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End of an era as Robert Brown fries his last fish

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One of Campbeltown's longest-standing fast food aficionados has switched off his fryers and hung up his apron for the last time.

Robert Brown, 73, owner of Rab's Chippie on Shore Street, has retired after 42 years of serving up fish and chips to Kintyre residents and visitors, with last Saturday his final day in the shop.

Robert's chip shop career began in 1977 when he decided, after 15 years working at East Drumlemble Farm and a year driving lorries, that he wanted to set up his own business.

He bought a chip van and drafted in his wife Margaret's family to help peel and hand-chip potatoes.

'We got a quarter of a bin filled and headed to the airport, near to where the RAF was stationed, and pulled into a lay-by,' said Robert.

'A traveller came along and we sold our first bag of chips - but we forgot to take



Robert Brown, far left, and John McIlroy, in front of the much-loved Campbeltown takeaway and, above, the chip van which started it all.

a float, so we were all going through our pockets looking for change!'

Robert said he became a bit of an 'agony uncle' during his years out and about in the van.

'I could write a book with stories from the van. People would come to me crying, others shared happy news,' he

said. 'I enjoyed the van, I met a lot of people over the years.'

Robert said that the most famous person was probably Caroline, Princess of Hanover, the daughter of Rainier III, Prince of Monaco, and American actress Grace Kelly.

'Princess Caroline and her boyfriend came to the van

when we were parked at the top of the pier.

'A while later, we went to collect fish from a boat beside the princess's ship.

'We could see into the galley and it was nothing but chip pokes and champagne bottles!'

In 1988, after 11 years in the van, Robert bought his Shore

were back on the go in seven weeks.'

Robert's plans for his retirement will see him make something of a return to his early working life on the farm, as he plans to focus his time on his own goats, sheep and hens which live in a paddock beside his home.

'They'll keep me going - plus what the wife has got for me!' he quipped, adding he will now have more time to spend with his family, as well as 'doing up' an old tractor and some bikes.

'I'll be kept busy,' he said. 'After 58 years of working, I think I'm due a wee break and Christmas seemed a good time to wind up.'

The chip shop is for sale, although Robert's right-hand man in the shop for the last 38 years, 'faithful employee' John McIlroy, is taking on the lease for the time being.

Robert said: 'I'd like to thank my family for all their support over the years, plus all my customers who were loyal from the start. I'll miss them.'

Street premises: 'It must be the most photographed shop in Britain,' he said, adding that visitors came from all over the world to visit the van and the shop.

Among the highs, there were some lows - primarily when the shop was gutted by fire in 2007.

'It was a hard time,' said Robert, who had been recovering after hospital treatment at the time.

'It was burned to the walls, but the family rallied and we

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Drugs possession

A 58-year-old man was searched by police at 3pm on Monday December 16 on Hillside Road, Campbeltown, and found to be in possession of cannabis.

He was issued with a recorded police warning.

Door damaged

The close door at 26 Longrow, Campbeltown, was kicked open and damaged twice sometime between noon on Friday December 20 and 9am on Sunday December 22.

Man injured in fire

A 45-year-old man suffered serious burns as a result of a fire at a flat in Saddell Street about 12.35am on Saturday December 21.

The Scottish Fire and

Rescue Service, police and ambulance crew attended and the fire was extinguished. The injured man was taken to Campbeltown Hospital and subsequently transferred to Glasgow where he is being treated.

Offensive weapon

A 31-year-old man allegedly behaved in an abusive manner and brandished golf clubs in a threatening manner in the Square in Bowmore at 1.30am on Saturday December 14. He was traced, charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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

Kinloch Road crossing delay frustrations

Safe crossing 'urgently' needed says councillor

Frustration is building over the length of time it is taking to make Kinloch Road in Campbeltown safer for pedestrians.

After arranging an onsite meeting in July and the subsequent report, Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly would like to see action.

He said: "The time it is taking to resolve this issue is becoming ridiculous and totally unacceptable. All parties have agreed a way forward which is reflected in the report.

"Transport Scotland should implement the recommendations as a matter of urgency and provide a safe crossing point for the community.

'Anything less is just another cop-out which will continue to compromise public safety.'

In his report after the summer meeting, Jim McGregor, BEAR Scotland's senior engineer for improvements in the area, pointed out a previous survey highlighted pedestrian crossing movements are dispersed along the full length of the road with the busiest places where pedestrians cross towards the waterfront, at bus stops and Aqualibrium.

The traditional 'refuge islands' you would expect to see for pedestrians on a road like this are unviable and options are limited because of the regular transportation of abnormal loads associated with offshore wind turbine towers being transported to Campbeltown Harbour.

Mr McGregor also noted the buff-coloured surface strips across the road and dropped kerbs were causing confusion with those on foot and drivers not sure who had priority.

'The lack of forward visibility at certain locations, width of the road and vehicle speed were all considered likely to be a factor in pedestrians feeling vulnerable,' he added.

Mr McGregor told Councillor Kelly his recommended provision was a new controlled crossing and adjustment of the existing crossing points, as generally



Flash back to July and the meeting Councillor Donald Kelly arranged to discuss making Kinloch Road safer for pedestrians. Councillor Kelly and Jim McGregor of BEAR Scotland were joined by members of the Campbeltown Community Council and road police in a walk from Royal Hotel round to the Cooperative store and studying different points along the route. From left: Donald Kelly, Andy Hemmings, Sergeant Archie McGuire, John Armour, Alan Baker and Jim McGregor.

discussed during the summer visit.

'The route manager Neil Macfarlane visited Campbeltown recently and has indicated to me he is generally supportive of a scheme, but would also like to extend any project to include cycle facilities and any other potential issues,' Mr McGregor wrote.

'I understand investigations are ongoing and Mr Macfarlane plans to have discussion, with a view to securing agreement on the best way forward and funding of any project. Please be aware Transport Scotland has still to formally advise if a scheme will proceed and any proposed timescale for delivery.'

The various options for the

crossings have a lot of pros and cons.

Between the junction at the Royal Hotel, back towards the bus stances and as far as Aqualibrium, a case can be argued as to exactly where pedestrians would benefit the most by having a crossing on this stretch of the trunk road known as Kinloch Road.

Another crossing is also needed near the town's Co-operative store.

A crossing is even more essential now that toddlers will be using space at Aqualibrium, with the relocation of nursery classes to the building, which also houses the town's library, gym, swimming pool and changing rooms for the adjacent football pitches.

Suggestions to make crossing road safer

These suggestions are all subject to a detailed design and

consultation exercise before all or any are implemented.



■ Remove coloured road markings at existing crossings A, D, E and G. They have no legal meaning and are reported to be causing confusion and indecision.

■ Remove pedestrian dropped kerb, tactile paving and reinstate to full kerb at existing crossings A, D, and E as there is inadequate visibility available at these crossings.

■ Provide new pedestrian dropped kerb and tactile paving at B and F.

■ Provide new controlled pelican crossing at C where most pedestrians cross.

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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Call to 'get tough' following CS Wind redundancies

CS Wind UK must not remove any equipment and must repay money if it withdraws from Machrihanish, the MSP for Argyll and Bute and Unite the Union have said.

Michael Russell MSP and Charlie McDonald, regional officer for the union, have put their names to a joint letter telling Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) to get tough with the company which has laid off much of its Kintyre workforce.

'We are concerned the equipment in the plant may be removed by the company and shipped to other countries, where the company has other factories,' they said.

This could block any other rescue options, they added, and called for HIE to intervene directly 'to remind the company of its lease'.

They wrote: 'The company should be made aware of any obligations it would have to repay grants or loans were it to withdraw from Machrihanish.'

CS Wind is not talking to either the press or making its plans clear.

'We are concerned at the lack of clarity from the company about its plans,' Mr

'We firmly believe that there must be a place for a Scottish-based manufacturing company serving the wind industry in Scotland and given the history of the factory at Machrihanish and the skills of the workforce, we further believe such a company has to be based upon the existing facility,' say Michael Russell MSP and Unite the Union.



Michael Russell MSP has co-written the letter which says there is concern CS Wind will remove equipment from the plant, which could block any rescue.

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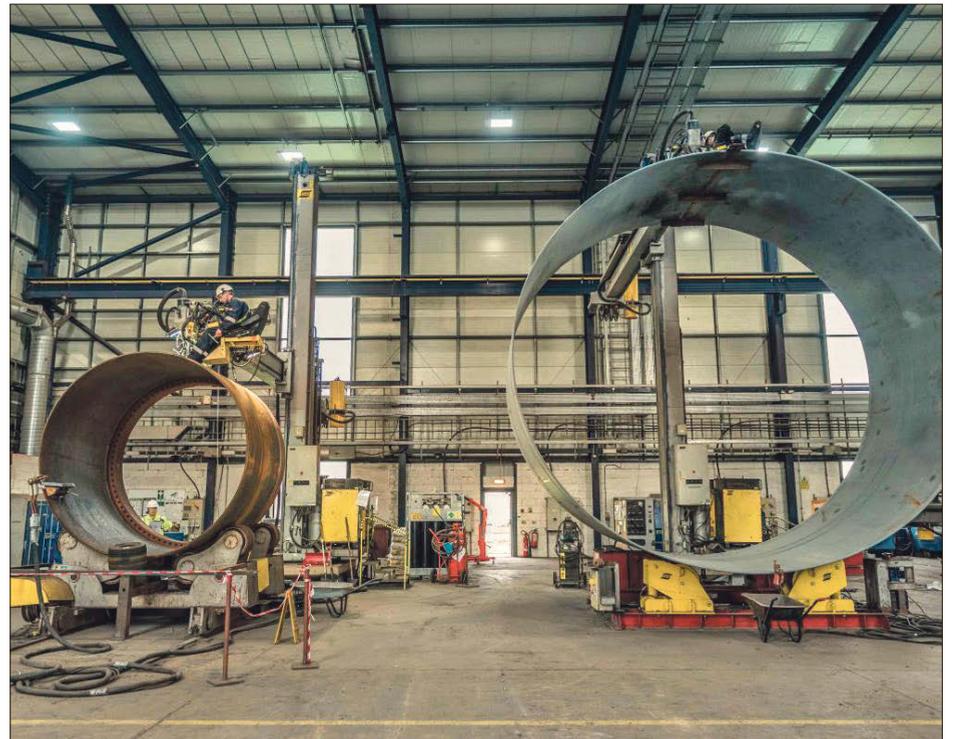
en to contact the company to tell it that no additional monies can be made available in the way they appear to be expecting or demanding, and he has urged CS Wind to indicate what its intentions are.

As things now stand, Mr Russell and Mr McDonald ask HIE to start 'intensive work' on considering alternatives to CS Wind for Machrihanish.

Russell and Mr McDonald wrote last week.

This follows a meeting they had with CS Wind shop stewards and Paul Wheelhouse, Scottish Energy Minister.

The minister has undertaken



Consent granted to repower Tangy wind farm

Scottish renewable energy developer and operator SSE Renewables welcomed the decision by Scottish Ministers on December 20, to grant consent enabling the repowering of Tangy wind farm.

Located around 10km north-west of Campbeltown, the existing Tangy I and II wind farms have been generating clean, renewable energy since 2003 as part of SSE Renewables' portfolio of nearly 2GW of operational onshore wind farms across the UK and Ireland.

Tangy IV will see the existing 22-turbine site reduced to 16 turbines whilst increasing the installed capacity nearly four-fold from the current 18.7MW up to a maximum of 80MW.

To enable this the turbine



tip-height will increase by nearly 20m from the previously consented 130m to 149.9m.

The reduction in turbine numbers reflects the rapid development of wind turbine technology and will allow SSE Renewables to take advantage of much more powerful

turbines to maximise the energy generation potential and efficiency of the site.

Andy Gregory, SSE Renewables development project manager, said: 'We are delighted to hear Scottish Ministers have granted consent for Tangy IV as repowering aging wind farms is fast becoming a key priority in meeting Scotland's net-zero ambitions.'

'This consent will allow us to replace the existing Tangy turbines with fewer, but more efficient, larger-capacity machines, harnessing more of Argyll's excellent wind resource and making use of the existing infrastructure there.'

SSE Renewables will now consider the options for a route to market for the project ahead of taking a final investment decision.

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Waverley to sail in 2020 after reaching fundraising target

The fundraising appeal to save the paddle steamer Waverley has reached its £2.3 million target just seven months after it was announced the famous steamship would not operate in 2019.

The Boiler Refit Appeal has attracted donations from more than 8,000 individuals as well as support from the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society, several trusts and £1 million from the Scottish Government.

Arnold Clark and the Swire Charitable Trust have confirmed their support, meaning the appeal has reached its target.

Eddie Hawthorne, chief executive officer and group managing director for Arnold Clark, said: 'I'm delighted we're able to contribute £50,000 towards the restoration of the Waverley. Arnold Clark understands how significant the ship and



Left: The Waverley, photographed in Campbeltown Loch, will be back in operation for summer 2020. Above: The Waverley's new boilers take shape.

its heritage is to Glasgow and we were keen to help towards the £2.3 million fundraising target.

'I'm looking forward to seeing the Waverley on her way back "doon the watter" soon.'

Waverley's new boilers are currently being built by Cochran's Ltd in Annan and are due to be completed in

February. Work required on the ship will involve the removal of the iconic twin funnels to allow access to the boiler room.

Waverley Excursions general manager Paul Semple said: 'Thanks to the fantastic generosity of so many people and organisations, we are now able to push full ahead with

Waverley's boiler refit which will be the most substantial refit since her rebuild was completed in 2003.

'I would like to thank everyone who has donated to the appeal and supported our efforts to save the last seagoing paddle steamer in the world.'

The Waverley is owned by a registered charity and operated on a not-for-profit basis.

Support

The recent appeal for cash has been the most successful in the ship's preservation career but ongoing support will be required given the

'We are deeply grateful to all those who have helped this year'

annual cost of dry docking and refit. Mr Semple added: 'The trustees of the Waverley charity believe ongoing charitable giving must now form a greater part of Waverley's long-term operational survival to ensure she remains in service.'

'We are deeply grateful to all those who have helped this

year and, in the months and years ahead, will ask those who care and who are able to help, to add Waverley to their permanent thoughts.'

The Waverley will be moved from Glasgow to Greenock, under tow, in January, where the major 'open-heart surgery' will take place.

The work is expected to take around four months to complete allowing the Waverley to undertake her regular cruises around the west of Scotland, the Mersey, Bristol Channel, south coast and the Thames in 2020.

Road investment continues to reap rewards, says council

Argyll and Bute Council claims ongoing investment in the authority's roads continues to halt deterioration, with the overall condition of roads showing 'continued improvement'.

Argyll and Bute remains in the top five fastest improving Scottish local authorities in terms of road condition.

The Annual Status and Options Report summarises the council's road assets as at April 2018 and sets out future investment options.

The latest Road Condition Indicator survey shows that a smaller percentage of roads – 16.10 per cent – are flagged as in a 'red' condition with 45.83 per cent in the green zone.

Road condition is measured by the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey which assesses parameters such as surface texture and cracking, smoothness and rutting.

Since February 2018, addi-



The council says ongoing investment has seen continuing improvement in Argyll's roads. 50_c51pothole01

Supporting the increased funding is an enhanced carriageway inspection regime which identifies and deals with faults before they become issues for road users.

Councillor Robin Currie, policy lead for Housing, Roads and Infrastructure Services, said: 'Maintaining our roads is challenging. Nearly one third of our network is made up of unclassified roads, more than 80 per cent of the network is in rural areas and 23 per cent are over peat, which costs more for construction and maintenance.'

'We do all we can to make the most of the funding we have available to us and, thanks to the measures that have been taken, can see steady improvements being made.'

'I'm pleased these roads improvements have been made because of additional allocations, agreed by the council, in recent years.'



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Council chief bids farewell

Argyll and Bute Council's departing chief executive has said local people show the best of 'an amazing area that deserves a great future'.

Cleland Sneddon left his post with the authority on Thursday December 19 to take up a similar role with South Lanarkshire Council, a move that will take him closer to his family.

He has also stated it 'angers and saddens' him that the area has suffered a reduction in Scottish Government funding since 2008 which has meant £57 million of savings.

But while he leaves Argyll and Bute with mixed feelings, it is also with fond memories as he hands the reins over to Pippa Milne in the new year.

Mr Sneddon said: 'I have enjoyed almost 10 wonderful years in Argyll and Bute. This is an amazing area that deserves a great future. Challenges remain to be met, of course, but across Argyll and Bute I see progress being made in creating the right conditions for the economic growth that will bring prosperity.'

'More than anything, I will remember the great people I have met, from the brewery guys on Colonsay who made a 'cocktail bar' out of a container unit one long winter to the outdoor early years children at Stramash in Oban.'

'More than anything, I will remember the great people I have met, from the brewery guys on Colonsay who made a 'cocktail bar' out of a container unit one long winter to the outdoor early years children at Stramash in Oban. It's local people who show Argyll and Bute at its best.'

'Lanarkshire is where I am originally from and I spent 13 years with South Lanarkshire Council earlier in my career.'

'It is also an area of outstanding potential and opportunities to become chief

executive of so large a council don't come around often.

'It will feel like a bit of a homecoming with so many of my old colleagues still working there and will also move me closer to family.'

Mr Sneddon was executive director for community services on his arrival in Argyll and Bute before taking up the chief executive's post in 2014.

There have been positive aspects and challenges along the way and financial issues remain a big obstacle.

Asked for the biggest challenges of his time with the council, Mr Sneddon continued: 'Undoubtedly the financial cuts that have been made to local government since 2008. For Argyll and Bute that means savings of £57 million.'

'It angers and saddens me what has happened to our funding. We provide services that are crucial every day to everyone, from educating our children, to looking after the vulnerable in our society and a million other activities that support our communities.'

'It leaves us annually con-

sidering the most unwelcome of cuts.

'It further angers me there are those who deny the truth of this position. I am not a politician - it is for others to argue about where the cause of this situation rests - but let's not insult the public by suggesting these financial challenges are not real.'

On the highlights of his time, he said: 'The creative, committed and skilled people I work with. Councils can't do everything communities want and public comments often focus most on what we're not in a position to do.'

'I know, however, just how hard our employees work for Argyll and Bute and the huge difference they are making in what are times of unprecedented challenge for local government. I am immensely proud of this council and those who work for it.'

Looking to the future, with Ms Milne moving into the chief executive's chair, Mr Sneddon talked about the potential for Argyll and Bute to develop.

He added: 'Attracting the



Cleland Sneddon.

people and jobs Argyll and Bute needs to have a successful, sustainable future will take time, investment and effort from everyone who has influence and impact on life in the area.

'There is massive economic potential in this area. The Rural Growth Deal has the potential to take Argyll and Bute further along the road to economic growth and repopulation.'

'Reversing the population decline that threatens Argyll and Bute's future has to continue to be the key priority.'

'There is a solid platform

for my successor to take up the reins and drive progress putting into action Rural Growth Deal investment; the maritime change programme at HM Naval Base Clyde; delivering new housing across the area; attracting new business investment; further closing education attainment gaps; developing new models of care; improving public protection services - I could go on and on. The agenda is enormous, driven by a focus on continuous improvement.'

'I wish my successor and the colleagues and friends I leave behind every success.'

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Happy retirement Robert

Staff at the Campbeltown Courier wish Robert Brown a happy retirement.

After nearly 60 years working, alongside raising a family, we think Robert is right when he says he deserves a break.

It sounds like Robert, who has kept hens for six years, sheep for four years, and goats for the last few months, will have plenty to keep him occupied.

Good luck also to John McIlroy who is taking on the chip shop lease.

It is fantastic its doors will remain open, with John continuing to do what he has for the last 38 years.

Happy New Year

We would like to wish all our readers a Happy New Year when it comes.

May 2020 bring everyone health, happiness and prosperity.

This has not been the best year for many people in Kintyre, with the closure of Campbeltown Creamery and redundancies at CS Wind UK but, as the song lyrics go, the only way is up.

A new year means a new start so let's enter 2020 with a positive outlook.

Three nil

Brian Gee in his letter (on December 13) made three points, all of which missed the goal.

First he claimed that my plea for Scottish voters to vote for Scottish parties would usher in a Corbyn government. It would have been difficult for him to have been more wrong.

Secondly he assumes that Socialist governments must, of necessity, be undesirable. The Wilson and Callaghan governments were not all bad though they were at times incompetent and corrupt, as are all governments.

The worst thing they achieved was leading to Heath's ineptitude and Thatcher's malignancy, though we may warm to her once we've seen what heights Johnson and Cummings are capable of reaching.

Although I was at school in Dunstaffange at the time, I also remember the Attlee government introducing the NHS and Universal Secondary Education. I have never understood why the electorate only gave them one term.

His third point brought to my mind Father Ted sitting in a caravan and patiently trying to explain to Dougal that the toy cow in his hand was small whereas the apparently small one seen through the window was a long way away.

It's all about proportion; yes, there are more English subjects contributing to the Treasury than there are Scottish citizens, but the amount contributed per head is greater in Scotland. Not my figures, the UK Government's.

For most of the last 40 years Scotland has subsidised England.

Now before he moves on to 'the deficit', two points. Technically Scotland is not permitted to have a deficit, see the Scotland Act, and the figure provided is obtained by apportioning a share of the UK's spending to Scotland, including many items, such as Trident, Cross-London Rail Link and HS2, which Scotland would not choose to spend.

Certainly an independent Scotland would have to manage its budget with care but it would be setting priorities for itself.

The people of Scotland must be allowed to choose their own future.

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

Thank you to voters

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the General Election and the many people who helped in my campaign.

I congratulate Brendan O'Hara on his re-election and wish him well in his job of representing the people of Argyll and Bute at Westminster.

Alan Reid.

Campaigning – a new national sport

I should like to send my thanks, appreciation and respect to everyone who campaigned so

energetically, enthusiastically and committedly throughout the recent General Election. Without these people's efforts, democracy in the UK would be weaker.

These are the enthusiasts; the team players; the dedicated. They are prepared to sacrifice. They give up holidays; climb shaky ladders to erect posters; staff gazebos at temperatures below zero; receive abuse on doorsteps and cancel lunch appointments with friends. For them it is the taking part that inspires. A win would be a bonus, but not an essential.

Of course, many campaigners are disappointed and glad it is over. However, after a great Christmas with family and friends, enjoyable drams at Hogmanay and Celtic Connections in January, they will be ready to go again.

There can be no thought of a Westminster five-year term. Already the PM has indicated he will review the fixed term parliament. There will be Scottish Parliament and local authority elections on May 6 2021.

The First Minister is calling for polling before then. Nicola Sturgeon is the ultimate campaigner. Her body almost burst with joy when the election of 48 SNP MPs was announced.

The strength of political campaigners is also their weakness. When elected, they seldom establish good administrations. Just look at the performance of the ten-plus years in office of the SNP. Falling standards in education; a Scottish NHS in crisis; drug levels among the highest in Europe; poverty and homelessness.

The message is clear – those who enjoy

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Finlay Craig,
Cove.

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As we head into the new year, I want to thank those who gave their time, from the minibus driver, to the tea-makers and the den-builders.

Every single person is playing their part to give young people aged six to 25 the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.

Thank you all, Scouting couldn't happen without you.

Andrew Sharkey,
Chief Commissioner, Scouts Scotland.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Margaret Richardson recently submitted this photograph of CalMac's MV Loch Fyne just before it sailed out of Campbeltown Loch on Saturday November 16.

She captured the image of the ferry surrounded by large yellow cranes, all of which are reflected in the still water, with her iPhone 6S.

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

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday December 25, 2009

With a little help from my friends

Fiona Blake set out to complete a Breakthrough £1,000 Challenge for the new Scottish Research Centre in Edinburgh but, as usual, Campbeltownians excelled themselves and tripled the amount required.

'This has allowed me to nominate not only the late Dawn Marie Jenkins, my daughter, but also the late Leonora Sugarman, both of whom lost their fight with breast cancer, and Margaret E McMillan, who is a survivor. Thank you all so much from the bottom of my heart,' said Fiona. The women's names will be honoured at the centre. The money will help the Breakthrough Research Unit in Edinburgh improve how women with the disease will be treated in the future.

The scientists have developed a computer model that will help predict a patient's response to the drug Herceptin and as such has a huge potential impact on the treatment of women in Scotland and around the world.

Fiona held a packed-out fundraiser at the town's Masonic Lodge this month.

'It would not have happened without the help and support of my family and friends and Dawn's friends,' she said. 'My grateful thanks go to Mary, Joyce, Betty, Margaret, Wendy, Jane, Michelle and Karen. To Annie and Frank for putting up with me over the past weeks and Stephen and Elaine for coming such a long way to support me. I am lost for words.'



A family photograph, back row: Elaine Blake, Frank Blake, Stephen Blake. Front row: Annie Grumoli and Fiona Blake.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday December 30, 1994

Last catch boat hangs up its nets

A Tarbert fishing boat landed its last catch and hung up its nets for the final time last week.

On Thursday, the Sunbeam became Tarbert's first fishing boat to be scrapped under the government's on-going decommissioning scheme.

And this week one of the co-owners of the vessel told The Courier that the government was to blame for the decision to scrap the boat.

This is the second round of decommissioning scheme where the government offers skippers cash to scrap their vessels.

The payment varies with the size of the boat, but the average pay-out is £56,000.

The Sunbeam, which provided full-time employment for at least two Tarbert fishermen, is owned by Robert Ross and his wife Margaret of Penlee, Barmore Road, Tarbert.

Mr Ross, who started fishing in 1941, said: 'Last Thursday was the Sunbeam's last day at sea and when a boat like her has to be scrapped it's a very sad day indeed.'

'She's an old boat and that had something to do with her being scrapped, but the main reason has got to be the government's bad handling of the industry as a whole.'

'The fishing industry has had a raw deal in recent years and I for one can't see any hope of things improving.'

Mr Ross retired from full-time fishing in 1982 and employed Mr James Johnson to skipper the 50ft ring-netter.

Mr Johnson, who has skippered the trawler for the past 12 years, said: 'It's sad to see her go but she is an old boat and it would cost far too much to bring her up to today's standards - there was no choice but to scrap her.'

'I hope this is just a one-off and is not the picture of what the future holds for the fishing industry.'

And district councillor Mr Duncan Henderson said: 'It's sad that the fishing industry has gone into decline to such an extent that boats are having to be decommissioned.'

In Scotland, 49 out of 149 applications by skippers to decommission fishing boats have been accepted by the government.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

December 25, 1969

Now it's peat power

Indications of the possibility of a new technology industry in the north of Scotland based on peat were given by Mr Tom Fraser, the chairman of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, speaking in Perth recently at the opening of a new board showroom.

Mr Fraser said the board had been one of the first bodies to look at the modern use of peat, but whereas most people had given up interest the board had never lost interest in peat.

'We are now looking at a new potential which could mean a new, highly-developed technological industry in the north of Scotland,' remarked Mr Fraser.

'Electricity,' said Mr Fraser, 'its price and availability gives no cause for worry to industrialists coming into our area. Our industrial tariff for small- and medium-sized industries is the lowest in the country, and it is very good to be able to say that when one goes to the Midlands and south-east of England.'

'And it is nice to have letters from industrialists who had been advised that transport costs would be higher up here, saying that the increase in transport costs was wholly offset by the lower power costs from the Hydro-Electric Board.'

'So our tariff seems to be attractive to the potential and prospective customer.'

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday December 27, 1919

Castlehill Church Christmas

Service

An evening service in Castlehill Church last Sunday had special bearing on the Christmas season.

Despite the fact that the night was wet and stormy, there was a very large congregation.

The service was principally musical and was exceedingly bright and enjoyable.

In addition to the Christmas hymns, two anthems were rendered by the choir, Miss Jeanie Strang sang a solo, a contralto and soprano solo from the Messiah were given by Miss C. Strang and Mrs Colin Mackinnon respectively, while Mr Thos. Blue sang a bass solo. A short, appropriate address was given by the minister, the Rev C.V. MacEchern, M.A., Mrs McNeil presided at the organ.

Peace medals for school children

Before the schools in town were closed for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, the children had presented to them the medals, by which the Town Council decided some time ago the coming of peace should be commemorated among the young folks of the community.

The medals are exceptionally chaste and attractive in design and most appropriate to the occasion which they signalise.

They are of the button-hole type, and the central design is a representation of Campbeltown Cross surrounded by a laurel wreath.

The cross and wreath are in gold, ringed with white enamel bearing in letters of gold the inscription 'Campbeltown Scholars Peace Medal 1914 - 1919,' while cutting across the centre of the badge is the motto of the County Regiment 'Ne Obliviscaris.'

In Dalintober School, the headmaster and teachers very kindly improved the occasion on their own initiative by entertaining the scholars to tea.

This pleasing little function was hurriedly arranged, but the trades people kindly co-operated with the teachers in ensuring an abundance of good things and the social was a great success.

The presentation of the medals followed the ceremony being attended by Rev D. S. Brown M.A. representing the Education Authority, Councillor John Smith representing the Town Council and Mr Archd Cook representing the School Management Committee.

An attractive programme was gone through and in the minds of the scholars the occasion is sure to remain a memorable one.

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Kintyre holiday cottage identified

Two weeks ago, the Courier asked if anyone could identify an unknown Kintyre cottage visited by holiday-maker Shelly Allison in the late 1970s and, as usual, our readers delivered.

Many people correctly thought it was Strone Cottage, part of Carskief Estate, with Ewan Johnstone, of Auchencorvie, who was the estate manager at the time, confirming its identity.

Mr Johnstone, who was responsible for letting out the house at the time, said: 'I remember the night that girl and her father arrived. Half an hour after they got there, we saw lights coming back along the road and we thought they weren't happy with the cottage – but they wanted to know if there was a carry-out in Campbeltown. There wasn't, but there was a chip shop, so they went into town and returned to the cottage some time later with

their suppers.'

Thomas Cameron, from Gartvaigh, also phoned and said: 'The guy in the photograph rolling the wool, I think it might be Archie Maguire, who lived in Southend village and worked at Carskief at the time.'

Shelly's visit to Strone Cottage provided her with lots of happy memories, and she is not alone in her affectionate feelings for the area.

Mr Johnstone's daughter, Judy Semple, also got in touch and said: 'I was brought up at Carskief until I was 12. My mum used to do the changeovers. We also stayed in the cottage occasionally and used to roll our Easter eggs up there.'

'I have very happy memories of time spent at Strone, both when we were there when men were clipping sheep and when we stayed.'

Kerry Houston contacted the Courier and said: 'The

big sheep fank and shed were close by the cottage. I spent many a happy Saturday there with my granda who was a shepherd.'

'We had to use a van to drive in rough terrain and over the burn just before the house. It has lots of happy memories for me too.'

Kerry sent in some updated photographs of the cottage and surrounding area, which we can share here.

Shelly, who lives near Preston in Lancashire, was delighted to find out more about the cottage, and shared another memory of her time there.

'Some of my other memories of the holiday are sitting outside the house and seeing shooting stars for the first time ... it was magical,' she said.

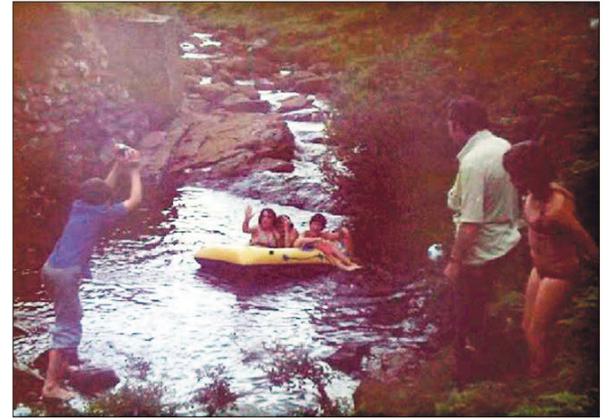
'On our fishing trip, we caught 28 mackerel and one other fish that people thought was a dogfish. My

dad duly filleted the mackerel for our tea. Unfortunately, after a day fishing and seeing all the fish guts, that was the last thing us kids wanted to eat!

'We recently had an 80th birthday celebration for the other dad who was on the holiday with us. We asked him if he could remember where the house was, but he couldn't. His daughter did say that she'd like to find the two young lads who were around the sheep shearing at the time, who thought it was fun to throw rocks in the water at us when we were in our inflatable dinghy!'

If any of our readers know who the young rock-throwing rascals may be, please get in touch.

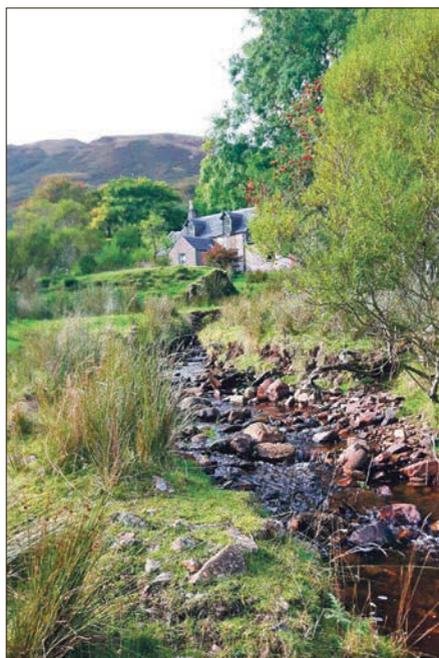
Shelly remembers watching sheep being clipped in the shed near the cottage.



Can you identify these young men who decided to throw rocks at Shelly and her family as they floated in an inflatable dinghy?



Strone Cottage photographed more recently.



The burn in which Shelly's family played.



The rugged landscape which Shelly fell in love with as a youngster.

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P5G dressed to impress when they sang *When Love Takes Over* by David Guetta and *Paradise* by George Ezra. 20_c52dalshows01

Love was well and truly in the air at Dalintober Primary School in recent weeks.

Delivering on the theme of this year's school show, From Dalintober, with love, pupils performed songs all about caring for others.

The selections ranged in age and style, from the likes of Freddie Mercury's *I Was Born to Love You*, and *Love Me Do* by The Beatles, to *When Love Takes Over* by David Guetta, and *Somebody to You* by The Vamps and Demi Lovato.

This year there were four showings – two for the P1 to P3 classes, and two for the P4 to P7 classes. An extra special feature this year was the inclusion of British Sign Language (BSL) during P3M's performance.

The class has been learning BSL under the guidance of teacher Erin McManus, and parent and BSL tutor Martine Craig. The school is working on gaining BSL-friendly status, towards which Martine has provided a lot of support.

Head teacher Caroline Armour said: 'I am very proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm of our pupils and staff in putting this show together and performing it to four sell-out audiences.'

'It is representative of the support and love we have within Dalintober itself and across our school community.'

More photographs: www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk



P3M performed BSL as they sang *It Must Be Love* by Madness and *Love Me Do* by The Beatles. 20_c52dalshows02



P6 had great fun singing *You Can't Hurry Love* by Phil Collins, and *All I Want for Christmas is You* by Mariah Carey. 20_c52dalshows03

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Castlehill nativity tale



Pupils from Castlehill Primary School's P1 and P2 classes upheld school tradition by staging their own version of the Christmas nativity. The young actors impressed an audience of their friends, family, fellow students and teachers as they told the story of Jesus's birth. In addition to five little narrators who kept the whole production running, it featured angels, wise men, shepherds, sheep and, of course, Mary and Joseph. Pictured left, Castlehill put on its own version of the traditional nativity. 20_c51chnativity01; and above, the play's narrators kept things running smoothly. 20_c51chnativity02

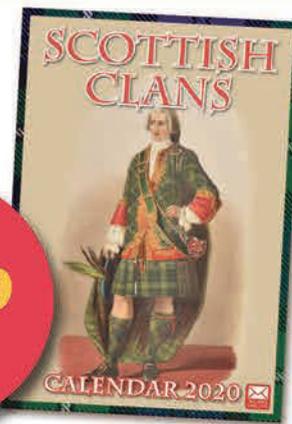
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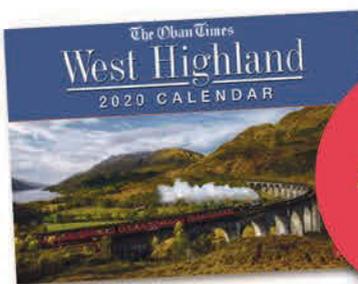
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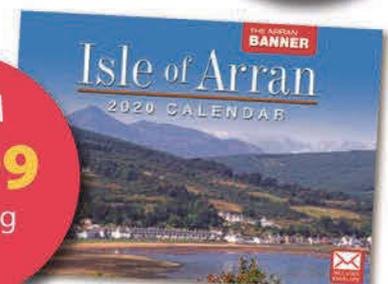
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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

Vote for lovely festive lunch

The Campbeltown Community Bureau Christmas lunch clashed with the General Election but that didn't stop anyone from voting, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

The bureau had decided to bring together people and groups from across Campbeltown to share a Christmas meal and, as it was election day, the minibus stopped first at the Victoria Hall, so that votes could be cast.

It turned out, however, that 15 of the 19 participants had voted already through their postal votes and were well ahead of the game.

The lunch party comprised members from the Monday Social Club, U3A, Friendly Yarns, Seniors' Forum and Community Bureau, and they all simply had a lovely meal and a laugh.

Glenn Appleton, CEO of the Community Bureau, explained: 'During our Corryreckan trip, Cathie Duncan and I thought it

might be nice to meet up again and include some of the people who couldn't make it. This was a lovely day with lovely people.'

Ian McVicar, the bureau's community development officer, added: 'Without the likes of Rose, Lesley, Glenn, Ken or Cathie, so many groups and activities just wouldn't have ever existed in Campbeltown. So it is a pleasure to have these people as friends and colleagues.'

And Sarah Thompson, who volunteers for both the bureau and Friendly Yarns, added: 'I'm going abroad for Christmas and will miss Christmas day dinner and I'm so glad I had my meal today - I think we will have to do this again in January!'

The Community Bureau is a charity in Campbeltown that runs the community shop and looks to help people improve the quality of their lives. It exists simply to identify gaps in provision and make the world a bit nicer.



Clockwise from top left: everyone agreed it was a lovely lunch; the lunch offered members of different groups a chance to catch up; Sarah Thompson, with Ken and Teresa; all aboard the mini bus for lunch.

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Crafters and members of the community care team at the cheque presentation: left, back row: Morag Johnston, Margaret McShannon, June McMillan, Lorna Robertson, Vikki McAulay and Sandra Sloey. Middle: Mari Brown, Andrina McAulay, Jacqueline McGougan, Kate O'May, Jessie MacPhail and community nursing team lead Caroline Henderson. Front: Marjorie Lang.

Charitable crafters support community carers

A group of generous crafters has made its latest charitable donation – this time to Kintyre's local community care team.

Nimble Fingers recently presented a cheque for £500 to representatives from the team.

To raise the money, the group held a craft fair in Campbeltown Town Hall on November 9 at which there

was a raffle and a tombola.

To further boost funds, there was another raffle and a 'guess the birthday' fundraiser at the Co-op on November 28.

The community care team was chosen as the recipient of the money in honour of the group's fellow crafter and retired auxiliary May Potts, who died of lung cancer earlier this year, in whose

memory the events were held.

Kate O'May of Kate's Krafts said: 'The dedication, devotion and care from the team helped her so much, so we wanted to give something back to say thank you.'

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Complete Christmas carol

In the Courier's excitement to share with the world Campbeltown's very own Christmas carol for today, we accidentally omitted the final two lines!

Here is the full carol, created at a recent Campbeltown Christian Writers' Circle workshop, which is to be sung to the tune of Oh Little Town of Bethlehem.

O guid Wee Toon around the Loch,

How quiet you are tonight.

And high above Beinn Ghuilean Hill,

Yon sky's ablaze wi' light.

For shops are shut, and all is still,

As townfolk sleep this night.

While o'er the streets of Campbeltown,

A star shines clear and bright. For up the stairs, within a flat,

Lies in His mother's arms, The Light of Life, who ever comes,

To every waiting heart. So let us celebrate with joy,

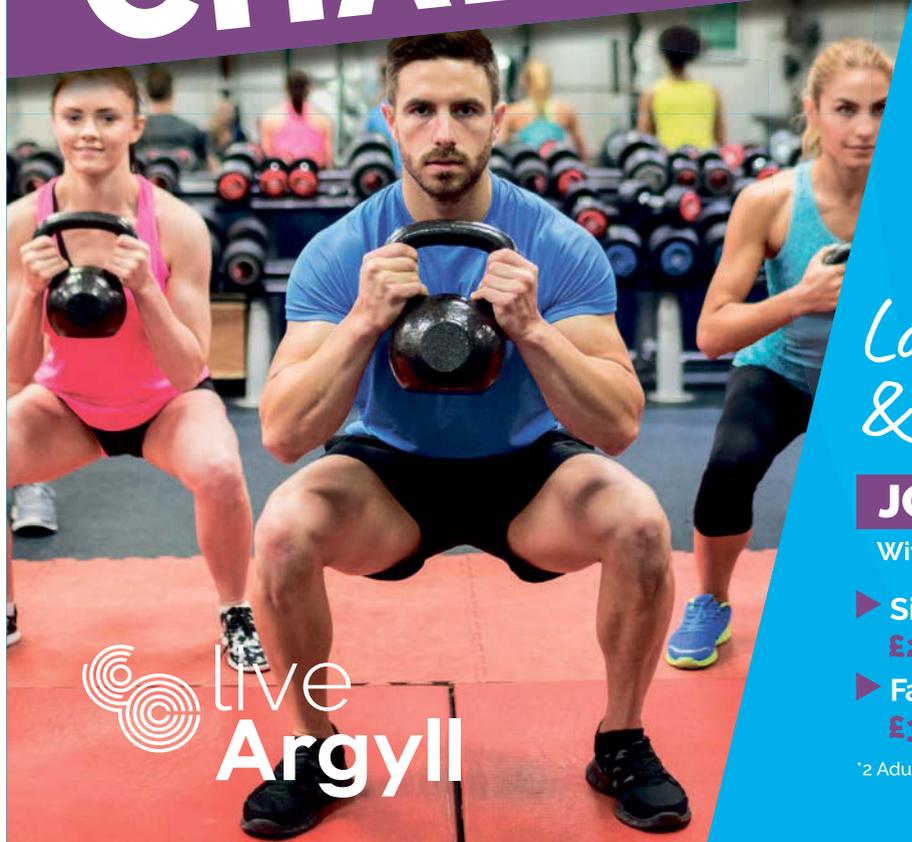
In this Wee Toon of ours, The Child whose birth brings

Peace and Hope. God's love to all the world.



Ian McGregor, seated, with some of the writers who helped pen the carol.

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Moira Ramsay sold some of her Christmas crafts at the fayre.

Southend's Dunaverty Hall was the venue for a weekend of festive entertainment for residents of all ages in the run-up to Christmas.

The annual Senior Citizens' Bus Pass Christmas Party was held on Friday December 13, and two days later, on Sunday December 15, the Christmas Fayre, at which children visited Santa in his grotto, took place.

The seniors' party, renowned for its range of hilarious acts, this year featured an appearance from 'Elvis', also

known as David Barbour, The Village People, and Santa and two of his elves who delivered gifts to everyone.

Other entertainers included members of the James McCorkindale School of Dancing, pipers from Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, as well as singers and other musicians.

As well as Santa, Sunday's fayre featured many stalls – laden with perfect last-minute gifts – as well as a Christmas jumper competition and an opportunity to guess the number of baubles in the tub.



Little Elle Goddard, aged two, enjoyed the festive fun.



Emma Moffitt and Gerry Graham sold festive creations.



Singer Hannah Millar and flautist and dancer Taylor McMillan provided some of the entertainment at the seniors' party.



Elvis left the building shortly after his performance on Dunaverty stage.



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band members Heather Millar and Eve MacMillan, who performed at Friday's party.



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Santa stops in Tayinloan



The children were all smiles when the party food came out! 50_c52tayinloanxmas05



Party games included pass the parcel. 50_c52tayinloanxmas03

The highlight of Tayinloan's children's Christmas party was a visit from Santa, who brought with him a sack of presents, containing one for each child.

When Santa arrived at the village hall last Thursday afternoon, he told the primary school and younger children that his reindeer had nearly flown off in the wrong direction because of the awful weather that day!

Before Santa's visit, the children enjoyed games including corners and pass the parcel, as well as a festive edition of the lollipop toss, as well as an array of party food courtesy of parents and helpers.



The children wave Santa off after receiving a gift each. 50_c52tayinloanxmas02



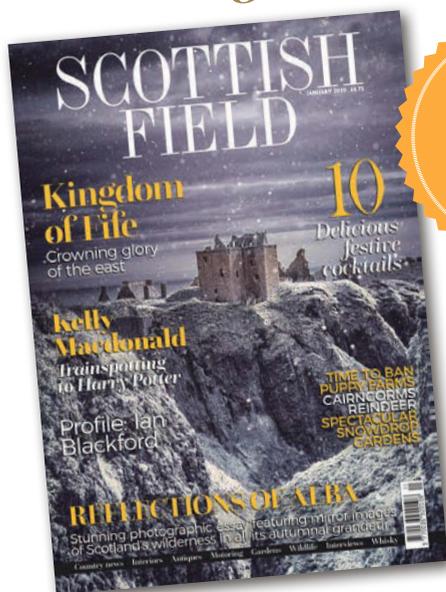
The children partied in Tayinloan Village Hall. 50_c52tayinloanxmas01



A new favourite is the lollipop toss. 50_c52tayinloanxmas04

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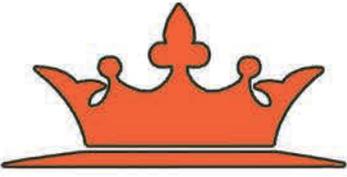
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He said start as soon as possible, adding: 'It costs on average £195,000 to put a child through private school education, based on P1 to S6 – an increase of more than 20 per cent since 2012 – so the sooner

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'Interesting times'

'It is a fair bet that fewer people are wishing that we may live in 'interesting times'. Independent schools in Scotland have seen 2019 draw to a close with the Non-Domestic Rates Bill now two-thirds of its way through the Scottish Parliament towards Royal Assent – planned for 2020. Running contrary to the 2005 charity test, this will reduce the financial space that allows schools to offer at least five times more in public benefit than they receive. The reasoning is still hotly debated, but Scottish schools are preparing themselves for the new reality if appeals for consistency fail.

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



Get professional advice on funding

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Lomond School – Applications open for 2020 scholarships

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

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

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

which help pupils to achieve their very best. Academic achievement is supported by small class sizes, dedicated teaching staff, superb facilities and a significant emphasis on pupil happiness, health and wellbeing.

The continuous encouragement, support and guidance provided by the school ensures that every pupil receives a tailored education and the personal support and guidance needed to help them achieve their full potential.

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

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

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

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



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What happened to the Tarbert Fair trophies?

People of a certain age will remember Tarbert Fair of old.

A cattle sale was the main event which attracted people from near and far, creating an annual festival feeling around the village.

The livestock element of Tarbert Fair died out in the last few decades, though the festival remains part of the village's series of summer events held at the end of July.

Tarbert resident Duncan I MacDougall contacted our sister title Argyllshire Advertiser to ask if we could help locate some of the cattle trophies competed for at the old Tarbert Fairs.

Mr MacDougall recalls dairy cattle trophies being

presented and - just out of curiosity - wondered what happened to them.

He said: 'There used to be the James Mundell Memorial Trophy, which refers to the great grandfather of Ben Mundell.

'Then there was the Gloria Cup, presented by the Scots-Italian Casci family, proprietors of the Ca'Dora café in Tarbert.'

Mr MacDougall continued: 'There was another one for dairy cattle, but I can't remember the name of it.'

He remembers cattle coming to Tarbert not just from Kintyre and Mid Argyll, but from the southernmost tip of the Cowal peninsula from Ardlamont on the Kyles of Bute.

'There was no ferry from Portavadie then, so Spearman's lorries took them around Loch Fyne for Tarbert Fair,' he recalled.

■ Do you know the fate of these Tarbert Fair cattle trophies?

If so, let the Argyllshire Advertiser know by emailing editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk or call 01546 602345.

NFUS presidential team remains unchanged in 2020

NFU Scotland's top team for 2020 will be Andrew McCornick as president with Charlie Adam and Martin Kennedy serving as vice presidents.

Martin Kennedy's sitting vice presidency was the only position open to election this year and he is to be returned unchallenged to post after no additional nominations were received.

Mr Kennedy will seek confirmation of his re-election as vice president at the union's annual general meeting and conference on Thursday and Friday February 6 and 7 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

Under the terms of the constitution, the position of president and the two vice presidential posts will all be open for nominations at this meeting.

By that time Andrew McCornick will have completed the second of his two-year terms.

He said: 'I'm delighted Martin has agreed to continue in the role as one of my vice presidents alongside Charlie Adam.

'This continues to be a very challenging time for Scottish agriculture and having two excellent vice presidents adds great strength to our official



The current presidential team of Andrew McCornick, centre, and vice presidents Martin Kennedy, left, and Charlie Adam who will lead NFU Scotland in 2020.

team which is working to support our members and myself.'

In the absence of a contest for the vice president position, the union will use a planned series of regional board AGMs in January as a platform for all members to put questions to Andrew McCornick and the union's chief executive officer Scott Walker.

'It is important we listen to and communicate with our members at all times,' said Mr McCornick. 'With there being no requirement now to hold husting events, we can use the time at these regional

AGMs to provide members with the first face-to-face opportunity in 2020 to bring forward questions to myself and Scott.'

Martin Kennedy said of his impending re-election: 'It's a great honour to represent NFU Scotland as vice president, a role I have enjoyed over the past three years.

'These are very busy times for the union. We are entering a decade that will bring great change, challenge and opportunity and I am delighted to be able to help the work NFUS is doing on behalf of almost 9,000 members across Scotland.'

Argyll and the Islands

The Argyll and the Islands regional board AGM will be held on Friday January 10 at Tarbert Bowling Club, beginning at 11am for tea and coffee before business starts at 11.30am.

The AGM will be followed by the presentation of the Argyll and the Islands Stalwart Award. Lunch will be followed by a question time and a discussion panel.

National

The NFUS council meeting is being held at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow, on Friday February 7. Look out for booking forms for the 2020 AGM in this month's edition of NFU Scotland's membership magazine 'Scottish Farming Leader' or find them online at: <https://www.nfus.org.uk/about-nfus/aggm2020.aspx>

The annual general meeting of NFU Scotland members is the day before, Thursday February 6, from 11am until 12.30pm.

Normal business to be conducted will be the consideration of the directors' report; the auditors' report and financial accounts for the year ended October 31 2019.

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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.

Kintyre
Refuse collections (general waste) due on Wednesday 25th December will be collected on Thursday 26th December.
Refuse collections (general waste) 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 Thursday 2nd January.
Refuse collections (general waste) due on Thursday 2nd January will be collected on Saturday 4th January.
Gigha recycling collection due on Wednesday 1st January will be collected on Tuesday 31st December.
Recycling collections by Kintyre Recycling due on Wednesday 25th December will be collected on Friday 27th December.
Recycling collections by Kintyre Recycling due on Wednesday 1st January will be collected on Friday 3rd January.
All other days will be collected as normal.
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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PLANNING

These applications listed below may be inspected between 09:00-12:30 -13:30-16:00 hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD. They can also be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and at your Local Customer Service Point (check opening times).

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

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/02565/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 16/02750/PPP (Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and garage)	Plot 120 Metres South West Of Burnside, Castleton, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute
19/02435/PP	Repainting of shop front	64 Longrow, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6DD
19/02436/PP	Repainting of shop front	47 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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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
Argyll and Bute Council, 1A Manse Brae	Monday – Friday: 9.00am to 4.00pm	1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD

and is also available at the following location, during the opening hours of that facilities:

Location Name	Normal Opening Hours	Address
Whitehouse Community Hall	When the facilities are open for activities	Whitehouse PA29 6XR

The EIA Report can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ; on the application website at https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/sheirdrim_renewable_energy_development.aspx; or at www.energyconsents.scot. Copies of the EIA Report may be obtained from ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd (telephone: 0141 614 0451) at a charge of £1,000 hard copy and £15 on CD/DVD or USB. Copies of a short non-technical summary are available free of charge.

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

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

All representations should be received not later than 31st January 2020, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

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

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

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

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

General Data Protection Regulations

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



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70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Archie and Crystal Paterson would like to thank all their friends and family for the lovely cards, gifts and flowers they received for their platinum wedding anniversary.

GAYDON

Alexandra, Francis and Isobel wish to thank all the many friends and service providers for all their very kind friendship and assistance which gave their parents, the late Harry (Sam) and Florentine (Twinkle), very happy lives at home in Argyll.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hogmanay and best wishes for the future.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

I have never seen the beach at A'Chleit quite like it.

It is like a moonscape with jagged rocks protruding where soft sandy beaches should prevail.

There is no way down from the foot of the walkway as it is all rocks and raging sea. Yet it is the same sea that charmed us in the summer months as it lapped gently onto the shore and nestled snugly into rock pools.

Now huge waves crash on an unsuspecting shore, having come all the way across the Atlantic from America to land on our beaches.

There surely have been storms, and torrential rain, and hailstones and thunder and lightning, all thrown at us.

Well, it is winter in Argyll, is it not?

My city friends wonder how I cope with this assault from nature and think I would be better off in the city.

It is safer, not so exposed, not so wild, and the elements are much kinder.

Well, strangely enough, I just love the wildness.

I just love the challenge of walking the dogs in a storm, of battling the wind, of defeating the rain, and coming home to warmth and safety and hot coffee.

To feel the sting of rain and the bite of the wind makes life seem real. Then there is the possibility of sharing this time with birds or seals or even dolphins.

How can the city compete with that?

So as we approach the end of yet another year, may we truly give thanks for all that makes life sing.

May God's love song be the melody that will be your companion on the road this new year and always.

CLACHAN

Caring children bake community cakes

Caring pupils at Clachan Primary School have been hard at work over the past few months, preparing 48 Christmas cakes to give to retired residents in the local community.

The annual school tradition dates back more than two decades and sees the children bake, package and hand-deliver the cakes to elderly people in the village.

Head teacher Lucy Blake said: 'The project has a positive influence on the whole village community and in the school. The children learn skills for life and work, as well also learning about a caring and nurturing ethos. This year we focused on numeracy throughout the project, allowing the pupils to apply their numeracy skills in context.'

'All the cakes are individually wrapped and the children make individual, handwritten name tags so that they think about the person they're giving the cake to as they write. With only six pupils in the school, they all do a lot of work to make the project possible.'

'It's a wonderful way of linking the children to older members in the community too, while keeping traditions alive. The recipients really appreciate it and look forward to receiving their cake.'

'For some older members of the



The school's six pupils with their individually packaged Christmas cakes.

community, buying a Christmas cake for one would be expensive and for others it is a link to the school where they and their family went as children.

'The fact that each cake is named individually adds to the sense of caring for each person. Christmas can be a lonely time too and we hope that by letting everyone know they are thought

of, it is a way to show that we care. I'd like to thank Catriona Wilkieson and Joanna Gray for all their hard work with it.'

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said: 'What an amazing, heart-warming project and what wonderful, caring children. It is clear that Clachan Primary School sits at the heart

of the local community and thoughtful, compassionate initiatives like this are what help to strengthen the pupils' links with people in the village.'

'It helps to promote a wider sense of community engagement and provides the children with a sense of compassion and kindness. Well done to everyone involved.'

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MACCALLUM - Iain and Carol Zall, in Boston, USA, are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Alasdair Michael, on December 10, 2019. A second grandchild for Bill and Mary MacCallum, Fernoch Park, Lochgilphead.

ENGAGEMENTS



RUTHERFORD - YOUNG

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on December 17, 2019, of Beinn, younger son of Davie and Lesley, Aros Cottages, Lochgilphead, to Lorna, daughter of Campbell and Kathleen, Mount Pleasant, Lochgilphead.

DEATHS

DOCHERTY - Peacefully at home, 4 Tangy Place, High Street, Campbeltown, on December 17, 2019, Peter McPhee Docherty, in his 83rd year, dearly beloved husband of late Barbara MacCallum and much loved dad of Karen, Peter and George.

HATTON - Peacefully at his home, with family by his side, on December 20, 2019, Jim Hatton, in his 78th year, of 2 Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Bell, dearly loved dad of Allan and Ailsa, much respected father-in-law of Jinty and Alastair, and adored papa of Kian, Kara and Jessica. Much loved brother of Donald, Mackie, Janette and the late Geordie, and a good neighbour, dear friend and associate to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Monday, December 30, 2019, at 11.00am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations to Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

MACCOLL - Peacefully at home, Mordair, Knockscalbert Way, Campbeltown, on December 20, 2019, Helen Mary Colville (Elma), in her 80th year, dearly beloved wife of late Iain MacColl, loving mum of Morna and Alasdair, mother-in-law of Mel, much loved granny of Fraser and Fergus and a loving sister, aunt

and friend. Funeral service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cancer Research UK.

MCALLISTER - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 19, 2019, Mary Bridget Dooley, in her 80th year, 90 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of late Roderick Stewart McAllister (Roddy) much loved mother of Susan, Dolores, Michelle, Roddy, Hughie and Peter and a loving granny and great granny.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BROWN - The family of the late Margaret Brown would like to thank friends, neighbours, family and all who sent cards, flowers and messages of condolence during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the staff at Campbeltown Hospital A&E Department, the air ambulance crew and the staff of Ward 9D at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital for the care and kindness shown to Margaret during her short illness. Grateful thanks to Rev William Crossan for the personal and comforting service, to Cath Black for her beautiful music in the church, and Ian McKerral for playing at the graveside. Many thanks to the staff of the Seaford Hotel for the purvey, and Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional services. Finally, sincere thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and donated generously to the retiral collection, which raised £1,001 for MacMillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

IN MEMORIAMS

CHISHOLM - In memory of Johnny who passed away December 28, 2011. Loved and remembered always.

- Netta and family at home and abroad.

CURRIE - In memory of my husband, Dochie, died January 1, 2002. Happy memories last forever. Sadly missed along life's way.
- Lily.

FERGUSON - Treasured memories of Charles John Ferguson, taken suddenly on December 27, 2015.

Memories are like bands of gold, They never tarnish or grow old, Memories are a gift to treasure, And mine of you will last forever.
- Dadie.

FERGUSON - Charles John. Remembering our wonderful dad, father-in-law and papa, passed away December 27, 2015. Loved and deeply missed every minute of every day.

- Andrew, Lorna, Cameron and Holly, Charles, Fiona, Ewan and Anna.

MACCALLUM - Cherished memories of Neil, who passed away January 1, 2018. In our hearts you will stay, loved and missed every day.
- Betty and family.

MCCALLUM - Treasured memories of James, a loving husband, dad, grandpa and great grampa, died January 1, 2017.

Still loved and missed every day.
- Love always, Matty. Always in our hearts.
- Agnes and family, and Jim, Marie and family.

MCLEAN - In loving memory of Betty, passed away December 30, 2011. A dearly loved mum and granny. Remembered always. Never forgotten.

- Aileen, Gemma, Jamie, Craig, Eilidh and Conor.

MCMILLAN - In memory of Bill, who died January 5, 2000. Loved and remembered every day.
- Mary and sons, Robert and Laurence.

Also remembering a loving brother, Dickie Brown, died January 19, 2017. Always in our thoughts.

SELFRIDGE - In loving memory of my husband, Fred, who died December 26, 2013.

Gone but never forgotten. Think of you every day. Always in my heart.
- Myra.

CHURCH NOTICES

HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH



SC002493
Sunday 29th December
Ring out the old and bring in the new
A Celebration of the Season - Come along and sing some carols with us
Before they are packed away with the Christmas lights
11.15am in the Church
All welcome

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686
Sunday 29th December
11.15am Morning Worship
Songs of Praise
Led by Congregational Worship Team

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 29th December
Family Communion Service 11.00am
All welcome
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.org.uk
SCO14646

ST KIARAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Sunday 29th December
Christmas 1 Holy Communion 10.45am
Enquiries tel: 01586 551141
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ST KIERAN RC CHURCH

St. John Street, Campbeltown
01586 552160
Rev Tony Wood
stkieransrc.org
Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm
(except 1st Saturday of the month)
Sundays, Holy Mass 10.00am
All welcome
(SC002876)

SALVATION ARMY



Sunday 29th December
10.30am Morning Service
No Evening Service
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number SCO09359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



Sunday 29th December
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
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www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Sunday 29th December
11.00am Family Service
Speaker - Pastor Mark Jasper
Sunday 5th January
11.00am New Year Service
and Communion
Pastor Mark Jasper
pastor@campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322
We meet at the SKDT Hall, Kirk Street PA28 6BL



ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 29th December
Escape!
Services in Ardrishaig at 11.00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm
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CHRIST CHURCH SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST MARGARET'S RC CHURCH

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

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN & FORD PARISH CHURCH

Kilmartin
Sunday 29th December 11.30am
Mr James McLellan
All very welcome
(SC0 02121)

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity number SC001002
Sunday 29th December 4.30pm
Achnamara Hall
Café Church
Carol Service
Saturday 28th December
NO Café Connect
Sunday 5th January 11.30am
Tayvallich Church
Morning Worship
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www.northknappdale.org

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Sunday 29th December
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Tarbert Service 11.30am
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Tarbert and Kilberry
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Skipness Charity No: SC004280
For all church enquiries and pastoral care contact CFulcher@churchofscotland.org.uk

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Church of Scotland
Sunday 29th December
Lochgar Church
10.00am
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11.30am
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Charity No. SC016665
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A little bird shares Christ

Rhunahaorine Primary School's pupils demonstrated their skills not only as singers and actors but also as puppeteers at their Christmas concert.

Last week's production of A Little Bird Told Me featured several sock

puppet birds including a robin, operated by concealed puppeteer Louise, who excitedly shared the nativity story.

As the robin tweeted the tale, it was acted out by fellow pupils and members of the school's pre-fives

unit on Tayinloan Village Hall's stage.

The cast was as follows. Puppeteers – Robin: Louise; Birds: Mark and Cayden. Actors: Star and Mary: Charlotte. Joseph: Mark. Angel: Craig. Camels: Kieran, Stuart, Craig and Austin. Wise men: Fabian, Lewis and Logan. Sheep: Camille, Lochlen and Arianna. Narrators: Lewis and Logan.

The young thespians dealt exceptionally well with the bright lights and crowded audience of family, friends and members of the community.

Transporting

The stage was dressed beautifully and burning incense sticks added to the atmosphere, transporting the audience back to Bethlehem at the time of Jesus's birth.

The production's programme thanked Mandy Beveridge for adapting and directing the play, Jeanne Loganbill for creating the costumes, and two of Mandy's daughters for their assistance with some of the ICT aspects of the show.

In welcoming people to the show, the school's acting head teacher,



Much of the show's cast singing and operating puppets.
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Catriona Brown, said: 'It's great to see such support. The children have learned so much, not just about the Christmas story but also how to read music and ICT skills when making the programmes.'

Afterward the play, pupils sold some of the crafty Christmas creations they have made in school, as parents served tea, coffee and baking.



The star which led the way to the stable.
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The three wise men. 50_c52rhunahaorine02

Pupils put on a fairyland nativity

Glenbarr Primary School received fantastic support from the community at its recent Christmas show.

It was a great evening which everyone seemed to enjoy. There were musical performances from the pupils followed by their production of A Fairyland Nativity.

The PTA organised a raffle and refreshments and the evening ended with a presentation to the outgoing head teacher, Lynn McMillan, with everyone gathering together to thank her for all of her hard work and enthusiasm during her time at Glenbarr.



The full cast of A Fairyland Nativity.



Alec and Edel.



Ryan and Hannah.



Finlay, Alec and Edel.



Bella and Alec.

mas story



Mary and Joseph with the wise men and camels. 50_c52rhunahaorine01



The school's pre-five pupils performed excellently as sheep. 50_c52rhunahaorine03



The star of the show, the robin, left, and his two bird friends, right. 50_c52rhunahaorine06

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Kintyre's Liam seals place in Scotland's world cup squad

by John McCallum
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

A young cricket star with Campbeltown connections helped Scotland's youth cricket side qualify for the under-20s Cricket World Cup in August.

Now Liam Naylor is going one better, by starring in the tournament.

The 18-year old, who grew up in Liverpool but whose mother Marie Naylor (née McKerral) is from Campbeltown, made the squad after impressing in the team's final qualifying round in the Netherlands in the summer.

In the six-team tournament, the seam bowler's half-century with the bat against Jersey, and stellar performances against Ireland, France, Denmark and the host Dutch side, were enough to book his place in the Scotland squad for the showpiece tournament in South Africa in January and February.

Reacting to his selection, Liam said: 'I'm really excited about the news.'

'The weekend of the selection I was down in London with friends, so when I got the call to say I had been picked it was a mixture of happiness and relief.'

'On reflection, I thought I'd done well in the qualifiers and I didn't see any reason why I shouldn't be selected.'

And while feeling a little out of the loop with Scotland's weekly training sessions since the qualifying tournament, Liam has stayed World Cup-ready through his training and playing schedule at the prestigious Wellington School in Taunton, Somerset, where he also studies.

He explained: 'I can't make training in Scotland as I'm down in

Liam Naylor has been selected for the under-20s Cricket World Cup.

Photograph: Ian Jacobs.



Somerset, but I keep in touch with some of the players and coaches. There are new players training all the time and I was hoping my

performances in the qualifiers were going to be enough, so it felt great to be selected.'

After spending Christmas in Kintyre with his family, Liam can look forward to warmer climes next month when he and the rest of the squad fine-tune their preparations at a training camp in Dubai before flying to South Africa where Scotland will open their tournament against Pakistan on January 19, before facing Bangladesh and Zimbabwe.

The top two teams advance to the quarter finals, while the bottom two take part in an eight-team Plate section.

Liam, grandson of Douglas

McKerral of Meadows Avenue, said: 'It'll be crazy going from Christmastime in the west of Scotland to the Middle East for training in five days, but it's really exciting.'

'At the tournament itself, we'll play Pakistan first, who have one player taking wickets in top-level test cricket against the likes of Australia and Sri Lanka, while Bangladesh are the top under-19s side in the world. Zimbabwe are well known in cricket too.'

The opposition will be tough but Liam is looking forward to the tournament.

He added: 'This is my biggest

challenge yet. I'll be playing against people I've seen on TV, the kind of thing you want to do growing up.'

'It really means a lot to me to play for Scotland with my family connection.'

For more information and score updates during the tournament, visit cricketscotland.com



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