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# Author signs a six-book deal with top publisher

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Readers will be able to delve even more deeply into the trials and tribulations of beloved fictional character DCI Daley as the book series' Campbeltown-born and bred author has signed a six-book deal with Scotland's largest independent publisher.

Polygon revealed this week that it has acquired six new titles by Denzil Meyrick, who is Scotland's internationally bestselling crime author, from Jo Bell at Bell Lomax Moreton agency.

Denzil Meyrick will pen three novels and three novellas which are to appear from the in print between Christmas 2020 and 2022.

Mr Meyrick's DCI Daley series has sold one million copies worldwide across all formats, including print, eBook and audio, making him Polygon's top-selling crime writer and the bestselling Scottish crime writer published by a Scottish press.

The series is set in fictional Kinloch, based on Mr Meyrick's home-town, and has won acclaim for its authenticity in accurate police procedural, gritty humour and ingenious plotting.

DCI Jim Daley first arrived in rural Kinloch from the mean streets of Glasgow in *Whisky from Small Glasses* (2012), and he found a community packed with strong characters and buried secrets.

#### Firm favourites

Since then, characters such as DS Brian Scott and the inscrutable old fisherman Hamish have become firm favourites with readers and listeners across the globe.

Denzil, who now lives on Loch Lomondside with his wife Fiona, told the *Courier* this week that it was hugely important to him to promote Campbeltown, the town which inspired Kinloch.

He said: 'I'm always promoting Campbeltown - I do it everywhere I go, all over the world. People still regularly tell me that they visited

Campbeltown after reading the DCI Daley books.'

Kintyre readers are also enthusiastic about the series, with queues to get in and extra seats added to venues at the local launch of the seventh instalment, *A Breath on Dying Embers*, in July last year.

Mr Meyrick added: 'I'm delighted to be able to bring more DCI Daley stories to the world via the team at Polygon. It has proven to be a great partnership. I'm also really pleased to have the chance to write more about Sandy Hoynes and the young Hamish in the novellas. Kinloch forever!'

Alison Rae, managing editor at Polygon, said: 'We are thrilled with this signing. It signals a real commitment to Denzil and his exceptional crime writing.'

Excitement is building towards the appearance of the series' eighth instalment, *Jeremiah's Bell*, which is available to pre-order ahead of its release on June 4.

## Campbeltown Brass are 'ambassadors for music'



Stephanie Mitchell, centre, with Neil Boyle and Anne Paterson, who presented the award.

The young musicians of Campbeltown Brass have been described as 'real ambassadors for music for Argyll and Bute' by the council's head of education.

Anne Paterson paid tribute to the band af-

ter presenting its musical director, Stephanie Mitchell, with the Youth Arts Award, which was sponsored by Anne, at the recent Argyll and Bute Youth Awards.

For the full story, turn to page three.



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## POLICE FILES

## Shoplifting

A pensioner was arrested by police who were called to Campbeltown's Co-op store on Saturday evening. It is alleged the 74-year-old stole alcohol and when police attended the scene he became abusive and resisted arrest.

The man was charged with the offences and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

## Windows smashed

Following the report of a disturbance on Ralston Road, Campbeltown, early on Sunday morning, a 29-year-old man was arrested and charged with allegedly smashing a car window and a house window. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

## Routine check

When police stopped a car for a routine check on Bengullion Road, Campbeltown, last Sunday morning they discovered the driver, a 60-year-old man, allegedly did not have a

valid driving licence or insurance for the vehicle. He was charged with the offences and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

## Drug driving

A car crashed off the road on the A83 shortly after midnight on Wednesday last week.

One of the passengers, a 16-year-old girl, was found to be in possession of cannabis and was issued with a recorded police warning.

The driver was arrested for failing a roadside drug test and a blood sample was taken for analysis.

## Car damaged in collision

Police on Islay are investigating an incident on Tuesday afternoon last week on the A846 between Islay Airport and Bowmore.

A Vauxhall Meriva had its wing mirror damaged after being in a collision with a blue Peugeot car.

The driver of the Peugeot failed to stop or report the matter.

## New homes for young and old planned for Gigha

Helping people young and old stay on the island they love is at the heart of new plans for Gigha.

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust has appointed Collective Architecture to work with the community on plans for a new housing and hub development.

The new homes will be specifically designed to help older residents stay on the island, rather than go to sheltered accommodation on the mainland, and younger people to be able to rent their first homes.

## Services

The chosen site at Ardmish is close to all island services and by combining housing for young and old people around a central hub, this development aims to help foster the spirit of inter-generational living on the island.

Trust chairman Ian Wilson said: 'This is a really exciting opportunity for Gigha. We



Trust chairman Ian Wilson, right, with members of the Gigha community and directors and staff on a visit to an assisted living complex on the Isle of Gigha. The trip was funded through the Community Learning Exchange programme by Scottish Community Alliance.

have young people that are looking to stay on the island or return with job opportunities for them, but a lack of suitable, affordable housing is stopping them from doing this.

'Including housing suitable for young people to rent, together with specially designed housing for older neighbours with different needs, will be a real step forward in meeting the needs of our community.'

'The plans also include a space for young people to come together to do sport and other activities, as well as a new area for older people

to meet and chat and have services delivered.'

Chris Stewart from Collective Architecture said: 'We are delighted to be working with the community on the Isle of Gigha on this important project.'

'Our experiences during the recent Scottish Government Housing 2040 travelling exhibition highlighted just how significant the role of housing, in particular affordable housing, plays in the economies of Scotland's island communities.'

Chris added: 'Collective Architecture enjoys

long-standing working relationships with Argyll and the Isle of Bute, where we completed their award-winning recycling centre and re-purposed their B-listed council chambers.

'We look forward to working with the community on the Isle of Gigha with whom we share a passion for collaboration and sustainability.'

Collective Architecture will also be looking at plans for the restoration of the renowned Achamore Gardens.

The first stage will look at improvements to car parking, access and garden structures.

## Get youngsters more involved, say ACHA tenants

Involving young people, improving performance and investing in homes were the themes for this year's Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) annual Tenants and Members Conference.

The conference was held in Inveraray last week.

The session on involving young people included presentations from Iona MacDonald and Hannah Nicolson, trainees with ACHA and Argyll and Bute Council respectively.

## Well received

Their experiences of what worked for young people and needed to be considered were well received by the conference.

Workshops based around

the three themes were discussed, with recommendations agreed.

These were sent to the ACHA board's strategic planning days on Wednesday and Thursday this week as priorities to consider as ACHA moves forward.

The themes for next year's conference were also agreed by this year's conference and will focus on how the association handles customer complaints, improving and maintaining estates and how to reduce household fuel costs.

Alastair MacGregor, ACHA's chief executive, said at the end of the conference: 'This is a key event in ACHA's calendar involving our tenants and members debating

and setting priorities. Hearing the perspective of Iona and Hannah in involving young people was extremely helpful for our work to include young people more within ACHA.'

## First time

Iona added: 'This was my first time attending an ACHA Tenants and Members Conference and my first time presenting.'

'I thought it was a great way to interact with tenants and members. Our presentation was about ACHA involving young people.'

'The attendees welcomed this idea and we received some really good suggestions and feedback.'

'Everyone was very positive and friendly. I had a great day.'

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Wed, 4 Mar 2020	11:55	08:55	14:25			
Thu, 5 Mar 2020				13:17	10:17	15:47
Fri, 6 Mar 2020				14:36	11:36	17:06
Sat, 7 Mar 2020				15:33	12:33	18:03
Sun, 8 Mar 2020				16:20	13:20	18:50
Mon, 9 Mar 2020				17:03	14:03	19:33
Tue, 10 Mar 2020				17:45	14:45	20:15
Wed, 11 Mar 2020				18:28	15:28	20:58
Thu, 12 Mar 2020						
Fri, 13 Mar 2020	07:41	04:41	10:11			
Sat, 14 Mar 2020	08:28	05:28	10:58			
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Tue, 17 Mar 2020	11:36	08:36	14:06			
Wed, 18 Mar 2020				13:01	10:01	15:31
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Sat, 21 Mar 2020				15:54	12:54	18:24
Sun, 22 Mar 2020				16:34	13:34	19:04
Mon, 23 Mar 2020				17:09	14:09	19:39
Tue, 24 Mar 2020				17:40	14:40	20:10
Wed, 25 Mar 2020				18:08	15:08	20:38
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Sun, 29 Mar 2020	08:52	05:52	11:22			
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# Campbeltown Brass wins Argyll Youth Arts Award

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The musical director of Campbeltown Brass said it was a 'great privilege' to accept the Youth Arts Award on behalf of the band at the recent Argyll and Bute Youth Awards.

Stephanie Mitchell was presented with the trophy by Argyll and Bute Council's head of education Anne Paterson, who sponsored the arts category, and Neil Boyle, an award-winning film-maker, at a ceremony in Dunoon earlier this month.

Stephanie said: 'This award is personal for me as I began my journey with Campbeltown Brass in 2000. The band has played a large role in my career and I am still passionate about keeping the band going from strength to strength.'

She explained Campbeltown

Brass has grown into a three-tier organisation, beginning with children as young as seven, up to adults, and is a big part of the community.

She added: 'As many will know, the arts are being cut across the board so we are grateful to have the support of players, parents and the community to keep the band going.'

Campbeltown Brass picked up one of only 10 awards at the prestigious ceremony at Queens Hall which featured a reception with soft drinks and canapés before the awards were presented.

Anne Paterson, head of education, said: 'I was so delighted to award Stephanie the trophy for Campbeltown Brass Band. You are real ambassadors for music for Argyll and Bute.'

Argyll and Bute Council's deputy policy lead for education Councillor Keiron Green

also attended the event.

He said: 'Our children and young people are a true credit to Argyll and Bute and I felt humbled to attend the awards.'

'Every day they are making outstanding contributions to our communities and events such as this lets them, and everyone else, see how valued they really are. Congratulations.'

Award winners were: Duke of Edinburgh Outstanding Achievement Award: Oban High School's Support Department; Unsung Hero Award sponsored by McLay Glass: Josh Blair, Lochgilphead; Youth Environment Award sponsored by ACT: Hermitage Academy Eco Schools Group, Helensburgh; Youth Sporting Award sponsored by Live Argyll: Mollie Aiken, Bute; Youth Entrepreneur Award sponsored by SAMTEQ: Shanice Honeyman, Lochgilphead; Youth Volunteering Award sponsored by John Brown of Strone: SOAP, Dunoon; Youth Arts Award sponsored by Anne Paterson: Campbeltown Brass Band; Health and Well-being Award sponsored by NHS Health and Well-being: Freya Kennedy-Boyle, Bute; Youth Citizenship Award sponsored by Gateway: Rosie Sumsion, Helensburgh; and Special Contribution Awards: Hannah Nicolson and Stephanie Thomas.



Stephanie Mitchell accepted the Youth Arts Award on behalf of Campbeltown Brass.

## 'Difficult decisions' to be made as council sets budget

A council tax increase was on the table for councillors when they met to set Argyll and Bute's budget for 2020/21 yesterday (Thursday).

But residents may not be hit with as big a jump in rates as people in Glasgow and Edinburgh, who have been handed an increase of nearly five per cent in their bills.

A report for Argyll and Bute Council's full meeting to set its budget assumed a three per cent increase for the coming year.

It is added, though, that council tax rates are for members to decide, and an increase of up to 4.84 per cent is also on the table.

Savings options such as school crossing patrols, primary school pupil support assistants and public toilets were all under scrutiny ahead of the council meeting.

The report for the meeting, by interim executive director Kirsty Flanagan, stated: 'Between 2017/18 and 2019/20 councils had the discretion to increase

council tax by a maximum of three per cent each year.

'In 2019/20 this was changed to allow councils the flexibility to increase the council tax by three per cent in real terms, which equated to 4.79 per cent in 2019/20.'



Aileen Morton.

'A letter from the Minister of Public Finance and Digital Economy, dated February 6 2020, confirmed that flexibility would continue in 2020/21 meaning local authorities, for 2020/21, can increase council tax up to a maximum of three per cent in real terms (4.84 per cent cash).

'This report assumes a three per cent increase based on the assumption in the mid-range scenario, however, setting the council tax is a decision for the council to take as part of the budget setting process.'

'In terms of the future years, I have assumed no increase in the worst case scenario, a three per cent increase in the mid-range scenario and a 4.84 per cent increase in the best case scenario.'

Meanwhile, council leader Aileen Morton described this year's budget-setting process as 'even harder' than in previous years.

Speaking the day before the council meeting, she said: 'Yet again the Scottish Government has cut our funding for core services and that means, yet again, we're having to look at making some very difficult decisions.'

'Despite that though, we want to do everything we possibly can to protect services that our communities tell us they care most about, particularly those that impact on our children and young people. That's a key priority area for us in this budget. This administration has always faced up to difficult decision-making as positively as we can and this year is no different.'

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# Group a stepping stone to healthy bodies and minds

A new community walking group is leading the way to healthy bodies and minds.

Founded by chairwoman Gail McKay, Mind Over Miles Campbeltown is open to everyone with the aim

of completing many of the renowned walks throughout Campbeltown and Kintyre.

As well as walking, the group wants to get everyone talking - encouraging people to focus on mental and

physical health. Its mantra is: 'Healthy, active bodies and healthy, active minds'.

Gail said: 'Being physically active and connecting with nature and other people are the ingredients of Mind Over Miles.'

'It has been proven all these things have a positive impact on mental health and well-being.'

## Benefit

'We know people benefit physically, emotionally and mentally once they start to walk regularly outdoors. Walking can improve mood and sleep quality and reduce stress and anxiety.'

Organisers say Mind Over Miles is a stepping stone to helping everyone improve their mental health through walking and tackling social isolation in the community.

The walks are for everyone - meaning males and females



The Mind Over Miles committee, from left: Tracy Chambers, Eilidh Smith, Malina McAulay, Alison Kelly, Gail McKay and Alison McGrory. KC\_c09mindovermiles02



Most of the walkers who joined Sunday's outing to Glen Lussa power station.

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are welcome to join them. 'We only ask that if you are thinking about joining us on walks you do a bit of planning first,' said Gail. 'Make sure you have suitable footwear and clothes - boots or wellies and plenty layers. Waterproofs are essential.'

'We aim to do lots of different walks and some will be more strenuous than others.'

In January, 18 people walked to Killypole Loch above Machrihanish and a brief respite from this month's storms allowed a four-mile walk from Peninver to Glen Lussa power station on Sunday.

Twenty-five people joined that walk with numbers increasing through word of mouth.

The best way to keep in touch with the group's activities is through its Facebook group where walks will be promoted and the hope is once the weather improves there will be many more dates in the diary.

'We will hopefully continue to achieve great walks and along the way make great friends,' added Gail.

## Help health and social care and have your say

If you are an unpaid carer, a community council member or use health and social care services, there is a role you can play to help plan for them in Argyll and Bute.

Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland work together as the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

They need to find people to serve on their locality planning groups (LPG) and the integrated joint board (IJB) which plan, run and resource the services.

The service is divided into four groups, Bute and Cowal, Helensburgh and Lomond, Oban, Lorn and Isles and Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands.

These groups bring together NHS and council staff, community members, carers, representatives from the third and independent sectors and

community-based groups who work together to improve the health and well-being of the community in which they live.

Each planning group needs a voluntary carer and a community councillor - could you help?

You must be able to commit to four meetings a year and these each last approximately two hours.

### Members

Argyll and Bute IJB is looking for unpaid carers and service users to become board members.

The board comprises Argyll and Bute elected councillors, NHS Highland board members, stakeholder groups, third and independent sectors, patients and service users, trade union staff and carers.

You need to be able to commit to attend and participate in six board meetings and up to six board development sessions in a year.

As well as this you will attend and participate in the business committees of the IJB as appointed by the board with a further time commitment of between four to six meetings a year.

This all includes undertaking personal preparation prior to the meetings including identifying any issues in advance of the meeting.

For more information and how to apply, email Charlotte Craig, business improvement manager, at charlotte.craig@argyll-bute.gov.uk or telephone 01436 658839.

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# Church thanks session clerk for 32 years' work

Southend Parish Church thanked Neil Ronald for 32 years of service as the session clerk at its service on Sunday.

Incoming session clerk Malcolm Ronald presented



Emma Barbour presents Jen Ronald with a gift and flowers.

Neil with a certificate, a presentation Bible and a glass picture, as well as giving the thanks of the whole congregation for his guidance and hard work over the years.

Church minister Reverend Steve Fulcher told the Courier: 'Neil has been a superb session clerk, a tremendous support to me and the other three ministers he has worked with in Southend.'

The support of Neil's wife Jen over all of those years was also acknowledged on Sunday as Emma Barbour presented her with a gift and flowers.

Neil is not disappearing from the church though as he will continue as roll-keeper and elder.



Neil and Jen Ronald with Malcolm Ronald, who is taking over as session clerk.

## Were you bullied working for NHS Highland?

NHS Highland has launched a questionnaire for past and present members of its workforce across Argyll and Bute to try and discover the extent of bullying, harassment and inappropriate behaviour people have experienced during their employment.

A market research organisation called Progressive Partnership has been brought in to design and carry out what NHS Highland is calling a culture review and report back on the findings.

Fiona Hogg, director of human resources for NHS Highland, said: 'The questionnaire has been designed around the needs of Argyll and Bute, as per the suggestion in the Sturrock Report, and is open to NHS Highland colleagues, past and present, from the area.'

'The findings will help NHS Highland to ensure it takes the right action to encourage reporting and address the causes of bullying and inappropriate



behaviour.' The easily accessible online questionnaire can be filled in from a phone, tablet or personal computer and it will be open for six weeks.

Progressive Partnership will be collating all the information received from the questionnaire and it is anticipated the final report will be published in late April.

The questionnaire will stay open until Friday March 27 and can be accessed online at <https://bit.ly/2vJ6UU3>

If you would like to complete a paper copy, you can request one by emailing [info@progressivepartnership.co.uk](mailto:info@progressivepartnership.co.uk) or phone Progressive on 0131 316 1900.

## Kintyre Gin wins silver in Scottish survey

The team at Beinn an Tuirc Distillery, where Kintyre Gin is made, is celebrating coming second in a poll to find the nation's favourite gin.

The Scottish Gin Society customer survey is one of the industry's biggest samples of public taste and choice in gin drinking and Kintyre Gin held onto its place as one of the favourites.

Niall Macalister Hall,

director at Beinn an Tuirc Distillery, told the Courier: 'We were absolutely delighted Kintyre Gin achieved second place in the Scottish Gin Society Survey for the second year running.'

'It feels even more special this year given the large increase in voter numbers in this consumer poll and the vast array of Scottish gins on the market.'

He added: 'There was no change at the top with the inimitable Harris Gin taking gold for the third year running but it was lovely to see the wonderful Rock Rose in third place this year.'

'We feel privileged to share the podium with these giants of Scottish gin and are delighted Kintyre Gin is still Scotland's second favourite.'

'With even more Scottish craft gins on the market, and with the quality higher than ever, this is an amazing achievement for our wee distillery.'

### Loyal following

The Scottish Gin Society said smaller gin brands enjoyed success throughout the survey, reflecting the loyal following of many smaller brands and the diverse landscape of the Scottish gin industry.

A society spokesperson said: 'The poll shows the wonderful diversity that exists in the Scottish gin industry, with thousands of the votes cast supporting some of the smaller and more rural distilleries as well as some of the big names.'



Beinn an Tuirc Distillery director Niall Macalister Hall.

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## Celebrating culture

Hats off to Denzil Meyrick and Campbeltown Brass who feature on this week's front page.

Both author Denzil and the musicians of the band are artists in their own right and their success after years of hard work has yielded great rewards and is cause for celebration for the whole community.

Kintyre has a long history of producing renowned authors, musicians, artists and dancers, and has earned a reputation as a cultural centre from which many performing artists come.

Argyll and Bute Council was due to set its budget for 2020/21 yesterday.

Funding to the arts in education is often one of the first areas to be targeted when councils face tough financial decisions. We hope Argyll and Bute Council realises the importance of investing in our young people's artistic talents.

According to the art gallery institution Tate, learning through and about the arts enriches the experience of studying while at school as well as preparing students for life after school, and helps to develop critical thinking, so why are the arts often the first subjects to be cut?

## Shipyard site is an eyesore

The article in the Courier reminiscing on the past events at Campbeltown Shipyard was very interesting.

However, it has remained almost derelict for more than 20 years and is nothing more than an eyesore with rubbish, overgrown vegetation and crumbling surfaces. It also tends to be a large dog toilet.

I see the owners of the site were in attendance at the opening of the exhibition and perhaps rather than looking back at past events they could explain what, if anything, is going to happen to the site moving forward.

It would be interesting to know.

**Keith Abendroth,**  
Loch View Avenue,  
Campbeltown.

## Underfunding police while giving prisoners right to vote

The SNP is failing our police officers.

The separatists are putting the public at risk by failing to properly fund Police Scotland. The force is facing cuts after the SNP budget left it millions of pounds short. Police Scotland is in crisis, with stations crumbling and a lack of funds to properly support officers.

Nicola Sturgeon is putting the public at risk. We would give front-line policemen the resources they need to keep us safe.

To make matters worse the SNP recently

passed legislation to give prisoners the right to vote. If someone is convicted of a crime they should be punished and that includes losing the right to vote.

This disgraceful move will see prisoners able to take part in campaigns when they should be facing up to their crimes. This is nothing but a cynical attempt to appeal to a new set of voters. The SNP should be ashamed of itself.

The separatists are not only cutting resources to our policemen but are rewarding prisoners with the right to vote.

We in Scotland want the rule of law to be enforced and criminals to face real punishment.

**Councillor Alastair Redman,**  
Kintyre and the Islands.

## Could Chinese provide solution for Rest and Be Thankful?

Jim Moran's letter regarding the non solution to the landslides on the A83 highlights just how little is being done to rectify this worrying problem.

Over the last few years we have had landslides taking place during the day and night and we have been lucky so far in that no one has been killed.

However we all know that luck doesn't last for ever and I sadly feel that it will take a landslide which causes fatalities before a 100 per cent effort is made to solve the problem.

Mr Moran mentioned the HS2 and its cost. The Chinese Government has reportedly said

it will complete the work cheaper and quicker than the present contractors.

Let us not forget that they have just built a massive hospital in 11 days to help them cope with the coronavirus and so why don't we invite them to view the Rest and Be Thankful and see what solution they could come up with?

To me it makes sense, to others it may sound stupid, but not as stupid as a bridge to Northern Ireland.

**Geoff Bell,**  
Kilkerran Road,  
Campbeltown.

## Cemetery maintenance was too late for dad to visit

My father Harold Martin wrote to you in September 2019. He also contacted the local council.

He had been on holiday in Campbeltown and went to visit his grandfather Duncan Martin's grave in Kilchousland Cemetery but he was unable to because it was completely overgrown with brambles.

My father said in his letter that it was possibly his last visit. Sadly my father died on January 23, therefore, he never got the chance to return to his grandfather's resting place.

I know he received an email from someone from the council saying the graveyard had been tidied but unfortunately it was too late for him.

**Angela Hill,**  
West Kilbride.

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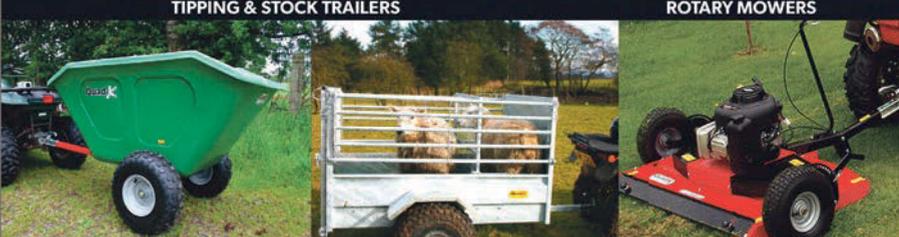
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### Help me trace Margaret (Maggie) Leyden

I hope your readers can help. I am an Australian who shared a flat with Maggie Leyden in Edinburgh circa 1970/71.

I have lost touch with Maggie and wondered if anybody would know where she is now?

Maggie originally came from Campbeltown and I have fond memories of sharing a Christmas there with her family while I was in Scotland. Her maiden name was Leyden and she may have changed it since.

My husband and I are visiting Scotland later in the year and would love to catch up.

I would really appreciate it if anyone with information could contact me by emailing [halbeth@gmail.com](mailto:halbeth@gmail.com)

**Beth (Robinson) Hall,**  
Australia.

### It's time to demand earlier diagnosis for ovarian cancer

My mother, the actress Marjie Lawrence, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer just three weeks before she died. This was in 2010 and she had been tireless in her search for a diagnosis from her GP and specialists to whom she was referred.

If you believe in a future where every woman diagnosed with ovarian cancer has the best chance of survival, please sign our call to action.

**Sarah Greene,**  
Target Ovarian Cancer patron.

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph, from Peninver resident Matt Mcphee, shows that even during a storm, there can be beauty. Matt took this photograph from the front window of his house a couple of weeks ago, during Storm Ciara.

'There was a very high tide because of the storm,' he said, 'but it was the palm tree between the rainbows that caught my eye.'

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

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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

Friday February 26, 2010

Campbeltown needs you to map out the future

A new and unique map to capture Campbeltown through the ages and assist in regeneration and community planning is being created.

Mapping the Future is the first of its kind to be done in the west of Scotland and involves putting people's memories and experiences of Campbeltown on a map.

The group has chosen six adults and six teenagers to get involved in the workshops throughout February to look at their memories and see what the similarities are between the different age groups through photographs and video.

Pamela Galbraith, of Mapping the Future, has carried out presentations at the Kintyre Initiative Working Group and Campbeltown Community Council to try and drum up names of those interested in taking part and inform the community what the team is doing.



Mapping the future in Campbeltown in February 2010 were, from left: William McAllister with Lucy McEachan and Catriona Duffy of Creative Frontline, and Cathie Duncan.

near the Baltic coast of Latvia were visiting Campbeltown Police Office to investigate Strathclyde's way of policing. The group spent the week visiting police offices throughout Argyll and Bute as part of a month-long whistle-stop tour of the region – with the aim of taking home a few handy hints.

CID Inspectors Olga Kuzmina and Leonid Pugo, both 30, were accompanied on their visit by CID Chief Inspector Sergey Larin, 35.

The fourth member of the group, Elita Nimande, 30, a police officer in the Latvian Ministry of the Interior, acted as interpreter. They were accompanied by Argyll and Bute Traffic Inspector Paul Macfarlane.

Elita said: "The system of computers here is so much more advanced – in Latvia we spend a lot of time on the telephone trying to get information before we can start to deal with the crime."

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday February 26, 1970

Dunaverty takes top drama honour

The winning team in this year's drama festival was Dunaverty Players, who performed "The man who wouldn't go to heaven" on Thursday night. The producer, Mr Angus MacVicar, accepted the Rex Trophy from Mrs John Anderson, wife of the vice-chairman of the local branch of the Scottish Community Drama Association.

Clachan Players came second. Mrs Ruth Pollock, co-producer of "The friends of the people", was presented with the Charteris Trophy.

In third place was Campbeltown Youth Club, who performed "Pullman Car Hiawatha" with a cast of 33 players...and a dog. The producer was Mr James Thompson.

Referring to Miss Rosemary Robertson, a young member of the Youth Club team, Mr Kenneth Roy, the adjudicator at the festival, said: "I think Campbeltown has a professional player in the making." Mr Roy had watched Miss Robertson in her role in "Pullman Car Hiawatha". He remarked that she had delivered a "sensitive piece of acting".

Mr Roy mentioned the players who most impressed him during the three nights of the festival.

He recalled the performance of Rosemary Robertson, Morag Grumoli (Dunaverty Players), Jenny Black (Peninver Players), Liz Dale (Clachan Players) and Irene Burgess (Tayvallich Drama Club).

## ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday February 28, 1920

Gigha Parish Church

Presentation to Rev Don Macfarlane, M.A.

A unique event in the history of the Parish Church of Gigha took place on the evening of the 17th inst., in the schoolroom, when a public meeting was held, the occasion being the presentation of a testimonial to the respected and beloved minister of the parish, to whose efficient ministrations the people owe so much. The Rev A Anderson, Clachan, presided over a large and enthusiastic audience.

Mr Isaac Love, treasurer, said that some time ago a meeting was held to consider a wide-spread feeling in the congregation that something should be done in the way of giving the members and adherents an opportunity of showing their sincere regard and high appreciation of Mr and Miss Macfarlane's work among the people. As a result, a scheme was set on foot which met with a hearty and liberal response from every home in the island.

Mr John Wotherspoon, elder, in making the presentation to the Rev Mr Macfarlane, said he thanked all for the great honour that had been conferred on him to present Mr Macfarlane a token of appreciation of his faithful services since he came to Gigha. He believed that the people of Gigha did the best day's work they ever did when they elected Mr Macfarlane to be their minister. It was over 12 years since that important occasion, and the people of Gigha had no reason to regret their choice, because they an ideal parish minister.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday March 3, 1995

Cops come in from the cold

Campbeltown's 'Boys in Blue' were investigated by a team of Latvian CID officers last week.

But there's no need to worry – no crime has been committed.

The four CID officers from the city of Riga



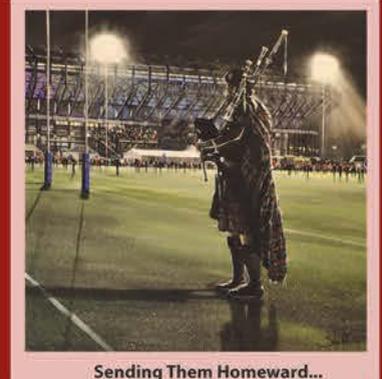
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### Who all remembers Babettes?

At least two decades after Babettes Dance Hall was redeveloped for housing, members of the community still have fond memories of the popular social space which, as well as hosting many a tea dance, gave young ladies and gentlemen a platform on which to develop their artistic talents.

Sisters Ella and Mary

McSporran and their friend Barbara certainly made the most of Babettes dance classes in the mid to late '50s along with hundreds of other youngsters who have fond memories of their instructor, despite the threat of her rather large stick.

#### Decades

Ella and Mary's sister, Rita Lawson, handed in the photographs to remind people

of the venue which played host to weddings, dances and discos throughout the decades.

Ella is now Mrs Burns and lives with her husband and family in Corby while Mary sadly died in 2012.

Barbara, now Mrs McEachran, lives with her husband and family in Campbeltown as does Rita herself.



Dancing queens Ella McSporran, left, and her sister Mary with their friend Barbara McEachran.

### Dancing down memory lane

While numerous youngsters perfected their dance moves at Babettes Dance Hall in the past, many now learn the art at James McCorkindale's School of Dancing.

This photograph shows several members of the school, alongside members of other

dance schools, at a competition in the 1990s.

One of the dancers in the photograph believes it may have been taken at Inveraray Highland Games around 1998 but if anyone knows the exact venue or date, please get in touch.



Members of the James McCorkindale School of Dancing are, back row, far left, Elaine Paterson; back row, second right, Karen Johnston née Colville; front row, far left, Jane Robertson née McIlchere; front row, second left, Jennifer McMillan; and front row, far right, Kirsteen Casey née Howell.

### Did you spot yourself in 1950s photo?

Jim McRobert, the man who submitted the 1953 school photograph which appeared in the Courier two weeks ago, has been contacted by some of his former classmates.

If anyone remembers Jim and would like to get in touch, email him at [j1m2mrobert@gmail.com](mailto:j1m2mrobert@gmail.com)



Dancing queens Ella McSporran, left, and Barbara, right.

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# Shipyard exhibition is flooded with visitors



Cousins Josh MacDonald, left, and Carys Martin, right, great-grandchildren of skipper James MacDonald, with former shipyard manager Leslie Howarth. KC\_c09tspschools01

South Kintyre Development Trust's Top Skippers' Choice exhibition, which showcased Campbeltown Shipyard Ltd at Campbeltown Town Hall last week, welcomed about 600 visitors from the town and further afield.

The exhibition, a snapshot of the project's extensive online archive, was host to visits from Castlehill and Dalintober primary schools, whose pupils were guided around by former shipyard employees, Leslie Howarth, Davie Anderson, Bobby Wylie and Adam McClelland.

#### Bespoke launch

The children from both schools were able to see the bespoke launch day bunting which they made in workshops with project coordinator Jan Nimmo, during the autumn term last year.

Some of the children continued to work with their class teachers on a shipyard theme and their work can be viewed on the Top Skippers' Choice website by visiting [www.campbeltown-shipyard.uk](http://www.campbeltown-shipyard.uk)

#### Commissioned

Among the children present from Dalintober were the great-grandchildren of skipper James MacDonald, who commissioned the first boat to be built at the Trench Point yard.

The 50-foot stern trawler, named Crimson Arrow by Mr MacDonald's wife Elizabeth, was launched 50 years ago this month.

Now that there are few signs left of the shipyard, a key aspect of the project has been to involve a new generation of Campbeltonians in exploring a piece of the town's history – and for many children their

own family history – that could all too quickly be forgotten.

The project would like to thank all the children and teachers for their involvement.



Dalintober pupils on a site visit to Trench Point with ex-shipyard worker Arthur Crossan. Photograph: Elspeth Campbell.

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Castlehill pupils with the bunting they made for the exhibition.



Pupils from Castlehill Primary School with former employees from the shipyard. KC\_c09tspschools02



Dalintober Primary School's pupils during their visit to the exhibition. KC\_c09tspschools03

## It has to be A2B!

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# Project gives 1000 voices to tackle Kintyre loneliness



The Spotlight Boogies were in harmony with the dancers at the Silver Steppers Tea Dance.



Robert McCallum encourages the dancers at the Silver Steppers Tea Dance.

A project aimed at tackling social isolation and loneliness in people aged 65 and above has teamed up with South Kintyre Seniors Forum (SKSF) to deliver a whole host of events over the coming months.

Headed up by Michele Prout, 1000 Voices is managed by Argyll and Bute TSI and offers a range of activities and events to encourage people to come together and create new memories.

Working closely with SKSF, a monthly calendar has been produced showing a multitude of pursuits that can be enjoyed by both groups.

'The 1000 Voices project is aimed at enabling people aged 65 or over to live in their own homes for longer and become less socially isolated, active and more involved with the community said project co-ordinator Michele

Prout. 'Activities include indoor archery with Kintyre Arrows and indoor shooting with Landrail Firearms.

'We are delighted to announce that we will be trying indoor carpet bowls in March, a totally different activity for us.'

In the second half of 2019 1000 Voices started to deliver Meet and Greet Tours, a monthly activity where members have a behind-the-scenes tour of local businesses and services.

'We have been very fortunate and welcomed by the RNLI, Campbeltown Police Station, Glen Scotia Distillery and Campbeltown Airport,' added Michele.

'This month's tour will be at Lorne and Lowland Church where we will be lucky enough to watch a U3A choir rehearsal.'

The group recently

worked with the choir and Campbeltown Grammar School to deliver a really successful Burns Musical Afternoon.

For those that like a bit of a boogie the Silver Steppers Tea Dance takes place quarterly. This has included entertainers such as the Spotlight Boogies and Robert McCallum.

Meet and Eat is a monthly group which meets up for lunch in a different establishment around the town, offering a chance to meet old friends for a natter or make new ones.

Most people enjoy going to the cinema with company and the Cinemates group visits the Picture House on a monthly basis to enjoy the latest films together.

Body Boosting Bingo is designed to aid strength and balance in later life. Just like bingo, every number called

corresponds to an exercise. These can be carried out seated or standing.

'It's really good fun and we have a laugh doing the exercises,' said Michele.

'I am very fortunate to have a dedicated team of volunteers to help support and take part in these events and activities and we try and make it fun and innovative for everyone.'

1000 Voices will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday, March 7 in the SKDT Hall (Old Red Cross) from 10am to noon. Admission is £2. This will include a raffle, tombola, book stall, home baking and refreshments.

For more information please contact Michele at Argyll and Bute TSI, Office 4 Hazelburn Business Park, Campbeltown 554744 or go to the 1000 Voices - Campbeltown page on Facebook.



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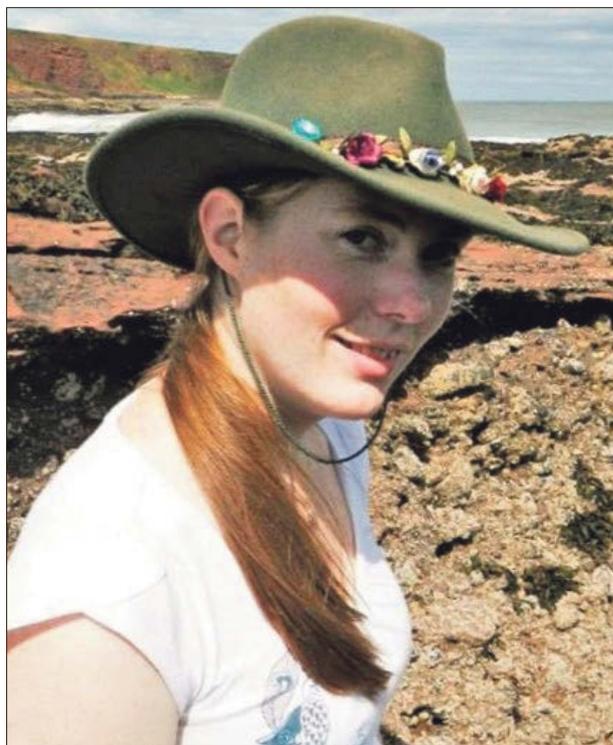
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# Making a splash at annual Porcupine conference



Those with an interest in marine biology are gearing up for an engaging weekend as the annual Porcupine Marine Natural History Society conference comes to Argyll.

Confirmed speakers for the two-day event being held at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS), at Dunstaffnage near Oban, include students, professional marine biologists and interested amateurs who are

**The GRAB Trust beaches and marine litter project officer Kerry Mackay will be speaking at this year's conference.**

covering an enticing variety of topics.

Everything from the latest research, conservation stories, taxonomy, and citizen science.

A flavour of the presentations that will be on offer are:

■ Education manager of the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust Pippa Garrad will be speaking as the trust celebrate 25 years of marine mammal conservation on the west coast of Scotland.

■ A talk about the east coast population of bottlenose dolphins will be given by Jack Lucas from St Andrews University Marine Mammal Unit.

■ Texa Sim, a PhD student at SAMS, will present information about the behaviour of harbour porpoises around fish farms.

■ The GRAB Trust's Kerry MacKay from the Beaches

and Marine Litter Project will speak about its work across Argyll, on community engagement and education to tackle marine litter.

■ Open Seas will talk about their case study from Gairloch around seabed protection.

■ Shane Wasik from Basking Shark Scotland will be talking



about its work studying feeding patterns and movements of basking sharks.

Other subjects being cov-

ered will highlight some of the work being carried out at SAMS by staff and students. They will present topics ranging from studies on copepods, marine worms, kelp and the responses of different rocky shore species to climate change.

Speakers from further afield will present studies carried out on the interactions between juvenile fish and jellyfish, on limpet behaviour in Orkney, green turtles, strandings of non-native molluscs on UK shores and a variety of other conservation related topics.

The conference will be held over March 14 and 15, with a field trip taking place on Friday March 13 at Clachan Seil. Bookings for the conference and field trip can be made on the Porcupine website: [pnmhs.co.uk/meetings/pnmhs-annual-conference](http://pnmhs.co.uk/meetings/pnmhs-annual-conference)

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Stella Green, 99, is a Specsavers home visits customer. Macular degeneration and cataracts have left her with impaired vision, which means she needs more support at home, so she's visited weekly by Royal Voluntary Service volunteer John Aylward.

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# Drama festival winners take a bow at the Victoria Hall



The winning Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club troupe on stage. KC\_c09dramafest01

The Victoria Hall was filled to capacity last weekend as the wonderfully responsive audience, who had battled gales, floods, sleet and hail to be there, were rewarded with three fantastic evenings of entertainment at the 71st annual Kintyre-Argyll District Drama Festival.

Teams - young and not so young - from all corners of Argyll gave excellent performances, bursting with youthful enthusiasm, music, dancing, spectacular sets, laughter, drama and tragedy.

This was proof Argyll abounds with creative talent. The festival's adjudicator was Dr Paul Dougall, formerly vice dean in the faculty of education at the University of Strathclyde and head of department of applied arts.

He has worked at festivals across Scotland and internationally for more than 40 years. His interest in drama and dance has been ongoing since his retirement, through his research activity and the dance studio he runs in his home town of Hamilton.

The winning team was Benderloch and North Connel, with Penguin Diplomacy, a funny play set on an island in the South Atlantic, excellently presented on all levels. The two-person troupe won three awards - first place, best stage presentation and highest marks for acting.

Second place went to Campbeltown's Accent Players, with comedy Young Souls, about odd experiments in a nursing home. The team was also presented with trophies for the highest marks for production and for the best comedy performance.

Peninver Players came third

with its hilarious production of Costa Del Packet, a tale of a group of ladies whose holiday in the sun turned out to be very different to what they expected.

Benderloch and North Connel presented another wonderful comedy, Rebel Alliance, about two wedding guests. This won the 'best moment of theatre' prize.

In the youth section, first place went to The No Refunds Theatre Company from Dunoon, with a powerful production of Chatroom by Enda Walsh. Difficult issues, such as online bullying, were tackled in an imaginative way.



Carradale Youth Drama Club also addressed difficult themes, sometimes through comedy, sometimes through drama, in their play Mountain High, by Dave Buchanan. This won them this year's new trophy, the Hilda McSparran Memorial Cup, for the most entertaining play.

Dalintober Drama Club's play, An Inspector Calls, was a joyous production, filled with songs and spectacular dance routines. The young cast members were praised for their excellent work.

S'DRAMash, a new junior team from Lochgilphead, presented a poignant play, Bye Baby Bunting, about children working in a coal mine in the 1830s. The production was

highly commended, particularly for the groupings and beautiful pictures created.

This year, four teams go through to the next round - two youth and two senior teams.

Benderloch and North Connel and Accent Players will appear in the Beacon Theatre, Greenock, from March 26 to 28, and No Refunds Theatre Company and Carradale Youth Drama Club will perform in the Queen's Hall, Dunoon, on April 18.

Prizewinners: First place, winning the Rex Trophy: Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club, Penguin Diplomacy by John Finnmore. Second place, winning the Charteris Rose Bowl: Accent Players, Campbeltown, Young Souls by Sally Brockway. Third place, winning the Dunaverty Trophy: Peninver Players, Costa Del Packet by Anthony Booth. Youth winners, winning the Galbraith Cup: The No Refunds Theatre Company, Chatroom by Enda Walsh. Best production, winning the Enniskillen Quach: Accent Players, Campbeltown, Young Souls by Sally Brockway. Best stage presentation, winning the Campbeltown Drama Club Trophy: Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club, Penguin Diplomacy by John Finnmore. Best moment of theatre, winning the Visitors' Quach: Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club, The Rebel Alliance by John Finnmore. Best comedy performance, winning the John Bryce Salver: Accent Players, Campbeltown, Young Souls by Sally Brockway. Team gaining the highest marks for acting, winning the Jenny Black Memorial Trophy: Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club, Penguin Diplomacy by John Finnmore. Most entertaining play, winning the Hilda McSparran Memorial Trophy: Carradale Youth Drama Club, Mountain High by Dave Buchanan.



Carradale Youth Drama Club, winners of the trophy for most entertaining play.

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First place in the youth section went to Dunoon-based No Refunds Theatre Company. KC\_c09dramafest03



Campbeltown troupe Accent Players won second place at the festival. KC\_c09dramafest04



A scene from Peninver Players' production of Costa Del Packet which won the group third place. KC\_c09dramafest05



Members of Dalintober Drama Club were praised for their impressive performance. KC\_c09dramafest06



A scene from Benderloch and North Connel's second festival entry. KC\_c09dramafest07



Lochgilthead-based S'DRAMash's performance was highly commended. KC\_c09dramafest08



The directors with their silverware. KC\_c09dramafest09



Sophie Caruana, left, and Angus Vajk, right, from the winning Benderloch and North Connel group, with director Mike Rowell, centre, and the team's prizes. KC\_c09dramafest10



Director Emma Cairns, left, with Carradale Youth Drama Club's Zoe Gosling and Lizzie Bell. The club won this year's new trophy, the Hilda McSporran Memorial Cup. KC\_c09dramafest11

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# Spring Weddings 2020

A spring wedding what could be nicer – after all the dark, drab days of winter to arrive at a church or venue with the grounds full of bulbs in bloom and trees in bud.

To see everyone in their bright wedding outfits and smart kilts, the bridal flowers and the rooms all decorated for the occasion.

We send our best wishes to all of you tying the knot at weddings and ceremonies this springtime. We hope you and your guests have a wonderful day and here are a few ideas and inspiration for those who will follow you, who are now planning their big day.



## Now is the time to get started

Argyll and Bute and Lochaber are such popular places to get married that it is important to start planning early.

If you want a spring wedding you need to be booking 12 months in advance – so start looking now.

Churches and venues, especially the popular ones, are starting to fill up with bookings, not just for the ceremonies themselves but for receptions and parties as well.

If your wedding is going to be planned around work or school holidays it is important that you act fast – especially if guests are coming from away and need to book accommodation. There will also be tourists on holiday as well and you want to make sure you get your first choice.

It is also wise to get your bookings sorted out as soon as possible for photographers, for stills and video, hair and beauty and cars. Make

sure you book your florist now as well.

Parking can be a problem, so it often makes sense to hire a minibus or coach, depending on the number of guests you have because space can be very limited around some village churches.

It is also a good time to start working on your draft guest list.

It is never too soon to start looking for your wedding dress.

Once you are sure you have the vital framework of your special day in place you can start to relax – slightly – and get down to the fun of choosing your invitations, theme, colours, menu the all important cake (traditional, chocolate, cupcakes or all three).

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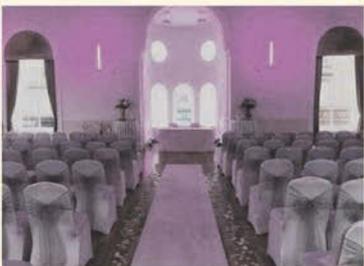
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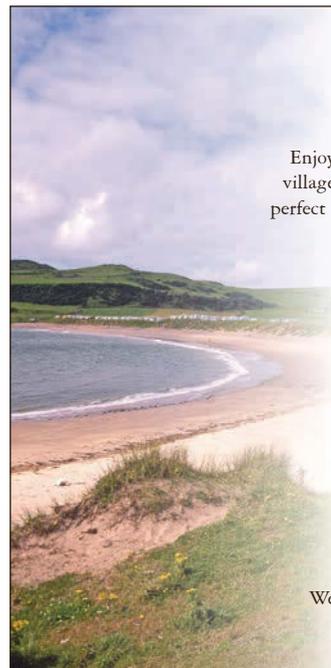
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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

## Youths make an impact at coffee morning

People of all ages rolled up their sleeves and helped out at a coffee morning in aid of one of Campbeltown's newest youth projects.

The Youth Impact fundraiser was held at the SKDT Hall in Kirk Street last Saturday.

Youth Impact was launched on April 3 2018 to offer help and support to Campbeltown's young people.

Led by project managers Lesley Renton and Phil Edwards, who previously worked together at Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service, Youth Impact caters for young people aged between 12 and 25.

There are different meeting times and workshops set up for 12 to 18-year-olds and 16 to 25-year-olds, catered to the needs of those attending. For example, during a stint of employment work-

shops, employers visited and spoke to the young people about their industries and what they look for in employees.

There are also drop-in sessions which can involve anything from playing pool or Playstation to doing homework and crafts.

All the money raised on Saturday will go towards the cost of new equipment and trips for the youngsters.



Yvonne Edwards, wife of project manager Phil, helped out with the bottle stall. KC\_09youthimpact03



Shanna Brown, Jenny Souden and Holli Allen behind the baking stall. KC\_09youthimpact01



Some of the visitors who enjoyed a catch-up at the coffee morning. KC\_09youthimpact04



Jessica Ferns and her dad, Lindsay, enjoy some refreshments at the coffee morning. KC\_09youthimpact02

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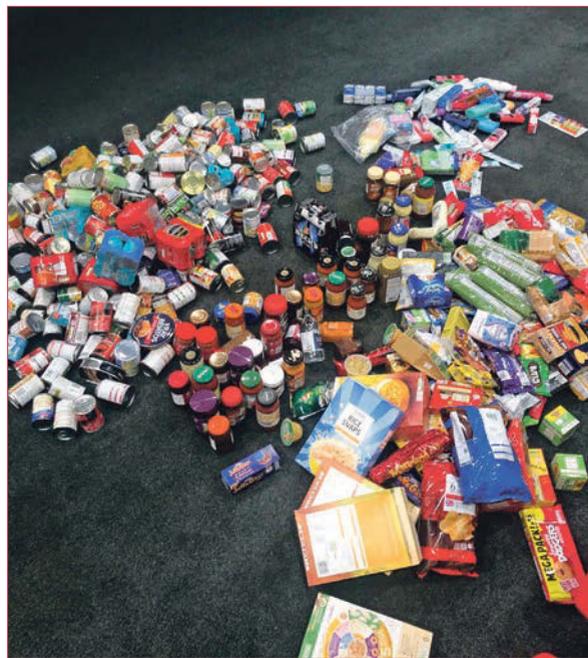
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# 'Cans' Film Festival helps restock food bank's shelves



The huge amount of donated food unpacked before being sorted and re-bagged by cinema staff.

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'I couldn't be happier with how the event went'

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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The world renowned Cannes Film Festival showcases movies of all genres from around the world but Campbeltown Picture House's inaugural 'Cans' Film Festival turned the spotlight on issues much closer to home.

On Sunday afternoon the cinema hosted a screening of perennial favourite *The Greatest Showman* in aid of Kintyre Food Bank – instead of paying for tickets, customers exchanged items of food for entry, with all the food then taken to the food bank.

Kintyre Food Bank, serving Campbeltown and the surrounding area, runs a referral scheme whereby anyone facing food poverty

can receive food parcels. The food bank's aim is to provide people with sufficient food to provide three meals for three days, for an individual, a couple, or a family.

Sunday's screening completely sold out screen one and generated a large amount of food for the charity.

Ellen Mainwood, general manager of Campbeltown Picture House, said: 'We were expecting people to be generous but were overwhelmed with the amount of food and toiletries that were donated.'

'People came along with carrier bags full of donations. Even people who didn't manage to secure tickets to the screening were dropping off donations.'

I couldn't be happier with how the event went. We hope

to make this an annual event.'

Lewis Nelson of Munch Café, which covered the licence cost of screening the film, said: 'I was really pleased to see just how much food was collected on Sunday and how well supported the event was. Hats off to Ellen for making it happen.'

Mary Anne Stewart, chairperson of Kintyre Food Bank, said: 'The generosity, as usual, from Campbeltown people was huge. I would like to express the thanks of the committee as well as the clients who use the food bank.'

Mrs Stewart also thanked everyone at the cinema and Lewis Nelson from Munch, without whom the screening would not have been possible. She added that there had been a huge increase week-on-week

in the number of people using the food bank. She estimates that a month ago about 10 people used its services each week; now that number is more than 30. She added that she believed delays and sanctions for those receiving Universal Credit was a reason for the increase in usage.

Mrs Stewart added that the food bank was always grateful for donations of in-date food items which could be placed in the designated baskets in the town's Tesco and Co-op stores. If anyone would like to visit the food bank at Unit 3, Mull of Kintyre Industrial Estate, Albyn Road, it is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 11am to noon. People can use its services once, after which a referral is needed.

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Campbeltown Picture House staff, from left, Jamie Field, Gemma Downie, Ellen Mainwood and Mhairi Hendrie with the donated food items. KC\_c09cansfest01



Martine Craig took her son Gregor and daughter Gemma to the screening. KC\_c09cansfest04



Gemma Hallmann and Sarah Ellis attended the charity event with their dad, James Herrod, and Gemma's sons, Cody and Dylan. KC\_c09cansfest06



Hollie McLean, photographed with her dad, Euan, and Ailsa Yuill, holds the bag of food she donated. KC\_c09cansfest03



Mirrin MacLennan and her mum, Aileen, donated a bag of food in exchange for tickets to see the film. KC\_c09cansfest05



Sophie Galbraith and Emma Ramsay hand their contributions over to cinema staff member Jamie Field. KC\_c09cansfest07

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Poet and student Shannon Ellis returned to her home town earlier this month to sign copies of her first published work.

Published by Riza Press, *Elements of an Adored Mind* explores the changing season's of a love story, as told through the metaphorical language of elements.

Shannon, who is studying English literature at university, launched her book in January and was thrilled to come back to Campbeltown to sign copies at The Old Bookshelf.

'I feel that it was a great success. I loved being able to hold my first ever signing in my home town, which has given me so much support over the past months of my book being planned and later released,' she said.

'Campbeltown has always been a place that champions local success and for my book,

people have not strayed from that tradition.

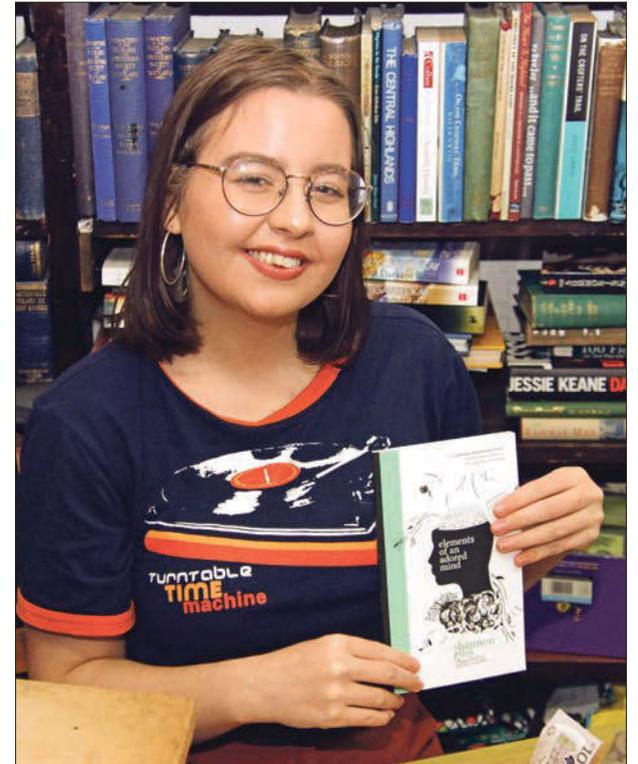
'I am humbled that my town is behind me in this endeavour and I feel it is so important to keep working with Campbeltown in mind as it is where I began.

'I also loved that the event was able to support a local business that is loved by many and one that includes many fond memories.

'All in all I think the signing was a fantastic experience and I couldn't have hoped for better.'

The book is illustrated by Ruben Ramires, a Portuguese-born artist based in Houston, Texas. Copies can be purchased from The Old Bookshelf in Cross Street.

**Talented wordsmith Shannon Ellis signed copies of her new book at The Old Bookshelf.** KC\_c07booksign02 and KC\_c09booksign01



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# Retirement – your time to shine

**After a lifetime of hard work and commitments – earning money, raising a family, guiding your children into adulthood and helping your own elderly parents – now comes the time to be, well, how shall we say it... a wee bit selfish.**

And if selfish is too strong a word, how about the idea of putting more emphasis on your own wants and needs.

Retirement today offers a world of choice – and that also includes the choice not to retire, or to work part-time; today you can decide when you want to move into this phase of life.

You might want to learn something new – for the sheer joy of studying a subject that has always fascinated you.

Or you might be in a position where the knowledge you have gained is much-needed and invaluable to others setting out in your career. Are your skills transferable and other people in different walks of life could benefit?

Perhaps you want to pursue your favourite sport – now is the time to perfect that golf swing; go walking long distance paths or trekking or longer sailing expeditions beckon. Now is the time to do it because now you have the time to do it!

After a lifetime of working to pay off your mortgage you might want to stay home and enjoy your house – after all, we do

live in one of the most beautiful parts of the world. Is it time to downsize, renovate or extend?

Are there hobbies that you have had to neglect because you have been working, now calling for you to take them up again?

You are also in a perfect position to lend a hand and volunteer – so many different organisations need your help, so may be your retirement won't be all about 'self' after all.

## Life changing

Retirement is one of those major points in our lives, just like starting work, changing jobs, marriage, moving house and the birth of our children.

And at times like these – or preparing for them – it is good to stop and take stock, reorganise or re-group.

Would you benefit from a good tidy out, Marie Kondo-style – lots of charity shops would welcome the extra stock!

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Shopper-Aide is a charity and limited company, established in April 2011, set up to provide a service which will benefit older people in Kintyre.

Our aim is to support older people to live independently at home by providing a service: shopping for their weekly grocery needs; doing jobs around the house; address the growing isolation that comes with weakening health.

Joan Stewart from Shopper-Aide said: 'Through my experiences I have found out that through volunteering, you get back a lot more than you give.' She added that 'by harnessing the skills and generosity of members of our local community we are providing those in need with help and hope'.

We have volunteering opportunities for social care experience; community work; IT skills, team work and delivery drivers.

Our volunteers assist Kintyre's older people (over 60s) to remain independent in their own homes and feel more connected within the local community. All our volunteers are registered with PVG.

So what do I need to do to volunteer? All you need to do is to call us here at Shopper-Aide for a chat and we will do the rest. Giving somebody who lives alone an hour of your time is making our community a better place and helping to improve the lives of others.

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Monday 2nd March 2020 Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown from 7.30pm  
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# Mind Your Head and help tackle mental health

The Farm Safety Foundation has launched its third annual Mind Your Head campaign to raise the issue of mental health amongst farmers and the affect this can have on farm safety.

It is a sad fact that farming continues to have the poorest safety record of any occupation in the UK.

The majority of young farmers, 85 per cent, believe there is a definite link between mental health and the overall safety of farms.

**'Smiling depression'**  
Threats to mental health include 'smiling depression', loneliness, PTSD, rural isolation and mental health in young farmers.

Mental health is one of the biggest problems facing the industry; farming faces many

stress factors, which are placing increasing pressure on workers and putting them at greater risk of mental ill health.

These include extended amounts of time working in isolation, a blurring between work and home life, and financial uncertainty.

Brexit, changing consumer habits, and the climate crisis present further threats to the industry.

The total income in the UK from farming decreased by a massive £971 million between 2017 and 2018, and 42 per cent of UK farmers would have made a loss between 2014 and 2017 without direct payments from the EU.

Stephanie Berkeley, manager of the Farm Safety Foundation, said: 'It is

encouraging to see more discussions about mental health, more awareness of the various mental health conditions and more emphasis on the support available to the farming community, however, more still needs to be done.

'Let's be clear, this isn't someone else's responsibility, this is on our watch and, in these challenging times, it's down to each and every one of us to look out for our friends, colleagues, neighbours and ourselves.'

Visit the Farm Safety Foundation's website [www.yellowwellies.org](http://www.yellowwellies.org) and social media channels, where stories, advice and services can be accessed and a film highlighting these issues can be seen on YouTube.

## Hoggets dearest trade so far at Stirling

Caledonian Marts Ltd had forward 427 store cattle and 395 store and breeding sheep at its fortnightly sale on Monday in Stirling.

Bullocks sold to 243ppkg for a pen of Charolais from J and D Mitchell, Offers, Gargunnoch and to £1,200 on two occasions for Simmentals both from Angle Park, Melville Gate, Ladybank.

Heifers sold to 254p for a pen of Limousins from W Owen, Muirpark, Stirling, and to £1,170 on two occasions from J and J Kay,

Castlehill, Port Glasgow and Angle Park, Melville Gate, Ladybank.

Black and whites sold to 164ppkg from G Millar and Son, Gallamuir, Plean, and to £850 from the same home.

Other leading prices: Bullocks per head: £1,180, Angle Park and Castlehill; £1,160, Angle Park; £1,140, Argaty and Stenhouse; £1,110, Hatrick Farms, Shutterflat, Gallamuir and West Darlochan, Campbeltown; £1,100, Castlehill; £1,090, Langholm, Campbeltown.

Heifers per head: £1,110 Angle Park; £1,090 West Darlochan, Campbeltown; £1,070 Castlehill; £1,060 West Darlochan and Angle Park; £1,050 Angle Park and West Darlochan.

Bullocks per kg: 242p Hatrick Farms and Cowdens; 241p Hatrick Farms; 239p Cowdens; 237p Langholm, Campbeltown; 235p Muirpark; 233p Lammerview (twice) and Langholm.

Heifers per kg: 226p Hatrick; 224p Lammerview.

Also forward were 395 store hoggets, feeding and breeding ewes.

Store hoggets fell short of buyers' requirements and many more could have been sold to sellers' advantage.

All classes of hoggets met the dearest trade so far this season, selling to a top of £99 for Suffolks from W Paterson and Son, South Ailey, Helensburgh.

Breeding ewes sold to £100 for a pen of Mule Ewes scanned twins from Angus Hamilton, Mid Forrest, Cumbernauld.

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The second funding round is now open for applications until the 30th April 2020.

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THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they propose to make the above Order under sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 14(1) (a) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, temporarily prohibiting waiting, loading and unloading on that length of the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road from the junction with Campbell Street, Lochgilphead in a westerly direction on Lochnell Street to a point 50 metres or thereby west of said junction.

The Order, which is required to facilitate duct installation on the footpath will be in operation from 00:01 hours on 1st March to 00:01 hours on 2nd March 2020, and will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. The Order does not apply to vehicles while being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes or a vehicle being used for carrying out the works.

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Notice is hereby given that Energiekontor UK Ltd, Sovereign House, 212-224 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8HQ has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a wind farm within Argyll and Bute, approximately 1.6km east of Tayinloan (Central Grid Reference NR 751474). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be up to 95.2 MW comprising 17 turbines with a ground to blade tip height of 180 metres. The proposed development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report has been produced.

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

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

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The EIA report can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ; on the application website at [www.energiekontor.co.uk](http://www.energiekontor.co.uk) or at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot).

Copies of the EIA Report may be obtained from Energiekontor UK Ltd telephone: 0141 354 6544 at a charge of £600 hard copy and £15 on CD. Copies of a short non-technical summary are available free of charge.

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

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**TAYINLOAN**



**Councillor Alastair Redman inspects the development work on the pavements in Tayinloan.**

Despite the harsh weather Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and the Islands, still managed to hold a successful surgery in Tayinloan.

Among the issues raised was the newest stretch of pavement currently being built within the village. While many were happy to see some development taking place some residents had concerns that two large vehicles would have great difficulty passing each other after the work was completed.

Councillor Redman also claimed to have received yet more reports from his constituents about BEAR Scotland failing to properly clear out ditches and culverts at the side of the A83 which contributed to road surface flooding.

Sluggish internet speeds continue to blight many residents in Tayinloan. Councillor Redman added: 'Our rural communities deserve an internet service that is on par with urban areas.'

'It was great to be back in Tayinloan. I will continue to do all that I can to see that the many issues raised at my surgeries are addressed as soon as possible.'

**CAMPBELTOWN**

February's Salvation Army coffee morning proved highly popular with a total of £188 being raised at the Campbeltown branch.

Visitors enjoyed the usual baking and hand-made craft



**James McKerral and Tommy Kelly looking sweet at the cake stall.**



**Salvation Army Youth Group volunteers Brooke Oxborrow, left, and Tianna McMillan with Margaret Raeside.**

stalls along with the much-in-demand, freshly made pancakes which were available with the tea and coffee.

Organiser Margaret Raeside added: 'It was also great to have two of our Youth Group, Brooke Oxborrow and Tianna McMillan, helping in the kitchen. They worked very well.'



**CLACHAN**

With their hall now deemed unfit for use and sadly facing demolition, Clachan SWI members met in Whitehouse Hall for their recent get together. Tan Black gave a super demonstration in her usual relaxed style which made for a happy evening. She showed the group how to make banoffee pie and Swiss rolls and gave them lots of tips as she went along. Everyone then decorated individual sponge cakes and gathered interesting

samples to take home. Tan judged the competitions as follows:

Food or drink item using lemons - 1 Jane McCallum, 2 Pauline Simson, 3 Zoe Weir. Most items in a small matchbox - 1 Zoe Weir 2 Pauline Simson 3 Margit Wyllie.

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**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden

At last the storms are abating and we can walk upright again.

Some would say that we need the storms, the turbulent times in our lives, to appreciate the calm days.

Once again the Christian calendar turns to the time of Lent when Christians prepare themselves for Easter and all that it involves.

During Lent, we think of Jesus struggling with his own demons in the desert of life, in the difficult times when he is aware of what the future holds for him – and for what he holds for the future.

He will struggle in the desert of doubt and despair; he will be tried and tested till he thinks he will lose his sanity; he will fall to his knees in prayer – and that is when he will know that God is with him.

Jesus will spend time in the wilderness of life, both the literal wilderness and the spiritual wilderness, and he will come through that desert renewed and soaring on the wings of eagles.

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- From the grandchildren, home and away.

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11.15 am Morning Worship  
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Rev W Crossan  
**Monday 2nd March**  
Guild 2.00pm  
New Hall  
**Tuesday 3rd March**  
Tiny Tots 9.45 am  
New Hall  
BB Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
**Thursday 4th March**  
Choir Practice 7.00pm  
**Friday 5th March**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon  
New Hall

**HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH**



SC002493  
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11.15am Sunday School  
6.30pm Joint Service  
Preacher: Pastor Steve Davies  
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4.00pm Road to Recovery  
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# Pupils' under 15s have a ball at Easter Road

The Campbeltown Pupils under-15s side, Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005s, had an absolute ball last Saturday as they enjoyed Hibernian Football Club's Match Day Experience.

This included a tour of the club's Easter Road stadium and the Hibs Training Centre at East Mains, and coaching sessions delivered by the club's community coaches.

The young Campbeltown players also watched a Hibs vs Livingston Scottish Premier League match, and played their own half-time game on the pitch at the Edinburgh stadium.

## Superb experience

Coach David Paterson said: 'It was a superb experience for all involved from start to finish and we cannot thank everyone at Hibs enough

– especially Sue McLernon who helped us organise the day and took care of us throughout.

'It was also nice to see local lads Colin Millar and Kenny Millar, who work at Hibernian, and later meet their parents Tommy and Lorna who were also visiting the capital from Campbeltown along with their son Ewan.



Lorne Paterson jostles with Raphael MacLachlan for possession of the ball.



The Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005s players and coaches inside Hibernian FC's changing rooms.

'And a special thanks to Tommy and Lorna for the kind gesture of a bag of sweets for the boys.'

As well as the trip to Edinburgh on Saturday, the Ardshiel Hotel-sponsored side enjoyed two nights away in Falkirk on Friday and Saturday night which tied in with their away league game against Giffnock Soccer Centre on Sunday morning.

Unfortunately the boys lost out 3-2 to the Glasgow side but hopefully can build on

their second half performance having trailed 3-0 at half time.

Goals from Scott Graham and Lorne Paterson in the second half gave the Pupils a chance but it was all too late.

David added: 'Well done to Giffnock on their victory and thanks to all for the hospitality.'

Before heading home the boys were also treated to a last minute visit to Celtic Park to take in the Celtic vs Kilmarnock SPL

fixture courtesy of The Kano Foundation.

The trip was funded by parents of the 2005s but special thanks went to Kintyre Hire, which supported the trip by providing the free mini-bus hire for the weekend – which all at the Pupils 2005s really appreciated.

This Sunday the 2005s have a chance for revenge in the league as Giffnock visit Campbeltown. Kick off is 11am on the 3G AWP at Kinloch Green.

## Junior footballers fly the flag for Kintyre at winter festival

A total of 44 young players, their 15 team coaches and a large group of families across Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association's 2013 to 2009 age groups travelled to Gartcairn Winter Football Festival last weekend.

The festival, which was held at Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility in Motherwell, is always well run and attracts teams from Glasgow and surrounding areas, many of whom play every week in small-sided leagues.

A CDJFA spokerson said: 'The Kintyre youngsters

excelled themselves and were brilliant wee ambassadors for the area and proved once again that our remote location will not stop us providing some very talented footballers.

'Trips like this are an example of where the CDJFA fundraising money goes; the entry fee was a minimum of £70 per team. Everyone involved is glad they are in a position to support such events, and are also very grateful for everyone who contributes.'

The next big fundraiser will be the upcoming quiz night on Saturday March 21.



The 2009 team.



The 2010 squad.



The 2011 side.



The 2012 players.



The 2013 group.



The winners and runners-up, from left: Patricia Johnstone, Jane McCorkindale, Marion Warnock and Catherine Lowe.

## SWI ladies bowled over by an afternoon of fun

Members of the Kintyre group of the SWI held their annual bowls competition in the Masonic Hall, Campbeltown, last Saturday.

Teams from Southend and Largside institutes entered, with eight pairs taking part.

Jane McCorkindale and Marion Warnock from Southend were the winners, with Patricia Johnstone

and Catherine Lowe from Largside the runners-up. The referee was Kathleen McGougan from Argyll Bowling Club.

Following the competition, which everyone said was a thoroughly satisfying afternoon full of goodwill and light-hearted fun, 21 competitors and guests took tea at the Argyll Arms Hotel in Main Street.

## No Mexican fiesta for Bob

Oban's Bob MacIntyre saw his hopes of contending in the World Golf Championship event in Mexico all but disappear on Thursday afternoon after opening his account with a five over par 76.

There were no signs of the drama to come after 12 holes of his opening round with the Oban star sitting nicely at level par only three shots behind the leaders.

However, a bogey and two double bogeys in the next five holes left Bob languishing near the foot of the leaderboard going into Friday and effectively killed his chances of gaining significant world ranking points.

Bob will, however, take some comfort from a solid display in the final three rounds with scores of 68, 70 and 69 which left him in a tie for 42nd spot on a total of one under par.

His final position looked like it would have been much higher after a magnificent eagle three at the 15th hole on Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately, two holes later a double bogey six saw his week finish on a disappointing note.

The tournament was eventually won by American former Masters champion Patrick Reed with a score of 18 under par. Bob's world ranking slipped one place to 67th.

## Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Central Scottish AFL Division 1B - Oban Saints 5, Stedfast 1; Greater Glasgow AFL Division 3 - Kirkfield United v Oban Saints GG, postponed; SAFL - Premier Division 1 - Dunoon v Glynhill Moorcroft, postponed; Campbeltown Pupils and Lochgilphead Red Star no games; Premier Division 2 - Strathaven v Tarbert, postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Central Scottish AFL Division 1B - Oban Saints v Bridgewater; Greater Glasgow AFL Division Three - Kilbarchan v Oban Saints GG; Scottish Amateur FL - Premier Division One - Carlton YM v Lochgilphead Red Star; Dunoon v Busby; Parkhall v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Strathaven.

## Dunaverty £500 lotto roll-over

The draw for Dunaverty Golf Club's three-number lotto took place on Sunday and the numbers were 6, 10 and 20; there were no winners.

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# Conner hopes to soar at home of the Eagles

by John McCallum  
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

A young Campbeltown footballer is set to show off his skills on the Continent not once but twice this year when he trains at the home of Portuguese giants Benfica.

Conner McMurchy, who plays for Lochgilphead Red Star 2004s in the Glasgow and District Youth Football League, will spend his Easter and October holidays living like an academy player at the world-class training facilities of the Lisbon-based club.

The two-time European champions' Elite Training Camp, run through its partner Coerver Coaching Scotland, will see Conner and a squad of fellow youth footballers from across the globe put their skills to the test as they play a series of matches against Lisbon youth teams.

Off the pitch, they will live like Benfica academy players at the club's Caixa Football Campus, with training, nutrition and recovery taken care of by the club's specialist coaches.

Conner, a Campbeltown Grammar School pupil, explained why he plays his football 51 miles from his local club, making twice-weekly journeys for training sessions, and weekend trips for matches.

He said: 'I play for Red Star as it allows me to play weekend matches at my age group,

as Campbeltown doesn't have an under-16s squad. I mostly play as a striker.

'The Benfica training camp will be really exciting, especially to live like a professional academy player and to play against Portuguese teams. There will be people looking after our diet, and there will also be time set aside for us to do schoolwork.

'There will be Portuguese language lessons too which I'm looking forward to. I do Spanish at school so I hope that will help me pick up some Portuguese more easily.'



Benfica club badge.

Conner's mum, Karen, explained how the opportunity came about. She said: 'On one training night in Lochgilphead, Portuguese coaches took a session through Coerver Coaching, and from there Conner was presented with a Rui Costa Award for best player, and given the chance to attend a Benfica training camp through Coerver.

'We filled in an application where Conner had to list his

playing experience, and after about a week we heard back that he had been invited to attend.

'Travel-wise it's been a huge commitment so far, but it's a really exciting opportunity for Conner to have the chance to go to Portugal and play football. He's been kicking a ball since he could walk!'

Another boost for Conner is that the 15-year-old already has experience of a professional club environment behind him, having spent time on trial with Scottish Premiership side Aberdeen last November.

Conner added: 'I'm really looking forward to seeing how the game is played there, and the differences between Scottish and Portuguese styles of football. But most of all, it will be great to mix with people from other parts of the world and to learn about different cultures.'



Conner McMurchy with his Rui Costa Award.

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