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Health and safety concerns as pigeons move into hotel

This used to be an iconic hotel but in the past five years it has got into an awful state'

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

group of home-owners living on either side of Campbeltown's White Hart Hotel have spoken out about their health and safety fears as increasing numbers of pigeons make the abandoned building their home.

'The pigeons have moved into our close now, too,' said Shona Anderson, who lives at Fleming's Land. 'They fly at you when you go in and out of your house.

Danger

Aside from the nuisance of hearing the birds cooing early in the morning and finding droppings on washing hung outside, the residents are particularly concerned about the danger to their health, due to the fact that feral pigeon droppings have been officially linked to an

infection which caused the death of a child at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow last year.

'A lot of us have grandchildren so we are very worried about this,' Shona added.

The residents are also concerned about the structural integrity of the building, having been advised by their own architects not to use a building attached to the back of a cracked wall in the hotel's beer garden.

The building is used to store the residents' wheelie bins and is located in very close proximity to their washing lines.

Roxanne Docherty said: 'If that wall comes down, it'll go through my window. I've got grandchildren who are only wee as well as dogs so it's very concerning.

Shona added: 'We keep our gardens looking lovely but



Some of the concerned residents, from left: Roxanne Docherty, Elizabeth Conley, Shona Anderson and Jimmy Anderson. 50_c07whitehart02

we're not allowed to go in ute to corroded drainpipes them in case the wall comes down.'

Some residents in adjoining properties have experienced damp walls which they attriband cracks on the walls of the White Hart.

Iimmy Anderson said: 'This used to be an iconic hotel but in the past five years it has got

into an awful state. Millions of pounds have been spent on the town centre so why is the White Hart allowed to stay like this? Guttering is hanging down and it's heavy cast

so it could injure someone if it falls.

Kirsteen Anderson, who lives at Barochan Place, is kept awake many nights by the noise of a wooden fence banging in the wind. When the Courier visited the hotel with the home-owners on Monday, during the height of Storm Ciara, the banging was

Disrepair

Kirsteen added: 'Homeowners are expected to spend a fortune to install like-forlike windows and roofing, for example, because our homes are listed buildings but the White Hart is allowed to fall into disrepair like that.'

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'This building continues to deteriorate and is an eyesore which detracts from much of the good work already carried out in the town centre.

'The council should be making every effort to ensure that the neighbouring properties are not adversely affected by the poor condition of the White Hart Hotel. If this

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Former military man to be rehabilitated

'You have served your country in armed conflict which cost you in terms of your own health'

A former member of the armed forces left Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday last week and went directly to the care of a charity which specialises in the rehabilitation of service personnel.

Samuel Doyle, whose address was given in court as care of 36 Oakhill, Tarbert, had admitted a number of offences, including abusive behaviour towards his partner.

The 32-year-old also admitted drink-driving on Islay



on December 19 while on bail and disorderly conduct on the A83 in Tarbert on January 10 when he committed a breach of the peace and threatened a police officer with violence.

After calling for reports on Doyle at a previous court appearance, Sheriff Patrick Hughes told him: 'You have served your country in armed conflict which cost you in terms of your own health.'

The sheriff placed Doyle on a community payback order

for two years during which he will be supervised while he works on his rehabilitation.

He will also be subject to two six-month restriction of liberty orders which will run concurrently where he must remain in his home address from 7pm to 7am. Doyle was also placed on a non-harassment order for five years.

For the drink-driving offence, he was banned from driving for 18 months and must carry out 70 hours of unpaid work in the community within nine months.

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proves to be the case, appropriate action should be taken.

"The council should also, in my opinion, have a policy in place to deal with problem birds given the possible health implications associated with feral pigeons. I have, in the past, put forward a motion to the council for a bird control policy to be put in place. However, my motion did not receive the necessary support required."

Responsibility

Argyll and Bute Council told the Courier that the maintenance of the building and the removal of bird faeces are the responsibility of the building's owner.

A spokesperson added: 'Building Standards served a Defective Building Notice (Section 28 – requiring owner to rectify defects) on June 27, 2018, on the owners of the White Hart Hotel in relation to loose/missing slates, cleaning/removal of vegetation from the guttering, boarding/ securing of windows and the removal of the loose external signage.

'The works were carried out by a council appointed contractor on August 31, 2018, as there was no response to the notice by the owner(s). All council costs have been paid by the building's owner(s).

'Since the works were undertaken there have been no further complaints in relation to this building.'

The Courier attempted to contact the hotel's owner for a comment but he had not responded by the time the paper went to print.

The hotel is currently ranked as at 'moderate' risk on the Buildings At Risk register, which identifies buildings that are important architecturally or historically, and are considered to be at risk, either in the immediate term or in the long term.



Davaar Island Safe Walking Times



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Sat, 1 Feb 2020	09:45	06:45	12:15			
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
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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			
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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
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Fri, 28 Feb 2020	07:48	04:48	10:18			
Sat, 29 Feb 2020	08:24	05:24	10:54			

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



CAMPBELTOWN SHERIFF COURT

Man in court was 'author of his own misfortune'

A visitor to Campbeltown called police to his hotel after a drunken fight with his partner, asking for her to be evicted, but he was the one who ended up in police custody because of the amount of cannabis in his possession.

The town's sheriff court was told last week that William Walker, of 34 Corkerhill Place, Glasgow, his partner and her teenage son were all staying at a hotel in the town. The pair were 'equally drunk', said procurator fiscal depute David Glancy.

In the early hours of June 9 last year, Walker, 27, who admitted possessing cannabis, called the police and asked them to evict her from their bedroom.

During the police visit to the hotel, they found cannabis to a value of £250; Walker said it was hers, she said it was his.

'Mr Walker was the author of his own misfortune,' said the defence agent, who added that since the incident Walker had been working hard in his career as a chef and had moved on. Sheriff Patrick Hughes ordered Walker to pay a fine of £300.

Drink-driver disqualified

Sheriff Patrick Hughes told a drink-drive offender that he would go to prison if he did not complete a community payback order.

'This is a direct alternative to custody,' the sheriff told Iain Kennedy Howden, aged 46, of Ciaran Cottage, Clachan, when he appeared before the court last week.

Howden admitted drink-driving on March 9 last year after he was stopped by police on the A83 on the stretch between Westport Beach and Moss Road.

The test showed that he had 132 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood in his system. The legal limit in Scotland is 50 milligrammes.

Sentence had previously been adjourned for reports and Howden's defence agent Derek Buchanan said these were comprehensive.

The sheriff placed Howden on an order comprising 15 months of social work supervision to work on his rehabilitation and also complete 204 hours of unpaid work within the community in the next 10 months.

Howden was also disqualified from driving for 38 months.

Woman stole phone from town retailer

A 34-year-old woman must prove to Campbeltown Sheriff Court that she can be of good behaviour for six months.

Kara Pope, of 11c Kirk Street, Campbeltown, appeared before Sheriff Patrick Hughes last week and admitted stealing a telephone from a shop in the town on September 19 last year.

Procurator fiscal depute David Glancy told the court that staff within the shop challenged her. He added: 'She told them, "Go call the police then", before running off'

After viewing the shop's CCTV, officers apprehended her later that day.

Defence agent Stephen MacSporran said that Pope was seeking help to address her addiction problems.

The sheriff deferred sentence for six months for her to be of good behaviour.

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NEWS 3

SSPCA sounds alarm over injured felines

by Hannah O'Hanlon

The Scottish SPCA is appealing for information after a spate of incidents around the Campbeltown area where one cat has died and several others have been injured, or gone missing.

The striking similarity in the injuries and the rise in the number of cats missing has sparked concern.

The animal welfare charity is investigating a number of incidents where cats have suffered similar injuries to the base of the tail, including Scottish SPCA auxiliary inspector Enid McMurchy's own cat.

Enid said: 'The injury to my cat, Tali, happened on October 19 last year.

'Tali was a rescue kitten found under the bonnet of an abandoned car on a remote forestry road in Connel, near Oban. I adopted her as my son got very attached to her.

'On January 20 this year, another cat at the Sound of Kintyre was taken to the vet with the exact same injury. There were no other visible marks on either cat, apart from the tail being broken as if it had been violently pulled or trapped in something.

'Tali was extremely lucky as she recovered, but the other cat sadly had to be put to sleep due to the nerve damage it had suffered.

"There have been numerous cats with unexplained injuries in the local area. Some cats have gone missing and not been found. Others have been returned after their owners post on social media about them going missing.

'At present we don't know



Enid's cat, Tali, is now on the mend; and, below, an X-ray showing one of the injuries.

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POLICE FILES

On Wednesday last week, two men and a woman were stopped by police for allegedly driving at excessive speed on the A83 at Lochgilphead. They were all issued with £100 fixed penalty tickets with three penalty points.

Last Friday evening in Bowmore, Islay, a 37-year-old woman allegedly behaved in an abusive manner towards another woman. Police noted details and said she will be issued with a recorded police warning when she is traced.

A man allegedly assaulted

A man allegedly assaulted a woman and knocked her to the ground on Sunday night in Stanalane, Bowmore. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them.

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



if these incidents are linked but we are concerned about the similarity of the injuries the cats have sustained and the number of cats affected.

'We would advise cat owners in the area to be vigilant.'
Anyone in the area with any information should

Anyone in the area with any information should contact the SSPCA animal helpline on 03000 999 999. Information can be provided anonymously and will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Police Scotland is also carrying out investigations to determine if there is any criminality in relation to the injured cats. Anyone with information can telephone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555

Police in unmarked car catch tailgater

If you are going to tailgate vehicles in front of you for more than four miles, then overtake and drive away at speed, it is best if you don't do this to an unmarked police car.

A 63-year-old van driver found this out to his cost – £450 and six points on his licence – when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week and admitted careless driving. It was van driver Paul

Francis Rosier's first appearance in court.

Rosier, of 7 Rosebank Place, Lockerbie, admitted driving carelessly on the A83 between West Loch Hotel and Glenbarr.

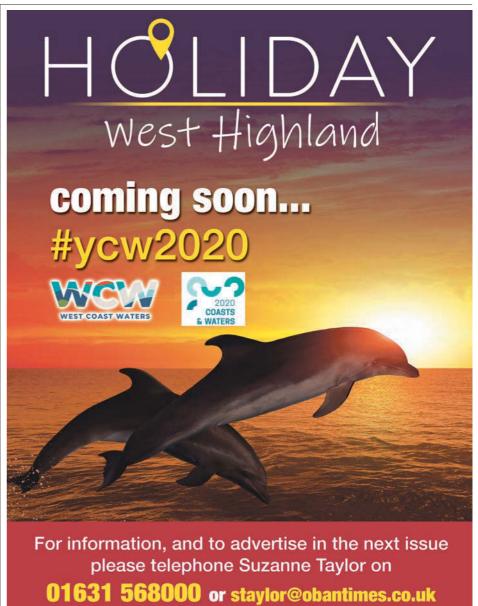
Procurator fiscal depute David Glancy said that two detectives were heading towards Campbeltown in an unmarked car on April 10 last year.

They were so concerned by the standard of Rosier's

driving after he tailgated them, and did the same to another vehicle before speeding off, that they called uniformed colleagues, who set off from Campbeltown and stopped the van at Glenbarr.

Rosier's defence agent said that the van driver 'very much regrets what happened'.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes told Rosier that road users should be courteous.



Brass musician Andrew is Scottish solo champion

Campbeltown Brass horn player Andrew McMillan has been named the intermediate Scottish solo champion at the Scottish Brass Band Association Youth Solo and Ensemble Championships.

Not only that, but Annie Watson, Gemma McCaig,

Cara McFadzean and Hannah Oman, members of Campbeltown Brass A, won the junior ensemble section at last weekend's competition.

It was a clean sweep for the band in the junior ensemble section with Campbeltown B as runners-up and



Junior ensemble champions Campbeltown A. Members, from left, are: Cara McFadzean, Hannah Oman, Gemma McCaig and Annie Watson.

Campbeltown C in third place. All three bands received gold awards for their performances.

In the intermediate ensemble section, Campbeltown Brass A claimed second place and a silver award.

Owen Farr adjudicated over the five sections at this year's championships, with Gina Baker the accompanist and Damian Martin presenting the soloists.

Cloud nine

The band's solo and ensemble competitors were on cloud nine after their success at the championships on Saturday and were excitedly looking forward to joining the full band to perform the national anthem before the Scotland v England women's rugby match at Scotstoun Stadium – only for the match to be called off.

Officials cited 'extreme weather associated to Storm

Ciara' as the reason for the postponement.

Instead, the match took place behind closed doors – because of spectator safety – at Murrayfield Stadium on Monday afternoon, with no band in attendance. England beat Scotland 53-0 to go to the top of the Women's Six Nations standings

Nations standings.

Campbeltown Brass will still have its chance to shine on the small screen, as it is still scheduled to perform at Murrayfield Stadium before the men's Six Nations Scotland v France match on March 8.



Intermediate Scottish solo champion Andrew McMillan.

Argyll and Bute's budget cut higher than Scottish average

Argyll and Bute's Council has had its Scottish Government funding cut by more than the Scottish average, meaning millions of pounds will have to be cut from council budgets in 2020/21.

Argyll and Bute's capital budget – for investment in roads, schools and other assets – has been cut by 21 per cent, compared to the Scottish average of 17 per cent.

Its revenue budget – for the day-to-day running of services – has been cut by 1.4 per cent, compared to the Scottish average of one per cent.

Council leader Councillor Aileen Morton slammed the cuts, saying: 'Argyll and Bute deserves as much support and investment as other council areas. This level of cut will mean more impact on our day-to-day services. It also puts obstacles in place to growing the local economy at a time when Argyll and Bute needs to attract people and jobs to the area. Argyll and Bute covers the second largest

area, and has the highest number of inhabited islands, of all Scotland's councils. This means that services can be more expensive to deliver. It also means that the council must invest in services many other councils do not, such as air and ferry services, and



Council leader Aileen Morton.

yet the council's budget cut is higher than the Scottish average.

'This is unwelcome to say the least.'

Councillor Morton did, however, welcome the news that the Scottish Government is increasing its investment in ferry services, by £1 million. She said: 'We have raised the importance of investment

in ferry services in Argyll and Bute with the Scottish Government and welcome this increase as what must surely be support for this area.

'The Scottish Government, via Transport Scotland, funds ferry services in other parts of Scotland. We have worked to secure similar support for Argyll and Bute, to support both our day-to-day costs and the replacement of the Lismore ferry.

'The fact that the Scottish Government has increased its budget by that amount is a positive sign at this stage for Argyll and Bute.

'What we need now is formal confirmation of our allocation.'

Reports outlining the council's budget outlook are due to be published on www. argyll-bute.gov.uk by the end of the week, in advance of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting to consider them on Thursday February 20.

The council will meet to set its budget a week later, on Thursday February 27.



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NEWS 5

Tom bows out as MACC chairman

It's all change at the helm of MACC – the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company – after the current chairman, Tom Millar, stood down at the company's annual general meeting.

Mr Millar spent 10 years as a director of the charity and five years as the chairman of the MACC Group that includes Discover Space UK and MACC Developments Ltd.

During his time, Mr Millar was heavily involved with the purchase of the airbase from the MoD and led the organisation through several projects – most significantly seeing the site nominated as a potential spaceport.

He told the Courier: 'It's been a great privilege to have been involved with MACC since the early days and seeing it grow and develop beyond our initial expectations.



Cameron McNair, left, is welcomed into the role of chairman of MACC by Tom Millar, right.

'The spaceport project potential was – and still is – significant but just as important is the establishment of our charitable giving fund and the building of our solar farm.'

Mr Millar will be replaced as the MACC group chairman by Cameron McNair.

Mr McNair, who has strong family links to Campbeltown,

is a former chartered surveyor who started his career in the local assessor's office before moving into the private sector, becoming a partner in international property firm Jones Lang Wootton (now JLL).

As he took over, Mr McNair said: 'Tom has been an outstanding chairman.

'He brought his consider-

able business and financial skills to the board, which has enabled MACC to become an economic success.

'I intend to follow the capital growth and business plans already in place and am looking forward to contributing to the continuing success of MACC Business Park through job creation and economic development.'

Charities receive bags of help from Tesco

The results are in after Tesco customers in Campbeltown cast their votes to help community projects bag up to £25,000. Tesco marked its centenary year with two special Bags of Help funding rounds, with a huge £100,000 funding pot for the region.

Customers voted with the store's popular blue token system and the winners of the second round have been now been revealed.

In first place, Alzheimer Scotland has been awarded £25,000; in second place, Keiran's Legacy, £15,000; and, in third place, Young Enterprise Scotland receives £10,000.

Bags of Help, run in partnership with greenspace scotland, sees funding awarded to thousands of local community projects every year. So far in Scotland, Bags of Help has awarded £10,503,235 to 3557 local projects.

The Centenary Grants reached more than 30 regions, with an incredible £3,300,000 up for grabs in total. The winners of the first round of Centenary Grant funding in this region were CLAN Cancer Support, Maggie's and Cardiac Risk in the Young.

Cardiac Risk in the Young.
All funds raised by the Tesco Centenary Grants scheme will help Alzheimer Scotland continue to provide therapeutic activities for people living with dementia, their families and carers. The Centenary Grant will help Keiran's Legacy provide training and defibrillators in the north of Scotland to support communities in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

a life-threatening emergency.
Young Enterprise Scotland will use the grant to support their Enterprising Futures project, which will work with more than 700 young people across north Scotland to further develop business knowledge and entrepreneurial skills. Bags of Help applications have opened for 2020 and customers are invited to vote for the project they wish to receive the top prize using blue tokens handed out at checkouts.

Volunteer Eva honoured for long service at sheriff court

For 15 years Eva MacDonald MBE has been a familiar, friendly and reassuring face at Campbeltown courthouse.

Her work with Victim Support Scotland was recognised last week when Sheriff Patrick Hughes presented her with a certificate, pin and a bouquet. The sheriff thanked Eva for her service in helping victims and witnesses during their visits to court to give evidence; by doing so she helped them and the court.

Gary Brown, support coordinator, said: 'Our thanks go to Eva for her tireless service.

'Without volunteers such as Eva, the needs of victims and witnesses across Scotland could not be met sufficiently.'

Gary added that the service is always on the lookout for new volunteers to help with both aspects of its work and right now he is particularly keen to recruit volunteers in the Lochgilphead area.

Eva, 82, hopes that more people do come forward to help. 'No one expects to become a victim of crime and it is good to be able to be there to support them and you learn a lot when you volunteer.'

Eva is no stranger to long service awards: she spent a lifetime in nursing and holds the honour of being the longest serving nurse in Scotland with a career lasting 54 years. You can contact Gary for more information by emailing gary.brown@victimsupportsco.org.uk



Eva MacDonald MBE receives a bouquet of flowers from Sheriff Patrick Hughes. 50_c07evavss02

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White Hart is an eyesore

The White Hart Hotel was once an iconic building which served as the venue for countless weddings and parties over several decades.

Now it is a sorry sight, standing half-painted at the top of Main Street, with its lettering removed and green algae growing on its walls.

It looks even worse from the back, which is how the residents of Barochan Place and Fleming's Land see it every day

With the likes of Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme doing so much to improve the town, it is a shame more cannot be done to force building owners to do their part.

Putting the visuals to one side, the most serious matter is the possible health implications caused by the pigeons.

An Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership spokesperson told us that 'pigeon droppings may contain micro-organisms that rarely cause disease in the vast majority of humans'.

Any health implications, however rare, should be taken seriously.

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Response to a message from our MP

In his letter published on January 31, Brendan O'Hara insinuates the rights of EU citizens living in Britain are under threat – unless they live in an independent Scotland.

This is a grossly irresponsible and unsubstantiated statement, unworthy of a Member of Parliament.

The rights of EU citizens are guaranteed in Britain, paralleled by those of British citizens living in Europe.

I have many friends there, in France and Germany, and none live in fear and trepidation of retribution, post-Brexit.

Mr O'Hara's claim is reminiscent of the scare tactics of the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, who told us leaving the EU would make every family in Britain worse off by £3,672.68 per annum. Utter rubbish!

Members of the SNP would do well to listen to the words of Jim Sillars, possibly the only wise head among their ranks, when he advises 'a complete overhaul of the party's tactics at Westminster, support for Boris Johnson in his negotiations with the EU, and no referendum until there is overwhelming demand for one and Brexit is done and digested'.

I see Alyn Smith MP made much of what Donald Tusk said to Andrew Marr, that the EU would be 'enthusiastic' about an independent Scotland joining the EU.

What Mr Smith failed to mention was Tusk also said Scotland would have to satisfy all requirements, including slashing its huge deficit to three per cent of GDP. Currently it has just increased to 7.2 per cent from seven per cent after sluggish growth in North Sea oil resulted in a cut of £5 billion in GDP, figures SNP Ministers attempted to hide.

Brian Gee, Lefkara, Carradale East.

Drivers should have respect

I was the bus one day and as I got off when it stopped on Longrow, an old lady asked me to help her get across the road.

Is this what's happening to the old people of the town, as the drivers have no respect for them?

That's not all. I was in Main Street when the funeral cars were coming from Longrow onto Main Street when ignorant drivers split up the convoy. That is their last journey on earth.

The same might happen to those drivers so they should think about it and give them some respect.

Sammy McGeachy, Campbeltown.

People in power should be practical

Once again the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful has been hit by a landslide causing all sorts of inconvenience to Argyll and Bute.

I was an Argyll and Bute councillor from 1995 to 2017 and on frequent occasions the A83 was affected by landslides.

I supported Councillor Bruce Marshall, like myself a farmer, when he called for the authorities concerned to put Blackface sheep back on to the hills adjoining the A83.

The absence of sheep on the hillside meant that the vegetation grew unchecked each year until it resembled a giant sponge, holding the rainfall until it slipped downwards taking large slices of the land with it.

Local knowledge is a very valuable asset.

John Campbell from Glenrath, Peebles, who was born in the locality of the A83, wrote an excellent letter to the Observer and the Scottish Farmer magazine several years ago urging the reintroduction of sheep to graze the hills in a similar fashion to other hills in Argyll.

An appropriate number of sheep who would not be tupped – made pregnant – would be a lot cheaper to install than the many millions that have been spent on the battle with nature in the last 20 years.

Robert MacIntyre,

Bute.

Keeping our streets looking beautiful

I would just like to say a wee word about our man on the barrow who runs the Keeping Campbeltown Beautiful Facebook page.

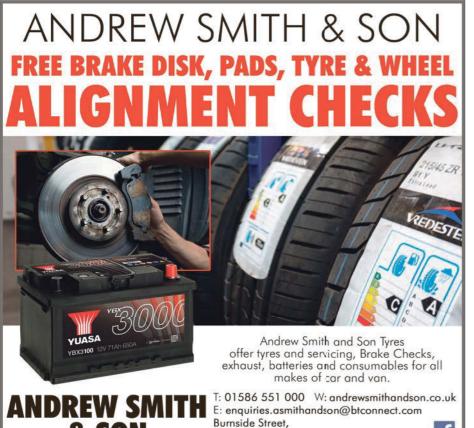
What a great job he's making of our streets and the effort he is putting in is clear to see.

I just wanted to say well done and keep it up. **Bruce Strang**, **Campbeltown**.

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Be a part of World Book Day

Reading opened wide world portals for me in my own childhood. It allowed my imagination to soar and to travel to places beyond whatever situation I found myself in.

I have seen first-hand - through working with refugee children forced to travel and surviving alone, without family - what a transformational impact escaping into a book can have in helping them to keep hope alive in unimaginably unstable situations they should never have to face.

To hear a child laugh and reconnect to childhood in these harsh circumstances is life affirming. It is out of this instinct that I created a magical story hive in my book Where The River Runs Gold, where the children take refuge whenever they need.

I want every child to be able to reach for that book that brings them light. That's why this World Book Day (Thursday March 5) I'm supporting Book Aid International.

Its fundraising efforts mean more children and young people will have access to books. Every day I'm inspired by the stories children have to tell and being a part of World Book Day means we can spread the enjoyment of reading even further. Just £2 helps send another book, giving children the opportunity to read, learn and have fun.

The Book Aid International website (www. bookaid.org) has plenty of exciting World Book Day fundraising ideas for schools and parents.

Sita Brahmachari, London.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph comes from Machrihanish Seabird Observatory warden Eddie Maguire. It shows a beautiful male hen harrier by Bleachfield Farm at the Laggan and was taken on January 12. According to the RSPB, this is 'the most intensely persecuted bird of prey in the UK - especially on grouse moors'.





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- 2. Spray a deep, non-stick frying pan with low-calorie cooking spray and place over a high heat. Add the mushrooms and red onion and fry for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 3. Add the steak and stir-fry for a further 5 minutes, then add the gherkins, peppercorns and sauce. Bring to a simmer and cook for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir through the quark. Season to taste and serve with your favourite Speed vegetables.

Ingredients

- + Low-calorie cooking spray
- + 300g mushrooms, sliced
- + 1 red onion, sliced
- 600g lean sirloin steak.
- visible fat removed, thinly sliced · 60g small gherkins, finely chopped
- + 2 tsp pink peppercorns
- + 100g plain quark

For the sauce:

- 1 large onion, roughly chopped
- + 1/2 x 400g can cannellini beans, drained
- + 150g cauliflower, cut into small florets + 1/2 tbsp Marmite + 1 beef stock cube
- + 2 large garlic cloves, peeled
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce 1/2 tsp paprika

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO Friday February 12, 2010

The youngest entrepreneur

Eight-year-old Harry Gemmill has a big business future ahead of him.

He is already an entrepreneur, with a little bit of help from mum and dad, selling bundles of kindling

Alongside their stall at the Argyll Country Market at Campbeltown on Saturday, Harry of Ifferdale Farm was doing a brisk trade.

He is also selling eggs from his flock of Silkies and hens. And he'll soon be branching out as from Easter, selling eggs from his Indian runners, Indian cross and Mallard cross ducks.

Sir Richard Branson famously started his Virgin empire while still at school, so watch out for Harry!

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday February 17, 1995 Queens for a day

Campbeltown youngsters Amy Lee and Margaret McLean were the Campbeltown Grammar School representatives lucky enough to be picked to collect the McDonald's Child of Achievement Award in London last

And presenting the award were Queen guitarist Brian May and Ladies' World Snooker Champion Allison Fisher.

Both young girls certainly felt like 'Queens' for the day after 'pocketing' the award.



Youngest entrepreneur, Harry Gemmill – turn to page 22.

It recognised the efforts of Grammar School pupils, who organised an environmental improvement scheme. The project now includes a garden in the school grounds, a woodlands walk and a small picnic area.

There was also a moment of fame – or should that be infamy – for teacher Marion Morris

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who accompanied them. While in the GMTV studios, she was pulled out of the audience by Mr Motivator. She thought it was being recorded and could be cut out at a later date. Of course it was live. The rest is history...!

FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday February 12, 1970

Nobel and Mabon in Islay ferry correspondence

Mr Michael Noble, MP for Argyll, has been in correspondence with the Scottish Office about the new Islay ferry service being provided by the 'Arran'.

Dr J Dixon Mabon in his reply to Mr Noble's letter wrote: 'The freight charges on the new Islay ferry service remain at the same level as those on the direct cargo ship service from Glasgow which the 'all through' service – by MacBrayne road haulage vehicles from Glasgow to west Loch Tarbert and thence by MV 'Arran' – has replaced.

'By disposing of the cargo vessel, which was incurring heavy and increasing losses, and carrying goods instead by MacBrayne's road haulage vehicles (of which the 'Arran' can accommodate one on each journey) the Scottish Transport Group aims to make considerable savings on overall operating costs.

'The only significant alteration in charges has been in respect of vehicles, where the introduction of a vehicle ferry in place of the conventional ship, by eliminating handling costs, has permitted a reduction in vehicle rates.

'In 1964, as you may recall, Mull benefited in precisely the same way; when the vehicle ferry replaced the conventional ferry on the Oban/Craignure run in March of that year there was a considerable reduction in charges for vehicles.

'As regards passenger fares, there has been only a minor alteration. These are at present about twice those applying to the Oban/Mull service.'

Dr Mabon went on to say that it was the objective of the Government's policy in establishing the Scottish Transport Group to secure a more efficient and economic operation of the shipping services to the islands than has been the case hitherto, and thus to safeguard the taxpayers' money consistent with the proper care of the islanders' interests.

Mr Noble in a letter of reply to Mr Mabon says that he hopes that after a few months running of the MV 'Arran', the profits can be analysed and published to prove that it is economic and efficient.

Mr Noble wrote: 'While I do remember some benefit to Mull in 1964 when the vehicular ferry was introduced, the benefit was very quickly swallowed up when it became apparent that the costs of the new ferry were grossly in excess of what the traffic could bear. I hope that the same mistake has not been made twice.'

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday February 14, 1920

Sheriff-Principal of Argyll

Mr A H Briggs Constable, KC, the newly appointed Sheriff-Principal of Argyllshire, visited Campbeltown on Monday, arriving by steamer in the afternoon.

A formal sitting of the court was held about four o'clock for the purpose of extending a welcome to the new Sheriff-Principal, who was accompanied on the bench by SheriffSubstitute J Macmaster Campbell, Provost Colvill, and ex-Provost Mitchell and ex-Provost Lothian, Hon. Sheriff-Substitutes.

The following members of the bar were in attendance: Messrs D Mactaggart, J N Mactaggart, Thos. Mackelvie, C C Maxtone, and Archd. Stewart, with Mr A McK. Elliott, Sheriff Clerk Depute.

Sheriff-Principal Constable, having presented his commission.

Sheriff Macmaster Campbell, in introducing him, said: 'We meet today to offer a very cordial welcome to Sheriff-Principal Constable on the occasion of his visit to Campbeltown to enter upon his new jurisdiction – the historic County of Argyll.

'We feel gratified that Sheriff Constable's first visit to the county should be paid in the town of Campbeltown, for, less articulate it may be than its sister court towns, Campbeltown, in point of population and of industrial consequence, is beyond dispute the leading town in the shire.

'Campbeltown, too, has the double distinction of having been the first capital of the Scottish kings, and in point of date, the last of the Scottish towns to be created a Royal Burgh. Its fame is ancient and modern.

'Sheriff Constable's high reputation has preceded him. We know him as a distinguished advocate, and as a wise and accomplished judge: and we recognise in him a worthy successor to Sheriff McClure, whose recent promotion was universally acclaimed.

'We look with pleasing anticipation to many subsequent visits from the sheriff – not always it may be, on judicial business: we hope he will make intimate acquaintance with our romantic district and its well-known resources for health and recreation.

'He will find the people of Kintyre a kindly folk, industrious and prosperous withal. A judicious blend of Highland and Lowland elements of our Scottish nation, he will find in the people of Kintyre less Celtic impetuosity than in some other Argyllshire areas, and correspondingly he will discover less disposition to litigate: last, he will always find a sincere respect for the law and for those, like himself, whose duty it is to administer the law.

'I have great pleasure in thus introducing Sheriff Constable to the Kintyre District of his jurisdiction of Argyll.'

Mr D Mactaggart, speaking on behalf of the bar and the officials of the court, offered his Lordship their respectful congratulations on his appointment and a most cordial welcome to Campbeltown.

The relations between bench and bar in this court have always been of the happiest description, and he had no doubt that they would continue so during his Lordship's reign.

He was perfectly sure that his Lordship might rely on the assistance of the bar and the officials of the court in everything that went to further the efficient administration of justice in this district.

It was one of the disadvantages of Campbeltown that it was difficult to get at, and they were sorry that his Lordship had had such bad weather for his first journey to this part of the shire.

They hoped however that in the summer season he might repeat the journey under conditions that would give him a better impression of this part of the West Highlands.



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Do you have photos of the SS Aska?

The nephew of one of the 12 men who died when the SS Aska was bombed and drifted on fire before settling on the reef near the Isle of Cara is appealing for information as the 80th anniversary of the sinking approaches.

The Aska was a cruise liner owned by the British India Steam Navigation Company which was hired into government service to

be used as a troop carrier at the outbreak of war in 1939.

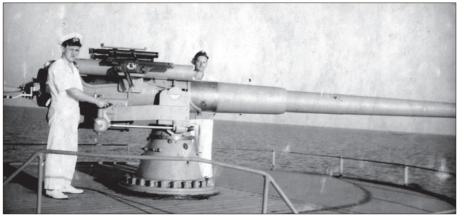
The ship left West Africa in September 1940, bound for Liverpool, carrying 50 British troops, 300 French troops, nine other passengers, and a crew of 184 mostly Indians, as well as 600 tons of cocoa.

At 2.30am on September 16, she was bombed by German aircraft when between Rathlin Island and Maiden's Rock.

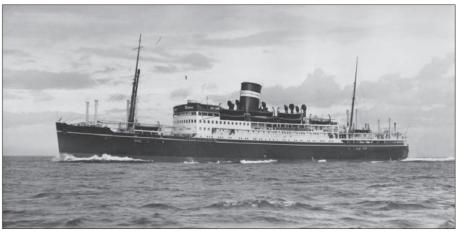
Michael Martin's uncle John Martin was just 22 years old when he died on board the ship, making the waters around Cara his final resting place.

Michael and his brother are planning to make the journey from England in September to lay a wreath on the remains of the wreckage that are accessible at low water.

Michael told the Courier:



John Martin, front, sporting his 'tropical' whites, typically worn in hotter countries.



The SS Aska.

'This will be fulfilling a promise that I made to my own father, David William Martin, John's younger brother, who is also no longer with us.

'My father was born in 1926 and was the youngest of the family's four children, with John Martin being the eldest.

'My father never got the opportunity to visit the area. The conversation about the task that we will be undertaking in September only arose in the last few months that he was with us.'

Michael's father, who died five years ago aged 89, was only 14 when his brother John was killed. Michael, who is from Newcastle but has lived on Teesside for the last 16 years, is appealing for any post-September 1940 photographs of the wreck to add to his family archive which he is in the process of collating as a memorial to John.

Appealed

He has already appealed on social media and has received several photographs, but none very old.

'I feel someone must have taken photos back then,' he said. 'The ship burned for several days and could not be boarded for several days after that.

'I have trawled the internet

over the years and I believe I have everything that is available and in the public domain.'

He added: 'I am coming up to retirement age myself and will be finishing work this July – and the project needs to be completed in order to create a lasting legacy.'

John is recorded on the Tower Hill Memorial in London along with the other five British fatalities.

Michael is asking anyone with photographs or information to contact him by emailing kites29uk@yahoo.co.uk with the subject heading 'ASKA'.

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Peter Lang operating the can sorter at Kintyre Recycling Limited in 2016. 25_c25krl13

Please remember to sort 'wet' and 'dry' says Kintyre Recycling Ltd

When you are filling your bags for Kintyre Recycling Limited (KRL) remember two very important wee words: 'wet' and 'dry'.

Everyone is provided with two bags and for a variety of operational reasons KRL cannot accept mixed recycling bags because of sorting procedures and contamination

Dry recycling such as paper, cardboard and clothing go in one bag and all wet recycling such as plastic bottles, drinks and food cans in the other.

Your clear wet bag should contain milk bottles, drinks bottles, pots, tubs and trays, shampoo and detergent bottles, drinks and food cans, and aerosols. Please wash out any cans, plastic bottles and plastic food trays. Paper, cardboard, clothing and textiles go in the other bag.

'We appreciate this has caused some confusion and annoyance, and apologise if not everyone has received this communication, said a spokesperson for KRL. 'We will be distributing more leaflets to households to

'We really appreciate and value your support and participation, and want to continue to increase the recycling as much as possible.'

If anyone wishes to discuss the matter further, please contact KRL directly and someone will happily try to solve any problems that this may cause, especially in the tenement areas.

As well as giving the charity your recyclables how about giving them some of your

KRL will hold its 12th annual general meeting on Wednesday March 4 in the Davaar Suite, Campbeltown Community Centre, Stewart Road, at 7pm.

This meeting is where company members decide on who shall be appointed as directors and who shall oversee the annual accounts and hear the manager's report.

The team at KRL looks forward to seeing as many members as possible at the meeting and would like to encourage anyone who has an interest in KRL and its aims and objectives to go along and volunteer their services on the board as it is vital to have directors who care about the community and local environment to help to sustain the

Community food forum aims to tackle poverty

Community Food Forum, a new initiative that aims to help combat poverty in the area, has been launched at an event held at the council chambers in Kilmory.

At the event on February 6, Provost Len Scoullar in his welcome address said: 'Today we are gathered for a very important reason and that is for the community food organisations to shape the forum, that will help them grow for the benefit of our communities.

'Argyll and Bute produces so much wonderful food and drink that it is ironic that there are too many occasions where people in our area need assistance to access nutritious food to stave off hunger.'

Pippa Milne, chief executive of Argyll and Bute Council, expressed her support for the initiative, explaining that funding has been secured through the Scottish Government to promote a two-year initiative, supporting community food initiatives. Bute Advice Centre will facilitate the setting up of the

John Weir, trustee of Bute Advice Centre, highlighted that in the UK 14 million people are living in poverty - 4.5 million of those are children.

Across Argyll and Bute the Community Food Forum will



From left: Chief executive of Argyll and Bute Council, Pippa Milne; Julie Semple, Bute Advice Centre manager; and John Weir, trustee of Bute Advice Centre.

be a network through which independent food banks, food waste and community food initiatives can share experience, advice and ideas. It will also be a forum for those considering setting up a project. The development of the forum will be determined by the participating members.

Each independent organisation, including, Hub Grub and Dunoon Foodbank; Bute Oasis; Hope Kitchen - Oban; Mull and Iona Community Trust; Tiree Community Council; Helensburgh Foodbank; Jean's Bothy Helensburgh; Kintyre Food Bank; and Moving On Mid Argyll (MOMA), spoke about

their own projects, raising awareness of the support being offered, the successes and challenges they are facing, and how they want the forum to develop. The Islay and Jura Store Cupboard will be fully involved in future.

In addition, speakers from a range of support agencies offering welfare rights, energy advice, money advice and community development were also present.

More information on the event or the roll-out of the forum, is available from Bute Advice Centre manager, Julie Semple, on 01700 502784 or email juliesemple@buteadvice.org.uk

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Have your say in planning health and care budget

The health and social care budget for Argyll and Bute is being set for the coming financial year and some tough choices have to be made – so it is important that everyone's opinion is heard on how the money is spent.

Argyll and Bute Council's social care and NHS health care come together in the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), delivering a huge range of services to communities many of which are most used by very vulnerable people.

At the same time, the resources available are declining in real terms year-on-year.

'We cannot simply continue to provide the same services in the same ways,' said a statement from the partnership.

The Integration Joint Board (IJB) which runs these services is required to set a balanced budget for 2020-21 at its next meeting on March 25 and by now it usually has an indication of the funding it will receive from both Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland.

This year, due to the General Election, the UK government budget has been delayed until March 11; the Scottish Government set its own budget on February 6.

This means there is still uncertainty about future levels of funding but it is still expected that it will not cover the level of increased costs which need to be borne by the partnership.

Where the money goes:

- Staff and supplier costs will increase on account of nationally agreed pay awards and the Scottish Living Wage;
- The cost of new drugs is expected to outstrip funding made available;
- Costs for GP out-of-hours services are increasing due to new contracts;
- The partnership also provides additional, localised, services:
- People have increasingly complex needs which increases the cost of some care packages;
- Demand is growing for both older and younger peoples' services;
- The partnership has to contribute to new national IT systems.

These all mean the partnership must find ways to be more efficient and transform how it operates.

An HSCP spokesperson said this week: 'We know there will be difficult choices with no easy options left for savings. The HSCP would therefore really value the views from the public, staff, stakeholders and other partners to help us make the best decisions.'

Judy Orr, head of finance and transformation for the partnership, said: 'The financial picture facing us in the coming year means there will be changes to the health and social care we deliver.

'The Health and Social Care Partnership is committed to listening to the views of people who will be affected

partnership. People with with the affected.

Judy Orr, the HSCP's head of transformation and finance.

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Argyll & Bute Health & Social Care Partnership

'These are hard choices and no obvious areas where money can be saved easily.'

by these changes to ensure we include these in our

'All significant service changes will have specific detailed community engagement plans to involve staff, patients, carers, partners and the wider community. This will happen throughout February, in parallel to an overall broad consultation about our budget priorities for 202-21.

'This current consultation is about the HSCP's total budget plan and where we should look to find efficiencies. These are very hard choices and there are no obvious areas where money can be saved easily.'

'It is important that we involve the people of Argyll and

Bute, who will be affected, by exploring every option for savings so they can express their priorities about where savings should be focussed.'

To take part in this budget consultation please visit www.bit.ly/abhscpbudget or alternatively email nhs. abhscp@nhs.net

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A new national drive to boost the adult social care workforce is calling on people to consider how their personal qualities are a great fit for a move into the sector.

The Scottish Government's 'There's More to Care Than Caring' campaign highlights the wide range of roles on offer within the sector, from jobs supporting people in their own homes and living in care homes or providing housing support to assist people to live at home, facilitating access to important areas like work and health services.

And the message is clear – it's your qualities and behaviours that will set you apart in adult social care,

supporting older people, people with a physical disability, dementia, autism or mental health conditions. While the role as a care worker can be challenging and requires resilience, it offers the chance to have a hugely positive impact on others' lives, every day. For many it's not just a job, it's a calling.

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Impressive young pipers move up another grade

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

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band has been practising hard over the winter preparing for the busy schedule ahead as the 2020 season approaches.

The band has had to learn a range of new tunes for this year's competitions as, after a successful season last year, they have been promoted to the Novice A section of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association.

Being moved up a grade means they will now have to play March, Strathspey and Reels as well as a range of other tunes and medleys which will be much more challenging but better for the band's drummers' and pipers' individual and collective development.



The band had hoped to compete at all five major competitions this year but due to a clash with school events it will not be possible to play at the European Championships

However, the band will still play at the British Championship in Paisley, the Scottish Championships

Band members with the silverware they won last year. The photograph was taken by Stuart Andrew of Kintyre Photography. Kintyre Pipe Band Association thanks him for taking the photograph and allowing it to be printed alongside this

in Dumbarton, the UK Championships in Lurgan, Northern Ireland, and the World Championships in Glasgow.

If you would like to hear the band playing their new tunes, the band is hosting a concert at Campbeltown Grammar School on Saturday March 14, with

evening matinee performances.

The show will feature more than 100 young performers, not just from the pipe band, including the chanter group, drumming beginners on stick and pad, the beginners' band, the novice band, those performing 'jig-tag', Erin Soudan and Iona Renton, and members of the James McCorkindale School of Dancing.

There is also a chance to see the band in action throughout the year as they will be playing at numerous events in the area.





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Senior Highland dancers perform. 50_c07tartan09

Tartan and tunes create sentimental feelings

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

An afternoon of music and dance at Castlehill Primary School created a nostalgic atmosphere which was enjoyed by many of Campbeltown's senior citizens

Last Thursday's 'tartan afternoon' featured musical performances showcasing pupils' prowess on a variety instruments, including brass, wind and bagpipes.

Residents and members of Kintyre Care Home, Lorne Campbell Court, Elderberries and Woodlands were invited to enjoy the show.

And before the performances they were served tea, coffee and shortbread which was home-baked by teacher Elizabeth Hill who organised the afternoon.

The entertainment was kick-started by members of Castlehill's pipe band, which performed Scotland the Brave and Rowan Tree.

Next it was the turn of the school's woodwind musicians, with flautists Annie, Cara and Gemma taking to the stage, followed by Emma with her clarinet. The wind performers played Loch Lomond, Ye Banks and Braes and I Love My Love.

Highland dancers were next to perform, dancing the Highland Fling, after



which chanter players played Barnyards of Delgaty alongside piping tutor Ian McKerral.

Pupils Morgan, Brandon and Charlie were up next, reading a selection of poems.

A brass duo was next on the programme, with pupil Eva performing Blue Bells of Scotland alongside brass instructor Mr McDiarmid, both on the trombone.

With it clear the traditional music was moving the audience, it was the perfect time for a sing-along, with the crowd encouraged to join in as Loch Lomond and Westering Home were played.

The pianist was Katy Cameron, who is also woodwind instructor for Argyll schools.

Afterwards, stick and pad players, under the guidance of tutor Campbell Anderson,

joined the chanter players on stage and together they played Battle's O'er.

Singers Emma, Freya and Gemma continued the entertainment by singing Katie Bairdie.

Freya remained on stage and was joined by her fellow Highland dancers as they performed the Seann Triubhas, accompanied by piper Ian McKerral.

The entertainment ended on a high as the choir of pupils aged P3 and upwards filled the stage and sang old favourites Coulter's Candy and the Skye Boat Song.

It was an afternoon the audience was sure to remember as they left the impressively decorated hall humming the catchy tunes which were stuck in their heads.

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The school choir ended the afternoon on a high. 50_c07tartan10







Clarinet player Emma. 50_c07tartan02; Pupil Eva and brass instructor Mr McDiarmid perform a trombone duet. 50_c07tartan06; Gemma, Freya and Emma were in fine voice. 50_c07tartan08



Tayinloan children slide int



The TVA committee, from left: Marilyn Shedden, Christine O'Hanlon, Uta Brandenburger, Caroline Smith, Anne Littleson and Donald McDonald, 50



Arianna Gilchrist smiles as she sits on the gravity rider.



Angus Hurd can't contain his grin as he sits at the top of the small slide.

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

Members of Tayinloan Villagers Association (TVA) were blown away by the support they received when the village's new play park was officially opened.

Although the play equipment has been installed since early January, the group held an official opening last Saturday afternoon, and despite weather forecasts suggesting there may have been heavy rain and blustery wind, it held off until after the celebrations had ended.

The day began with piper Calum O'Hanlon leading everyone from the village hall car park to the nearby playing field.

TVA chairman There. Donald McDonald thanked everyone for supporting the event, with some people travelling the length and breadth of Kintyre and from further afield to attend.

Donald explained that there had been a year of very hard work from TVA in the lead-up to the installation of the new

equipment and it would not have been possible without the help of various funders including West Kintyre Wind Farm Trust.

he invited As such, Margaret Pratt, convener of West Kintyre Community Council, which manages the wind farm trust, to cut the ribbon.

As she cut the ribbon, Margaret said: 'This goes to show what can happen when a community pulls together.'

As the ribbon fell to the ground, children streamed into the requipment. into the park and onto the

Marilyn Shedden, a member of TVA, encouraged the children to enjoy, share and look after the equipment, before inviting everybody inside to enjoy refreshments as they watched a presentation about how the play park came to fruition.

Fellow TVA member Anne Littleson explained that in the autumn of 2018 Argyll Presbytery sent out a 'community needs' questionnaire to all Kirk Sessions which elders at A'Chleit Church completed. The responses showed that there was concern about the lack of facilities and amenities for the residents of Tavinloan.

As a result Marilyn and Anne decided to do Marilyn something to help and were co-opted onto the TVA committee in January 2019 for a period of one year.

A survey identified that the community's top priority for the playing field was to replace the old play equipment with a new, modern play park and the top priority for the village hall was to restart a youth club, which was created in January last year.

The play park fundraising then began in earnest - and principally Anne's responsibility, while Marilyn focused on the play equipment and liaising with the parents and children.

After a year, more than £56,000 had been raised and playground equipment manufacturer, designer and installer Playdale was commissioned to get to work.

The funders

Balure Trust, West Kintyre Wind Farm Trust, West Kintvre Community Fund, The Rotary Club of Campbeltown, Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease, The Claremont Trust, Cour Community Benefit Fund, The Big Lottery, Argyll and Bute Council's Supporting and Communities Fund Rhunahaorine Primary School, which organised a

Finishing touches

The project is currently being voted for in Tesco and the committee plans to use any funds raised to buy some picnic benches to put the finishing touches to the park.

Anne said: 'I would like to thank all the organisations and individuals who supported the project and who gave donations in money and in

'We are especially grateful to WKCC and in particular its convener, Margaret Pratt, without whose support and advice this project would not have been possible.'

Marilyn added: 'I would like to say again how much



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o 2020 with new play park



Enjoying the new swings, from left: Logan O'Hanlon, Ryan Prentice, Caitlin Prentice, Austin O'Hanlon, Louise Hurd, Craig Hurd and Lewis O'Hanlon, 50 c07tavinloanpark03

we valued the support of the children and their families throughout the project.

'I think the success of Tayinloan Youth Club played a great part in keeping spirits up and helped us plan our common journey towards the play park.

'It has been a joy to hear the sound of children's voices having fun in a safe environment, and that was our objective for the village.

'We also hope that the whole community will benefit from this gathering place. We plan to have some picnic benches in the park, where folk can take time to stop and have a chat and watch the youngsters enjoying themselves.

'Some parents said they never thought they would see this completed in their lifetime, and it is due to the work of many people and the generosity of our funders that it has been done.'

Marilyn shared a quote by Oscar Wilde: 'The best way to make children good, is to make them happy.' She added: 'I hope that is what the play park will do.'

Happiness

Logan O'Hanlon, aged 10, spoke on behalf of the children of Tayinloan during Saturday's presentation, and described their boredom before the opening of the new play park and their happiness since its installation.

Anne Horn, who was thanked on the day for her support through the fundraising and planning process, and who supplied baking and helped in the kitchen on Saturday, told the Courier: 'It was lovely to see such a great turnout for the opening of the West Kintyre Community Play Park at Tayinloan on Saturday.

'Congratulations to everyone for all their work to get the play park on site in such a relatively short time.

'I hope the young people of West Kintyre can make great use of the play park and enjoy the facility.'

As well as a special cake made by Tan Black, which was cut by 11-year-old Louise Hurd, the occasion was marked by the presentation to everyone in the hall of a badge which declared that the wearer was there to see the new play park officially opened – something some believed would never happen!



WKCC convener Margaret Pratt cuts the ribbon and declares the play park officially open. 50_c07tayinloanpark01 Inset: The special cake which was cut by Louise Hurd. 50_c07tayinloanpark10

Go on...

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Charlotte O'Hanlon sits on the toy train which is being driven by Callan McKay. 50_c07tayinloanpark05

Naeve McNeill flies through the air on the zip wire.



Pupils off to Gambia with

great designs

S5 pupils at Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS) have designed a logo which is being proudly worn by those on the current CGS4Gambia

As a part of a school enterprise project, and in conjunction with teacher Peter Lewis in the art and design department, pupils created a design which features on

The pupils involved in ranged and planned last year the design were Alecia Bell, Aleksandra Niedzwiedska, Hannah Ross, Lewis Spence and Arran McAllister.

CGS4Gambia was established in 2013, becoming a registered charity in 2014, with the aim of teaching the school's senior students about global citizenship through volunteering in Gambia.

This trip was largely ar-

in 2019 as part in the 2019-20 academic year and therefore has '2019' on the badge.

After the initial designs were collated, the image was processed with a variety of graphic programmes before being printed using the department's new heat-press.

By selling 15 shirts to CGS staff and pupils who are on the trip, the school was able to fund an additional 17 shirts.

Help us

Lorna McKinven said: 'We meet many people along the way who help us so it will be nice to hand out T-shirts to them.'

The pupils went to Gambia last Friday and will be there until Monday, February 17.

The shirts joined many other kind donations the school received for the journey.

This is now a bi-yearly event that has both broadened pupils' horizons at home as well



Pupils and staff holding T-shirts featuring the new logo: Back row, from left: Lorna McKinven, Beckie Shields, Jim Farren, Emma McKinven, Krystal Allen, Callum Miller, and Lizzie Bell. Front: Ellie McNair, Jasmine Kolibska, Chloe Croft, and Jade Graham.

as benefitted local schools and nurseries in Gambia.

After receiving a warm welcome, the current group

got straight to work painting walls with local children.



The new CGS4Gambia logo.

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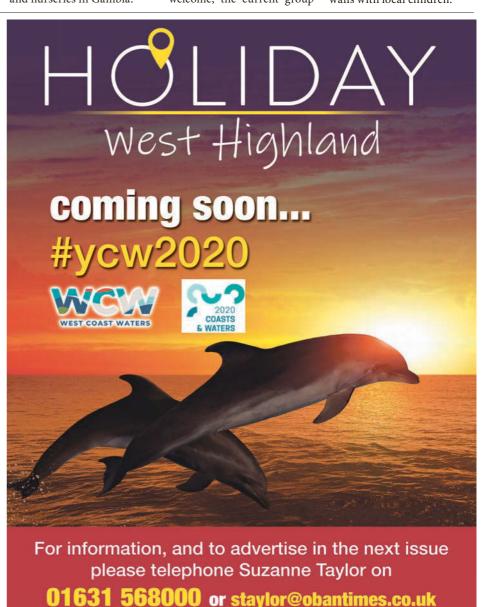
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Reed trio Arunda set to blow away town audience

Kintyre Music Club will welcome reed trio Arunda to Campbeltown this month.

Arunda formed in 2010 after its members – oboe player Irene Klimach, clarinettist Jenny Stephenson and bassoon player Anna Mary Lynch – studied at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Royal Northern College of Music and the Conservatoire National à Rayonnement Régional de Marseille.

Passionate about promoting the diverse range of music available for reed instruments, Arunda is constantly exploring new repertoire and enjoys bringing some of the lesser known works to the concert platform.

Arunda has performed at the St Magnus Festival in Orkney, the Music at Paxton Summer Festival of Chamber Music and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Recent engagements include performances at the Scottish Parliament and the Usher Hall as part of the Emerging Artists: Sound Check series.

The trio is alumni of the prestigious Live Music Now! scheme, as founded by Yehudi Menuhin, and also enjoy regular performances for the Music in Hospitals charity.

Oboe player Irene Klimach graduated from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland with an MMus having previously been awarded a first class BMus degree from the Royal Northern College of Music. Over the years Irena has learned with Stephen West, James Horan, Stéphane Rancourt, Jonathan Small, Jenny Galloway and Timothy Eaton.

Edinburgh-born clarinettist Jenny Stephenson studied at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland before continuing her studies at the Conservatoire à Rayonnement Régional de Marseille. Jenny enjoys a busy and diverse freelance career. As an orchestral musician she has performed with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Royal Scottish National Orchestra,

Orchestra of Scottish Ballet, Scottish Opera, Ulster Orchestra and the Albanian Radio and Television Orchestra and has enjoyed regular appearances at music

festivals across the UK. Bossoon player Anna Mary Lynch is a graduate of the RSAMD, now known as the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, where she obReed trio Arunda.

tained a BMus, PGDip and a Masters in bassoon performance. Since graduating, Anna Mary has performed with the following orchestras and ensembles: Royal Scottish National Orchestra, the orchestra of Scottish Ballet, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Ulster Orchestra and Opera Bohemia.

As well as being passionate about chamber music and playing with ensembles and orchestras, the members of the trio also enjoy taking to the stage in musical theatre productions or recordings for bands such as Belle and Sebastian.

They will perform in the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall at 7.30pm on Friday February 21.



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Choristers' cheque boost fo



Angus and Valerie Nimmo with their daughter Elizabeth Nimmo and grandchildren Wallace and Mica Amaut.

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Four generations, from left: Hazel Currie holding her daughter Ellen Currie, Iona Barr and Ellen Armour.

A Campbeltown Town Hall coffee morning helped boost Cancer Research UK's Kintyre committee's funds by £698.

Concert

In addition, representatives from Kintyre Chorale pre-

sented the Kintyre committee chairperson, Catherine Ralston, with a cheque for £500 at last Saturday's event. This was the proceeds from the choir's November concert.

Catherine said: 'The local committee is very grateful

to be the chosen recipient of this donation and we express our grateful thanks to all concerned.'

Upcoming

The Kintyre Chorale has two upcoming concerts – one on Sunday March 15 at A'Chleit Church and another on Tuesday March 17 in Southend.

Entry is by donation and the proceeds will be given to A'Chleit Church, the Mairi Semple Fund and Southend Village Hall.



Members of the choir presenting the cheque. From left: Hazel Currie holding her daughter Ellen, Myra Millar, Kate McNair, Iona Barr, Cancer Research UK Kintyre committee chairperson Catherine Ralston, David McEwan, Morag McLean, Tracy Millar, Florence Chrystie, Anne Ralston and Mhairi Renton. KC_c07canresearch04

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 $\label{lem:constraint} \textbf{Donald and Kate McLean with their granny Marlene.}$



Valerie Nimmo serves tea to Margaret McSporran, Anne Crossan and Mary McKinnon. KC_c07canresearch07

Homebaking draws visitors to church fundraiser

An array of homebaking helped draw parishioners to a Lorne and Lowland Church coffee morning last Wednesday

Jams, marmalade, cup cakes, loaves, biscuits and tablet were just some of the treats up for grabs at the event which raised £627.



The baking stall ladies enjoy a well deserved cuppa.



Maria Gibbons, Joyce Gardiner and Catherine Spence enjoy a catch-up. KC_c07lornecm03



Volunteers waited on visitors hand and foot.



Enjoying conversation at the fundraiser. KC_c07lornecm01

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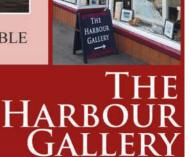


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Heavy rock band frontman paired with octogenarian poet

ated by the Kintyre Writers' Circle and local songwriters, brings together distinctive Kintvre voices in sometimes

unlikely yet appealing combinations on the first Tuesday of each month.

February's offering paired Iain McIntyre, Campbeltown octogenarian, retired clippie and rookie performer. Iain impressed the audience with lyrical melodic ballads in his distinctive rock vocal style, while Mary prompted laughter with witty and won-

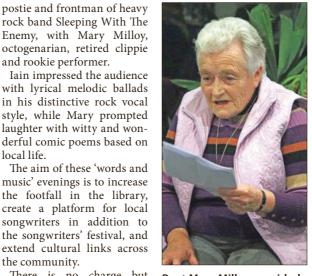
The aim of these 'words and music' evenings is to increase the footfall in the library, create a platform for local songwriters in addition to the songwriters' festival, and extend cultural links across the community.

local life.

There is no charge but donations are welcome, and these usually go to the library funds.

The evenings are designed to be informal, friendly and supportive to performers of all levels of experience.

Anyone interested in performing at one of the evenings words or music - is welcome to contact the organisers on



Poet Mary Milloy provided the words aspect this month. KC c07firsttues02

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spokesperson said: 'We are looking forward to welcoming mother and son combination Jackie Fulton (words) and Lewis Semple (music) to the stage in March.'

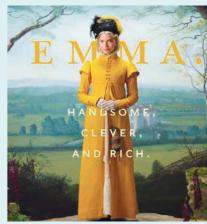
From one sleepy little town to another

The next movie to hit the silver screen at Campbeltown Picture House is the latest adaptation of Jane Austen's classic novel, Emma.

Showing daily at 2pm, 5pm and 7pm as of today, Jane Austen's beloved comedy about finding your equal and earning your happy ending, is reimagined in this new film adaptation.

Handsome, clever, and rich, Emma Woodhouse is a restless queen bee without rivals in her sleepy little town. In this glittering satire of social class and the pain of growing up. Emma must adventure through misguided matches and romantic missteps to find the love that has been there all along.

And, as a special treat for those celebrating Valentine's Day, Oscar-winning romantic supernatural thriller Ghost will return to the big screen to mark its 30th anniversary. It will be screened at Campbeltown Picture House at 7.30pm this evening (Friday).



Emma is the latest movie to be screened at the cinema.



lain McIntyre provided the music at February's event.

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Harry Gemmill claims overall Blackface stock-judging prize



The ring was packed with spectators. KC_c07blackface01

Judge Grant MacPherson was was tested by the class of sheep on show.

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There was an excellent turnout at the Kintyre Blackface Sheep Breeders' annual stock-judging competition, with about 90 participants.

The classes put forward were all of a high quality and the judge, Grant MacPherson, of Balliemenach, Dalmally, was tested by the class of sheep on show at the event on Saturday February 1 at Ballygreggan Farm, courtesy of the Millar family.

A club spokesperson said: 'A big thanks to the committee for setting up and ensuring the

evening went smoothly and to Argyll Bakeries for ensuring everyone was catered for.'

Results:

Overall winner: Harry Gemmill. Gents: 1 P McKerral, 2 A McPherson, 3= R Hamilton and T Paterson. Ladies: 1 S McPherson, 2 M Henderson, 3 J Gillespie. YFC: 1 H Gemmill, 2 L McPherson, 3 D McArthur. Juniors: 1 A McGeachy, 2 E Ralston, 3 L Ralston. Team: A McPherson, L McPherson and J McPherson. Championship: F MacPhail.



Harry Gemmill was the overall winner.



Fraser MacPhail claimed the championship prize.

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Louise Ralston and big sister Erin were two of the juniors competitors.

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Peter McKerral was the first placed gent. KC_c07blackface06

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Two-year-old champion and overall champion male, K2 of Cladich owned by Queenie and Jon Strickland of the Cladich Fold, Photograph: Kevin McGlynn



Overall female champion, Diorbhail Dhubh 3rd of Craigowmill, owned by Mr K W W and Mrs E M Brown and brought by Malcolm MacNaughton. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn

Highlanders on show at historic Oban cattle sale

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Sunday was an historic day for the Dalmally-based Cladich fold, which won the overall male championship at the Highland Cattle Society 129th Spring Show and Sale in Oban.

This was the first time Cladich has won this particular category in its history, dating back to 1882.

A large crowd made its way to the Oban centre, despite Storm Ciara trying to throw a spanner in the works with ferry cancellations.

The show took place on Sunday February 9, with the sale taking place on Monday.

The overall male champion was K2 of Cladich, a twoyear-old bull from Cladich. Handler Stuart Campbell, who has worked at the farm for nine years, said it was 'tremendous' to win the overall male champion.

Speaking to our sister title The Oban Times, he added: 'This is what you aim for. When you start out in the career, you aim for a champion bull at Oban.

'It is our first time winning



the overall male - we have been in the breed since 1882

Mr Campbell dedicated the win to Cladich's owners, Queenie and Jon Strickland.

'They put so much into Cladich,' he added. 'It is good to give a reward back to them,' he said.

The bull, which was also the two-year-old champion, sold for 6,500gns.

The overall female chamwas three-year-old heifer Diorbhail Dhubh 3 of Craigowmill from Ken and Eva Brown's Craigowmill fold at Ledlanet, Kinross.

The heifer was brought out by Malcolm MacNaughton

and sold for 5,000gns on Monday.

The biggest sale of the day went to Mr & Mrs AA MacDonald Ardbhan Kyles, Bayhead, North Uist. Their senior bull sold for 6,800gns.

The overall winner of the young handler competition went to Emily Armstrong from Balemartine Fold,

In conjunction with the Royal Highland Society and the Highland Cattle Society, Emily will now front the parade of animals on the first day of the Royal Highland Show, carrying the Highland Cattle Banner. Emily was encouraged by her late father Mark Armstrong to Highlanders and with his passing Emily, her mum Fiona and her wee sister Eva have kept the Balemartine Fold going, making the long journey from Tiree to Oban to show and sell.

Although Ciara has scuppered the Armstrong's plans of getting home within the next couple of days - it will give the young handler some extra time to celebrate her

Visit www.obantimes. co.uk for a full list of results and more photographs.



Despite the weather, Liz Craig kept smiling and proved if you want to get ahead get a warm hat. Photograph: Kev



This senior bull fetched the top price, going for **6,800gns.** Photograph: Kevin McGlynn



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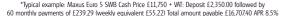


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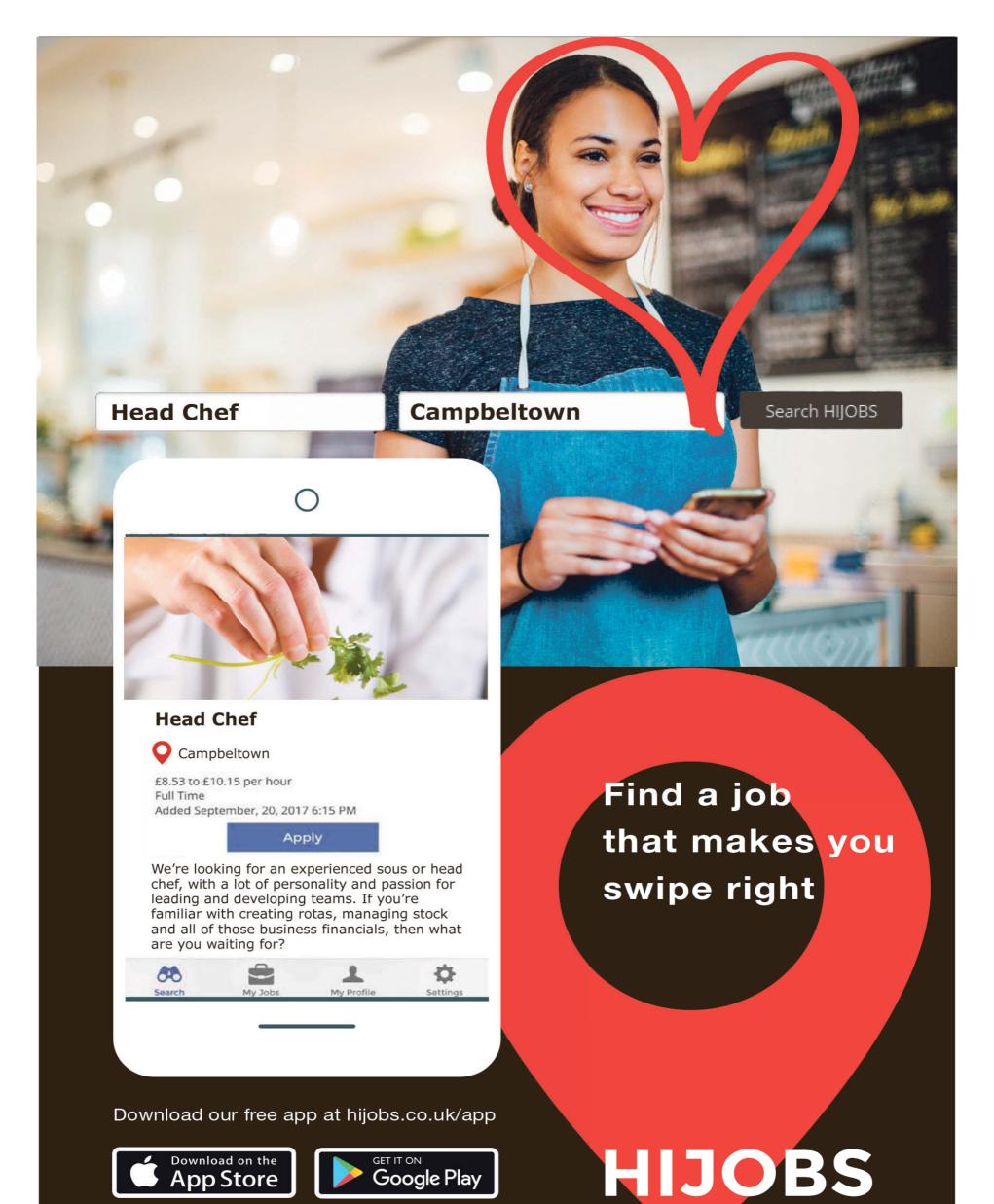
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Thursday 20 February 2020 - Bowmore 13:00 - 17:30 Open Session

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February 2020 to Kirsteen McGinn, Director of Investment and Regeneration, ACHA, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, PA31 8JL

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Flat 4/5 Bellmhor Court, Campbeltown.



After a few unexpected visits to the Mid Argyll Community Hospital (Glenaray Ward),

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The Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown welcomed Marlyn Moffat from Kintyre Design at its recently January meeting.

After dinner, Marilyn gave a demonstration on how to make scrapbooks on members' family histories and memories.

A club spokesperson said: 'This can lead to all sorts of places, researching our ancestors. Digging up the past is a fascinating hobby everyone of us has some interesting facts in our history. It's all there to discover for ourselves.

The club's next meeting is on Tuesday February 18 and is one of two open meetings held each year, where members welcome visitors and friends to join them.

As well as tea, coffee and biscuits for a small charge, Martin Craig is planning to give a talk about how sign language can be used to communicate with people who are

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RHUNAHAORINE

Pupils share lunch club's haggis, neeps and tatties

Pupils from Rhunahaorine Primary School and Early Learning Centre (ELC) were invited to join Tayinloan Lunch Club for the group's recent annual Burns Supper.

John Hunt piped in the haggis and performed an animated Address to the Haggis after which it was cut by Mark Byers.

The traditional dinner of haggis, neeps and tatties, made by Ruby Currie and served by the lunch club, was enjoyed by all. For some of the younger children it was their first time trying haggis.

Mandy Beveridge, volunteers in the school, had all the children practising and working together on musical pieces to provide some entertainment during the afternoon. The school children played



Louise Hurd recited all four verses of A Red, Red Rose.



John Hunt piped in the haggis, which was carried by Mark Byers.

on xylophones, snare drums, ukuleles, guitars and claves to accompany the audience singing Ae Fond Kiss.

The ELC was not to be outdone as each child finger and thumbed ukuleles and sang Fiddle De I. Everyone joined in the songs and the children were delighted.

The primary children also danced a Virginia Reel and Canadian Barn Dance.

The highlight of the day for Catriona Brown, acting head teacher, was the recitals of A Red, Red Rose which some children had learned by heart.

Lewis O'Hanlon said: 'It took a long time to memorise.'

Louise Hurd - who recited all four verses - added: 'It was scary at first but once I got started and everyone liked what I was doing it was good.'

Craig Hurd said of the event:

'It was amazing at Burns.' Mrs Brown said: 'Having an event at the end of their learning on Burns is a great opportunity for the children. It helps builds their self-esteem and gives them a reason to feel proud when they have managed to perform to an audience.'

Stuart Byers who played a xylophone and performed the dances said he was 'confident'. The dancing was a challenge as the children usually have the whole of the hall to use but they all managed both dances and Kieran Hurd was 'proud of the dancing'.

Some kilts and sashes had been borrowed for the day and although Fabian Kimak said he was 'proud' and that he liked the kilt, unfortunately Lewis O'Hanlon 'hated wearing the kilt as it kept falling down'!



Austin O'Hanlon giving the Address to the Lassies.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

Today is Valentine's Day and is, of course, associated with love.

We usually think of this as romantic love when people wait hopefully for a card that will let them know that they have either a secret admirer or that their partner has remembered the date.

However love has many forms and faces and it is important for people to know they are loved, whether it is by their partner, a parent, a friend or by God himself.

Last Saturday there was a very special event held in Tayinloan to celebrate the official opening of the recently developed play park.

It was a wonderful afternoon, and against all the odds, the weather was kind to us.

We were piped on to the field by Calum where Mrs Pratt officially cut the red ribbon to declare the park 'open'.

Inside the village hall we enjoyed homebaking and refreshments along with the most amazing cake made by Tan Black. It had models of play equipment and children on it and tasted as good as it looked.

A special badge had been designed with the inscription, 'I was there', and was distributed to all present.

We hope that the play park will bring much happiness to children and villagers alike and that the sound of laughter will echo on summer evenings as folk have fun.

We hope it will also be a reminder to the children that they are loved and treasured in a community, and that they will know just how important they are to us.

Nelson Mandela said this: 'History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of our children.'

Happy Valentine's Day! Know you are loved.

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BIRTHS



Paul and Christina are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Sophie, at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, on Friday, January 31, 2020. A little sister for James and Lewis.

DEATHS

KENNEDY - Peacefully, with her family by her side, on February 10, 2020, at Ardfenaig Home, Residential Ardrishaig, Helen Richmond Kennedy, in her 95th year, (formerly of Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig, and of Ford), beloved wife of the late John Kennedy, dearly loved mother of Alan and Colin, a much respected mother-in-law of Susan and Donna, cherished granny of Claire and Euan. A dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family, and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, on Monday, February 17, 2020 at 1.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Ardfenaig Residential Home Comfort Fund. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MARTIN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 11, 2020, Catherine Helen McGuire (Cathie), in her 87th year, formerly Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Martin (Jackie), much loved mum of John, Archie and James and a loving granny and great granny. Funeral private.

PHILIPS - Annie (Nan). Peacefully, after a short illness, on January 22, 2020, aged 102, wife of the late Bert, loving mother to son Derek, Ian and Anne and a loving granny and great granny. Verv much loved. respected and adored by many and will be sadly missed by all. Funeral service took place at Perth Crematorium. A truly wonderful and inspirational woman.

WALLACE - Peacefully,

surrounded by his family, on Monday, February 10, 2020, in the Sunshine Room at Campbeltown Hospital, Robert Armour Wallace, in his 88th year, Fernbank, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Wallace, née Murchie, formerly of the Isle of Arran, much loved dad of Lesley, Susan and David, a loving grampa of Clare, Andrew, Findlay and the late Ian, and loving father-in-law of Rob, Linda and the late Tim. Funeral service will be held in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

IN MEMORIAMS

CAMPBELL - Bunty, passed away February 14, 2009.

Sadly missed but not forgotten.

- Ivor, Shauna, Robert and great grandchildren. CAMPBELL - John

George of Carnasserie Farm, Kilmartin, who died on February 15, 2010

In memory of a great and true friend.

Thinking of you every

Missing you more than words can say.

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- Ewan.

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COLVILLE - In loving memory of Robert, February 14, passed 2013.

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Doreen, Lynsey, Lorraine and families.

MACFADYEN - In memory of our 'Big' brother John, who passed away on February 16, 2018. Álways in our thoughts.

- Helen and Alex.

SARGENT - Treasured memories of a dearly loved dad and papa, Roger, taken from us on February 17, 2019.

To lose you was a bitter wrench.

The pain cut to our core, We cried until our tears ran out,

And then we cried some more.

Miss you more than words can say.

- Senga, Billy and family.

THOMPSON

Tommy, went to sleep February 15, 2007. A much loved husband, dad and grandad. Too dearly loved to be forgotten. ever - Your loving wife Rene, your son Scott, your girls Senga and Maureen, and families at home and

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CHURCH NOTICES

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 16th February 11.15 am Morning

Worship Creche, Triple C, Gen 1 Rev W Crossan

Monday 17th February Guild 2.00pm New Hall Tuesday 18th February Tiny Tots 9.45 am

New Hall BB Anchor Boys 6.00pm Junior Section 7.15pm Church Hall

Thursday 20th February Choir Practice 7.00pm Friday 21st February Lunch Club 12.00 noon

HIGHLAND PARISH **CHURCH**

New Hall



SC002493 **Sunday 16th February** The service will be conducted by Mr

Gordon Cosgrove and will be held in the church at 11.15am All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown Friday 14th February SKY Youth Group 7.00 - 9.00pm

Sunday 16th February Family Communion Service 11.00am

Pastor Steve Davies All welcome Wednesday 19th

February Bible Study 7.30pm All welcome Pastor Steve Davies

Enquiries 01586 551200 www.springbankchurch. org.uk SCO14646

ST KIARAN'S **EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



Sunday 16th February Épiphany 6

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10.00am All welcome (SC002876)

SALVATION ARMY



Saturday 15th February

Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon **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



Sunday 16th February 11.15am Worship Service

Rev Rodger Crooks 11.15am Sunday School 6.30pm Joint Service Speaker: Pastor Mark Jasper

Monday 17th February 4.00pm Road to Recovery Wednesday 19th

February

12.00 noon Prayer & Bible Study www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CHRIST CHURCH **SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787) Sunday 16th February

11.00am Eucharist & Coffee St Columba's,

Poltalloch (SC031391) 1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Holv

Communion 3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong All welcome

Father Simon Mackenzie $01546\ 602315$

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Kilmartin Sunday 16th February

10.00am Rev Robert MacLeod All very welcome (SC0 02121)

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Sunday 16th February 11.00am Family Service Speaker - Mark Jasper with Sunday school Refreshments after the service

Playgroup Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30am (Term-time only) Pastor Mark Jasper pastor@campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk SC043322 We meet at the SKDT



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Friday 14 February 2020



Congratulations to Evie Judge on taking bronze.

Medalwinning swim from Kintyre's Evie

Kintyre's Evie Judge won a fantastic bronze medal in the 13-year-old girls' 50m breaststroke final at West District Long Course Championships held at Tollcross International Swimming Centre.

Qualifying fifth fastest in a time of 39.12 seconds from a field of 28 swimmers at this recent event, Evie went into the final with hopes of improving her earlier time.

After an excellent dive, she held her stroke well throughout the 50m sprint, touching in third place in a new personal best time of 38.27 seconds.

Over the weekend Evie finished 10th in the 200m breaststroke, seventh in the 800m freestyle and sixth in the girls' 50m freestyle after qualifying for the final.

Stuart McQuaker, Kintyre's head coach, said: 'In recent West District events our swimmers have been qualifying for finals which has been excellent.

'For Evie to go that step further and put in a medal-winning performance at district level is superb and shows all our swimmers what's possible with the committed and dedicated approach she shows week in, week out at training.'

Emma Millar competed on the Saturday where she took 2.62 seconds off her personal best in the 200m freestyle, finishing in 10th place overall.

Evie's new personal best is a qualifying time for the Scottish National Age Group Championships (SNAGS) to be held at the Aberdeen Sports Village from April 1 to April 5.

Kintyre swimmers are on their travels again this weekend, to Irvine for the North Ayrshire 200 Meet.

Mixed marshal arts club hold quiz night

Campbeltown Bowling Club was packed for a family quiz which raised more than £1,000 for a new youth mixed martial arts (MMA) club.

Quiz master Helen Gilchrist put on another entertaining afternoon last Saturday, which featured music from Tommy and Stewart Blue after the quiz was finished.

The event raised £1,050 which will help to fund new equipment for Core MMA Campbeltown.

Jimi McCallum, who leads the club, said: 'Everyone at Core MMA Campbeltown would like to thank all the local businesses that provided us with prizes for our quiz, and special thanks to Helen Gilchrist for organising it for us, and everyone that came along and made it a great day! 'As our club continues to grow, we are currently looking for a local premises to lease. We are also looking for sponsorship to enable us to do this. If anyone has or knows of anywhere suitable please get in touch.'



Some of the team from Core MMA Campbeltown with quiz master Helen Gilchrist and a helper, centre, KC_c0/coremna01

Davie and Gavin win open pairs

Argyll Bowling Club held its open pairs competition in Campbeltown last week thanks to the kind sponsorship of local business AM Transport.

The four qualifiers from the sections were: Malcolm Maguire and Kathleen McGougan; Gavin McLachlan and Davie Reid; Shaun Grumoli and Paul Grumoli; Hugh McCorkindale and Gavin Semple.

The first semi-final ended in a convincing

win for Malcolm against Shaun; the second semi was much closer, going down to the last bowl, with Gavin McLachlan beating Hugh and setting up a repeat of last year's final.

Davie and Gavin McLachlan got off to a good start and ended up winning with an end to spare. The club would like to thank all competitors, especially the ones who travelled from Tarbert and Tayinloan, and AM Transport for the continued sponsorship of



Club president Kenny Kerr and Gordon Graham, of AM Transport, with the winners, runners up, and semi-finalists. Back row, from left: Gordon Graham, Gavin Semple, Hugh McCorkindale, Shaun Grumoli and Paul Grumoli. Front: Kenny Kerr, Gavin McLachlan, Davie Reid, Malcolm Maguire and Kathleen McGougan.



Competitors in last year's 10k make their way along Dalaruan Street and High Street.

Do, do, do, do, do the MOKRUN

Usually it is only major international events, like the Olympics and the World Cup, that have songs specially written for them, but this year the Mull Of Kintyre 10K and half-marathon (MOKRUN) has been honoured with its own special anthem.

The track was composed and sung by talented, local musician David Fee, with backing vocals by Deep Joy's Vee Sheldrick, and with recording assistance from Sam Hales.

David said: 'Last year, Vee and I sang the chorus of the song on the course, outside Campbeltown Creamery, and it seemed to bring a smile to the runners' faces as they passed by.

This year I have made the whole song available, free to download from the following link: https://feetunes.com/track/2228681/do-the-mokrun-february-4th-2020'

A MOKRUN spokesperson said: 'David has written a really catchy song. Hopefully we can get the whole town singing it, especially on race weekend.'

With 14 weeks to go until race day, if your training is needing a boost, or perhaps a kick-start, get this track on to your running music playlist and 'do, do, do, do, do the MOKRUN'!

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L-R: The winning team: Ian Smith, Craig Samborek, Jack Campbell, Stu Charnock and Ronald Jenkins

Gun club fires into February

There was fierce competition as Tarbert Gun Club continued its winter league shoots at Barmore shooting ground.

All shooters were trying to increase their points tally on Sunday February 1, with plenty doing so and some disappointingly not.

It is tough at the top and the six shooters in competition for the top gun prize are all depending on a successful day at the last shoot in the series, which will be held next

Unless Ronald Jenkins' team have

a disaster at the March shoot, they will win the team event, having won the the first four competitions.

Results: Top team: Ronald Jenkins, Jack Campbell, Craig Samborek, Stu Charnock and Ian Smith. Class A: 1 Ally McDonnell: 2 Iain Winnard: John Weir. Class B: 1 Steven Sloan: 2 Jack Campbell; 3 Bob McColl. Class C: 1 Roy Laird; John Cupples; 3 Robert Campbell. Class D: 1 Chris MacEachren: 2 Adam Currie: Stu Charnock. Class E: 1 Ian Smith; 2 Duncan MacAlister; 3 Duncan McLean.

Sport Relief pedal power

Energetic employees from across Argyll and Bute Council are getting on their bikes next month to cycle 2,053 miles in aid of Sport Relief.

Using spin-cycles at LiveArgyll leisure centres, they will follow a virtual route around all 81 school establishments in the area, starting at Southend Primary in South Kintyre, and finishing up at Aringour Primary on the Isle of Coll.

The event will take place from 7am until 7pm Friday March 13, with staff participating for various lengths of time.

For example, while some will take part during their lunch hour, and before and after work, others are taking annual leave and plan to cycle throughout the whole day.

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, who leads education policy for Argyll and Bute, said: 'Wow - what a challenge! I take my hat off to everyone who is participating. We have dedicated and caring staff to be proud of at Argyll and Bute Council, and this is just another example of our employees, quite literally, going the extra mile. Well done everyone.

Visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/abc-spin to sponsor the team.

Dunaverty lotto rolls over

The draw for Dunaverty Golf Club's three-number lotto took place on Sunday and the winning numbers were 3, 8 and 16.

There were no winners so the next

draw, for a jackpot of £400, will be on February 23. Tickets can be bought from committee members, the club steward, and at Munerov Tearoom and the Burnside Bar.

Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup sixth round replay – Oban Saints v Wishaw HSFP, postponed; Greater Glasgow Division Three - Oban Saints GG 4, Colquhoun United 1; SAFL Premier Division One - Busby Lochgilphead Red Star 1; Dunoon 0, Parkhall 2; Neilston 0, Campbeltown Pupils 1; Premier Division Two – Glenburn Athletic

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, sixth round replay - Oban Saints v Wishaw HSFP, Oban High School 3G, kick-off 1pm; Greater Glasgow AFL -Division Three - Oban Saints GG v Westerlands; SAFL Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils v Dunoon; Lochgilphead Red Star v Carltion YM; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v FC Argyle.



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

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

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 20 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to "Spot the Shinty Ball" Competition, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB by 2pm Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the

Lochavullin, Oban; The Lochaber Times, High Street, Fort William; The Campbeltown Courier, Main Street, Campbeltown; The Argyllshire Advertiser, Argyll Street, Lochgilphead or the Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran by the same time. Otherwise all entries

Competition rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of

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per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball. If the crosses overlap the entry will be void.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

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

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

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INSIDETHIS WEEK:

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True grit shown as Pupils win in front of cameras

Campbeltown Pupils

SAFL Premier Division One

Campbeltown penned their dream script for the watching cameras last Saturday as they sealed a battling victory away to Neilston.

off with BBC Setting Scotland's A View from the Terrace production team recording their mammoth journey from Kintyre to East Renfrewshire, the Pupils were word perfect as they held on to a slender lead for more than an hour, against their determined hosts, and a gusting second-half headwind.

Starting the match in a more direct 4-4-2 - and with the strong prevailing wind from the incoming Storm Ciara behind them – the Pupils went close when Ryan Deans drove a powerful shot from the edge of the box to force a save from the Neilston keeper.

The McFadyens-sponsored Pupils took full advantage of the conditions with 25 minutes played when John McCallum, playing at right midfield, gambled on Keith Mitchell's right-footed ball forward and guided a delicate lob into the Neilston net to make it 1-0.

The Pupils were enjoying the lion's share of possession and the Neilston keeper was again scrambling when Deans unleashed another high curling shot which rattled the crossbar.

Stuart Crossan, playing at 4-2-3-1 against an embold-right-back, linked well with ened Neilston side who had McCallum and the pair along with Liam Renton combined to create a chance for striker Gregor Croll but a Neilston defender cleared at the last moment.



Goalkeeper Alasdair Ferguson played his part in the Pupils victory.

But with the half-time score 1-0, the visitors from Kintyre would have to defend a slender lead for 45 minutes and switched to a more compact ened Neilston side who had the now-strengthening gusts at their backs.

However, the Pupils' young centre-half pairing of Lee Allen and Ross Souden, with a combined age of just 40, stood firm against Neilston's forays forward, and helped ensure another clean sheet for the Feathers-Inn sponsored Pupils, and an excellent record of seven goals conceded across nine league matches

Pupils goalkeeper Alasdair Ferguson played his part, too, staying alert late on to prevent a swirling Neilston delivery finding the net straight from a corner, punching the ball clear with a mass of players crowding the penalty area.

And just as they saw the Pupils' travel and match-day build-up, and the tension of a tight game, producers for the Scottish football show witnessed final-whistle joy as the visitors recorded a welcome win on the road.

A View from the Terrace will air the Pupils' away trip to Neilston on the evening of Friday February 28, on BBC Scotland, Sky channel 115.

Meanwhile, the Pupils are back in action tomorrow (Saturday) when they welcome Argyll rivals Dunoon for a league match.

Kick-off is 2pm, with Kintyre Park the expected venue. For more information see Campbeltown Football on Facebook or @PupilsAFC on







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