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Food bank: there is a real demand

Public praised for support and care towards those in need

by GRAHAM CRAWFORD
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KINTYRE Food Bank has been overwhelmed by public support since it opened at the beginning of October.

It has needed that backing - with volunteers left in no doubt about the demand for such a facility.

Emergency

More than 75 emergency food parcels have been given out in less than three months and right up to Christmas Eve.

'I'm sure we are not yet reaching everyone in need,' said Squirrel Cross, a founder member of the bank based at Campbeltown's former

police office in Castlehill.

'What is clear is that most people are in deep crisis by the time they come for help.'

'It can be a very distressing experience for them to have reached that stage.'

'It is terrible to see people driven to this.'

'Remember we are giving them just emergency food rations, most tinned and packaged items, to last three days.'

'So while it is great the food bank is up and running, you keep thinking 'oh dear, how did this country get to this stage'

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It's a happy ewe year at Kildalloig Farm

A Kintyre show ewe class winner has delivered triplets for the second year in a row. The three-year-old Suffolk, kept at Kildalloig Farm, Campbeltown had two males and a female on Sunday. Jean McLachlan, owner of the Suffolk, said: 'It's fairly unusual for the mother to have triplets in successive years. It's my aim to breed the sheep up to Highland Show material! Jean's granddaughter, Lara Sinclair, 12, pictured, helps nurse the young whom she has named Greig, Prince and Lulu. 08_c02lambs01

Help plan a prosperous Argyll

ARGYLL residents are being urged to get involved in shaping 'a prosperous future' for a region facing a funding gap of up to £37.5 million.

Dick Walsh, Argyll and Bute Council leader, said: 'The council is in a period of relative financial stability until 2016 and during this time we will develop a financial strategy to meet short and long-term challenges.'

'We must invest in the long-term future of Argyll and Bute and make considerable savings from 2016-17 onwards.'

The local authority predicts a funding gap of between £27.5 million and £37.5 million spread over the next five years, and there are worries that a falling population will mean significantly less funding for public services in the longer term.

Mr Walsh added: 'The council's Single Outcome Agreement aims to secure a prosperous economic future for Argyll and Bute built on a growing population.'

Consultation details are available at www.argoil-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-plan-and-single-outcome-agreement

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Food bank praises public for support and care towards those in need

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so quickly that this is so necessary'.

'Before we started, people questioned if there was a need for a food bank - now we know there most certainly is.'

'We are also concerned the situation is going to get worse over the next few months if the weather gets colder.'

'People may find themselves choosing between eating or heating,' Ms Cross said some

visitors appreciated staying for tea and a chat.'

'We try to direct them to other sources of help to ensure they get all the benefits they are entitled to.'

Ms Cross said the food bank volunteers had been amazed at 'incredible examples of generosity, in terms of food and cash from fund-raising' from the general public and local businesses.

'Groups we were not even aware of did things for us.'

'If we put out a request for something on our Kintyre Food Bank page

on Facebook we receive it in abundance.'

'We are so grateful for everyone's support and for all the work of our volunteers.'

More volunteers, giving just a couple of hours a month, are needed. Those interested in helping should contact Argyll Voluntary Action in Longrow, tel 01586 554744.

The food bank opens on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11am to noon. It can also be contacted by telephone on 01586 551200 or 07856209005 during opening hours.

'As always, all visitors will be treated in full confidentiality,' added Ms Cross.



Squirrel Cross said Kintyre Food Bank has been well supported and used. 08_c40food01

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David C Thomson
Electoral Registration Officer

Man sends wrong message

A 29-year-old man in Campbeltown has been charged with sending alarming text messages and committing a breach of the peace.

MSP welcomes crofting consultation

THE consultation on the Scottish Government's Croft House Grant Scheme (CHGS) has been welcomed by Michael Russell, MSP for

Argyll and Bute.
The scheme provides financial assistance to improve and maintain croft housing, with the purpose of attracting

and retaining the population in the Highlands and islands region.

Mr Russell said: 'Crofting is vital to communities, the economy and the environment in Scotland's remote areas, and generated estimated revenue of almost £86 million last year.'

'The legal requirement for crofters to have to live on or close to their croft can present challenges in terms of availability and quality of suitable housing. Therefore, I am pleased that the Scottish Government has announced a consultation into crofting housing and the associated payment rates.'

'For the consultation to be successful, it is imperative that those with an interest in the crofting community respond with their views.'



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Denzil Meyrick
will appear in
next week's
Courier

Site helps beat the bullies

AMSP who launched the website Tobie (tackling oppressive behaviour in employment) says bullying in the workplace affects many people.

Rhoda Grant, Labour Highlands and Islands MSP, said: 'We launched the website www.tobie.org.uk in partnership with UNISON just before Christmas and already we have had more than 1,000 site visits.'

'I have been contacted by many people from different walks of life, hearing distressing accounts of how they or a family member have been bullied at work.'

'With that in mind, my team and I will build links on our website and meet with organisations who have expertise in the field.'

Still all go for visit to Gambia

NEW charity CGS-4Gambia has been amazed by the Kintyre community's support in the lead up to the festive period, as another shipment of essential supplies prepares to leave for the tiny West African state.

The group, founded by teachers and students at Campbeltown Grammar School, has helped a school in Jarrol in the Kalaji district of Gambia improve its facilities dramatically during the past year, creating improved classroom and toilet areas.

The village clinic was helped too, with CGS-

4Gambia providing medical supplies, milk and vitamins for mum and baby as well as baby clothes - especially helpful when newborn triplets arrived in December.

Agnes Stewart, one of the CGS4Gambia founders, will travel to the country in February and is adamant the initiative will continue its work in preparation for the school's next visit in a year's time.

Agnes said: 'I am travelling to see how the projects are progressing and to source new projects for the pupils who will visit next year.'

Another shipment of baby clothes, medical supplies and hospital equipment is in place and I expect it to have arrived by the time I visit next month.

Obviously there have been recent issues of concern with political instability and the outbreak of Ebola in other states south of Gambia,



Triplets born at the Jarrol clinic in Gambia in December, where CGS4Gambia's work is providing a huge positive for the community.

but I have been assured it is safe to travel there.'

Agnes was taken aback by the level of public support the group received at its fundraisers.

She said: 'December was a very successful month - the students took part in pre-Christmas fundraisers such as a raffle at the Co-operative and a bag pack at Tesco in which the public were very generous.'

Agnes hopes this could create new funding avenues. Agnes added: 'Becoming a charity is great news - it means we are able to apply for grants, the kind of financial support we otherwise could not access.'

Hard-working Argyll

ARGYLL residents are among the most industrious in Scotland.

Figures published by Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) show that it has among the highest rate of self-employed people in the country.

Some parts of Argyll have as much as 33 per cent of the economically active population in self-employment.

The area's employed also tend to work more hours than other parts Scotland. At least 20 per cent of residents work more than 49 hours per week. That figure is nearer 30 per cent in some parts of the region.

People in Argyll, the Highlands and West-

ern Isles also do the most volunteering, with more than 37 per cent of the population in all three local authority areas volunteering at least once a year between 2009 - 2010.

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Howdens' Archie Martin, centre, gave cheques to Ron McNally, treasurer of Kintyre Dialysis Campaign, and Sharon Scott, manager of Auchinlee Care Home. 08_c01howdens01

Joinery firm hands out seasonal gifts

HOWDENS Joinery in Campbeltown had the chance to play Father Christmas when it handed out cheques to three good causes in the town.

Kintyre Dialysis Campaign received £250, Auchinlee Care Home £200 and

there was also money for Campbeltown's Picture House. Archie Martin, Howdens manager, said: 'The company has 600 branches around the UK and each is given £2,000 a year to share among local good causes.'

Silent treatment from BT angers communities

COMMUNITIES in Kintyre and Islay and Jura left without BT

landline and internet services for almost a month have been told the blackouts are due to 'unprecedented' lightning strikes.

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid and MSP Michael Russell intervened to no avail on behalf of angry customers.

Deirdre Henderson, of Southend, said her and husband John's situation was worsened by the area's poor mobile phone coverage.

She said: 'We lost our telephone and broadband line on December 10. Someone arrived on Hogmanay but could not fix the problem.'

The couple contacted Mr Russell after being told they would have to wait until Wednesday of this week for connection to be restored.

Mr Russell told the Courier: 'BT assured me it was prioritising the repair of telephone and broadband connections in Kintyre.'

'People in Argyll and Bute seem to get a second-class service from these companies. We should force providers to listen.'

Mr Reid said: 'We

need BT to devote more resources so it is able to react faster to problems in the Highlands and Islands.'

'Being without a working phone for at least a month, regardless of whether it is a result of exceptional circumstances, is unacceptable.'

Twelve BT households in Portnahaven were left without landline and internet connection.

Islay postmaster and Conservative parliamentary candidate Alistair Redman said: 'The treatment of these people has been shoddy.'

'BT and other providers are not doing their jobs properly in rural areas. This is a modern, industrious island which should not have to beg for basic levels of connectivity.'

A BT spokesman said: 'Lightning strikes peaked at around 100 an hour resulting in a steep increase in faults across the Kintyre and Islay area. Our engineers are working long overtime hours to reduce the backlog. Around 100 engineers were at work in Scotland on January 1-2.'

Long-term flooding plan needed, says councillor

SOUTH Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly is keeping up the pressure for a Campbeltown flood prevention plan in the wake of November's flood damage.

Houses and businesses in the town's Saddell Street, John Street, Lochend Street and Longrow were hit by up to three feet of flooding.

Councillor Kelly said: 'I have been pursuing Argyll and Bute Council officers

continually to look at what I see as simple, cost-effective solutions which could be implemented in the short-term.

'At the same time it must be stressed that this is a problem that will not go away without a coherent long-term plan.

'Measures such as installing floodgates and altering pavement heights could certainly assist at Saddell Street and John Street, while we must continue to

investigate the use of a portable pumping system.'

Mr Kelly was due to

attend the Mid Argyll and Kintyre and Islay area committee meeting on Wednes-

day when a report on a potential flood plan for the town would be looked at.



John Street in Campbeltown, which was flooded in November, is one of the areas a flood emergency plan would focus on. 20_c01flood01

Hospital deaths queried by MSP

A HIGHLANDS and Islands MSP has written to NHS Highland to find out the number of patients dying in hospitals while waiting on a delayed discharge list.

Labour's Rhoda Grant is seeking clarity after it was revealed more than 400 patients a year across Scotland died in hospitals while on a delayed discharge list in the past two years. NHS Highland has failed to produce figures.

A delayed discharge is identified as a hospital inpatient judged clin-

cally ready to leave hospital who continues to occupy a bed beyond the 'ready for discharge' date.

Delayed

According to Scottish Government statistics there were 452 deaths in 2012-13 with a further 407 deaths in hospital of patients on delayed discharge lists in 2013-14.

Ms Grant said: 'People living in the NHS Highland area have a right to know how their health board matches up against others in Scotland.'



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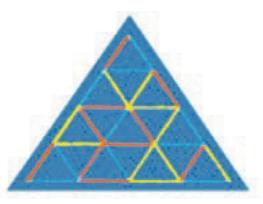
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The man appeared in court the following day.

Fight pair fined

TWO men arrested for fighting in Shore Street, Campbeltown in the early hours of last Thursday morning were charged with breach of the peace and held at Campbeltown police station before being released when sober. They were each issued with a £40 fine.

Pair in court over domestic incidents

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Real need

SO, the doubters were wrong. Kintyre does - sad to say - need a food bank. More than 75 emergency food parcels have been given out in less than three months by the new facility in Campbeltown. That is almost one a day, with each parcel supplying emergency items to last three days. And that is with the new operation just getting off the ground. Founder member Squirrel Cross is convinced that the bank is not yet reaching everyone in need, and it would be highly surprising if it was. It takes time for people to appreciate help is available. There is also still a real reluctance for people to use food banks.

Dr Kingsley Purdham, from The University of Manchester, interviewed hundreds of food bank users and found many faced their own battles with pride before getting help. Many are reluctant to seek support because of the stigma and embarrassment. 'Eventually their children are so hungry they have to go,' he said. Significantly, he found no evidence to back political and media debates which have variously described food bank users as being 'opportunists', 'not being able to cook or budget' and 'living like animals'.

Figures from the Trussell Trust, the main operator of food banks, say demand is five times greater than last year - meaning that a million people have been supported.

The truth is that the circumstances of many of us could change easily - job loss, debt, benefits delay etc - and we could find ourselves in need of food banks. Fortunately, the people of Kintyre seem to appreciate that in their generous backing of the Campbeltown facility.

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We need an oil fund

Sir,

As we in the UK come to terms with the challenge presented by the steep fall in oil prices we should maybe learn a lesson from the Middle Eastern state of Saudi Arabia, which has 90 percent of its revenues coming from oil and recently unveiled its 2015 budget.

This budget signalled the Government's intention to maintain its large public spending policy despite such a fall. Indeed, it will increase public spending by just under one percent, building infrastructure and creating jobs while investing in key sectors such as health and education as it looks to diversify its oil-based economy.

While it acknowledges that its budget deficit will increase to \$38.6 billion this is unlikely to impact on the country as the IMF estimates that Saudi Arabia has about \$750 billion in foreign-exchange reserves built up over the years from oil sales.

No one can disagree that oil prices are volatile but there is clearly a lesson here for the UK in establishing an oil fund, allowing us to reap the rewards in the good times and maintaining spending when times are tougher.

Alex Orr
Leamington Terrace
Edinburgh.

Hard realities of oil market

Sir,

The Scottish Government has been accused of deceit after damning projections revealed how badly a separate Scot-

land would have been hit by plummeting oil prices.

It was reported recently that, had there been a Yes vote in September, the first year of an independent Scotland would have received only one fifth of the SNP's oil revenue estimates.

This is despite claims during the campaign that cash from North Sea oil could pay for not only Scandinavian-style public services, but an oil fund too.

The SNP set out a range of possible oil revenue projections, but even its most pessimistic was considerably higher than what the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) is now predicting.

Since the price of oil dropped to below \$60 a barrel, a series of warnings have been made about the future of the industry in the north east. Now the oil price has crashed the silence from the SNP is deafening.

It's time for it to acknowledge the deception it was trying to spread and to work to save the North Sea jobs now under threat from the hard realities of a volatile world oil market.

Had Scotland voted the other way on September 18, we would now be facing up to financial meltdown.

Alastair Redman
Unionist and
Conservative
candidate
Argyll and Bute.

Thank you for your generosity

Sir,

I wanted to thank those in Kintyre who kindly supported my prize raffle at the Co-op

**Letters to the Editor, Campbeltown Courier,
Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown,
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erative's Campbeltown store on December 20 in aid of Auchinlee Care Home.

We raised a fantastic £440.80 with all of it going directly to Auchinlee.

This was the first time I had organised a prize raffle and it was a thoroughly enjoyable and humbling experience.

The generosity of the local businesses donating prizes was central to the success of the event and I am very grateful for their support.

I am also very grateful to the Co-operative for the raffle venue; as a large organisation it makes a huge effort to support many good causes throughout the year, which is extremely honourable.

The people of Campbeltown delved deep into their pockets as they always do.

Someone said to me it would be fascinating to know the total Campbeltown's people have donated to the various charities this year, as this community is second to none when it comes to raising money for good causes.

2015 will see me continue my Sponsor Me for Auchinlee fundraising campaign with the countdown to my Great Wall Triple Challenge edging ever closer in October.

There is still plenty of time to get fit...I hope!

Alison Millar
Campbeltown.

Helping women and children in need

Sir,

As usual, Campbeltown Rotarians had a very busy time before Christmas sorting and delivering the cards and parcels for the annual Christmas

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Reid focuses his anger on DVLA

Elderly still face long journeys for visual field examinations

ALAN Reid MP has hit out at the DVLA as confusion continues over visual field examinations required for elderly people renewing their driving licences on health grounds.

The tests were carried out by local opticians until last year when the DVLA signed a national contract awarding all the work to Specsavers.

However, that left Campbeltown residents facing a five-hour round trip to Oban and elderly on Islay tackling lengthy journeys costing £200.

Despite an outcry by local and national politicians, the matter remains unresolved.

Agreements have been sought to have the screening tests subcontracted by Specsavers to opticians in remote areas but long and complicated contracts - running to 150 pages - have further delayed the process.

Mr Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, said this week: 'The DVLA was seriously at fault for signing the Specsavers contract without first making sure that every part of the country was covered.'

'I've already complained about this in parliament and will keep up pressure on the DVLA until the contracts with local opticians are actually signed and implemented.'

'It is totally unacceptable to force drivers to travel to Oban or Dumfarton for their eye tests.'

Donald Barr, owner of AG Barr Optometrists in Campbeltown, said: 'We have been approached by Specsavers to provide DVLA-approved visual field examinations on their behalf.'

'A mobile Specsavers comes to Campbeltown but is unable to supply the necessary test.'

'The contract has yet to be signed as there are some points to be clarified before we can proceed.'

'Once finalised, patients would then have the choice whether to travel out of the area, or have the test done locally.'

'As an independent practice we continually invest in the latest equipment and technology to provide the best service we can for our patients, and will continue to support the community in which we live, work and contribute.'

A spokeswoman for Islay Eyecare said: 'We are in discussions with Specsavers and we are waiting for the Association of Optical Practitioners to advise us on the contract.'

She added that the issue had caused 'a lot of confusion' on the island as a result of misreporting, with some elderly patients wrongly believing it concerned the free NHS examination.

'Patients can still go to the optometrist of

their choice for that,' she said.

Argyll First councillor Donald Kelly has been pursuing the matter for months with Specsavers and the DVLA.

He said: 'I've been looking for a common sense solution to this problem.'

'Despite my best efforts, no deal has been struck with the local opticians who used to provide this vital service.'

'The DVLA is directly responsible for creating what can only be described as a totally unacceptable situation and must take all steps necessary to resolve it as a matter of urgency.'

A DVLA spokeswoman said: 'We agreed for the contract to begin last June on the basis that Specsavers would be able to provide vision testing wherever the contract required and within the required distance of people's homes in some remote areas in Scotland.'

'Specsavers has successfully sub-contracted the services to a number of independent opticians and is continually seeking to increase coverage by expanding its network.'



Bag packing goes swimmingly

Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club's Astrid MacLellan and her clubmates were hard at work recently packing Tesco shoppers' bags to raise club funds. Astrid is pictured with the store's Mary Wareham.

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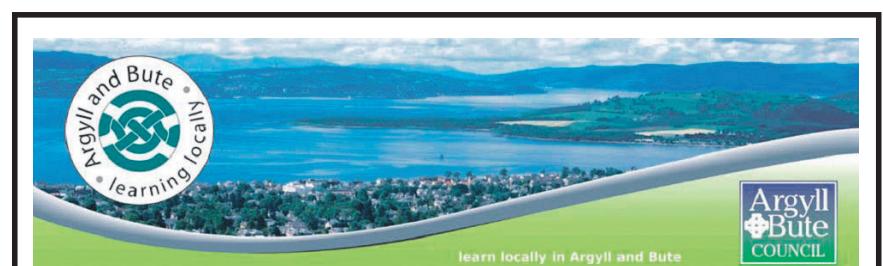
Raising funds with art at Dalintober

DALINTOBER Primary school's Smarty Arties group loved studying and modelling the

work of famous artists - and struck upon their own wonderful idea along the way. The pupil's made calendars depicting their own interpretation of some of the works and sold them for 50p each at the annual Dalintober school shows - raising £37.50 for their next project.



P4 pupils and Smarty Arties Aaron Donnachy, Sean Charlwood, Sean Vick, Courtney-Lee MacLean and Niall McCallum.



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Glenbarr Primary pupils and staff with their award from Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust.

Glenbarr pupils are in the money

PUPILS at Glenbarr Primary School were delighted after winning the £300 first prize in the Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust competition.

The Coast and Countryside competition challenged schools to create the trust's logo from natural materials.

Assisted by parents and members of their gardening club, Glenbarr's effort had each arm of the logo made with a different material such as shells, moss, seaweed, ferns and stones, all collected in the local area, and the pupils themselves formed the word ACT to complete the entry.



The trust's badge was brilliantly redesigned using a different material for each arm.

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Highland Mary's burial place is smartened up

THE burial place of 'Highland Mary' Campbell, from Campbeltown, one of the great loves of Robert Burns, has been refurbished.

Mary died, aged 23, at Greenock in October 1786 from a bout of typhoid fever, then plaguing the town.

When her remains were re-interred in the town's South Street cemetery in 1920, and an infant's coffin board was found close to her grave, the gossipmongers soon spread it around that she had died in childbirth, however there is no proof whatsoever that Mary Campbell was pregnant when she died.

Norrie Paton, of Campbeltown, told the Courier: 'My wife and I last visited Mary's grave less than two years ago but the monument had

fallen into a real sad state over many years.

'Now, the president of Greenock Burns Club has sent me pictures showing a vast improvement to the monument.

'Mary was originally buried in the Old West Kirkyard, in a plot belonging to her Greenock relatives. In 1920 the shipyard adjacent to the kirkyard was granted the right to expand and all the remains of those in the graves were reinterred in the main South Street cemetery.'

Dedicated

Burns dedicated three poems to Mary, who met him after going to Ayrshire to work.

One, To Mary in Heaven, was written on the third anniversary of her death - emphasising the impact their brief love affair had on Burns.

Some Burns chronic-

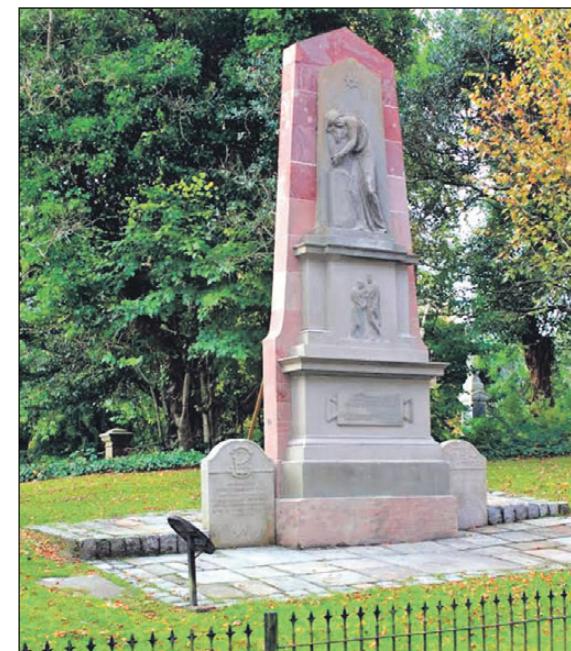


A portrayal of Robert Burns and Highland Mary.

clers have speculated that their love had not faded and that the couple were secretly planning to emigrate to Jamaica until Mary's untimely death.

Last year, a gold and

pearl locket holding hair belonging to Mary was sold at auction in Edinburgh, along with a letter from 1895 authenticating the hair, to an anonymous bidder for £1,895.



The refurbished monument in Greenock.

Words on Mary Campbell's grave from Burns' poem 'My Highland Lassie O'. 'She has my heart, she has my hand. By secret troth and honor's band! Till the mortal stroke shall lay me low, I'm thine, my Highland Lassie O.'



Dalintober's Allotment Club won ACHA's Garden in Bloom 2014 competition for the second year running. Back row from left are Euan Dott, Mary Thomson, Emma McKinven and Beth MacPherson. Front row from left are Ryan Millar, Flint-Phoenix Barrett and Natasha Graham.

Allot to shout about at Dalintober

BUDDING gardeners at Dalintober Primary are certainly reaping the rewards after their top-quality vegetables won them a regional prize.

Garden in Bloom 2014, run by Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA), saw members of Mid Argyll and Kintyre area committee score allotments independently with Dalintober's chosen as the best for the second year in a row.

Members of the school's eco-group,

staff, parents and partners all helped maintain the allotment, growing a wide range of fruit and vegetables for use in school meals and for designated 'Green Days'.

Lot of time

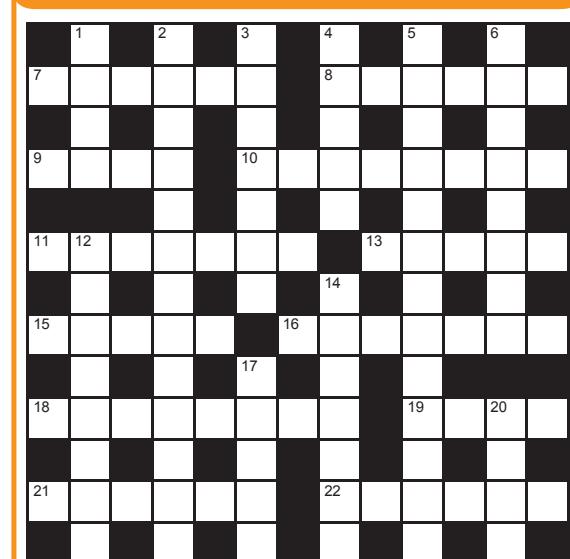
Headteacher Caroline Armour said: 'Everyone has worked really hard on the allotment and put in a lot of time, so it is great to see that rewarded again.'

'Dalintober Primary would like to thank Chris Holden and Judy Martin for all their help.'



Mary Campbell's gravestone. It reads: 'The remains of Burns' 'Highland Mary' were removed from the Old West Kirkyard and reinterred here on 13th November 1920 after an impressive religious ceremony.'

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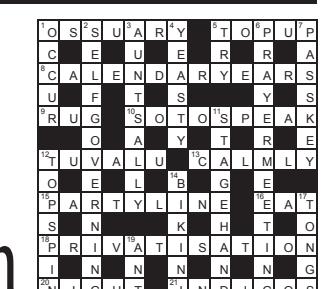


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- 7 Drink heartily (5)
- 8 Soft squidgey seat (7)
- 9 Used to be Siam (8)
- 10 Fail miserably (4)
- 11 Deep dish (6)
- 12 Wrap up (6)

Down

- 1 Green fruit (4)
- 2 Man of law (6,7)
- 3 Foreshadow (7)
- 4 Foam (5)
- 5 Game of catching (9,4)
- 6 Aubergine dish (8)
- 7 Childlike (8)
- 8 Animal with a white tail also a Canadian river (3,4)
- 9 Cover with colour (5)
- 10 American shopping centre (4)



Last week's solution

- July to December

SEPTEMBER



MACC director Don Mitchell, third from left, presents Donald Kelly of the Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign with a cheque for £15,000. Also pictured are MACC directors Iain Mitchell, Tom Millar and Charlie Bell. 20_c50septpic01

IN September the campaign for a dialysis machine to be installed at Campbeltown Hospital stepped up with nurses at the Vale of Leven Hospital in Alexandria, to where Kintyre patients make exhausting thrice-weekly trips for treatment, making a presentation to NHS High-

land showing how a Campbeltown-based facility could be run.

In a further boost to the campaign, the Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign received a £15,000 funding boost from Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC).

The Courier delved into

the archives to commemorate 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War (1914-1918) featuring true stories of bravery amid tragedy.

There was also a warning from the Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart that war is no longer the solution to international disputes.

In September the Ryder Cup arrived in Campbeltown on its journey to Gleneagles for this year's tournament, delighting golf fans in Kintyre and one lucky Australian couple on holiday who were pictured in the Courier with the trophy - a 'feel-good luck' story as Aussies call it.

DECEMBER

IN December the Courier reported on the wonderful Campbeltown Christmas Weekend, organised by Explore Campbeltown, featuring the traditional Christmas lights switch-on, a fireworks display, and for the first time an ice rink in Burnside Square as well as a Christmas market on the Sunday afternoon, held at Springbank Distillery's Malt Barns.

There was another first at Machrihanish Airbase with the MACC Challenge, a four-mile assault course featuring a daunting array of obstacles.

A hundred hardy souls took part in the event held in aid of the Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Fund. There was an 'elf and safety' issue for Tarbert when residents complained about the bare-looking village Christmas tree, erected by Argyll and Bute Council,



Campbeltown Picture House's future looks bright, with another £1.1 million in funding secured for its planned transformation into a top-quality cinema.

only to be told a bigger tree would pose a risk to public safety. The council eventually agreed to replace it. There was great news for Campbeltown Picture House when it was announced

a further £1.1 million in funding had been obtained from the Heritage Lottery Fund, bringing Campbeltown Commu-

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Run by Frances and Iain Hill, the tearoom won an award in the most nominated online category at a ceremony at the five-star Mar Hall near Glasgow.

Mary McIntyre, Kintyre's oldest resident, celebrated her 107th birthday surrounded by her family at Auchinlee Care Home.

The Courier highlighted the shocking lack of mobile phone coverage for communities in South Kintyre, and revealed how mobile phone companies could improve coverage in rural areas - quickly and cheaply.

Mary Galbraith, Labour's general election candidate for Argyll and Bute, who had researched the matter, said: 'Mobile phone companies can attach their equipment to Airwave masts - the emergency services network which covers 99.8 percent of the UK - almost immediately at relatively small costs. They have no excuses.'

There was great news for Campbeltown firm



Mary McIntyre received a special card from Queen Elizabeth to mark her 107th birthday.

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McKinven and Colville when it was awarded the contract to undertake redevelopment work on the historic Campbeltown Town Hall, mean-

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Almost 50 per cent of the population make resolutions with 60

per cent of those people believing they will keep their oaths.

However, recent research has shown that fewer than 20 per cent have kept resolutions for longer than a month. One way to succeed is to take a little bit of help that is on offer.

Leading psychologists tell us that those with the best chance

of success for keeping resolutions are those who tell people about them and seek support.

A 2007 study by Richard Wiseman from the University of Bristol in-

volving 3,000 people showed men achieved their goal 22 per cent more often when they engaged in goal setting.

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The **Cooperative** is running a series of knowledge sharing and training events in 2015 focussing on small scale woodland management, covering how to access suitable equipment, network of contractors suitable for this type of work, potential markets for produce and providing advice and training.

Monitor Farm woods – we've looked at the farm – what about the farm woods?

Date: 27th January 2015. Glenbarr farms, Kintyre. Free

This event will introduce participants to the management options for conifer plantations, shelterbelts and native woodland.

Hardwood assessment – Dunollie estate

Date: 12th February 2015. Oban bay Hotel and Dunollie Estate. Free

This event will introduce participants to the process of inspecting and grading hardwood timber, methods of sale and how to access the market.

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Date: 9-13th February 2015. Subsidised cost £400.00

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Glencraig's Farm - Woodland Planning – the basics

Date: 26th February 2015. Glencraig's farm, Kintyre. Free

This event will introduce participants to small woodland planning covering thinning regime, stability, inventory and putting a forest plan together.

Glencraig's Farm. Thinning for wood fuel

Date: 12th March 2015. Glencraig's farm, Kintyre. Free

This event will demonstrate the process involved in thinning a plantation for wood fuel. The event will take participants through planning for thinning and demonstrate the process of manual felling and extraction using small scale harvesting machinery.

If you would like to book a place on an event or would like more information on joining the Argyll Small Woods Cooperative – contact:

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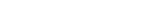
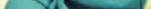
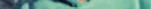
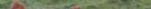
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CAMPBELL - FULTON Heather and Rory are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their second son, Isaac Rory Fulton on December 18, 2014 at Ayrshire Maternity Unit. A wee brother for Noah and another grandson for Lorraine and Rosie and Murdoch.

ENGAGEMENTS

CONLEY - RONALD Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Sandra, youngest daughter of William and Elizabeth to Archie, only son of John and Isobel at the Bells on January 1, 2015.

MARTIN - STEELE Both families have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Kirsty, daughter of David and Morag, to Alan, son of Elsie and Billy, Renfrew.

MCGRORY-LEISHMAN Jennifer and Tommy take great pleasure in announcing the engagement on Christmas Day of their youngest daughter Michelle Rosemarie to Ryan, elder son of Eileen and Brian. Both families are absolutely delighted. Love and congratulations xx

MARRIAGES

BEATON - STEWART On 29th December 2014, at House for an Art Lover, Glasgow, Kenny, younger son of Norman and Maureen, Mid-Argyll, to Pamela, only daughter of George and Liz, Gartcosh. A very happy day.

DEATHS

BROWN - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on Wednesday December 31, 2014, Iain Alexander McInnes Brown, in his 62nd year, dearly beloved son of the late Danny and May Brown, much loved brother of the late Campbell, a loving and much loved uncle and loving long time friend of Mhairi Rowan, Lochgilphead.

FYFE - Marcus David Theodore died peacefully on January 4, 2015, aged 67, in Edinburgh. Much loved brother of Miranda, uncle and great uncle. Friend to many. Private cremation, memorial party in late February.

HARVEY - Peacefully in Southport Hospital, on December 27, 2014, William Harvey, in his 87th year, 23 Kenilworth Road, Southport, dearly beloved son of the late Willie and Violet Harvey, Coalhill, Drumlembie, loving husband of Denise and father of Leonard and Michael. A Memorial Service will take place in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Friday January 16, 2015 at 1.00pm. To which all family and friends are respectfully invited.

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LAMONT - Suddenly at his home, 6 Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, on December 23, 2014, Norrie Lamont, aged 60 years. Beloved son of the late Tom and Cathie Lamont. A dear cousin to all the family. A good friend and much respected work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MCVICAR - Peacefully at Campbeltown Hospital on Saturday, January 3, 2015, Margaret McSporan, in her 90th year, formerly of Lorne Campbell court, Campbeltown and Burnbank, Drumlembie, dearly beloved wife of the late John McVicar, much loved mother of David and Margaret, loving nan of David, John and Kelly and loving great gran of John Paul, Shannon, Iona, John William and Alanna Grace.

TAYLOR - Suddenly, while on holiday, on December 26, 2014, Nicholas (Nick) Taylor, aged 54 years, of 7 Rowan Park, Lochgilphead. Beloved son of Mary and the late Thomas. Much loved Dad of Sarah, Graham and Emma, and adored Grandpa of Alyce. Husband of Carol Sansom. Cherished brother of David, Anne, Michael and Robert. A dear brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend, dear neighbour and work colleague to many. Funeral Service will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church on Tuesday 13th January 2015, at 11am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

TOWNSLEY - Peacefully at Kingsgate Care Home, East Kilbride, on January 1, 2015, Bridget Townsley, in her 76th year, formerly of Mill Street, Campbeltown, beloved wife of George McCall Townsley, much loved mother of George, John, Mairi, Maureen, Brian and the late Yvonne and a dearly loved grandmother and great grandmother.

VONHOF - On December 26, 2014 at Kettering General Hospital, A&E department, Siegmund Vonhof, aged 74 years. Dearly beloved husband of Ann McLean, much loved father of Natasha, loving Opa to Lyla, Farron & Iona. Also greatly missed by Natasha's partner Darryl. Private family service to be followed by a service of thanksgiving at a later date.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COOK - Anne, Fiona and families would like to thank relatives and friends for kind expressions of sympathy following the loss of their dear mum, gran and great gran. The family's sincerest gratitude is conveyed to past and present staff from NHS Highland Community Nursing Team, Enable Scotland, Argyll and Bute Homecare and Carr Gomm for the dedicated care and kindness provided to May over the past 4 years. Very special thanks to Rev. Gary McIntyre for a most personal and comforting funeral service and to Stan Lupton for his dignified professional

services. Thanks also to the Tontine Hotel, Greenock for the funeral tea. The collection at Greenock Crematorium for Alzheimer Scotland raised £420.

MACKINNON - The family of the late Christina MacKinnon would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss. Special thanks to the Rev. Steve Fulcher for his sincere and comforting service, to Alasdair Blair for his professional service and to Carradale Hotel for excellent catering. Also thanks to Dr. Elder and the staff at the Acute Ward, Campbeltown. Finally, our thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects.

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 & Millie and Maureen, Eddie & family xxx

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11.00am
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Friday 9th January
From 10am
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Highland Parish Church



Sunday 11th January

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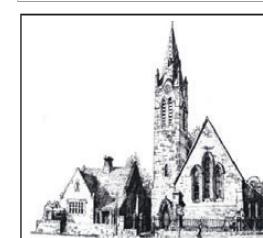
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11.15am Worship Service Rev Finlay Mackenzie 11.15am Sunday School

Wednesday 14th January

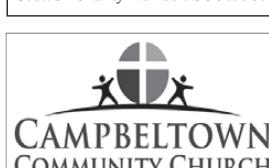
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

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Sunday Service

11.00 am with Sunday School followed by refreshments

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Sunday 11th January 2015

11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Hilda Smith

Every Tuesday

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheddell



THERE is a line from the song Neil Diamond wrote after reading the beautiful poem, 'Jonathan Livingston Seagull' which I think of at this time of year.

It is this: 'Be – as a page that aches for a word which speaks on a theme that is timeless'.

A new year is a bit like an empty page as we open our diaries and calendars and wait for them to fill up with all sorts of engagements and commitments.

For now the coming year holds its own secrets and some will bring joy, and no doubt there will be sadness too.

There will be many words spoken in the coming year and some will please us and some will not.

We will hear much rhetoric in the months before the General Election and our minds will be crammed with figures and statistics from all sides.

Words can hurt or heal, they can wound or mend. They can be said without thought, or they can be said after much careful consideration.

I often look at our collies and think that they are not far from words in the manner in which they communicate.

But words are reserved for the human animal alone and we can achieve much with them.

In fact we could change the world with the right words.

As the empty page aches for a word, so too the world longs for the words of peace and love to become the theme that is timeless.

'Blessed are the peacemakers,' Jesus said.

'The pen is mightier than the sword,' wrote Edward Bulwer.

If only the peacemakers could write the words on the new page of this year.

If only we could resolve conflict with the pen and not the sword.

God's word became flesh in Jesus.

That is the theme that is timeless.

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Slimming world's Eileen meets Peter Andre

CAMPBELTOWN'S Slimming World manager was feeling more motivated than ever for 2015, after meeting singer and TV presenter Peter Andre.

Eileen Foley met the Australian celebrity when he co-hosted the Slimming World Awards in Birmingham with the group's founder Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE.

Eileen said: 'Meeting Peter was a real treat, he was such a nice guy.'

'Now I feel extra motivated to help those members hold on to all of the fabulous changes they have made and support even more people to become happier and healthier in 2015.'

'I am so proud of all our Campbeltown members. They have lost fantastic amounts of weight throughout 2014, with many reaching their target weights and improving their health.'

'Joining Slimming World is a great way for people to lose weight. Even for those who have struggled to stick to weight loss plans in the past.'

Those interested in joining can visit www.slimmingworld.com or call 0844 897 8000 to find their nearest group.



Slimming World manager Eileen Foley cuddles up to singer and TV presenter Peter Andre.

World-class musicians will play in Campbeltown

FOR its first concert of 2015, Kintyre Music Club will welcome two world-class musicians - acclaimed American clarinettist Jean Johnson and her Scottish pianist husband Steven Osborne - to the Lorne and Lowland Hall on Friday evening, January 16.

Ms Johnson began her career with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra both as associate and acting principal clarinettist.

Now in the UK, she performs regularly with the leading British orchestras, and as a guest



Pianist Steven Osborne.

principal has worked with the Bergen Philharmonic, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra.

She is a member of the critically acclaimed chamber ensemble Daniel's Beard in Glasgow, and has also collaborated with many chamber groups including the Hebrides Ensemble and Edinburgh Quartet.

She has played in some of the world's finest venues, notably the Concertgebouw Amsterdam, Carnegie Hall New York and the Palais des Beaux-Arts Paris, and has performed at many of the UK's premier chamber music festivals.

Mr Osborne, born in Scotland in 1971, studied at St Mary's Music School, Edinburgh and later at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester.

In recent years he has become recognised as

one of the great pianists of his generation.

Concerto performances have taken him to major orchestras around the world, and over the next two months he will be performing in Paris, London, Antwerp, New York, Atlanta and Vancouver.

In the UK, he works regularly with the likes of the London Philharmonic, City of Birmingham Symphony, BBC Symphony and BBC Philharmonic Orchestras.

He is currently performing the complete cycle of Beethoven Piano Concertos with the BBC Scottish Symphony, partnered with Andrew Manze.

He has made 11 appearances at the Proms, most recently in August 2012 when he performed the Grieg Piano Concerto with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under John Storgards.

His standing among the world's greatest contemporary pianists was



Clarinetist Jean Johnson.

publicly affirmed in 2013 when he received two major classical music awards: his second Gramophone Award in the Instrumental category for his recording of Mussorgsky Pictures at an Exhibition and solo works by Prokofiev; and then he was named as the Royal Philharmonic Society Instrumentalist of the Year.

Tickets for Friday evening are £10 at the door – children are free. For more details see www.kintyremusicclub.co.uk

Quitting cigarettes with one word

ARGYLL residents who want to stop smoking in the new year can follow a new four-step plan to cessation called QUIT.

The first step, Q, means quitting within the first 14 days of this year in order to properly prepare yourself.

U means a united front is required - garnering support from family and friends and look for a friend who also wants to quit.

I means intent to succeed, so removing all smoking-related products from your home, car and work space is advisable.

T would be to talk your plan through with your doctor or a health professional for that extra professional help and support.

Rhoda Grant, Labour MSP for the Highlands and Islands, said: 'On my web site - www.himsp.org.uk/rhoda.grant - I have pulled together a fuller information pack on how to best stop smoking. I wish those adopting the QUIT plan good luck.'

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McColl's team take first prize

TARBERT Gun Club held its first competition of the new year last Sunday.

The shoot was also the January leg of the winter league, in which Bob McColl's squad won the team round to increase their lead and seal a third victory in a row.

Ally McDonnell was the top shot for the day and Campbeltown's Stewart MacAllister won the sporting section.

There were no moans about the weather this time and no wind to blame for missing the targets.

However, the scoring was lower than usual - it must have been the festive hangovers.

SAFL league and cup fixtures

THIS Saturday's fixtures: Jimmy Marshall Cup, first round - Campbeltown Pupils v Dunoon Athletic; Lochgilphead Red Star v Haldane United; Coronation Cup, first round - Rossvale v Tarbert; Premier Division - Oban Saints v Alba Thisle.

Sports hall athletics back up and running



Sports hall athletics is packed with exciting events.

YOUNG athletes can look forward to more indoor athletics this spring with the return of the sports hall athletics series.

Kintyre's competition on Sunday, March 8 at Campbeltown Grammar School will be one of four local area events in Argyll this winter, promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club.

Successful qualifiers will be invited to take part in the Argyll final at Atlantis Leisure centre in Oban on Saturday, March 21.

Specialist equipment is used for various running, jumping and throwing events bringing the excitement of track and field athletics indoors.

Bill MacCallum, who oversees sports hall athletics in Argyll, said: 'In past seasons many of the young athletes taking part have gone on to win Scottish national age-group titles, both indoors and outdoors.'

'There will be awards for the overall winners in each age category and medals for all competitors.'

'Age groups start at under 7, then under 9, under 11, under 13, under 15 and under 17. Age is taken as on September 1, 2014 and an entry is priced at £2 per competitor.'

Organisers decided to introduce an under 7 category at all the local area competitions but with less events.

There will also be an under 7 competition at the Argyll Final.

£500 for golf lotto winner

A CAMPBELTOWN woman is £500 richer after picking the lucky numbers in Machrihanish Golf Club's three-number lottery.

Jennifer Gilchrist, herself a keen golfer, chose the winning combination of 3, 9 and 11.

The draw reverts back to £100 for next week's draw.

No lottery luck

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday. Numbers picked were 5, 11 and 19.

The next draw will take place on Sunday, January 18 with a jackpot of £200. Tickets are available from the club-house, committee members, Muneroy Stores and Burnside Bar.



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SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £2650

All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

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

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules

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

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ball jackpot
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Ibrox experience for Donald

CAMPBELTOWN footballer Donald McCallum was on the cusp of a dream league debut last Saturday when he was included in Dumbarton's squad for their match against Rangers at Ibrox.

It was the second time this season Donald has made the Sons' squad for a competitive match after being involved in a number of games in pre-season. The attacking midfielder trained with the first team in the week leading up to the championship clash, which the Glasgow side eventually won 3-1.

The 18 year old, who now lives in Glasgow, plays weekly with Dumbarton's under-20s development team and has been joined at the club by a number of Kintyre players making good progress in the under-13s team.

Pupils back in action

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils begin the new year with a home match tomorrow (Saturday) against Dunoon Athletic of Premier Division Two in the Jimmy Marshall Trophy first round.

The competition is the SAFL's league cup, and the Pupils will be hoping to make progress after reaching the semi-finals in 2013.

The Pupils are looking stronger in the Premier Division and Dunoon Athletic sit second-bottom in their respective division.

Kick off is at 2pm and the game will be at Kinloch's all-weather park.

Darts results

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association's week nine results are as follows: Kilbrannan B 2 Southend 8, Ailsa 4 Fiddlers 6, Kilbrannan C 0 Burnsides 10, Commercial 2 Kilbrannan A 8, Fiddlers B - Bye.

Gavin McLachlan scored a maximum 180 and Gary Grumoli produced a 101 finish for the Burnsides.

Surprise silver for Kenny

Campbell takes second place at Scottish indoor championships

KENNY Campbell ran indoors for the first time last Saturday - and surprised himself by winning his first Scottish championship medal.

A storming run on a surface he had never competed on before saw him take silver in the men's 3,000 metres 35-40 years category at the Scottish masters championships at Glasgow's Emirates Stadium.

Kenny's run also saw him gain the honour of becoming the first Campbeltown Running Club member to lift a medal in national competition.

It was a wonderful confidence booster for

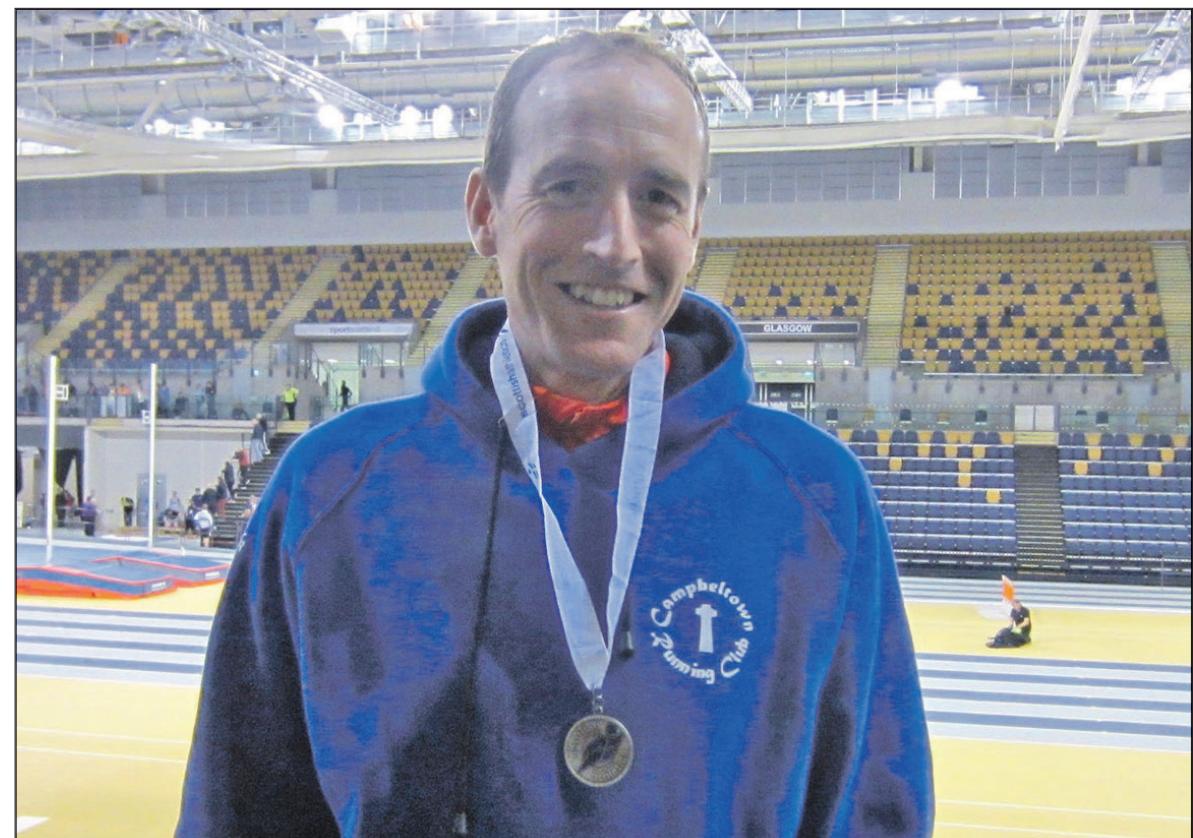
the Southend fisherman, normally associated with longer distances, as he found himself far from outclassed by good, experienced athletes.

He clocked 9mins 14secs, just five seconds behind Robert Gilroy of Cambuslang, one of Scotland's most prolific road runners.

Concentrating

'That was exciting, and the race passed really quickly because I was concentrating so hard on not tripping up,' Kenny told the Courier.

'It was my first experience of running in a bunch on a small, tight track.'



A delighted Kenny Campbell at the Emirates Stadium with his 3,000 metres silver medal.

'I have no marathon planned for this year, and this has encouraged me to do more short, track races to improve my pace.'

'Obviously, the more comfortable you are at running fast, short races, the faster you should eventually be able to run over longer distances.'

'Hopefully, I will be able to persuade other Campbeltown runners to travel with me to track races and Highland games this year.'

Kenny, who turns 40 next month, still has relatively few miles on the clock as a latecomer to the sport and could make further dramatic improvement.

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Kenny's next target will be his first run in the Scottish cross-country championships at Falkirk on February 22.

Teammates Stuart McGeachy and James Murdoch are also set to travel, looking to improve on their inaugural runs in that event last year.

A New Year test for Dunaverty golfers

DUNAVERTY Golf Club competitors were given a tough test as gale force winds and heavy hail showers marked their New Year event.

With only one ballot

time in the morning, conditions were equally testing for all the players who had difficulty teeing up the ball and often even keeping their balance.

The headwind at the par three 7th was so strong that even using a driver all shots were short of the green.

Bill Brannigan, out in the second group, led the way with a net 65 only to be overtaken by club captain Alastair O'May who returned a net 64. Campbell McCallum had the best scratch score with a 73.

O'May provided a bottle of Jura whisky from the captain for

the player with the best combined handicap total of the Christmas and New Year competitions, and after winning it himself refused to take the prize, very generously presenting it to runner-up Campbell McCallum. CSS for the day was 65.

Results are as follows: 1 Alastair O'May 76-12=64, 2 Bill Brannigan 75-10=65, 3 Campbell McCallum 73-5-68 (bih), 4 Sandy Watson 77-9=68, 5 Donald Taylor 76-5=71, 6 Grant Edmondson 87-15=72.

Combined handicap scores: 1 Alastair O'May 66+64=130, 2 Campbell McCallum 64+68=132, 3 Bill Brannigan (bih in New Year) 138, 4 Sandy Watson 74+71=145, 5 Ian Docherty 66+80=146.

Dash for MOKrun entries is over in hours

ENTERING the Mull of Kintyre 10K and half-marathon was about speed not endurance last Friday, as a record 1,000 spaces were snapped up in six hours.

The annual run's tenth edition, which takes place on Sunday, May 24, saw an overwhelming demand for the 1,000 available slots, and will feature distance athletes from across the UK as well as home favourites such as former half marathon winner Kenny Campbell from Southend and last year's 10K winner Matthew Turner from Tangy.

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Alastair O'May, club captain, left, presents Campbell McCallum with the combined prize.