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TV appeal leads to new calls about murder

INVESTIGATIONS into the burial place of murdered Edinburgh book-keeper Suzanne Pilley have been stepped up after her story appeared on BBC1's Crimewatch.

Detectives believe the 38-year-old's body was buried in Argyll.

Cops received more than a dozen calls after the programme aired on Monday night.

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Council told to look at 3G surfaces again

COUNCIL officers have been told to 'look again' at the types of surface that could be used to replace the existing 2G pitch in Lochgilphead, as the Advertiser learns of potential plans to create a new hockey pitch and tennis court.

Full story, page 2.

MACPool to close for vital repairs

MACPool will close on Monday June 23 and re-open on June 28.

The changing rooms will be given a facelift and the equipment used to maintain water quality will be cleaned or replaced.

New outcry over nine-day Vodafone signal blackout



Donald Ferguson, Liam Scott and Lorne Harvey helped youngsters play 'beat the goalie' and complete clubgolf challenges at this year's Glassary Gathering. Men, women and children flexed their muscles at this year's event which had a Tartan Tussle theme. 06_a23glas14

'They are painfully slow in making good any problem like the Lochgilphead one'

Michael Russell MSP

A MAJOR phone company has been described as having 'utter contempt for Argyll customers' by the MSP for the area.

Michael Russell this week slammed Vodafone for leaving people in Lochgilphead and the surrounding area without a telephone signal for nine days.

The signal vanished on May 23 when a short power cut in the area caused problems with the nearby mast.

But an engineer did not travel to the site to assess the problem for another nine days.

Mr Russell, who is the education minister at Holyrood, said: 'Their excuses included having to seek permission from

the landowner to access the mast, something which should be covered in any normal agreement for mast erection.

'When access was apparently granted on Thursday, May 29 they claim their engineer was working on another issue of greater priority. They had to seek permission once more and only got onto the land on June 1.'

'I receive many complaints about mobile phone access in the area and the service provided by the main companies is pitiful. Vodafone, in particular, shows utter contempt for their Argyll customers.'

'They are painfully slow in making good any problem like the Lochgilphead one and

despite promises made over the last three years there has been little or no noticeable improvement in their signal anywhere in the area.'

A spokesman for Vodafone said: 'We try to get these (problems) fixed as soon as possible but given the spread of our network, it can take time to get engineers on site once we get permission from the landlord. We then had to isolate the fault and fit replacement parts. As always though, our engineers worked hard to get the service up and running.'

A survey last year showed that Argyll and Bute was the worst served part of Scotland for mobile phone signal.



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Bikers' safety event after two crashes on A83

AN EVENT aimed at reducing the number of motorbike accidents on Argyll's roads is to be held one week after two serious crashes involving bikers on the A83.

Last Thursday afternoon a 60-year-old motorcyclist was taken to hospital after he was in a collision with a car at the A83's entrance to the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar.

The following day, at 2.05pm, a 29-year-old Belgian biker and his 28-year-old female pillion passenger were airlifted to hospital after they crashed on the

A83 near Dunderave Castle, Inveraray. The man suffered a broken wrist and bruising and his passenger suffered minor injuries.

On Sunday a Bikers' Breakfast will be held in Inveraray, where bikers will be given maps showing Argyll and Bute's accident hotspots.

Trauma training will also be provided where bikers will be shown how to safely remove helmets and given other safety tips. The annual event will get underway at Inveraray Fire Station at 11am and run until 1pm.



Some of the walkers who completed the sponsored walk of the Crinan Canal.

Walkers boost cancer charity coffers with canal event

THE SUN shone on the 32 walkers who took part in the Macmillan Cancer Support sponsored walk on Saturday along the banks of the Crinan Canal.

Walkers of all ages completed the

eight and a half miles from Ardrishaig to Crinan and after refreshments, supplied by Riverside Filling Station, some even had enough energy to walk back again.

The winners of the annual raffle were

drawn and this year £1,000 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Mid Argyll fundraising committee thanked everyone who took part and staff of Scottish Canals for their help.

Police hunt Lochgair rubble dumpers

A LOAD of rubble was dumped at a lay-by on the A83 on Monday afternoon in a fly tipping incident.

Police officers investigating the crime just outside Lochgair are urging anyone who was travelling on the A83 on Monday and who witnessed the incident to call them on 101.

Tennis courts and 3G pitch at joint campus?

COUNCIL officers have been told to look again at the types of surface that could be used to replace the existing 2G pitch in Lochgilphead.

The *Advertiser* has also learned of potential plans to create a new hockey pitch and tennis court.

It is understood that council officers have been asked to investigate the possibility of transforming one of the grass pitches at the school into a smaller 2G pitch, where tennis and hockey could be played.

This would allow the existing 2G pitch to be upgraded to a standard 55-60mm 3G surface, suitable for football, rugby and shinty.

Argyll and Bute

Officers told to look at types of surfaces again

Council would not confirm the possibility that a second pitch was being explored but said: 'A lot of work has been done to find the solution for a facility which will meet educational needs as well as satisfying the competing aspirations from community users as far as possible.'

Options

'Following recent discussions, additional work will be carried out at this stage in order

the three Mid Argyll councillors met with council leader Dick Walsh and officers to discuss the fallout from the local authority's original plan to lay tiger turf on the 2G pitch.

Fury broke out amongst local sports clubs as tiger turf is not ideal for football and contact rugby is not permitted on it.

The idea of installing tennis courts on one of the grass pitches, which are often waterlogged for much of the year, had been proposed by Lochgilphead sports clubs last year.



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Fresh hopes of finding murder victim's body

Police receive more than a dozen calls following new TV appeal

INVESTIGATIONS into the burial place of murdered Edinburgh book-keeper Suzanne Pilley have been stepped up after her story appeared on BBC 1's Crimewatch programme.

More than a dozen calls were received by the police after the programme aired on Monday night.

Detectives believe the 38-year-old's body was buried near the Rest and Be Thankful after she was murdered on May 10 2010 by her former lover and work colleague David Gilroy. It is thought he killed Pilley in the basement of the Edinburgh building

in which they worked.

The day after Pilley went missing, Gilroy drove to Lochgilphead, taking two hours longer than the average journey time. His return journey took even longer.

Hundreds of police and volunteers have carried out searches across hundreds of square miles of remote mountains and forest around at the Rest and Hell's Glen after Gilroy's car was traced to the area.

Mountain rescue teams from Arrochar and Oban, along with police officers with sniffer dogs have been involved in the hunt but her body has never been found.

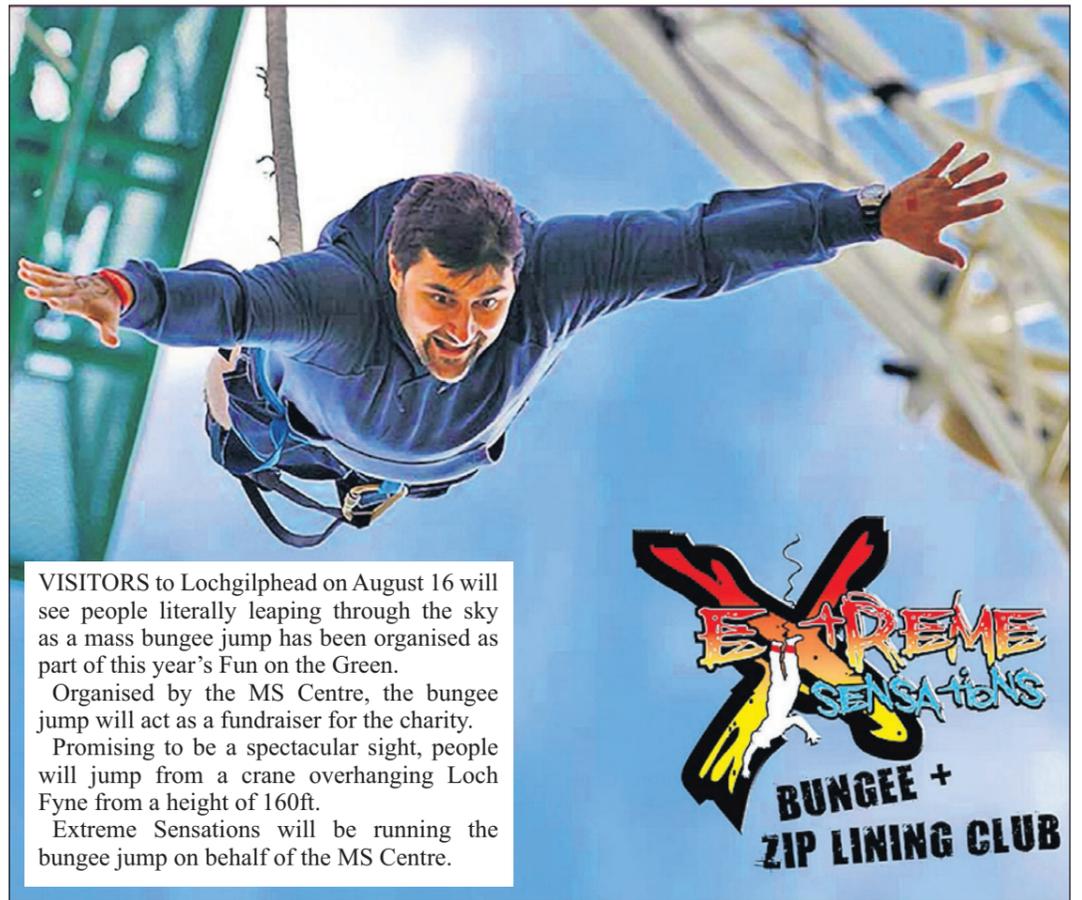
Police say some of the

information obtained from the Crimewatch programme came from people who had never been contacted before.

On the BBC programme Suzanne's parents, Rob and Sylvia, pleaded for help to finally lay their daughter to rest.

Mr Pilley said: 'The door is just ajar. It's not fully closed yet and that's what I would really like - to put closure on it for myself and the rest of my family.'

The Pilley case made legal history when Gilroy became the first convicted killer to have his sentencing filmed for British TV. He was sentenced to at least 18 years in jail in 2012.



VISITORS to Lochgilphead on August 16 will see people literally leaping through the sky as a mass bungee jump has been organised as part of this year's Fun on the Green.

Organised by the MS Centre, the bungee jump will act as a fundraiser for the charity.

Promising to be a spectacular sight, people will jump from a crane overhanging Loch Fyne from a height of 160ft.

Extreme Sensations will be running the bungee jump on behalf of the MS Centre.

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NHS patients waiting longer for treatment

HUNDREDS of patients in the NHS Highland area waited longer than 18 weeks for treatment, according to statistics published this week.

The figures reveal that the number of patients without treatment at week 18, the standard time, has increased by almost 90 patients in one year to 602.

Jamie McGrigor MSP for the Highlands and Islands said: 'The rise in these figures demands action from the government as a matter of priority.'

A spokesman for NHS Highland said: 'NHS Highland moved to a new patient management system on March 3 2014 which has led to some technical difficulties submitting 18 weeks Route To Treatment (RTT) data.'

'As an interim measure NHS Highland submitted estimated figures for March 2014.'

Overall in the data for Scottish waiting times NHS Highland performed well, showing that almost 91 per cent of patients were seen and treated within 18 weeks.

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Elderly can't afford to heat their homes

Many over 60s in fuel poverty

MORE than half of all pensioners living in Argyll are struggling to heat their homes and suffering fuel poverty, a study has revealed.

Figures released this week by Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) show that 59 per cent of people aged 60 and above in Argyll and Bute are living in fuel poverty; in urban areas 45 per cent are affected.

A person is experiencing fuel poverty if they spend 10 per cent or more of their income heating their home.

Dr Sarah Skerratt, editor of the SRUC report said: 'The cost of household heating is just one area of poverty in which there is an imbalance between rural and urban Scotland. Poverty and disadvantage in rural ar-

reas often remain hidden because national policies and measuring tools do not cater sufficiently for needs of rural areas.'

Dr Skerratt said an over-arching vision and strategy for rural Scotland was needed alongside investment to implement improvements.

Difficult choice

A spokeswoman for Age Scotland said: 'Far more needs to be done if we are to ensure older people in Scotland no longer have to make the difficult choice between eating and heating.'

'It is notable...that changes to UK Government funding for tackling fuel poverty - specifically the Green Deal - will likely lead to those living in rural Scotland losing out most.'

The charity states home

improvement schemes are often focused on more populated areas in a bid to cut fuel poverty rates more rapidly.

But a spokeswoman for the Scottish Government said: 'Through our Home Energy Efficiency Programmes we have distributed funding to every local authority in Scotland to make sure homes in their area are warmer and cheaper to heat.'

'£42million of the £60million available this year is allocated on the basis of need which takes into account levels of fuel poverty and reflects the different types of properties within rural areas. This ensures that funding is directed to those areas most in need of assistance, including our rural areas.'



Staff, youngsters and their families are benefiting from the Early Years Collaborative at Riverside Rascals. 06_a22rascals01

Messy play events at Riverside Rascals

A NURSERY in Lochgilphead is helping parents to boost their child's development at home in addition to the services provided by its staff everyday.

Riverside Rascals is expanding its role within the community after gaining funding from, and becoming a member of, the Argyll and Bute Early Years Collaborative (EYC).

It sees social workers and health and education professionals work together to ensure children get the best possible start in life.

Messy play

As part of this initiative Riverside Rascals has hosted a number of messy play events for families on Saturdays, where staff spent time with parents, showing them how to work

through a number of playbooks with their children at home.

Jean McPhee, owner of Riverside Rascals, said: 'There are so many pressures on parents' time but these activities take five minutes and allow parents to have that all important interaction with their children.'

'We are delighted to be a partner in the EYC, which supports good

partnership work between agencies and care providers like ourselves, ensuring Argyll is the best place to grow up.'

The nursery hopes to resume its Saturday sessions next term when it will also be adopting a Scottish Government initiative, which offers free pre-school childcare across 40 weeks, as opposed to the current 38 weeks of the year.

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Home-Start MAJIK receives £2,000 from STV Appeal

A CHARITY that supports Mid Argyll families experiencing stress and crisis has been given £2,000 to continue its work.

Cash injection

Home-Start MAJIK (Mid Argyll, Jura, Islay and Kintyre) received the cash injection from the STV Appeal.

The project provides individual support to

families - with at least one child under the age of five - within their own homes.

Help is given by trained volunteers who can support people through the stresses and strains of family life.

It aims to provide skills and confidence to the point where families feel they can cope on their own.

Police appeal for information

POLICE are appealing for information after an attempted break in at Tarbert's Victoria Hotel.

Thieves attempted to enter the hotel's cellar sometime between 1.30am on May 24 and 4pm the following day. Anyone with information relating to the incident are urged to contact police on 101.

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Large dram to raise cash for choir

A GALLON bottle of whisky is up for grabs for those who support Lochgilphead's young Gaelic choir Coisir Og Dalriada.

The bottle of Campbell Whisky has been donated by the McCulloch family of Inveraray and will be raffled off ahead of the start of the Mod season.

The choir, which features members from across Mid Argyll, is hosting a raffle to raise funds to help them attend the Royal National Mod in Inverness in Oc-

tober. Raffle tickets will be sold in the Lochgilphead Co-op on June 14, at the Mid Argyll Show and Fun on the Green.

The girls will be competing next week at the Islay Mod and will attend the Lochgilphead Mod in September, before travelling to Inverness. Youngsters keen to join the Gaelic choir are welcome to attend the new session in October and no previous singing experience or Gaelic is needed. The choir is for boys and girls in P7 and above.

A gallon of whisky will be raffled off to raise cash for Coisir Og Dalriada. 06_a23choir01

Population predicted to fall by a further 13.7 per cent

THE POPULATION of Argyll and Bute is projected to fall by a further 13.7 per cent in the next 20 years, according to forecasts made by the National Office for Scotland.

Statistics show the working age population is predicted to fall by almost 22 per cent and the overall population drop by 13.7 per cent by 2037.

Leaving

The news comes after the last census showed the population had already fallen by 10 per cent in 10 years and that people were leaving Argyll and Bute faster than

any other region in Scotland.

Jamie McGrigor, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, raised the issue last week with Finance Minister John Swinney in the Scottish Parliament.

Summit

Mr Swinney said the government was improving digital connectivity as a priority for the area and would be attending Argyll and Bute Council's rescheduled population summit later this year.

Mr McGrigor said: 'I share the concerns of many in Argyll and Bute about its projected de-

population which risks the critical mass we need to maintain important public services and decreases our local tax base.

'As I emphasised in parliament, attracting new jobs and investment to Argyll and Bute is key to reversing this decline.'

Formulating

Argyll and Bute Council is to host a population summit in the autumn which will bring together national and local agencies which will be charged with formulating a plan that will attract people to live and work in the area.

RET extended to Tarbert to Portavadie route in 2015

THE ROAD Equivalent Tariff (RET) ferry fares will be extended to the Tarbert to Portavadie route in October 2015, the Scottish Government has confirmed.

It announced last week that RET would be extended to all remaining ferry routes in the Clyde and Hebrides.

RET, which links ferry fares to the cost of travelling an equivalent distance on land, covers fares for passengers, cars, small commercial vehicles and coaches.

The scheme was launched on routes to the Western Isles, Coll and Tiree in 2008, bringing fares in line with the cost of road travel.

Islay, Colonsay and Gigha were added in 2012.

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Rob gets on his bike

FORMER Scottish Rugby captain Rob Wainwright has set off on a mammoth cycle in a bid to raise cash for Argyll-based charity Mary's Meals.

The ex-rugby star turned Coll farmer has persuaded eight friends to join him on the hilly Highland ride, which will see them cover 811 miles and 54,209 feet of ascent - the equivalent of climbing 18 Munros - in nine days.

The team has already raised more than £11,000 for Mary's Meals, which has school feeding programmes in some of the world's poorest countries.

The cycle, which began on Saturday, will see the riders pedal from Oban to John O'Groats and back before getting the ferry to Mull, where they will complete the Mull sportive.

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Fuel poor in wind farm central?

IN THE same week the *Argyllshire Advertiser* has reported on four wind farms - either existing or proposed - we hear that more than half of our pensioners are in fuel poverty.

The irony!
Figures released this week show that Argyll, a county brimming with wind farms, is one of the most fuel poor parts of Scotland.

People living here aged 60 and over simply cannot afford to heat their homes - 59 per cent are living in fuel poverty. It is even worse in our western isles, where 75 per cent of people aged 60 and above are struggling. And while these figures regarding our pensioners are shockingly sad, they are not a surprise, as many of us with full-time, well paid jobs are also struggling.

In fact, one in five households are in fuel poverty in Argyll and Bute, 22 per cent of us.

As Mid Argyll, Ardrishaig in particular, is currently making its views known on three proposed wind farms, it is time the Scottish Government started directing its investment in home efficiency to rural areas; the same areas that are helping it achieve its green energy targets.

At the moment it seems the majority of cash invested in energy efficiency is going to urban areas - where the levels of fuel poverty are much less severe. If we are to be surrounded by the Scottish Government's green energy, the least it could do is help us live in energy efficient homes.

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Disappointed at comments

Sir,
The community of Dalavich is delighted that Argyll and Bute Council's recommendation that the proposed Ardchonnell Wind Farm has been refused at today's Argyll and Bute Planning and Protective Services and Licensing Committee Meeting.

We are, however, disappointed at some of the comments made by elected members, we thought they were condescending and dismissive of Dalavich's position. In particular Councillor McCuish's comments implying that the diversification of Ardchonnell Farm is the only way to keep Scotland from becoming 'Brigadoon'. It is disappointing that he failed to recognise that Dalavich has already diversified from being an exclusively forestry village to a sustainable community of tourism related businesses. We took his comments to imply that the diversification of Ardchonnell Farm was more important than the sustainability of the already diversified Dalavich Village.

It is worth noting that the majority of elected members only refused this application because they had no choice given the current wind farm policies and Scottish wind firm guidelines.

The Dalavich community is 100 per cent in support of green energy, in fact we are in the process on setting up our own hydro scheme and we are already surrounded by three fully functional wind farms. The cumulative effect of this 4th wind farm to this area would constitute over saturation

to the detriment of this small community. When will these councillors realise that 'enough is enough' and listen to their constituents who elected them.

**Irene McClounnan,
Dalavich.**

Wind farm warning

Sir,
Wind farms will eventually seriously harm the tourist industry as they double and treble in numbers throughout Scotland.

It is easy for Holyrood sponsored tourist bodies today to issue statements saying only 30 per cent of tourists would consider not coming back because of wind farms. If they carry out their surveys again in a few years time, the results will be very different, but of course by then it will be far too late to do anything about it.

However most people in the UK do not realise that the cost of the massive subsidies needed to create wind farms is added directly to their electricity bill. It's not paid out of their PAYE, VAT, petrol tax or anything else, it is a separate new tax solely to support so called 'Renewables' so that every time you switch on a light, or boil a kettle, a charge is directly added to your electricity bill.

That's why governments love them, the subsidies are not coming out of the exchequer. The profits are so massive that wind farm owners can offer local communities huge 'bribes' to not object to the planning application and that is what Ms O'Hagan and the people of Inveraray are after. They already receive monies from An Suidhe Wind Farm on the hills

above and which incidentally they cannot actually see, so no problem there then.

Onshore wind farm subsidies double the wholesale price of electricity. Offshore wind farms will more than treble the price of factory gate electricity. Can I ask the people in Inveraray, why should a pensioner down in Bournemouth, or a young couple just getting on to the housing ladder in Glasgow, or a hard working crofter up in Lewis, pay for upgrades to Inveraray? We all already pay council tax directly for that purpose plus of course there are all the extra supplements received from central government.

**Malcom Kirk,
Argyll.**

Inspirational performance

Sir,
Last Friday I was in Ardrishaig visiting a friend and was privileged to attend The Last Dance, a performance by the Dochas Community Dance Group at Ardrishaig Public Hall.

I was informed that most of the performers were service users and staff from Lochgilphead Resource Centre.

I'm not sure what I was expecting but almost immediately, I was moved into clapping and cheering along with the rest of the audience as we were drawn into a powerful and moving demonstration of how disability need not be a barrier to the unleashing of individual potential and how performance, dance and music can enrich all of our lives

It was clear that the group were working their socks off

and their enjoyment and sense of fun was infectious. As a recently retired youth and community worker of 40 years I recognise the obvious effort, commitment, dedication and love that culminated in this wonderful celebration of who we are and what we can be. I offer my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to everyone involved in this truly inspirational performance.

**Mike Tait, formerly of
Canongate Youth Project,
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Hugh Sansom: Over a week for me. Goodbye Vodafone. Once my contract is up you're history.

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Wendy Williams: Lost signal for seven days. There are two Vodafone users in this house. I spoke to [Vodafone] twice in last week.

Felt like I was being fobbed off with excuses.

Adam Barclay: EE and 3 provide a far superior service in Argyll. They are able to provide 3G signal in most areas and in some cases high speed. Vodafone don't provide anything like that, and they are the largest network.

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'Threatened community' feels little relief

Ardchonnell Wind Farm rejected by Argyll and Bute Council

A COMMUNITY which has been 'under threat' for more than a year feels little relief as a wind farm planned for the surrounding landscape is rejected by councillors.

Dalavich residents say they are pleased Ardchonnell Wind Farm was thrown out by Argyll and Bute Council's planning committee last week but fear the company behind the development will appeal the decision.

Permission

RWE Innogy UK was seeking permission to build 15 turbines measuring 111 metres to blade tip, approximately 6.5km north-west of Inveraray and 1.5km east of Loch Awe.

If approved, the turbines would have been erected directly opposite Dalavich on land owned by Jamie McGrigor,

MSP for the Highlands and Islands.

Mark Potter-Irwin of Dalavich Improvement Group said the community was nervous as it waited to hear whether or not RWE would appeal the decision.

Wake up

He said: 'These companies should wake up to the fact it's no use putting in a speculative application when they stand a less than 50-50 chance of getting planning permission and they frighten the local community.'

'It has been hanging over us...we have had a year and a half of feeling threatened.'

He added: 'Jamie [McGrigor] spoke well about what he wanted to do. He was diversifying at his farm but we are doing that too with tourism.'

'I don't feel particular-

ly elated. There are no winners.'

A spokeswoman for RWE Innogy UK said: 'We are obviously disappointed by the decision. Ardchonnell is within an area Argyll and Bute Council has indicated is suitable for wind farm development.'

'We are frustrated that this decision was reached with little apparent consideration to this fact or the sizable economic benefit the scheme would bring to the region.'

'We will now consider our options before deciding how to proceed.'

Inveraray Regeneration Group supported the wind farm application, believing it would provide much-needed jobs and help regenerate the community.

The Royal Burgh would however have no view of the turbines.



Mr and Mrs Barnwell plant a Canadian Acer tree, donated by the caravan park, to commemorate their comrade's arms. a22anniv01

Romantic date at former military base for 67th anniversary

TWO WORLD War veterans who met while based at HMS Quebec, Loch Fyne, have returned to the area to mark their 90th birthdays and 67 years together.

Veterans Ron and Ruth Barnwell travelled to Argyll Caravan Park, the former combined operations military base, recently to mark their anniversary.

Ron and Ruth met on New Year's Eve 1943 while they were both stationed at the base and, after demobilisation, they were married.

To celebrate their 90th birthdays and 67th anniversary they returned

to the place where they met.

Argyll Caravan Park has a memorial to those who trained at HMS Quebec and, at the invitation of the Royal British Legion Scotland (RBL) Inveraray and District Branch, Ron and Ruth agreed to plant a Canadian Acer tree, donated by the caravan park, to commemorate their comrade-in-arms.

After a short ceremony by Jim McCulloch, retired caravan park manager, the tree was planted and Patricia Jepson of the RBL presented Ruth with a bouquet.

To the skirl of a piper playing happy birthday, the couple were escorted to Skippers Bistro for a birthday lunch courtesy of the management.

Improvements to the A82 between Tarbet and Inverarnan

FUTURE improvements on the A82 will be focused between Tarbet and Inverarnan, Transport Scotland has confirmed.

The national roads agency has said any future upgrade of the route will be carried out within the existing road corridor - a 17-kilometre stretch between Tarbet and Inverarnan, which runs alongside Loch Lomond.

It had explored the possibility of changing the course of the A83 including a route corridor from Arrochar to Inveruglas, along Glen Loin, and a route corridor above and to the west of the West Highland Rail line.

Following engineering, environmental, economic and traffic assessment by Transport Scotland, it was decided to improve the existing road.

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Arts sector in Argyll turns over £63 million a year

A REVIEW of the arts and culture sector in Argyll and Bute shows the industries have a collective turnover of £63million.

Figures released by Ar-

gyll and Bute Council show there are 844 people working in the arts creative industries in the area, almost two per cent of the economically active population.

Figures released by Argyll and Bute Council show that these 844 people employ a further 924 people, and involve 2,741 volunteers.

Robin Currie, lead councillor for community and culture, said: 'There is huge potential to develop these assets and their contribution to our cultural tourism and their support of the economy of Argyll and Bute.'

'At present people in Argyll and Bute who work in the creative sector represent one per cent of the Scottish to-

tal - we wish to increase that.

'People keep our communities thriving, and by identifying and developing the many pockets of brilliance we have, we can build on them. Through support and encouragement we can help increase their uniqueness and competitiveness.'

Argyll and Bute Council has used this review to create an action plan for the arts. It will be discussed at a cultural assembly in Dunoon's Queen's Hall on June 18 at 11am.

Argyll people are attending more fitness classes

PEOPLE in Argyll and Bute are attending more fitness classes, having more swimming lessons, visiting the gym more often and using halls more for sports activities.

Figures gathered by Argyll and Bute Council also show children and young people are taking part in more extra curricular activities such as badminton, dance and athletics.

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The 19th Argyll Scouts turned out in their uniform for the event.

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Glassary girls Holly Helbert and Ellie Parker asked revellers to guess the weight of the Cloutie Dumpling. 06_a23glas19



Young men flocked to the starting line for the men's sprint race. 06_a23glas01



Mirren Angus was the first to cross the finish line in the junior Glassary Horse Race. 06_a23glas20



The women's race was a close affair. 06_a23glas02



Ewan Anderson and son Dan got to grips with a digger as they completed an obstacle course. 06_a23glas18

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The look of determination: The Glassary Gathering Tug of War.
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Lochgilphead High School students Connor Staniland, Fergus Hill, Freddie Hunt-Smith and Liam McCab made their first public performance as band Crossfire. 06_a23glas32



Members of band Talk Show Hosts - Luke Schofield, Ewan McCulloch and Ewan Glendinning - performed at the Sound Garden without the band's drummer Mark Stark. 06_a23glas08



Robbie McDougall from Ardrishaig preformed in the Sound Garden. 16_t23glas29



Jay Helbert and Douglas Philand were euphoric after they joined forces and tartans to take first place in the Tartan Tussle horse race. 06_a23glas27

THERE was a great display of athleticism in the old football field in Kilmichael on Saturday as Mid Argyll families gathered for a 'Tartan Tussle'.

Men, women and children flexed their muscles while proudly wearing the family tartan as they competed in a mini Highland Games at this year's Glassary Gathering.

The competitive spirit was the order of play as everyone fought for a position on the winners' podium and clans could be seen making alliances in a bid to win the overall team tournament.

An Englishman and Scotsman were even seen uniting for Gathering's renowned horse race and the partnership paid off as Jay Helbert and councillor Douglas Philand were the first to cross the finish line.

The clansmen eventually shook hands and shared a dram ahead of the Highland ceilidh which marked the end of a very successful community event.



Mark and Aran Boyle were all smiles when they got into the cab of a digger at the Glassary Gathering. 06_a23glas15

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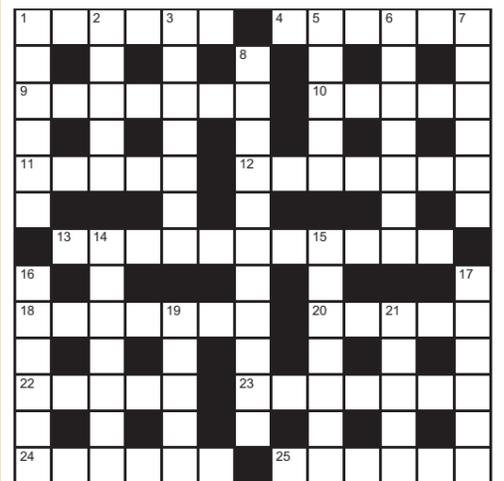
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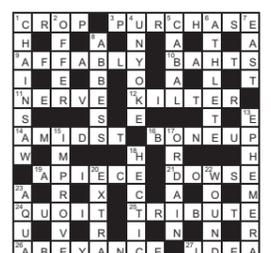
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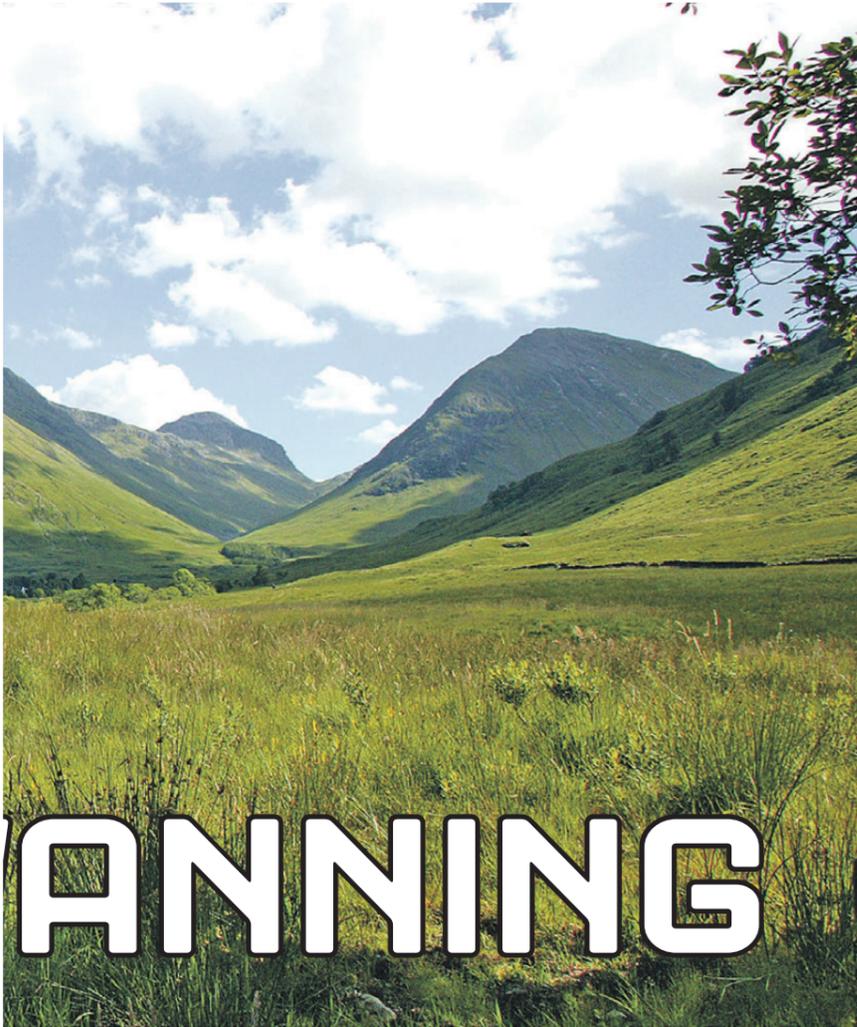
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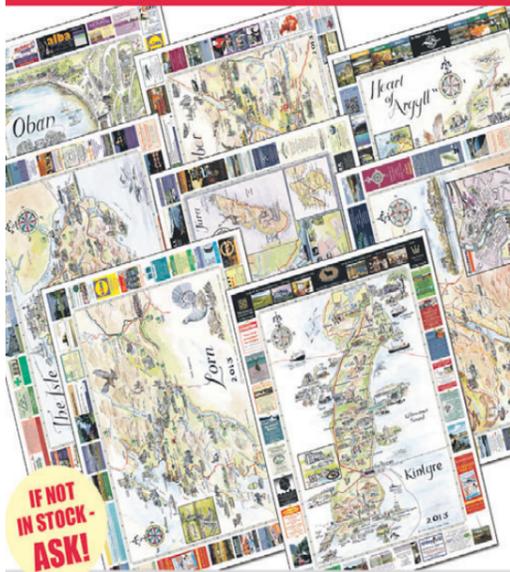
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Auchindrain Museum hosts a 'Big Lunch'

FOOD prepared by following traditional recipes welcomed people to Auchindrain Museum as it hosted a 'Big Lunch' on Sunday.

A national initiative, the Big Lunch encourages people to come together once a year to have lunch with their neighbours in an act of

community, friendship and fun. The museum's tearoom laid on an extended menu of food, which in many cases was prepared to old rec-

ipes to give visitors a taste of what the township's people ate many years ago.

Visitors and friends of the museum tucked into their lunch as Myles Clark played traditional Scots tunes on the accordion.

Tracey Holley and Chris Crooks from Fyne Ales attended the Big Lunch, describing it as 'great day out'.

Tracey said: 'We wanted to show our neighbours around because of the history here, there is no other place like it.'

'I read about the funding difficulties [the museum] has had and I was really worried about it. I will take everyone I know because it is an amazing place.'

Bob Clark, museum manager, treated guests to a guided tour of the township, which included a performance by the Gaelic Waulking Song Group. The women sang while working tweed cloth, as women would have done hundreds of years ago.



Members of the Gaelic Waulking Song Group took a break from working the tweed outside one of Auchindrain's many houses.

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The team at Auchindrain prepared a Big Lunch for their friends and neighbours. 06_a23auch02



The team from Fyne Ales enjoyed a great day out. 06_a23auch01

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They looked for a two-bedroom cottage and ended up with a hotel

IAN and Ann Darby had their hearts set on a 'wee cottage' when they decided to buy a place in Argyll. So how did they end up in a Victorian pile with a dozen bedrooms, two kitchens and its own bar?

Balinakill sits on a hillside on the edge of the village of Clachan. Its owners, the Darbys, both know Argyll well. Ann grew up there and Ian has been sailing in its waters since he was a child. But it took a visit to the Tarbert Music Festival a few years ago before they made their first acquaintance with their impressive Victorian country house.

'We used to go to the festival every September and one year we just couldn't face camping. Balinakill was the nearest hotel that had a room,' said Ann. 'Years

later, when we were looking to buy a place in Kintyre, some friends in Tarbert mentioned that Balinakill was for sale. As I recall, Ian said, "I love that place - crackling old building," and I

said, "Are you kidding me?"

'Anyway, I got the schedule for a wee two-bed cottage that was on the market and Ian got the particulars for Balinakill - I never had a

chance to view the cottage.'

The Darbys' subsequent renovation and furnishing of Balinakill is detailed in the July issue of Scottish Field, now on sale.



Ian and Ann Darby in the grounds of Balinakill in Clachan.

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Trade for both cattle and sheep soars to close on record levels

AT OBAN Caledonian Marts Livestock Centre 184 store cattle sold and 36 OTM cattle sold on Tuesday May 13 to almost record levels.

Ninety-seven bullocks averaged 255p per kilo, 75 heifers averaged 228p per kilo and 36 OTMs averaged 121p per kilo.

Topping the bullock section at 306p per kg were three 235kg Short-horns from Fergus Lyon, Fernoch, Lochgilphead, which was closely followed at 302p per kilo for a 235kg Limousin from Gordon Brechin, Upper Largie, Kilmartin.

Top gross price for bullocks was £1,060 for a 455kg Limousin from Bruce Campbell, Achnacreebeg, North Connel, again closely followed at £1,030 for a 415kg Charolais from Duncan Buchanan, Shenavallie, Benderloch.

Leading the heifer section at 298p per kilo were two 225kg Limousins from David Colthart, Achnacone, Appin, selling to £790 for two 315kg Limousins from SH Troughton,

Ardachy, North Connel, closely followed at £780 again for a 315kg Limousin from Bruce Campbell.

OTM cows sold to 141p per kg for a 510kg Simmental from A McDonald, east Hynish, Isle of Tiree and to £890 for a 670kg Limousin from Douglas McDonald, Tyree, Benderloch.

Breeding cattle sold to £1,080 for a Limousin cow with Limousin calf from Mrs C Sinclair, Ardconnel, Connel.

Leading prices per head: Bullocks: £1,010 Achnacreebeg; £970 Achnaba; £960 Achnacreebeg; £955 Ardachy; £900 Stroneskar and Daltote; £870 Achnaba and Shenavallie; £865 Inion. Heifers: £770 Kilbride (Anderson); £760 Tyree; £750 Ardachy; £740 Upper Largie; £710 Tyree, Daltote and Kilbride; £700 Daltote.

Leading prices per kilo: Bullocks: 290p Ardachy; 287p Inshaig; 279p Inion; 276p Fernoch; 273p Achnacreebeg; 272p Ardachy; 269p Glencleran.

Heifers: 262p Up-

per Largie; 256p Aird (M Campbell); 251p Ardachy; 250p Tyree; 247p Sithean; 241p Daltote and Kilbride.

Breeding Cattle - Aberdeen Angus cow and calf £1,020 Treshnish; Limousin cow and calf £1,000 Ardconnel.

OTM per head: £850 and £830 South Ardnaclach; £820 and £800 Rhulios; £810 Scammadale; £790 Kengharair and East Hynish; £780 Turnault; £770 Achnacreebeg.

Sheep: Store hogs (203) averaged £59.75 selling to £90 for a pen of 10 Suffolks from D Gilbert, Ardshellach, Ardaddy. A total of 239 feeding ewes averaged £48.97 selling to £87 for a Texel from D Livingston, Birchfield, North Connel.

Six Tups averaged £87.67 selling to £106 for a Texel from John Cameron, Strontoller, Glenlonan closely followed at £105 from T Wright, Knockdhu, Taynuilt. Leading prices: Hoggs: £82 Ardshellach and Upper Largie; £76 Pennygowan;

£75 House of Keil; £70 Tyree and Dalvore; £65 Homestead and Tyree; £64 Dunach and Kinlochlaich; £67 Turnault.

Ewes - £78 Balure of Shian; £74 Braefoot; £68 Shenavallie; £64 Poltalloch, Upper Largie and Kinlochlaich; £58 Barranrioch; £57 Alaval; £59 Shenavallie; £56 Dunach.

OBAN - Caledonian Marts sold 172 store cattle. Bullocks (97) averaged 255p to 306p per kg for three 235kg Short-horn from Fernoch, Lochgilphead and £1,060 gross for a 455kg Limousin from Achnacreebeg, North Connel.

Heifers (75) averaged 200p to 298p per kg for two 225kg Limousins from Achnacone, Appin and £790 gross for two 315kg Limousins from Ardachy, North Connel.

Leading Prices - Bullocks - £ per head, 0-250kgs - £720 Fernoch; 251-300kgs - £855 Ardachy; 301-350kgs - £900 Stroneskar; 351-400kgs - £955 Ardachy; 401-450kgs - £1,030 Shenavallie; 451-500kgs - £1060 Achnacreebeg.

Leading Prices - Heifers - £ per head, 0-250kgs - £670 Achnacone; 251-300kgs - £710 Kilbride; 301-350kgs - £790 Ardachy; 351-400kgs - £770 Kilbride. Leading Prices - Bullocks - p per kilo, 0-250kgs - 306p Fernoch; 251-300kgs - 290p Aird; 301-350kgs - 279p Inion; 351-400kgs - 258p Ardachy; 401-450kgs - 248p Shenavallie; 451-500kgs - 233p Achnacreebeg.

Leading Prices - Heifers - p per kilo: 0-250kgs - 298p Achnacone; 251-300kgs - 262p Upper Largie; 301-350kgs - 251p Ardachy; 351-400kgs - 200p Kilbride.



Farming Focus

with Lucy Sumsion, NFU Scotland regional manager covering Argyll and the Islands, including Arran

Progress on control of sheep scab

EARLY this week NFU Scotland held a meeting in Edinburgh with other partner organisations to discuss progress on the control of sheep scab.

Sheep scab has been identified as one of the five most important diseases for Scottish sheep farmers and costs UK sheep farmers in excess of £14M each year. The financial and welfare implications of sheep scab are all related to the intense irritation associated with the feeding of sheep scab mites on the skin surface, resulting in the sheep rubbing, kicking, scratching and nibbling the affected area. As the disease progresses, the mites move away from the drying scab, outwards across the body, spreading the lesion further. Scottish Government data suggests that around 15 per cent of sheep-keepers in Scotland will experience sheep scab in any given year.

Sheep scab was eradicated from the UK in 1952 but it reappeared in 1973 and spread rapidly, triggering the introduction of compulsory dipping. Since the removal of compulsory dipping in 1992 the incidence of sheep scab has again risen considerably.

New legislation to deal with the increasing incidence of sheep scab in Scotland was introduced in 2010 and this put a legal obligation on any person who suspects that sheep are infected by sheep scab to notify the Divisional Veterinary Manager (DVM) as soon as possible. Movement restrictions then apply until the affected sheep are either treated, slaughtered or a negative veterinary diagnosis is obtained.

Based on the numbers of notifications since the introduction of the Order, NFU Scotland, in collaboration with Scottish Govern-

ment and Moredun Scientists, have been able to identify areas where sheep scab is either absent or present at very low levels.

Within Argyll and Bute the data collected so far suggests that sheep scab is either absent from Mull or present at very low levels. Scientists from the Moredun Research Institute have developed a new diagnostic blood test and, in partnership with Mull vets, it is being used on an island-wide basis (Isles of Mull & Iona) to determine whether or not flocks have sheep-scab. NFU Scotland and the Scottish Government are funding the work and the results for sheep keepers on the island could save them money by targeting treatments and avoiding losses from the disease.

The testing started last summer and was recently completed with a total of 710 sheep tested over 57 premises across Mull and Iona. No sheep scab mites or obvious lesions were identified in any of the animals tested. This represents the mid way point in the study and so far it would appear that Mull and Iona are effectively free from sheep scab. I am sure farmers and crofters there would like to keep scab off the islands and the second phase of the study will follow up a subsample of the original flocks. Animals coming on and off the islands are potential indicators of the current disease status and will also be tested.

NFU Scotland would like to remind farmers and crofters that the Sheep Scab (Scotland) Order 2010 places a legal obligation on any person who has reason to believe that sheep in their possession or care have sheep scab to notify their local DVM as soon as possible.

South Shian fish farmer shortlisted for award

A SOUTH Shian fish farmer has been shortlisted for a prestigious award, the winner of which will be announced at the Royal Highland Show on June 19.

Colin MacDonald, who specialises in Lochmuir Salmon which is exclusively produced at the farm for M&S, has been put forward for the retailer's Farming for the Future Awards.

He impressed the judges with his understanding of fish performance biology. Having previously worked in the Armed Forces, he joined Scottish Sea Farms in May 2011 as the company's youngest new start at 17 years old. He has since become the youngest power-

boat and yacht master, senior husbandryman and now marine site manager. Steve Mclean, M&S head of agriculture and fisheries, said: 'This is our sixth Farming for the Future Awards and the judging process seems to get harder with each year.' The Farming for the Future Awards celebrate suppliers working towards important M&S Plan A commitments including becoming carbon neutral, sending no waste to landfill, extending sustainable sourcing, setting new standards in ethical trading, and helping customers and employees live a healthier lifestyle.

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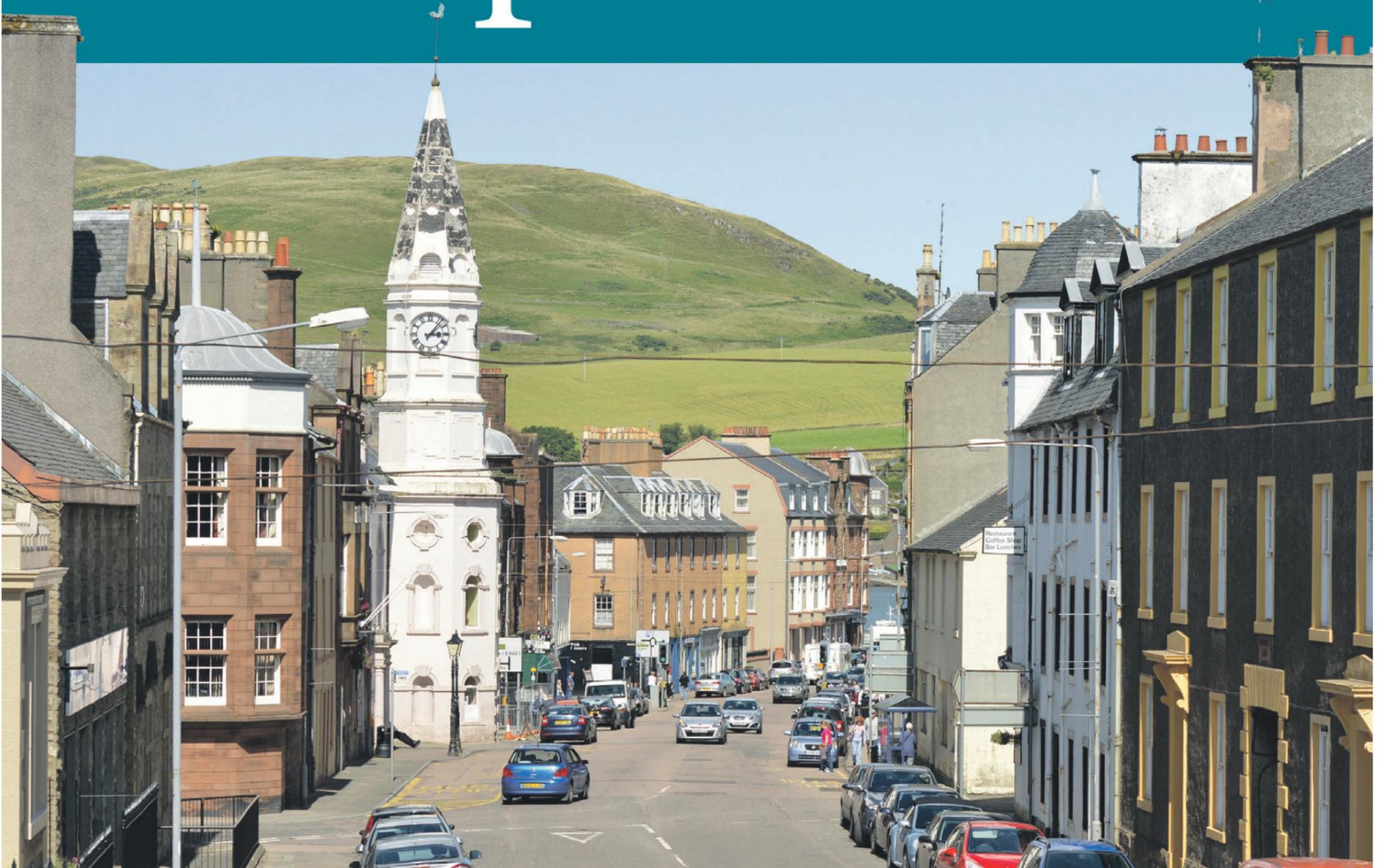
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Playing a vital role

I am delighted to introduce this unique supplement and the opportunity to present a select number of key businesses in Kintyre.

Life is local - most people live their lives locally with 89 per cent spending half or more than half of their time within 10 miles of their homes and also spend the vast majority of their money locally too.

Kintyre's geography means that buying local is the preferred option for many; respected local companies can deliver levels of service and accountability that reassures people to use them time and time again.

Local businesses play a crucial role in communities providing valued jobs and injecting income back into the region – something worth considering when making, purchasing and procuring products.

Many of the businesses featured also have strong and proud family traditions and connections to Kintyre and this in turn brings about sustainable growth, strengthened by each successive generation.

Core values and high standards of service, reliability and competitiveness are maintained ensuring continued success and appeal for the future.

All the companies featured in this supplement play vital roles in the economy of the area.

Their professionalism and unique local knowledge give them the edge required to succeed in a competitive environment.

The Campbeltown Courier and The Argyllshire Advertiser, your local newspapers, are immensely proud to support and highlight all the businesses in this supplement and look forward to working and developing a positive partnership with them for years to come.

Alister Bennett
Managing Director
Campbeltown Courier & Argyllshire Advertiser.

Seldom have I encountered such passion, energy, vision and commitment as was clearly evident among the businessmen and businesswomen of Campbeltown. The skill base and diversity of activity is highly impressive as you will see when you turn the pages of this supplement. This vibrant, vigorous sector is one of the main engines in the drive to transform the town for the better, and why the people of Campbeltown can look forward to the future with purpose, pride and confidence. The Campbeltown Courier is delighted to publish this good news - what a great story it makes.

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A business model for future success

Welcome to Campbeltown at work, our first industrial supplement for this area, and a celebration of the strengths and achievements of the town's business community.

At the start of this project, we set out to give local companies a forum to tell their own stories and share their goals and, as the local newspaper, to make our own contribution to promoting the town's snowballing industrial development.

We found that the people and businesses of Campbeltown not only embraced our vision, they took it further, and what we anticipated would be a collection of individual contributions has become a reflection of the passion of a business community united in its determination to grow - in parallel with the town it holds dear.

This publication features articles from business experts as well as business owners, and the



“Production of some of the finest food and drinks in the world has expanded and become internationally recognised.”

The Duchess of Argyll

third generation at the helm, and they have not survived without adapting to changing circumstances and enduring some challenging times. Their directors share an appreciation for the opportunities they inherited, and a desire to create equivalent opportunities for the future, a commitment that is apparent in initiatives from work experience and apprentice schemes, to generous sponsorship of community groups and events.

Whether you are a local, a visitor, an employee, a manager, an entrepreneur or a tycoon, we hope you will enjoy reading about our local businesses and their work, and that you will come to share at least part of our enthusiasm for this remarkable, flourishing corner of Kintyre.

These are exciting times for Campbeltown. We are looking forward to being part of what happens next.

“Kintyre is fully open for business and is well positioned for future success.”

Mike Russell

evidence they present mirrors the story that we have heard on the ground – thanks to energy, investment and imagination, Campbeltown is a place on the up.

While it is without a doubt focused on its future, this is also a place

in touch with its roots, and the majority of our business contributors have chosen to share in these pages at least a part of the story of how they got to where they are today.

Many of our biggest local employers are family-run operations, with the second or even



On the road with McKerral's



Its roots and its heart remain in Kintyre, but as its growing fleet of steel blue lorries motor their way across Lorn, Cowal, and the Hebrides, the formidable moving power of Peter McKerral and Co Ltd has become a force to be reckoned with across Argyll and further afield.

As much a family company today as when it began in the Sixties, McKerral's started out as a small farming business with a delivery lorry, run by husband and wife Donnie and Kate McKerral, who remain partners.

Their son Peter joined the company after he gained his HGV licence around two decades later, followed by his brother Bobby, an

HGV mechanic. As the brothers put their skills to use, the company focus shifted from running their Southend farm to delivering livestock and equipment for other farmers, and two more brothers, Donnie and Colin, joined the increasingly busy team.

Today, McKerral's employs 60 people across its three yards in Campbeltown, Lochgilphead and Strachur, and has over 50 HGV lorries on the road.

Timber is the most visible cargo, and an important specialism, with several employees trained to operate timber cranes, but McKerral's haul a wide variety of products, from livestock and feed to fertilisers and

equipment - and if you're eating Scottish salmon there's a good chance it was delivered by McKerral's fish tankers at some stage on its journey.

Director Peter McKerral says that the efforts and loyalty of the company's employees, some of whom have been with them since the early days, have been critical to the company's success. "They're a great team, and we're indebted to them for years of hard work," he says.

Building on what has been achieved is the priority now, and a quiet confidence about the future can be seen in McKerral's smart new office located within their yard in Darlochan. After decades working out of a

cabin, the premises are a welcome change for the administration team. "It's a totally different working environment," says Peter.

Looking forward is also important with regard to the workforce, and the team are keen to encourage young people who have an interest to learn more: "We think this is a good line of work to be in, and we want young people to find out about what's involved, and potentially to come on board," says Peter. "If anyone out there is interested in a career in haulage, we would encourage them to get in touch."

The demands and rewards of life in the haulage industry continue to hold an attraction for the McKerral family itself, with four of the founders' grandchildren now employed in the business, and bringing their fresh contributions to areas such as social media.

"I'm quite proud that we are able to create employment for the younger generation," says Peter, who recognises that he is able to do so thanks to the support of his customers. "I would also like to thank all our customers from all industries that have supported us over the years and hope we can keep a good working

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relationship with them for many years to come."

A fourth generation may be a few years away yet, but as the company continues to demonstrate its ability to grow and

diversify in changing times, it seems more than likely that one day there will be opportunities for a whole new cohort to join the family team.

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Making the world



“I started at the Ugadale, so to go back there and see what has been done is magic.”

John Beveridge

An international hotelier with a formidable reputation, John Beveridge is area director for the Grand Hyatt hotel chain in Dubai. He has repeatedly been honoured for his service and leadership,

receiving titles from both the Sultan of Brunei and the Sultan of Pahang – and he began his career in a

Campbeltown kitchen. The well-travelled local, who keeps a base in Kintyre, reflects on recent changes in his hometown.

How did you get where you are today?

I started my career as a chef at the Ugadale Arms Hotel and have worked in eight countries to date before coming back to Dubai. I joined Hyatt Hotels, who I am with now, 32 years ago in Dubai, still a chef at that time, and after a series of moves within the company, I am today the General Manager of Grand Hyatt Dubai and Area Director for Dubai where we have four operating hotels and a number of new properties to open over the next four years.

Which local businesses do you remember most clearly from your childhood?

Growing up in Campbeltown there were a number of businesses which were part of one's daily life. Shopping at McIlchere and Kerrs the butcher, and stopping at the Locarno or Mayfair Café for an ice cream float was a special treat, or picking sweets from the one penny tray at Bothwicks shop.

What lessons did you learn in Campbeltown that have helped your international success?

I grew up on Ralston Road with the last few years being spent in Peninver and Limecraigs. Community was, and is, such an important part of growing up. Everyone knew each other and there

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Business Gateway offers free, impartial business advice to anyone wanting to start up or develop a business. Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team is on hand to help local entrepreneurs and is urging anyone looking for support to get in touch.

Business Gateway combines the national resources of a comprehensive website www.bgateway.com and telephone enquiry centre, complemented by local offices providing business adviser support and a range of workshops to boost business skills.

“Whether you are looking for someone to discuss ideas with before you start, would like support with developing a new business, or have growth ambitions and could benefit from referrals to specialist organisations, Business Gateway can help.”

explains Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, Argyll and Bute Council's Policy Lead for Sustainable Economic Growth.

“All the services are free of charge and many local entrepreneurs have already taken advantage of the help at hand”.

Adviser support

The local Business Gateway advisers are all experienced business mentors. Donald Melville covers the Kintyre area and is available to meet business owners and those thinking of self-employment looking for support.

Workshops

Business Gateway hosts free workshops to help entrepreneurs boost their business skills, covering a wide range of topics from business planning to website building and book-keeping. Last year more than 500 people

attended the workshops offered, with very positive feedback. A similar programme is in place this year and anyone planning to attend a workshop should book now to secure their place. Details can be found at www.bgateway.com or call 01546 604 555.

Business Gateway Kintyre statistics 2013-14

- Start-up businesses supported: **16**
- Existing businesses supported with meeting or workshop: **55**
- Adviser start-up meetings: **65**
- Adviser existing business meetings: **38**
- Start-up enquiries: **78**
- Existing business enquiries: **48**

welcome

John Beveridge, area director for the Grand Hyatt hotel chain in Dubai, retraces his career roots from Campbeltown

was a sense of support and care. Hotels are like micro communities. The wellbeing of associates, a care and interest in their professional situation as well as their wellbeing goes a long way to being part of a motivated and engaged team.

With a constant flow of guests and new colleagues through the hotel, the Campbeltown trait of taking an interest in visitors helped prepare me for working in this type of environment. When I have visitors staying with me when home in Tayinloan, they always remark on how they strike up a conversation wherever they are in the town, getting asked a string of questions and feeling a genuine concern from

people who want to help them. A Campbeltown tradition which is alive and well!

What are the main challenges and priorities for the hospitality industry today?

With the rapid growth of the industry it is important that we do not lose the personal aspects of engaging with customers. It needs to be more than a process. That takes a certain type of commitment from those working in the industry. Of course it is a business, but one cannot take just a business approach.

The industry has increasingly become focused on measuring customer satisfaction using effective

data management, which tracks guest satisfaction, allowing positive practices to be re-enforced while addressing negative customer experiences.

Do the same principles for success apply in Argyll as in the United Arab Emirates?

Yes, there are parallels which apply to both. The obvious being the viability of supply and demand - the amount of hotel rooms vs the amount of people who want to come and stay.

Another key factor is the people who service the industry. If they are not engaged then it does not work, wherever you are. Guests know when there is a genuine concern for

their comfort and wellbeing. They are the best marketers you can have. They will spread the word (both good and bad). With social media as it is and the power of the internet, word travels fast. Take Trip Advisor for example. It works the same for Kintyre as for Dubai.

Have you been to Campbeltown recently? What did you think?

My family and I are back regularly in Kintyre. It is still very much home. We now have our house near Tayinloan, but are in the town regularly. In fact I was back the week of the Mull of Kintyre Run, though I was too slow off the mark to get a slot for the run itself (maybe just as well

as I might have caused extra work for the support services).

Campbeltown is a place to be proud of. With the challenges of the closing of many major industries, it is inspiring to see how the town responds. Its resilience to dust itself off and get on with the realities of change is a constant reminder of the strength of the "wee toon".

I get great satisfaction out of reading the Courier every Friday (online) and keeping up with the news. The achievements of the pipe bands and brass band are fantastic.

Being in the hotel industry it has been a delight to see the rebirth of some of the iconic hotels in the area. As mentioned, I started at the Ugadale,

so to go back there and see what has been done is magic.

The "supply" of rooms on the peninsula has increased and this is positive in that there is a critical mass which will allow for more visitors to come and experience what the district has to offer and allow for activities which require increased accommodation options - like the MOK Run.

I have people talking to me in Dubai who have either visited or have plans to visit Kintyre. Those going have been online, chosen their accommodation and are fired up. And, they are not that bothered about what the weather is going to do!

Tyres for Kintyre

Whether it's salvaging a car that has slipped off a pier, changing batteries and tyres, or giving a family run-around a full service and a new lease of life, the work of a motor mechanic provides plenty of challenges to keep business partners Ronnie Dickson and Hamish Armour busy.

The pair, who run M & R Motors in Tomaig, have a strong track record for keeping the people of Campbeltown on the

road, from diagnostics and servicing for light commercial and private vehicles, to tyre and part replacements, and local breakdown recovery in their distinctive beavertail lorry. They've even been known to drive a float at the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival Parade.

With more than two decades in business, they have seen huge changes in the industry and the vehicles they encounter, with the

transformation from mechanical to electronic engines one of the most significant.

Recent changes in legislation have led the team to end their 24-hour breakdown and recovery partnerships with RAC, Green Flag and police accident recovery in order to focus on building other areas of the business.

Spectacular views make Kintyre a breath-taking place to drive, but it can also be hard on tyres, with plenty of tracks and pot holes to cause damage and wear down treads (and cause drivers to take a deep breath for another reason entirely).

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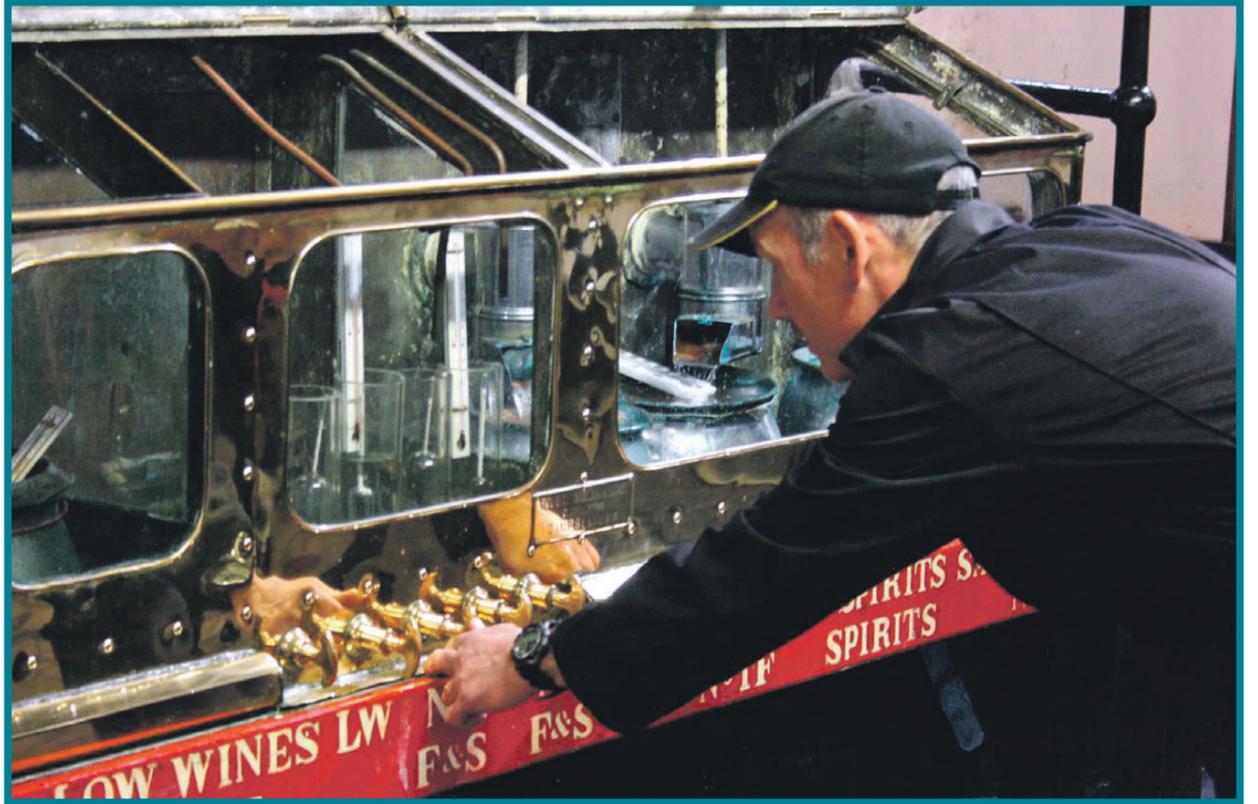
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Springbank could never be described as a typical distillery. At least not in today's whisky industry, where modernisation, efficiency and maximising output are almost given equal standing with quality and character in an industry dominated by multinational companies headquartered in cities and countries quite a distance from Scotland, whisky's spiritual home.

At Springbank, one of Scotland's last remaining family-owned distilleries, the approach to making whisky is different.

In production terms at least, Springbank is firmly rooted in the past, preferring to employ people to make and bottle their whisky rather than buying machinery to do the job instead.

Despite being a relatively small player in

the whisky industry, and being from a small town on the west coast of Scotland, Springbank is a whisky with a truly global reputation and is seen as one of the most iconic distilleries in the world.

The distillery and its sister, Mitchell's Glengyle Distillery, are owned by Hedley G Wright, great-great grandson of Springbank's founder, John Mitchell, who began legal distillation back in 1828.

Tradition

The distillery has been in the control of John Mitchell's direct descendants since that day, with Mr Wright the latest custodian of the J&A Mitchell & Co Ltd group of companies.

That sense of tradition, and the family feel, are the keys to the distillery's operation today and there

are a number of things that make Springbank - that word again - unique.

Unusually, Springbank produces three different single malts, where most distilleries will produce one style or, at the most, perhaps two.

Elegant

Springbank itself is described as a lightly peated, complex malt, while Longrow is more peaty, smokey and medicinal. Hazelburn, in production since 1997, is triple distilled, contains no smokey flavour and is a very elegant dram.

Springbank is the only distillery in Scotland to carry out 100% of production on one site. Every grain of barley used in the production process is malted at the distillery, rather than bought in ready-malted from large malting companies.

While a handful of distilleries continue to malt a proportion of their barley on-site, Springbank is the only one which continues to do it all.

It isn't the most economic or efficient way to malt barley but it's the Springbank way. People over technology, quality over quantity - the number of staff employed at Springbank is heavily disproportionate to

the volume of whisky produced there.

Similarly, once the other key stages in whisky production are complete - kilning, milling, mashing, fermentation and distillation - every barrel of spirit filled is then stored at the distillery to allow the maturation process to run its course before the whisky is deemed ready for bottling by Distillery Manager Gavin McLachlan and his team.

fanatics in every country which has been exposed to Scotch whisky.

Global appeal

If proof were needed, a quick glance at the visitors' book in the company's Tasting Room reveals signatures from Sweden, Holland, Belgium, China, Australia and Canada - and that is just some of the people who have been to visit so far in 2014.

Despite its traditional values, J&A Mitchell & Co Ltd remains a forward-thinking operation.

In 2004, the company rebuilt and reopened one of the original Campbeltown distilleries, the Glengyle Distillery. Originally owned by Hedley Wright's great-uncle William Mitchell, Glengyle ran from 1872 until 1925, when it was closed.

J&A Mitchell purchased the buildings of the original distillery and spent four years building a brand new distillery within the walls of the old one.

Under the guidance of then Director of Production Frank McHardy, the new Glengyle Distillery

soon began to flourish and the Kilkerran Single Malt produced there is already building a reputation as a must-try whisky amongst the connoisseurs.

The reopening of Glengyle reflects not only the company's commitment to the whisky business, but also its commitment to Campbeltown.

Proud

The owner, directors and staff are extremely proud that their whiskies help to represent the town on the global stage and they are fiercely protective of Campbeltown's status as one of Scotland's defined whisky producing regions.

After a long campaign led by J&A Mitchell, that status was officially recognised by the European Union in the Scotch Whisky Regulations 2010, which named Campbeltown as one of the whisky regions of Scotland, alongside the Highlands, Speyside, the Lowlands and Islay.

Fitting recognition for the efforts of the people at Springbank. As the company states on its marketing materials: "Proud to present Campbeltown malts, made by Campbeltown people."

"There's nothing stopping Campbeltown from succeeding, but we have to take responsibility for growth ourselves."

Ranald Watson, Springbank Distillery.

In keeping with the idea of doing everything in-house, the whisky is then bottled at the distillery before being shipped to 45 countries around the world.

At the moment, the main markets for Springbank include the UK, USA, Germany, France, Taiwan and Japan, though there are hardcore Springbank

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The numbers speak for themselves where Kintyre Recycling is concerned.

This energetic social enterprise has contributed £300,000 to the Kintyre economy. It provides employment for 22 people and diverts 750 tonnes of waste each year, saving residents and the council money – and that's just the start.

If you are a Kintyre resident, the chances are you will have encountered Kintyre Recycling's work, whether you have filled your clear bags with recycling, ready for kerbside collection, used the bright pink can and plastic bank at Campbeltown skate park, or polished your car with one of their recycled rag wipes.

Opportunity is at the heart of the company's ethos - 11 of its posts are

supported employment positions, providing work for people who have special needs or who face other challenges, and helping them to gain new skills and qualifications.



Now Kintyre Recycling's profile is about to get even higher. "Thanks to council support and finance from the Scottish Land Fund, we are in the process of buying land where we can develop a purpose-built recycling facility," explains Business Manager

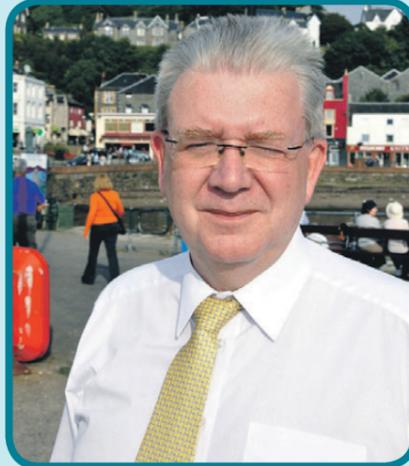
Amanda Card. "This will enable us to extend our kerbside recycling services and will be home to a furniture retail unit and the base for our new bicycle reuse scheme."

The bike reuse scheme is good news for Kintyre cyclists of all ages and abilities. The project, which is just about to launch, will operate a kerbside collection service, providing repairs and collecting, refurbishing and selling unwanted old bikes.

If you have a bike that's rusting in the garage, why not give it a new lease of life? Get it repaired, get back in the saddle and enjoy exploring our beautiful countryside, or donate it and give someone else that opportunity.

Details will be available shortly at www.kintyrerecycling.com.

Business people



Exciting time for Kintyre business

The vision of local people makes a real difference, writes Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute.

Last summer the Scottish Cabinet came to Kintyre and it was great for me, as the local MSP, to welcome my colleagues in Government to my own constituency and to a part of it that has, over the past few years, come on leaps and bounds.

Nobody would deny that Campbeltown and other parts of Kintyre have gone through tough times. But the vision of local people, the determination of local businesses, and the efforts of both the public and private sector have combined to make a real difference and to position Kintyre well for the future.

The First Minister told the public reception on the night of the Cabinet that he had spent some childhood holidays in Marchrihanish, and he expressed his great fondness for the place. He then turned up late for the Cabinet dinner because he had gone off to drop in on people he had known from that time!

He also undertook a wide range of engagements, as did Nicola Sturgeon, the Deputy First Minister, John Swinney, the Finance Secretary, and a range of others who all called on key local businesses and met with a wide range of local individuals. Every one of them was impressed by what they heard and saw, as I was sure they would be.

I am regularly in Kintyre, of course, so I know about, for example, the work of the community in Carradale to encourage tourism by increasing mooring and other facilities and now building a new slipway. I have met with some of the new companies

now installed in the business units in Campbeltown and I was privileged to be part of the launch of Explore Campbeltown.

I have sponsored one of the way markers on the Kintyre Way, supported local contractors as they bid for contracts, made contacts for transport providers, encouraged public bodies to offer better services, discussed promotions and training with hotel and tourist employers, and offered backing to a range of companies and bodies that have been seeking financial support from government and other investors.

Whisky - and food and drink more widely - tourism, farming, manufacturing and energy are all important to the area. Sustaining existing activity through support like the small business bonus and other schemes has been helpful. Start up advice and resources have been accessed by others just getting going and where special assistance has been required - as with the MACC buy out and the development of Wind Towers - that has been forthcoming after negotiation.

I think Kintyre is fully open for business and is well positioned for future success. I believe independence can only enhance those prospects and, as the local MSP, I am keen to help in any way I can.

(Michael Russell can be contacted by email at Michael.Russell.msp@scottish.parliament.uk and his Constituency Manager Marie Claire Docherty is available by phone at his constituency office in Dunoon on 01369 702011)

First job: I worked as a student in a variety of places including for the National Trust for Scotland as a seasonal ranger in Culzean Country Park. My first job after university was making audio visual programmes for the Church of Scotland.

Best business experience: Starting my own company - Eala Bhan Ltd - when I set up on my own as an independent TV producer.

Worst business experience: Pitching for commissions as a producer / director was always hard work and just missing out on a big programme was always a disappointment. But then winning those commissions was always a thrill and the experiences balanced each other out.

What's the secret of business success? Persistence, imagination, flexibility, optimism - they are all essential. And never giving up.



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Generations in agriculture

Andrew Smith & Son is a name with a history going back several generations on the agricultural scene in Kintyre, from the old days at Drumore to the site at Snipefield where the business is based today.

Those years of experience, running a large family farm and doing all their own fabrication and repairs, make a solid basis for a growing business servicing the industry in the area, across Kintyre and Islay which benefits from the depth of expertise that Andrew Smith, Hamish Smart and the team can offer.

As Andrew explains: "We know what it means to be running a busy operation and need support with equipment or some unexpected problem. You need to be able to call on someone to get things back on track with the least fuss. When I had to give up our own



farm for health reasons, I wanted to establish a new business where we could do exactly that, and our customers know we'll bend over backwards to help, whether it's just a small spare part from our extensive stocks or a major repair, and we've proved it time and time again – the customer comes first as far as we're concerned."

The team has expanded

again recently, and other new resources added, to ensure that all needs can be covered.

As Andrew continues: "Hamish is an Agricultural Engineer of wide renown, so I'm delighted that his son Gavin has joined us here at Snipefield. Alistair Wilson made a great success of setting up the stores and shop last year, and recently we have out-fitted the workshop with

tyre fitting and balancing equipment to widen the scope of repairs which can be done promptly on the premises. The machine hire side of the business has proved popular too since the move from Glebe Street in March last year, and I know our customers appreciate being able just to phone for a vital bit of kit at short notice and get the job done, whether they run it themselves or want us to provide the operator. The number of repeat hires proves just how handy and economical the service is."

Fabrication is a popular part of Andrew's business too, with Gus Morrans in charge, and he is kept busy with large and small projects. Often during the day a customer appears with a broken component or a part needing modified or constructed, and Gus is well up to the challenge, from a small weld up to

We know what it means to be running a busy operation and need support with equipment or some unexpected problem. You need to be able to call on someone to get things back on track with the least fuss.

farm machinery, boat repairs, structural components or major items for handling wind turbine sections.

An interesting project for Andrew has been the restoration of the former Hazelburn Distillery, converted to the Business Park a number of years ago, but which he took on in 2011 in need of much repair and investment. As he explains: "It's been a bit of a labour of love, and it's taken a lot of money to get the building looking more like it should, but as many people do locally, I hate seeing our heritage fall into disrepair, and I wanted to

put something back into a community that means so much to me. The manager at Hazelburn, Clive Good, has been involved for many years now, and has a keen interest in making the Business Park a pleasant working environment and a successful base for lots of organisations.

"As to the future, we will add another engineer when we can find the right person, and I want to see opportunities for youngsters, by taking on apprentices. More businesses should be doing that, and Andrew Smith & Son will be doing its full share."

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The business also has many sales and service customers from outwith Argyll who regularly holiday in Kintyre. In July 2013 the business celebrated its 40-year anniversary and association with Peugeot, a

proud milestone and one that would not have been possible without the loyal support of its customers over the last 40 years.

The business has evolved over the years to meet the needs of its customers and in 1998 the purpose built garage at Snipefield became the new home of Campbeltown Motor Company. This enabled the business to operate the sales, service and car hire functions under one roof.

Campbeltown Motor Company is a family run business and since

it started 40 years ago it has provided local employment and career opportunities, something that the partners of the business feel is important in a rural community.

The business is a partner in the Peugeot Apprenticeship Programme which gives apprentices the opportunity to achieve an NVQ by combining on-the-job training with time at the Peugeot Training Academy.

Graeme McMurchy says: "Like a lot of other businesses in the town it's been a challenging few years for us and we genuinely appreciate the loyal support of our

"We genuinely appreciate the loyal support of our customers. Campbeltown is a great community to be part of and it's encouraging to see the town getting back on its feet"

Graeme McMurchy, Campbeltown Motor Company.

customers. Campbeltown is a great community to be part of and it's encouraging to see the town getting back on its feet and benefiting from public and private investment".

The Sales Department has access to the extensive range of new and

used Peugeot cars...from MPVs to hatchbacks, saloons and estates, and with a choice of trim options to suit your needs and budget, there is something for everyone.

The new generation of Peugeot diesel engines offer extremely low CO2 emissions together with outstanding fuel economy and as a result of this many makes and models now have zero road tax. The Sales Department can also offer a range of other makes and models of used cars.

Making it as easy as possible for Motability customers to buy their new cars is something the company is committed to and as part of this, the company has made many makes and models available with low or no advance payments.

Business users can

benefit from competitive funding options for cars and vans, which include contract hire and leasing together with repair and maintenance packages.

The Service Department and workshop is equipped to offer the vast range of services that customers expect including servicing, MOTs, warranty work, repairs, tyres, aircon servicing and much more. The fact that the business is located at the end of a peninsula is no barrier as there is a parts delivery 5 days a week...parts can be ordered one day and arrive the next.

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D. McNair & Son Ltd., is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, trading business still operating within Campbeltown.

Established in 1903, by the then owner Mr Donald McNair, it has seen many changes within the lifespan of the business, yet it has always retained the core values and standards throughout.

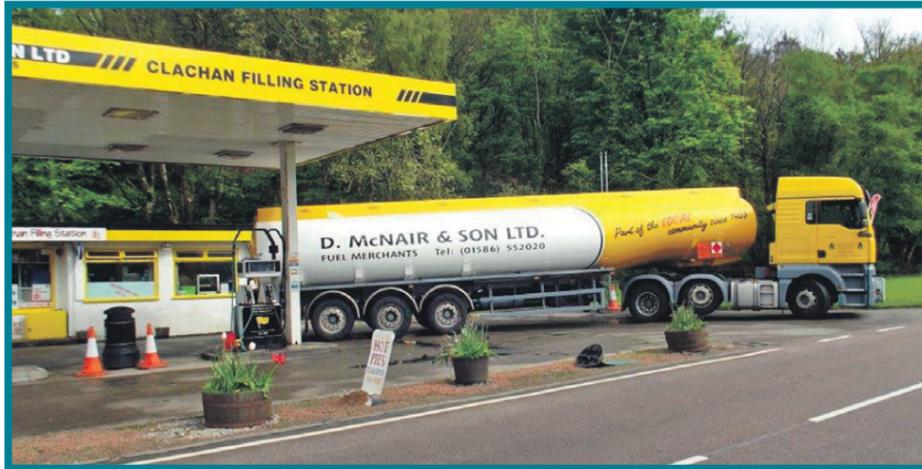
These values of fairness, service, reliability and accountability were as important then as they are today. The adherence of these values has undoubtedly aided the longevity of the business, coupled with the recognition that the business has had to constantly change to adapt to the needs and expectations of the customer and client.

Initially the main core business activity was retailing coal, paraffin and farm drainage tiles. The

office was located within Main Street, Campbeltown. Today you can see the original company name and hours of business, faintly, on the stone work, outside the building that was recently 'water jetted', which latterly belonged to 'Main Video'.

Although the business trading name has always remained, the ownership changed in 1967 from the McNair family to the Shaw family.

Donald Shaw, who had been working within the firm from an early age; service broken only by his duty to his country, during the Second World War, took ownership in 1967. At this time the business diversified into other business lines namely, ship agency,



stevedoring, house factoring and fish buying.

Upon his death in 1985, his son Alan took over the stewardship of the business, and to this day, the business ownership remains within the Shaw family.

Although the core business activity has remained fairly constant over the years, the business, in recent years, has moved more towards the distribution of bulk oil. In addition,

the geographical area the organisation covers nowadays is much more extensive than ever.

From Campbeltown in the South, to Oban in the North, Gigha to the West and Grangemouth to the East; gone are the days when the area served was exclusively South Kintyre.

The business is always looking to develop, and is keen to engage with likeminded organisations; where the progress of

business development is mutually beneficial to all. This type of business development may have been noticed recently with the business relationship between McNairs and Clachan Filling Station.

However, the value of a business, according to the current owner, is arguably based on the quality and loyalty of the staff. McNair's have been fortunate in having a very loyal and dedicated staff. Alan Shaw

recognises this value, and appreciates the commitment and willingness of his fellow work colleagues.

As the business develops, the management are always keen to recognise that without the customer, the business is nothing. The owners identify their close links with the customer, and never lose sight of the principal customer base that has helped sustain the business over the years, namely local farmers, fishermen, house owners and businesses.

D. McNair & Son Ltd. is truly a local business; owned and operated by local people and, more importantly, supported by local people.

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Business people



We are moving with the times

By celebrating the best of what this region has to offer, we can prove that it is unbeatable, writes the Duchess of Argyll.

While the past few years have been tough for every sector, there are several reasons for optimism – and Argyll is leading the way.

Tourism has become a key feature of our amazing county, but it is by no means the sole driving force that keeps this vibrant area thriving.

Fishing, farming, construction, haulage and transport are well represented and have grown and diversified. While the more traditional fishing and farming communities have changed over the years, Argyll has moved with the times. For example, the production of some of the finest food and drinks in the world has expanded and become world-recognised, our cheese, seafoods and meats are widely acclaimed, not to mention the 20 or so whisky distilleries we have sitting on our doorstep.

Our location is perceived as a chal-

lenge – the perception that Argyll is miles from anywhere has been a huge hindrance, but the ‘nearer than you think’ campaign has proved to be highly successful – as well as the massive improvements to our transport links.

To arrive in the most beautiful place on earth – by road, sea, rail or air – including new ferry services, a rib from Northern Ireland or by air into Campbeltown, Oban, or an island airport, is fantastic and an amazing asset to both the local residents and the tourists from further afield.

There is a lot to celebrate in Argyll, and by doing so we can continue to prove this is an unbeatable area, not just to live, but to work as well. It is worth adding that the quality of life is unsurpassable and something we all should take pride in.

First job: Book Publishing. I worked for a company called Midas

Best business experience: When something really comes together after months of work. Last year’s Best of the West festival in Inveraray was great. Over 5,000 people, happy visitors, great music - it was amazing and this year should be (hopefully) even better. (www.bowfest.co.uk)

Worst business experience: I once worked on a project promoting a new, not very interesting shampoo. I’m afraid I just couldn’t get excited about it. And the journalists found it as boring as I did!

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Pauline McCart, Sales Director.

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- 50 % of the economically active population are employed full time
- 16.8 % work more than 49 hours per week
- 18.2% of people aged over 16 have a degree or equivalent qualification

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Machrihanish Airbase

Celebrating two years of successful trading, the community company behind the buyout of the former RAF airbase looks ahead to an exciting year of growth and development.

It has been a long journey for the directors of Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC).

Established in 2008 by a group of people who shared the same passion and determination to see the airbase facilities used for the benefit of the Kintyre community, they embarked on one of the largest and most complicated buyouts ever to be seen. After four years of hard work (and sleepless nights), MACC finally purchased the estate on May 11, 2012 from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for £1.

Reflecting on the years leading up to the successful bid, chairman of MACC

Charity Board, Ian Wardrop said: 'We never thought we would get to where we are today. Because of the scale of the base and the value of the assets, the buyout was completely unique. There had been nothing like it before and this made it quite daunting.

'However, here we are today, we have had two years of very successful trading, we are completely self sustaining and we are ahead of what we set out to do in our three-year business plan.'

Machrihanish Airbase boasts a 10,000-foot runway, around 200 buildings and 1,050 acres of land assets. Over the

last two years, MACC has been focused on upgrading the infrastructure on site. Working with the Scottish Government, MoD, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and Scottish Water, they provided a new public water supply for 137 residential properties at the sound of Kintyre as well as commercial properties. Access roads have been improved along with the sewage infrastructure and the High Voltage (HV) electricity grid upgraded.

MACC Development Ltd, which is the trading arm of the company, are now keen to fully realise the potential of the assets and attract more tenants. Recruiting

a new business development manager and also a marketing officer in recent months, they now feel they are equipped with the right resources to promote the airbase further afield for the benefit of the whole community.

Business Development Manager of MACC Development Ltd, Malcolm McMillan, who joined the company in September, 2013 said: 'I see MACC as a facilitator of economic growth for Kintyre. There is a lot of untapped potential here. The property and land assets have flexible use so the opportunities really are endless.

'We continue to have a great deal of interest in the site. This is a very exciting time for us.'

MACC are eager to seize every opportunity for renewable energy development, supporting the Argyll and Bute Renewables Alliance (ABRA). This has included attendance at a trade fair, providing marketing materials and hosting a number of visits by offshore renewables companies. MACC is very much on the political radar too, with visits from Nicola Sturgeon, the Deputy First Minister,



Business Development Manager of MACC Development Ltd, Malcom McMillan

as part of the opening of Campbeltown Harbour and the development of the Kintyre Renewables Hub, and the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Development, John Swinney during the Scottish Government Cabinet Meeting held in Campbeltown in September.

Another exciting development at Machrihanish Airbase is the reopening of Building 175A – formerly part of the US Navy SEALs Complex. The building is now the home of Kintyre's only indoor shooting range,

operated by Landrail Firearms Ltd which is part of The Owston Grange Group. The building and the 25m Hutton Range were officially reopened at the end of May and the range now hosts regular club nights as well as being open to the public on Wednesdays and weekends.

Peter Davie, who founded The Owston Grange Group along with his wife, Paula, said: 'Paula and I have lived and breathed Building 175A for over a year during the extensive refurbishment project. When I was first shown the abandoned building it was freezing cold, dark and quite disorientating; however we could see the potential there to restore it to its former glory. The Hutton Range is now an integral part of our business and we aim to make the facility as accessible as possible to everyone in Kintyre.

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which currently include Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd (HIAL) and Wind Towers Scotland. Nine additional tenants have come forward in the recent months and there is space for many more.

As it stands, the former airbase's tenants employ over 160 people while the assets on the site provide a platform to attract inward investment with the potential of creating more jobs. 'We hope this number will be able to grow in the near future' says Malcolm, 'There are a number of things in the pipeline which could potentially lead to better job opportunities in the area. This would be fantastic as MACC are committed to helping sustain the population of Kintyre and attracting people here.'

A strong remit of MACC's is to continue to allow the use of the site for charitable activity. In the past they

have facilitated events for the Kintyre Model Aero Club, the Young Farmers, Campbeltown Running Club and the Kintyre Youth Motocross Club is currently located on site.

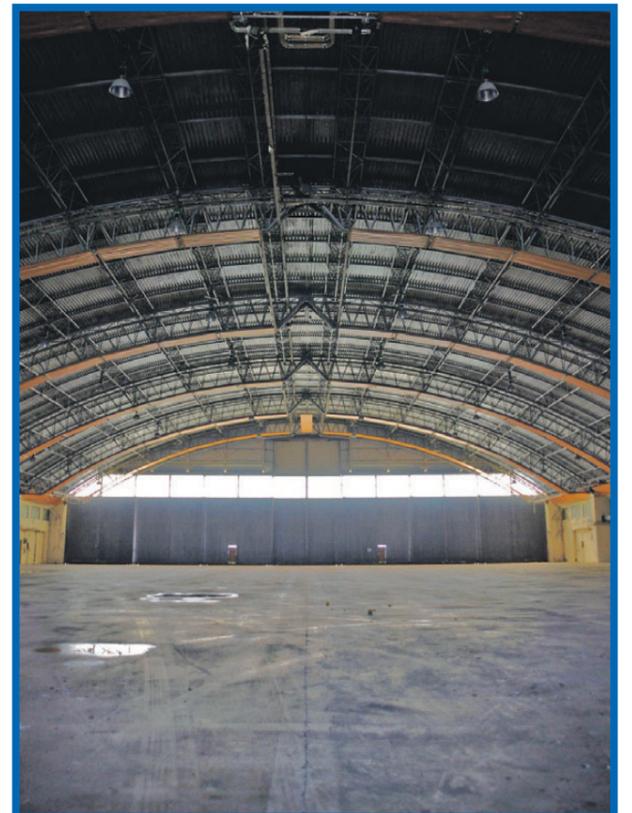
There is a busy summer ahead as MACC are set to host the first Mach 1 Stages Rally in July as part of Dunfermline Car Club's Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship. The event will be held over two days (July 5 and 6) and will be open to spectators. MACC directors are hoping that the event will be a great family outing. The following weekend, as part of Homecoming Scotland 2014, former staff and pupils of Drumlembie Primary School will be hosting a celebration ceilidh in the Officers Mess to commemorate 100 years of the school.

MACC are keen to reinforce the message that they were set up with a

view to always be there for the people of Kintyre. Ian Wardrop states: 'We want our work to have benefits for the whole area. Other businesses, local entrepreneurs, future generations, any investment we draw in will have a knock-on effect

for the wider community. 'We will continue to work with our partners - HIE, Argyll and Bute Council and the Scottish Government - in building our future as their support has been invaluable to us over the years.'

MACC will be hosting an open day on Saturday June 7 from 1pm – 4pm where you will have a chance to hear the plans for the future of the site.



To make an enquiry about any of MACC's properties and land assets, please contact **Malcolm McMillan, Business Manager** on 01586 551555 e: manager@maccdl.co.uk

sible without the help and guidance from everyone at Machrihanish Airbase who have always been supportive in accommodating our requests and offering advice. We are proud to be one of the first new long term tenants of MACC Developments Ltd and we hope the opening of 175A reflects the amazing progress being made at the airbase and inspires other local entrepreneurs to pursue a project of their own with MACC.'

MACC also continues to build strong relationships with their existing tenants,



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Old lessons and new opportunities

Can the experiences of the past help shape a vibrant future?

In the early decades of the twentieth century, Campbeltown would have been quite a place to do business.

The harbour was teeming with fishing vessels, visitors streamed off steamships and onto the light railway and horse-drawn coaches, and the air would have had the distinct tang of malt from many thriving whisky distilleries – an aroma only matched by the tantalising whiff of opportunity.

Where the core industries brought people and finance to Kintyre, so they provided work for residents and possibilities for entrepreneurs. Tourists needed accommodation, food and entertainment, fishermen needed the services of boat builders and hauliers, and the distilleries needed grain, staff, storage, and more.

A century on, and Campbeltown has reached another pivotal point in its industrial development, with rich opportunities; in the leisure industry, in transport, energy, and the services that supply those sectors - and there is a sense that now is the time to transform those opportunities into success.

"There's a real positivity about the region," says Donald Melville, Regional Adviser for Business Gateway. "I think the recent investment in the area has helped people to feel that this is a place where they can do business."

That positivity is reflected in the numbers considering entering business. Business Gateway, which supports new and existing businesses, is receiving increased enquiries from potential start-ups - there were 78 in the year 2013/2014.

"We've worked



with companies from renewables specialists to a cleaning business and to a computer games start-up. With technology like Skype, isolation is becoming less of a problem, as many of the problems of the distance can be overcome," says Donald.

Upgrading

Government and corporate backing of infrastructure and regeneration in the area is further evidence that this is seen as a place worth investing in, from the upgrading of the waterfront and the new Ardrossan ferry link, to housing developments such as Park Terrace, First Milk's investment in a new creamery, and Southworth Europe's commitment to the Machrihanish Dunes resort and hotels (projects also supported by Highlands and Islands Enterprise).

Potential is being recognised at the highest level of Government, as First Minister Alex Salmond confirmed with his visit to open the Mull of Kintyre Industrial Estate last summer. "The level of demand for the new

business units is very encouraging and a sure sign that Campbeltown is on the up," he said.

While outside input is vital, the impetus for Campbeltown's new momentum has come from within, and it is captured in the presence of Explore Campbeltown, a collective of local businesses committed to raising the profile of the town.

"Visitors would come to the distillery to do tastings and then go, and we wanted to encourage them to see more of Campbeltown," explains Ranald Watson, Sales and Marketing Manager at Springbank Distillery, one of the founding members of the group.

"Our aim is to give the potential visitor a real feel for what they can do when they get here, and that might include finding out that there is a shoe shop, or planning a self-catering holiday in the knowledge that there is a butchers and supermarket close by."

Explore Campbeltown launched last Autumn, and the initiative has already

community activities and motor sports events, and is poised to do much more, aiming to return the facility to its one-time place as a key industrial player.

For tourism in particular, stories of boom times past are intrinsically linked with modern-day success. Visitors on the whisky trail are almost as captivated by tales of illicit stills and excise men as by the prospect of sampling that special single malt, and the lives of early guests

and expectations of the customer and client."

A readiness to adapt has also been key for McFadyens Contractors. Established by Archie McFadyen in 1901, when he had a team of horses collecting sand from the shore, it remains in the family today.

Growth

Director Billy McFadyen believes that they continue to grow partly because of a willingness to get involved in new areas of work. "If you're based in large population areas, it makes sense to be specialist, but in a rural area like this, there aren't always enough opportunities in one specialism to keep a business going, so you have to build the skills base to be able to take on a variety of jobs," he says.

In the century from 1914 to 2014, much has changed for Campbeltown, and the region has seen more than its share of economic highs and lows. Despite these, or perhaps because of them, the principles on which the town first grew then remain relevant now.

In early 1914 Campbeltown was still one of the richest towns in Scotland, but the business folk of the time could not have foreseen that war was about to break out, stalling the whisky trade, but bringing with it new people and possibilities – from greater demand for food production, to the inception of the influential facility that was to become RAF Machrihanish.

The people and businesses of Campbeltown adapted their ideas, products and services to changing circumstances then, and that resilience remains their strength today.

"Next generation broadband will be a game changer, with the potential to be genuinely transformational for our businesses and communities."

Douglas Cowan

had an impact, with its logo appearing widely online, in outlets and on key exports from the town, from smoked fish to bottles of whisky. "The goal is to try to fire people up a bit," says Ranald. "There's nothing stopping Campbeltown from succeeding, but we have to take responsibility for growth ourselves."

Renewable energy

The connection between past and future economies is particularly strong in Campbeltown. For over five centuries, the town produced energy in the form of coal, and today it has become a leader in renewable energy provision and services, with around 130 people employed at the Wind Towers Scotland site at Machrihanish.

The rest of that historic air base site has also seen transformation. Now under the ownership of Machrihanish Airbase Community Company, it has a range of assets for lease, hosts an indoor shooting range,

are a sure source of fascination for residents at historic hotels such as the Royal, which opened in 1909.

Several family businesses which would have been familiar to Georgian Campbeltownians remain part of the fabric of the town today. Among them is D. McNair & Son Ltd., the fuel merchant and shipping agent, which was established in 1903 as a retailer of coal, paraffin and farm drainage tiles.

Owner Alan Shaw attributes their longevity to a variety of factors: "Fairness, service, reliability, accountability and a loyal customer base have all contributed," he says, "coupled with the recognition that the business has had to constantly change to adapt to the needs

Adapting to a changing landscape

Dunardry Forest, near Cairnbaan, is a beautiful place to explore. With views of the Crinan Canal, and a deep gorge that carves a dramatic slice through the woodland, it is a popular walking and picnic destination. Visit today, and you can stand on a newly built Dunardry Bridge and safely enjoy the spectacle of the water rushing, or babbling, beneath you.

You can cross the 12m ravine thanks to the achievement of Campbeltown civil engineering company McFadyens Contractors, who completed work on the bridge last October. They were responsible for the project, from the excavations to create foundations and construction of the in situ reinforced concrete deck with steel beams to form the 18.6m clear span bridge itself, to the installation of the handrails.

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**Managing Director
Billy McFadyen**

for other projects.

Building bridges may seem a change of tack to those who associate McFadyens with mainstream road and construction projects, but it is a specialism that the company has invested time and effort to master, and represents just one of the diverse areas in which they operate.

“A key priority for

us is developing and consolidating on a professional level, so that we can take on an ever more challenging range of projects,” explains Managing Director Billy McFadyen. “With over a century in business, we have experience behind us, and we’re focused on building our skills and expertise for the future.”

Its commitment to

expanding the already considerable skills base, and to being in the running for an ever broader range of projects, is reflected in the creation of two new positions at the company, a graduate civil engineer (who McFadyens sponsored through his last year at university) and a trainee quantity surveyor. As the knowledge required to win engineering contracts becomes ever more specialised, it is likely that their expertise will prove critical.

McFadyens is experiencing a physical growth at

the moment as well, with an extension to its Glebe Street office completed in time to accommodate the new members of staff, and a new 45T Mobile crane added to the list of plant available for hire, which already includes excavators, loaders, telescopic handlers, dumpers and tipplers.

“I am proud of the flexibility of our workforce and what they can tackle,” says Billy. “They are very adaptable and highly skilled which enables us to carry out a vast range of projects throughout Argyll”

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A more vibrant and confident Campbeltown

Opportunities for growth abound, writes Douglas Cowan, Area Manager – Argyll and the Islands, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

There is a sense of renewed optimism and opportunity around Campbeltown following some challenging years.

Census data from March 2011 showed a 4.9 % decline in the town's population, but since then Machrihanish Airbase Community Company have acquired the base, the Royal and Ugadale Hotels have reopened and Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd have taken over the former Skykon plant.

The situation has improved in the past 2 or 3 years and there is a case for continued optimism, with opportunities for growth based on existing assets such as our strong food and drink products, on serviced land and energy-related potential at Machrihanish, and in tourism, in particular given the international profile of Scotland this year.

The Scottish Cabinet saw a more vibrant and confident Campbeltown last August when they visited projects including the first phase of the Mull of Kintyre Industrial Estate. This development by Macleod Construction, supported by HIE, comprises 6 small business units which are fully let, and it is hoped that construction of Phase 2 will be underway later this year.

The tourism product has seen significant improvement. In 2011, HIE invested £2.2m, including £848,000 from the European Regional Development Fund, in the restoration of the Ugadale Hotel at Machrihanish and The Royal Hotel in Campbeltown by the Kintyre Development Company. Both hotels are now attracting increased visitors to the area to make the most of local attractions and experiences such

as golf, including the award winning Machrihanish Dunes golf course.

The profile of tourism is also being raised by the Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative. Supported by HIE, it is providing a focus for increased collaboration and is acting as an umbrella for promoting Argyll. In addition to sport and leisure activities, local strengths include food and drink, and the town's historic cinema, a successful social enterprise with plans to develop into a 21st century arts facility.

Kintyre is well positioned in respect of other sectoral growth opportunities, particularly life sciences, with the Marine Environmental Research Laboratory (MERL) at Machrihanish undertaking groundbreaking research on site. Links with aquaculture are strong and in addition to more traditional fish farming, there is interest from potential inward investors in closed containment aquaculture.

HIE has also worked closely with and supported the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company to acquire the former RAF base and develop it as a sustainable community asset.

The HIE-led project to roll out next generation broadband will reach around 84% of homes and businesses across the region by the end of 2016. It will allow small businesses to trade internationally, and enable people to work locally and share information worldwide. It is important that we all recognise the scale of the opportunity and are able to use the technology to its full potential to realise our growth ambitions.

First job: I was a Chartered Surveyor and worked in Glasgow and Hong Kong before returning to Argyll.

Best business experience: I lead a talented and motivated team in a wonderful part of the world. It is very rewarding to work with and help a small business to realise its ambitions, or to see a small family business grow into a significant regional player providing well paid jobs in a fragile area.

Worst business experience: Given the nature of our role, not everything we do always works out as planned. The worst experience is when, despite best efforts, a business that you have worked closely with fails, and you see the impact on individuals, families and communities.

What's the secret of business success? Having the vision and ambition to succeed and not being afraid to give it a go.

Building for tomorrow's Campbeltown

McKinven & Colville Ltd have been in business since 1962 carrying out joinery and building works. Based at various locations in Campbeltown town centre, the business has become one of the major building contractors in the Argyll area. In the early 1990s the sons of the founding partners became involved in the day to day running of the business, becoming partners in 1994.

Since 1998 building and plumbing capabilities have been added to the joinery focused workforce to enhance customer satisfaction by providing in-house controls over existing outsource works. In 2009 & 2011 the company purchased then sub-contractors McEachran and Robertson (slater, roughcasters and plasterers) and Archibald Smith Electrical Service (Electrical

Contractor). These acquisitions and added tradesmen have strengthened still the company's position as a major building contractor in the Argyll area.

From 1976 until early 2002, McKinven & Colville operated from Argyll Street in Campbeltown centre. In December 2001 the partners invested in new premises at Snipefield Industrial Estate. These premises meet the strict criteria required in the business sector today and project a professional image to clients.

With the continuing demand for quality, the partners rely upon their experienced and highly skilled staff to train apprentices, who are recruited on a bi-annual basis, maintaining high standards and sharing the values that the company was founded on. Work

experience placements are offered to local potential school-leavers, giving them valuable experience of the building trade. It is one route used by the company in the recruitment of apprentices.

Over the years the company has undertaken various projects as main contractor and sub contractor with a range of clients including Argyll & Bute Council, Argyll & Clyde Health Board, Fyne Homes Housing Association and Argyll Community Housing Association.

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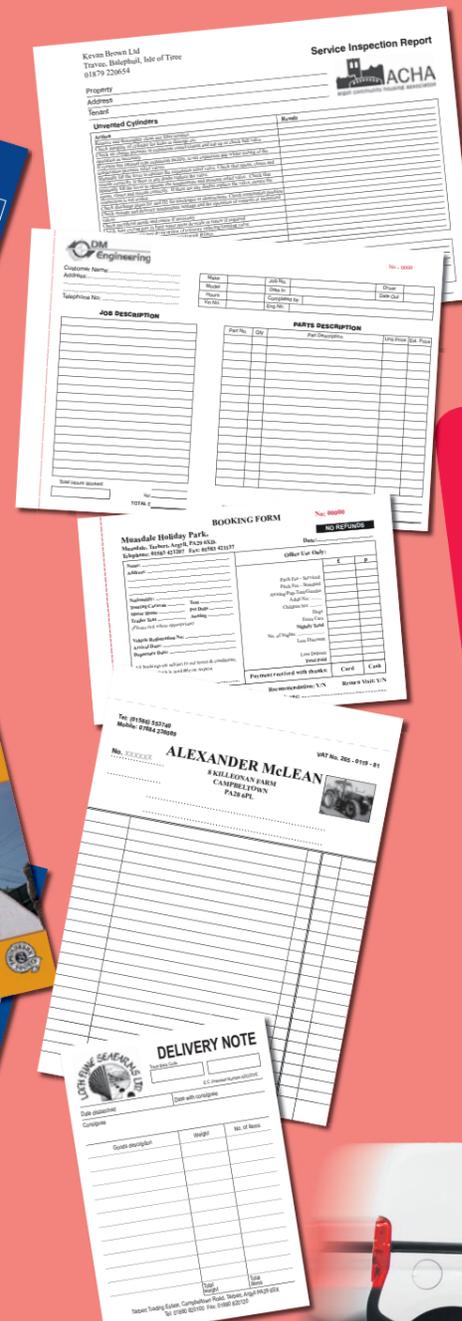
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Billy gets set to walk 500 miles

Paramedic tackles charity trek for forces veterans

A PARAMEDIC from the town has outlined his plan to trek the length of Scotland for a good cause.

Billy McAffer is set to walk the 500 miles from Kirk Yetholm in the Scottish Borders to Cape Wrath next month to raise funds for Veterans charity, Erskine Hospital.

The paramedic is following the example of two Lochgilphead gran-nies who unveiled plans last week to walk the breadth of England for charity.

Continuously

A former member of the armed forces, Billy will begin his hike of the Scottish National Trail on July 26 and walk continuously on his own for about 28 days.

A keen walker who

has completed the West Highland Way (WHW) many times, Billy said: 'The national trail is new and it's the first one that covers the whole of Scotland from one end to the other.'

'No one else is silly enough to join me so I will be doing it alone.'

Opened two years ago, the Scottish National Trail brings existing routes such as the WHW and Great Glen Way together, connecting Scotland from end to end.

Along the route, Billy will take in the sights of Edinburgh, Aberfeldy, Kingussie and Oykel Bridge.

The 48-year-old father-of-two added: 'This will be the biggest thing I have ever done and I have never done anything for charity before.'

'All my family have been in the forces. I was in for a short period and that is the reason behind me choosing Erskine to support. It is also unique to Scotland.'

Mammoth

Not only will Billy be walking many miles every day, he will also be carrying a kit with everything he needs to survive on the four-week adventure, including camping equipment.

His sole companion will be a teddy bear named 'Erskine' who Billy will photograph at key landmarks along the route. The teddy will be aptly dressed in an Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 5 Scots uniform.

People will be able to follow Billy and Erskine via their own Face-



Paramedic Billy MacAffer will walk 500 miles for charity next month. a23billy01no

book page - facebook.com/erskinesn - and donate money by logging on to .virginmoneygiving.com/erskinesnt.

Shellfish harvesting stopped on Loch Striven

SHELLFISH harvesters in Loch Striven have been told to stop gathering cockles, mussels and oysters after toxins were found in the water.

Argyll and Bute council's environmental health team identified raised levels of naturally occurring algal toxins during routine monitoring work at the loch in Cowal.

Eating shellfish from the area may pose a health risk and warning notices for the public and visitors have been posted along the shore.

Commercial shellfish harvesters have been contacted by the council and told to postpone harvesting until algae levels subside and the all clear is given.

Top Lochgilphead doctor leaves a lasting legacy

A LOCHGILPHEAD doctor who has been at the heart of mental health care in the county for more than 30 years has retired.

Dr Grace Fergusson, mental health clinical director for Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP), has retired from a role which saw her implement major changes in mental health.

Major role

She was also influential in the design of the new hospital, which will be built next year, Dr Fergusson has developed community-based care throughout Argyll, ensuring more people remain at home while receiving treatment.

Professor Angus Mackay, a close colleague of Dr Fergusson, said upon her retirement: 'She is one of a now small number of clinicians and others who, over the past thirty

or more years, worked hard to establish Argyll and Bute hospital as a national centre of excellence, punching way above its weight in rehabilitation and education.

In 1989 it won the accolade of Best Mental Illness hospital in Britain.'

Born in Lochgilphead and a former pupil of Oban High School, Dr

Fergusson went on to qualify in medicine at Edinburgh University, one of Scotland's foremost medical schools.

Professor Mackay added: 'The folk of Lochgilphead and of Argyll and Bute and all in the mental health service can be justly proud of her considerable achievements.'



Dr Grace Fergusson retired from her post as Argyll and Bute mental health clinical director last month. a23grace01no

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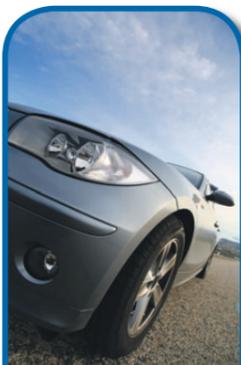
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As a valued reader, we would like to invite you to take part in this short survey on your supermarket shopping habits. We are keen to find out where you shop, and the reasons why you choose specific supermarkets. You are simply required to tick (or click if answering online) the box(es) that refers to your answer. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes of your time. All completed surveys will be entered into a prize draw to win one of five £25 Marks & Spencer Vouchers. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence and used for analysis purposes only.



You can either complete the survey here, or alternatively you can go online and complete the survey at www.tinyurl.com/scotloc The closing date for entries is midnight, 13th June 2014.

Q1 Which of the following most closely describes the extent to which you are involved in the grocery shopping in your household?
 I do all or most of the shopping I have little or no involvement
 I share the responsibility for the shopping with someone else in the household

Q2 In which of the following supermarkets do you a) do your MAIN grocery shopping, and b) any top up shopping during the week? (please tick all that apply)

	MAIN grocery shopping	Top Up Shopping
Aldi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asda	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budgens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Co-Operative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Costcutter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmfoods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iceland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lidl	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marks & Spencer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morrisons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sainsburys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tesco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waitrose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3 Please indicate which other shop (s) you use for your MAIN grocery shopping?

Q4 And which other shop(s) do you use for your top up shopping?

Q5 If you were to choose just ONE supermarket, which would you say is your favourite?

- | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aldi | <input type="checkbox"/> Costcutter | <input type="checkbox"/> Marks & Spencer | <input type="checkbox"/> Tesco |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asda | <input type="checkbox"/> Farmfoods | <input type="checkbox"/> Morrisons | <input type="checkbox"/> Waitrose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budgens | <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland | <input type="checkbox"/> Sainsburys | <input type="checkbox"/> The Co-Operative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lidl | <input type="checkbox"/> Spar | | |

Other (please state)

Q6 Which of the following factors are most likely to influence your choice of supermarket? (please tick all that apply)

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|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Location | <input type="checkbox"/> Car Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmentally friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> Loyalty scheme | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Range of products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh food counters | <input type="checkbox"/> Online delivery service | <input type="checkbox"/> Habit | <input type="checkbox"/> Other local shops nearby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helpfulness of staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Opening Hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Low prices | |

Other (please specify)

Q7 And which ONE of the following factors would you say is THE most important in deciding which supermarket to shop at? (please tick ONE only)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stock ethically sourced products | <input type="checkbox"/> Habit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh food counters | <input type="checkbox"/> Low prices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helpfulness of staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location | <input type="checkbox"/> Locally sourced products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loyalty scheme | <input type="checkbox"/> Range of products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online delivery service | <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to use money off coupons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opening Hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Other local shops nearby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car Parking | |

Other (please specify)

Q8 In addition to your main grocery shopping, which of the following do you also shop at?

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A local independent grocer | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishmonger | <input type="checkbox"/> Butcher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Market | <input type="checkbox"/> Greengrocer | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baker | | |

Q9 Would you say that you do the majority of your shopping?

- Online In-Store

We would now like to understand your attitudes towards how your local newspaper(s) influence your decision on where to shop, and any purchasing decisions you make?

Q10 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Agree Strongly	Agree Slightly	No opinion	Disagree Slightly	Disagree Strongly
I rely on my local newspaper to keep me up to date with the latest offers from local shops	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I trust what I read in my local newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I know that if something is advertised in my local newspaper, then it will be available in my area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I enjoy shopping for groceries	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Online shopping makes my life easier	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Supermarket's own brands are as good as major brands	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Q11 Which of the following have you personally done (when shopping for groceries) as a result of seeing something advertised in your local newspaper? (tick all that apply)

- Decided which supermarket/store to shop at Redeemed a coupon/voucher
 Made a note of a special offer or promotion Talked about something you have seen with friends and family

About you. In order for us to analyse the information, please tell us a little bit about yourself?

Q12 Are you

- Male Female

Q13 And which of the following age groups do you fall into?

- Under 18 19 - 24 25 - 34 35 - 44
 45 - 54 55 - 64 65+

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00985/PP	Erection of boatshed.	Achavit Cottage Dunmore Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XZ	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
14/01000/PP	Alterations to car parking and store including ATM pod, erection of cage marshalling enclosure and replacement trolley bays	Tesco Lochend Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6DL	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/01047/MFF	Alterations to existing marine fish farm by enlargement of mooring grid to increase cage spacing, without extension of mooring area or changes in number or size of cages	Eilean Grianain (Carradale) Salmon Farm 2km North of Carradale Kibrannan Sound Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
14/01099/PP	Formation of new access to serve CAT 1A forest road.	Farm Track at High Ranachan Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6NX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/01191/PP	Erection of substation comprising HV compound with HV room and control room, statcom area with 3 statcom units and transformer/capacitor bank, connection to overhead electricity line, temporary construction compound and ancillary infrastructure and formation of vehicular access	Land at A'Cuach Kilmichael Forest West of Minard Argyll	1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01300/PP	Change of use from workshop to workshop/retail	Store Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
14/01304/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 11/01994/PP (Renewal of planning permission reference 06/01728/DET (erection of dwellinghouse))	Land North of Victoria Hotel Barmore Road Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert

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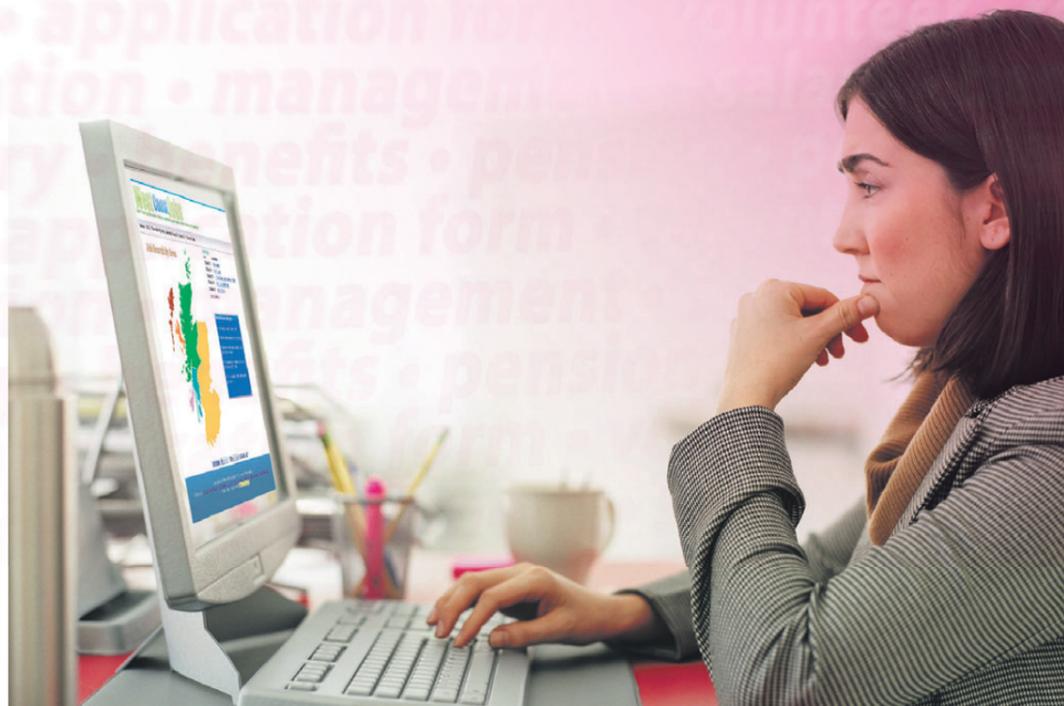
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I MET Meg on the slipway at Claonaig while waiting for the Arran ferry.

She was a very friendly wee collie and was wearing a very bright orange harness.

As is usual, I started talking to Meg's owners who said she was a rather special dog and invited me to look at the disc on her collar.

Meg waited patiently as I got hold of the disc which was red with a white cross on it. On turning it over, I saw the words 'Mountain Rescue Dog'.

Meg had saved many lives on the hills and was still 'in employment', but having a holiday on Arran. As I looked at the towering hills ahead, I remarked to her owners that Meg may well be called out on duty even on her holiday.

We drove onto the ferry and I began to think of the wonderful work these dogs perform.

How many people literally owe their lives to the intelligence and dedication of our canine friends.

We just have to think of those that Meg alone has saved, who may otherwise have died on the hills.

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Lonely folk have their lives transformed by the loyal companionship of a dog.

I thought again of Meg's disc.

Without it I would never have known she had been set apart for a special purpose.

Jesus called his disciples to be set apart.

They would be known, not by any identification tag, but by a sign – the sign of love.



New bike shelter at Rhunahaorine Primary School

Nursery children at Rhunahaorine Primary School show off their new bike shelter which has been provided by Sustrans. The school hopes to use the shelter for storing bicycles for cycling proficiency and for when the proposed cycle path from Tayinloan is completed.

POLTALLOCH

Renowned choir in concert

A RENOWNED choir will be performing in St Columba's Church on the Poltalloch Estate next Sunday.

Oban Cathedral Choir will sing in the church to mark the feast of St Columba who died on June 9 597.

Father Simon MacKenzie of Christ Church, Lochgilphead, said: The Oban Cathedral Choir is really quite renowned and perform under director Norman Nicholson. The preacher will be Reverend Doctor Michael Kitchener from Ford.'

The service on June 8 will begin at 6pm.

KILBERRY

Meet and Munch meeting

THE KILBERRY Meet and Munch group continues its monthly gatherings on Tuesday June 10.

Meeting between midday and 2pm, the group will welcome local residents David and Gina Kent, who rebuilt their Ardrpatrick house.

Entitled 'Here's One We Did Earlier', their talk will be about the restoration of their 16th century Snowdonia farmhouse.

Everyone is welcome

at Kilberry Church for the event and are asked to take a plate of finger food to share.

STRACHUR

Work of long-serving hall officer recognised

FRIEDA Bos, the long-time booking officer on Strachur Memorial Hall Committee, was recently presented with a quach, in recognition of her many years of service on the committee.

Among her many innovations, Frieda developed the local Strachur webpage and the computerised booking/invoicing system currently operating at the hall, greatly simplifying a very time consuming task.

Strachur and District SWRI

THE AGM of the Strachur Rural was held in May when members had the chance to examine exhibits from the recent Federation Show in Oban, entered by local members.

The new committee will meet shortly to plan the programme for the coming year, which will start on the third Wednesday of September, at 2pm in the New Hall. New members are always welcome.

INVERARAY

Coffee morning boosts shinty club funds

MORE than £1,000 was raised for Inveraray Shinty Club at a coffee morning held during the Bluebell Festival.

There was a great turnout of locals and tourists who collectively raised £1,062 for the club.

Euan McMurdo from the club said: 'It must be said what an amazing community Inveraray and the surrounding area has. The coffee morning surpassed any total we thought we would reach. It's fantastic.'

The club thanked all those who helped organise the event, Ewan Chrystal at Fyne Signs who helped produce the banner to advertise it and the Inveraray branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland which donated £250.

The money will be used to pay club running costs.

CLACHAN

SWRI treasurer steps down

AFTER 21 years' service, Jenny Sinclair retired as Clachan SWRI treasurer at the group's AGM last Wednesday.

She was warmly thanked for all her hard work over the years

and was presented with flowers.

She will be replaced by Pat Dean. The results of the SWRI federation show entries were read out, and members were congratulated on their achievements.

The exhibits were displayed and it was clear the effort that had gone into making them.

Winner of the cup for the most points in competitions for the year was Lori Silvan, with Glynis Lewin in second place.

Third place equal were Gill Francis and Louise Stanesby.

GIGHA

Island of Gigalum put up for sale

OFF THE south-east tip of Gigha lies the 19 acre island of Gigalum which has come onto the open market for sale.

It boasts a three-bedroom house and a jetty with the development opportunity, the estate agent says, of building more houses and possibly even a wind farm.

Gigalum has an asking price of offers over £550,000 with estate agents Rettie.

FURNACE & MINARD

Primary school pupils' paintings raise £550 at silent auction

IMAGES of Zimbabwe and Southern Africa painted by youngsters of Furnace and Minard primary schools raised £550 at a silent auction.

The watercolour paintings formed a special art exhibition at Furnace Primary last week and were completed as part of a school project that focused on Southern Africa.

The paintings were inspired by photographs of Africa, which were

supplied by the former teacher and founder of the Pelandaba Orphan Fund, Cindy MacDonald.

The art work proved popular as parents, family members and friends of the pupils bid for the paintings, raising more than £500 for a charity which is based in Mid Argyll.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK
 Jesus said, 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God' (Matthew 5:8).

BIRTHS
COFFIELD - Craig and Fiona (née Littleson) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Alec Neil, on May 26, 2014, at the Southern General Hospital. Sincere thanks to all staff at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and at SGH.

DEATHS
COX - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on June 1, 2014, Martha Weir, in her 84th year, formerly of Dell Road, Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late Hugh Cox, much loved mother of John and dear sister of Lilian, Anna and Sylvia.

GRAHAM - Peacefully, on May 25, 2014, in Hertfordshire, Aileen Pamela Graham, in her 77th year, beloved wife, mum, nana and sister. Greatly missed by us all. Funeral service will be held at 12.00 noon, on June 11, 2014 at St Mary's Church, Baldock, Herts. Flowers, or donations to Cancer Research UK, via www.justgiving.com/clare-mansfield1. All enquiries to E H Crouch Funeral Directors, on 01462 893191.

JENKINS(néeMcAllister) - On June 1, 2014, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Williamena (Ena), in her 90th year, after a short illness, dearly beloved wife of Jim, much loved mother of Olive, Yvonne, Ronald and the late James, adored grandmother and great grandmother and a dear sister and mother-in-law. Funeral service was held on Thursday, June 5 at Ardrishaig Parish Church, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery.

JOHNSTON - Suddenly at home, 26 Meadowburn Place, Campbeltown, on June 3, 2014, Duncan McVicar Johnston, in his 67th year, dearly beloved husband of Mary McKinlay, much loved dad of Amanda, loving papa of Bethany and Tristan and a much loved brother and uncle. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 12 noon. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.



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MCKINVEN - Peacefully, at the Inverclyde Hospital, Greenock, on June 1, 2014, James Sharp McKinven (Hamish), in his 78th year, formerly of Parliament Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Donald and Barbara McKinven, much loved brother of Nancy and Barbara and the late Mary, Jean and Cathy, and a dear uncle. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Friday, June 6, 2014 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retail collection will be held in aid of Sir Gabriel Wood's, Mariners Home, Greenock.

RITCHIE - On May 28, 2014, peacefully at Ardfenaig Care Home, Ardrishaig, Flora (Fiona) Ritchie, nee Oman, in her 83rd year, beloved wife of the late Sandy Ritchie and much loved mother of Dugald, Leslie and Isobel, a dearly loved gran and aunt. Funeral service was held at Saddell and Carradale Parish Church on June 4, 2014, interment thereafter at Brackley Cemetery. Special thanks to Doctors and nursing staff at Carradale Surgery, Abbeyfield, Kintyre Nursing Home and Ardfenaig Care Home, for all the kind care and attention received, thanks also to Rev. Steve Fulcher for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Glen Restaurant for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Ardfenaig Care Home raised £200.

STEWART - David. The family would like to announce that David Stewart of Mull & Ardrishaig, died suddenly but peacefully in the Royal Alexandra, Paisley, on June 2, 2104. Funeral arrangements to follow.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS
CRAWFORD - The family of the late Don Crawford would like to thank everyone for the many cards and support following the sad loss of Don. Thanks to the many friends and neighbours for their home baking, comforting words and much appreciated support. A very special thanks to all of the carers, district nurses, doctors and nursing staff at the Glenaray Ward, and staff at Carr Gomm, for looking after Don. Thanks to Rev David Carruthers for his comforting service and to the Grey Gull for the fine catering. Sincere thanks to all at Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professional and caring service. Finally, thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

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NICOLL - The family of the late John Nicoll would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received after their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the staff at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown and also to Dr. I. Norrie. Thanks to the Rev. Alex Mitchell for a lovely service. Sincere thanks to Kenneth Blair for his efficient, caring and professional funeral arrangements. Finally thank you to all who came to Falkirk Crematorium to pay their respects, it was very much appreciated.

IN MEMORIAMS
LANG - In loving memory of my husband Campbell, died June 4, 2004. You were very special, what more can I say, I wish with all my heart you were here today. Helen
LANG - In loving memory of Campbell, died June 4, 2004. Remembered always, Jamie, Catherine and Craig.
MACCALLUM - Ronny, 16 years since you passed away, loved and remembered every single day, Christine.
MACCALLUM - Ronny, Quietly today your memory we treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never. Carolyn, Jim and family.
MACCALLUM - In loving memory of Ronny - June 8, 1998, Loved and remembered every day, Audrey, Craig, Ross and Lauren.
MORRANS - In loving memory of my mum, Nan, left us on June 6, 2011. Loved Forever. Vivian and all your wee family. A special love and hugs from Ariana xx.

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 8th June 2014 - all welcome!
 Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
 Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
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 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
 Monthly Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3pm

free church of scotland
 George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 8th June
 11.15am Worship Service
 Rev Finlay Mackenzie
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Thursday 12th June
 12 noon Prayer and Bible Study
 All Welcome
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 Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am
 Praise & Prayer: 9.00am
Sunday 8 June 2014
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 7.30pm
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CHURCH NOTICES

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
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 Rev. Hilda Smith
 All Welcome
SATURDAY 14th JUNE 2014
 "Summer Fete"
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Sunday 8th June
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 Services in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am

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 Everyone very welcome
 SC002622

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 SC002493
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 11.15am Rev C Hood
 Sunday School in church
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 Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 8th June
 Morning Service 11.15am
 Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
 Rev P Wallace
Monday 9th June
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 3.45 - 5.30pm
Tuesday 10th June
 Mothers and Toddlers 9.45am
Friday 13th June
 Lunch Club 12.00 noon

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 75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 8th June 2014
 11.15am Family Service with Communion
 Crèche and Sunday School available
 Pastor Ross Ferguson
 Coffee from 10.45am
Wednesday 11th June 2014
 10.00am Toddler Group
Thursday 12th June 2014
 7.30pm Prayer and Bible Study
 7.30pm Men being Men - Badminton evening
 For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200
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 Morning Worship
 David Logue
 All welcome
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Sunday 8th June, 11.00 am
 Visiting speaker
 Doug Inglis
 President of the Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association with Sunday school and refreshments after the service
 Baby & Toddler Group
 10.00 - 11.45 am
 Every Thursday
 We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
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 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
 Lt. Mark Scouling

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 10.45am Holy Communion
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 Details of services are on the church door
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 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

Argyll Select play SAFL Select this Sunday

THIS Sunday Lochgilphead Red Star will host the annual Joe Paterson Trophy match as the Argyll Select take on the SAFL (Scottish Amateur Football League) Select at Ropework Park.

The Argyll Select is made up of players from Red Star, Oban Saints, Tarbert and Campbeltown Pupils.

The select game is usually closely fought and last year it was Argyll which came out on top of a penalty shoot-out after a 2-2 draw in Tarbert.

The county team will be fighting to retain the trophy when the game kicks off at 2pm.

Inveraray Golf Club news

IT HAS been a busy couple of weeks at Inveraray Golf club with the season starting to get into full swing on a course which is in great shape.

Recent winners include the father and son team of Lorne and Rory Campbell in the Fraser Quaichs pairs competition, where they romped away from the rest of the field with a combined 69 - an impressive seven shots clear of second placed Neil Armour and DJ MacDonald.

In the June medal Derek McCulloch scooped the top spot with a 69, DJ MacDonald continued his steady form with a 74 and Dougie Fraser was third with 76.

This week sees a free weekend to allow golfers time to hone their game in time for the first round of the Inveraray Golf Club Championship on June 15.

TARBERT GOLF CLUB GENTS OPEN
Sponsored by:
The Harbour Gallery,
Tarbert
Sunday 8th June 2014
Handicap and Scratch prizes of:-
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Tee off times:
8am-9am
11am - 12noon
2pm - 3pm
Entry Fee £10
(includes meal)
To book tee off time:
Tel 01880 820565

Dookers end season in style

TARBERT travelled to Easterhouse on Saturday to finish a long and difficult league campaign in great fashion with a convincing win over Millbeg Villa.

The Tarbert hotel sponsored side were without top scorer Prentice and MacCormick who missed out through injury, but still managed to put four past their opponents and secure fourth place in the Division 1A league table.

In glorious conditions the away side were immediately on the attack after some good play through the midfield. Malcolm MacIver was dictating play with his passing allowing MacNaughton to venture down the right wing and deliver some inviting crosses into the box.

Despite this good play it was a Millbeg error that gifted the Dookers the lead when a poor pass across the box was intercepted by the on form MacDougall. He turned



Tarbert AFC maintain a strong end to their league campaign, securing fourth place in Division 1A.

Millbeg Villa	1
Tarbert	5
SAFL Division 1A	

the defender before clipping a perfect chip over the outstretched keeper. The home side were really struggling to get into the game and shortly after the opening goal Tarbert increased their advantage.

MacDougall and Johnson combined down the left to win a corner and from Ronald's back post cross, stand-in striker Krawczyk was on hand to finish from close range.

The Dookers' fitness appeared to be on a higher level than their oppo-

nents as they dominated in all areas of the park, not letting the Millbeg side any time to settle on the ball.

Tarbert's persistence paid off just before the break and, when Johnson was fouled in the box, MacDougall stepped up to take the penalty shot. He buried the ball into the left side of the 'keeper's net.

With the season now drawing to a close Tarbert were looking to finish strongly and the only blemish on their afternoon was conceding a

poor goal early in the second half when the Millbeg forward found space at the back post to secure their only goal of the game.

To round off an excellent performance MacDougall scored his third to kill off any hopes of a Millbeg comeback.

The Dookers freshened up with youngsters Campbell, Manao and MacArthur all coming on to gain some valuable first team experience.

Manager Prentice said he was delighted with the team's response after a difficult spell around new year and now looks forward to continuing this good run into next season.

Dunadd get back on track with good win over Lovat

FOLLOWING a heavy defeat to Lorne Ladies (Oban) the previous week, Dunadd women's shinty team travelled to Ballachulish on Sunday to play Lovat in a crucial league game.

The first time the two teams have met following a restructuring of the league, Dunadd and Lovat had a thrilling encounter with 15 goals.

Dunadd started strong and Laurene Cameron opened the scoring for the Argyll girls after three minutes only for Lovat to equalise moments later.

Dunadd's midfield line of Leone Airlie, Eilish Malcolm, Megan Yuill and Lorna Unkles worked tirelessly, and forced play back up pitch to the forward line of Emily Brown and Laurene Cameron, who scored Dunadd's second and third goals.

Play changed quickly and Lovat were the stronger force for the remainder of the half and despite the strong defence of Shannon Wilson and Fiona McCuaig and Iona Campbell in goal, Lovat netted four more before the break.

The second half saw Dunadd score two goals within minutes of the restart, putting them back in the lead 6-5.

With pressure mounting on Lovat, Dunadd kept forcing the ball forward, and another three Dunadd goals followed soon after, resulting in Emily Brown's first ever hat-trick.

Last minute pressure from Lovat resulted in a further goal for the north team, bringing the score to Lovat six, Dunadd nine.

Dunadd play Cowal and Bute at home on Sunday in a cup game.

SHINTY NEWS AND VIEWS

Kyles defeat Newtonmore in Camanachd Cup

KYLES ATHLETIC trainer James Perlich refused to get carried away about his team's chances of lifting this year's Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup after taking the scalp of Newtonmore.

The Tighnabruaich men suffered a league defeat to the defending champions last week but turned on the style to progress in the cup competition with a 2-1 win.

Roberto Zavaroni opened the scoring as late as the 65th minute but Newtonmore equalised with six minutes left. Colin MacDonald proved the hero by scoring the winner at the death.

'All 12 players worked as a team but put in great individual performances and didn't stop fighting until the final whistle,' said Perlich.

'We were really proud of the whole team but we are not going to get carried away.

'We will take confidence from the performance and look to Glenurquhart at home this weekend.

'They are going well but we need a result in the league.'

INVERARAY forward Lewis McNichol responded to criticism from his manager the previous week by bagging a brace as Inveraray drew with Lovat last Saturday.

McNichol led the fightback from 2-0 down at half time to earn a 3-3 draw with the Orion Group Premiership title challengers.

McNichol was hooked after 35 minutes against Kingussie the previous week to make way for veteran Ruaridh Graham, a tactic that paid off for manager Garry MacPherson as Graham scored twice in the 2-0 win.

But McNichol retained his starting place against Lovat, albeit with a warning from his boss still ringing in his ears.

'I said to him before the game his work rate had to change and that goals would come off the back of that.

'He took last week's substitution on the chin, so was de-

termined to prove me wrong and I am chuffed he had such a positive reaction.'

David 'Bingo' Robertson and Inveraray's other scorer, Neil Campbell, were also standout performers.

MacPherson admitted he did not know much about this weekend's Camanachd Cup opponents Inverness but insisted he would not take the North Division One team lightly.

Although Allan 'Halfy' MacDonald is still suspended Douglas Dando may make his comeback from injury.

Players from STRACHUR Shinty Club were set to get their knuckles rapped at training on Tuesday night after a 'poor performance' on the pitch last weekend.

The Cowal men suffered a 2-0 defeat to a struggling Oban Celtic at home on Saturday, throwing away a vital opportunity to gain points in the South Division One league.

John Montgomery, Stra-

chur manager, said the team's struggles with injuries and missing players was not an excuse for a 'really disappointing result'.

He said: 'Oban Celtic didn't play that well, but we were worse. It was a poor performance, substandard and just not acceptable. They will be getting their butts kicked at training.'

'It was a game we really wanted to win from the point of view of where we were sitting in the table; a win would have taken us to the top end.'

'It would have given space between ourselves and them with regards the relegation issue.'

'The fact they got the win brought them closer and keeps us mid-table.'

He added: 'The players have set themselves at a good level this season so we will have to work hard to get this out of our system.'

Strachur will struggle to sort out their problems on the field however as a number of cup

games means there are fewer league fixtures in June. The Cowal men have no game this weekend.

A last minute goal from Aberdeen ended KILMORY'S chance of taking anything from the league fixture on Saturday.

The Lochgilphead side went into the break 1-0 down but managed to equalise on 50 minutes through Craig Taylor.

Their chances of taking a point from the game against one of the strongest teams in the league this season were dashed however when Aberdeen secured their second goal through Kevin MacKell in the 85th minute.

Kilmory will face rivals Ballachulish tomorrow (Saturday) when they welcome the Lochaber side to MacRae Park.

The teams are currently level in the league table, both having gained five points in their league campaign so far.

Sports volunteers recognised in year of Commonwealth Games

A SPECIAL award to recognise volunteer sports coaches in the year of the Commonwealth Games is to be handed out in Argyll this summer.

Two awards, created by Argyll and Bute Council and sportscotland, will be handed out: Volunteer of the year is for anyone aged 26 and over and the young volunteer of the year is for anyone aged up to 25.

Inspiration

The awards will be presented to people who have given up a substantial amount of time to volunteer in sport, and have been an inspiration for others in sport.

Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council's lead

councillor for sport said: 'Volunteers across Argyll and Bute are giving their time and expertise to help our young and not so young people enjoy living active lives and discover their sporting talent.'

'This award scheme is about recognising the efforts of our sports volunteers and celebrating the success they are achieving in communities across Argyll and Bute.'

The winners of the Argyll and Bute awards will go forward to the national sportscotland awards later this year.

To nominate a sports volunteer for an award visit argyll-bute.gov.uk/volunteer-awards-2014.



Dolphins' Swimmer of the Month

Prizes were handed out to junior and senior swimmers of the month for April at the Dalriada Dolphins Swimming Club.

Seniors Louis MacMillan and Ruby Bosomworth and juniors Megan Danson and Mol-

ly Dykes were presented with their trophies recently.

Already swim

Mid Argyll Dolphins is for young people who can already swim, typically having completed MACPool's Learn to

Swim programme. The club, which runs on Thursday nights, aims to improve swimming technique, build fitness and stamina, develop competitive swimming and promote water safety.

Final game for under 17s

RED STAR under 17s will play their final match as a team tomorrow (Saturday) at Rope-work Park. The club will be unable to field an under 19 side next year as many players will be attending university. Available players join the senior team.

The final game of the season will kick off at 1.15pm, after which the team's Player of the Year awards will be held in the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead.

All current and former coaches and players are invited to attend the event and share their memories of the team.

Lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in this week's Kilmory Camanachd lottery, with numbers 3, 18 and 20 drawn. The jackpot will be £200 next week.

The numbers in this week's Inveraray Shinty Club lottery were 3, 12 and 18. There were no winners and the jackpot will be £200 next week.

Tarbert Football Club lottery numbers this week were 15, 16 and 18. There were no winners and next week's jackpot will be £300.

Oban Saints win league and cup double

OBAN Saints completed a very successful season last Saturday when they defeated Haldane United 2-1 at Glencruitten to win the Scottish Amateur League Premier Division title.

The previous Wednesday the Oban side won the Jimmy Marshall Trophy in Glasgow, beating Inverclyde 2-0.



WIN

£1150

JACKPOT

All you have to do
We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. 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 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 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.
Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.
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.

Easy to enter
Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach 'Spot the Ball' Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday.

You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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 delivery.
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Red Star under 15s take the League Cup after an impressive performance against Antonine.

Red Star youngsters defeat Antonine to lift League Cup

A JUBILANT Red Star Under 15s returned to Mid Argyll last Sunday with the League Cup Trophy following a thrilling encounter with rivals Antonine at Millburn Park, Alexandria.

Lochgilhead took the match to their oppo-

nents in the first half, creating several chances and bringing the best out of Antonine goalkeeper Andy Carrol.

Firstly, Caskie beat a defender in the box but Carrol was quickly off his line to block his attempt. Next, Mackay's

Antonine	0
Lochgilhead Red Star	1
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shot was saved and then Souden's effort was volleyed clear.

The deadlock was fi-

nally broken, however, when a Moore cross landed in the six-yard box and Ryan Caskie responded quickest, firing a volley into Carrol's net.

In the latter stages of the half Antonine pressed for an equaliser with central defender Darren Wallace seeing his looping header come off the Star bar and cleared by Brown. Next Caleab Elliot's shot went across the face of the Lochgilhead goal but the scoring opportunity was not taken.

The second half started much the same as the first, with Star failing to take two very good openings, Mackay again tested 'keeper Carrol and Souden's header looked to be going in until the ball was deflected off the defender's leg onto the post and cleared.

Special saves

As the match progressed, Antonine piled on the pressure, but Star's back four held firm and when they were breached, keeper Pow was on hand to make two special saves to keep their rivals at bay.

A very competitive game to the end, referee Murray finally blew the whistle, allowing

the Star celebrations to begin. Skipper Craig Young lifted the Trophy on behalf of his teammates much to the delight of the large travelling support.

Manager John Caskie said: 'I am delighted that the boys have been rewarded for all their effort and performance in the final and throughout the cup campaign. I couldn't have asked for any more from them.'

'We would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and for attending the final, as well as our sponsors M & K MacLeod, The Floor Shop and Kumho Tyres.'

This week the under 15s have two tough league encounters. On Saturday (tomorrow) morning they face Drumchapel and on Sunday they take on Antonine again at Rope-work Park.



The smartly dressed Red Star youngsters face the camera before leaving Lochilhead for the cup final.

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