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Derelict post office – new developments

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A **CAMPBELTOWN** *Courier* investigation has broken ground in the town's old post office saga.

South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) is exploring the purchase and redevelopment of the old post office in Main Street, Campbeltown.

The Courier has been reporting residents' concerns about the C-listed former post office since 1991.

The building was purchased by former surveyor Chris Gabriel in 1989.

In 1998 Mr Gabriel claimed that he planned to convert the building into flats and offices, but no progress has ever been made.

Last week *The Courier* tracked Mr Gabriel down at his Kintyre

home near Mausdale.

Mr Gabriel said: 'I have not heard from SDKT yet.'

'Of course I would be interested in speaking to them. I'd be very happy to.'

In 1999, local planners reported that Campbeltown Community Council had written to Argyll and Bute Council to press for the building's demolition.

At this time, the owner discussed potential restoration and conversion. No progress was made.

After years of stagnation Mr Gabriel assured *The Courier* in 2012 that maintenance work would begin in the next four weeks and he was 'looking for an end use that would benefit the community.'



The dancers are: Freya Borthwick, Solana McMurchy, Chloe Anderson, Sarah Campbell, Erin Binnie, Alison Wylie, Iona MacKinlay, Linzi Cameron, Jane Scott, Claudia Graham, Errin Green, Lisa Mckellar, Tiffany Norris and Iona McGrory. 25_c52dancerstrophies01

Strictly silverware success for Wee Toon footwork

DANCERS with all the right moves showed off their 2016 trophies from competitions around Scotland.

The 14 top dancers, of 60 who attend the James Mc-

Corkindale School of Dancing in Campbeltown, gathered at the community centre recently.

Mr McCorkindale used the occasion to praise Yvonne

Arkell who has passed a full teacher's exam with the British Association of Teachers of Dancing, and Linzi Cameron for passing her associate qualification.

In August 2013, Mr Gabriel once again assured that plans were in place for the build-

ing to be repaired. A recent Community Action Plan Review, carried out by SKDT has

highlighted public demand to revitalise the building.

SDKT Trust Manag-

er Zena Coffield said: 'The building has been targeted by various or-

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Super citizens

NOMINATIONS are being sought for Campbeltonians who go above and beyond for their communities.

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Emergency action

CREWS were scrambled in the search for a missing woman on January 2.

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Power problems

ELECTRICITY outages are plaguing an island postmaster.

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Wonderful weight loss

A CLACHAN woman is an inspiration to all those battling the bulge in 2017.

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AN ACCLAIMED actor is unlikely to need Dutch courage before treading Springbank's boards.

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Police files:

Power tools theft

A NUMBER of power tools were stolen from a static caravan at a house in Torrisdale near Campbeltown.

Police are investigating the theft, which occurred between December 15 and 27, and ask that any witnesses contact them.

Hogmanay head butt

A MAN who allegedly head-butted another on Hogmanay in Burnside Street has been charged with assault.

Police arrested the 24-year-old following the incident at 11.20pm.

A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

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Hopes of new dialogue on future of old post office

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SKDT TRUST manager Zena Coffield said it is 'excellent news' that the old post office owner, Chris Gabriel, is willing to open talks on the building.

Ms Coffield said: 'We hope Mr Gabriel will get in touch with SKDT as soon as pos-

sible to discuss acquisition.'

Ms Coffield added: 'At present the Scottish Land Fund is available to community groups to help them purchase assets, at up to market value, if groups can demonstrate the building will address lo-

cal needs sustainably. We would be keen to discuss possibilities with Mr Gabriel whilst this funding stream is available.

'This building deserves a happy ending.'

Welcome

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly, who had previously called upon Argyll and Bute Council to impose a compulsory purchase order on the property, said: 'I would welcome and support any organisation who can secure, redevelop and find a long term end user for the building.'

A spokesperson from Argyll and Bute Council added: 'Campbeltown's historic town centre has been significantly improved during recent years with £10 million being spent on historic buildings with-



The rear of the buildings. 25_c27oldpost02

in Campbeltown town centre.

'The council is now delivering the next round of Conservation Scheme grants in Campbeltown town centre having secured funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

'It is supportive of any initiative, includ-

ing by the current owner, that identifies a viable use for the building in question.

'We are hopeful of finding a solution that will see the building fully repaired and restored and brought back into use for the benefit of the town and the wider community.'

Derelict landmark

Continued from page 1 organisations for years with no outcome and continues to deteriorate. Local people are demanding a solution.

'New legislation within the Community Empowerment Act is expected next June. This will give communities the right to buy abandoned, neglected or detrimental land in certain circumstances, even if there is not a willing seller.

'SKDT is waiting to find out how that process will work, but we hope that we can engage with the owner before then and negotiate a purchase whilst funds are still available.

'We hope to conserve the building for future generations by creating a safe and environmentally-friendly space.'

'We have the backing of Highlands and Islands Enterprise who will support us through the process of acquisition.'



Pigeons have infested the Old Post Office. 25_c27oldpost01

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Rotary Club of Campbeltown YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

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
Marking the envelope "Young Musician of the Year"
Entries to be received by Tuesday 24th January 2017.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominations are invited for the recognition of good citizenship in Kintyre.

If you feel someone has given outstanding service to the community in 2015, put their names forward to **Rotary Club of Campbeltown**

Nomination forms are available at Keith's Newsagents, Main Street, Campbeltown
Letters and nominations forms for this award should be sent in confidence to:

The Secretary
Rotary Club of Campbeltown
Argyll Arms Hotel
Campbeltown. PA28 6AB

Entries to be received by 14th February 2017.

Campbeltown Citizen of the Year award

DO YOU know someone who has provided outstanding service to the community?

If so the Rotary Club of Campbeltown would love to know as its members are currently seeking nominations for Citizen of the Year 2016.

A Rotary spokesperson said: 'If you know anyone who has gone the extra mile to help a neighbour, or someone who has worked really hard to raise funds for a worth-while cause please nominate that person.'

'Even if your nomination was not successful last year, it could well be worth repeating a previous nomination.'

A book in the library details the names and citations of past winners.

In addition, the club requires nominations for the most promising Young Musician of the Year.

The winner of that award will receive the Norman and Phyllis Milne memorial award; which is custody of the engraved cup for one year plus a generous cheque.

The spokesperson added: 'If you know of anyone, or if there is anyone in your family who has shown outstanding progress during 2016, please make a nomination.'

Forms for both awards will be available in Keith's (George McMillan's) paper shop, Main Street from this week and advertisements will appear in *The Courier*.

Nomination forms for the most promising young musician should be left in the Argyll Hotel Campbeltown no later than January 24.

For citizen of the year, forms should be in the Argyll Hotel no later than February 14.

Power problems at Portnahaven

THIRTEEN power surges and cuts were recorded over a period of less than two hours at Portnahaven Post Office on Islay.

Postmaster Alastair Redman recorded the power surges and outages on January 3 between 7.57am and 11.51am.

He said: 'The surges and cuts have wrecked my till, one of my strip lights, the Post Office computer system and the Post Office pay station.'

'This has massively inconvenienced my customers.'

A spokesperson from Scottish and Southern Electricity Network (SSE) said: 'Around 190 customers in and around the Portnahaven area of Islay were affected by a fault. Engineers tried to establish the exact cause of the fault.'

Missing woman found

EMERGENCY services began a Campbeltown search after police received a report of a missing woman.

Police say they had cause for concern for the welfare of the woman, whose disappearance was reported at 8am on Monday.

Police, Coastguard, RNLI lifeboats, and police and coastguard helicopters embarked on a search for the woman.

At around 11.15am, lifeboat crew spotted the woman on the shore near the Old Shipyard at Low Askomil.

She was taken to Campbeltown Hospital suffering from exposure and the effects of a minor fall.

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Balegreggan's bovine baby boom is one in a million

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'I was kind of surprised because I've never seen cow triplets before'

THE CHANCES of a cow giving birth to healthy triplets is estimated to be one in a million.

So the Kerr family of Balegreggan Farm, Campbeltown, were stunned to discover that one of their cattle had recently delivered three bouncing baby bovines.

Sharon and Graham Kerr had no idea their heifer was expecting triplets until the moment the calves were born.

Sharon said the birth was a 'big surprise'.

The triplets were born to a seven-year-old Holstein Friesian and sired by an Aberdeen Angus bull. It was the first multiple birth for the heifer.

The calves are named

after Sharon and Graham's own three children, Caryn, 12, Robert, 8 and Murray, 2.

Just like the Kerr children, the calves are two boys and a girl.

The children were surprised by the news of the triplets.

Eldest Caryn said: 'I was away at Scout camp when they were born.'

'I didn't believe it at first, I thought my dad was lying. I only believed it when I saw them.'

Her brother Robert added: 'I was kind of surprised because I've never seen cow triplets before.'

Caryn says that her animal namesake is calf number 51, Robert's is calf 50 and Murray's is calf 49.



Caryn, Murray and Robert with their calf namesakes.

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All cattle must be registered with the government's Cattle Tracing System. They are then issued with a passport which remains with them through their entire lives.

Farmer Graham Kerr, 45, said: 'We had difficulty getting passports for three calves from one mother because it's so unusual.'

Sharon added: 'They'll issue passports for twins but not triplets so easily.'

The triplets are a welcome addition to Balegreggan's dairy herd, which fluctuates between 80 and 90 cattle.

Council call for Kintyre comments

THERE are just days left to give Argyll and Bute Council a piece of your mind.

The council is again facing serious cuts and wants to know which of its work and services matter most to Kintyre residents.

Campbeltownians have until January 9 to make their views known either on the council website or on paper. A physical copy of the survey can be picked up from the library.

Council leader Dick Walsh said: 'We'd like to hear from as many people as possible.'



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REGISTRATION OF INFANT BEGINNERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS SESSION 2017/2018

Children who attain the age of five years between 1 March 2017 and 28 February 2018 should be registered for education during the week commencing 16 January 2017.

Parents concerned should take their children to the appropriate local primary school on one of the school days during the above week between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm.

Gaelic Medium Education

Gaelic Medium Education is available in the following schools:- Bowmore Primary School, Islay; Tìree Primary School, Tìree; Salen Primary School, Mull; Rockfield Primary School, Oban; Strath of Appin Primary School, by Oban and Sandbank Primary School, Dunoon. Further information on Gaelic Medium Education can be obtained from Catriona Garvin, Education Support Officer: Gaelic, catriona.garvin2@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

If your child is not registered to attend preschool education within Argyll & Bute Council area you should produce your child's birth certificate when registering for Education. A leaflet providing information for parents on enrolment of children in school and giving details of placing request procedures (including under age placing requests) may be obtained from any school or from Community Services, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon, PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 704000).

ANN MARIE KNOWLES
Acting Executive Director: Community Services



JANUARY – Two Scotbet employees gambled on an appearance at a cool Dalintober New Year's Day fundraiser, and raised £863 for the hospital's Sunshine room and £436 to the Dalintober beach fund.

In the betting shop, Gillian Hall and Pauline Baines advertised the Dalintober 'Dip for Dosh' – a chilly New Year swim in Campbeltown Loch – and were so taken with the idea they decided to enter. Gillian Hall and Pauline Baines.

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FEBRUARY – A Campbeltown audience sat enthralled as the Rotary Club's Young Musician of the Year 2015 tinkled the ivories and gave a trumpet recital.

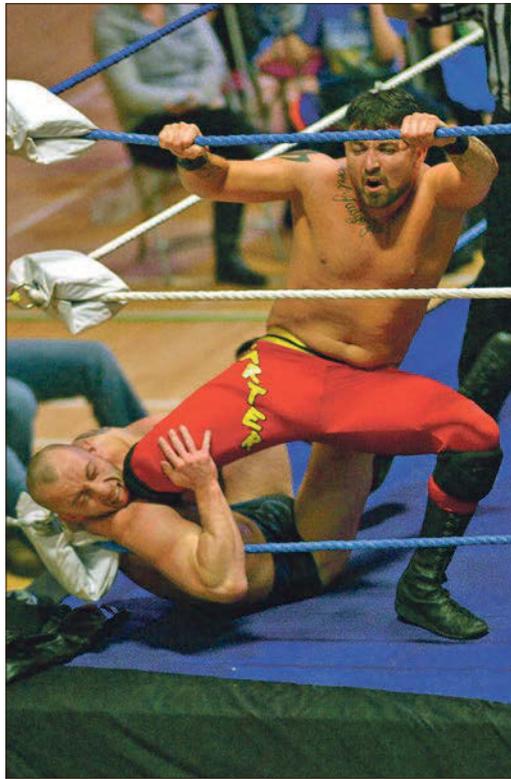
Tanya McDonald's achievement was celebrated by a special concert of mostly school age musicians in the Lorne and Lowland Hall. The Rotary Club's John Bakes told the audience: 'Tan-



ya is a very promising Young Musician of the year and has achieved Grade eight with dis-

tinction for trumpet and grade seven with distinction on piano.'

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MARCH – Wrestling returned to the Wee Toon after a break of nearly two decades.

A large crowd in Victoria Hall was excited by the antics of male and female wrestlers, both in and out of the ring, who battled the night away.

Spectators bayed for blood as the wrestlers revved up the audience to fever pitch at the start of each bout.

There were great wrestlers and amazing moves on display, but further bouts planned later in the year failed to materialise.

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Review of A look back at some



MAY – Following a £1.7 million project, a series of events marked the reopening of Campbeltown town hall, a model of which is pictured above.

Councillor Rory Colville, speaking at a ticket-only event for people involved in the scheme, praised project coordinator Eric Spence, South Kintyre Development Trust's staff who, working away behind the scenes secured funding, Townscape Heritage Initiative project officer James Lafferty, and the principle contractors, building firm McKinven and Colville.

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JUNE – The proposed plan to site an extension to Machrihanish's wrasse hatchery on land at Lossit Point filled *The Courier's* letters page for months. Marine Harvest, the biggest salmon producer in Scotland, claims it needs to build a (wrasse) hatchery to supply enough sea lice eating fish to service its 48 sea farms. Views both for and against were polarised between wanting jobs and not spoiling the coastal environment.

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JULY – The historic June 23 EU referendum just missed the deadline for the last *Courier* of June. Some 29,494 voters in Argyll and Bute chose to back Remain, 10,292 more than voted to Leave, a decision mirrored across every other constituency in Scotland.

Scottish MEP Alyn Smith was given a standing ovation in Brussels as he begged members of the European Parliament not to let Scotland down.

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APRIL – South Korea-based CS Wind Corporation bought Wind Towers Scotland from owners SSE and Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

The global multinational's move secured the plant's future and has opened the door to the manufacturing of offshore towers. CS Wind employs more than 2,100 people worldwide. Headquartered in Cheonan, it also has four overseas manufacturing plants in China, Vietnam, Indonesia and Canada.

Staff gathered in the CS Wind canteen for the official takeover ceremony.

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2016 Kintyre events

SEPTEMBER – The largest cruise ship ever to berth at the Wee Toon’s new quay swamped Kintyre with visitors.

Saga Pearl II, chartered by the National Trust for Scotland (NTS), entered Campbeltown Loch on a Wednesday evening after the passengers watched the sun setting behind Islay as the 18,000 ton vessel cruised round the Mull of Kintyre. 25_c39cruise10_

OCTOBER – A Kintyre lifeguard saved a young dog’s life in Greece. Zak now enjoys paddle-boarding and three walks a day on Westport beach.

Christie Middleton, 21, from Machrihanish, told *The Courier* how she met her pup Zak a year ago this week. The dog was likely to be poisoned if he didn’t find an owner. She was on holiday on the Greek is-



NOVEMBER – In the year that marks the centenary of the bloodiest battle of the First World War, Campbeltown fell silent to remember those who lost their lives in war.

Speaking to *The Courier*, Argyll and Bute’s MP, Brendan O’Hara said: ‘Veterans are an asset to society and deserve our thanks, our support and our respect.’

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DECEMBER – The Wee Toon saw a weekend of festive fun as residents got into the holiday spirit at the Christmas lights switch on marred by council failures to connect the lights to the street lighting.

The celebrations kicked off in style with well-known children’s character Mary Poppins flying into Main Street. Singers from the Salvation Army Kids’ Choir and



Campbeltown Grammar School entertained the crowd as final preparations for the event were under way before Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, bedecked in fairy lights, marched into Main Street.

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AUGUST – Wee Toon triathlete Jennifer Martin took top honours with a cracking combined time of one hour 24 minutes in the women’s MokTri.

2017 promises to be a bonanza year for athletic endeavour, with the first MOK marathon set for March, two Highland Games, the postponed Campbeltown event in May, plus the ever popular Southend summer spectacular, and that is not including the MOKRUN.

Jennifer Martin and second placed woman Karen Hopwood. 25_c33MOKTRI34_women’sstop2



land Zakynthos when she was followed by the young stray that was living alone on the street.

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2015 (15) Peugeot 208 1.4 HDI 70 Style Diesel



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2011 (11) Peugeot 407 2.0 HDI 140 Sport Diesel



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Summer scene heralds winter Dalintober Dip for Dosh

AS 2016 drew to a close, Campbeltown Old Pals group shared a 1960s snap of Dalintober Beach in its heyday on social media.

The post, of a picture printed in *The Courier* two years ago, proved popular and many commented that it was where they loved to spend their childhood holidays.

New Year's Day's Dip for Dosh might not have had the same crowds as a summer's day in the '60s, but numbers were the best ever seen and some dippers were disappointed that swimmers did not linger longer in the water.

The sun shone brightly all day and blessed the following day's holiday as well.

In the old picture there are at least four sailing dinghies, two with sails up ready to leave the golden sand.

It is memories such as these that the beach restoration group wants to tap into for its campaign to get the sand back in place.

While the Seasports Centre may be some way off, perhaps Morrison Construction and McFadyens which supported the dip could deliver a few loads of sand for next summer...

New year new life

MUMS and babies seem to be becoming a spring staple for television shows. Last year BBC Alba's *Highland Midwives* followed the birth of a Campbeltown mum's first child.

This year it is the turn of Channel Five and in this week's *Courier* two mums and their babies are featured.

In the animal kingdom there is the amazing story of a cow giving birth to triplets – it is not unheard of but very it is rare.

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Free tuition benefits the better off

Sir,
Moving from the PISA report to a report from an education quango, the Student Awards Agency for Scotland, it seems the SNP took the liberty of tampering with some of the wording in the report that reflected badly upon the government.

This was the removal of a reference that linked cuts in grants to poor university students with the need to find funding for the much-trumpeted free tuition policy. Shirley-Anne Somerville, who is the higher education minister, admitted the phrase 'with the aim of protecting free tuition' had been removed from the report.

She had been accused by Labour MSP Daniel Johnson of rewriting the report to hide the truth and he cited official figures that showed students from the poorest backgrounds graduated with the most debt as they have been forced to take on more loan debt.

When I previously pointed out that free tuition was benefiting the better-off students to the detriment of those from less affluent backgrounds I was ridiculed by Willie Crossan, so perhaps he would care to take the opportunity to explain this more recent faux pas by an SNP minister.

**Brian Gee,
Lefkara,
East Carradale.**

Year to remember for Highlands and Islands Airports

Sir,
As December draws to a close, we can finally take stock of what a momentous year it's been and certainly one to remember.

Campbeltown Airport handled more than 6,500 passengers since the start of the financial year in 2016.

Aircraft movements in November alone were up 28 per cent compared to 2015.

The last 12 months have brought many unexpected events, from Brexit and the US election results, to the passing of greats such as David Bowie and Muhammad Ali.

Technology moves at a rapid pace and will have a profound effect on future travel. Self-navigation technologies across most forms of transport now appears inevitable rather than improbable.

There are challenges and uncertainties ahead, not least as Brexit shapes how we engage and do business. In Scotland, we must remain focused on being open and adaptable to new opportunities.

In the Highlands and Islands, it's been another significant year for air travel, tourism and the economy benefiting from the success derived from improved connectivity and the resultant healthy visitor numbers.

The results speak for themselves. In the summer period the HIAL team wel-

comed more than 908,000 passengers through 11 regional airports, our highest number to date.

We must all work hard to ensure the entire Highlands and Islands region maximises the potential benefits from tourism and trade as technology promises ever greater connectivity.

At the other end of the spectrum, amongst 2016's highlights was one of our smallest airports, Barra celebrating their 80th anniversary.

Scottish government minister for transport and the islands, Humza Yousaf, joined the HIAL team and the entire community to celebrate this iconic, world-famous beach runway.

A memorable occasion which perfectly illustrated Scotland's global reputation as being a welcoming and friendly nation.

I wish you all the best for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

**Mike Cantlay,
Chairman,
Highlands and Islands Airports Limited.**

Appeal for Campbeltown chums to catch up

Sir,
I worked in Campbeltown for five years with Argyll Community Housing Association doing rewiring and heating installation with Gascall from Glasgow.

I would love to know how the people I met in Campbeltown are getting on; the

likes of Charlie Dott and John Souter, Lachie Woods who I had a lot of time for, also Joan and Tracy at Dellwood Hotel, Ann and George at the pub, Shanice at the Fiddlers Inn, the fishermen and everyone I had the pleasure of meeting.

Hopefully I can get back in the New Year some time.

I was in charge of that motley crew.

In the meantime, take care and have a Happy New Year.

**John Sangster,
Airdrie.**

Cub Scouts centenary

Sir,
2016 was Cubs100, the centenary of the Cub Scout movement, and I'm lucky and proud to be ambassador for their monumental birthday party.

December 16 was the 100th birthday and like the Cubs from Campbeltown I renewed my Cub Scout promise.

Through our A Million Hands project, Cubs in Campbeltown have been helping to make their community a better place to live and work.

I would also like to shout out to the volunteers in Campbeltown for their dedication each week to giving Cubs the chance to experience big adventures and take part in activities that could be life-changing.

Volunteers - we salute you!
**Steve Backshall,
Cubs100 Ambassador.**

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Clachan woman's loss is great gain

by **CLAIRE THOMSON**
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Keigheley Lyon.
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A CLACHAN woman is an inspiration to all who have resolved to shed a few pounds in 2017.

Keigheley Lyon, 24, has lost nine stone in just seven months.

At 26.5 stone, Keigheley decided last year that she had had enough of feeling unhappy in her body and vowed to change. True to her word, she now weighs 16.13 stone.

Unhappy

Speaking to *The Courier*, Keigheley said: 'I was just very unhappy. I wasn't going out with my friends, I'd split up with my part-

ner. I wanted to do better for myself.'

Keigheley opted for the Cambridge Weight Plan (CWP), after hearing about it from a friend who had failed to stick to the hardcore regime.

But, like many who swear to shed the pounds in January, Keigheley's first attempt didn't quite stick. 'I tried it for a week in January 2016 and lasted about six days.'

Even after she quit in January, Keigheley was in constant contact with her personal weight loss consultant, Lesley Hamilton.

In May, Keigheley phoned Lesley and said

she was determined to succeed.

Keigheley said: 'Lesley has been an absolute rock throughout this. I can't imagine going through it with anyone else.'

'The CWP is not for the faint hearted at all. Depending on the step of the plan you follow, all of your meals are replaced by nutritionally designed shakes, bars and soups.

Rewarding

'This has been one of the hardest and most rewarding things I've done in my life.'

Keigheley took a week off from the CWP over Christmas to enjoy the festivities but was back on track



Keigheley before, left, and after her weight loss.

by Boxing Day. Enjoying twenty-something life on the plan can be difficult.

Keigheley said: 'I'm a typical 24-year-old, I do like to go out and have fun, but now I recognise that this is more important to me than that.'

'This has changed my life unbelievably, I'm definitely more confident. Before I did absolutely no fitness, now I run and participate in seven fitness classes a week. I'm away in March to a fitness weekend, there's just no way I'd ever have

considered that before. But it's also the simple things like clothes; I bought a new dress for New Year that I'd never have worn before.'

Keigheley hopes to reach her goal weight by March and will then train to be a CWP consultant.

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Springbank stage for Scottish star

THE WEE Toon's Springbank Distillery will be transformed into a theatre this winter.

David Hayman will bring drama to the distillery, with the performance marking the first time a malt barn has doubled as a theatre space.

The *Trial and Retribution* star will tread the barn's boards on February 9, reprising one of his most memorable characters in a new play, *The Cause of Thunder*.

This won't be Hayman's first visit to the distillery. In May 2016 he barrelled into

Springbank's open day with a BAF-ITA-winning film crew to work on a documentary about whisky.

Protagonist

Bob Cunningham, protagonist of a one-man show starring Hayman which toured extensively in the run-up to the 2014 Scottish independence referendum, is back – and he's not happy.

The play catches up with Bob two years after the indy ref, and he has a lot of questions in his mind.

Should he take early retirement? Why has his ex-partner resur-

faced after 20 years?

And then, of course, there's politics. What's there to do about the no vote? Corbyn? Brexit?

David Hayman said: 'Bob is a storyteller. In *The Cause of Thunder* he's telling his own story – and asking where he (and each of us) stands. Is his life's work done? Is he finished? Can he come to terms with his, and his country's, past, and future?'

The play, written by Chris Dolan and directed by Hayman's son, David Hayman Jr, tours the country in February and opens in Oban on February 1.



Actor David Hayman at Springbank in May. 25_c22maltsopen06

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Wee Toon workers deserve an Oscar

THE SITE manager of the project to restore the town's grade A listed cinema has described Campbeltown workers as 'first class'.

Gary Cameron, 46, from Oban, who took on the job for contractors, Corramore, in August, was speaking during a recent *Courier* tour of the works.

Mr Cameron said: 'It is a very busy site and is always full on.'

'We have five local joiners and two labourers, they have all been first class. Recently we were working on the roof and it was chucking it down.'

'They are not afraid of hard work.'

See next week's *Courier* for more pictures of progress at the cinema.



Working on and underneath the Picturehouse's stage. 25_c53cph08

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Midwives, mums and babies are stars of the show

by MARK DAVEY
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

MY HIGHLAND Midwife and Me is the title of a television show due to air this spring.

The series features mums, their babies and births from Campbeltown, Lochgilphead and Tain in Invernesshire.

It is the concept of producer Amanda McGlynn from Glasgow-based television documentary business, Matchlight.

Its most recent film: Darcy Bussell: Looking for Margot, about ballerina Margot Fonteyn, aired on Decem-

ber 20 on BBC1. The company, set up in 2009, has won plaudits for its work, the most recent being the best arts award for *Ted Hughes: Stronger than Death* at the Celtic Media Festival 2016.

Birth

Matchlight followed a number of mums from pregnancy through to the birth of their baby and beyond.

Recently, camerawoman Lindsay Hill attended the mums' and toddlers' Christmas party at Campbeltown hospital to shoot



Lindsay Hill filming Nicki Dunlop and Callum and Bridie Preston with Arthur. 25_c01mums01

some festive footage. Mum Nicki Dunlop recently gave birth to her first child, three-

month-old Callum, who was five weeks early.

Mrs Dunlop said:

'The film crew came to my pre-birth appointments and were present at the birth.'

Bridie Preston also gave birth to her first child, Arthur who is now nine weeks old.

She said: 'They have filmed me at home and I can't wait to see how it turns out.'



From Las Vegas to the Wee Toon

THEY have strummed the guitar in Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, sung in the Wintergarten, Berlin, and plucked the harp in the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Now, the Bardic Trio will be bringing their talents to Campbeltown's Lorne and Low-

Jamie MacDougall, Sharron Griffiths and Matthew McAllister make up the Bardic Trio.

land Church Hall on Friday January 13.

The trio combine classical harp and guitar with a tenor voice to create a fusion of classical and folk music.

The group have performed together in the Passauer Saiten Festival in Germany, the Three Choirs Festival in Worcester and closer to home, have broadcast live on BBC Radio Scotland during Celtic Connec-

tions in Glasgow. Giving the group its voice is Glasgow born tenor, Jamie MacDougall. Jamie has had a stellar singing career and has also presented classical music programmes on BBC Radio Scotland and anchored the BBC's Proms in the Park event.

The group's Welsh born harpist Sharron Griffiths works regularly with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra,

the Royal Northern Sinfonia and Scottish Opera to name but three.

Fife raised guitarist, Matthew McAllister has performed across the world, from Peru to Kosovo, for more than a decade and now brings his unique talents to Kintyre.

Campbeltown's crowd will experience what the trio call, 'folk reimagined'.

The programme will include settings of

Welsh, Irish, Scots and Orcadian traditional songs.

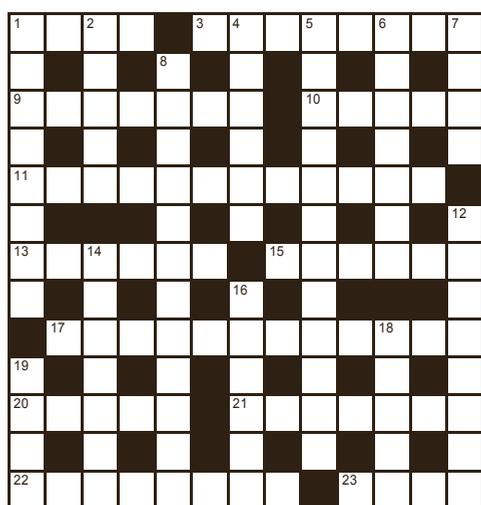
In anticipation of the Ploughman Poet's birthday on January 25, the trio will perform pieces from Burns vast oeuvre for the Campbeltown audience. The concert will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall at 7.30pm on Friday January 13.

Tickets are £10 on the door, children and students go free.

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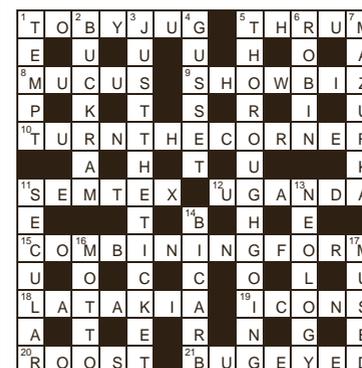
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION





Glenalmond College

2017 sees the start of an exciting new phase of development for Glenalmond College. Two new boarding houses will open in September, improving the provision for junior pupils and creating new places for girls within a new girls' house.

Cairnies, Glenalmond's new junior house, will provide boarding and day boys aged 12 to 14 with a level of pastoral support specifically suited to younger pupils. Close to the outdoor classroom, the woods, Glenalmond's

golf course and with its own playing fields, Cairnies will provide an excellent base for junior year groups.

The new girls' house, Goodacre's, also opens in September 2017, and will be home to girls aged 12 to 18. This house is in the very heart of the school and will enable Glenalmond to expand its girls' boarding and day provision to meet increasing demand.

The opening of these new houses is matched

by developments in the academic side of the school, centred on the Glenalmond Learning Project, which continues to raise academic attainment, ambition and excellence across the school.

New curriculum developments have included the introduction of Mandarin alongside GCSE and A Level computer science, and the timetable has changed to increase the time devoted to teaching and academic study.

Glenalmond College's warden (head teach-

er), Elaine Logan, said: 'Together, these developments mark an important new stage in the life of Glenalmond College, and herald a period of growth for the school.'



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Firmly grounded in the strengths of a broad Scottish education, pupils at Dollar study the Scottish curriculum and work towards Highers and Advanced Highers. Exam results speak for themselves, with an excellent 86 per cent A-B pass rate at Higher and 96 per cent of leavers going on to university.

At Dollar, activities beyond the classroom are seen as highly significant in the development of young people and the school



is famous for its world championship-winning pipe band. More than 160 pupils practise the instrument and tuition is available at all levels, with the opportunity to participate in national competitions and perform around the world. The sight and sound of the pipes are synonymous with Dollar Academy – during the summer term, each day begins with the massed pipes and drums practising on the school lawns.

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- SUV explosion means 13 SUVs shortlisted, including five brands' first SUVs

Overall Car of the Year and category winners to be revealed on January 11 2017

What Car? has announced the shortlist of 43 all-new cars that will battle

for the overall title of Car of the Year 2017 at the annual awards ceremony on January 11.

The overall Car of the Year award will be given to the best newcomer on the

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UK buyers continue to drive an explosion in the SUV segment and no fewer than 13 new SUVs are also in line for the Car of the Year trophy, including the first SUVs from Seat, Jaguar, Bentley, Maserati and Tesla.

The expert team of What Car? judges ensure only the cars that deliver on all fronts from driving dynamics and interior quality to refinement and value for money make the final list.

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

MARRIAGES



WATSON - KENCH

Rhona to Nick, at the Town Hall, Campbeltown, on December 17, 2016. Ceremony conducted by Belinda Braithwaite, Humanist. A day to remember.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Sir Ilay Mark, 7th Baronet of Succoth, on January 2, 2017, at Crarae, in his 90th year. Much loved by all who knew him. Funeral will be held at Cumlodden Parish Church, on Wednesday, January 11, at 12.00pm.

GELDER - Suddenly, on December 21, 2016, while walking with friends, Frank Barrie Gelder, of Macharich House, Southend, in his 67th year. A memorial service will be held in Southend Parish Church, on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 2.00pm, to which all are respectfully invited.

GRAHAM - Margaret Graham, of Greenfield Tarbert, in her 85th year, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, at Mid Argyll Hospital, on December 30, 2016, beloved wife of Malcolm, much loved mother of Catriona, Arthur and Fiona, dearly loved grandmother of Callum, Fiona, Jean, Grace, Madeleine, Alasdair and Neil Arthur, and dear sister to John, Mary and the late Douglas. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on January 9, 2017, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery. Flowers welcome, donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

GREENLEES - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on December 31, 2016, Elizabeth Wilson Paterson (Betty), in her 80th year, formerly of Burnbank, Drumlemble, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Greenlees, much loved mum of Elizabeth and Bobby, a loving and much loved

granny of Leanne, Mark and Claire and loving great granny to Calan, Lewyn, Marc and Saul. Service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 1.00pm, 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 Alzheimer Scotland.

HORNER - Peacefully at home, 6 Breakachy, Kilkenzie, Campbeltown, on December 24, 2016, Henry Sheldon Horner (Harry), in his 80th year, dearly beloved husband of May, much loved father of Jonathon and step-father of Louise.

INGLES - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on December 22, 2016, Robert Craig Ingles (Bob), in his 68th year, Low Cattadale, Southend, dearly beloved husband of Angie, much loved father of Sue and Karen and a loving pampa of Matt, Emily, Lucy, Ella and Freya. Service in Southend Church, on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A private cremation will be held at a later date.

KERR - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 3, 2017, Helen MacMillan (Douglas), in her 81st year, 13a Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Peter Kerr, much loved mum of Kenneth and Helen, loving mother-in-law of Alison and a loving granny of Nichola, John, Kenny, Craig and the late Scott. Service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 1.00pm, 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 Alzheimer Scotland.

MCCALLUM - Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, at the Campbeltown Hospital, surrounded by his family, on January 1, 2017, James Crawford McCallum, in his 81st year, 114 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Matty, much loved dad of Agnes and Jim, dearly loved father-in-law of Marie and the late Dave Bridges, loving grampa of David, Michelle, Amy and Andrew and great grampa of Olivia. Service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, on

Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 1.00pm, 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 Highland Parish Church.

MCGLYNN - On December 29, 2016, peacefully, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, Dugald (Tat) McGlynn, in his 90th year, beloved husband of Mary (May) MacInnes, much loved father of Brian, Iain, Robert, Catherine, Kenneth and Neil and a dearly loved father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather, sadly missed by all. Funeral service at Lochgilphead Baptist Church, on Friday, January 6, 2017, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome.

MCKINLAY - Peacefully at home, Auchmar, Fort Argyll Road, Campbeltown, on Christmas Eve, in her 94th year, Elizabeth Agnes Barbour, beloved wife of the late Dan McKinlay, very much loved mum to Elspeth and Moira, respected mother-in-law to John, treasured granny to Eilidh, Gregor, Lucy and Hannah, darling GG to Lachlan and devoted aunt to all her nephews and nieces.

MCNICOL - On December 28, 2016, peacefully, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, Duncan (Don) McNicol, in his 66th year, loving husband of Mary, loving step-dad and dad to Malcolm and Margaret. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired, to Macmillan Cancer Support and Mairi Semple Fund.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCGOUGAN - Fergie's family would like to thank everyone for visits, telephone calls, cards and beautiful flowers received. Sincere thanks to doctors, nursing staff and carers who supported Fergie over the years. Also to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their support, guidance and excellent, professional service, to Rev William Crossan for a most uplifting service, to David Gardner for the music and to the Argyll Hotel for catering. Finally, thank you to all who attended church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection for the Highland Parish Church raised £238.

WATSON - The family of the late Duncan Watson would like to thank all family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for all the lovely cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy received after their sad loss of Dunnie. Special thanks to Dr Anderson and all staff

on the Acute Ward for their excellent care and to all home carers and Southend Surgery. Thanks to the Rev Steve Fulcher for his comforting service and to Nettie Semple for the nice music. Special thanks to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional service and support. Thanks to Frances and all at Muneroy for the lovely purvey. Finally, thanks to everyone who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection for Southend Church raised £827.92.

IN MEMORIAMs

MCLEAN - Agnes. Promoted to Glory, on January 6, 2008.

Our dearest Nana, we miss you so much and think of you always.

Love, Senga, Sean and Millie, and Maureen, Eddie and family xxx. Precious memories of our dear mum, forever in our hearts.

- Rene, Flora and Carolin xxx.

MCLEAN - Remembering Norman, a good friend and neighbour, who died January 7, 2016.

We still miss you.

- Jean and George.

MCMILLAN - In loving memory of my dear husband, William (Bill), who died January 5, 2000.

The years pass by, but memories stay, Loved and remembered every day.

- From his wife, Mary and sons, Robert and Laurence.

CHURCH NOTICES

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE DIDN'T have enough chairs out. We thought there were plenty as it was New Year's morning and we didn't think many folk would come.

Extra chairs were passed over heads by willing hands, as even more people smiled their way into the hall.

People greeted each other with hand shakes and hugs as the Cleit family gathered for worship.

It was different, it was imaginative, it was spirit filled, it was soul warming; and God was in the midst.

On the first day of a new year we gathered to be with each other and with God.

On the first day of a new year we came together for various reasons.

Some came to bring their prayers for strength, some to give thanks, some to reflect on the past, some to seek hope in the future.

But most of all we came to worship God.

And God was in the midst.

We were in the hall sitting round tables, as families do.

I thought about this and wondered at how many tables Jesus had been a guest.

How many stories had he told in different ways to tell people of God's love for them.

So here we were, beginning 2017 gathered as a family round a table as Catriona reminded us of God's love for each one of us.

We sang about looking forward in faith and, united by a common purpose, I felt more sure about the journey we travel together.

At the close of worship Catriona invited us to join hands and sing the ancient blessing to each other.

Friendship and refreshments followed.

And God was in the midst.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and give you peace.

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO FRIDAY JANUARY 10, 1992

Post Office Gaelic goof

GOODWILL greetings addressed in Gaelic have stirred up a storm of bad feelings after they failed to reach their destination.

The Christmas card from staff at the Campbeltown Courier was sent to Argyll and Bute District Council chief executive Michael Gossip.

But the envelope was addressed using the Gaelic letterhead which appears on all district council correspondence.

But as the Courier goes to press two weeks later, the card has still not arrived at the council's Kilmory headquarters.

When contacted, a Campbeltown Post Office spokesman said: 'It would be the same as Japanese or Chinese people in the town sending a letter home.

'They use the Chinese characters but

must also put the English alongside.'

Leading Gaelic figures in Argyll have reacted with surprise and, in some cases, fury.

District Councillor Donald McKerrell of Islay, chairman of the Gaelic sub-committee at Kilmory, said: 'This is a terrible and ridiculous situation. People have been using Gaelic for centuries. I am disgusted and will bring the matter up at the next meeting of the sub-committee.'

FIFTY YEARS AGO FRIDAY JANUARY 12, 1967

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Queen Mary Guild

TO DATE over 1,000 parcels have been despatched by the local branch of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild to the men serving at home and abroad, and many letters conveying grateful thanks have been received.

The parcels contained more than 1,000 pairs of socks, 500 shirts, and 500 mufflers, in addition to other useful articles.

The Depot at 26 Shore Street is now empty and all contributions of socks, shirts, etc, for the soldiers will be thankfully received.

Picture House scores ticket to funding

CAMPBELTOWN Community Business Ltd., the organisation responsible for the restoration of the Wee Toon's historic Picture House, has been awarded more than £12,000.

The grant is a small portion of £600,000 of LEADER funding awarded to projects

which support economic growth and development across Argyll and Islands.

LEADER funding is part of the Scottish Rural Development programme and is administered in the region by Argyll and Bute Council.

Grants are awarded by the Argyll and

the Islands Local Action Group (LAG) which is part-financed by the Scottish Government and the European Community LEADER 2014-2020 programme.

Iain MacInnes, chair of Argyll and the Islands LEADER LAG said: 'I am pleased to see these awards be-

ing made, helping to strengthen and support the local economy within Argyll and the Islands.

'Despite recent uncertainties over EU funding, I am pleased that LEADER funding will continue over the next few years.'

The LAG also awarded £45,367 to Argyll

Food Producers: Developing and Growing Argyll Food Economy (Food from Argyll).

Virginia Sumsion, from Food from Argyll, said: 'The LEADER funding has enabled Food from Argyll take on long-term developments which will benefit food and drink producers in the area.'

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McFadyen's select the right gear to beat Carradale



Both teams lined up after the match. 25_c01friendly07

McFadyen's Select	3
Carradale	2
Friendly fixture	



Some of the aerial action. 25_c01friendly04

CARRADALE players had a tough task when they faced a McFadyen's Select side featuring seven Campbeltown Pupils.

The friendly fixture played in the week between Christmas and Hogmanay gave the players a chance for a competitive game with no pressure.

The Select were first off the mark in about four minutes when McSporran tapped the ball on from about a yard out after a Gary Grumoli shot was saved by Neil McMil-

lan. The first half was typical festive fare with some players suffering from the night before but there were some good goals, such as Grumoli's second lashed high into the net from 12 yards.

'Dale pulled it back in the 35th minute. Stuart McPhail from the right side of the box gave Robert Todd no chance.

Five minutes later McMillan was dribbling the ball in his own box when he was dispossessed by McSporran who tapped it home

to make the score 3-1 going into the break.

Within three minutes of the restart Brendan Wilson came in from the right to pole the ball in for 'Dale's second. The second half was a better game for both sides and they both had plenty of chances.

Man of the match for Carradale was John Williams and Liam Renton for the Select.

Carradale play South Lochaber Thistle in a league game tomorrow at 2pm in either Kinlochleven or Fort William.



A great save by Neil McMillan. 25_c01friendly01

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3700

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

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Castle Park
Campbeltown

I Mitchell
Millknow
Campbeltown

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. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. 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.

The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time.

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Dalintober Beach Dip for Dosh . . .

Ferry firm penguins launch bid for freedom at new year swim

SPECTATORS packed Northshore Street to watch and film 55 swimmers and two penguins plunge into Campbeltown's icy loch.

They were taking part in the 4th annual New Year's Day Dip for Dosh which is raising funds to restore Dalintober Beach and the Seaspots project.

Joining the event this year were two Caledonian MacBrayne penguins, Arthur Crossan, 48, and Jim McAulay, 59, who told *The Courier* that in good sea-



Swimming back to shore. 25_c01dip03



Dippers race into the sea. 25_c01dip06

faring tradition they had fortified themselves with a large tot of rum.

Mr Crossan, from High Street, said: 'We both work for CalMac and it is the first time we have been off together for five years.'

'It is also the first time we have done this. I used to come down to the beach in school holidays. The

Seaspots project is a great idea to open up this area.'

After a bit of trepidation about entering the water the two feathered friends were last seen heading south.

Massive turnout

Dip for Dosh organiser, Jamie MacLean said: 'There was a massive turnout and I want to thank everyone on behalf of the

committee. Especially big thanks should go to Raymond Harvey from the RNLI and the safety boys: Alastair Aitken, Dave Morris, Gabor Pozsgail and Don McGovern.

'Also to Morrison Construction, it has contributed £200 for each of its two dippers. To paramedic Calum Lawson for his donation and to all

who put money in the buckets which raised a further £231.73.

'Finally to all the Campbeltown Sailing Club members and helpers who provided soup, sandwiches, sausage rolls and manned the bar.'

As *The Courier* went to press the total amount of money raised was to be finalised.

Dunaverty golfers swing into 2017

DUNAVERTY'S golfers blew away the Christmas cobwebs on a cool and windy day as the second round of the club's Christmas and New Year competition teed off.

On Monday January 2, 15 golfers battled it out to claim the title of Christmas champion.

First man out, Bill Brannigan, played one of his best

games to date and managed to post a scratch 76, giving him a nett 65. This clinched him the Captain's prize of a bottle of malt whisky, just the tonic for warming up after a winter's day on the course.

Bill's nett score of the day added to his earlier Christmas score made him a worthy winner of the two round event.

The next five places were

very close, with four shots covering them. Bill had the best scratch on the day and the CSS was 66.

The Christmas competition leader was late for the start time of the New Year event and was therefore ruled ineligible to compete.

Full results are as follows: New Year competition: 1 Bill Brannigan 76-11-65, 2 Terry Smith 87-15-72(cb), 3 Grant

Edmondson 85-13-72(cb), 4 Campbell McCallum 77-4-73, 5 Raymond Harvey 91-17-74, 6 Danny Halliday 94-19-75. Christmas/New Year Combined: 1 Bill Brannigan 72+65=137, 2 Grant Edmondson 70+72=142, 3 Neil Brodie 68+75=143, 4 Campbell McCallum 70+73=143, 5 Terry Smith 71+72=143, 6 John Brown 69+77=146.

Dunaverty lotto numbers

WINNING numbers in the last Dunaverty Golf Club lottery of 2016 were: 3, 13 and 16.

There were no winners and the jackpot for the first draw of 2017, on January 8, is £600.

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