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Dalintober ceiling collapse could have been a 'tragedy'

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A collapsed ceiling at Dalintober Primary School could have resulted in a 'tragedy' according to a source at the school – and it comes less than a year after an Argyll and Bute councillor's concerns about the condition of the building were dismissed by officials.

The school's senior students have had to be relocated to Campbeltown Grammar School, and the younger pupils moved to the senior pupils' classrooms, after suspended ceiling tiles were knocked into a classroom by a piece of fallen plaster from the actual ceiling above.

More than 10 classrooms in the oldest part of the school, which was built in the 19th century, have had to be evacuated as a 'precautionary measure' while 'further checks are carried out' to ensure the ceiling is secure in other areas.

The situation was discovered on Monday January 27, having occurred over the

weekend while no children were in the building.

The school source said: 'The ceiling came down where children could have been standing if it happened during the week rather than at the weekend. It could have been a real tragedy.'

The school's head teacher, Caroline Armour, posted a statement on social media in which she said: 'I apologise for any inconvenience caused but, as I am sure you will understand, the safety of our children and young people is our priority. By making these short-term arrangements we are also ensuring that our children continue to access their education.'

Councillor Donald Kelly raised the issue of the school's 'crumbling' condition at a council meeting in June last year, where he said: 'I want to inform the council that the school is in a terrible condition. The fabric of that building is still in the 20th century. My colleagues and I have been invited to visit and

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Pupils unfazed as they celebrate Burns



Dalintober's senior pupils seemed unfazed by the disruptions in the school when they invited friends and family to a celebration in honour of Rabbin Burns. Here P7 pupils enjoy a traditional Scottish dance at end of an afternoon of poetry, Highland dancing, piping and drumming on Monday January 27. For more, see pages 10 and 11.

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Compensation after being bitten by dog

A pensioner told Campbeltown Sheriff Court that her border collie did not bite a window cleaner when he called to collect payment.

Valirie St Helene, aged 73, of 15 C John Street, Campbeltown, denied being the owner of a dog that was dangerously out of control in that it repeatedly attempted to bite the man and did bite him to his injury.

She told the court on Tuesday: 'I can't believe people say that and get away with it; they don't like me,' and added, 'She wouldn't dream of it; she would never bite anyone.'

The window cleaner said: 'As I was going up the stairs, I could hear the dog barking,

as if it was running round in circles behind the door.'

He said that when the flat door was opened 'the dog ran between her legs and went for me.'

'It had four goes to bite me

'You are clearly a person of good character' – Sheriff Hughes

and got me on the fourth.'

He needed to go to Campbeltown Hospital to have the bite dressed and a tetanus injection, and later reported the incident to the police.

When an officer called at the flat, St Helene told her:

'She is a nervous dog but she never bit anyone.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes found St Helene guilty saying that he found the window cleaner, his workmate who also gave evidence, and the police officer all to be credible witnesses.

Describing the event as 'an unfortunate matter' the sheriff told her: 'You are clearly a person of good character and have never come before the court before, and this is something you never intended to happen.' The sheriff said the dog must be kept under control at all times in public, including the common close where she lived, and ordered that St Helene paid £200 compensation to the man.



The MV Isle of Arran entering Campbeltown Loch.

Numbers increase sharply on Campbeltown ferry sailings

The Campbeltown to Ardrossan CalMac ferry route saw the second biggest rise in passenger numbers across the network in 2019.

Passenger numbers increased to 11,468 in 2019, up from 8,782 in 2018 – a 30.59 per cent increase – while the number of cars using the route increased from 2,231 in 2018 to 2,891 last year.

There were 154 scheduled sailings with six cancelled sailings, and 96.1 per cent of services departed as sched-

uled – a huge reduction in cancelled services from 2018.

Councillor John Armour, who chairs the Campbeltown ferry committee, is delighted to see such a huge increase in passenger and vehicle numbers.

He said: 'I have always said that if we get a reliable service, the numbers would increase as confidence in the service grew.'

'Both locals and visitors find the ferry a great alternative to the long drive to or from the

central belt. The ferry committee realises that until new ferries are in operation, there is not much scope to change the timetable but the committee will continue to lobby for a better timetable with, at the very least, a Saturday sailing to Campbeltown.'

'I look forward to the coming summer season and, with the confidence gained from the reliable service in 2019, hope to see an increase in both passengers and cars once again.'

Primary school ceiling collapse could have been a 'tragedy'

Continued from page one found the condition to be disgraceful.

'Our children are coming up to the 21st century in terms of education standards but the building is living in the 20th century.'

But Douglas Hendry, the council's executive director of customer services, said at the time: 'I don't accept any comments about parts of the building being disgraceful.'

'It is fit for purpose and is delivering education to a high standard.'

This week Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said: 'The allegations made by Councillor Kelly that Dalintober Primary School is 'crumbling' are ludicrous. This is simple scaremongering of the worst possible kind.'

'The Kintyre councillors, including Councillor Kelly, were briefed on the situation at Dalintober Primary School last week by myself and the chief education officer. I advised them that if they had any concerns they were more than welcome to get in touch with me, as my door is always

open. To date I've not heard anything from any of them.'

'I would like to thank our education and property services teams for working extremely quickly to make alternative arrangements for the children, in order to ensure they continue to receive their education.'

Speaking to the Courier,



Councillor Donald Kelly.

Councillor Kelly said: 'Thankfully no one was injured as a result of this incident.'

'If the council had taken my concerns seriously more than seven months ago when I first raised this issue we might not be in this position.'

'The fact that the ceiling collapsed at the weekend was a blessing in disguise otherwise this could have resulted in a child or a member of staff being seriously injured.'

'Dalintober is an old school which requires considerable work to be carried out on it both externally and internally. The recent incident, in my opinion, coupled with other capital work which is required, makes a strong case for a new school to be considered.'

'I have written to the director of education, Douglas Hendry, requesting that a full structural survey is carried out on the school and is reported to the council as a matter of urgency.'

It is hoped that all pupils will be able to return to Dalintober on Monday, February 17, after the February break.



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Sun, 2 Feb 2020	10:34	07:34	13:04			
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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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Urgent action demanded after landslide closes A83

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Councillors, MSPs and Argyll and Bute Council's leader have demanded urgent action after the A83 was closed at the Rest and Be Thankful after a landslide at about 3am on Thursday, January 30.

The road remained closed until 1,300 tonnes of debris was cleared from the carriageway.

Road-users were initially diverted via the A82, A85 and A819 but were allowed to travel on the Old Military Road, via a convoy system, from 11am on the day of the landslide.

As well as clearing the debris, BEAR Scotland reinstated drainage and installed a protective barrier. Forestry and Land Scotland also undertook work on the slope above the road, stabilising boulders and removing trees. The A83 reopened under traffic signal control at 1pm on Saturday February 1. BEAR Scotland's

representative Eddie Ross said: 'We have worked hand-in-hand with Forestry and Land Scotland, in some very challenging conditions, to remove the debris and stabilise the slope.'

'Temporary traffic signals and a concrete barrier have been put in place as a precaution whilst further works are undertaken off-road.'

Following years of weather-related closures to the road, Argyll and Bute Council leader Aileen Morton said: 'The Scottish Government needs to make a commitment right now to finding a permanent solution for the A83 – no more prevaricating and faffing about, no more talking about processes and procedures, no more delays.'

'The A83 is a crucial part of Argyll's transport network and therefore a crucial part of Scotland's transport network, when you consider the scale of high value products such



About 1,300 tonnes of debris was cleared from the A83.

as whisky, timber and seafood that are produced here.

'The last landslide had a hugely negative impact on businesses, and, as well as day-to-day inconvenience for residents, it caused problems with essential services such as access to medical treatment.'

'The council and the people of Argyll and Bute have been asking for a permanent solution for a decade. Enough is enough – we need an an-

nouncement today that work is starting to find a permanent solution.'

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'Our petition calling for a permanent solution to the problems at the Rest and Be Thankful remains live in the Scottish Parliament. We have been more than patient regarding this issue hoping that the mitigation works would provide a solution.'

'However, enough is enough.'

The Scottish Government must now honour its promise and step up to the plate, and deliver a permanent solution as a matter of urgency.'

Councillor Alan Reid added: 'This latest road closure shows urgent action is needed from the government at the Rest and Be Thankful, yet only last week, at the A83 Taskforce meeting, Transport Minister Michael Matheson announced the indefinite postponement of vital work that had been promised at the Rest and Be Thankful.'

'The Jacobs Report identified four feasible solutions: putting the road on a viaduct so that the debris flows under the road, building a debris flow shelter above the road, upgrading the Old Military Road to trunk road status or building a new road on the opposite side of the glen.'

'The government should proceed with one of these solutions now.'

Donald Cameron, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, demanded urgent action from First Minister Nicola Sturgeon during First Minister's Questions on Thursday January 30.

Mr Cameron said: 'This latest landslip is grim news for local people and businesses who have been promised action for years by the SNP.'

'The fact is that decisive action from the Scottish Government could have sorted this out years ago. But, despite all the fine words and promises, very little has been done.'

Mr Cameron, who last year criticised Transport Secretary Michael Matheson for cancelling a meeting of the A83 Taskforce with just two days' notice, added: 'People have now lost all confidence in the government's handling of this long-running saga, which is why I went directly to the first minister to demand action.'

POLICE FILES

■ A black Audi car was seen to be driven in a dangerous manner, failing to obey a red traffic light and colliding with a road vehicle at about 1.50pm on Saturday February 1, on the Old Military Road at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Police attended and traced the vehicle to Inveraray where it failed to stop. The vehicle was later found at Auchindrain in a ditch. The 31-year-old man who was driving was arrested for alleged drink driving and driving without insurance. A blood sample was taken for analysis and the man was charged with the offences.

■ Police and the SSPCA have been made aware of a number of cats that have recently been injured in the Sound of Kintyre area. Investigations are ongoing

to establish if there is any criminality involved and police are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

■ Police are appealing for witnesses after a car's wing mirror was smashed at about 3am on Tuesday January 25, in Burnbank Street, Campbeltown.

■ Police are investigating and appealing for witnesses after graffiti was painted onto a wall in the common close at 48 Longrow, Campbeltown, between Saturday January 25 and Monday January 27.

■ Two house windows were smashed in Tormhor, Carradale, between 10.30am and 9.50pm on Thursday January 30.

■ Three bronze-coloured

plant pots were stolen from an unlocked garden shed at Smith Drive, Campbeltown, between Sunday January 26 and Tuesday January 28.

■ The door to a flat at 27 Longrow, Campbeltown was damaged and forced open between Wednesday January 19 and Saturday February 1. Nothing was stolen from the flat.

■ A quantity of heating oil was stolen from Keppols Farm, Ballygrant, between 5pm on Saturday January 18 and 1pm on Sunday January 19.

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

Councillor calls for repairs to road surfaces

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly has put pressure on Transport Scotland to repair pavements and road surfaces in and around Campbeltown.

Councillor Kelly met with a representative from

Transport Scotland last week and pointed out four areas in particular need of improvement: the pavement outside Campbeltown Picture House; the A83 at the entrance to Campbeltown; the A83 near to Patchen Cemetery; and at

Tayinloan. Councillor Kelly said: 'I had what can only be described as a very long and constructive meeting with Transport Scotland. I sought and received assurances regarding various outstanding road repair issues.'

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Cheers to the launch of Campbeltown Shipyard exhibition

'The key to our success was teamwork – right from Sir William Lithgow, through management, right to the youngest apprentice. We took young local men and turned them into highly skilled tradesmen who became an asset to the yard. Our boats were highly popular as they had outstanding sea keeping qualities' – Leslie Howarth, former manager at Campbeltown Shipyard.

It is the exhibition that the town has helped to create and cannot wait to see.

Top Skippers' Choice will be staged at Campbeltown Town Hall later this month.

It presents a snapshot of the Top Skippers' Choice online archive, which showcases the work of Campbeltown Shipyard Ltd through personal testimonies, technical information, articles and more than 1,000 images from participants, gathered in the course of the past year.

First boat

It celebrates the 50th anniversary this month of the launch of Campbeltown Shipyard's first boat.

The yard was at the heart of the community for almost three decades, in its heyday



The Budding Rose, Yard No.87, fishing in 2019.

Photograph: James Duncan.



Fear Not, Yard No. 33, built in 1976 at Campbeltown Shipyard Ltd for John McKenzie, Elgin, Arthur Duthie and Co Ltd Lossiemouth. Photograph: Jim Millar.

employing as many as 150 workers and providing apprenticeships with the opportunity of learning a wide range of skills.

The exhibition also presents an opportunity to bring together members of Campbeltown's shipbuilding community and reunite them with some of the skippers who commissioned the boats that were built in the town.

Between 1969 and 1998 the yard produced almost 100 innovative, steel-hulled fishing boats, with orders from Shetland, Orkney and the Scottish mainland, the Faroe Islands, Ireland and England,

and even one boat that was destined for Kenya.

Top Skippers' Choice has been devised and delivered for South Kintyre Development Trust by Campbeltown-born artist and filmmaker Jan Nimmo. The project is funded by National Heritage Lottery Scotland.

In addition to holding a series of public drop-in sessions in Campbeltown, the project has also included site visits and creative workshops with primary schools to connect shipyard workers with a generation too young to remember the 'yerd' at Trench Point.

The exhibition at the town hall will run from February 15 to February 22 from 10am to 5pm, opening from 11am to 4pm on Sunday February 16.

Top Skippers' Choice remains open to anyone online, whether they be in Campbeltown or the other side of the globe, with a story to tell or an image to share about the shipyard and its boats, through the online archive.

People can visit <https://www.campbeltown-shipyard.uk> or <https://www.facebook.com/CampbeltownShipyard> to find out more.

CalMac to feature new Any Disability symbol

CalMac has become the first transport operator in the country to adopt the new Any Disability symbol.

The Any Disability symbol is an attempt to make a more inclusive sign for those who use disabled facilities.

People who have hidden disabilities, and who may need to use these facilities, shouldn't feel like they have to explain or prove their disability. CalMac, the UK's largest ferry company, will be the first transport operator



to adopt the new symbol on board 33 of its ferries.

The symbol was designed by a high school student who suffers from a less visible

disability. The symbol was created because of some of the student's experiences using disabled facilities included receiving negative remarks from people who didn't understand their condition.

CalMac feels this is an important issue as its ferries carried more than 5.6 million passengers in 2019.

With 16 per cent of UK residents registered as disabled, it is likely there were more than half a million passengers who had disabilities.

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Palliative suite receives highest excellence award

Recent inspection of Campbeltown Hospital's newly refurbished palliative suite, the Sunroom, by external assessors commissioned by Macmillan Cancer Support has led to its highest possible award of excellence.

The inspection assessed environment, experiences of those using the suite, and changes which have taken place through consultation.

The overall result was described as being of a high standard, 'well above that of a

normal NHS setting'.

Particular reference was made to the focus on cleanliness and the lengths gone to provide a 'home-from-home' environment, based on a person-centered approach to caring for those using the facility, and staff were commended for their efforts.

Members of the Sunroom Users Group, established in 2017, who have driven forward the refurbishment of the suite, were also congratulated for their work; their tasteful choices leading to a 'modern, fresh, homely, calming environment'.

Campbeltown Macmillan nurse Maggie Wilkieson added her gratitude to the community, acknowledging that without its ongoing generosity the quality of the refurbishment would not have been possible.

The assessment was

concluded by comments congratulating staff efforts to engage with users 'being among the best seen, and a recommendation has been made to Macmillan Cancer Environments that a case study or similar of the Sunroom facility is produced to highlight the good practice adopted by staff'.

Assessors suggested, despite limitations of space, improvements to enhance spiritual well-being may be achieved by further development of the outside space, and also the chapel and the quiet room.

This will be considered over the next few months and anyone wishing to contribute ideas or discuss the assessment more fully can contact Maggie Wilkieson, QN, Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist by calling 01586 555822.



The newly refurbished Sunroom at Campbeltown Hospital.



Macmillan nurse Maggie Wilkieson, who was awarded the prestigious title of Queen's Nurse in 2019.

Photograph: Lesley Martin.

Opera Highlights tour

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

Following 17 performances in autumn, the same Opera Highlights – but with a new cast – is travelling the highways and byways by land, sea and air.

Set in a beautiful garden, director Roxana Haines' production features a playlist of operatic classics and must-hear rarities, curated by Scottish Opera's head of music Derek Clark.

Highlights include Delibes' Flower Duet, Vaughan Williams' Blue Larkspur in a Garden and many more from the likes of Mozart, Lehár and Scottish Opera composer-in-residence Samuel Bordoli.

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

Roxana Haines, who

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

'This spring we have a brand new cast to guide you through our story which takes place in luscious gardens and magical flora and fauna of opera. The stage has been set, decorations unpacked and the guests have all arrived, but the problem is we're still not sure whose party this is...'

'As the evening progresses, the connections between our characters unravel through music from the likes of Handel, Donizetti and

Mozart, and lighter pieces from Gilbert and Sullivan and Vaughan Williams as well as a new work by Samuel Bordoli.

'Prepare for an evening of charm, magic and love in all its operatic forms in a show that highlights the joy and absurdity of opera.'

This Opera Highlights tour, which is supported by The Friends of Scottish Opera, JTH Charitable Trust and The Scottish Opera Endowment Trust, begins in Bathgate, then visits Birnam, Markinch, Campbeltown (on Tuesday, February 11), Bowmore, Arrochar, Bunessan, Arisaig, Beaully, Cumnock, Castle Douglas, Callander, Lerwick, Peebles, Fochabers, Alford and Rutherglen.



Jade Moffat and Arthur Bruce on stage.

Photograph: Julie Broadfoot.

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Disruption to education

Dalintober Primary School continues to do well in inspections but now pupils' education is being disrupted by an issue which could have been prevented had action been taken when concerns were raised about the condition of the school last year.

The ceiling collapse could have been a disaster if children or members of staff had been injured – something which doesn't bear thinking about – but the council says the building is fit for purpose.

Would the council have demonstrated the same sense of non-urgency had this been a school in another part of Argyll and Bute?

And, emotional attachments aside, is it time for a new 21st century primary school in Campbeltown?

Time for change at Rest

It is time for radical changes to be made to prevent landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful.

The quick-fix approach doesn't appear to be working – although the landslip mitigation measures have successfully prevented some debris from reaching the road, the recent closure is the result when they occur outside the catchment areas.

Hopefully, the pressure applied to the Scottish Government will see some real change.

What is being done about rural internet speeds?

While the news is full of the super-fast 5G roll-out, many of us who live in rural areas still suffer from totally inadequate internet speeds.

The Argyll and Bute Council's proposed new Local Development Plan talks of the importance of having fast telecommunications and I would agree.

Internet speeds that are similar to those enjoyed by city populations would contribute a great deal to helping rural area populations and economies grow. So what are our leaders doing to resolve the problem of rural areas being left behind?

My local exchange is Tayinloan and when I check with Openreach, there is no foreseeable schedule to upgrade that exchange. I find this particularly annoying as I believe there is a fibre optic cable running along the length of the A83 from Campbeltown to Tarbert.

I can think of three solutions to this problem for Kintyre.

1. Our government could force Openreach by law to provide similar internet services in rural areas to those in cities – similar to the law that commits the Royal Mail to provide a good rural service although some areas may be loss-making. This would spread the rural upgrade costs across all users rather than exclude some rural areas from having a fit-for-purpose service.

2. The government and council could recognise the importance of fast telecommunications in rural areas and release, or raise

additional funds to allow the speedy upgrades to take place.

3. Wind farm trust money could be used to contribute towards upgrading the remaining exchanges under the private government scheme. I think the social and economic benefits would justify such spending.

Rural areas are at a great economic and social disadvantage due to their remoteness from large city populations.

Investing in their telecommunications network would not only remove this disadvantage but it could allow them to compete in the rapidly growing internet economies.

Upgrading our communications infrastructure has to be a high priority and any financial problems have to be resolved now.

Iain Logan,
Tayinloan.

Proud of our pupils' community spirit

We are very proud that one of our children took the initiative to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support and the Drumlemble Digital Committee.

Ollie, along with his granny, organised a coffee afternoon which was held at Machrihanish Village Hall on Sunday January 26, which was reported in last week's Courier.

They raised more than £1,000, £300 of which will directly benefit the school's digital committee. We are very proud of all that Ollie has achieved. He, along with his friends, worked very hard and we are always proud that our

children show such initiative and community spirit.

Staff at Drumlemble
Primary School.

■ In last week's Courier, we mistakenly referred to Drumlemble Digital Committee as Dalintober Digital Committee. We apologise for this error.

How did Glenramskill eyesore get permission?

On my regular visits to Campbeltown, I never cease to be astonished at the half-built and, to all intents, abandoned building by the shore in Glenramskill.

How such a construction ever obtained planning permission is a mystery; it is totally out of keeping with the other buildings in the area as well as with the landscape, and it blots out the views from the bungalows behind, rendering them virtually unsaleable.

As if this were not enough, it has lain semi-derelict for years on end.

Cannot public pressure do something to see to the removal of this eyesore?

Michael Tait,
Ilkley,
West Yorkshire.

Fuel poverty is putting older people's health at risk

Here at Age Scotland, we are urging older people to switch energy suppliers as new Scottish Government figures show a rise in those living

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in fuel poverty.

The latest Scottish House Condition Survey: 2018 showed that one in four Scottish households was living in fuel poverty, with previous figures showing that more than half of single pensioners live in fuel poverty, and four in 10 pensioner couples. It is simply unacceptable that tens of thousands of older people in Scotland are spending their later years worrying about energy bills or cutting down on other necessities to pay for heating.

Many are putting themselves at risk of health problems, such as heart disease, respiratory or circulatory diseases, by not heating their homes adequately. This leads to increased winter deaths, as well as GP visits and hospital admissions. While the Scottish Government's Fuel Poverty Bill is a step in the right direction, there is a clear need for more action to make fuel poverty a thing of the past.

We need to see the government and suppliers working together to ensure that every older person can afford to live in a warm, comfortable home.

We are encouraging all older people to see if they can save money by switching energy supplier. They should also check they are claiming all the benefits to which they are entitled, including Pension Credits and Warm Home discounts, as well as help with home insulation and draft proofing.

People can get free, friendly advice via the Age Scotland Helpline on 080012 44222.

Brian Sloan,
chief executive,
Age Scotland.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



The stunning sunset which lit up skies on January 19 was visible from across Kintyre.

So far we have shared readers' photos taken from down in Southend, and Carradale in the east, and this week's submission comes from the west coast.

Heather Mccue took this snap from her home near Bellochantuy which shows the pink glow reflected on the sea just before the sun dipped below the horizon.

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 February 2, 2010

New start for Keil Hotel

Water, wood and a tub of whole grain mustard – all that is left inside Keil Hotel, Southend, but after lying derelict for two decades, a father and his two sons have decided to take on the task of bringing it back to life.

Dunaverty's Donnie McLean bought the Keil Hotel and along with his sons Alasdair and Oliver is looking to renovate the existing building, hopefully creating jobs for the area and bring Southend back to life.

Although structurally sound, the Keil is listed as a 'building at risk' on the Scottish Register.

A survey at the end of last year described it as being in 'very poor condition' due to exposure to the elements over the years. This has not daunted the trio, who have started the slow process of turning this run-down building into a successful family business.

Donnie said: 'Although we have no definite plans for the old hotel yet, with guidance and help from the Business Gateway team and other agencies, we will, hopefully, not only manage to save a significant building at risk, but get it back in use again thereby creating jobs and boosting the local economy.'

Whilst clearing out the rubble and remains of rooms, the family discovered some unusual objects including a pair of surgical scissors and jar of wholegrain mustard.

Since son Oliver was a young lad, he has always dreamt of doing up the hotel, and little



Oliver McLean always dreamt of doing up the hotel.

did his father know that when they purchased it, his dream was one step closer to coming true.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday February 10, 1995

Battling bus man says he'll fight on

Last week council officials chained up the gates to Ess Bee's depot at Bengullion Road and police swooped on Ess Bee and rival West Coast Motors buses while they were dropping off

children at Campbeltown Grammar school.

One of the Ess Bee's buses was found to have a faulty brake light.

Argyll and Bute District Council chained up the gates at Bengullion Road because it said that Ess Bee had no permission to use the site as a bus depot.

Ess Bee then cut down the fence next to the gate to give it access to the depot.

But Mr Smith claims he has the backing of the public in his efforts to introduce competition to bus services in Kintyre.

Lanarkshire-based Ess Bee was brought in by the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive (SPTX) to run several subsidised services in Kintyre which had previously been operated by Campbeltown-based West Coast Motors.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday February 5, 1970

Pair-trawl controversy - a year on...

I believe the fishermen of Carradale are genuinely perturbed by the damaging effect this form of fishing will possibly have on the Clyde herring stocks. Of course, professional jealousy could be a factor in the ring-net fishermen's opposition to the pair-trawl.

The frustration of the Tarbert and Carradale ring-net fishermen can be easily imagined just by considering the success of Irish and East Coast trawlers in Clyde waters, where they nightly fish up, from under the noses of the locals, hundreds of crans of herring. The ring-netters are having to make do with 10 and 20 crans of herring per pair.

I talked to Archie Paterson on Friday night, standing by the wheelhouse of the Harvest Queen. In the long nights of winter when the nets lie unwetted on the stern and the black sea looks like offering nothing, fishermen have little else to do but talk.

We watched the 80-ft long trawlers shooting and hauling in their big nets with lights blazing. Archie pointed towards them and said: 'There is no competition in it. We can only stand by and look on.'

One could attribute that remark to professional jealousy. I prefer to believe that it was an unequivocal statement of fact: that the pair-trawl is a more advanced instrument than the ring-net is: that the boats must, of necessity, fish more successfully than the smaller boats, which cost comparatively less to run.

But he talked of the future. And through his conversation, like an ugly festering vein, there ran a streak of pessimism.

Now, I know that the fisherman is a down-

to-earth sort of fellow and is seldom guilty of unjustifiable pessimism.

His pessimism is a product of rational observation: it is seldom motivated by dishonest reasoning or by sheer self-pity.

The fisherman is one of those rarities of modern society – a cheerful worker, and even when things are running badly for him, he can see a brightness over the horizon, a better week to come.

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday February 7, 1920

Sparks and flashes

■ An organ recital will be held in Longrow Church on Tuesday night, when the Rev. B. B. Blackwood B.D. will be the soloist.

■ As a result of last week's storms the bell buoy at Patterson's Rock, off Sanda Island drifted a bit and mariners were warned to note the fact.

■ Three boys who were caught red-handed stealing iron from the railway were before Bailie Campbell on Monday and were put on probation for six months.

■ The local edition of Bill Sykes who has been in evidence of late is still undetected. His latest 'job' was in a business office from which about £10 is reported to have been cleared. Moral – don't leave anything in the till.

■ A Glasgow pressman who ran against the Duke of Argyll in the Mitchell Library last week describes him as looking exactly like several thousands of the citizens of Glasgow, the only difference being that he did not put on quite so much side.

■ Campbeltown Comrades of the Great War have a diversion tonight which should be interesting. Rev. C. V. A. MacEchern, M. A. is going to entertain them with a talk which he describes as 'An hour with the Jocks.' The meeting takes place in the Argyll Drill Hall.

■ A correspondent who has been pondering over things wonders if it would not be advisable to shut down the gasworks at Millknowe and make use of the natural gas that is being generated in the Town Council Chambers. If he is an expert, does he consider the quality of sufficient illuminating power?

■ The vigorous onslaught begun last week on the drains in Longrow came to a sudden stop after a few days' activity. It is understood that the contractor has found himself up against a bigger job than he anticipated and is dissatisfied with the terms of his contract. The matter has been referred to the engineer.

■ January was a tempestuous month all through and made its exit in a whirling blast on Saturday night. February has been making noble efforts to improve the weather, with a little success, but the good days this week had a job holding their own. Wednesday came out with the first spring-like touch, and the moonlight at night had a very pretty effect.

■ Dancing is the popular social expression now-a-days, and the local Post Office employees fell into line with a 'hop' in the Town Hall last Friday night. The function was highly successful and enjoyable. Mr Chas. Keith was M.C., the music was supplied by Messrs Hogg (piano), Smillie (violin), and McKiernan (cornet), while the buffet was in the hands of Mrs McInnes.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE



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Gigha's glorious stained glass memorials

Well done to those who correctly identified the building in last week's Down Memory Lane as the Lorne and Lowland Church. While it may have been obvious to some people, there may be others who never noticed some of the smaller intricacies on the 148-year-old building. Look out for similar challenges in future editions.

Kintyre has many fascinating and unique churches but few are as beautiful as the one on Gigha.

The current building, which was designed by minister and architect Donald MacFarlane in a Romanesque Revival style, with round-headed windows, features many stained glass windows.

They aren't obvious to the untrained eye from outside, but once inside it is impossible not to notice the vivid displays which bathe the pews in all the colours of the rainbow.

Dedicated

Interestingly, when the church was built in 1923, it had only one stained glass window which was dedicated to those who lost their lives in the First World War. Depicting Jesus on the cross, it also featured the words he is said to have spoken the night before he died: 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'

The other stained glass windows – some dedicated to previous ministers, one to a former laird and others to members of the McNeill and Galbraith families



The St Columba window which is dedicated to the memory of Rev Donald MacFarlane. 50_c06gigha03

who are members of two of the island's main clans – were added over the years.

According to a display inside the church, Christianity came to Gigha in about 563AD with the missionary monk St Columba, who was travelling up the coast of Argyll from Ireland to Iona.

The display reads: 'One of his contemporaries, a monk called Catan, subsequently built a cell at the site of a holy well, and this became Kilchattan church and graveyard serving the south of the island. There was another chapel to serve the north of Gigha, founded by a monk called Fionnlagan, also with a graveyard.'

Apparently the remains, a stone cross amongst a pile of stones, can still be seen in a field opposite Tarbert Farm. The large stones are said to have been burial markers which were cleared to the centre of the field in order to increase the area of

agricultural land. There is also a chapel on the island of Cara, founded by a monk called Finla.

The display continues: 'St Columba and his contemporaries belonged to the Celtic Church, which was based on monasteries and missionary monks. By the 13th century the church was ruled from Rome with a parish system of bishops and priests. It was at this time that the Kilchattan church was built.'

'It became a part of the protestant church, Church of Scotland, at the time of the Reformation in the 16th century and was used until the 18th century, after which it became a ruin.

Disrepair

'In 1712 a new church was built on the site which is now the hotel car park, and when that fell into disrepair another church was built in 1780 on the same site, a portion of the wall of that church being all that now remains.

'By the early 20th century a new church building was needed and fortunately the minister at the time, Reverend Donald MacFarlane, had been an architect.

'He therefore designed the present building, which was relocated on 'Cnocan a' Chiuil' (the hill of music), and constructed from the black whinstone of the previous church. It was completed in 1923, but sadly Donald MacFarlane died in that year. The St Columba window at the front left of the church is dedicated to his memory.'



Gigha church's beautiful windows are not apparent from the outside. 50_c06gigha01



The window on the left is in memory of Jane C McNeill and the one on the right is in memory of Margaret McNeill. Both were erected by the ladies' niece, Mary C Rogerson. 50_c06gigha06



The church's original stained glass window, depicting Jesus on the cross, dedicated to those who died in WWI. 50_c06gigha02



This display is in honour of Sir James Nockells Horlick, 4th Baronet, who bought Gigha in 1944. 50_c06gigha05



The window in honour of one of the church's former ministers, Rev Kenneth MacLeod, depicts Psalmist King David. 50_c06gigha04

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Dalintober dives into Burns



Pupils take part in Scottish verse and recitation. 20_c06dalburns06



Callum, Rhys, Iona, Emily and Tia giving the Immortal Memory. 20_c06dalburns10

Dalintober Primary School's senior pupils put disruptions aside when they hopped, skipped and jumped into a celebration of Burns Day.

P7 pupils organised an all singing, all dancing afternoon of fun on Monday January 27 which featured poems by the bard himself as well as some, penned in Scots, by the children, as well as Highland dancing, and piping and drumming.

On display was artwork the children made, including replicas of Burns' Ayrshire cottage, one made from salt dough, others from polystyrene, cardboard and straw, with one even making use of shredded wheat cereal to replicate the house's traditional thatched roof.

Hand-crafted

There was also a special cake made by pupil Iona, covered with many hand-crafted dec-

orations representing aspects of Burns poetry and life.

Information about the poet was written on artistically decorated sheets, meaning the family and friends who attended and joined in with a rendition of Auld Lang Syne, were completely in the know about what the event was commemorating.

The Courier is able to share some examples of the children's poetry.

Address Tae Irn-Bru

*Aw, Ah just love Irn-Bru!
When Ah'm oot wi' ma freends,
An' then Ah gae hame,
Ah've fair got a drooth on me!
Ah gae tae the fridge,
An' Ah see that beautiful orange an' blue can.
Oh, Ah jist feel ma mooth waterin',
Looking at that glorious drink.
Way better than those lesser drinks,*

Coke, Fanta or Sprite.

*The can is cauld in ma haund,
An' Ah'm ready tae open it.
Aw naw! It's exploded!
Ah tak ma first sip an' Ah'm in heaven.
Ah chug doon the orange liquid fast.
Slowly, something's climbing back up
Frae ma belly intae ma chest.
Then a big burp erupts!
That's ma Irn-Bru.*

By Rhys.

Address Tae A Tattie Scone

*Oh, tattie scones, you're jist the thing,
Tae gie me the energy in the mornin'.
So much better than any ither food;
Snails that'll mak ye boak,
Tablet that'll mak ye choke,
Or even Scotch broth, that'll mak ye spew!*

*Ah go intae Tesca, go up the aisle.
Naw, naw there.
Up the ither yin,
Still naw there!
Up the final aisle and Ah see,
The wonderful food made by God himsel'.
The tattie scone!*

*Oh poor wee man, who's never eaten a
tattie scone.
His wee thin legs, as thin as a rope,
His fist, a piece o' tablet.
Oh! How unfit!*

*But mark, the rustic tattie scone fed,
Butter knife in his haund, ready tae spread.
An' oh! What joy in his head when he taks
a bite!
An' gulps it doon - it tastes jist right!*

By Rio.



Keira, left, who held the haggis as it was piped into the classroom by Rio and Emily.

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celebrations



The pupils with certificates awarded for effort and participation in the Burns event.

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Playing the pipes and drums were Ivana, Josh, Rio, Emily and Jayden.

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Address Tae a Roll an' Square Sausage

Ah smell ye cookin' doon in the kitchen,
Yer sizzlin' fair makin' ma mooth water.
The smell wafts up the stair an' hits me.
Ah hurry doon an' ask ma dad,
'Is it ready noo?'
Aye hen, there ye go.'
Oh glorious!
Ah pit the sausage on ma fresh buttered roll,
An' Ah think, could it be ony better?
An' Ah slip in a wee tattie scone, when
naebody's lookin',

An' a drop o' rid sauce.
That's me, rarin' tae go!
A' those lesser foods are naethin'
Compared tae yer soft, squishy sausage
On a warm, fresh roll,
Ready tae be gobbled up.
Soon it's in ma belly; naethin' left.
The pleasure is over, but noo
Ma belly's as tight as a rubber band.
Ye cannae beat a roll an' square!
By Emily M.



The Address to the Haggis was performed by, from left, Warren, Gregor, Hannah, Lynsey, Robert and Jamie.

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Teachers and parents join in for a rendition of Auld Lang Syne.

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Address Tae a Tunnocks Tea Cake

O' ma Tunnocks teacake,
A braw red and silver gem.
The fluffy white inside
Is like a delight tae taste, ye ken.

But one needs to eat you hasty,
Fur these weans would steal ye,
An' leave me wae only tatties to hae with
my tea!

Oh, yer biscuit base is crunchy but soft,
It maks me want tae scoff the hale lot.
Oh, you chocolate covered dome, how I love
thee,
I could eat you repeatedly, repeatedly,
repeatedly!

Those lesser teacakes cannae compare
To the Tunnock's Tea Cake- they widnae
dare!
Chieftain o' the biscuit race,
Weel are ye worthy o' a grace.
By Ciara.



Highland dancers Ciara and Ella performed at the event.

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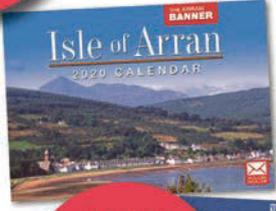
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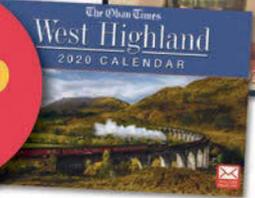


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Community Bureau helps older people get online

The Community Bureau, the charity which runs the community shop at 21 Longrow South, has been assisting people with their home-based IT issues.

'We are supposed to live in this interconnected world, and yet many people find themselves unable to access things that other people take for granted,' said Glenn Appleton, the charity's chief executive officer. 'We've been inundated with people looking for assistance with everyday IT-related tasks, like shopping online or how to set up tablets, broadband or phones.'

Ian McVicar, who has been assisting people with home-based IT issues, suggests it's a real concern. He said: 'For many, Facebook, WhatsApp or mobile devices are so valuable for keeping us connected and in touch with loved ones.

Many of us use social media to maintain friendships and feel part of each others' lives, but we forget that others have never even sent an email. We've simply been helping those who need it.'

Eileen Baillie, one of those who has used the service, was adamant that her life was richer being IT-savvy. She said: 'I love to read and I love my kindle; it allows me to download any book I want in a fraction of a second and through Facebook I can see what my family overseas are up to. If I get stuck I know who to call.'

Teresa Eames, who wants people to realise age should be no barrier, added: 'My husband Ken and I just celebrated our 58th wedding anniversary and will be heading back to Ireland for a holiday. I can book our flights, our accommodation and even

see the view from the hotel windows we will be staying in, all on my computer.

'When I have a problem it's nice I can call on Ian and he will help me if I make him a cuppa.'

If anyone feels they need a little computer guidance, or fancy volunteering at the community bureau, just pop into 21 Longrow South and those inside will be only too pleased to help.



Teresa Eames is feeling more computer confident, thanks to Ian McVicar of the Community Bureau.

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Intergenerational Rabbie Burns inspired afternoon

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Campbeltown seniors were treated to a Scottish-themed afternoon of entertainment from performers of all ages last Friday.

The well-attended event was organised by 1000 Voices, which exists to counter social isolation and to improve the health and well-being of older adults and to connect people within the community, in partnership with the U3A choir and pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS).

Appropriately for a Burns commemoration, Ross Connor piped in the event, getting everyone in the mood for the Scottish celebration in the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall.

The U3A choir, under the direction of Margaret Nimmo and accompanied by David Gardiner, had the audience toe-tapping and singing along to A Highland Lad, Ye Banks and Braes, and Comin' Thro' the Rye.

Solo part

A hush then fell as everyone listened to the clear, sweet voice of Erin Soudan singing the solo part in the CGS choir's rendition of Ca the Yowes, followed by Flow Gently Sweet Afton.

The audience was then heard to softly sing along once more as the U3A choir sang the familiar words of the Skye Boat Song, Charlie is my Darling and Blow the Wind Southerly.

The girls from CGS then introduced the seniors to 21st century Scottish music, singing Lewis Capaldi's hit song, Grace.

After a break for tea, coffee, shortbread and a time to chat, the second half began with the U3A choir performing The De'il's Awa wi the Exciseman, Fear A Bhata and Westering Home.

Erin Soudan sang Iona Boat Song, with delightful clarity, and impeccable articulation, followed by Amy Ross and Iona Renton's harmonious duet of the much-loved song Loch Lomond, watched proudly by their mothers who quietly mouthed the words as their daughters sang. Iona then continued with a strong, melodic solo performance of Aye Walkin'.

The U3A choir sang Eriskay Love Lilt and a very brisk Dashing White Sergeant, punctuated by a stirring bold recitation of Scots Wha Hae, spoken by Janette Dreghorn.

As the event drew almost to a close the conductor, Margaret, encouraged everyone to sing Auld Lang Syne led by the combined choirs.

Michele Prout from 1000 Voices thanked Margaret Nimmo, the U3A choir, CGS teacher Katy Cameron and the CGS choir, Kim Fletcher and the CGS pupils who assisted with refreshments, and everyone who had come along, for their support.

Cathy Duncan replied with thanks to Michele for organising the enjoyable event and loud applause indicated the

audience's agreement. But the event was not over yet.

Ross Connor took to the stage to close the proceedings as he had begun them, with lively, toe-tapping piping medleys and the tunes of familiar Scottish songs. His eyes twinkled as the audience started to heartily sing Campbeltown Loch after he had played only a few notes, and the young accomplished piper beamed a wide smile as he finished playing.

Young voices

At the end of the concert Cathy Duncan said: 'That was a lovely way to spend a Friday afternoon. The entertainment was beautiful.' She continued. 'The mix of music was great too, and it was lovely to hear the young voices along with the more mature choir.'

The U3A choir accompanist, David Gardiner added: 'I love the enthusiasm of the choir. They are so keen, and they so obviously enjoy singing.'

Margaret Nimmo, who trains the all-female U3A choir, said: 'This choir is good on so many levels. It fosters friendships, is good exercise, combats loneliness, and we all love singing.'

She added: 'We meet to practise on alternate Tuesdays from 2pm to 3pm in Lorne and Lowland session room and new members are welcome. Just call me on 01586 820099.'

1000 Voices also welcomes new participants. Michele can be contacted on 01586 554744 or micheleprout@argylltsi.org.uk.



The U3A choir, conducted by Margaret Nimmo and accompanied by David Gardiner.

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CGS choir members Beth MacPherson, Zoe Gosling, Erin Soudan, Amy Lowrie, Amy Ross, Iona Renton and Leah Russell.

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Rosie goes the full green mile for mental health

A Campbeltown resident was among those asked to wear something green as people walked a mile through Lochgilphead to raise awareness of mental health.

In the same way that the colour pink has become associated with breast cancer, mental health awareness is

represented by green.

Rosie Morrison travelled to Mid Argyll to take part in the January 25 walk – supported and funded by mental health group Acumen along with the See Me programme and Argyll and Bute Council – which was intended to demonstrate support for

people who have experienced poor mental health as well as their families and friends.

The day started at 10.30am with Tai Chi, led by Lynda Syed, at the Octagon in Blarbuie Woodlands, then a walk down to Manse Brae where more supporters were waiting.

From there, the group walked to Campbell Street and on to Lochgilphead Community Centre for soup, sandwiches and an opportunity to chat.

Audrey Baird, development worker with Acumen, said: 'One of the legacies we hope to see following today's event is the formation of a mental health forum for Mid Argyll.

'This will be a place for sharing, where people who have concerns about mental health can talk to people with lived experience and get in touch with the various service providers.'



Rosie Morrison, right, who travelled from Campbeltown to support the walk is pictured with Ailsa Wilson of Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis. 51_a05MentalHealthWalk09



Positive support through Lochgilphead for mental health.

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Audrey is also looking for mental health 'champions' in Mid Argyll; people who care and are motivated to make a difference.

She said: 'It's about empowering them, so they know the right people to speak to in

order to make that difference.' She added: 'Mental health affects everyone. It's nothing to be afraid of, so let's talk about it.'

The Lochgilphead walk follows similar successful walks in Oban and in

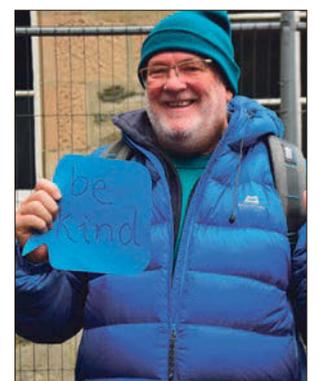
Campbeltown where, in April last year, more than 120 people walked a mile in solidarity in a bid to stamp out the shame associated with mental health issues at an event organised by Kintyre Link Club.

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Councillor Sandy Taylor took part in the walk.

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Walkers gather at Manse Brae. mp_a05MentalHealthWalk02

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LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

A bumper year for drama in Kintyre

Organisers are delighted to welcome teams old and new to this year's bumper Kintyre-Argyll District Drama Festival later this month.

The festival, which is expected to be the biggest the area has seen in years, is a part of the Scottish Community Drama Association and will take place in the Victoria Hall from Thursday February 20 to Saturday February 22.

Opening the festival is last year's winning youth club, Dalintober Primary School, which took the festival by storm and represented Argyll at the Youth Divisional Final in 2019. This year, its play is An Inspector Calls, by Andrew Oxspring, which tells of the trials and tribulations when inspectors visit the school.

Next, a very warm welcome will be given to a new generation of Carradale Juniors, who return after several years with their play Mountain High, by Dave Buchanan,

about a youth club trip to Arran.

Thursday's third play is from Benderloch and North Connel, last year's winners, with Penguin Diplomacy, by John Finnemore. It will show how a series of misunderstandings almost leads to an international incident.

Friday night opens with a brand new club from Lochgilphead, S'DRAMash! This exciting youth team is presenting Bye Baby Bunting, by Mark Green. Set in 1839, when child labour was commonplace, young workers comfort each other after an underground mine-shaft collapses.

Festival favourites Peninver Players present the second play, Costa Del Packet, by Anthony Booth, about a very eventful holiday in the sun.

The third play is another entry from Benderloch and North Connel, The Rebel Alliance, by John Finnemore, which takes place at a



Accent Players rehearsing Young Souls ahead of this year's drama festival.

wedding.

On Saturday evening another brand new youth team takes to the stage. The No Refund Theatre Company from Dunoon presents Chatroom, by Enda Walsh,

a thought-provoking play about online communities.

The final play of the festival is presented by Campbeltown team Accent Players. Young Souls, by Sally Brockway, is a comedy set in a nursing

home, with bittersweet undertones.

Paul Dougall is the adjudicator with the almost impossible task of choosing the winners. Tickets are sure to be in high demand, and

can be booked in advance tomorrow morning (Saturday February 8) in the Argyll Arms Hotel foyer from 11am till noon, and thereafter at the Yorkshire Building Society, Longrow South.



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Sea Cadet Beth MacPherson was among those serving refreshments. KC_c06seniors04



Three members of James McCorkindale's School of Dancing take to the stage. KC_c06seniors03

Around 100 senior citizens enjoyed an afternoon of music and dance, free of charge, thanks to Campbeltown Community Council.

A variety of performers, including singers, pipers, drummers and dancers, took to the Victoria Hall stage last Saturday and ensured the audience enjoyed an afternoon to remember.

There was also tea, coffee, cakes, sandwiches and sausage rolls on offer, which were served by volunteers and members of Campbeltown Sea Cadets and people were even given 'doggy bags' so they could take home the leftovers at the end of the day.

Thank

Campbeltown Community Council convener Alan Baker said: 'Campbeltown Community Council would like to thank everyone involved in making the senior citizens' concert such a great success.

'The free raffle was once again very well supported by donations from shops, hotels,

bars, businesses and various individuals.

'Kay Johnston was a most able MC for the concert and introduced the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, James McCorkindale dancers accompanied by Julie Blue, Campbeltown Grammar School choir conducted by Katie Cameron, Hope Strang, Alex and Arran McAllister,

Robert McCallum, who also worked the sound system, and the Take Note trio.

'Thanks also to the kitchen volunteers, including the Campbeltown Sea Cadets, who helped to serve the teas and clear up afterwards, and not forgetting the staff from the Aqualibrium, in particular Jamie-Lee for setting up the Victoria Hall.

'Thanks too to Catherine Anne Macaulay for organising the afternoon entertainment, Catherine Dobbie for organising the catering and the Royal Hotel for heating the sausage rolls.

'Most importantly, thanks to the appreciative audience for coming along to the event. Hope to see you all next year.'



Some of the ladies who enjoyed their afternoon of entertainment. KC_c06seniors01

What's your favourite recipe?

Try Spaghetti Carbonara

Serves 4, Time: 20 minutes
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Method:

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
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Diane, Julie and Sarah of Take Note performed on stage.

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As well as singing, Iona Renton demonstrated her skills as a flautist.

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Around 100 people attended the concert.

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A Kintyre Schools Pipe Band ensemble.

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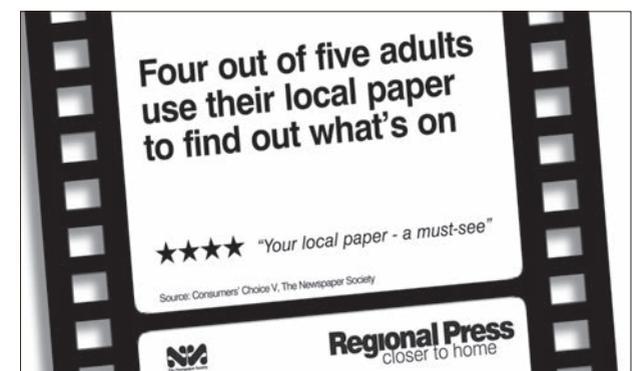
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Cinema-goers don furry ears and look fabulous

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Stewart Balfour Sutherland (SBS), a Campbeltown firm of solicitors, and the theme was ‘furry ears and fabulous’.

The prize for best dressed went to Nicki Dunlop, who sported black sequin shorts, pink fishnet tights, a silver corset and furry koala ears, with lots of pink accessories including fabulous glasses and a sparking tiara.

People were welcomed to the cinema by ‘busking piper’ William McLean, and were invited to part with some ‘dingo dollars’ in exchange for tickets to view the film.

The evening raised £1,316.58 which will support the work of those treating koalas and other animals injured in the recent Australian bush-fires.

SBS partner Campbell Read said: ‘Special thanks to piper William McLean; Nicki Dunlop, who was best dressed; Fiona Mason for her amazing contribution to our raffle prizes; and to Ellen Mainwood and all at Campbeltown Picture House for their support.’



Four Campbeltown midwives, from left, Becky Brown, Helen Fairbairn, Charlotte Morbey and Isabel Cook, donning their furry ears. KC_c06auscinema03



Nicki Dunlop, left, pictured here with Danny Rich, was crowned best dressed at the charity screening.

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Campbell Read embraced the theme, sporting an Australian flag spandex suit and full koala mask.

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Piper William McLean welcomed people to the cinema. KC_c06auscinema05



As well as furry ears, some people, like Vicky Middleton and Catrona Lang, wore fluffy coats and furry hoods instead.

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SBS partner Campbell Read and his wife Rachel Edwards dressed up for the event. KC_c06auscinema02



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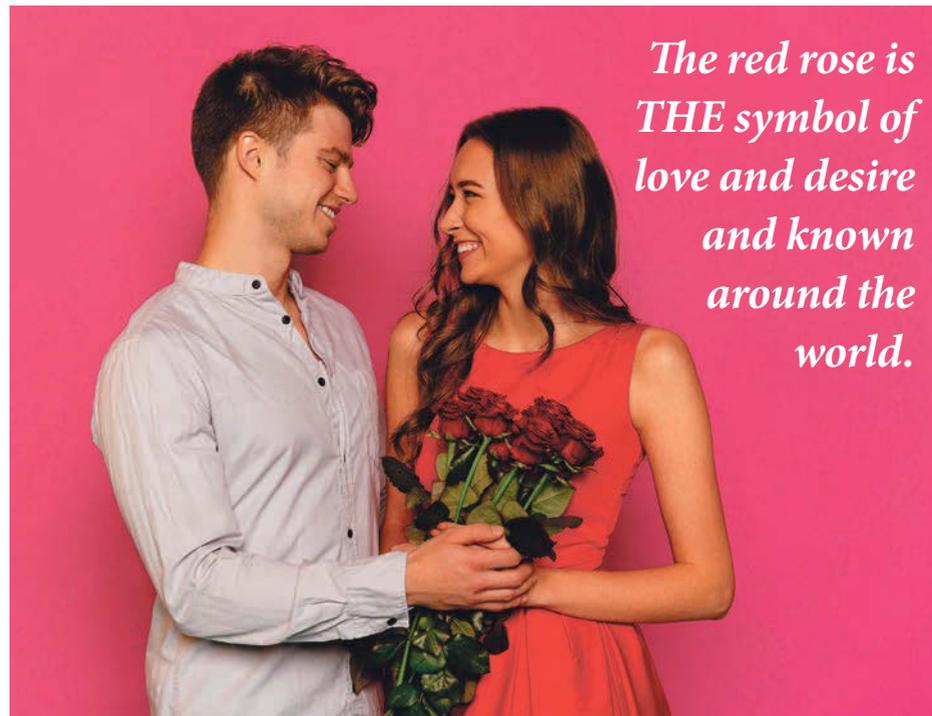
Dark chocolate with a cocoa content of 70 per cent and above helps the body release endorphins, tryptophan, serotonin and phenethylamine which all make us feel good.

There has been a great deal of research that says this type of chocolate delivers a nice bouquet of chemicals that help to calm and soothe us.

When we fall in love oxytocin, dopamine, and serotonin, known as the happy hormones all set to work and our brain releases dopamine, serotonin levels rise and we also produce oxytocin.

We all get told 'not to let our heart rule our heads' but once these all come into play the head is ruling the heart, leading to the other old saying 'love is blind' – because with the happy hormones in charge you just overlook any negative thoughts.

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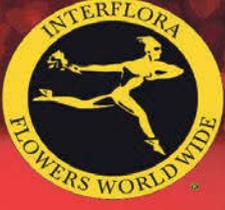
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Top prizes

Mr Armour picked up the top prizes in the heifer team and dam and daughter categories, while Thomas Ralston of Kilkivan collected the trophy for best individual heifer, and Sandy Pirie of Machrihanish was awarded the prize for best progeny group.

Results: Heifer team: 1 West



From left: Thomas Ralston, Kilkivan; judge Hugh McCorkindale; Donald MacKay, chairman of Kintyre Holstein Breeders; Willie Armour, West Trodignal; and Sandy Pirie, Machrihanish.

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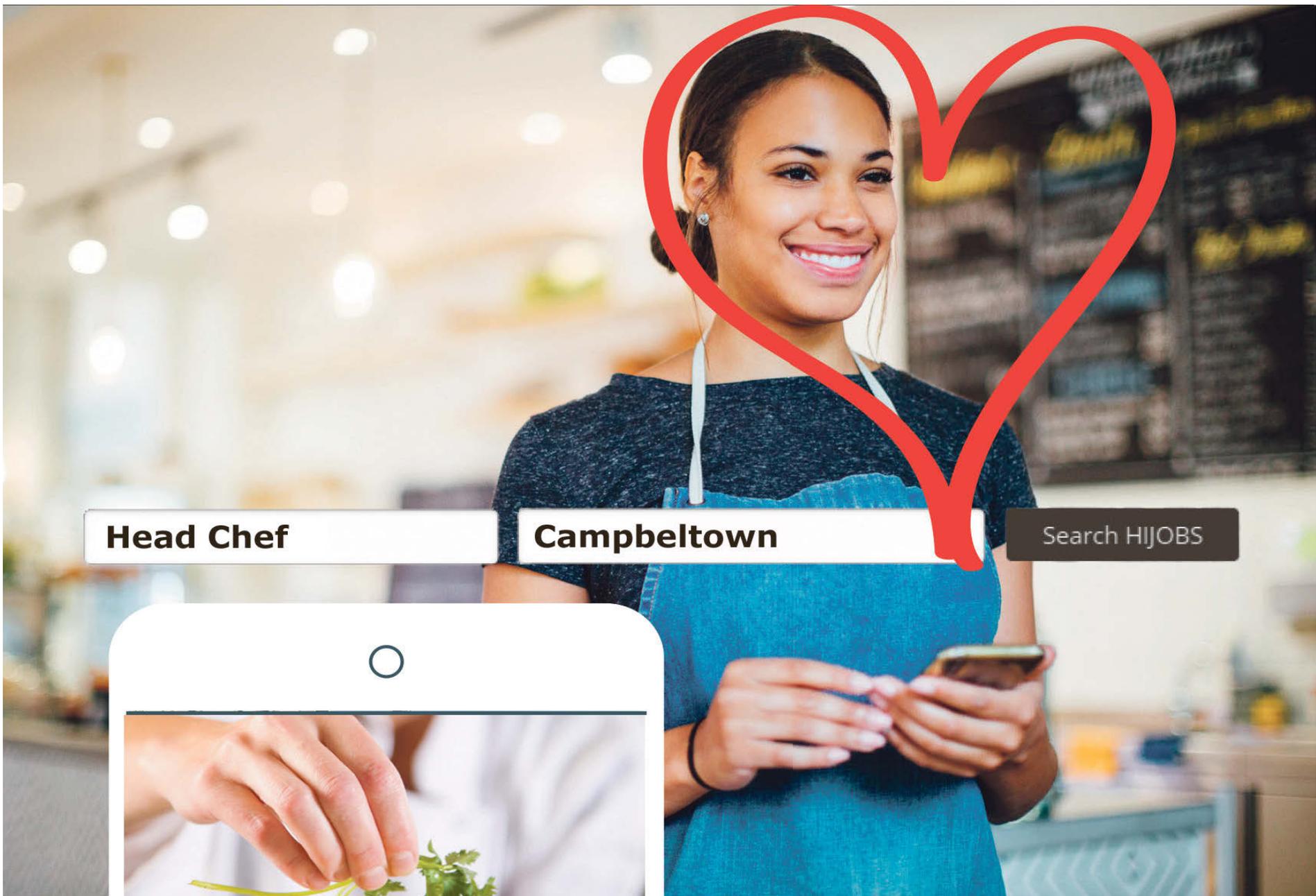
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Further information about the draft Plan can be found online here: <https://consult.gov.scot/marine-scotland/draft-sectoral-marine-plan-for-offshore-wind/> Consultation responses can be submitted online until the deadline of 25 March 2020.

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/00071/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 1, North Of Port A'Buorrain Farm, Dalkeith, Glenbarr, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
20/00055/PP	Demolition of dwellinghouse and erection of replacement dwellinghouse, alterations and conversion of garage to form ancillary accommodation	Tigh Na Struan, Furnace, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute, PA32 8XN
19/02544/PP	Construction of wind farm comprising of 9 wind turbines (maximum blade tip height 145m), formation of 5.6km new access track, erection of substation building, welfare building, temporary construction compound and 2 borrow pits	Creag Dubh Windfarm, Creag Dubh, North East of Strachur Village, Argyll and Bute
19/02648/PP	Construction of hydrogen production and storage facility	Former Recreation Ground, MACC Business Park, Machrihanish, Argyll And Bute
20/00081/PP	Installation of new floating pontoon and security gate	East Of British Waterways Office, Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute
20/00140/PP	Re-painting of shopfront	23 Longrow, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6ER
20/00154/PP	Repainting of shop front	28 Main Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AE
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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 - NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 21

Planning Application Reference Number: 19/02544/PP

Proposed development at: Creag Dubh Windfarm, Creag Dubh, North East of Strachur Village, Argyll and Bute

Notice is hereby given that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by:- Muirden Energy LLP relating to the planning application in respect of:- Construction of wind farm comprising of 9 wind turbines (maximum blade tip height 145m), formation of 5.6km new access track, erection of substation building, welfare building, temporary construction compound and 2 borrow pits.

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⁴ Or messianic. Messiah (Hebrew) and Christ (Greek) both mean Anointed One.
¹ Some manuscripts do not have the Son of God.
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ISLAY



Left, the connection as it was before and, right, after the fault was fixed.

Lighting connection restored in Port Ellen

SSEN and Argyll and Bute Council's roads department have worked together to fix the street lighting power connection in North Bay, Port Ellen.

Councillor Alastair Redman, an Islay resident, said: 'I am delighted that at long last, and after both the roads department and SSE initially refused to accept responsibility for the work and refused to instruct their staff to fix it, our council roads and streetlight department has worked with SSEN to resolve the situation and has confirmed that the improvement to the street lighting cabling has now been made.

'This is great news and I trust that in future such needless delays and excuses when faults are highlighted will not happen any more. When it comes to anything electrical all haste must be given to any response.

'A huge thank you to the hard-working front-line roads and SSE men who rectified this fault. As you can tell from the before and after pictures provided, the improvement is substantial.'

KINTYRE

Ladies enjoy four corners of craft

Crafters from across the area shared their skills with fellow members of the Kintyre Group of the SWI at the group's annual 'corners day'.

The popular event took place in Tayinloan Village Hall last Saturday and saw demonstrations by Linda Bryce, who taught Dorset button-making; Elizabeth Ball, who demonstrated how to bake bread; Denise McKeown, who showed how to make cards; and Katie Ritchie, who taught basket-weaving.

There was a good turnout of members, with visitors from Gigha in attendance, resulting in some very good end products.



Elizabeth Ball, right, who ran the bread-baking corner, with Jessie Main, who displays some of the finished products.



The ladies craft cards under the guidance of Denise McKeown, left.



Linda Bryce, middle, oversees the ladies creating their own Dorset buttons.



Getting to grips with weaving.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

It is such a privilege and a joy to work with children. I can guarantee that if I'm feeling a bit down or depressed, then the best remedy for the blues is time with young people.

They have such a zest for life and such an enthusiastic outlook on life.

Dostoyevsky said: 'The soul is healed by being with children.'

Having the privilege of being part of Rhunahaorine and Glenbarr primary schools, I learn much from the young people.

From sharing with the little ones in the early learning centre in Rhunahaorine to the P7s in both schools, I always come away feeling so much better.

Tayinloan Youth Club brings me laughter and fun, and the children there are an example to all with their sense of fair play and willingness to help.

One youngster had written to her MPs about her concerns about the environment and proudly showed me her positive responses.

Jesus said: 'Let the children come to me,' and he was most annoyed when his disciples tried to stop them.

Children were drawn to Jesus and I think he must have had great fun with them too. I think he must have told great stories, made them feel important and welcomed them unconditionally.

'Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven,' said a minister one day, and what a lovely image that is.

In a world where there is so much pain, so much darkness, so much trouble, let us look to the children, let us go with them and experience their joy and their fun and their mischief and their exuberance.

So this 'Thought' is a thank you to all the children out there who make my life richer, better and more meaningful.

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COSGROVE

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DEATHS

MACDONALD

Suddenly at his home, 45 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, on January 22, 2020, Malcolm MacDonald, in his 54th year, beloved son of the late George (Geordie) MacDonald and Jean MacVean. A cherished nephew and cousin to all the extended family, and a good neighbour, dear friend and much respected work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held at Craigton Crematorium (Berryknowes Road, Cardonald, G52 2DB), on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 11.30am. No flowers please. Donations to Mid Argyll Agricultural Society and South Knapdale Sheepdog Trials. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MCNAUGHTON

Suddenly at home, 19a Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, on February 1, 2020, Catherine Jackson McKendrick (Katie), in her 95th year, dearly beloved wife of the late David McNaughton, much loved mum of David, Daniel and the late Dugald, loving granny of James Kendrick and great granny of Rory. Funeral private.

WILLIAMSON

Peacefully, surrounded by her family, at Campbeltown Hospital, on February 1, 2020, Flora McKay Girvan Williamson, née Conley, aged 92 years, 5 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, loving wife of the late William Alexander Williamson, dearly loved mum of Mary, William, Margaret, Isabel, James and Fiona, mother-in-law of Brian, Kate, John, Mark, Allison and John, and a devoted gran and grandma to her fourteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. Following the church service on Thursday, a cremation service will take place at Daldowie Crematorium, Glasgow, on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 12.45pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BECKWITH - The family of the late Nancy Beckwith would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Our thanks are extended to all the staff of Ardfenaig Care Home for their wonderful care of Mum. Thanks also to Graham McLean for a comforting and uplifting service and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for compassionate and efficient arrangements. Our sincere thanks to all who attended church and graveside to pay their respects. The family is also grateful for the donations that were made, in lieu of flowers, to Mission Aviation Fellowship, which amounted to £250.

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IN MEMORIAMs

MACAULAY - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, Alec, died February 6, 2019.

Along the road of memories are thoughts of us together, and the happy times we knew. Resting in peace.

- Love, Julie and Chloe xx.

MCGIMPSEY - In loving memory of James, sadly taken from us on February 9, 2019.

A loving husband, father and grumps. Always in our thoughts. - Love Janet and family.

REID - In loving memory of John, a dear husband and dad, died February 6, 2010.

Loved and remembered always. - Verona, Anita and Ashley.

SOUDEN - In loving memory of our dear dad and granda, Alex. You're always in our hearts.

- From your loving daughters, Isabel and Liz, and all the family.

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Tuesday 11th February
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Friday 14th February
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SC002493
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Young Pupils succumb to the Drum in final minutes

Campbeltown Pupils 1
Drumchapel United 4
GDYFL U15 League

The Pupils U15s welcomed Drumchapel Utd to Campbeltown on Sunday and despite the final score-line, it turned out to be a close fixture.

Leading 1-0 through a left-footed strike from Calum Ellis in the 12th minute in an end-to-end

first half, the Ardshiel Hotel-sponsored side could have gone 2-0 up only for a superb save by the Drum keeper at the feet of Michael Campbell a few minutes later.

They were made to pay the penalty when the visitors were allowed a free header from a corner to equalise.

Further chances fell to both sides with Kyle Paterson unlucky on two occasions with headers.

Forced in to another

change at half-time after Campbell retired with a knee injury in the 18th minute and Arkell retiring, the Kintyre youngsters lost their way in the second half as the West Dunbartonshire side enjoyed the lion's share of play.

The young Pupils did well to fight off attack after attack but succumbed to the pressure in the final 15 as Drumchapel scored three goals to win 4-1.

A Pupils spokesperson said: 'It has been a tough start to 2020 for the Pupils but the signs are there that they are not far away from a result.'

'The boys can take a lot of positives from Sunday's match.'

'Thanks once again to all at Drumchapel Utd for making the trip to Kintyre in what turned out to be a fine afternoon. We look forward to our return fixture later in the season.'

'Thanks to Campbeltown Loyal Rangers Supporters Club for sponsoring Sunday's ball too - the support is really appreciated.'

The 2005s have no game this Sunday due to a free week but are back in action on Sunday February 16 when they will play Ashfield at home.



Players from both teams ahead of Sunday's fixture. KC_c06pupilsdrum01



Josh Arkell meets an opposing player. KC_c06pupilsdrum06



Goalmouth action from Sunday's match. KC_c06pupilsdrum07

Shuttle service at Scottish Schools badminton qualifiers

Athletes from Campbeltown Grammar School joined more than 70 pupils from Oban High, Tobermory High, Dunoon Grammar and Rothesay Academy who converged at Oban's Atlantis Leisure for the annual regional Scottish Schools badminton qualifiers.

The visitors had difficult journeys through some snowy conditions on the morning of the recent competition but everyone made it to compete in what turned out to be a fantastic day of badminton.

Active schools coordinators Gillian Walker and Alan Wright as well as Oban High School PE teacher Denise Gemmell organised the event which has been running since 2002.

Under 14, 16 and 19 competitions were played in singles, doubles and mixed doubles for both boys and girls with a good spread of prize-winners throughout the region, including Campbeltown.

Mrs Gemmell said: 'There

were many nail-biting games played not just in the finals but throughout the day.

'The standard was exceptionally high and we wish all the pupils that go on to represent Argyll and Bute in the Scottish Schools competition in March the best of luck.'

'Most importantly though was the spirit in which games were played - it was competitive but very sporting and fair.'

Results: Under 14s girls' singles: Winner, Violet Campbell (Campbeltown); Runner-up, Tayler Robinson (Oban) 21-14. Under 14s boys' singles: Winner, Malik Clowes (Tobermory); Runner-up, Innes MacCallum (Oban) 21-5. Under 16s girls' singles: Winner, Nuria Clowes (Tobermory); Runner-up, Jane Scott (Campbeltown) 21-18. Under 16s boys' singles: Winner, Rory Dods (Oban); Runner-up, Morgan Gemmell (Oban) 21-19. Under 19s girls' singles: Winner, Kathryn Lindsay (Dunoon); Runner-



The Campbeltown competitors who took part in the regional finals.

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up, Lauren MacKinnon (Campbeltown) 21-17. Under 19s boys' singles: Winner, Allan Mollins (Dunoon); Runner-up, Fergus Carmichael (Oban) 21-17.

Under 14s girls' doubles: Winners, Violet

Campbell/Imogen Scott (Campbeltown); Runners-up, Wiktoria Ryszka/Katie MacLellan (Oban) 21-14. Under 14s boys' doubles: Winners, Malik Clowes/Joris Hutton (Tobermory); Runners-up, Calum Scott/

Ewan O'May (Campbeltown) 21-6. Under 16s girls' doubles: Winners, Nuria Clowes/Anneloes Hutton (Tobermory); Runners-up, Jane Scott/Jennifer McMurchy (Campbeltown) 21-12. Under 16s boys' dou-

bles: Winners, Marcus Keith/Kameron Smith (Dunoon); Runners-up, Morgan Gemmell/Rory Dods (Oban) 21-14. Under 19s girls' doubles: Winners, Lauren MacKinnon/Jessica Ronald (Campbeltown); Runners-up, Ella MacKechnie/Lucy MacKinnon (Oban) 21-8. Under 19s boys' doubles: Winners, Alan Mollins/Ciaran Danks (Dunoon); Runners-up, Andrew Tyre/Alistair Gibson (Dunoon) 21-12. Under 14s mixed doubles: Winners, Innes MacCallum/Taylor Robinson (Oban); Runners-up, Rory Dods/Wiktoria Ryszka (Oban) 24-22. Under 16s mixed doubles: Winners, Nuria Clowes/Malik Clowes (Tobermory); Runners-up, Anneloes Hutton/Joris Hutton (Tobermory) 21-15. Under 19s mixed doubles: Winners, Allan Mollins/Kathryn Lindsay (Dunoon); Runners-up, Fergus Carmichael/Zoe Cook (Oban) 21-12.



Emma Millar represented Kintyre at the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships.

Emma is Scottish Schools Swimming Champs finalist

Eleven-year-old Emma Millar represented Castlehill Primary School at the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships at Tollcross International Swimming Centre in Glasgow on Saturday January 25.

Emma qualified eleventh fastest for the finals after swimming in the Argyll and Bute Area Trials held in November in Helensburgh. One of only five swimmers from schools across Argyll and Bute to qualify for the finals, Emma took to the pool in heat two of the 50m freestyle event.

Recording a new personal best of 32.29 seconds, Emma qualified eighth fastest for the Scottish Schools Final later in the afternoon.

In the final she swam faster again, knocking 0.41 seconds off her earlier time to finish in seventh place in a time of 31.88 seconds.

Fantastic achievement

Stuart McQuaker, principal teacher of physical education at Campbeltown Grammar School, who accompanied all the swimmers from Argyll and Bute schools, said: "This was a fantastic achievement for Emma representing Castlehill Primary. To not only make the finals but to then qualify for the 50m freestyle final on the day finishing in seventh place in Scotland and recording two new personal bests in the process was outstanding."

Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup sixth round - Wishaw HSFP 1, Oban Saints 1; Greater Glasgow League Division Three - Glenvale 7, Oban Saints GG 5; Scottish Amateur FL - Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils v Dunoon, postponed; Lochgilphead Red Star v Carlton YM, postponed; Premier Division Two - St Convals 3, Tarbert 1.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup 6th round replay - Oban Saints v Wishaw HSFP; Greater Glasgow Division Three - Oban Saints GG v Colquhoun United; SAFL Premier Division One - Busby v Lochgilphead Red Star; Dunoon v Parkhall, Neilston v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Glenburn Athletic v Tarbert.

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Shuttle service at Scottish Schools badminton qualifiers

Young players smash 20th badminton competition

Young badminton starsaced the 20th Kintyre Primary Schools Badminton Competition last Saturday at Campbeltown Grammar School.

To commemorate the competition's 20th anniversary, each participant received a commemorative medal and goody bag.

Funding towards this was provided by Campbeltown Common Good Fund and Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC).

At the end of a successful day's play, the awards and medals for the successful competitors were presented by Cameron McNair, MACC chairman.

Anne Littleson, organiser of the competition, said: 'I'm delighted that this competition is still running after 20 years and although the numbers

participating are not as high as they have been in the past, the quality and standard of play is every bit as good.

'I would like to thank all those who have helped to support the event over the years and we are particularly grateful to MACC and Campbeltown Common Good Fund for their sponsorship of the 20th anniversary competition.'

Results: Singles: P4/5 winner: Jake McEachran; runner up: Isiah Doxsey. P6 winner: Cameron Ralston; runner up: Alexander Semple. P7 winner: Daniel Graham; runner up: Finn McCallum. Girls' doubles: Winners: Hannah Millar and Neve Wilson; runners up: Erin Ralston and Lucy McFadzean. Boys' doubles: Winners: Finn McCallum and Jake Anderson; runners up: Finlay Wilson and Daniel

Graham. Mixed doubles: Winners: Daniel Graham and Emily McMurchy; runners up: Finn McCallum and Hannah Millar.

Other awards, chosen by umpires: Most improved: Lileigh Allen, Emma Colville, Finlay Ramsay and Noah Scott. Good effort: Kyle Campbell, Hannah McLellan, Gabriella Van Poecke and Neve Wilson. Good sportsmanship: Ben Cunningham, Ollie Marrison, Louise Ralston and Finlay Wilson.

The umpires and administration team, some of who have been assisting at this event for the last 20 years, also received a commemorative medal.

The players are now preparing for the next competition – the Argyll and Bute Schools Championships at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Wednesday March 11.



Hannah Millar and Neve Wilson, girls' doubles winners.



Jake McEachran won the P4/5 singles.



P6 singles winner Cameron Ralston. KC_c06badminton05



Daniel Graham, left, won the P7 singles, and went on to win the mixed doubles with Emily McMurchy, right.



Prizewinners and officials after the 20th anniversary Kintyre Primary Schools Badminton Competition. KC_c06badminton01



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