niamh celebrate while dad speaks on camera to BBC ALBA on the platform behind them; Brendan O'Hara, right. 06\_a51electioncount24

Conservative Gary Mulvaney, the result as follows:  
Returning officer Rhea Louise Barnes, Scottish  
Cleland Sneddon declared Labour Party – 3,248

Gary Mulvaney, Scottish Conservative and Unionist – 16,930

Brendan O'Hara, Scottish National Party (SNP) – 21,040  
Alan Reid, Scottish Liberal Democrats – 6,832

The total electorate for Argyll and Bute was 66,525 with 48,192 votes cast. The turnout at the polls was 72.4 per cent.

A total of 142 votes were rejected. Ten were rejected for voting for more than one candidate and 132 were unmarked or void for uncertainty.

A delighted Brendan O'Hara said after the declaration: 'My first priority, as it always has been, is the people of Argyll and Bute, and to make the case for the constituency.'

'I am very worried about the future of Argyll and Bute. We have a UK government that is hell-bent on Brexit. Boris Johnson, with his majority, will be looking to take us out of the EU as quickly as possible. A no-deal Brexit



is still on the table and after tonight is looming large. We should all be very worried at that prospect.'

Asked how he felt, Mr O'Hara replied: 'It hasn't really hit me yet. I didn't think the majority would be what it was, and I think this is a victory for the organisation of the SNP in Argyll and Bute.'

'I am very, very happy and very, very tired in equal measure.'

Gary Mulvaney, who received 954 more votes than in the 2017 election, commented: 'I'm pleased our vote has increased, but I've felt like we have been swimming against the tide sometimes. I am delighted, however, that we now have a majority Conservative government. We need a strong Westminster government to get Brexit done and move forward.'

LibDem candidate Alan Reid was the constituency MP for 14 years from 2001 before being succeeded in 2015 by Brendan O'Hara. Mr Reid

said: 'I am obviously disappointed not to have won but I would congratulate Brendan on a convincing victory.'

A newbie to the political scene, Scottish Labour candidate Rhea Barnes remarked: 'It's been a well-fought campaign conducted in a well-mannered way and I thank the other candidates for that, and I congratulate Brendan on his election as MP.'

Alongside postal votes and proxies, votes made their way across Argyll and Bute in ballot boxes transported by car, boat, and helicopter to the Lochgilphead Joint Campus count centre.

Returning officer Cleland Sneddon said: 'We have a dedicated team of knowledgeable election staff which meant that everything went extremely smoothly, despite the unique challenges involved in administering a count on this scale.'

'I would like to thank everyone involved for ensuring that Argyll and Bute's UK

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Tension mounts as election agents peer across the counting tables. 06\_a51electioncount03



Above, Conservative candidate Gary Mulvaney. 06\_a51electioncount06; Above right, with the candidates gathered, returning officer Cleland Sneddon announces the Argyll and Bute result at 5.45am on Friday December 13. 06\_a51electioncount09; Above far right, keeping order at the count were, from left, PC Alistair Morrison, Inspector Julie McLeish and PC Ross Griffin. 06\_a51electioncount07



LibDem candidate Alan Reid. 06\_a51electioncount08



Scottish Labour candidate Rhea Barnes. 06\_a51electioncount10

Island ballot boxes were delivered to Lochgilphead by helicopter from Mull, Iona, Coll, Tiree, Islay, Jura, Colonsay, and Gigha. Pictured is one of the two helicopter pilots Steve Pinchbeck, right, with the council's David Logan. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.



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## Become a Healthcare Professional and Get Ready for a Life-Changing Career.

A new campaign is shining a spotlight on a career in healthcare - highlighting the range of opportunities available and encouraging young people to consider it as a suitable profession.

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As well as an undergraduate bursary of £10,000 for those choosing to study nursing or midwifery from 2020, a healthcare degree is highly valued, both here in Scotland and all over the world.

It's a stable and valued career for life - more people studying nursing related degrees go on to find a job after their course than any other degree.

The new 'What did you do today?' campaign shows the significant variety of opportunities within all healthcare professions including nursing, midwifery, healthcare science and the allied health professions such as radiographers, dietitians and paramedics, featuring real people sharing their real stories.

If you're a young person or know one who's still trying to figure out their career path, then working in healthcare could be a great route. No two days are the same, it's rewarding, and you get to make a real difference to people's lives.

To find out more about the career paths available and where to study visit [CareersInHealthcare.scot](https://www.CareersInHealthcare.scot)



## LETTERS

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## Merry Christmas!

There is a lot of Christmas coverage in this week's Courier, from parties and plays, to carol singing and wreath-making – and there is plenty more to come next week!

We hope our readers will enjoy our coverage of people young and old enjoying the festive fun but, for some, this can be a difficult time of year.

According to Age UK, Christmas is the loneliest time of the year for more than 1.5 million older people, with those who have lost a loved one struggling the most.

With up to 170,000 older people soon to face their first Christmas without their spouse, the charity is calling on the public to support its 'No one should have no one to turn to' campaign.

Childline also revealed this week that it is preparing to help hundreds of young people in Scotland across the festive period – day and night – including many struggling to cope with mental health problems.

We know everyone is very busy but, if you can, please spend some time with Kintyre's most vulnerable citizens this festive season.

We wish all our readers a very merry Christmas.

## Foodbank thanks

May I, through you, say an enormous thank you to all who have supported Kintyre Foodbank throughout the last year.

The wonderful generosity of the members of the public who donate, the committee, volunteers, shops and funders have made it possible for us to continue the service we aim to provide for the most disadvantaged in our community.

Mary Anne Stewart,  
Chair of Kintyre Foodbank.

## Scotland has the right to decide its own future

After a third General Election win in just four years, I'd like to say a huge thank you to the voters who put their trust in the SNP and re-elected Brendan O'Hara.

The Tories, bereft of actual policies, spent the election shrieking their opposition to indyref2.

The Scottish people, faced with a mendacious Tory Prime Minister determined to deliver a devastating Brexit upon Scotland, delivered an SNP landslide, and a renewed indyref2 mandate, that translates into 80 per cent of the seats in Scotland, which in Westminster terms is a colossal winning margin of 527 seats out of 650.

For Boris Johnson, oozing arrogance, to imperiously dismiss the will of the Scottish people and refuse a second independence referendum, doesn't just insult the Scottish

electorate but exposes the fundamental flaw in the union, which is that Scotland is not, and cannot ever be, an 'equal partner'.

His position cannot be sustained in a mature democracy – indeed support for indyref2 will only grow.

Scotland is not a colony to be abused and ignored but a proud country with the fundamental right to decide its own future.

For Mr Johnson to suggest that there are no circumstances in which the people of Scotland can have their say is not just dictatorial but an indictment of the union itself.

Scotland is not subservient and will not acquiesce to a Tory agenda that has been overwhelmingly rejected at the ballot box.

Any union where Scotland is imprisoned and consent has been withdrawn by the people is dead.

Scotland has arrived at a national crossroads. Do we stand tall as a free sovereign nation at Europe's top table, or do we stay shackled, as a mere region, to an increasingly isolationist and xenophobic Little England?

Make no mistake, Scots will make that choice.

Ron Wilson,  
Secretary of Kintyre Branch SNP.

## Uninspiring and ineffective election candidates

It's déjà vu all over again.

The same dull, uninspiring and ineffective candidates in this election leads to the same result as last time.

The success of the man in the brown suit will again be measured by his failure to close Faslane and re-erect Hadrian's Wall.

The least said about our own Arthur Daley and his commitment to becoming our Tory MP, the better.

Yet again the Liberal Democrats secure victory for the SNP with their fantasies they could actually win. There are 6,832 Lib Dem voters who don't agree with the saying: 'Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.'

So another five years of Nicola Sturgeon demanding a referendum she doesn't actually want.

I'm not sure what the politically correct term for manipulative dishonesty is nowadays.

Anne Baird,  
Helensburgh.

## The nation is very far from being a united kingdom

If the General Election in the United Kingdom has highlighted one thing, it is that we are far from being a united kingdom.

Scotland voted overwhelmingly to reject Brexit, to lock Boris Johnson out of Downing Street and for the right to hold a second referendum to decide the nation's future.

South of the border, a totally opposite path has been taken.

In Scotland, the Tory appeal to block a referendum, their only campaign message, was roundly defeated by the SNP and seven of their MPs lost.

## Press policy

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As nations we are on two very different journeys and yet Mr Johnson is responding to events north of the border with his usual contempt.

Nicola Sturgeon has now won four elections on a manifesto commitment to hold a second independence referendum.

Indeed, in simpler times, that great hero of the Conservative party, Margaret Thatcher, famously commented that a majority of SNP MPs would be a mandate for Scottish independence.

The SNP victory across Scotland eclipses that of the Tories across the UK, with the former securing 81 per cent of seats north of the border while the Tories only secured 56 per cent of seats across the UK.

Despite this, while unionists bizarrely argue that there is still no mandate for the holding of a second independence referendum as the SNP did not secure a majority of the votes, it is somehow okay for Mr Johnson, in very similar circumstances to pursue a damaging Brexit agenda.

Circumstances have changed since 2014 and it is difficult to see how Mr Johnson, who suffered such a crushing defeat in Scotland, can continue to deny the Scottish people the democratic right to decide their own future.

Alex Orr,  
Edinburgh.

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**PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK**



This West Loch Tarbert sunset was opportunisticly captured by David Mayo recently. Mr Mayo took the photograph using his iPhone 5.

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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO Friday December 18, 2009 Clachan's green Christmas

Clachan Primary School children have a green Christmas tree – not just the colour of the pine needles but the environmentally-friendly way it is being lit.

The school has a wind turbine and solar panel linked to a control panel that shows the children how much electricity is being generated and stored on car batteries.

Usually this electricity is used to charge the school's laptops but now the power is being used to light-up their floor-to-ceiling Christmas tree.

The turbine, panel and equipment have been provided thanks to a grant from the West Kintyre Wind Farm Trust.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday December 23, 1994 Coach chaos!

Kintyre is facing coach chaos according to bus bosses – after an outside contractor snatched major route contracts from under their grasp.

They say they fear that Kintyre communities could be the losers, after Coatbridge operators Ess Bee Coaches moved in. And they have warned there could be local job losses.

However, Ess Bee this week assured the Courier that the area would receive a 'first



Clachan pupils are enjoying a green Christmas.

class' service. Campbeltown-based West Coast Motors has only secured four contracts, for schools out of 26 under the initiative which will introduce new timetables and routes.

And Henderson Hiring, Tarbert, lost three major contracts – Tarbert to Skipness, Tarbert to Kilberry, and the ferry connection between

Claonaig (Arran service) and Kennacraig (to Islay).

West Coast managing director William Craig said: 'It comes as no surprise as the Scottish Passenger Transport Executive (SPT) have pursued this policy of displacing the local operator in several other areas such as Arran, Bute, Cowal and Mull despite much opposition from the local people, and we are now next on their hit-list.'

'It is our view that the changes proposed to the present well-tryed and accepted arrangements will lead only to chaos irrespective of who the operator is.'

'There will be buses running from early morning to late at night, in some cases to places where they are neither wanted nor needed, in others over roads and streets that are incapable of taking them, and to such complicated timetabling that the public won't have a clue when the bus is coming from or going to.'

'It is a very sad day for the community,' he concluded.

Henderson Hiring's Duncan Henderson is concerned about the effect the change will have on rural communities.

'For many years we have had the added role of providing a much-needed social service, delivering such things as papers and medicine, as part of the bus route.'

'It's not all just about getting the kids to school or people to the shops, and I hope people will be provided with a reliable service. Time will tell. I just hope they have got their sums right or they have a hell of a fright in store.'

'We still have to decide exactly what to do, but there could be very serious consequences. But we are obviously very disappointed at carrying out these requirements all these years without complaint, then losing out like this. We've put in a lot of extra effort.'

Ess Bee managing director Brian Smith said this week: 'The service will be first class, as good as, if not better than is available at the moment.'

'There will be an operational base in Campbeltown, and we will try to employ locally.'

## FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday December 18, 1969 Sewage go-ahead given

Campbeltown is to have a new sewage disposal system.

This decision was taken at a special meeting of Campbeltown Town Council on Monday night. It came after representatives of the local industries which discharge their waste effluents into the main sewage system indicated that they would be willing to co-operate in the neutralising of the acids in their effluents.

Without neutralising, the acid would prove damaging to the pumps envisaged for the new scheme.

The motion calling on the council to give the go-ahead on the project was made by Dean of Guild William Stevenson, and seconded by Councillor N S McCallum, who said: 'I think health comes before money in this respect.'

Fears were expressed about the effect the scheme would have on the rates.

Councillor Alastair McKinlay said: 'It might be that in years to come we, as a council, will be blamed for putting the rates up.'

Provost Daniel McKinven said that the efforts made in the past to secure the new

sewage system for Campbeltown were 'joint efforts'. The Provost said that the council had 'done this for the good of Campbeltown' and that they would 'see to it' that local labour is employed on the actual scheme.

Mr W P Scott, the representative at the meeting of Messrs Crouch and Hogg, the firm of consulting engineers who will be employed on the project, said that the pumping main would probably be laid along under the Low Askomel road.

Mr Scott commented that the most expensive part of the scheme will be the actual laying of the pipelines.

Hon Treasurer George Halbert and Town Chamberlain, Mr William B Allen, calculated that the rates may have to be increased by 3s 3d to cover the cost of the scheme. But Mr Halbert pointed out that the increase may be considerably more.

The final calculation will not be made until Messrs Crouch and Hogg supply a final figure for the cost of the scheme.

The town will be eligible for a rates support grant.

## ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday December 20, 1919 Highland Parish Church Choir

On Wednesday night the choir of the Highland Parish Church gave a concert in the Kirk Street Hall in aid of the funds of the Woman's Guild.

The audience quite filled the hall, and a most enjoyable programme was received with every indication of appreciation.

The choir contributed two-part songs which were rendered tunefully and with fine feeling, and the audience responded with particular warmth.

The vocal solos by members of the choir were all most successfully rendered.

The songs were nicely selected and several singers, heard for the first time, performed with great taste and sweetness.

The soloists were Misses Macalpine, L. Wareham, Lizzie McCallum, F. Hall, and Messrs C. Kelly, W. McClymont, McKendrick, D. Macdougall, jr., Neil McCallum, and Edward Galbraith, the latter contributing Gaelic songs with ability and success.

While all did well, the audience were particularly appreciative of the efforts of Miss L. McCallum and Mr C. Kelly, who had to respond to encores which would not be denied.

Mr J. Smillie gave several violin solos with marked success, the audience showing great delight in his performances.

A vocal duet was given by Messrs Kelly and McCallum.

Rev. Norman Mackenzie, M.A., minister of the congregation, presided over the gathering with great acceptance.

Miss Agnes Macmillan, organist, played the accompaniments with taste and sympathy, and has much credit by the success of her direction of the entertainment.

A few remarks in a happy vein were made by Rev. C. V. A. MacEchern, of Castlehill Church, and at the close the customary votes of thanks were appropriately moved by Mr Robert Colville.

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# Pupils visit Killean Crypt

Rhunahaorine Primary School's children were privileged to be admitted into the Macdonald's of Largie's family crypt at Killean.

The outing to the mausoleum, above which the words 'Here rest the bones of the House of Largie' are inscribed, was funded by the West Kintyre Windfarm Trust, and was part of the school's Old Largie Project.

The children said they found it 'a bit creepy' and they were glad of the light streaming into the usually locked crypt from the small window slits.

On returning to school, children wrote reports on their visit and quotes are taken from their writing.

Craig Hurd wrote: 'Ranald Bane MacDonald is a famous man. In Kintyre he had a castle and he was in a crypt, the oldest in the whole of Kintyre. It was locked for years and years and years and Rhunahaorine were allowed in the crypt and saw the amazing slab stone of Ranald Bane MacDonald.'

Lewis O'Hanlon wrote of the stone: 'It was on the floor and we had to be very careful because we didn't want to step on his slab.'

Armed with torches and mobile phone beams, the pupils studied the standing stones. Celtic patterns, animals and even a ship were easily recognisable.

Children pointed out carvings of two dogs which were chasing a rabbit, and they were informed they are among the best preserved standing stones in Scotland – if not the best.

On returning to school, Louise Hurd wrote in her report: 'Inside the crypt there were loads of slabs. They had such good patterns on them. There were overlapping and big swords. Some were on the floor and some were on the wall.'

One of the finest stone slabs was that of Ranald Bane MacDonald which lay flat on the ground at the crypt entrance. It portrayed a medieval soldier with shield and claymore.

Children made sketches from the stones with several of them selecting Ranald Bane's and that of his sister which lay beside him.

Returning to the light of the graveyard, Marilyn Shedden told the children the story of the Killean kirk minister who felt he had been given a message to preach his morning



Above, the children made sketches inside the crypt; and, right, entering the crypt.



sermon in the open. Before the end of the service, the church roof collapsed in what would have been a tragedy but all the congregation, being outside, were unharmed.

Time was on hand for children to respectfully look around the graveyard.

Fancy writing was tricky but many stones were legible giving them snapshots into past lives.

Several children were proud to find their own family graves writing down inscriptions or having a photograph to share later.

On returning to school Lewis wrote in his report: 'We saw a lot of graves ... one had a pirate ship, and one had a skull and bones on it.'

Fabian Kimak reported that the grave of 'Ranald Bane Macdonald looked pretty scary'.

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Marilyn Shedden telling of the kirk minister who preached outside and saved the parishioners.

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# Dalintober's youngsters

Words and photographs  
by Hannah O'Hanlon  
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

The children of Dalintober Primary School's Early Learning Centre (ELC) took an audience of their family and friends on an alphabetical journey through the Christmas nativity story.

The play began: 'A is for Angel, B is for Baby, C is for Celebrate with Joseph and Mary!'

The young actors took turns in the spotlight according to their roles – angels, stars, shepherds, wise men and, of course, Mary and Joseph – to continue the whole festive alphabet.

Their stellar performances belied their junior years, with every word audible during the 10 songs they learned for the production.

After the nativity, the ELC's youngest pupils continued the Christmas spirit by taking to the stage



Above, Dalintober ELC's Mary and Joseph. 50\_c51dalelcnat01; above right, shepherds, looking after their sheep. 50\_c51dalelcnat05; right, the angels were in fine voice. 50\_c51dalelcnat03

wearing Christmas jumpers, hats and boppers to perform some festive tunes.

The school's P1 to P3 and P4 to P7 pupils put on their own shows on Monday and

Tuesday – see next week's Courier for coverage of those events.



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# st share festive spirit



Above, the ELC's younger children on stage. 50\_c51dalelcnat09; left, the youngest performers were full of enthusiasm. 50\_c51dalelcnat06; and, below, the ELC's youngest members learned all their words. 50\_c51dalelcnat07



Three wee shepherds, above left. 50\_c51dalelcnat02; and the stars were among the performers who shone, right. 50\_c51dalelcnat04

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# Greens galore feature at wreath-making workshops



Florist Hayley Baxter during one of the workshops.  
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Front doors in Kintyre are looking a lot more festive thanks to a series of make-your-own-wreath workshops.

During Fresh Connections' highly sought-after classes, green-fingered – or not so green-fingered, as some would learn! – people were taken through the steps of creating their own, bespoke, traditional wreaths.

#### Help

Lorraine MacFarlane, who owns Fresh Connection, and florist Hayley Baxter were on hand to help throughout the workshops.

Lorraine told the Courier that just 16 people took part in the first workshops three years ago but, this year, almost 100 people joined five classes in the space of a week.

Additional workshops had to be arranged this year as spaces sold out within hours of the classes being



The members of one of the classes with their wreaths. 50\_c51wreaths01

announced, and, still, about 50 people missed out.

#### Surprise

Some expressed surprise

that 20 people, given the exact same materials, could produce 20 different creations, and even those for whom

the skills of wreath-making didn't come particularly naturally took home a beautiful, verdant arrangement.

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# Santa brings sack of gifts to Castlehill

There were many excited little faces when Santa took some time out of his Christmas planning to visit Castlehill Primary School's P1 and P2 pupils.

The youngsters sat patiently and waited for Father Christmas to arrive at the school last Wednesday afternoon.

Their patience paid off as Santa brought with him a sack of presents, containing one for each child, which the youngsters were allowed to open at the time.

Now they will have to keep up their good behaviour in the run-up to Christmas Day. See next week's paper for nativity photographs.



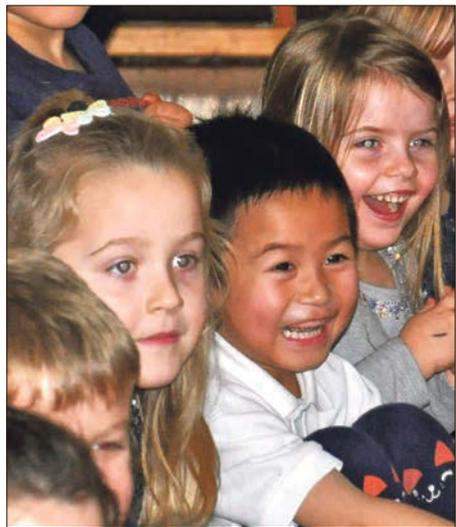
The children were very grateful for their gifts. 20\_c51castlehillsanta07



A little version of Santa receives his gift from Father Christmas. 20\_c51castlehillsanta06



The glee on the youngsters' faces was unmistakable. 20\_c51castlehillsanta02



Santa was greeted by lots of smiling faces. 20\_c51castlehillsanta04



Some children wore festive outfits including Santa hats and snowman costumes. 20\_c51castlehillsanta03

The children were very excited when they heard Santa arriving. 20\_c51castlehillsanta01



The youngsters collected a present each. 20\_c51castlehillsanta05

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to all my relatives,  
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Place, Campbeltown.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

to all my relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from Nancy Wilkin,  
16B Calton Avenue.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from Sheena & Alastair  
Ward, Castlepark.



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Catriona &  
David Vick  
& family,  
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wish all relations,  
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neighbours,  
far & near, a  
Merry Christmas  
& a Happy,  
Prosperous,  
Peaceful & Blessed  
New Year.

**ALISON &  
GEORGE,  
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ROAD**

wish you all the very  
best for Christmas &  
New Year.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from Hamish Thomson  
& Cathie, 4 Hazelbank  
Court, Campbeltown.

# Season's

Your personal Christmas messages  
to friends and family, near and far

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from John & Fiona  
Mason, Castlepark.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

to all my friends,  
neighbours & relatives  
from Flora Brock, Stag  
Park, Lochgilphead.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all my family, friends  
& neighbours from  
Betty MacCallum,  
115 Ralston Road.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all family, friends  
& neighbours from  
Catherine Cameron,  
3 Dochas Place,  
Lochgilphead.  
With best wishes to all.

**FLORA  
HENDERSON,  
74 SMITH DRIVE**

would like to wish all  
her relatives, friends  
& neighbours a  
Merry Christmas.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from Hamish McMillan,  
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Campbeltown.

*Dave & Isobel  
Davis, Perth*

wish all their relatives  
& friends a Merry  
Christmas & a Happy  
& Healthy New Year.

**DAVIE & JESSIE  
MACPHAIL**

wish their relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from Angus & Anne,  
Rockfield.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

to all our relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from Margaret &  
Ian Robertson,  
84 Roding,  
Campbeltown.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from Jean & James  
Smith, Shermore.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from Donald Sinclair,  
16 Glenfield, Tarbert.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

Anne, Sarena and  
Rhianna wish you a  
Merry Christmas and  
a Peaceful 2020.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from May Currie,  
Tayinloan.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all my friends &  
neighbours from  
Gavin Muir.

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Best wishes to  
friends & family  
for Christmas &  
New Year.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from Dougie McArthur,  
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**PETER DOCHERTY,  
TANGY PLACE, HIGH  
ST, CAMPBELTOWN**

would like to wish all  
his relatives, friends  
& neighbours a  
Merry Christmas.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from Hector &  
Esther xx.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

With best wishes for  
Christmas & New Year,  
to family & friends in  
Kintyre & Mid Argyll, from  
Douglas & May Galbraith,  
27 Craighall Crescent,  
Erskine.

**ARCHIE & MARNA  
DOCHERTY**

would like to wish their  
friends, neighbours  
& colleagues a  
Merry Christmas & a  
Happy New Year.

*Stuart & Gail  
Gillespie*

would like to wish all  
relatives, friends &  
neighbours a Merry  
Christmas & a Happy  
New Year.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all my family,  
relatives, friends &  
neighbours, with  
love & best wishes  
for 2020 from Cathie  
Duncan xx.



# greetings

See more of your personal greetings on page 28

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from Ken Smith,  
Peninver.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from Donald, Margaret  
& Donald Anderson,  
Campbeltown.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

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friends & neighbours  
from Neil McEachran,  
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JOHN FLETCHER,  
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neighbours a Merry  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.

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Stevenson,  
Campbeltown*  
would like to wish all  
their relatives, friends  
& neighbours a Merry  
Christmas & a Happy  
New Year.

*Matty McCallum*  
would like to wish all  
her family, friends &  
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Healthy 2020.

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& neighbours a very  
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a Happy New Year.

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& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
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friends & neighbours  
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Christmas & a Happy  
New Year.

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& a Happy New Year*

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friends & neighbours  
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Southend.

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DAVIDSON**  
would like to wish all  
her relatives, friends  
& neighbours a  
Merry Christmas.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,  
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from Ailsa Scott.

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friends & neighbours  
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*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all my family,  
friends & neighbours  
from Muriel Deans,  
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& a Happy New Year*

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friends & neighbours  
from Ian Campbell &  
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& a Happy New Year*

to all my relatives,  
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from John MacMillan  
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*Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

to all our relatives,  
friends & neighbours  
from Pearl & Doug  
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her relatives, friends  
& neighbours a  
Merry Christmas.

*Merry Christmas  
& a Prosperous  
New Year*

to all from Betty  
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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
Wishing all our family,  
friends & neighbours  
a Merry Christmas & a  
very Happy New Year.  
Love, David &  
Catherine Lang.

**FRANK & FIONA  
BLAKE**  
would like to wish all  
their family & friends  
a Merry Christmas &  
a Happy New Year.

# Religion meets reality TV at Southend school show



Most Southend Primary School's pupils welcoming visitors. 20\_c51southendps01



Southend's version of Mary and Joseph. 20\_c51southendps02

Once again, Southend Primary School put on a fantastic show for family, friends and members of the community at its Christmas concert.

This year, the production was titled Lights Camel Action Two, The Sequin, and the synopsis read: 'The stable has been transformed into a dance studio. As the traditional nativity characters tell the amazing story of the



Caesar made an appearance in the show. 20\_c51southendps05

birth of Jesus, they bring with them a brand new set of fabulous songs and dance styles, ranging from gospel to hustle and ceilidh to conga to help tell the miraculous nativity story.'

With only nine pupils in the school, but more than 20 roles in the production, some pupils were required to play more than one part each at last Thursday evening's event.

The cast was as follows: Caesar: George. Funky camel: Ashley. Soldier, king and star: Amber. Mary, king and star: Taylor. Soldier, shepherd and angel: Josh. Joseph, shepherd and angel: JJ. Villager, angel and star: Harry. Soldier and king: Archie. Soldier and sheep: Euan.

After the play, there was a raffle, and an opportunity for people to buy crafts from the school's sales table, after enjoying tea, coffee and mince pies.

A school spokesperson said: 'Thanks to all the people who helped: staff, the parent council, and the girls and boys for their wonderful performance.'



Four little soldiers. 20\_c51southendps03



Three bright stars. 20\_c51southendps04



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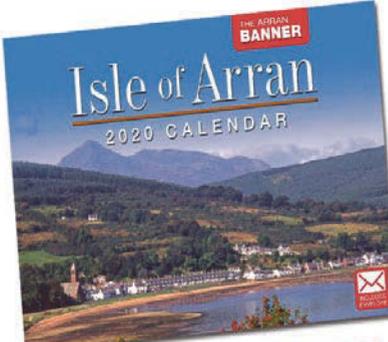
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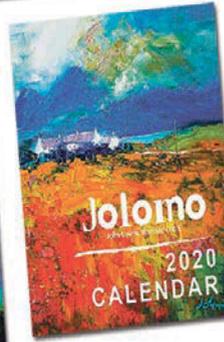
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## Skerryvore to headline MOKFest 2020 concert

Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (MOKFest) organisers have announced that Skerryvore are set to headline next year's festival, playing live at the West Coast Rocks Concert on August 22, 2020.

The 28th MOKFest takes place from August 19 to 23 in various venues across Campbeltown and plans are well under way for next year's event.

Skerryvore, a Scottish Celtic rock group who are celebrating their 15th anniversary in 2020, will play in Campbeltown for the first time in 13 years having previously played at MOKFest in 2007.

The band were formed by Tíree brothers Daniel and Martin Gillespie, alongside regular Tíree visitor Fraser West and his friend Alec Dalglish, both from Livingston, West Lothian, in 2005.

The group's present line-up includes Craig Espie, Alan Scobie, Jodie Bremaneson and Scott Wood.

Now a multi-award-winning

band, Skerryvore have released five studio albums and performed in more than 25 countries, including in Europe, the USA, the Middle East and in China.

The Live Act of the Year winners in 2011 and 2016 have said they are really looking forward to playing in Campbeltown at the West Coast Rocks Concert.

MOKFest event manager Iain Johnston, of JIG Events, said: 'We are delighted that Skerryvore are available to headline the 2020 West Coast Rocks Concert and we have already had inquiries from USA and Europe for tickets to the event.'

'In the new year we will announce further bands and details on the ticket sales to follow that.'

For more information go to [www.mokfest.com](http://www.mokfest.com), [www.facebook.com/mokfest](http://www.facebook.com/mokfest) or email [mokfest@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mokfest@hotmail.co.uk)

**Skerryvore are the first act of the 2020 MOKFest to be announced.**



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# Singers share festive coffee



Iona Parker and Maggie Allen enjoyed the afternoon. 20\_c51carols05

Campbeltown Town Hall was, once again, the venue for the Ensemble choirs' Coffee and Carols afternoon.

**Classic**

Last Sunday's event, which featured classic Christmas carols and songs, was so pop-

ular that the town hall's doors had to be closed at one point to prevent too many people being in the building.

Members of three of Paula McLean's Ensemble choirs - The Upbeats, One Voice and The Low Tones - dou-

bled up as entertainers and stall-holders, manning the usual fundraising stalls.

**Encouraged**

Visitors, who were provided with song sheets, were encouraged to join in as they enjoyed warming tea and

coffee accompanied by sweet treats.

The Christmas joy elicited by the festive favourites was accentuated by the town hall's beautiful seasonal decorations, courtesy of volunteer Willie Durnan.



Moyra Paterson was joined at the event by her daughter Eve Gaughan and new grand-daughter, Callie Sharp. 20\_c51carols03



Sarah Livingstone and Moyra Paterson ran the bottle stall. 20\_c51carols04



Marjorie Cunningham with her Christmas carol sheet. 20\_c51carols06

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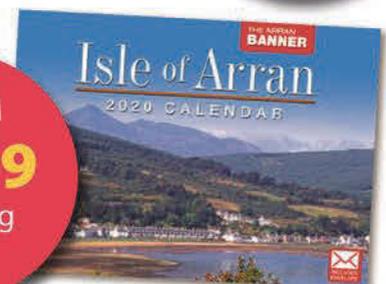
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# and carols



The men of The Low Tones took to the stage. New members are always welcome to join the group, which meets fortnightly. 20\_c51carols02



Members of Paula McLean's Ensemble choirs entertained a packed Campbeltown Town Hall. 20\_c51carols01



The town hall was packed with visitors. 20\_c51carols07

The town hall's decorations included this group of carol singers, whose performances were a little more plastic than the Ensemble choristers! 20\_c51carols08



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# Festive fun at social club party

Festive spirit emanated from the Monday Social Club's Christmas party, writes Hannah O'Hanlon

Shortly after the Courier popped into the event, which ran from 2-4pm on Monday, at the Tin Roof Diner, Sound of Kintyre, Santa made a special appearance, as a rendition of Jingle Bells was performed, bringing gifts for all.

Before that, many of the group had enjoyed a dance or two, with accordionist Alec MacKinnon providing the soundtrack.

Earlier, the club enjoyed a 'delicious' lunch of soup, a cocktail and some sandwiches, followed by a choice of dessert, and tea, coffee and cakes.

Cathie Duncan, who organised the event, thanked the Gilbert family at the Tin Roof Diner, Alec for attending every year with his accordion and Archie Mathieson, who transported members to and from the party.

A fantastic afternoon was had by all.



Left, members of the Monday Social Club celebrated with Santa at their annual Christmas party. 50\_c51mondaysoc01; the Monday Social Club party organiser, Cathie Duncan, got an extra tight hug from Santa. 50\_c51mondaysoc02



Cathie Duncan and Anna Viola enjoyed a dance, left. 50\_c51mondaysoc03



Barbara Hopes, left, enjoyed meeting Santa. 50\_c51mondaysoc05

Right, Alec MacKinnon entertained with his accordion. 50\_c51mondaysoc06



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# Brexit: beyond January 31 and the 'real grit' begins

'This will be the first trade deal in history that is seeking to erect barriers rather than remove them,' says NFUS president Andrew McCornick

NFU Scotland is looking beyond the projected EU exit date of January 31 and to what will come next in terms of the UK's future relationship with the European Union and international trade partners.

The Withdrawal Agreement, which will come into force on January 31, sets in track a transition period for the UK's exit from the EU, which will come to an end on December 31, 2020 – allowing 11 months for the UK and the EU to negotiate the terms of their future relationship.

It is these negotiations on the future relationship that is the real bread and butter of Brexit for NFU Scotland members because this is where the terms of the trade deal between the UK and the EU will be agreed.

Andrew McCornick, president of NFU Scotland, is reminding members that



**'It is not just the economics that is at stake here – there is the triple bottom line of sustainability, social economics and what Scottish farmers and crofters can deliver for the environment, including climate change.'**

'this will be the first trade deal in history that is seeking to erect barriers rather than remove them and the next 11 months of negotiations will be challenging and complex.

'These barriers can be any combination of things including tariffs, quotas on product, or non-tariff barriers such as sanitary and phytosanitary rules and standards'.

During this time the UK will also be at liberty to commence trade negotiations with new international partners.

Mr McCornick said: 'The

past three-and-a-half years have been ones to forget politically but with a new UK Government in place, finally Scottish farmers and crofters are receiving some clarity from government as to what the process of Brexit will be.

'Leaving the EU on January 31 will not be the hard part, as that it is only then that the real grit of the negotiations begins.

'The EU is our main and closest market beyond the internal UK market with established trade routes and partnerships and for this reason, NFU Scotland has

always campaigned for free and frictionless access to the EU market to remain after Brexit.

'The scale of the EU will give it strength in the negotiation, and it could seek to hold the UK back by prioritising different issues to satisfy other member states.

'I want NFU Scotland members to consider now what the priorities should be for our trading future with the EU.

'Because the terms of our future relationship with the EU will be what dictate subsequent free trade negoti-

ations with the international community: the closer we are to the EU with reciprocal policies, the more restricted our trade position will be with international partners.

'Conversely, the further we move away from the EU, the more likely we are to lose access to current trade agreements. I remain steadfast in the union's position that in our future EU and international trade agreements there must be no double standards of what is expected of Scottish and UK producers and what is tolerated from imports and their production methods and standards.

'It is not just the economics that is at stake here – there is the triple bottom line of sustainability, social economics and what Scottish farmers and crofters can deliver for the environment including climate change.'

## Judge travels to view Kintyre Ayrshire heifers

Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders' Club's annual Heifer Competition was held on Wednesday December 4, when members and friends viewed the various entries at the four herds participating.

Judge for the day was the far travelled Scott Taylor of Upper Braiklay, Ellon, Aberdeenshire, whose herd prefix, which may be better recognised, is Old Mill.

The results were announced and cups presented at an evening dinner held in the Ugadale Hotel as follows: Team Competition: 1 and the Parker Cup: T M Ralston & Sons, East Drumlemble; 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh; 3 J & M Barr, Clochkeil. Progeny Group: 1 and the James & Son Quaich: James Barbour, Machribeg; 2 East Drumlemble; 3 Clochkeil. Individual Heifer: 1 and the Kintyre Farmers Cup: Gartvaigh; 2 East Drumlemble; 3 Graeme McMillan, Gartvaigh. Dam and daughter: 1 and the Ayrshire Breeders Cup: Gartvaigh; 2 Graeme McMillan; 3 East Drumlemble. Butterfat and protein: 1 and the John Barr Memorial Tray: East Drumlemble. To conclude, a vote of thanks to all concerned in the day's success was given by Murray Ralston.

# Post-election action from NFU Scotland

Before the dust of the General Election had settled, NFUS kick-started an extensive programme of engagement with Scotland's intake of MPs and the new UK Government.

NFU Scotland has written to every MP in Scotland, inviting them to early meetings to make progress on the 10 key priorities set out in its election manifesto document.

This addresses the pressing Brexit issue, as well as climate change, animal welfare, opportunities for new entrants and food producers' standing in the supply chain.

NFU Scotland will also extend an invitation to the Secretary of State for Scotland, once appointed, to



Clare Slipper.

attend and address the upcoming NFU Scotland AGM in February next year.

Clare Slipper, NFU Scotland's political affairs manager, said: 'With the

dust from last week's election settled, now begins the hard work with Scotland's representatives in Westminster. Let us be clear: NFU Scotland will engage with all MPs, of all parties, to ensure the best outcomes for our membership. As well as organising meetings with Scottish MPs, we are also seeking early engagement with key appointments within the government.

'Having looked at the policies within the Conservative's manifesto line-by-line, there are areas of strength and opportunity and other areas that our members will find more challenging. Our role is to bridge that gap.'

Ms Slipper said that Brexit is the most pressing issue. She said: 'It is almost certain that the UK will be leaving the EU on January 31, and NFU Scotland will work closely with the UK Government to ensure this transition is as smooth as possible. After that point, the UK, the EU and the international community will enter an intense negotiating period on the terms of future trading relationships.

'NFU Scotland will build on the strong markers it has already laid in terms of maintaining our world-class standards of production and protecting the UK's agri-food market from substandard imports.'

NFU Scotland believes that the Prime Minister must deliver on the previous government's commitment to establish a Commission on Standards.

'We welcome the Conservative government's commitment to extend the current annual budget to farmers throughout the duration of the next parliament.

We will seek certainty on this staying ring fenced to agriculture, as well as the quantum of funding that will be delivered from now through to 2024,' said Ms Slipper.

'The new UK Government must work with the devolved administrations to recom-

mence negotiations on how future financial, regulatory and policy frameworks will operate across the UK to ensure the Scottish Government can make the right decisions on future agricultural policy for Scottish farmers and crofters.

'There are more challenging aspects to the Conservative government's proposed policies where we must ensure that there aren't negative consequences, intended or unintended, for our members. These include the party's uninformed position regarding the movement of live animals – an issue on which NFU Scotland lobbied the previous government hard.'

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Ecumenical Carol Service

#### Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Mass  
Christ Church, Lochgilphead

#### Christmas Day

9.00am St Columba's, Poltalloch  
Sung Holy Communion  
11.00am Christ Church, Lochgilphead  
Eucharist with Carols

### ST MARGARET'S RC CHURCH, LOCHGILPHEAD and ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY SC002876

#### Tuesday 24th December

Carol Service followed by Vigil Mass of the  
Nativity of the Lord  
8.30pm St Margaret's

#### Christmas Day

Mass of the Nativity of the Lord  
10.00am St Margaret's  
12.30pm All Saints

#### Thursday 26th December (St Stephen's Day)

Mass 10.30am St Margaret's  
No services 27th & 28th

#### Sunday 29th December

##### Sunday Mass

10.00am St Margaret's  
12.30pm All Saints

#### Monday 30th December

Mass 10.30am St Margaret's

#### Tuesday 31st December

10.30am Mass - St Margaret's  
9.00pm Prayer Service - St Margaret's

#### Wednesday 1st January

Mass 11.00am St Margaret's  
No services 2nd, 3rd & 4th

#### Sunday 5th January

##### Sunday Mass

10.00am St Margaret's  
12.30pm All Saints

### GLASSARY, KILMARTIN & FORD PARISH CHURCH, KILMARTIN Sunday 22nd December

11.30am

Rev Robert MacLeod

#### Tuesday 24th December

11.30pm Christmas Eve Service  
Carols and Lessons

#### Sunday 29th December

11.30am

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All Welcome

Services beginning 5th January 2020 10am  
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### ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES Sunday 22nd December

Advent 4

'The Birth'

Ardrishaig at 11.00am

Achahoish at 12.30pm

#### Christmas Eve

Carol Service

Achahoish at 7.00pm

#### Watchnight Service

Ardrishaig at 11.30pm  
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#### Sunday 29th December

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10.00am Bellanoch Church  
Advent Worship

#### Tuesday 24th December

4.00pm Tayvallich Green  
Carols on the Green

11.30pm Kilmartin Church  
Watchnight Service

#### Christmas Day

11.00am Bellanoch Church  
Christmas Celebration

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#### Friday 20th December

Ecumenical Service

All Saint's Inveraray 7.00pm

Father Simon Mackenzie and Wilf Stout

#### Sunday 22nd December

Joint Service Inveraray Church 11.30am  
Margaret Sinclair

#### Tuesday 24th December

Watchnight Services Cumladden Church  
7.30pm

Margaret Sinclair

Inveraray Church 11.30pm, Margaret Sinclair  
Mulled Wine & Mince pies after service

#### Christmas Day

Inveraray Church, 10.30am  
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#### Sunday 29th December

Lochgair Church 10.00am  
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Margaret Sinclair

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Skipness 10.00am

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Tarbert 11.30am

Rev C Fulcher

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Kilberry 2.00pm

Rev C Fulcher

#### Christmas Eve

Kilberry Church Christmas Eve Torchlight  
Carol Service

6.30pm, led by Peter Minshall

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Skipness Church 7.00pm - all very welcome

#### Sunday 29th December

Skipness 10.00am

C Holden

Tarbert 11.30am

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### LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Christmas Services

#### Sunday 22nd December

Family Service with Nativity at 11.00am

#### Christmas Eve

Watchnight Service at 11.15pm  
(Carols, mulled wine and mince pies  
from 10.45pm)

#### Christmas Day

Family Service at 11.00am  
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11.00am All Age Service

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#### Sunday 22nd December

Family Communion Service 11.00am

#### Tuesday 24th December

Carols By Candlelight 6.30pm

Christmas refreshments will be served

All are welcome

Pastor Steve Davies

#### Sunday 29th December

Family Communion Service 11.00am

All are welcome

Pastor Steve Davies

### ST KIERAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### Saturday 21st December

Rotate Mass 6.00pm

#### Sunday 22nd December

4th Sunday of Advent, Mass 10.00am

#### Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass of Christmas 9.00pm

#### Christmas Day

Holy Mass 10.00am

followed by Christmas refreshments in the hall

#### Wednesday 1st January 2020

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Holy Mass 11.00am

Fr Tony Wood

### PARISHES OF SADDELL & CARRADALE LINKED WITH SOUTHEND Christmas Services 2019

#### AT CARRADALE

##### 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

##### 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  
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#### A'CHLEIT

##### Sunday 22nd December

Advent 4: 11.30am with Baptism

#### Christmas Eve

Watchnight Service 11.30pm

#### CLACHAN

##### Sunday 22nd December

Advent 4: 10.00am

#### Christmas Eve

Family Carol Service 7.00pm

#### GIGHA

##### Sunday 22nd December

Carol Service 11.00am

#### Christmas Eve

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**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS**

**Mid Argyll**  
Refuse collections (general waste) due on Wednesday 25th December will be collected on Monday 23rd December.  
Recycling collections due on Wednesday 25th December will be collected on Saturday 28th December.  
Refuse collections (general waste) due on Thursday 26th December will be collected on Friday 27th December.  
Recycling collections due on Thursday 26th December will be collected on Saturday 28th December.  
Refuse collections (general waste) due on Wednesday 1st January will be collected on Monday 30th December.  
Recycling collections due on Wednesday 1st January will be collected on Saturday 4th January.  
Refuse collections (general waste) due on Thursday 2nd January will be collected on Friday 3rd January.  
Recycling collections due on Thursday 2nd January will be collected on Saturday 4th January.  
All other days will be collected as normal.  
Lingerton recycling and civic amenity site will be closed on 25th/26th December and 1st/2nd January.

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Refuse collections (general waste) due on Wednesday 25th December will be collected on Thursday 26th December.  
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Gigha recycling collection due on Wednesday 1st January will be collected on Tuesday 31st December.  
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The Roading recycling and civic amenity site will be closed on 25th/26th December and 1st/2nd January.  
Information is also available from the Council website and from your local office.

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/02497/PP	Amended design relative to planning permission 18/00816/PP – extensions and alterations to existing dwellinghouse (retrospective)	Alma Cottage, Big Brae, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6UQ
19/02535/PP	Repainting of shop front elevation from black to lavender grey	31 Longrow, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6ER

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

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

### CONSTRUCTION OF MAINLAND TO JURA POWER DISTRIBUTION REPLACEMENT CABLE, JURA SOUND

Notice is hereby given that Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of replacement of mainland to Jura power distribution cable at:

Cost	£3,000,000	
Location	Latitude	Longitude
Jura Sound	56° 02.290 N	005° 38.651 W
	56° 02.036 N	005° 38.282 W
	56° 01.658 N	005° 38.276 W
	56° 01.648 N	005° 39.060 W
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Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Argyll & Bute Council, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD and Jura Community Store, Craighouse, Isle of Jura PA60 7XS

Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:

Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email to: [MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot](mailto:MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot), quoting reference: 07190 and Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc.

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### ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

### THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

### ELECTRICITY (APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT) REGULATIONS 1990

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

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

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

Location Name	Normal Opening Hours	Address
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The EIA Report can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ; on the application website at [https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/sheirdrim\\_renewable\\_energy\\_development.aspx](https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/sheirdrim_renewable_energy_development.aspx); or at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot).

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

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

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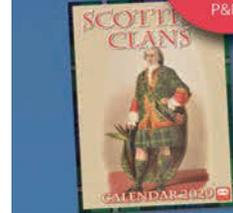
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**Happy 60th Birthday Granda John**

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with Marilyn Shedden

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Home-baking and hot drinks, including mulled wine, were on hand to keep everyone warm and in the festive spirit.

A total of £170.01 was raised on the night, the profits of which will go to Carradale Village Hall.



Members of the community gathered to sing carols.



People wrapped up warmly as they enjoyed hot drinks.



There was an impressive fireworks display.



A piper, complete with colourful Christmas lights, joined the festivities.

Have you finally stopped?

Is the shopping done? Are the presents wrapped? Is the dinner organised?

Have you remembered to send a card to the person who sent you one unexpectedly last year?

Have you finally stopped?

How often did you say: 'I'll be more organised next year?'

How often did you say: 'I can't believe how much I've spent?'

How often did you say: 'I have no idea what to get these people?'

How often did you wish it all wasn't so commercialised?

In this age of consumerism, we bleat about prices like weary sheep knowing we are being fleeced in so many ways.

What do you give the person who has everything?

What could you give the person who has nothing?

What do you wish for those you love the most?

The first Christmas gift was simply the gift of love.

It all sounds so easy; it all sounds so simplistic.

What will this gift cost? It will cost nothing and yet it will cost everything.

Love is the ultimate gift, and love is the most precious gift.

God gives us this gift and, by his giving, he encourages us also to give.

By God's grace and care, we are to reflect his selfless love.

Love comes in many guises, but never better than when it comes in person.

Love is at its best when it is unconditional; love is at its best when it is selfless; love is at its best when it thinks more of the one who receives it than the one who gives it.

Love is of God.

May love be your gift this Christmas - given and received.

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DEATHS

MACDONALD

Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, after a short illness, on December 16, 2019, Geordie MacDonald (Duncan), in his 83rd year, of 45 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, formerly of Ashfield, and Ellary Estate, beloved husband of the late Jean MacVean and much loved father of Malcolm. Dear brother of Jean, Mary, Lilly, Ena and Minnie, much respected brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family, and a good neighbour, dear friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Monday, December 23, 2019, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Donations to British Heart Foundation and Mid Argyll Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**GALBRAITH** - The family of the late Archie (Baldy) Galbraith would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended to them in so many ways during their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to staff at Mid Argyll Community Hospital; to the Rev Hilda Smith for her very comforting service; and to Donald MacDonald, funeral directors, for their caring and professional service. Many thanks to the Stag Hotel for their excellent purvey. Finally, sincere thanks to all who paid their last respects, and who donated generously to the retiral collection, which raised £710 for British Heart Foundation.

**WALLACE** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 17, 2019, Jessie Stark Wallace, in her 85th year, 3 Wallace Cottages, Southend, dearly beloved daughter of the late Alexander and Jessie Wallace, much loved sister of Helen and May, sister-in-law of Tommy and Billy and a loving aunt of Lynn and David. A graveside service will be held in Keil Cemetery, Southend, on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 11.00am, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

IN MEMORIAM

**ADCOCK** - Keira, August 11, 2000 to December 19, 2003.

Silent thoughts of our time together, Hold memories which will last forever.

Missed today and every day!  
- Love from Mum, Dad, Cassie and Annie xxxx.  
Jah Bless.

**ADCOCK** - Keira, August 11, 2000 to December 19, 2003.

Loved and missed always.  
- Love, Nana and Grandad xxx.

**ANDREW** - Treasured memories of Bill, a dear husband, dad, papa and grand papa, died December 24, 2015.

Forever in our hearts.  
- Jessie, Lorraine, Susan and families.

**BRODIE** - Edward Brodie, died December 17, 2018.

Forever in our thoughts.  
- Barbara, Christine, Martin and Kenneth.

**BURNETT** - In loving memory of our dear mum and granny, who passed away December 9, 2013.

In our thoughts always.  
- Love, Annamarie, Allan, Jacqueline and Linda xxxx.

**CAMPBELL** - Treasured memories of Marion McKenzie, who died December 19, 2009, a much loved and missed wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Your presence we miss, Your memory we treasure, Loving you always, Forgetting you never.

Forever in our hearts.  
- Her loving husband Archie, Moira, Fionnaigh, Christine and families.

WEDDING



**GILLESPIE - RENDALL**

Lyle Gillespie and Gemma Rendall were married on June 1, 2019 at St Magnus Cathedral, Orkney. Gemma is the daughter of Colin and Fiona Rendall of Kirkwall and Lyle is the son of Stuart and the late June Gillespie of Campbeltown.

**GATNER** - In loving memory of Andy, who died December 22, 2005.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered always.  
- Love, Sarah, Rita and Andrew.

**JOHNSTONE** - In loving memory of Archie, who died on December 10, 2016.

Until we meet again.  
- From his loving wife and soulmate, Agnes.

**MACAULAY** - In loving memory of a dear dad and grampy, Tommy, died December 18, 2012.

Loved, missed, always near,  
Forever in our hearts.  
- Love, Julie and Chloe xx.

**MAUCLINE** - Treasured memories of Duncan, died December 19, 2018.

Loved and missed every day.  
- Jane and family.

**MCGLYNN** - In loving memory of a dearly loved father and grandfather, Dugald (Tat) McGlynn, who passed away December 29, 2016.

Loved and remembered every day.  
- Kenneth, Kerry and Ben.

**SMITH** - In loving memory of our dear mum, Betty.

Always in our hearts.  
- From your girls and their families.

**TAYLOR** - In memory of Nicky, our friend and workmate, who passed away on December 26, 2014.

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- John and Kieran.

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HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH



SC002493

**Sunday 22nd December Children's Service for Christmas**

The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am  
All welcome

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

**Saturday 21st December**

Peace at Christmas 3.00pm New Hall  
A service to remember loved ones departed  
Everyone welcome

**Sunday 22nd December**

11.15am Morning Worship  
Joy at Christmas  
Choir items, BBs  
Nativity Story Gen 1 and Triple C  
Rev W Crossan

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown

**Sunday 22nd December**

Family Communion Service 11.00am

**Tuesday 24th December**

Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm  
Christmas refreshments will be served  
All are welcome  
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SCO14646

ST KIARAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Sunday 22nd December**

Advent 4  
Holy Communion 10.45am

**Wednesday 25th December**

**Christmas Day**  
Holy Communion 10.45am

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St. John Street, Campbeltown 01586 552160

Rev Tony Wood  
stkieransrc.org

**Saturday 21st December**

Rotate Mass 6.00pm

**Sunday 22nd December**

4th Sunday of Advent, Mass 10.00am  
**Christmas Eve**  
Vigil Mass of Christmas 9.00pm

**Christmas Day**  
Holy Mass, 10.00am

followed by Christmas refreshments in the hall

All welcome (SC002876)

SALVATION ARMY



**Sunday 22nd December**

No Morning Service 3.30pm Corps Family Carol Service (with Army Kidz)  
Followed by tea/coffee and eats

No Evening Service

**Wednesday 25th December**

Christmas Day 10.00am Christmas Celebration (Please note time)  
All welcome  
Scottish Charity Number SCO09359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



**Sunday 22nd December**

11.15am Christmas Service  
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11.15am Sunday School

**Monday 23rd December**

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**Sunday 22nd December**

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For all the family

**Wednesday 25th December**

10.30am Christmas Morning Service  
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SC043322

We meet at the SKDT Hall, Kirk Street PA28

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**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

**Sunday 22nd December**

Advent 4  
What's Behind Window 4?  
The Birth Services in Ardrishaig at 11.00am and

Achahoish at 12.30pm

**Please see page 29 for festive services**

All welcome

CHRIST CHURCH SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)

**Sunday 22nd December**

11.00am Eucharist & Coffee  
**Please see page 29 for festive services**  
All welcome  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
01546 602315

ST MARGARET'S RC CHURCH

Lochgilphead

Holy Mass Sunday 10am

**All Saints, Inveraray**  
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Kilmartin

**Sunday 22nd December**

Kilmartin 11.30am  
Rev Robert MacLeod  
**Please see page 29 for festive services**  
All very welcome (SC0 02121)

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Charity number SC001002

Christmas starts with Christ

Celebrate with us this year

**Sunday 22nd December**

10am Bellanoch Church  
Advent Worship

**Saturday 21st December**

10.30am - 12.30pm  
Achnamara Hall  
Café Connect

**Tuesday 24th December**

4.00pm Tayvallich Green

Carols on the Green

**Wednesday 25th December**

11.00am Christmas Celebration

Retiring Offering for Glasgow City Mission  
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SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

**Sunday 22nd December**

Skipness Service 10am  
Tarbert Service 11.30am

Kilberry 2.00pm  
All services Rev C Fulcher

**Please see page 29 for festive services**

All welcome  
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church of Scotland

**Sunday 22nd December**

**Joint Service**  
Inveraray Church - 11.30am

Margaret Sinclair  
**Please see page 29 for festive services**  
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# U13s splash out of West Regional Cup

It was all 'bah humbug!' for the Campbeltown Pupils U13s as, unfortunately, it seems they are out of the West Regional Cup all because their coaches 'let common sense prevail'.

The coaches removed the young players from the horrendous underfoot conditions on the flooded all-weather pitch at Dunoon, not waiting for a decision from the authorised officials.

The cup follows the SYFA rules and, due to the secretary and coaches' decision, the result was a forfeited game to the benefit of the home side; the forfeited scoreline goes down as 5-1.

Pupils coaches made the decision to remove the team after dropping to a team of 10 with three down injured due



**The all-weather pitch failed at the first hurdle – it was defeated by the rain; and slippery conditions led to the secretary and coaches' decision to pull the young players off the synthetic pitch.**

to the underfoot conditions, and with another taking ill reducing the team to nine, and forcing an injured player

into goal was the final straw. Each team managed a goal into the worst-affected half of the pitch, and all four other



goals were scored into the 'dry-ish' first half.

A spokesperson for the U13s said: 'Our players

definitely dominated pos-

session throughout but, to be honest, we should not have had to put our children

on the pitch to begin with. But the coaches went with it and, as the weather stayed true to forecast, it became impossible. It was evident there was now no dry half advantage for our side in the second-half as both halves were now under water in parts.

'We could not continue in the conditions and really do not regret our decision – a flooded all-weather pitch is usually a sign of a drainage problem due to the lack of maintenance and it can turn dangerously slippery.

'Our young players know this scoreline is certainly not a score to be reflected on as a defeat and they can now continue in concentrating on their league games – so all the best U13s.'

# Too much turkey? Go for a slog

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without Kintyre's ultimate feel-good cure for eating and drinking too much.

Campbeltown Running Club is once again hosting its Boxing Day Slog in the Sand.

There is a 10K and a fun 5K, which even walkers and their dogs can join in with, and, best of all, it is all in aid of a very good cause.

So get along to Westport Beach on December 26 in plenty of time for the registration, which opens at 10.30am, ready for the 11am start.

It costs £3 to join in the fun and all the proceeds are going to the Sunshine Room at Campbeltown Hospital.

If you want to know more, email enquiries @ campbeltownrunning-club.com

To get runners motivated for the challenge, here are some photographs from last year's event.



**Kicking off last year's race, top; the beach is not just for running – people can bring their buckets and spades to spectate, right; head along if you think you can beat this bunch, above, the 2018 winners; and left, Niamh Quinn was first to cross the line in last year's race.**



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## Hardy Dunaverty golfers head out in gale-force conditions

The December medal competition at Dunaverty Golf Club proved to be a real test of skills due to gale-force winds which steadily increased throughout the round.

Understandably, the scores were not great and the competition developed into a two-horse race between Keith Crawford and Alistair McConnachie.

They had their share of bogies

on the outward nine but both managed to reach the turn in 36 strokes, which was no mean feat in the conditions. The inward half was a struggle, with Keith covering the first six holes in 29 and Alistair in 28.

Keith forged to the front over the last three holes with a tally of 12 to Alistair's 15.

Keith had the best scratch score with a 77. CSS for the day was 66.

Result: 1 Keith Crawford 77-5=72; 2 Alistair McConnachie 79-6=73; 3 Ari Techner 83-8=75(bih); 4 Graeme McLennan 97-22=75; 5 Sandy Watson 88-12=76, 6 John Nutt 89-10=79.

## New Year lotto win would be grand

There is a grand to win, a wonderful £1,000 for some lucky person, as the Dunaverty Golf Club lotto has once again rolled over.

With so many draws without a winner, the prize money has really mounted up and will be a great win

for someone. The club's latest draw took place on December 9 with the winning numbers of 4, 7 and 15 - but there was, once again, no winner.

The next draw will be on December 29 when the jackpot will be £1,000.

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

# in the sand



'Santa' even took part in last year's race.



The race is fun for people of all ages.

# new SPOT THE SHINTY BALL

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THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £4150

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IF NO ONE WINS THE JACKPOT FROM THIS GAME WE WILL GIVE THE CLOSEST ENTRY A GUARANTEED £2000 FROM THE JACKPOT FUND

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

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

This game has a jackpot of £4150. If no one wins the jackpot outright then £2000 will be awarded to the person closest to the exact centre of the ball. The £2000 nearest prize will be taken from the jackpot fund. The competition will continue as normal from the issue dated 16th January 2020 with a jackpot fund of £2150. No other near miss prizes will be awarded for this game. In the event of a tie the prize money will be split evenly between all winning entries. If the crosses overlap the entry will be void.

TO ALLOW FOR DISRUPTION TO THE POSTAL SERVICE / HOLIDAYS THIS GAME WILL RUN OVER 4 WEEKS - CLOSING DATE 2PM MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2020

### Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 20 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to "Spot the Shinty Ball" Competition, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB by 2pm Monday 13th January 2020. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into any of our offices - The Oban Times, Lochavullin, Oban; The Lochaber Times, High Street, Fort William; The Campbeltown Courier, Main Street, Campbeltown or The Argyllshire Advertiser, Argyll Street, Lochgilphead by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

### Competition rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery. The Company's decision is final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

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

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



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

Name .....

Address .....

Tel No .....

Please tape your £1 coin here (only if posting)

## LAST WEEK'S SHINTY BALL WAS HERE...

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

J Cullen, Oban

T Campbell, Oban



U13s splash  
out of West  
Regional Cup

Too much turkey?  
Go for a slog  
in the sand

# Pupils step out in new kit but suffer home defeat



Campbeltown Pupils 0  
East Kilbride RR 6  
GADYFL Under 15s

Campbeltown Pupils U15s suffered a disappointing end to the year, going 6-0 down at home in their final game of 2019.

It was a harsh scoreline for the boys with visiting team East Kilbride Rolls Royce (EKRR) scoring four goals in the final 20 minutes of last Sunday's match.

Pupils coach David Paterson said: "That doesn't take away anything from EKRR, who were worthy winners – a cracking, strong side who will surely be in contention for the Glasgow League Division A this season.

"All the best to EKRR for the rest of the season – we really

appreciate their efforts travelling to Kintyre in the middle of December.

"Special thanks to Callum Semple at Semple Financial Services Ltd for sponsoring the match ball.

"There were lots of positives to take from Sunday's match and 2019 as a whole."

### Resplendent

Despite their loss, the young Pupils side looked resplendent on Sunday, sporting new gold strips, sponsored by the Ardshiel Hotel, for the first time.

David said: "This is the third season that the local Campbeltown hotel has sponsored our 2005s – since moving to 11-a-sides – and we cannot thank Marion, Flora and all at the Ardshiel Hotel for their continued support enough.



The Pupils U15s sporting their new golden strips, sponsored by the Ardshiel Hotel. Photograph: Helen Phillips.

"The 2005s have retained their traditional red kit, which was also sponsored by the Ardshiel, and purchased a new gold and navy strip, reflecting the gold in our badge and I am sure you will agree it looks very smart.

### Sponsorship

"It's important to promote the wonderful sponsorship and support ourselves and other organisations get in Campbeltown and Kintyre.

"The Ardshiel Hotel not only sponsors our 2005s but earlier this year agreed to sponsor the training kit worn by all our children at Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association – nearly 200 children!"



Josh Arkell, left, with referee Archie Mitchell and the EKRR captain, with the match ball, sponsored by Callum Semple.



Goalmouth action from Sunday's match.

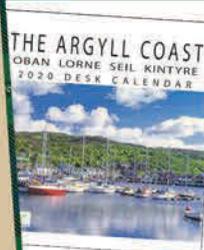


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