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Kintyre 66 – keeping the area's tourists in the loop

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A 'transformational' new destination marketing enterprise could well and truly establish Kintyre's place on the tourism map.

Explore Kintyre and Gigha (EKG) is in the process of finalising a new initiative for the peninsula – the Kintyre 66 – which, it is hoped, will not only bring more tourists to Kintyre, but also encourage them to explore the areas off the beaten track during their visit.

The Kintyre 66 will be a circular route around the peninsula, on the A83 on Kintyre's west coast and the B842 in the east – a loop of approximately 66 miles – with various 'spurs' to areas not on the main arterial route.

The route will learn from the likes of the successful North Coast 500 (NC500) – a 516-mile scenic route around the north coast of Scotland – and other similar offerings, but will have its own strong and unique brand identity.

Recent figures from CalMac

have shown on both the Arran to Kintyre, and the Kennacraig to Islay crossings, that over the last five years passenger numbers have increased by a significant amount. This is despite accommodation and activity providers reporting smaller growths in their bookings. EKG therefore feels it is evident that a number of visitors to the area are either very transient, or not exploring the whole peninsula.

Niall Macalister Hall, chairman of EKG, said: 'We view this as being a truly transformational project for Kintyre and Gigha as a whole. Phase one of what will be, we hope, a much larger project, will be launched before the new season.'

'The peninsula has a huge amount to offer a variety of visitors, however we need to better encourage those visitors to explore the whole area.'

Phase one of the project has involved the creation of a brand, both for digital and printed media. The production and printing of a



From left: Iain Johnston, Niall Macalister Hall and Nick Fletcher. 50_c05kintyresix01
Inset: Phase one of the project has involved the creation of a Kintyre 66 logo.

new map, which will show the route and all the members on the route, is soon to get under way and this will include further details on each area. This will link in with a new website which is also nearing completion.

Phase one has been part-funded by the Cour Community Windfarm Fund and through existing mem-

bership fees. However the organisation has ambitious plans for further phases, which could involve the creation of visitor 'passports', road signage, viewpoints with interpretation, and a downloadable app describing local points of historical significance.

Iain Johnston, the local development officer funded by

Argyll and The Isles Tourism Cooperative (ATIC) which is working on the project with the committee, said: 'This is a great initiative which we are putting in place to benefit both our members and the area as a whole. We would strongly urge anyone who has a tourism business that wishes to be featured to get in touch as soon as possible.'

'We can only feature members, so if you haven't joined, the chance is still there for a short period!'

EKG secretary Nick Fletcher, who is on the AITC advisory panel, added: 'We are not only aiming to encourage people to come to Kintyre but also to give them ideas of what to do and where to go when they are here.'

'But we need as many tourism-related businesses as possible to help us do that, to promote this as a brilliant destination to visit.'

EKG was created to promote and market the Kintyre and Gigha area on behalf of its members – this includes accommodation providers, tourist attractions, and businesses catering to tourists such as shops and cafes.

It is a member of the Argyll-wide AITC which is an umbrella group for 11 locally-based groups/partners.

For more information about Explore Kintyre and Gigha, visit www.explorekintyre.com, email explorekintyre@gmail.com or call 01586 552034.

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When police stopped a car being driven on Queen Street, Campbeltown, on Monday morning last week the driver was allegedly found to have been over the drink-drive limit. He was arrested, charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Police in Campbeltown were called on Thursday night last week and notified that a man had been acting in an abusive manner on Main Street. He was subsequently traced by officers and issued with a recorded police warning.

Police are investigating after reports that a property in McLean Place, Campbeltown, had allegedly been vandalised. The incident is said to have happened between 5pm on Thursday January 23 and 10am on Sunday January 26.

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

Council leaders discuss ferries with minister

The leader of Argyll and Bute Council secured a 'sympathetic' response to the area's need for ferry funding, when she took Argyll and Bute's case to the Scottish Government's Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands.

In a meeting held on Tuesday January 28, Councillor Aileen Morton raised the funding and service issues affecting ferries across Argyll and Bute with Paul Wheelhouse MSP.

Councillor Morton said: 'Argyll and Bute has the highest number of inhabited islands of all of Scotland's councils.

'Ferry services therefore play a key part in keeping our communities connected, and in ensuring Argyll and Bute can support the national economy.

'The Scottish Government provides support for ferry



Councillor Aileen Morton.

services in other parts of Scotland. Argyll and Bute deserves the same kind of support.

'This is a fantastic area, with award-winning businesses and people, and huge growth potential for our local and wider economies.

'We are working hard to raise understanding, at all levels, of Argyll and Bute's challenges and opportunities.'

The focus of the discussion was the need for funding to support the ferry services currently operated by the council, including the need

for capital funding to replace the Lismore ferry.

However, Councillor Morton and chief executive Pippa Milne also raised other ferry-related issues such as the wish for more sailings to Mull, increased capacity for Islay, improvements to the Dunoon town centre service and resilience for the main Rothesay service.

Councillor Morton cautiously welcomed Tuesday's meeting. 'We arranged this meeting as another opportunity to stand up for Argyll and Bute, and I am pleased that our case received a sympathetic hearing.

'What matters, however, is action. The minister confirmed his commitment last year to finding a funding solution for Argyll and Bute's ferries. This is still to be identified.

'Similarly, it was announced last week that

there will be delays to the improvement works at the Rest and Be Thankful due to budget pressures. Argyll and Bute's transport connectivity is crucial to its success and we need to see our aspirations matched by the Scottish Government.

'I look forward to continuing discussions with the minister after next week's Scottish Government budget announcement.'

Tuesday's meeting comes a week after the council's leader raised the challenges facing the area with Scotland's Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy.

In the past week the council leader has also written to all party leaders pressing the case once more for a funding settlement from Holyrood that recognises Argyll and Bute's unique challenges.



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	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
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Sun, 2 Feb 2020	10:34	07:34	13:04			
Mon, 3 Feb 2020	11:33	08:33	14:03			
Tue, 4 Feb 2020				12:44	09:44	15:14
Wed, 5 Feb 2020				14:00	11:00	16:30
Thu, 6 Feb 2020				15:04	12:04	17:34
Fri, 7 Feb 2020				15:55	12:55	18:25
Sat, 8 Feb 2020				16:40	13:40	19:10
Sun, 9 Feb 2020				17:22	14:22	19:52
Mon, 10 Feb 2020				18:06	15:06	20:36
Tue, 11 Feb 2020						
Wed, 12 Feb 2020	07:18	04:18	09:48			
Thu, 13 Feb 2020	08:05	05:05	10:35			
Fri, 14 Feb 2020	08:54	05:54	11:24			
Sat, 15 Feb 2020	09:46	06:46	12:16			
Sun, 16 Feb 2020	10:46	07:46	13:16			
Mon, 17 Feb 2020	11:59	08:59	14:29			
Tue, 18 Feb 2020				13:20	10:20	15:50
Wed, 19 Feb 2020				14:30	11:30	17:00
Thu, 20 Feb 2020				15:27	12:27	17:57
Fri, 21 Feb 2020				16:15	13:15	18:45
Sat, 22 Feb 2020				16:57	13:57	19:27
Sun, 23 Feb 2020				17:33	14:33	20:03
Mon, 24 Feb 2020				18:06	15:06	20:36
Tue, 25 Feb 2020				18:36	15:36	21:06
Wed, 26 Feb 2020	06:45	03:45	09:15			
Thu, 27 Feb 2020	07:15	04:15	09:45			
Fri, 28 Feb 2020	07:48	04:48	10:18			
Sat, 29 Feb 2020	08:24	05:24	10:54			

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Business people from Campbeltown, Oban and Lochgilphead attended the meeting.

A louder voice for businesses in Argyll?

Argyll and the Isles could have a stronger business voice to address challenges - and make the best of opportunities - within the region.

Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce raised the prospect of a pan-Argyll business network at a special meeting in Lochgilphead.

The idea arose from meetings in 2019 during which one of the subjects under discussion was the Rural Growth Deal, at which point it was realised there was no single business voice for Argyll.

Business people from Campbeltown, Oban and Lochgilphead attended the meeting on January 28,

hosted by MacLeod Construction, where chamber of commerce chairman David Smart said: 'The intention is not to replicate the effort of organisations already in existence but to act as hub or conduit for concerns.'

The move was welcomed by Kintyre businessman Jim Martin, who stressed the impact on the area of recent job losses at CS Wind and Campbeltown Creamery.

Mr Martin said: 'It would be useful to be connected to other business groups around Argyll to give us more influence.'

An important next step will be to look at the formation of a Kintyre business

group to join the Oban and Dunoon BIDs (Business Improvement Districts) and Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce in the umbrella organisation.

It is hoped Helensburgh Chamber of Commerce will get involved and the need to include rural and island areas is high on the list.

'Some of the benefits will be the potential for more clout with politicians at all levels, and hopefully this will be a vehicle for bringing people together,' said Mr Smart.

The move is supported by Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team and a follow-up meeting is planned to move the process forward.

Tesco to bin plastic-wrap in Campbeltown store

Expect to see changes on the shelves at Tesco's store in Campbeltown as the firm starts to replace plastic-wrapped multi-packs.

Customers will still get the same 'multi-pack' value, just without the extra plastic. The supermarket chain says that these cutbacks will eliminate 67 million pieces of plastic, the equivalent of 350 tonnes.

Tins will be available individually, with no plastic wrap holding them together, and will still be eligible for multi-buy deals.

More than 40 per cent of Tesco customers include multi-packs in their shopping, with baked beans, tuna, tinned tomatoes and soup among the frequently-bought grocery items in the UK.

The change applies to both Tesco own brand products and well-known branded products; this is all part of Tesco's commitment to remove one billion pieces of plastic from its own brand products by the end of 2020.

Tesco's 4Rs strategy – remove, reduce, reuse, recycle – means it will remove



non-recycleable and excess packaging from its business. Where packaging cannot be removed, for example where it prevents food waste, Tesco will work with its suppliers to reduce it to an absolute minimum.

The retailer is looking at ways to reuse packaging and ensure anything left is recycled as part of a 'closed loop system'.

At the end of last year Tesco removed all hard-to-recycle materials from Tesco own brand products and is working with suppliers to do the same.

In August last year, Tesco also briefed 1,500 suppliers that packaging will be a factor in its decisions on which products are sold in its stores.

Changes will start to take place from the beginning of March.

Joanna braves the shave for her dad

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A Campbeltown woman has 'braved the shave' to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of her father.

Last Saturday Joanna McMillan took part in Macmillan Cancer Support's fundraising campaign in memory of her dad, Evar, who passed away from cancer on January 25, 2019.

Brave the Shave sees people shave their heads in support of men, women and children suffering from cancer. According to Macmillan Cancer Support, 'brave shavers' have raised more than £22.7 million since 2015, enough to fund 140 Macmillan nurses for three years.

Joanna, who sported shoulder-length locks beforehand, was surrounded by family, friends, colleagues and



Left, Joanna was still smiling as hair stylist Kim Mathieson began to cut her hair. KC_c05braveshave01; Joanna, sporting her Brave the Shave T-shirt, holds the hair that was cut from her head. KC_c05braveshave02

well-wishers when hair stylist Kim Mathieson took the clippers to her head in the Fiddlers Bar on Saturday, leaving her with just a few millimetres of stubble.

Joanna, who lives in Campbeltown and works as a domestic at Kintyre Care Home, said: 'I've wanted to do it for years as so many people

get and are affected by cancer. After my dad died, I thought, now is the time.

'There are Macmillan nurses at Campbeltown Hospital and they do a lot for the people of the town.'

Asked how she felt on the day, Joanna said: 'It was better than I thought it might be. It was only in the last half hour that

I started to get a bit nervous.' Joanna braved the shave just before the dip in the mercury, and when asked if she was managing to deal with the cold, she said: 'We saw there was snow forecast and a friend said I'd chosen the wrong week. But I've got a nice warm hat so I'm fine – it's just my neck that's cold!'

Joanna and her friends headed out and about after the shave and received many donations. She said: 'The people of Campbeltown are brilliant – they are so generous. We raised a lot that night.'

'I'd like to thank everyone who has donated and also Kim who cut my hair.'

So far Joanna has made more than £620 – about £500 in cash and a further £120 on a JustGiving page set up by her friend – with more donations still to be added to the fund.

Visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Joanna-McMillan3 to donate.

Hospital at full capacity once this month

Campbeltown Community Council members have expressed their concerns that the town's hospital beds have been full to capacity.

At the group's meeting on January 14, convener Alan Baker said: 'Last week there were no beds available at Campbeltown Hospital as all 15 were occupied.'

This has been confirmed by Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

A spokeswoman said: 'Once this month, bed availability in Campbeltown Hospital reached capacity. During this time contingency beds were available. Management teams are fully trained and prepared for contingency planning to ensure safety and continuity of patient care.'

The bed complement at Campbeltown Hospital is 15 beds plus two contingency beds with an additional two short-term beds for overnight observation admissions.

Rotary Club of Campbeltown YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR The Norman and Phyllis Milne Fund will award a trophy and £200 to the most promising young musician of the year 2019.

Applications by letter or nomination form to 'Young Musician' are invited from young musicians in secondary school age, resident in South Kintyre or from other persons on their behalf, stating name, address, date of birth, telephone number and musical experience, with a short outline of why they should be nominated.

Nomination forms are available at Fresh Connection, Main Street, Campbeltown.

Letters and nominations forms for the award should be sent in confidence to:

The Secretary, Rotary Club of Campbeltown,
Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, PA28 6AB

Marking the envelope "Young Musician of the Year"

Entries to be received by 12 noon Monday 10th February 2020.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominations are invited for the recognition of good citizenship in Kintyre.

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Campbeltown causes to share multi-million-pound funding boost

Community projects in Campbeltown are set to share a major funding boost as the Co-op welcomes the latest causes to its Local Community Fund.

Twelve causes chosen in Campbeltown, including Campbeltown Pupils AFC, Mull of Kintyre 10K and half-marathon (MOKRUN), and Loch Fyne International Viking Festival, are set to receive vital funding to deliver local projects in their community. Last November, 12 causes in Campbeltown shared £70,000.

The causes directly benefit from members trading with their Co-op across its food and funeral business areas. In addition to the personal benefits they receive for themselves, one per cent of the purchase value also goes into the local community fund pot. Members can decide how the money is allocated and are encouraged to select the causes they wish to support online.

Nick Crofts, president of the Co-op Council, whose

representatives are voted for by the millions of members it represents said: 'As a member-owned business with a presence in every community across the UK, the Co-op is continuing to create value for millions of members and thousands of local causes.

'By becoming a Co-op member, not only are you receiving great personal rewards and benefits, you are helping to support vital community groups in your area.'

Rebecca Birkbeck, director of community and shared value at the Co-op, said: 'Thanks to our members, since 2016 more than £56 million has been raised for over 16,000 causes that make a real difference in their local communities.

'Whether it is by protecting and improving community spaces, helping people reach their full potential by developing their skills, or promoting health and wellbeing, the money generated by our Local Community Fund changes lives in communities across the UK.'

Nominations needed for Citizen and Young Musician of the Year

Do you know someone who did something outstanding in 2019? Or a young person whose musical talent or progress deserves recognition?

The Rotary Club of Campbeltown is asking members of the public to nominate a Citizen of the Year and Young Musician of the Year for 2019.

Extra mile

A Rotary spokesperson said: 'If you know anyone who has gone the extra mile to help a neighbour, or someone who has worked really hard to raise funds for a worthwhile cause, or has given any kind of outstanding service to the community, please nominate that person for Citizen of the Year.'

'Even if your nomination was not successful last year, it could well be worth repeating a previous nomination.'

The Rotary spokesperson



Last year's winners, from left: Citizen of the Year 2019, Helen Gilchrist; Young Stock Person of the Year 2019, Greig Gillespie; and Young Musician of the Year 2019, Suen Yee Walker.

added: 'If you know of anyone, or if there is anyone in your family who has shown outstanding musical progress during 2019, please nominate that person for Young Musician of the Year.'

The winner of the Young Musician of the Year title will receive the Norman

and Phyllis Milne memorial award, and custody of the engraved cup for one year plus a generous cheque.

The winners will be revealed at the Rotary's annual awards dinner at the Argyll Arms Hotel next month, where presentations will be made to Young Stock Person

of the Year as well as Young Musician of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

Nomination forms can be picked up from the florist counter at Fresh Connection on Campbeltown's Main Street, or downloaded from the Rotary Club of Campbeltown Facebook page. The closing date is February 10.

Rotary International, which has its head office in Chicago, is one of the charities that provides small grants to local groups across the world.

In Campbeltown, the Rotary tends to support local groups and disaster appeals, usually through ShelterBox.

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From left: Kate McPherson, Holli Scott, Emma Baird, Andrew McAllister and Ruaridh Litster-Campbell. Photograph: Iain Cochrane Photography.

Rumskee play Celtic Connections!

Rumskee, a young traditional folk group from Argyll, continue to make a name for themselves and their latest appearance was at Celtic Connections on Saturday.

Celtic Connections is the UK's leading celebration of Celtic music, and is renowned for its strong spirit of collaboration, bringing together one-off line-ups for very special one-night-only collaborative shows.

Rumskee took part in the festival's battle of the folk bands at the Drygate Brewery on Saturday.

Influenced by their roots in Scottish traditional music, the band is described as 'mad frenetic energy from the west coast of Scotland', with members ranging in age from 18 to 22 with a line-up of fiddle, pipes/whistles, keys, vocals/guitar and bass.

Formed in 2018 after meeting through the

Argyll Ceilidh Trail, they aim to incorporate jazz and blues influences into a sound embedded in their west coast trad roots. They play a mixture of their own compositions and arrangements of traditional tunes.

Honoured

The band, which features Campbeltown's Andrew McAllister, who plays bass, as well as members from Dunoon and Oban, said they had 'an absolute blast' and were honoured to be involved in such a huge range of talent and incredible bands.

The other band members are Kate McPherson, Holli Scott, Emma Baird and Ruaridh Litster-Campbell.

The future looks bright for Rumskee, who released an EP last year and say they would love to expand their recorded material and release an album.

NHS Highland chief exec takes Orkney post

This week saw NHS Highland with an interim chief executive at the helm as the previous holder of the post, Iain Stewart, moved to NHS Orkney.

Mr Stewart will be taking on the role at NHS Orkney after the phased retirement of its current chief executive Gerry O'Brien.

Thank

Professor Boyd Robertson, who chairs NHS Highland, said: 'I would like to thank Iain for his valued contribution towards NHS Highland over the past year.'

'Iain has overseen the development of our response to the Sturrock Report through the Culture Fit for the Future programme and has led the organisation on our journey towards financial recovery.'

In return, Mr Stewart thanked his colleagues for their 'hard work and dedication' which he has seen 'time

and time again' since joining the board.

He added: 'It has been an absolute pleasure working here. As a board, we have had our challenges but I firmly believe the work that has been put in towards our culture programme and financial recovery has contributed to making this an organisation we can all be proud of. I leave with fond memories and my best wishes.'

Seconded

Paul Hawkins has been seconded to NHS Highland as interim chief executive. He has been chief executive at NHS Fife for the past five years.

Before that he was chief operating officer at Hywel Dda University Health Board in Wales. He brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge of the National Health Service.



Iain Stewart is moving on after a year as NHS Highland's chief executive.

Out of the blue, says MSP

David Stewart, Highlands and Islands Labour MSP, said the NHS Highland announcement came 'out of the blue'.

As he wished Iain Stewart well in his new role, he added: 'This has come out of the blue as far as I am concerned because Iain Stewart has only been in post for a year and took over a very difficult situation.'

'The most important thing now is that there is secure leadership at the top of the organisation and that the new chief executive gets to grip with a system for hearing bullying and harassment cases, particularly from those staff who were previously employed.'

'NHS Highland is also still struggling with its financial situation and front-line staff are already under great pressure so the new chief executive at the helm will have a tough job with the challenges that need to be faced.'

Following the announcement, Donald Cameron, Highlands and Islands MSP, said: 'As we all know, there has been great concern across the Highlands and Islands about our health service for many years.'

'I very much hope that, following this game of musical chairs, NHS Highland will have a leadership team which can bring real positive change and put our services on a more sustainable footing. And I offer my best wishes to the new chief executive, Paul Hawkins, who is being transferred from NHS Fife.'

'However, I can't help wondering whether the real change we need is at the very top, with a new Cabinet Secretary for Health to replace Jeane Freeman. The buck should stop at her desk.'

Fall in health board's projected overspend

The projected overspend by Argyll and Bute's health board has fallen by nearly £700,000 – but a spectre potentially worth millions still looms.

A report has revealed that Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is forecasting an overspend of £1.31 million by the end of the 2019/20 financial year.

The figure, accurate as of the end of December, is in contrast to the £1.99 million it was forecasting at its last meeting in November when it reported figures as of September 30.

However, the report also warns that a dispute with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde over a service level agreement (SLA) is continuing.

The two parties cannot agree a sum for the purchase of services from the Greater Glasgow board, and the document states that they are approximately £1.5 million apart in their valuations of the agreement. Should no sum be agreed, it could potentially cost the HSCP millions more.

The HSCP's integration joint board (IJB) was due to discuss the financial situation at its meeting on Wednesday January 29.

Judy Orr, head of finance and transformation, said:

'This [the forecast overspend] consists of an overspend of £1.31 million within social work delivered services and a break-even position within health.'

'This has improved by £366,000 in the month – £66,000 for social work and £300,000 for health.'

'The improvement in health is largely related to new medicines funding where additional funding was notified of £660,000, which was more than expected, partially offset by additional drug costs which relate, and a staff settlement payment.'

Dispute

'It should be noted that the dispute with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde continues.'

'The gap between the payment being sought and what we have offered is around £1.5 million and this is not reflected in the forecast out-turn position or year-to-date expenditure reported.'

Ms Orr then said: 'We continue to have an outstanding dispute with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde regarding the value of the SLA for hospital services provided by them.'

'We have offered payment of £55.085 million and they are seeking payment of £56.142 million.'

'However, this gap of £1.057 million has now grown by

£477,000 as further work has shown that our offer included services provided by WestMARC (West of Scotland Mobility and Rehabilitation Service) and theirs excluded this.'

'There is therefore a disputed sum of £1.534 million which is outwith our reported position and is also excluded from our forecast out-turn position.'

'The additional cost pressures for the NHS GGC services, outwith the main SLA, are mainly for cystic fibrosis drug costs, and are largely accounted for within the forecast out-turn position and covered by new medicines funding announced for this year and next year.'

The report also says that the HSCP's year-to-date overspend has increased slightly, by £54,000, since its November meeting.

It also says that nearly 60 per cent of planned savings have been delivered by the HSCP during the 2019/20 financial year.

Ms Orr added: 'The strategic leadership team continues to meet on a regular basis to gain grip and control of the financial position.'

'It is hoped the financial position will improve over the remaining months of this financial year.'

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Bright future for tourism in Kintyre and Gigha

While no area is truly safe with huge threats to industry hanging in the balance, the prospect of a tourist route bringing more people to the area than ever before is extremely heartening.

Tourism is one of the most important and valuable factors in maintaining economic growth in rural areas and its importance should not be undermined.

If Paul McCartney loved Kintyre enough to write a song about always wanting to be here, we're not sure what more people need to hear to experience the area for themselves.

Tourists seem to like the satisfaction of completing a particular challenge, or ticking a specific route off their travel list.

If that's the case, then Kintyre 66 could really help promote the area to Brits wanting to go on 'staycation', as well as foreign holidaymakers looking for the best Scotland has to offer.

It could also do tourist hot-spots, such as Skye, the world of good too – it is said to suffer from increasing amounts of road and path erosion as a result of the number of tourists it receives.

Islay lifeline bus service questionnaire faults

The council should have got bus drivers to hand out leaflets to people actually using the buses for their Islay service questionnaire.

I strongly disagreed with question six, which reads: 'I would be happy to have an increased timetable during the summer months if this meant a reduced timetable during the winter months.'

My answer was more funding, not cuts to lifeline bus services for local people during winter months to suit the summer visitors.

Waiting at freezing bus shelters during winter in Bowmore, the heart of the island, means any reduced winter service would be horrifying. Many bus users are not in good health – one is over 100 years old.

I am told other islands have better bus services.

A good way to push even more leeches off the island would be to reduce the winter lifeline bus service, and a good way to increase 'second homes' for summer visitors from far-off lands spending little in our local economy and who overspent causing the 2007 housing market collapse – sorry 'credit crunch' – leading to all the cuts while second homes keep rising ... but keep that under your hat!

Perhaps the council should reduce the number of councillors from 36 to 11.

Currently the small ward of Kintyre and the Islands has three – that's wages and expenses times three, travelling about enjoying themselves doing the same job on the gravy train

seems overkill and not good for the environment when one councillor would do.

Why not set up a Facebook page for each ward so constituents can post council issues and get a quick 'open' response?

A bus user recently told me they visited the council office and couldn't believe the heat – maybe get staff to wrap up warmly and turn down the heating to 15 degrees across all council offices.

The Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Independent-run council trying to cut back winter lifeline Islay bus services can give up their council taxpayer funded cars and get on their bike!

Scotland gets half back in revenue produced from Westminster, a foreign parliament (the rest of the world rejected) in pocket money. Imagine what we could do with the other half in our resources rich nation – £106 billion minimum for England's HS2 etc...

Colin M Campbell,
Port Charlotte,
Isle of Islay.

No farmers, no food, no future

Like many who live in the Kintyre and the Islands ward and the wider Argyll and Bute constituency, I continue to be baffled by the relentless attacks on our already struggling farming industry by so-called environmental activists who claim that agriculture, an industry that can be traced back to 20,000 BC, is somehow responsible for climate change.

This latest pearl of wisdom from the urban-based intelligentsia is a complete attack on the culture and economy of rural Scotland and should be treated with all the contempt it deserves.

Locally-sourced beef, lamb, pork, milk, eggs and other produce from our hardworking and at times hardpressed farmers and crofters is an ideal part of our everyday diet. All our local and national farms adhere to extremely high levels of welfare standards for their livestock in every possible way.

So I would implore my constituents to ignore the anti-farming hysterical nonsense you might hear from a handful of activists and the perpetually offended Twitter mobs who are just a very small section of our society who do a lot of shouting but do not speak for the vast majority of our nation.

I encourage all local residents to continue buying locally farmed meat and produce as it is good for you, it is good for our economy and it is good for our environment.

Councillor Alastair Redman,
Kintyre and the Islands.

A 'beacon of hope' as Tories switch off EU light

As the UK prepares to leave the EU this week, Scotland must be given a choice over its own future.

At a time when the Tories are ready to turn off the European light in the UK, an independent Scotland provides a beacon of hope to those who want to protect their rights as

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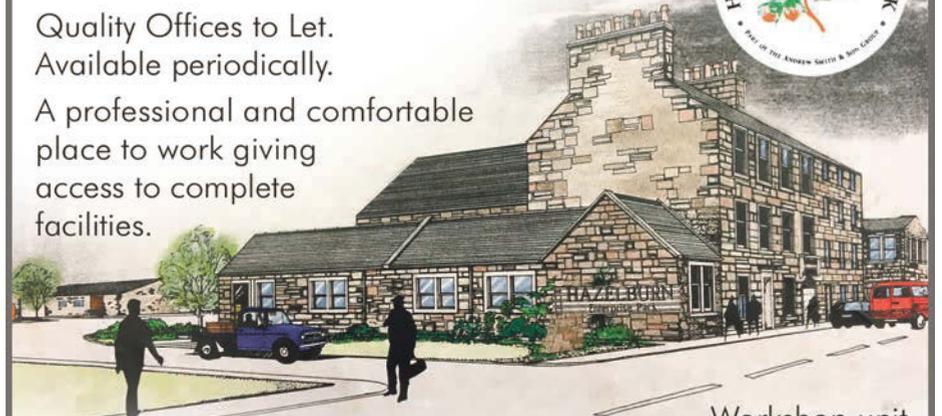
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EU citizens – rights which are under threat if Scotland remains part of the UK.

People in Scotland have consistently overwhelmingly rejected Brexit at the ballot box, and the winning 80 per cent of Scotland's seats in 2019 General Election, the SNP has a cast-iron democratic mandate to give Scotland a choice. It is completely untenable and unsustainable for Boris Johnson and his Tory government to stand in the way of the democratic will of the people of Scotland.

Scotland has been consistently sidelined through the Brexit process, with our people, our parliament and the Scottish Government consistently ignored by Westminster.

It's now crystal clear that Scotland needs the full powers of independence so Scotland can take its place alongside other independent European nations, rather than being dictated to by a Tory government with no mandate to govern in Scotland.

Brendan O'Hara,
MP for Argyll and Bute.

Boris is a 'one nation' Conservative

It is clear that Boris Johnson is indeed a 'one nation' Conservative.

With the refusal of consent for the EU Withdrawal Agreement by governments in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, that one nation, it appears, is 'England'.

Alex Orr,
2/3 Marchmont Road,
Edinburgh.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



The sunset which featured as last week's Photograph of the Week left a lasting impression on many people, as you can also tell from this week's photo.

Trish Collins took the shot from the first tee of Carradale Golf Course looking towards Carradale Bay at dusk on Sunday January 19, in which shades of pink and orange light up the sky.

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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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday January 29, 2010

Well done Dad

Ian Barbour of Keil Farm, Southend, behind the wheel of a Case 110 JXU, competed in the Kintyre Agricultural Society annual ploughing match, under the watchful eye of his son Murray, aged 10.

The event was held on Saturday at Glencaigs Farm.



Competitor Ian Barbour and his son Murray.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday February 3, 1995

Royal Navy visit to town turns sour

Police chiefs have held talks with the Royal Navy in a bid to make sure there is no repeat of last weekend's fighting in Campbeltown between sailors and local youths which saw 14 people taken to hospital.

The police have asked for assurances they will be given prior notice of large numbers of service personnel descending on the town.

Police arrived in the town's Main Street at 12.15am on Sunday to find a large group of sailors from HMS Newcastle confronting a crowd of around 200 youths and their friends.

Around 150 sailors were in the town at the time but it was still unclear how many were involved in the disturbance. At the height of the trouble, more than 300 people are estimated to have been in Main Street.

The sailors were shepherded into Hall Street by police.

But a group of youths who had broken away from the crowds in Main Street ambushed the sailors in Hall Street and pelted them with rubble from nearby waste-ground.

'The sailors were dropping like flies,' said one witness.

A car which drove into Hall Street was also attacked.

Police took some of the sailors by van back to the NATO jetty just outside the town where HMS Newcastle was berthed.

A Royal Navy spokeswoman said 11 sailors were injured in the disturbance. Nine sailors were treated at Campbeltown Hospital and three were kept in overnight before returning to HMS Newcastle on Sunday morning before she sailed.

One of the injured soldiers is reported to have needed 13 stitches to a head injury.

Three local men also required hospital treatment.

One local man has been charged with breach of the peace and several other people could face similar charges once their cases have been considered.

The trouble is believed to have been sparked by an incident in a local bar earlier in the night. The Royal Navy spokeswoman said the disturbance was the subject of an internal inquiry.

Campbeltown-based Chief Inspector James Dorward said: 'Although there was a large crowd in Main Street, it was a minority who were involved in any violence.'

He added the Royal Navy had been asked to make sure the police know when it is likely a large number of sailors will be in the town.

'This incident could have been more serious and we hope that in the future, with prior warning, we would be able to provide additional patrols to contain any similar situations,' he said.

Portsmouth-based HMS Newcastle is a Type-42 destroyer, with a crew of around 250.

Keeping it in the family

Sixteen-year-old Andrew Ronald has followed in the family tradition of coming top at Kintyre Agricultural Society's annual Ploughing Match.

Andrew, of Laggan Farm, Peninver, carried on a tradition dating back 123 years and five generations of winning the championship.

Since 1872, the Ronald family has won the championship 23 times.

In 1988, Neil Ronald of Largiebaan followed in the footsteps of the first Ronald to win, Andrew Ronald of Dalmore.

Two great-grandsons and six great-great-grandsons of his were competing at the society's ploughing match at East Drumlemble a fortnight ago.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday January 29, 1970

Comment: Let's get behind them

The town council is one of those well-intentioned administrative bodies which exists to serve everyone - and yet serves no-one. Or so it would seem.

Too often the errors made by town councils are dragged out into the open and examined under a cold and penetrating light, while the successes achieved by town councils are either taken for granted or ignored.

The editor of this newspaper hasn't hesitated in the past in publishing adversely critical, and sometimes downright unfair, letters about Campbeltown Town Council and its work.

And opinions expressed in this column haven't often been appreciative of the handling by the council of some important local issues.

But let's, everyone, get squarely behind the council in the effort to get Campbeltown's swimming pool off the drawing board.

Remember the pool is for the good of Kintyre - for its children, for its tourism industry, for its future.

The sacrifices will, in the end, be justified.

Another trawler order for shipyard

Campbeltown Shipyard Limited has received another order for a 50-foot fishing vessel.

This will be the yard's fourth order since opening in December 1968.

The order has been placed by Eyemouth fisherman John Horne, whose cousin, Charles Horne, bought the former Campbeltown boat, the Gleaner, now called the Golden Years.

The provisional date for completion of the vessel is November/December 1970.

The vessel will be of conventional layout, with the wheelhouse, engine room and accommodation aft, and the fish-room forward.

The main engine will be a Cummins NH-250-M, developing 190 shaft hp at 1,800 rpm.

The steering will be by Kort Nozzle, similar to the one on the vessel at present being built for Anstruther fisherman D Tod.

The fish-hold will be fully insulated and will have a capacity of 1,250 cubic feet, enough for about 200 crans of herring or 13 tons of fish and ice.

Navigational aids will include Kelvin Hughes radio transmitter, MS 29 echo sounder and Mark 12 Navigator. The cabin will accommodate six men and will be heated by an oil-fired stove.

The galley will be aft of the wheelhouse.

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday January 31, 1920

Kilkerran birds at Larkhall Show

Larkhall Ornithological Society, whose yearly shows are the premier events of their kind in Scotland, this year celebrates its jubilee. This made the show held last Saturday more interesting and important.

The prizes offered were unusually numerous and valuable, with the result leading breeders in the kingdom were forward with entries.

More than schedules were posted to breeders in this district, but only one, Mr Ollar, responded.

Mr Ollar sent a team of greys, three cockerels and four pullets, all bred at Kilkerran, and shown for the first time outside.

In the respective classes, in which many club winners stood ticketless, Mr Ollar won first, second and third prizes with his three cockerels, and first, second, third and fourth with his four pullets.

He also secured the society's special for the best bird in the grey classes, the Bailie Anderson special for most points in classes 1 to 8, and the Lee Championship Jubilee Silver Cup and case (value 25 guineas) and gold medal for the best exhibit in the large poultry and bantam sections.

The Kilkerran birds came in for general admiration. For style, markings, tracing and faultless condition, they stood in a class by themselves.

Noted breeders and recent winners at the Scottish Grey Club show admitted their outstanding excellence.

Mr Ollar has shown no greys during the war, his last effort being at the Crystal Palace, London, in 1913, when he was successful in securing the two first and special prizes for the national fowl.

There has been no palace show held since then owing to the war.

Mr Ollar is to be congratulated in adding to his already formidable collection of trophies the jubilee prizes of Scotland's leading show.

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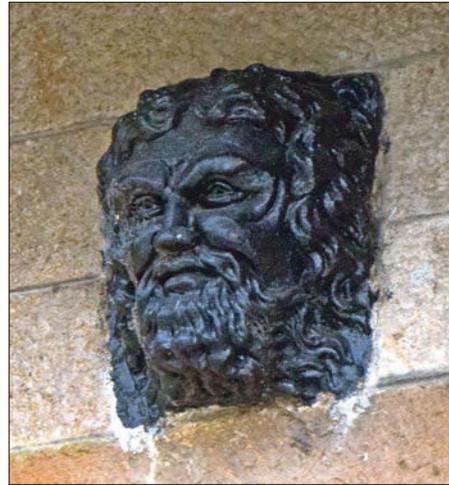
The Campbeltown Courier has taken a look at some of the finer details on one of the town's iconic buildings and is challenging readers to identify it.

See next week's Courier to find out if you are correct.



Does this sundial look familiar?

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A familiar face or an unfamiliar face?

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Where does this mythical creature reside?

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Do you recognise this man?

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Perhaps a bigger giveaway - where is this stonework?

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Aardman Animations bring



Jenna Robertson and Dion Maguire with their Gromit models. 20_c05aardman04



Calum Scott enjoys the modelling challenge. 20_c05aardman08



Jennifer Craig modelling the Gromit pieces to assemble. 20_c05aardman07

by Joan Crooks
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Although Wallace and Gromit's Grand Day Out first appeared on TV screens many years before current Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS) pupils were even born, it was a 'grand day' for an excited group of S1 and S2 students as they learned how to form animation models of Wallace's famous sidekick, Gromit.

Tuesday morning's modelling workshop was one of several organised by the Campbeltown Picture House Film Institute to enable pupils in Kintyre to learn about animated film-making from industry expert Jim Parkyn, lead model-maker at Aardman Animations, the studio behind Wallace and Gromit.

Talking in advance of the modelling masterclasses, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, said: 'What an amazing opportunity for pupils to learn from one of the most well-known and creative animators in Britain.'

Ellen Mainwood, manager at Campbeltown Picture House, said: 'These workshops are a fantastic opportunity for young people to enjoy a fun and creative session. We are very excited to bring Jim Parkyn all the way from Aardman Studios in Bristol

to Campbeltown to run these workshops.'

Jim explained to pupils at CGS that he has always loved art, and especially model-making, so chose to study for a degree in model-making and animation in Pontypridd.

After graduation, he began his career with a small animation company in Wales before moving to Aardman Animations to assist in the production of models for Chicken Run.



Jim Parkyn demonstrates how to assemble the model. 20_c05aardman05

Jim has been with Aardman ever since and has now been in the animation business for more than 25 years, creating models such as Morph, Gromit and Shaun the Sheep.

Jim was assisted by Campbeltown Film Institute's Alasdair Satchel, himself a film-maker, theatre-maker and podcaster, during the workshops.

Jim masterfully guided the eager pupils using step-by-step instructions and hands-

on demonstrations. As many models of each character are required in making an animated film, Jim explained the need for care and precision to ensure that each finished model would be exactly the same size. He demonstrated how much modelling clay to use for each part of Gromit's body, forming all the individual parts before beginning to assemble the whole figure, and showing how to put expression into Gromit's face even though he has no visible mouth.

Throughout the workshop, Jim and Alasdair interacted with the students, showing with patience, sensitivity and encouraging words, how the pupils could improve their modelling techniques and explaining how models are used in animated film-making.

In just 60 minutes, the amateur animators moulded, shaped and perfected their Gromit figurines and the satisfaction on their faces expressed delight in their modelling masterpieces.

S3 pupil Nancy McKenzie, who took part in the school's afternoon workshop, said: 'It was a great opportunity which was really different from what we usually do at school. I really enjoyed it.'

Grammar school art teacher Peter Lewis tried his hand at creating a Gromit model, too, and later said: 'The workshops were a wonderful opportunity for pupils to experience a very

different approach to design in a practical setting. They really appreciated receiving this expert instruction from those with international experience in the art and design industry. One pupil is very keen to develop this skill and is interested in finding summer workshop opportunities.'

Mr Lewis continued: 'Jim and Alasdair were so professional. Their interaction with the pupils was excellent. We hope that it might be possible for them to return and follow on from the model-making with some stop motion animation sessions.'

After lunch, Jim led a second workshop at CGS, and had conducted a workshop for pupils at Drumlemble and Carradale primary schools in the morning, when pupils made models of the Shaun the Sheep and Morph, and some pupils filmed short animated sequences.

From this 'grand day' onwards, watching animated films will surely mean so much more for these fortunate pupils who had experienced part of the animated film-making process and had witnessed the master model-maker at his craft.

Campbeltown Film Institute (CFI), was set up in 2019 for those aged 10 to 24 to learn about films and film-making.

Contact Campbeltown Picture House for more details and information about future events.



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s Gromit to the Grammar



Alasdair Satchel assists Solana McMurchy and Amy Mauchline. 20_c05aardman01



Linzi Shields delighted with her model Gromit. 20_c05aardman06



Isla McShannon and Bailey Bannatyne get started on their models. 20_c05aardman03



Alasdair Satchel watches the 'master', Jim Parkyn, at work. 20_c05aardman02

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Pre-fives, P1, P2 and P3 pupils enthusiastically reciting The Snawman.
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Dancing the Dashing White Sergeant.
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by Joan Crooks
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The weather outside was frightful, but the entertainment was delightful. Southend was the place to go, for the primary school's Scottish show.

Parents, family members, friends and members of the Southend Parish Church Tuesday club braved the wintry elements on Tuesday afternoon for Southend Primary School's tribute to Rabbie Burns.

All the Scottish-themed tables were occupied as head teacher Margaret Bannatyne welcomed everyone and invited the audience to stand to welcome the haggis, carried in by Jacob.

When Amber had addressed the haggis and Josh had said the Selkirk Grace, children and adults alike enjoyed cake and shortbread, with the adults also partaking of tea and coffee.

Master of ceremonies George announced the programme items, beginning

with pre-fives, P1, P2 and P3 pupils' dramatic rendition of The Snawman.

This was followed by further humorous Scottish poems. Ashley recited The Magic Pizza, George performed Nessie, Taylor recounted Twa-leggit Mice and Amber entertained with My Sair Tooth.



Burns himself entertained the audience, as Ashley, dressed as the bard, acted the part, admirably giving the Immortal Memory. George then toasted the lassies, outlining the attributes of his female schoolmates and Amber replied paying tribute to the lads.

A wonderful rendition of Coulter's Candy had the audience tapping their feet and

singing along, and many accepted the invitation to take to the floor for the Dashing White Sergeant.

The highly entertaining event concluded with everyone joining in Auld Lang Syne after which Mrs Bannatyne thanked all who attended for their support, especially Andrew Millar, chairperson of the Burns Society, and his wife Louise, Jen Campbell for baking the shortbread, the staff for training the pupils, and the children themselves for working hard to learn their parts, poems, dance and song.

'We are very proud of them,' she said, adding, 'and you should be proud of yourselves too,' as she turned to address the children around her.

The smiles were still evident as the crowd donned their coats and hats to head outside into the inclement weather, commenting to each other: 'What a lovely afternoon we've had.'

See next week's Courier for more school tributes to Rabbie Burns.



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ol celebrates the bard



Jacob carries in the haggis. 20_c05southendburns03



Shortbread and cake for the senior performers, from left: Taylor, Ashley, George, Amber and Josh. 20_c05southendburns05



School mums Carina McDougall and Laura Smith, with Alison and Martha Smith. 20_c05southendburns09



George recites Nessie. 20_c05southendburns04



Amber addressing the haggis. 20_c05southendburns07



Ashley as the bard. 20_c05southendburns01



Ashley recites The Magic Pizza. 20_c05southendburns06



Younger pupils Harry, Archie, Euan and Jacob enjoying Jen's shortbread. 20_c05southendburns14



P1 to P6 sing Coulter's Candy. 20_c05southendburns11

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Could Nimble Fingers lend you a hand?

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A group set up in 2016 in a bid to boost social interaction among crafters now supports a range of other small groups.

Nimble Fingers' founder Kate O'May, of Kate's Krafts, told the Courier that the group's craft fairs are going from strength to strength and, as such, members are looking for more small, local charities to help.

The crafting group meets every Wednesday night at Campbeltown Hospital and from time to time welcomes patients with a passion for crafting.

One of those patients was Mary Blackburn McMillan, who visited the hospital to receive treatment for type-one diabetes. It was Mary's idea to start holding craft fairs in a bid to raise money for the hospital's diabetic unit.

After successfully raising £1,000, it was decided that it should be Mary who would present a cheque to diabetic nurse Judy Semple but Mary sadly passed away on March 22, 2018, before the presentation could take place.



Nimble Fingers members would like to donate the money raised at craft fairs to worthy local causes.

Kate said: 'It was Mary who got the ball rolling with the craft fairs and unfortunately we had to hold one in her memory which raised a further £1,000 for the diabetic unit.'

'It was to be for a year that we held craft fairs, to see how they went, but the crafters love them and they have gone from strength to strength, so much so that all are already fully booked for the coming year.'

'We always keep it local and support small groups and charities – we are only small ourselves so we don't raise a huge amount at each fair. We are looking for wee groups that have maybe lost funding, for example, or don't receive

large grants, which we may be able to help.'

As well as craft fairs, Nimble Fingers holds a range of other fundraising events throughout the year, including raffles and an odd one out competition around the town centre shops, which will take place this year in the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August.

Kate said anyone interested in receiving some financial support should look out for a Nimble Fingers Facebook page which is expected go live soon, and people can get in touch by messaging the page.

People are also welcome to approach Nimble Fingers' members out and about or at craft fairs.

All suitable applicants will be entered into a draw and the beneficiary for each fair will be drawn from a hat before each event.

Kate said: 'We are more than happy for the group we're fundraising for to come along to the fairs, to help us out or promote their own work.'

She added: 'We are completely self-funding but people are very good to us. We get a lot of support from local people and businesses, particularly staff at the Co-op, all at Campbeltown Town Hall, which is a fabulous location, and Kenny Craig at the Hardware Store, who gives us the use of his window to display the theme of each fair beforehand.'

The group's upcoming events include a guess the number of eggs in the basket competition at the Co-op on April 9; an 'if you go down to the woods today' craft fair on May 16; a down on the farm craft fair on August 15; the selling of raffle tickets and Christmas gifts at the Co-op on November 26; a 'tis the season to be jolly craft fair on November 11.

Tesco Bags of Help looking for grant applications



Community groups and charities across Campbeltown are being invited to apply for funding through the Tesco Bags of Help scheme.

Applications are officially open for 2020, with more than £1,000,000 to be shared across Scotland throughout 2020.

Anyone can nominate groups and charities benefiting communities across Scotland. Three groups will be awarded grant amounts of £2,000, £1,000 or £500 every three months.

The scheme sees money raised from the sale of reusable Bags for Life in Tesco stores across the country used to fund local projects.

And customers decide where the money goes, casting their votes for shortlisted charities using blue tokens handed out in store.

Keith Jackson, Bags of Help manager at Tesco, said: 'From projects to improve community spaces to groups looking for support with community events, purchasing new equipment and funding coaches, we encourage you to nominate and apply, and get involved in this fantastic scheme.'

'Bags of Help has provided more than £80 million of funding to more than 27,000 local community projects to date, and there is so much more we want to help groups to achieve.'

The scheme runs in partnership with charity Greenspace Scotland. Emma Halliday of Greenspace Scotland, said: 'We encourage community groups to apply for Bags of Help funding to help improve places and spaces in local communities. We are pleased to be able to be a part of the journey and provide support and encouragement to help local communities thrive.'

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Dolittle (PG)

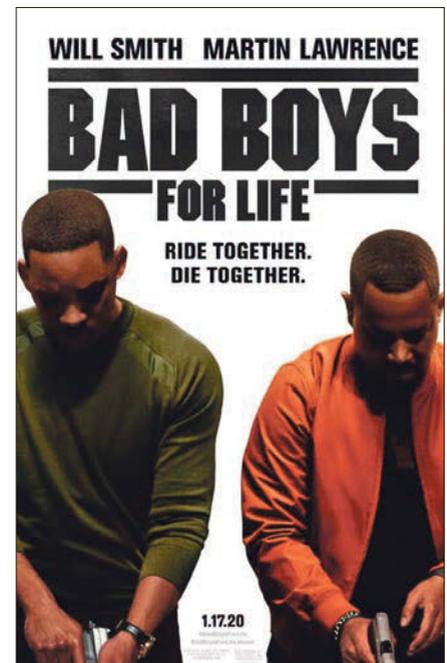
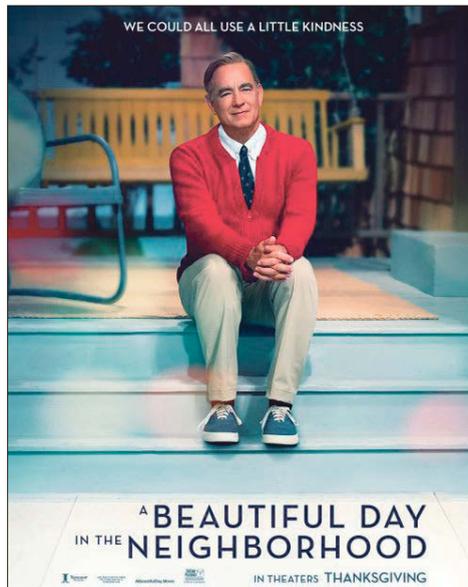
(On preview this week, more sessions the following week).

Robert Downey Jr electrifies one of literature's most enduring characters in a vivid reimagining of the classic tale of the man who could talk to animals. After losing his wife seven years earlier, the eccentric Dr John Dolittle, famed doctor and veterinarian of Victorian England, becomes a hermit behind the high walls of Dolittle Manor, with only his menagerie of exotic animals for company.

When young Queen Victoria falls gravely ill, a reluctant Dolittle is forced to set sail on an epic adventure to a mythical island in search of a cure, regaining his wit and courage as he crosses old adversaries and discovers wondrous creatures.

A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood (PG)

Two-time Oscar-winner Tom Hanks portrays Mister Rogers in A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood, a timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. After a jaded magazine writer is assigned a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his scepticism, learning about empathy, kindness, and decency.



Bad Boys For Life (15)

Everybody's favourite crime-fighting duo is back on their beat – and they're as fun, dangerous, and unpredictable as ever.

Smith and Lawrence return in two of their signature roles, Lowery and Burnett, but this time they're joining forces with an elite Miami PD team to take down the vengeful head of a drug cartel.

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Alistair Mackay carried the haggis as it was piped in.
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Raising a glass to Rabbie Burns



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

Campbeltown Bowling Club paid tribute to Scotland's national poet at a laugh-a-minute Burns supper.

Last Friday night's affair was kicked off by Susan Gilchrist, who piped the haggis, ably carried by Alistair Mackay, into the clubhouse.

The Selkirk Grace was spoken by Malcolm Bannatyne before a stage-worthy Address to the Haggis was delivered by James McCorkindale. James is clearly proficient at more than just Highland dancing, as he performed the entire rousing rendition of To a Haggis without a single note!

The mantle was then handed to birthday boy Neil McLellan, who delivered the Immortal Memory, reflecting on Rabbie Burns's life. Neil delighted the audience by

sharing some recent local stories as well as those about the bard.

This was followed by the Address to the Haggis, after which diners tucked into a two-course meal of soup followed by a choice of haggis, neeps and tatties, or steak pie.

The humour was ramped up a gear after dinner when Gavin McLachlan began the Toast to the Lassies.

He shared stories – some more compromising than others – about former lady club presidents, and reflected on some of Burns's own experiences.

Alastair Gillies began the night's musical offerings by performing Ae Fond Kiss and A Man's A Man For A' That.

Afterwards, it was Fiona Hendrie's turn in the spotlight as she gave the Reply from the Lassies, during which she produced gifts

for all men at the top table, and performed her very own poem written about the club.

Mhairi Renton continued the music by singing two more songs, Comin' Thro' the Rye and The Braes o' Killiecrankie.

Club president Bobby Dalziel, who kept things running smoothly the entire evening, praised everyone for taking the jokes in good

humour and thanked those at the top table who contributed to the entertainment, as well as Susan for piping, those who helped with and served the meal, and the bar staff.

Mid Argyll-based band Treble Trouble got set up as the tables were cleared from the dance floor, and their range of classic pop, rock, country and folk music kept people dancing all night.



Treble Trouble provided the soundtrack as people danced the night away. 50_c05burnssupper08



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1. Cook the spaghetti according to the packet instructions. Drain well and return to the saucepan.
2. Meanwhile, heat a large non-stick frying pan over a high heat. Add the bacon and dry-fry for 2-3 minutes, then turn off the heat.
3. Lightly beat the eggs, season and stir in the fromage frais, 1 level tbsp Parmesan and most of the chives.
4. Add the bacon to the drained spaghetti and mix well over a low heat, then remove from the heat and stir in the egg mixture. Toss thoroughly so that the eggs thicken in the residual heat, making a sauce that coats the pasta.
5. Divide the spaghetti between 4 bowls, then divide over the remaining Parmesan and chives. Serve hot and enjoy!

Ingredients

- 400g dried spaghetti
- Small handful of fresh chives, finely chopped
- 4 eggs
- 4 tbsp fat-free natural fromage frais
- 6 back bacon rashers, visible fat removed, chopped (or Quorn bacon-style pieces – see tip)
- 2 level tbsp grated fresh Parmesan



Serves 4, Time: 20 minutes
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Fiona Hendrie's Reply from the Lassies was humorous.
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Alastair Gillies sang Ae Fond Kiss and A Man's A Man For A' That.



Susan Gilchrist pipes the haggis into the clubhouse.
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James McCorkindale's Address to the Haggis wowed the crowd.
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Mhairi Renton sang Comin' Thro' the Rye and The Braes o' Killiecrankie.
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Gavin McLachlan gave the Toast to the Lassies.
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Ollie's fundraiser makes a grand total

Primary school pupil Ollie Graham was overwhelmed when a fundraiser he organised made more than £1,000.

The eight-year-old was inspired to hold a coffee afternoon in Machrihanish Village Hall last Sunday

to help generate funds for Macmillan Cancer Support and Dalintober Primary School.

Poignant

The event was particularly poignant for Ollie as his Granny Ross recently passed

away following a battle with cancer.

Ollie would like to thank everyone who donated, went along and all the fantastic helpers, without whom the event would not have been possible.



The coffee afternoon was fun for people of all ages.

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Macmillan Cancer Support volunteer Moira Wareham helped to run the baking stall. KC_c05ollie03



Barbara McEachran helping Christopher McEachran, Ollie Graham, and Millar and Murray MacKay run the lucky dip stall. KC_c05ollie01



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E-planning system in Scotland has made planning easier

Applications are now easier than ever, so do not be daunted by the thought of planning permission.

A wealth of information about the subject is available online.

At its most basic, you need permission for a new building, or to make a major physical change to an existing one, like a change of use from industrial, commercial or agricultural into domestic or a large alteration to an existing property. This could be a complete renovation of a run-down home, a large extension, an extra storey or significant outbuildings.

'Permitted development' allows small alterations and extensions. It cannot be stressed enough that you need to make sure what you are doing falls under permitted development rights. Nothing is more costly or heartbreaking than being issued with an enforcement notice and being ordered to demolish.

Even if the work falls under the category of permitted development, it pays to get a Certificate of Lawfulness. This says the work has been carried out lawfully and is a significant help when you come to sell the property. A lack of this certificate can cause headaches when it comes to mortgages and insurance. If you are buying a property which has had permitted development work carried out, always check to make sure this certificate is there.

If you want to build new, extend or convert a listed building, in or out of a conservation area, you will also need extra consent. In some cases this also applies to the interior; anything that affects the fabric of an historic property.

Planning permission in principle - formerly known as outline planning permission - does what it says. It establishes that, in principle, what you are proposing to build is

acceptable. Approval of matters specified in a condition then goes on to approve the conditions involved in the planning permission in principle. Work should only begin when this approval is in place. Pre-application advice offered by planning officers is available through your council. The best advice is always talk to your council first.

Need permission? The answer lies online

One of the biggest changes in planning - and a welcome one - is the move online.

Ninety per cent of all planning applications are now handled by eDevelopment.scot, the online service run by the Scottish Government. All the nation's local authorities and planning authorities use this service as does the construction industry, agents, home owners and self-builders.

The system can be used to make payments, submit extra information and amended and updated plans as and when needed. It also handles building warrant applications.

THINKING ABOUT A SELF-BUILD PROJECT?

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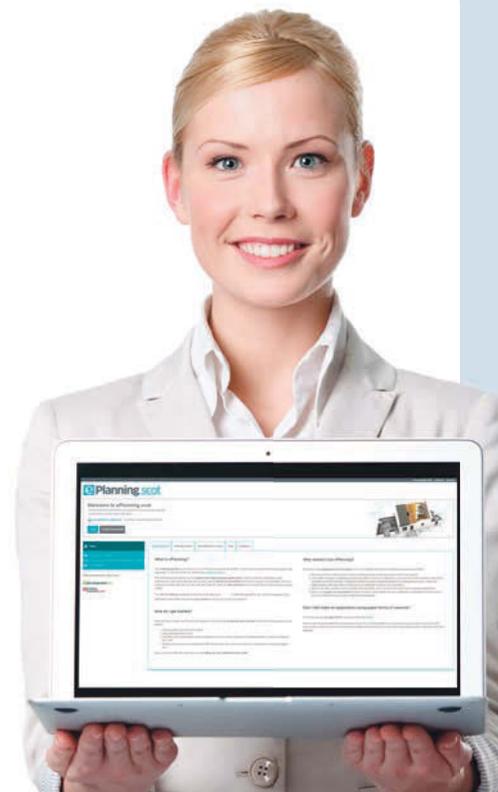
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How much of your self-build will you build yourself?

Turnkey v hands-on

For people who have never considered a self-build project for their new home, that phrase can be very misleading.

'What? You are going to build it yourself?' people ask you in horror.

If you are a tradesman or woman, then yes, you might well contribute your labours to the property, whether your skill is ground work, roofing, joinery, plastering or decorating.

It makes common sense to have some free labour on the project.

Or your skills might lie in administration and logistics and the idea of bringing together a team of specialist trades, sourcing supplies, handling the paperwork arranging the finance and having everyone and everything in place doesn't faze you.

If that is the case, then go for it!

Don't dismiss this part of the self-build.

The fine art of having the right people, materials and plant where you need them at the right time, helps to keep costs down.

The decision to project manage yourself is often based purely on financial circumstances, with self-builders choosing to take on the job themselves in a bid to save money.

But you are still a self-builder if you go for the turnkey option, just as much as if you were using a cement mixer on site.

A turnkey project, with everything from finding the land through to planning permission to garden landscaping, can be worth its weight in gold.

Any builder, contractor or trade will tell you the thing that drives them crazy the most is a client who drags their heels in getting back to them. They cannot carry the cost of this extra time and it will be added to your bill.

Often there will be decisions that have to be made there and then.

So if your work is demanding, you have to be out of contact due to this or have to travel, it makes common sense to go for the turnkey approach.

Or you could decide to appoint a main



contractor on a design and build basis.

At the heart of the self-build is a desire to have a unique house that you want, one that meets you and your family's needs and reflects your own personal tastes and desires.

The 'self' is still very much there in a turnkey project as you build the house that best reflects this.

Always remember, whatever route you decide - be it project-manage yourself or a turn-key project - it is vital you have an excellent system to store all paperwork and emails.

Building warrants

If you are fulfilling your dream of moving to Scotland and building your own home, be aware Scottish planning and building legislation differs from England and Wales.

Building Warrants apply here. The nearest England and Wales have is building control approval.

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First of all build up your money



There is so much help and advice out there, so when you build your dream home don't think raising cash is a nightmare

Getting the right help is invaluable when financing your self-build.

You need an independent financial advisor and there are plenty who specialise in this market. What an architect is going to do with your ideas, your financial advisor is going to do with your money. Each of them takes your ideas and aspirations and turns them into workable plans – one for the building and one for the money to build it.

Not all lenders deal in self-build mortgages and you will benefit from having someone who knows how to hunt down those who do and those offering the best deals for your circumstances and ambitions.

The good news about building your own home is that you almost certainly get more house for your money. The bad news is you need more money for the house to begin.

Buy an existing property and the mortgage arrives in a lump sum. Build and the money will come in stages as work on the property progresses.

A house buyer's deposit is far smaller when compared with the initial lump sum a self-builder needs to buy the land and get the first stage completed on site before the mortgage kicks in and cash arrives to fund the next stage. That is why so many people sell their homes and live on-site in a static caravan; their old home is helping build their new one.

The self-build home buyer is always 'in arrears' though some 'advance' mortgages can be found where the cash arrives at the start of each stage of construction.

The self-build mortgage traditionally has six stages

- Land purchase
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- **The insulation you install will not only save money on heating bills. It could save you money on your financial package. Remember to investigate building societies and 'ethical finance' where good deals are offered to people building eco-friendly properties.**
- **A self-build mortgage may also be suitable if you are taking on a renovation, conversion or extending your existing property.**
- **Many lenders, be they banks or building societies, will often only loan money on a fixed-price contract, or on an all-trades basis under the direction of a suitably-qualified project manager.**
- **Do not forget 'package deals' where you buy a kit house and building services from an existing company – and perhaps even the land – often offer, or source, financial packages. This can save a lot of leg work and grief.**

Some building societies might loan up to 80 per cent of the total cost of the land and construction costs or valuation, whichever is the lower, making the build process more flexible.

Get the VAT back

Remember to keep on top of your paper work and claim back VAT where eligible.

The government has funds and grants for self-building and renovating some properties but make sure it is the government giving you the cash and not the other way round.

There are circumstances where you qualify for zero-rated VAT and a reduced VAT rate at source if any VAT registered business should supply labour or labour and materials.

Once the project is completed, you can reclaim any VAT paid on qualifying materials bought at 20 per cent VAT along with any five per cent VAT invoices. The rules and regulations can be daunting and there are specialists you can hire to help you.

Applying for a reduced rate VAT certificate helps.

There are plenty of experts out there who will help you.

Government help can secure your dream

The Self Build Loan Fund (SBLF) is a Scottish Government initiative, which will run until August 2021, to assist self-builders where they have been unable to obtain mainstream self-build mortgages

The Self Build Loan Fund operates across Scotland in rural and urban areas.

Those eligible can borrow up to £175,000, which they can draw down in staged payments similar to a traditional self-build mortgage. Borrowers must provide

a Professional Advisors Certificate at each stage of drawdown.

It funds the construction phase of a new home and, once this is completed, the borrower will repay the loan either via a mainstream mortgage or by using the equity from the sale of their existing home.

The Scottish Government has appointed the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) to administer the SBLF on its behalf - after the trust ran a successful pilot scheme in the Highlands.

The fund cannot be used to buy house plots, as the plot must be in the ownership of the applicant to provide the Scottish Government with security for the loan.

When you apply, you must demonstrate you have been unable to obtain mainstream self-build mortgage finance.

You also need to show that:

- This will be occupied as your sole and only residence
- You own the house plot
- Have full planning permission
- Are ready to apply for a building warrant
- Have a defined build cost and construction programme
- Can demonstrate that you will be able to repay the loan upon completion

Conversions and extensions of properties cannot be financed by this grant.



Need finance to build a home?

What is the Self-Build Loan Fund?

The Self Build Loan Fund (SBLF) is a Scottish Government initiative to assist self builders where they have been unable to obtain mainstream self build mortgage finance. The fund is available Scotland wide to support additional housing provision across rural and urban areas.

Eligible individuals can borrow up to £175,000, which they can draw down in staged payments similar to a traditional self build mortgage. Borrowers must provide a Professional Advisors Certificate at each stage of drawdown. The SBLF is designed to fund the construction phase of a new home and, once this is completed, the borrower will repay the loan either via a mainstream mortgage or by using the equity from the sale of their existing home. The Scottish Government has appointed the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) to administer the SBLF on its behalf and the Self Build Loan Fund Officer responsible for this is Neil Walker who has 33 years experience in the banking and financial sector and is well placed to provide assistance and guidance.

Who can apply?

A key purpose of the fund is to create additional, new homes for permanent residency. To apply you need to meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate that you have been unable to obtain mainstream self-build mortgage finance for a new home - not a conversion or extension
- Intend to occupy the property as your sole and only residence
- Own a house plot
- Have full planning permission in place and be ready to apply for a building warrant
- Have a defined elemental build cost and construction programme
- Be able to demonstrate you will be able to repay the loan upon completion of your build.

Not ready to apply?

If you don't presently meet all of the criteria, or have any concerns, get in touch to discuss your case.

Further information?

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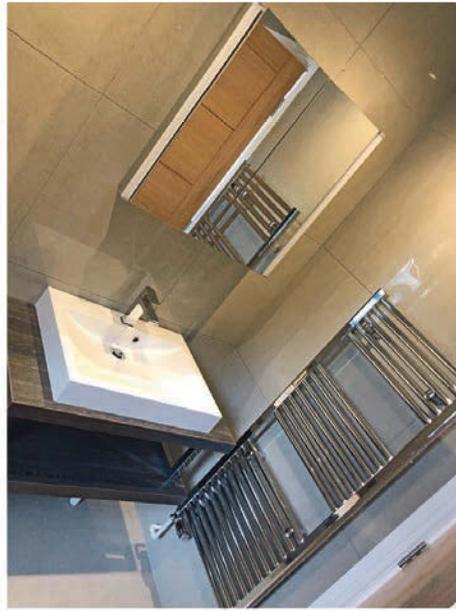


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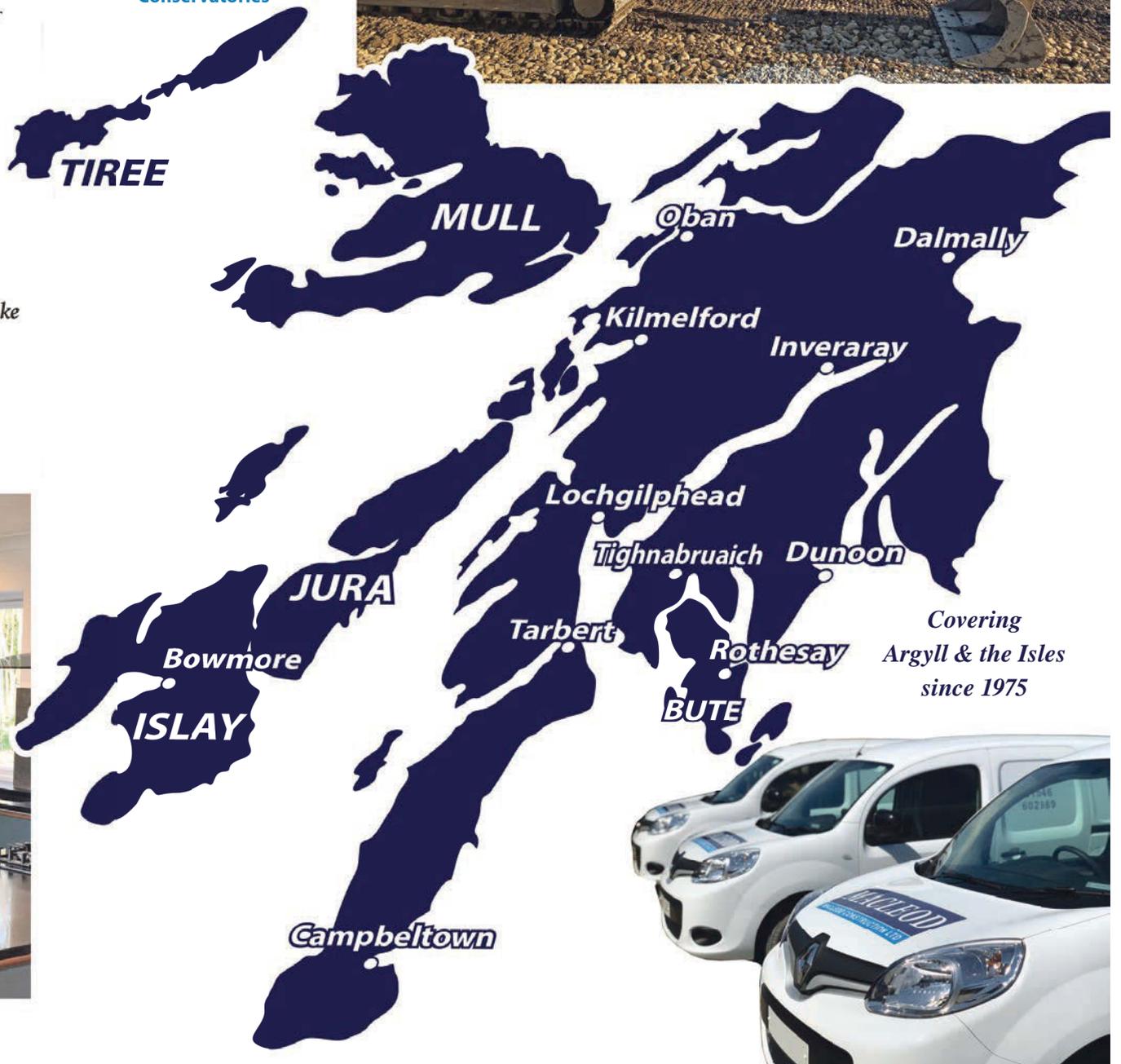
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Our favourite way to build in the West Highlands and islands

The kit home is the most popular way to build in the West Highlands and islands and some leading kits come from manufacturers in the region.

The kit emphasises ease of transportation with maximum time in the factory and minimum time on site before it is wind and water tight and ready for all trades to work alongside each other completing the project.

This is an added benefit in an area like the West Highlands and islands where the weather can be unpredictable and often very wet. Entire rooms can arrive, sealed, on site. The hard work has been done undercover in the factory and the time spent on site getting the property weather-tight is minimal.

Today's technology means a kit home is totally customisable.

Want to flip the interior lay out or think the porch would be better over there? No problem!

Today's kits have flexibility built in as standard and some kit home manufacturers can take your architect's drawings and use their production techniques to build your home from start to finish and give you a bespoke service.

The one proviso for a timber frame home design is making sure you know what you want at the design stage. Alterations once the kit has been constructed will be costly.

One advantage of having a kit home supplier build your home for you is they will have their own team of proven tradesmen and women who have worked together before and know the product inside out – literally! You are saving on time, but paying for expertise and experience.

You might decide to put the work in the hands of a building firm you know and trust. In the West Highlands the chances are that good building companies will have worked on all the big name company kits and have a proven knowledge and understanding of the product. Or you are in the building trade yourself and can put together your own team.

Kit homes came into the nation's consciousness in the aftermath of the Second World War but your grandparents and great-grandparents would not recognise the luxury kit homes of today.

This year the UK celebrates the 75th anniversary of VE Day, the end of the Second World War in Europe. The threat of bombing ceased, servicemen and women began to return home and the country slowly returned to a peace-time economy.

One big problem was housing or the desperate lack of it. The first kit home most people encountered was the 'prefab' a tiny, single storey utilitarian construction designed to fill a need. Photographs exist of Dunbeg, near Oban, showing rows of these houses., now all long gone.



Installing the heart of your home



When designing a new house, it makes sense to consider the heating system as early as possible since the SAP calculations can impact significantly on the overall design and cost of the building. Specifying a wood burning stove as part of your heating plan can help you achieve a worthwhile reduction of emissions for the SAP calculations. In practice this offers useful carbon 'credit' which can be traded off against other design aspects of the house.

A stove is an extremely efficient space heater that can be run economically in the super-insulated modern houses of today. It also provides a valuable and comforting source of heat during a prolonged power cut in an otherwise electric reliant system.

And, of course, it goes without saying a stove is a great looking visual asset which gives a 'heart' to the home and provides the

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The people who are going to make that happen for you are the tradesmen and women.

In an area of smaller, closely-knit communities like ours, word of mouth and personal recommendation really counts and chances are you will have gone into this project with the names of who you want to work on your dream already in place.

If you go for a turnkey build, your builder will have employees of their own and call on

specialist trades when needed. You will see the vans of well-known local businesses and self-employed contractors on sites all over Argyll and Lochaber.

Don't be surprised if people you hardly know come up to you and say, 'Oh I see you had . . . do your electrics. They did ours.'

When you decide to self-build you join a large, informal club.

Another good thing is the majority of these businesses, large and small, have apprentices who are going through college and working on their qualifications and are making a big contribution to helping grow the local economy and skill base.

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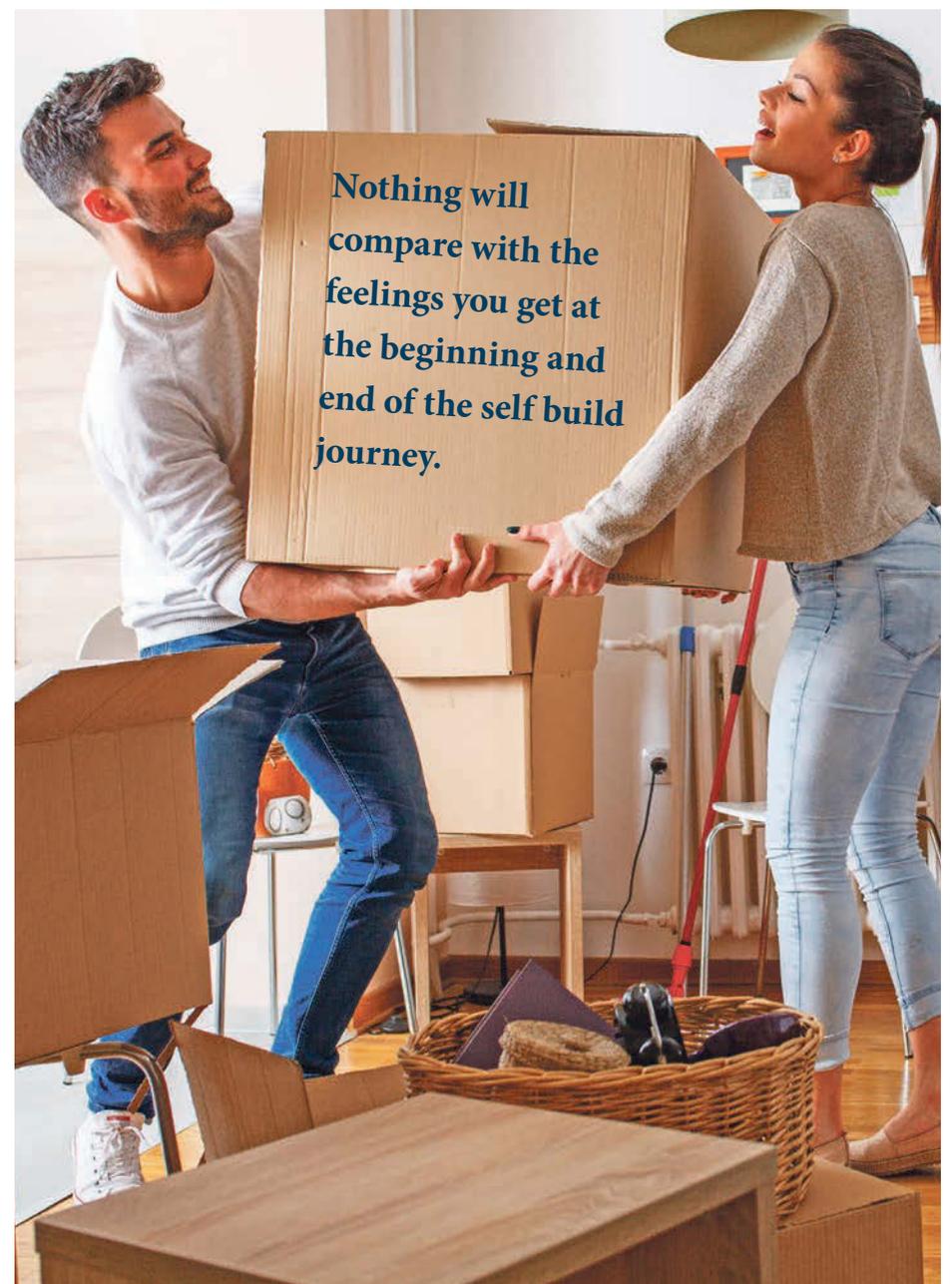
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This is a time to be ruthless. Storage is expensive. Ask yourself should I store, sell or scrap?

In the pre-build stage where you are planning and saving it makes sense to not replace major items.

When the time comes to store, ask yourself some tough questions: is it worth paying to store this mattress, divan bed, sofa or arm-chair or do we get rid and start afresh?

That can apply to all kinds of soft furnishings like rugs and especially lampshades; only glass or metal seem to store well.

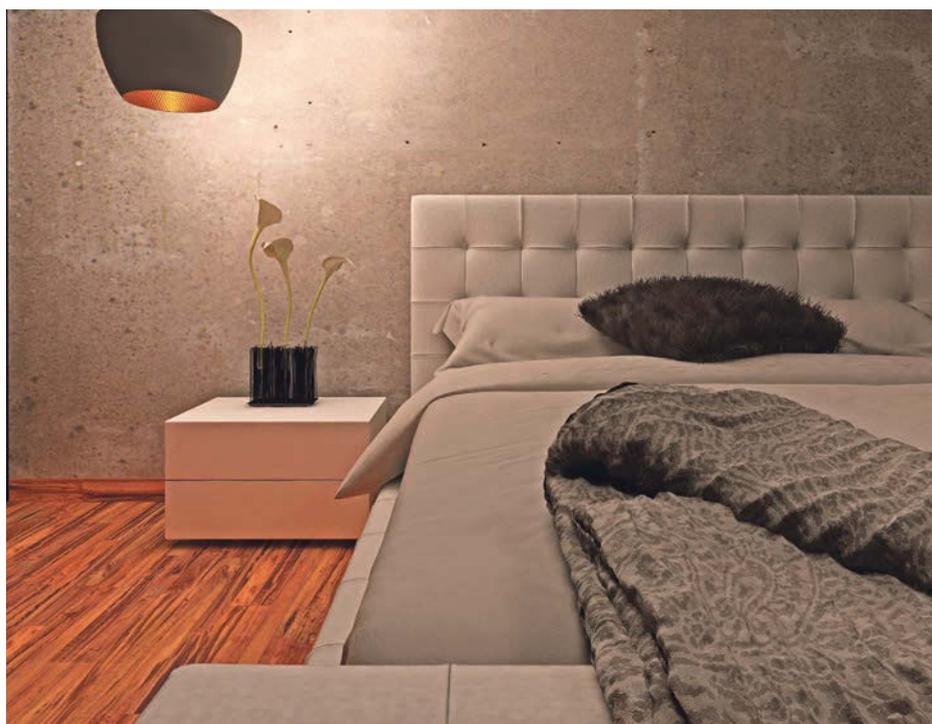
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Free theatre treat for West Kintyre pupils

Children from Kintyre were treated to a special performance by a five-star children's music and theatre group last Friday – and it was completely free!

The McDougalls Theatre Company brought their Go Global Languages show to Whitehouse Village Hall and West Kintyre Promotions, a new community interest company which organised to event, invited local schools to attend free of charge.

It was described as a wonderful afternoon during which Aunt Maggie and Max took the children on a magical journey around the world, learning words and phrases along the way.

Francesca Grant, from West Kintyre Promotions, said: 'We exist to bring unique events to the area, and by making the show free for school groups, we made sure it was accessible and open to everyone in the community.'

'We are grateful for the schools' attendance and



Clachan Primary School pupils were delighted to meet Aunt Aggie and Max at the 'meet and greet' after the show.

Whitehouse Village Hall committee, West Kintyre Community Fund, JW Filshill, JM Breckenridge and UnLtd for supporting our venture.

'Hopefully, this is the first of many and by supporting our bigger shows, you can be assured we will continue to

produce this type of community event.'

Max McDougall added: 'It was a real thrill to come round to Kintyre and it is such a great idea to bring local small schools together in this way. We can't wait to return later in the year with our brand new show.'

Toast the bard with The Golden Dram

There is plenty of Burns Day celebration coverage in this week's Courier but it is not too late to raise a glass to Scotland's national bard.

Whisky documentary Scotch: The Golden Dram, which features three Islay distilleries, was added to STV Player in time for the January 25 celebration of Robbie Burns's life and prose but it will be available to view for some time yet. The STV Player is STV's online video on-demand service, offering a range of content to viewers in STV's broadcast licence areas.

The revealing documentary which celebrates whisky, Scotland's national drink, debuted at the Glasgow Film Festival and Dublin Film Festival last year.

It tells the story of how Scotch whisky came to be a premier spirit the world over, taking viewers across the stunning Scottish countryside to uncover the history of the craft and meet some of the biggest names in the industry.

The film charts the

Cinderella tale of legendary master distiller Jim McEwan, a veteran with more than 50 years' standing in the industry, who takes on a dilapidated distillery on his home island of Islay in the Inner Hebrides and turns it into an award-winning blend.



Scotch: The Golden Dram features Islay's Jim McEwan.

As Scots continue to contemplate and savour whisky's place in their culture, viewers can learn more about the history of the craft and hear from some of the biggest names in this vital global industry – Scotch whisky exports account for 70 per cent of Scottish food and drink exports and is valued at £4.7 billion, according to the Scottish Whisky Association.

American film-maker

Andrew Peat, who studied at St Andrews University, directed and produced the film. He said: 'The heart of our film is the characters, the men and women who produce Scotch whisky, from the barley farmers to the bottle makers. And you can literally see the passion and joy and pride they have in their work and this world-renowned product.'

Richard Williams, MD of Digital at STV, said: 'A must-watch for whisky aficionados and dabblers alike, we're thrilled to be offering this warm-hearted documentary on the STV Player.'

Filed entirely in Scotland, the film captures the stunning scenery and landscapes that help Scots whisky distillers craft our national drink.

As well as Islay's Bruichladdich, Laphroaig and Lagavulin distilleries, the film features Glenmorangie in Tain, Tomatin near Inverness, The Dalmore in Alness, and Glengoyne near Killearn.



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Members still experiencing problems are encouraged to fill in the survey online (<https://www.nfuonline.com>). Those who have previously reported problems to NFU Scotland are also asked to complete the survey. This information is vital to understand the specific types of machines that have been impacted and to assess the cause of filter blocking in agricultural vehicles.

NFU Scotland is pursuing high-level solutions to the machinery problems many farmers in Scotland and across the UK have been experiencing linked to the biofuel content in fuel.

Fuel is a reserved issue and the union is therefore seeking support from both the Scottish and UK Governments to find a solu-

tion and mitigate the problem. In December, the union wrote to Secretary of State for Transport Grant Shapps MP, that was shared with the Scottish Government.

The union welcomed the decision by fuel manufacturer Petroineos at the end of last year to reduce biofuel content as a short-term solution.

NFU Scotland's is asking

the UK Government to broker a fuel replacement scheme to enable farmers who have problematic fuel on farm to receive a fuel uplift and refill of alternative fuel suitable for their needs.

It also wants a review of the specification and testing protocols to ensure fuel produced within the UK is fit for purpose and reliable and to ensure the review of this specification and testing protocol is delivered in a timely manner to prevent a future crisis.

The NFUS is calling for further research into the behaviour of recycled oil and animal fats within diesel and to assess if specific fats should be excluded from diesel.

Representatives from NFU Scotland and NFU attended a meeting with industry experts in December to discuss the specifications, standards and testing protocol of fuel.

A commitment has been made to create a dedicated taskforce which will assess filter blocking within agricultural vehicles.

NFUS will participate in this group as members, alongside NFU representatives, to represent agricultural end-users. It is grateful for the continued collaboration with stakeholders to resolve this issue and calls for the taskforce to commence work immediately.

NFUS policy adviser Zoe Meldrum said: 'Fuel problems remain a top priority for our members and time and resource continues to be dedicated towards finding practical solutions and apply lessons from this event to ensure fuel issues such as this cannot impact agriculture again.'

'Our political engagement and participation in the taskforce back that up.'

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Zoe Meldrum: 'Fuel problems remain a top priority.'

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Role Requirements

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Allotment Site Regulations
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
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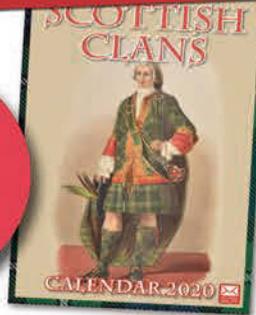
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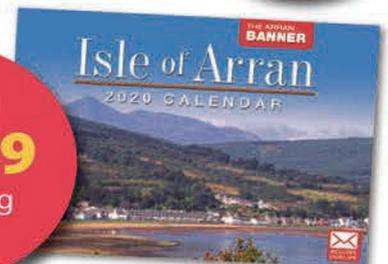
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KILLEAN AND KILCHENZIE

Cycling feat stuns guild members

When members of Killean and Kilchenzie Guild met on Wednesday January 8 for the first meeting of 2020, they knew they were in for a treat, but they could not have anticipated just how great that treat would be.

Marion McDonald, who organised the meeting, introduced Robbie Semple by saying that he was well known to many people in a variety of guises, but on this occasion he was continuing the guild's theme of Companions on the Road – only Robbie's companion was his bicycle.

A spokeswoman said: 'Robbie told us about his feat of cycling from Kintyre to Aberdeen in one day, but that does not do justice to what we learned. In taking us from Kintyre to Aberdeen, with a side visit to war graves in Passchendaele, he told us of training, of commitment, of loyalty and of support, all features of companionship.'

A benchmark of the success of a talk is often the number and range of questions that follow. On this occasion they poured out – about nutrition, equipment, the route and other people involved.

The guild's next meeting on Wednesday February 5, at the usual time of 2pm in the church hall at A'Chleit promises to be equally stimulating as Kate and Mark Watt take members on 'Travels with Whisky'. This is an open meeting, with a bring and buy stall and people are encouraged to go along.

CLACHAN

Kenny recounts tales of his treks

Retired Tarbert fisherman Kenny MacNab enthralled members of Clachan SWI with a presentation on three walks he has completed.

The group's January meeting took place in the school as the hall is now unsafe due to water leaking in.

The first of the treks Kenny described was when he walked with a group on different sections of the Great Wall of China over 10 days. Each day they were taken to a different area where the wall was often quite ruinous and the uneven steps rose and fell very steeply.

After completing that walk, Kenny decided to go on part of the Annapurna circuit in Nepal. The country was suffering economically from lack of tourism after a devastating earthquake that had wiped out entire villages with landslides. Kenny shared some



Walker Kenny MacNab enjoying a dram after completing a 180-mile Kintyre Way walk in aid of Parkinson's UK in 2017.

amazing photographs with the group, showing the Himalayas in the early morning before the clouds covered them. At the end of the trip he elected to go on a flight that went around Mount

Everest and other peaks. Kenny raised thousands of pounds in sponsorship for the Fishermen's Mission in memory of his late brother.

More recently he walked the Freedom Trail from France to Spain over the Pyrenees. This route was taken by many Jews escaping the Nazis during the war. He again raised sponsor money, this time for Parkinson's Disease research.

This year he intends to walk the Camino route from France to Santiago de Compostela which is about 600 miles.

Kenny was thanked for his interesting and inspirational talk. He then judged the competitions, after which tea was served and the raffle drawn.

Results: A piece of China: 1 Margaret Mundell, 2 Zoe Weir, 3 Liz Ball. Something used to build a wall: 1 Jill Francis, 2 Pauline Simson, 3 Zoe Weir.

BELLOCHANTUY

Patchwork fun at SWI meeting

Bellochantuy SWI's first meeting of 2020 proved to be a delight to anyone interested in patchwork and quilting.

Sue Morgan gave an interesting talk about her family members returning from America long ago, bringing with them the art of patchwork and quilting.

This is a popular method of making quilts and also table-coverings and hangings, as used by the Amish.

Mrs Morgan explained that it is also very popular today in Australia and in Japan, where their style is known as sashiko.

Results: Handicraft: A farmyard character: Libby Kerr, gold. Housewives: Three cheese scones: Diane Roberts, gold; Barbara Young, Lois Fell and Susan Turner, silver. Fun competition: A hat or fascinator: Janet Hamilton and Tricia Fair, gold; Libby Kerr and Margaret McKinnon, silver; Alice McLean, Barbara Young, Jill Lines and Susan Turner, red.

The group's next meeting, to which all are welcome, is on Monday February 17 where Jackie Fulton is to give a talk on tai chi.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

Whatever your politics are, whatever your beliefs are, whatever your thoughts are – this is an historic day.

Today the UK leaves the European Union and it is a significant date.

I never use the privilege of this column to make a political point, and I never will.

However, it is just worth stopping to reflect on what we have done and what our hopes are for the future.

This date also coincides with the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, which also gives us pause for reflection.

I have been to the Holocaust memorial museum at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and nothing could have prepared me for that.

One enters a dark filled room where a list of the names of those killed by the Nazis is read continuously and each is represented by a candle – the symbol of hope.

What totally broke me was the list of children who suffered and died in that awful genocide.

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I just cannot imagine the horrors of the concentration camps, the suffering, the degradation, the hopelessness.

Yet in the midst of all the horror, the cruelty, the suffering – there was hope and kindness and faith.

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DEATHS

DOUGLAS - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 24, 2020, Jamesina McDougall Muir (Ina), 31 Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Allan Douglas, much loved mother of Jean, Agnes, Matthew and the late Aileen and a loving nana and great nana.

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IN MEMORIAMs

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, Charlie, died January 31, 1988. Loved and remembered always.
- Anne, Stuart and family.

CHURCH NOTICES

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686
Sunday 2nd February
11.15 am Morning Worship
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev C Holden
Tuesday 4th February
Tiny Tots 9.45 am
New Hall
BB Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Wednesday 5th February
Guild Coffee Morning
10am - 12 noon
Thursday 6th February
Choir Practice 7.00pm
Friday 7th February
Lunch Club 12.00 noon
New Hall

HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH



SC002493
Sunday 2nd February
The service will be held in the church at 11.15am
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Friday 31st January
SKY Youth Group
Lorne & Lowland Church Hall
7.00-9.00pm
Saturday 1st February
Men's Breakfast
Ardshiel Hotel 8.00am
Speaker Mark Hinde, Open Doors
Sunday 2nd February
Family Communion Service 11.00am
Guest speaker Mark Hinde
All welcome
Joint Evening Service 6.30pm
Held at Springbank Church
Wednesday 5th February
Bible Study 7.30pm
Pastor Steve Davies
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.org.uk
SCO14646

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ST KIARAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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THE PRESENTATION
Holy Communion
10.45am
Enquiries tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

ST KIERAN RC CHURCH

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

SALVATION ARMY



Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Service
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Service
Wednesday
Lunch Club 12.15pm
CAMEO 1.30pm
Make 'n' Munch Craft Group 7.00pm
Major Ruth Russell
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number SCO09359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown
free church of scotland
Sunday 2nd February
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
11.15am Sunday School
6.30pm Joint Service in Springbank Evangelical Church
Monday 3rd February
4.00pm Road to Recovery
Wednesday 5th February
12.00 noon Prayer & Bible Study
All welcome
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Saturday 1st February
8.00am Men's Breakfast at the Seafield Hotel
Sunday 2nd February
11.00am Communion Service
Speaker - Ken Watson with Sunday school Refreshments after the service
Playgroup
Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 am
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Pastor Mark Jasper
pastor@campbeltown-communitychurch.co.uk
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
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11.00am Eucharist & Coffee
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1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
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Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

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All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
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11.30am Morning Worship
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Mr Jim Malcolm
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Pupils U15s lose out to Ham



Scott Graham jostles for the ball. KC_c05pupu15s04

Campbeltown Pupils	0
Hampden Boys Club	3
GDYFL U15 League	

Campbeltown Pupils Youth Under 15s went down 3-0 to a good Hampden Boys Club last Sunday.

It was a respectable scoreline given about half the young Pupils team was off school unwell in the week leading up to the game.

A club spokesperson said: 'It could have been so different with the home team missing a penalty

in the first minute but those are the margins we need to take. Well done to all the boys.

'Thanks to David, Raymie and everyone at Hampden - first class lads who deserve credit for taking their boys to Kintyre in January. It was a well-deserved victory.

Thanks

'Special thanks to Semple Financial Services Ltd for sponsoring the match ball on Sunday.'

The Pupils U15s are at home again this Sunday, February 2, to Drumchapel.



Goalmouth action from last Sunday's match. KC_c05pupu15s02



Stuart Phillips chases down the ball. KC_c05pupu15s01



Lorne Paterson in action. KC_c05pupu15s03

Too little too late from Pupils U13s

Campbeltown Pupils	2
Cambuslang Academy	4
GDYFL U13 League	

The visiting team got off to a good start when Campbeltown Pupils U13s welcomed Cambuslang

Academy to Kintyre last Sunday, despite good pressure from both sides.

Early blow

And before the Pupils could react to the early blow, they were 2-0 down.

The home side clawed it back, scoring two goals, but

it was too little too late, and the final score was 4-2 to Cambuslang.

A club spokesperson said: 'It was just a bad day at the office for the home side. They know what went well and what didn't. A lot of good football was played by both sides.'



The pressure was on Jake Anderson. KC_c05pupilsy13s02



Both teams displayed good sportsmanship, shaking hands at the end of the match. KC_c05pupilsy13s06



Goalmouth action from Sunday's game. KC_c05pupilsy13s05

Spden Boys



Calum Ellis during Sunday's match. KC_c05pupu15s05

Donald a winner at Dunaverty

Despite blustery winds, Dunaverty Golf Club players posted some excellent scores in the January medal competition.

In-form Alistair McConnachie reached the turn in 35 strokes, one clear of Neil Brodie, with Keith Crawford and John Dreghorn both on 38.

Good form

Whilst the other three fell back on the inward half, Alistair continued his good form by carding 36 to give

him a scratch total of 71 and a nett score of 65.

This was not enough to give him victory as a fast-improving Donald Brown, Southend, playing off 19, posted an 83 and a winning nett of 64. CSS for the day was 65.

Result: 1 Donald Brown, 83-19=64; 2 Alistair McConnachie, 71-6=65; 3 John Dreghorn, 76-8=68; 4 Malcolm Ronald, 87-17=70; 5 Neil Brodie 81-10=71; 6 Alex Arkell, 86-14=72.

Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Central Scottish AFL 1B - Oban Saints, no game; Greater Glasgow AFL - Oban Saints GG, no game; Scottish Amateur FL - Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 0, Parkhall 1; Easthall Star 6, Lochgilphead Red Star 0; Glynhill Moorcroft 7, Dunoon 2.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup sixth round - Wishaw HSFP v Oban Saints; Greater Glasgow League Division Three - Glenvale v Oban Saints GG; Scottish Amateur FL - Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils v Dunoon; Lochgilphead Red Star v Carlton YM; Premier Division Two - St Convals v Tarbert.

Golf lotto jackpot rolls over

There were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three-number lotto draw on Sunday January 26.

The winning numbers were 5, 11 and 17. The next draw, for a £300

jackpot, will be held on Sunday February 9. Tickets are available from committee members, the club steward, Muneroy Tearoom and the Burnside Bar.

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

- A MacDonald Oban
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Pupils U15s
lose out to
Hampden Boys

Donald a
winner at
Dunaverty

No VAR as Pupils' equaliser is ruled out for offside



Campbeltown Pupils	0
Parkhall	1
SAFL Premier Division One	

A match involving second and third-placed league teams produced a close-fought encounter as anticipated.

But the McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils were left to rue their luck and lick their wounds when what looked like an equalising goal was ruled out for offside as the home side celebrated an epic comeback at the eleventh hour.

Final quarter aside, the Pupils never really got to grips with last Saturday's game and, although at times playing some decent pos-

session football, as the game descended into an almighty midfield tussle for supremacy, goalmouth incidents were few and far between.

Parkhall were certainly up for the fight and gave as good as they got throughout the 90 minutes, but they had to depend on a successful 'smash and grab' to rest the points from a home side that looked the more likely team to go ahead.

Breaking forward in the 61st minute, the Clydebank side at last breached a resolute home defence, their diminutive striker showing great composure under pressure to lob Alasdair Ferguson in the home goal to open the scoring. This was not in the



Goalmouth action from Saturday's fixture. KC_C05pupils04

home side's script and a raft of substitutions gave the Pupils the fresh legs to create the forward momentum required to bring the visitors under severe pressure for the first time in the match.

Not that it was all one-way traffic, as the Pupils goalkeeper produced a fine save when diving to his left to save from an incoming forward.

With ten minutes remaining, the game at last resembled a siege as the home side committed themselves to attack down both flanks.

The addition of Gregor Croll as a speedy forward and the release of John McCallum to attack from deep seemed to tip the balance in the home side's favour, but time and again the last line of defence saved the day as time ebbed away.

The final minutes produced a number of corner kicks and from one such set play the

ball rebounded into the path of Ryan McConnachie who volleyed the ball through a crowded box and into the net via a deflection off the visitor's centre-half.

As the Pupils celebrated a successful comeback, the referee chalked the goal off for obstruction of the goalkeeper's view. Given the numbers of players from both teams populating the box, a surprising, mystifying decision.

The game finished a complete anti-climax for a young home side, but they will dust themselves down and go again in the next match against Dunoon at home tomorrow, Saturday February 1. See posters and social media for more information.

Ryan McConnachie in action on Saturday.

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Ryan Deans races towards the ball. KC_C05pupils01



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