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Lifesaver gives family a chance to say goodbye

Stephen put his first aid training into use

by MARK DAVEY
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A FORMER Campbeltown lifeboat man raced to the rescue when a neighbouring diner collapsed in a restaurant.

Stephen Scally, 27, was enjoying a night out in a Carlisle restaurant recently when the drama unfolded.

At a table nearby, a complete stranger, David Bell, collapsed as he was celebrating his forthcoming 80th birthday with family in Larnarkshire. For Stephen, who served on the lifeboat for eight years, it was instinctive to put his first aid training into use.

Stephen said: 'I saw Mr Bell standing and the next moment he was on the floor, he was bright blue and choking.

'I rolled him onto his back and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and managed to dislodge a piece of food.

'I continued for about 25 minutes until an ambulance arrived and the paramedics took over.

'I started service on the lifeboat aged 17 and first aid was drilled into us every week.'

Mr Bell's daughter Alison Marr, from Glasgow, praised Stephen's quick thinking.

She said: 'Sadly my dad did not recover from the coma he entered but Stephen's intervention kept him alive long enough for all his family to say their goodbyes - we will be forever in Stephen's debt.

'We were out cele-

brating dad's 80th. He was with his friends and daughters, drinking his favourite red wine and eating steak.

'He was a quiet man, who loved a good night out and to laugh and joke with friends.'

Mr Bell's family decided to recognise Stephen's heroics with a donation to Campbeltown Lifeboat Station.

Mrs Marr wrote a letter to Campbeltown's Lifeboat Operations Manager George Bradley enclosing a cheque for £500. The money will go towards the station's next Casualty Care Course.

Mr Bradley said: 'The Scally family has a long tradition and association with Campbeltown Lifeboat Station. Stephen's grandfather was a deputy coxswain, as is his harbourmaster father



Brass is in my blood

The first photo of Campbeltown Brass with its legendary conductor Gordon Evans MBE, taken in June 1983. Two years later they were on the Royal Albert Hall stage in London. For more on the band see pages seven and nine. Picture by Baxter Nisbet.

also Stephen. Stephen's two younger brothers are both lifeboat crew members. The Scallys are a family not afraid to volunteer their time to helping people in trou-

ble at sea, and also, as in this circumstance, on land as well.'

Mrs Marr made a final stipulation that the donation was not all to go on training and said:

'In dad's honour I would ask that you take some of the donation and use it on your boathouse Christmas night out and raise a glass to Davey Bell.'

Islay revelling in whisky resurgence

THE SINGLE malt worldwide whisky boom is spurring new employees to Scottish islands.

The Scottish Whisky Association says that exports of single malt are up 159 per cent since 2004, with half of Scotland's island distilleries opening or re-opening in the last 20 years.

This is now leading to many distilleries increasing their workforces to keep up with demand and ensure the emerging market is utilised to the fullest.

Islay, which has been described as the 'Shangri-La' of single malt whisky by Bruichladdich Distillery director Simon Coughlin, is experiencing one of the biggest booms in production thanks to the increasing popularity of single malt whisky around the world.

Bruichladdich distillery now employs nearly 80 people, up by 30 since 2012. John McCallum, a former Courier reporter, left to join its growing team as an international community and content manager.

The resurgence of the whisky trade looks set to secure more jobs for the islands.

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Creggan wind farms set for blustery public enquiry

THE PROPOSED wind farms at Creggan and Blary Hill could have new life breathed back into them.

After both sites were rejected by Argyll and Bute Council in April last year, a public inquiry will begin at the end of this month on Monday January 25 at 10am in Tayinloan Village Hall to further consider the sites' potential

Correction

CAMPBELTOWN Courier would like to point out that the pictures and headlines of Santa at children's parties on Page Seven last week were mixed up.

The top picture was the Fyne Homes Christmas party and the lower picture was the Salvation Army event.

suitability. The inquiry, expected to run for 10 working days, will focus on the visual impacts on the local area of the wind farms and the impact on the local economy, tourism and recreation.

The council's decision to reject the wind farm proposals, for reasons including poor location and adverse impacts on designated, protected, archaeological sites, triggered the public enquiry.

It also follows a pre-examination meeting held at Glenbarr Village Hall on August 25, 2015, in which landscape and visual impacts were deemed significant enough to require further procedure by the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA).

Scottish ministers have now appointed two DPEA reporters to present findings from the public meetings back to them, before they then decide on the wind farm's fate.

Renewable Energy Systems, a leading renewable energy developer, submitted an appeal for the Blary Hill Wind Farm in June to the Scottish Government, as it believes the site could provide a significant contribution to renewable energy generation in Scotland.

Both sites could contribute to the government's plans to produce more green energy and reduce carbon dioxide emissions, as well as help maintain nearly 150 jobs at Wind Towers (Scotland) in Machrihanish.



A visual projection of the original proposal for Blary Hill wind farm. 08_c03wind02

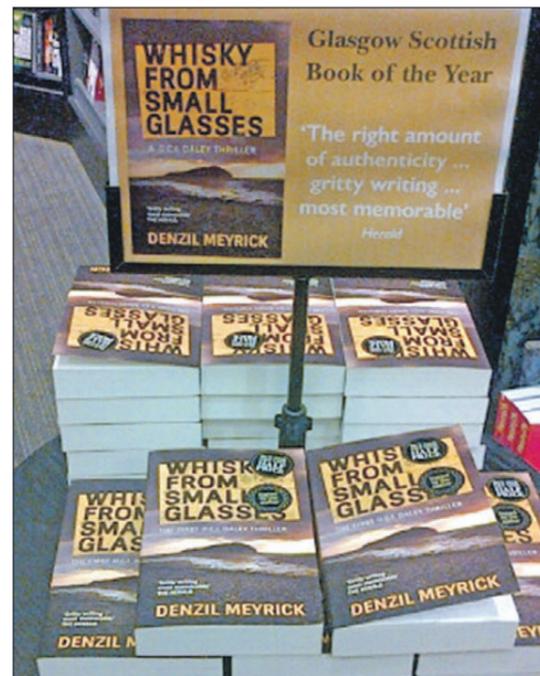
Denzil's detective novel uncovered as Glasgow's top book

A CRIME thriller set in a thinly disguised Campbeltown is Book of the Year across a range of Glasgow stores.

Former Campbeltown author Denzil Meyrick's 'Whisky in Small Glasses' has just been named by bookselling chain Waterstone's as its pick of the paperbacks. The book, pub-

lished in 2012, was the former Campbeltown Grammar School pupil's first crime thriller to feature Detective Chief Inspector Jim Daley.

The Glaswegian sleuth relocates to Denzil's fictional Wee Toon of 'Kinloch' in Kintyre and uncovers murder a plenty.



Book of the Year display in Glasgow.

Mainly Music youngsters make merry

PRESCHOOL music makers banded the drum at Mainly Music's Christmas party last Thursday. Mainly Music is a group for

parents, carers or grandparents to enjoy together with their children.

The aim of Mainly Music is to provide an environment where preschool children develop skills to enhance their education, through the use of music, rhythm, rhyme, and other music related activities.

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Young musicians at Mainly Music's Christmas party.

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Third Hogmanay away from family for anti-piracy man

by **BEN RAMAGE**
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A FORMER paratrooper has been forced to spend another New Year celebration away from his young family.

Billy Irving, 35, who attended Campbeltown Grammar School, and five other ex-British soldiers have been held in India for more than two years since the ship they were working on was detained for containing illegal weapons in Oc-

tober 2013. The crew, who were working on anti-piracy operations, were cleared by a court of the weapons' charge.

But pending an appeal to India's Supreme Court by the prosecutors they remain on bail unable to leave the former British protectorate.

This series of disappointments have meant Billy has now missed his third Christmas and

New Year. His fiancée Yvonne MacHugh and nine-month-old son William faced another festive period without him.

Billy instead released a video on the petition site change.org to wish them a merry Christmas.

In the video he said: 'I would like to thank everyone for their kind words and their amazing support, it really has helped me through the last two years, and

I want to say merry Christmas and I hope you all have a fantastic 2016.'

An online petition started by Yvonne, two years ago on Change.org, for the release of the six men, has been signed by more than a quarter of a million people.

After lengthy delays and various setbacks, a date has now been set for a final verdict on the six men's case, which will take place in India



Billy Irving, Yvonne MacHugh and baby William. (Photo from Facebook)

on January 11. Should he be found not guilty, he will return home to his young family.

Yvonne, from Connel, has moved to Glasgow to live with her parents.

She said: 'Words cannot describe how devastated we are about this, but at the very least now we finally have a date set to look towards and focus on when we get these men back home once and for all.'

'We are still continuing to remain as positive and hopeful as we can be that the truth is finally acknowledged and a non-guilty verdict issued.'



Clubs' representatives collecting cheques from left: Campbeltown Pupils Reid Anderson £100 and collecting £200 cheques are: David Pateron from Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association; Machrihanish Golf club's junior secretary Helen Bapty; Anne Littleton from Highland Parish Church Badminton Club; Karen McAllister from Kintyre Talking Newspapers; Campbeltown and District Badminton Club's Catherine Muir and Dunaverty Golf Club's Ailie MacBrayne. 25_c52cheque01

Howdens hand out club cash

A CAMPBELTOWN builder's merchant has handed out more than £8,500 in grants.

Organisations
 On Friday last week representatives from seven organisations were given a total of

£1,300 by branch manager Archie Martin.

In addition Carradale Amateur Football Club and Kintyre Sports Council shared £260.

Earlier in the year the firm donated £7,000 to the town hall project.

Hospital staff wear wacky Santa jumpers

INSPIRED by 'Text Santa Christmas Jumper Day' a pharmacist and her colleagues at Campbeltown Hospital have raised £115 for three charities.

Marjorie Leighton saw the day advertised on social media and thought it would be a bit of fun in the run up to Christmas

to raise money for Save the Children, Macmillan Cancer Support and Make-A-Wish UK.

Support Services Manager Kirsteen Graham organised the day and emailed each department. Kirsteen organised a raffle as well as a prize for 'guess the number of snowflakes'.



Campbeltown Hospital staff in their Santa woollies.

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The Norman and Phyllis Milne Fund will award a trophy and £200 to the most promising young musician of the year 2015.

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

Nomination forms are available at Keith's Newsagents, Main Street, Campbeltown.

Letters and nominations forms for the award should be sent in confidence to:
The Secretary, Rotary Club of Campbeltown, Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, PA28 6AB
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Pioneering power stations too big for creamery

AN INNOVATIVE new way to create electricity from the cheese-making process cannot be replicated in Campbeltown.

In a growing trend in green energy, skimmed whey, a by-product of making cheese, can be converted into methane gas by introducing bacteria and allowing fermentation.

Rules out

The gas produced is then fed through an engine to heat water which in turn produces electricity. The amount of gas required rules out the Creamery as a potential user of the technology.

Chris Wareham, Campbeltown Creamery operations manager,

said: 'Here in Campbeltown we do not have the volume of whey to produce enough methane to run a power station like this.'

'The biggest problem is once the generator is turned on, the process has to be continuous, so you have to have a very large volume of material to keep the gas running. 'First Milk does have one such plant, in the Lake District, where the size allows the volumes needed, but even there it is looking for more contributors to keep the gas flowing.'

The stations are proving successful for other cheese companies, such as Beaufort which has recently installed

one such generator at its Albertville plant in the French Alps, the size of Campbeltown Creamery does not allow sufficient excess to risk installing one in Kintyre.

The French plant creates 2.8 million kilowatt hours per year, enough for a community of 1,500 people.

Third party

Chris added: 'It is often a third party energy company which builds and runs it, and the producer signs up to provide a certain amount of material and gas.'

'You run the risk of fines if you fail to keep up the supply of nutrients, so it is not something we will be looking to install here.'



The lucky pupils with Santa. 20_c51castlehillparty01

Castlehill pupils enjoy Christmas party

CASTLEHILL P1s and P2s enjoyed a memorable Christmas party that was topped off with a visit from Santa himself.

After a festive party in the school hall, which in-

cluded games, dancing, food and presents, the two classes met Santa who did not disappoint, handing them all presents to wish them a very merry Christmas.



Largieside WRI members enjoy their Christmas lunch.

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Largieside WI celebrate with a Christmas lunch

LARGIESIDE WRI celebrated Christmas with a lunch instead of dinner. Thirteen members enjoyed the convivial occasion at the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy recently. It was a good turnout which was shown to be more popular than previous evening outings. It was with reluctance that members made their way home.

Council could mute speech and language funding

by **BEN RAMAGE**
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SPEECH and language Therapy (SLT) services across Argyll and Bute face closure due to loss of funding.

The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) was recently told by Argyll and Bute Council of a proposal to cut financial support of £140,300 from April 2016.

RCSLT want to highlight the risks of the loss of funding with families and politicians alike, before the proposal becomes permanent.

Speech and language therapy is a public health service which is currently joint funded by the NHS and local authorities.

Should the council remove its part of the funding, the NHS would come under even more pressure to fill the financial gap, at a time

when it is already looking to save money.

This could have a significant impact on the number of therapists in Argyll and Bute, and have a knock-on effect on the service.

Kim Harley Kean, the head of RCSLT Scotland, said: 'We are very concerned at the news of Argyll and Bute's potential decision to stop funding.'

'This would likely have a significant impact on families throughout Argyll and Bute.'

'The NHS will have to pick up its side of the tab, and it might struggle to cover rural areas as easily, which will mean kids and adults could be affected.'

'Given that there will be an integrated health and social care partnership in Argyll from April 2016, an integrat-

ed service implies they are meant to be working together. This decision flies in the face of that.'

SLT already helps vulnerable children and young people in Argyll with speech impediments, as well as adult users who have had a stroke, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis and motor neurone disease.

Evidence

RCSLT says evidence shows that two to three children in every classroom require some form of speech or language therapy, with up to 50 per cent in disadvantaged communities requiring the support.

RCSLT has raised the issue with MSPs and councillors because local authorities are duty bound under the Children and Young People's Act (2014) to promote, support and safeguard the well being of its young individuals.

Highlands and Islands

MSP David Stewart said: 'The service cuts facing the people of Argyll and Bute are unacceptable and, as is so often the case, those in most need have to bear the brunt of the cuts.'

'It is disappointing that the Nationalist MSPs are more intent on defending their own party than they are in representing the people of Argyll and Bute.'

A council spokesperson said: 'In previous years Argyll and Bute Council was able to provide an additional payment to allow these services to be delivered in schools rather than health settings.'

'Two years ago the council budget process removed this additional payment to the NHS and this will take effect from April 2016.'

'Speech and language services will continue to be provided from health settings.'



Pride of place for perfect painting
 A kennel's boss won a painting of historic Campbeltown in a charity raffle. Liz Johnson, of Narrowfield Boarding Kennels, won 'The Wide Close' by Morag Docherty of Links View Gallery, Southend in a fundraiser which collected £1,520 for Kintyre Dialysis. 25_c52painting01

Top teachers and schools sought for national awards

TEACHERS and schools which go the extra mile should be nominated for the Scottish Education Awards 2016.

Delighted

Dr Alasdair Allan, minister for learning, science and Scotland's languages, said: 'I am delighted to launch

the Scottish Education Awards 2016. Across Scotland, teachers, parents, pupils and community partners are working hard to ensure that all children and young people have equal chances to reach their full potential.'

The closing date for nominations is Monday February 15, 2016.

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New Year - a time to reflect

KINTYRE transport received a shot in the arm in December 2015 when ferry campaigners succeeded in restoring a permanent link with the central belt.

Back in 1947, as the last of the holidaymakers' steamers sailed away, a Courier leader proclaimed that Campbeltown would never amount to much without a regular sea link to the rest of Scotland.

It remains to be seen whether the renewed link, via the Ardrossan to Campbeltown ferry, will have a flexible daily timetable and perhaps precede a trade boom as well as increased tourism.

Possibly Kintyre will also gain a route to the final frontier if the much-heralded space port becomes reality.

The Town Hall is well on its way to completion and should be back in service in the spring.

The year also saw Campbeltown Community Business Ltd gain the necessary funds to restore the Wee Picture House and in slightly more than a year should show movies once again.

A project to create a sea sports centre was announced in the spring and perhaps during 2016 it will get the wind in its sails to progress.

While looking forward we should also recall lessons from the past.

There seems no end to the war in the Middle East and one Kintyre resident's memories are a timely warning.

When the Courier spoke to 102-year-old Evie Strath, last week, she recalled her earliest memory. Evie said: 'I could not read, but aged three in 1916, sitting on my grandfather's knee as he read the Scotsman and fed me porridge, one word stood out - Somme.

'I did not know what the word casualty meant and did not want to ask but soon learned it was to die.'

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Well done ferry campaigners - but improved timetable needed

Sir,
Congratulations to everyone who supported the successful campaign to keep the ferry service between Ardrossan and Campbeltown. This ferry has helped the Kintyre economy and I am delighted that the SNP have not taken it away.

However, the timetable does not suit tourists, and it is vitally important that the SNP Government improve this before next summer, as suggested by local businesses.

Alan Reid,
Liberal Democrat candidate for Argyll and Bute,
Fairhaven,
Dunoon.

Long term solution needed for Rest and Be Thankful

Sir,
Having driven west along the A83 recently en route to Lochgilphead, the news that the debris protection barriers on the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful prevented a landslide closing the road during the recent storm Desmond is very welcome indeed. It is also a tribute to all the hard work of engineers who have installed these protection measures over the past three years.

Nevertheless, the fact that hundreds of tonnes of debris once again came down the mountainside is another demonstration of the fragility of this key transport artery.

I will continue to support local residents and businesses across Argyll and Bute who are calling on the Scottish Government to look at long term, permanent solutions for the A83 and not just investment in mitigating the effects of landslide.

With the Scottish Government due to receive significant extra funding from the UK government for infrastructure projects, securing the future of the A83 trunk road should be a priority.

Donald Cameron,
Scottish Conservative Candidate for Argyll and Bute,
61 Chalmers Street,
Ardrihaig.

Big Kiln 20mph limit is nonsense

Sir,
With reference to recent letters about a 20mph limit on the Big Kiln coming into Campbeltown, what a load of nonsense.

As an experienced heavy goods vehicle (HGV) and public service vehicle (PSV) driver for a long number of years, the last thing needed is a lowering of the speed limit. Why?

Because it has been proven time and time again that whatever the speed limit there are people who will still break the law.

Regardless of speed the answer is mini roundabouts in strategic places, for instance at the bottom of the Big Kiln, outside the Gentlemen's Club at the White Hart and by Jim Martin's farm store at the top of the Longrow.

Those roundabouts alone will stop traffic for as long as

needed for people to cross at the junctions. They automatically slow traffic down and regulate speed, and if the negative thinking people in this town disagree, just look at Lochgilphead which has five roundabouts in the space of a two-mile stretch.

What are they there for if not to regulate traffic and to slow it down? There is also the roundabout outside the Corran Hall in Oban which does a fantastic job of traffic control.

Also we do not need a one way system in the Longrow. What we need is for the trucks and vans which cross load to do it somewhere else. There is plenty of space outside the town centre.

Could we have a traffic light system on the Carradale Road at the narrow bridges and awkward sides. The lights could work with a small wind generator and during good days be solar powered.

I for one would not mind waiting at the top of a bad piece of road, a bridge or hill for a couple of minutes as long as it gave the truck or bus climbing the road the whole width to manoeuvre.

If the councillors would like any more consultations on local roads, give me a call; my costs are not too dear.

Robert Graham,
Ralston Road,
Campbeltown.

Local service set to suffer

Sir,
Local services are set to suffer again after the Scottish Government decided to pass the buck on to councils through budget cuts.

As part of their recent budget the SNP have slashed funding for every one of Scotland's 32 local authorities by £300m.

In 2015/16 the Scottish Government allocated £9.9 billion to local authorities but that figure has dropped significantly to just £9.6 billion in 2016/17.

Councils will now be forced to make their own tough decisions to protect local services which are all set to be hit by the huge cuts.

The reduction in funding will also have an effect on jobs, economy and local communities across Scotland.

The Scottish Government has also rejected the chance to increase the size of its budget through tax changes after finance secretary John Swinney said the rates would stay the same.

If the SNP are truly against austerity then why do they not put up taxes and/or lift the council tax freeze to plug the funding gap?

While I would not support increasing taxes on Scottish families it is very perplexing that the SNP is so quick to complain about Westminster's spending choices when they are choosing not to raise taxes but instead choose to cut spending.

It is high time the SNP took some responsibility and stopped trying to always pass the blame onto Westminster and our local councils.

Alastair Redman,
Islay

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Brass band's Christmas concert celebrates sensational year

CAMPBELTOWN Brass ended their splendid year in style with a festive carol service

which hit all the right notes. Held in the community centre on Tuesday

of last week, the band played next to a stall filled with honours from this year. These includ-

ed their Scottish Cup Challenge Winners and Scottish Youth Band Championships titles.

The night, hosted by Katrina Barr in conductor Gordon Evans MBE's absence, began with the beginner's band playing a selection of Christmas carols, before the senior band took to the stage to fill the hall with the sound of brass.

'Frosty the Snowman' made a guest appearance to play an excellent trumpet solo, which had the children in the audience truly captivated.

Junior members took to the stage to help with



Junior members helping out with 'Twelve Days of Christmas'. 20_c01campbrass09

a festive performance of 'Twelve Days of Christmas', which included all the gestures in which the audience were mer-

rily involved. The night was a resounding success for the band, which will now spend the festive period recovering

after their busy year. See page nine for an interview with band conductor Gordon Evans.



The senior band in full swing. 20_c01campbrass04

'No Time to Diet' - Upbeats seasonal song

By Alison Rafferty
A CAMPBELTOWN conductor mixed traditional folk songs, hymns and Maori music at a seasonal concert celebrating the range of the human voice.

Paula MacLean's Upbeats, One Voice, a soloist, a male quartet and ladies' trio entertained a capacity crowd in Kirk Street hall in the afternoon on Sunday of last week.

Upbeats fun 'No Time to Diet' was well received and showed the breadth of these singers who formed from an adult education class in 2014.

A beautiful rendition of 'Warrior' by One Voice, accompanied by Rachel Henry on piano added to the entertainment. Niall Gemmill performed two solos before the performance of the ladies' trio: Diane

McCaig, Julie West and Laura Lammont.

Campbeltown's male choir is currently looking for new members. A quartet formed from the group sang a lovely rendition of the Maori song 'Hine e Hine'.

To finish, and with an encore, the choirs joined together to sing Glory Glory Halleluiah.

About £500 raised at the door will be donated to the Salvation Army.



Men's choir quartet are from left: Richard McCallum, David Fee, Livingstone Russell and David West. 25_c01choir06



Pianist Rachel Henry. 25_c01choir07



Ladies' trio are from left: Diane McCaig, Julie West and Laura Lammont. 25_c01choir04



The members of Upbeats choir in festive garb. 25_c01choir08

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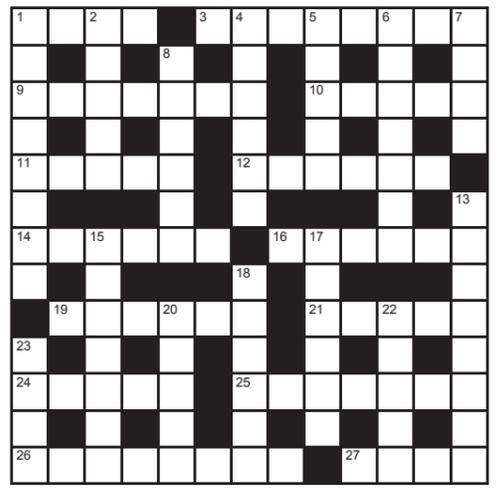
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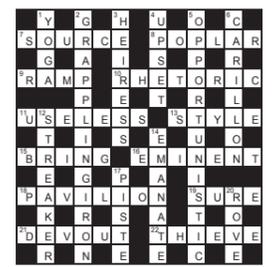


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| 11 Man-made fabric (5) | 6 Entertainer (7) |
| 12 Overwhelming influx (6) | 7 Bounce back (4) |
| 14 How long a computer is operating (6) | 8 Assumed name (6) |
| 16 One who stops breathing for a short time (6) | 13 Frozen sweet (3,5) |
| 19 Business person (6) | 15 Hurly-burly (7) |
| 21 Shrub with leathery leaves (5) | 17 Flan base (6) |
| 24 Large long headed beast with antlers (5) | 18 Fighting force (6) |
| 25 Advent (7) | 20 Gloomy, in poetry (5) |
| 26 Pay to pass along (4,4) | 22 Energise (5) |
| 27 Covet (4) | 23 Give off light (4) |

Last week's solution



Pegg's tales bring Argyll folklore back to life

by **BEN RAMAGE**
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ARGYLL is a goldmine of folk tales, from Irish settlers to the Lords of the Isles and warring clans.

Bob Pegg, who is based in Argyll, has drawn together some of the most interesting and exciting stories from the region all in one place.

His latest book, 'Argyll Folk Tales', is a compilation of tales which have roots in the

region which range from pre-historic times, from the Irish settlers, who established the kingdom of Dál Riata and brought with them the Gaelic language, to stories of Finn MacCool, the Irish giant whose fights with Scottish giants are believed to have formed Giant's Causeway.

Mr Pegg uses fresh, contemporary language in his collection of short

stories, translating many from the Gaelic language they were originally taken down in hundreds of years ago.

Speaking about the book, he said: 'Argyll is one of the most spectacular regions in the whole of Scotland. I wanted to set the stories in the landscape and the places where they were once so widely enjoyed.'

'I also wanted to celebrate the storytellers themselves, together with the great

Victorian collectors who meticulously took the stories down by hand; tale-gatherers like John Francis Campbell of Islay, and John Gregorson Campbell of Tiree.

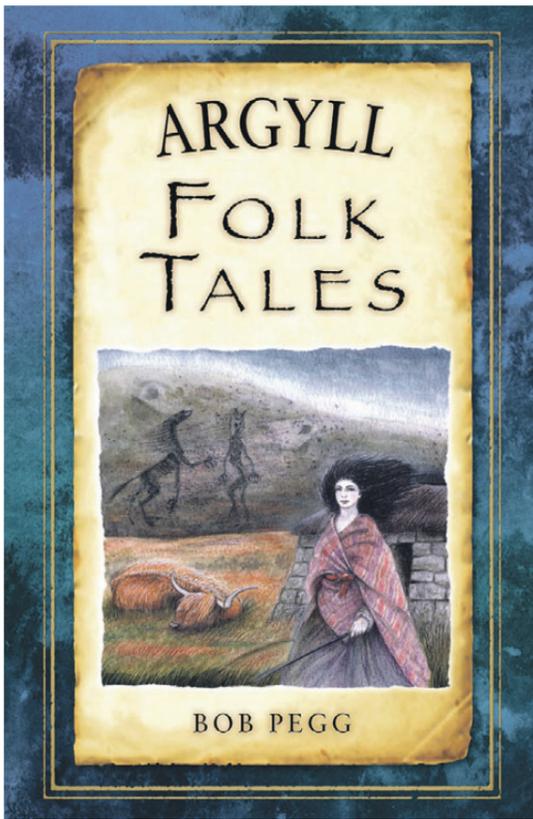
'You can see the direct descendants of their flawed heroes, resourceful girls, doomed lovers, and evil villains in everything from The Bridge to Game of Thrones.'

'The stories themselves are direct, humane, sometimes raw

and wild, and they have lost none of their power to enthrall and entertain.'

Mr Pegg, who sketched the illustrations for the book, is also a musician and was one of the emerging talents of the British folk-rock boom of the late 1960s and early 1970s in the band Mr Fox.

He has performed in venues as varied as a Viking farmstead in the wilds of Iceland, to the Royal Festival Hall in London.



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Extract from Bob Pegg's 'Argyll Folk Tales': 'The Cailleach Bheur'

The Cailleach Bheur - the Old Thundering Woman - was born, if that's how she came into being, in the times when there were forests where there are now seas. Her fame was widespread. The Revd Charles Stewart, who contributed the 1792 entry for Strachur and Stralachlan to The Statistical Account of Scotland, wrote of a very large stone which was dedicated to her. The stone stood on a high ridge:

... which separates Strachlachlan from Glendaruel. There is a descent from it on every side. The prospect from it is very extensive. It is called Cailleach-vear or vera. In the dark ages of superstition, it was personified, and said to have considerable property in cattle. Cailleach-vear makes a conspicuous figure in the marvellous tales of the country people, over a great part of the West Highlands. Her residence was said to be on the highest mountains; that she could step with ease, and in a moment, from one district to another; when offended, that she caused the flood, which destroyed the corns, and laid the low grounds underwater ...

This gigantic woman ranged far and wide in her travels. One story says she came originally from Norway - perhaps she was related to the Norse Giants - carrying a pannier full of rocks and earth on her shoulder. She was heading for the Scottish mainland when the strap on her pannier broke, and the contents tumbled out into the ocean, creating the Western Isles; while Ailsa Craig - the beacon rock in the Firth of Clyde - dropped through a hole in her apron. The Cailleach used to drive her goats across the rocks at the falls of Connel - her stepping stones - and she had her cheese vats close by at Ben-

derloch. Her horse left its hoof print on a rock on Ben Cruachan, and on the slopes of the same mountain she kept her cow, walking every morning from the Mull of Kintyre to give it water. The well was a magic one. It was covered by a massive granite slab which should only be lifted between sunrise and sunset. One warm, sunny day, after watering her cow, the Cailleach fell asleep and, when the sun set, the well was still open. Water poured out, and rushed down the slopes of Ben Cruachan to fill the glen below, and that's how Loch Awe came into being.

However extensive her journeyings, the Cailleach Bheur had her home on the island of Mull; she would milk her sheep and goats at Cailleach Point, on the north of the island, and when she sneezed the explosion could be heard as far away as Coll. Her herds of deer were nurtured off to the West, in the waters between the Dhu Heartach skerry and the Torran rocks. And it was on Mull that the Cailleach's long life came to an end. Once every hundred years she would bathe in Loch Bà, in the middle of the island. She entered the waters as a withered old hag, and came out of the loch revitalised, a beautiful young woman. The immersion had to take place very early in the day, before any of the birds or animals were awake; but on this particular morning, as the Cailleach was thundering down the slopes to the loch side, away in the distance a sheepdog barked. She stopped and cocked her head to one side. The dog barked again, and the Cailleach tottered and fell.

She died there, within inches of the water.

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Conductor's polish brings brass band back into tune

by **BEN RAMAGE**
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THE CREATOR of Campbeltown Brass has returned to the Wee Toon to oversee its remarkable resurgence.

Gordon Evans MBE was a music instructor at Campbeltown Grammar for 25 years, from 1978 to 2003, setting up the brass band and becoming an MBE in his first stint here. His return has coincided with some of the band's best results ever.

On the band's successful year, Mr Evans said: 'It has been an extra special year. The band were struggling a wee bit after a successful period in 2007 before I moved back last April, so we have had to build it up again.'

'This year it has really taken off. We performed higher than anyone expected at the Nationals and have won in various contests. The senior section really punch above their weight; half are not even adults, so our achievements really have been great.'

Gordon left Campbeltown to pursue other projects, namely teaching and conducting in Dundee, but last April decided to return to the town when he and his wife of 40 years Libby were deciding where to retire.

Mr Evans added: 'It was easy to come back because of the community spirit, which is not matched elsewhere.'

'As soon as we walked down the street, even eight years later, people knew us and were asking about how we were. The people are just so nice here.'

'Some of the older players remember me from before. Some even have children in the band now and we have a really great set up with Liz Richardson as secretary and Katrina Barr really like an assistant to me.'

Important

'The team lets me focus on the music, and it is important to remember that our success would not be possible without the efforts of everyone, staff and players included.'

'Some were a bit dubious of my methods at first, but we have tight-

ened up a lot and now we are going to competitions with a good chance of winning, rather than just turning up.'

Gordon started playing himself at the age of seven, in Leighton Buzzard where his uncle was the Salvation Army bandmaster. His family moved to Colchester and then Kettering, where he learnt from his cornet-playing grandfather.

In 1967 he joined Kettering Citadel Band, one of the Salvation Army's top bands, before two years later starting a nine-year stint as a military musician when he joined the band of HM Scots Guards.

During his time in the guards he took part in military functions like the annual Cenotaph Parade and the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, before his move to Campbeltown in 1978 when he was appointed as the first full-time instructor of brass and woodwind instruments to the grammar school.

Starting from scratch, he formed the Kintyre Schools and Campbeltown Grammar School Concert Wind Band. In 1985 they became the first ever school wind band British Champions at Wembley.

The same year he formed Campbeltown Brass, which began as



Gordon Evans where he likes to be, conducting the band at the Battle of Loos retreat in September 2015. 20_c40retreat03

a lunchtime activity and ended up competing at National Championships at the Royal Albert Hall just two years later.

Gordon was handed an MBE by Her Majesty the Queen in 1993, in what he described as a 'wonderful, lovely occasion' at Holyrood Palace, but it was another award which tops his favourite list.

He said: 'I received The Mortimer Medal, from the Worshipful Company of Musi-

cians in 1998, for my work with youth brass bands. It really meant a lot. That is my favourite achievement.'

He is now hoping to maintain the excellent levels of Campbeltown Brass next year, whilst continuing to build community efforts into the fabric of the group.

Gordon said: 'We are very reliant on our youth system, so we need to keep building on our youth section and keep the momentum going.'

'My personal aim would be for us to keep improving nationally next year, and potentially have a second section band.'

'My main aim is not winning trophies though, it is to be a community group, to serve the community by playing local events and also enjoying ourselves.'

'That is what bands and music are really all about. If we keep managing that, then I am sure we will be fine.'



Mr Evans conducting Johnny Togneri, who he described as one of the group's 'best ever players'.



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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!' (Romans 11:33).

GOLDEN WEDDING



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DEATHS

ANDREW - Peacefully at home, 80 Millknowe, Campbeltown on December 24, 2015, William Andrew (Bill), in his 81st year, dearly beloved husband of Jessie Muir, much loved dad of Lorraine and Susan, father-in-law of Angus and Andrew, loving papa of Stephanie, Hannah and Charley and great papa of Liam. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on December 31, 2015 at 12 noon. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

BROWN - Peacefully at home, 130 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, on December 26, 2015, Donald Brown, in his 71st year, dearly beloved husband of Sheena Hamer, much loved father of Donald, Andrew and Cassandra, loving grandfather of Donald, Ben and Jason and great grandfather of Cailean and Mirren. Service in the Highland Parish Church on January 5, 2016, at 1.00 p.m. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the District Nurses, Kintyre Locality and Cancer Research.

FERGUSON - Suddenly at the Mid Argyll Hospital on the December 27, 2015, Charles John Ferguson, aged 79 years, of Roseheart, Dun Mor Avenue, Lochgilphead. (Former Senior Nursing Officer, Argyll and Bute Hospital). Dearly loved husband of Dandie Crawford, much adored father of Charles and Lorna, respected father in law of Fiona and Andrew and cherished Papa of Cameron, Ewan, Holly and Anna. Brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Kilmartin Parish Church on Thursday December 31, 2015, at 11 a.m., thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MACPHERSON - Suddenly at the home of his daughter in Inverness, on December 24, 2015, Alexander MacPherson, in his 53rd year, formerly of Park Square and Broad Street, Campbeltown, a dearly loved father and grandfather. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown on January 6, 2016 at 1.00 p.m. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

MASON - Suddenly at home, 87 Millknowe, Campbeltown, on December 21, 2015, Alexander Mason (Alex), in his 70th year, dearly beloved husband of the late Sheena Cook, much loved dad of Isobel and Alister, cherished papa of Kimberly, Caitlyn and Heather and adored great papa of Zac. Funeral private.

IN MEMORIAM

MACFARLANE - In loving memory of Dugald, Mary, Angus and Donald, who passed away. Loved and remembered everyday - Euphie and Eric - Mhairi Goodnight Grampa Tom Lorimer - From Mhairi, Eilidh and Tom

MACGREGOR - In loving memory of a dear dad and pappy Charlie, who died on December 18, 1999, also a dear mum and nanny (Mary Orr) who died on April 8, 1982. Always in our thoughts, with love from all the family.

MACVICAR - In loving memory of Margaret who passed away on January 3, 2015. Loved and remembered always. - David, Margaret & Helen & family at home and abroad.

MCLEAN - In loving memory of Betty, who died on December 30, 2011. A dear mum, gran and granny. Your life touched this world in a way no other can. Leaving not only wonderful memories, but imprints in our hearts. - Aileen, Gemma, Jamie, Craig and Conor.

MILLER - Robert (Robbie) passed away December 31, 2011. Loving memories, always, Flora, Robert, Fiona and Amanda.

SELFRIDGE - Fred, December 26, 2013. Much loved and remembered every day. Ishbel and Dougal XX Grandad - We love and miss you more than words can say. Christopher, Kyle and Morgan XXX

TAYLOR - In loving memory of Nicholas (Nick) who died December 26, 2014. Always in our thoughts, Mum, David, Anne, Michael, Rose and Robert.

TAYLOR - Nick, died Boxing Day 2014. It has been a year but still feels like yesterday. Miss you, my brother. Robert.

TAYLOR - Nicky, a greatly missed friend and workmate. We miss the laughs, always in our thoughts. John and Kieran.

TAYLOR - Thomas, died December 30, 1998. It has been 17 years since your passing but happy memories never fade no matter the time. Always in my thoughts, Robert.

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CHURCH NOTICES

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday 3rd January 2016 11.00 am
New Year Communion Service
"This is how we know what love is"
Refreshments after the service
Pastor Chris Holden
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

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Rev. Hilda Smith
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Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Sunday 3rd January 2016
The service will be conducted by Mr Matthew Ramsay and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am
Tuesday 5th January Badminton Club in Kirk Street Hall

Scottish Episcopal Churches
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Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist service
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St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Eucharist Service
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book
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Sunday 3rd January 2016
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Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Service in Chalmers Court, Inveraray, at 2.30 pm
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Rev P Wallace
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Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE battle for the bargains began even earlier this Christmas, with stores on high streets and on-line, advertising massive discounts before Christmas.

I watched the TV mesmerised as people, who probably have everything they need, queued from early morning to pour into the shops for something they do not need.

I thought of the complete contradiction as people queued at the food banks for something they desperately need.

They were suffering from financial famine.

I think the folk in the queues may be suffering from financial madness.

There is a children's story called 'The Grinch who stole Christmas'.

It is about a rather unpleasant fictional character who wanted to spoil Christmas for everyone in his village because he hated Christmas.

So the Grinch went round all the houses on Christmas Eve and stole all the presents.

This, he thought, would spoil Christmas forever.

He was wrong.

The people saw past the presents to the real meaning of Christmas, and they retained a spirit of love and hope and joy, and they cared for each other.

This indeed made the Grinch think about it, and he realised that 'Christmas must be a little bit more' and that it 'didn't come wrapped up in packages or come from a store'.

Christmas is indeed a 'little bit more' than bargains and shopping.

I have been so inspired by the people of north England this Christmas. The weather has been so cruel to them.

Like the Grinch it stole away their presents and their homes, and could have robbed them of their Christmas spirit.

But it didn't.

We heard wonderful stories of caring and sharing, of courage and determination.

You cannot buy that in the sales, for that is something beyond price.

I wish you peace and love in 2016.

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

January 4 1991

Island relieved on the sixth day of Christmas

THE ISLAND of Gigha was cut off from the mainland by storms for four days last week because the sea was too rough for the small car ferry 'Bruernish' to land at Tayinloan's exposed pier.

This was the longest period the Gigha ferry has been closed in the last 10 years.

With no service scheduled for Christmas Day, gale-force winds from Wednesday to Saturday meant that the island was cut off for five days in succession.

With no Sunday service on the timecard, the island would have been cut off for a sixth day but for an emergency ferry service with two round trips on Sunday

morning to relieve the island.

The Met Office at RAF Machrihanish recorded south-west and north-west gales over the four days averaging 31-35 mph, gusting at 55-58mph and up to 72mph on Thursday.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

January 6 1966

New airport terminal will open on Monday

THE NEW Civil Air Terminal at Machrihanish Airport will come into operation on Monday.

A converted war-time building, the terminal is situated on the main airfield road, about 200 yards from the main Air Station gates.

The new terminal replaces a building inside the airfield near the runway, which was opened by the Ministry of Aviation just over two

years ago and cost more than £2,000 to prepare and furnish. Furniture and fittings from the existing building are being used in the new premises.

The transfer of the terminal from inside the airfield to the perimeter was ordered by the Ministry of Defence after the aerodrome was taken over by the Royal Air Force.

Private cars will no longer be allowed inside the airfield and cars used by intending B.E.A passengers will have to be parked in a car park in front of the new terminal.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

January 1 1916

Poorhouse Festival

The annual treat given by the members of the Parish Council to the inmates of the Poorhouse took place on Thursday of last week and

was, like previous festivals, a most enjoyable and successful function.

The inmates assembled in the neat little chapel, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion.

All had beaming faces in anticipation of the evening's entertainment, and as the night wore on they gave ample evidence of their thorough enjoyment of the treat.

Bailie Campbell, chairman of the House Committee, presided, and was supported by ex-Provost Mitchell and ex-Bailie M'Queen, members of the Parish Council; Rev. Messrs D. McCallum and B. B. Blackwood; and Mr J. R. MacGowan, all of whom in the course of the evening, after a sumptuous supper had been served, delivered happy addresses.

MOK Fest acts are winners at Trad Awards

CALMAC Culture stage headliners Treacherous Orchestra won album of the year with 'Grind' at this year's MG Alba Scots Trad awards in Dundee.

Two bands and some solo musicians from the 2015 Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (MOK Fest) also collected awards at the prestigious bash in the city's Caird Hall.

Saturday night headline band in Victoria Hall, Diamh, who played at the traditional concert, won Folk Band of the Year.

Jenn Butterworth who played at the festival ceilidh with Mary-Beth Salter, won the Music Tutor of the Year award.

Event manager Iain Johnston of JIG Events said: 'It is great to see so many of the bands who have played at the MOK Fest being honoured at the Scots Trad Awards with Fiona Hunter and Rura also winning awards.'

'The festival always strives to bring the best musicians to play in Campbeltown each year.'



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Junior sloggers splash in 3k dash

KINTYRE'S best young athletes put all that Christmas grub to good use as they sprinted across the sand at Westport Beach.

Pristine sand

Running half an hour before the seniors in the sixth annual 'Slog in the Sand' competition, pristine sand helped Cameron Campbell post

12.25, nearly a minute up on his time of 13.13 in last year's race.

Gregor Campbell followed in 14.02 ahead of third placed Euan Charlwood in 14.53.

Violet Campbell took the honours for the girls in 16.54 ahead of Anna Gemmill's 17.28 with Caryn Kerr finishing third with a time of 18.35.



Girls' winner Violet Campbell. 25_c01slog09



Cameron Campbell the boys' winner. 25_c01slog12



Second boy Gregor Campbell. 25_c01slog13



Second placed girl Anna Gemmill. 25_c01slog10



Third girl Caryn Kerr. 25_c01slog11



Euan Charlwood third boy across the line. 25_c01slog14

McKellar's team meet the Under 14 Pupils

SPONSORS Alan and Zoe Glendinning of A.Mckellar's Grocery store in Main Street Campbeltown have supplied tracksuits to the U14 Pupils to use when travelling to play.

The sponsors met the young players before their match with Baljaffray on Saturday December 19.



SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £1100

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Kenny walks on water in fifth Slog in the Sand win

A COOL south-east wind gave Kintyre runners a tailwind on the return leg as they slogged through sand, stones and salt water last Sunday.

The sixth running of the popular winter warmer 'Slog in the Sand' on Westport beach saw 20 juniors head away, into bright sunshine, on their three-kilometre race at 10.30am. For the junior's results see inside on page 15.

There were no surprises in the 10K senior race with Kenny Campbell taking his fifth victory in 36.56. At one stage as he surged through the surf he appeared to be running on the water.

His time was outside his record breaking 36.05 set in 2014, but just 17 seconds off four minutes faster than the second placed runner Daniel Sheldrick in 40.39.

Third placed Stuart McGeachy looked in agony as he neared the line. He said he had pulled something in his back and was a further three minutes behind in 43.47.

Women's winner Jennifer Reid's time of 46.33 was 3.06 quicker than second placed Natalie Sharp in 49.39 but



Winner Kenny Campbell. 25_c01slog04



Women's winner Jennifer Reid. 25_c01slog01

Kenny Campbell 'walks on water'. 25_c01slog07

there was then nearly a 10-minute wait until Emma Moran appeared through the surf

in 59.10.

A spokesperson said the weather probably made it the best ever

running of the event combined with some quite firm sand at the sea's edge.



Stuart McGeachy waves as he approaches the line. 25_c01slog06



Daniel Sheldrick the second man home. 25_c01slog05



Second placed woman Natalie Sharp. 25_c01slog02



Third woman Emma Moran. 25_c01slog03



The front three men on the outward leg. 25_c01slog08



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