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# Billy Irving appeals Indian jail sentence

‘Much, much more has to be done by the Foreign Office and the British Consular Official in Chennai to support these men’

by **MARK DAVEY** and **LOUISE GLEN**  
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THE EX-PARATROOPER son of a former Campbeltown police sergeant is appealing against a five-year jail term imposed by an Indian Court.

On Monday, appeal judges at India's Supreme Court sentenced Billy Irving, 35, to five years in prison, with no remission or reduction based on the two-and-a-half years house arrest he has already endured.

Judge Rajasekhar also imposed a fine of 3,000 rupees (£30) on each of the crew members of MV Seaman Guard Ohio, which was claimed to have been seized with illegal arms in Indian territorial waters in 2013.

With Billy on the boat were 12 Indians, three

Ukrainians, five British and 14 Estonian nationals. They were arrested on October 18, 2013, after their ship was intercepted by the Indian Coast Guard off Tuticorin port and had been granted a conditional bail by the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court in March 2014.

Billy's partner, Yvonne MacHugh, is now asking for anyone who can help her to come forward as she has 'run out of ideas of what to do'.

Ms MacHugh, who cares for the couple's 11-month-old son William in Glasgow, said she was devastated by the decision and that an appeal was being

filed but it would not be



## Fatburners aim for world domination

A GROUP of 'Fatburn Extreme' (FBX) fitness fanatics led by a Numero Dix hairstylist hope to beat all comers at losing weight. For more on this story see page two. 25\_03fatburn01

heard until January 16 at the earliest.

She continued: 'I am so shocked. Everyone told us it would be okay, that the lawyers would sort it out, that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office would help, that David Cameron would intervene. We have believed

that no-one in the world would find innocent men guilty. Billy is innocent.

'I cannot tell you how supportive everyone has been. Every single text, Facebook message and phone call has helped me. They have given me the courage to keep going on.

'We are living in an unprecedented situation. Billy is innocent. The other men are innocent. Anyone with any advice or help, or even ideas about what we can do now needs to contact me - or any of the men's partners and families - to help us.

'We are lost right now,' Billy comes from a military family, his father Jim served in the British forces before joining the police and rising to sergeant in Campbeltown. He is now retired in France.

The judgement was

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## Refugees meeting uncertain

A PUBLIC meeting planned to discuss the arrival of Syrian refugees in Campbeltown has been postponed.

The decision was taken at a meeting of Campbeltown Community Council on Tuesday night, attended by Councillor Rory Colville.

Members decided any meeting should be led by Argyll and Bute Council, drawing on the experiences on the Isle of Bute.

Community Council chairman Alan Baker said: 'I am not really happy that we are being landed with a public meeting, it should be handled by county councillors.'

Councillor Colville said: 'It is likely to be the spring before Argyll and Bute gets its next allocation of refugees.'

He added that the local press had been broadly sympathetic to the refugees settled.

'However the national press has been very invasive on Bute trying to take photos at a very traumatic time for these (Syrian) people,' said Mr Baker. 'Shortly Argyll and Bute Council's press office will be releasing pictures of the Syrian children in their new school uniforms.'

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## 'Fatburners' battle teams around the world

A HAIR stylist with a sideline running extreme fitness classes is leading two Kintyre teams in an international competition.

'Fatburn Extreme' (FBX) developed by Dianne Teo in Glasgow has spread round the world, including branches in Japan, Malaysia and Hong Kong. Numero Dix stylist Mairi McKillop, 24, was trained by Ms Teo and runs classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in Campbeltown's Victoria Hall.

Miss McKillop has recruited two teams of 15 from her trainees to take part in a six-week challenge against other 'Fatburners' in leisure centres around the globe.

Miss McKillop said: 'FBX is a new concept in instructor-led fitness training and weight loss, exercising in fixed 20-minute workouts, at maximum intensity with no dictated rest periods.'

'Participants work until failure and rest only for recovery making it specific to the individual regardless of age, gender or current fitness.'

### Challenge

'At the start of the challenge three simple measurements are taken - the circumference of waist, hips and thighs in centimetres.'

'At the finish the same three measurements are checked and the team with the highest reduction will be declared the winner.'

Currently the teams are both picked but anyone is welcome to the half-hour classes at 5.15pm and 5.45pm on Monday, 5.15pm on Wednesday and 5.30pm on Friday with an individual session costing £4.50.

## Flooding fears resurface in Wee Toon

WHEN the rain stopped prompt action by road workers prevented a return to the flooding Campbeltown experienced in November 2014.

On Thursday last week the A83 was shut at Millknowe Road as it was engulfed by water from flooded fields next to flats in Hillside Road.

The back doors of those flats were unusable, but after workers cleared a road drain disaster was averted.

Councillor Donald Kelly fears that Argyll and Bute Council does not take the issue of flooding in Campbeltown seriously enough.

Councillor Kelly said: 'After the flooding in 2014 everyone involved was asked to



Flooding last Thursday outside flats in Hillside Road, Campbeltown.

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purchase flood gates and vent covers to prevent water from accessing their properties.

'This advice came from Paul Hendy from the Scottish Flood Forum. It is not a solution and the council have used this a cop out.'

'A detailed survey of the area in ques-

tion was carried out, but despite asking for this over the last six months it has never appeared.

'My fear, along with the residents of the area, is that it is only a matter of time before we face the same problems and it is just not acceptable.'

'It is not beyond the

council to have a fully costed plan in place accompanied by short-term remedial measures to combat potential flooding issues.'

'There seems to be a lack of will on the council's behalf to commit to such measures, which is unacceptable as far as I am concerned.'

## Dangerous drivers banned

TWO motorists who admitted speeding at 107mph on the A83 were called 'dangerously stupid' by Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC.

Stewart David Anderson, 28, of 43 Lady Mary Row, Campbeltown and Stuart Murdoch Thomson, 36, of 14 Ledi Avenue, Tullibody, both pled guilty to a charge of dangerous driving with excessive speed. They were banned from driving for a year, ordered to take an extended retest and fined £750.

Earlier, the Procurator Fiscal told Campbeltown Sheriff Court that two police officers were running a speed check by Glencairns Farm on June 3 last year at 11.17pm.

'They heard the engine note of two cars approaching at high speed. Records show the car was moving at 107mph.'

Immediately he saw the police, Anderson pulled into a layby but Thomson doubled back and was caught by other officers in Campbeltown.

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## Billy Irving to appeal five year jail sentence

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condemned across Kintyre on Monday morning where there have been a number of fundraising events for the on-going legal battle.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara added his backing at a meeting with Foreign Office Minister Hugo Swire MP.

Mr O'Hara said: 'I put on record my deep disappointment at this news, as many of us expected Billy and his shipmates would be found not guilty and released, particularly as the case was thrown-out of court at an earlier hearing.'

Although the UK government has discussed Billy's case with the In-

dian authorities many times, including during Prime Minister Modi's visit to the UK at the end of last year, but it clearly has not been enough.

### Support

'Much, much more has to be done by the Foreign Office and the British Consular Official in Chennai to support these men at this time and to secure their release from

prison and a swift return home.

'I will continue to question and meet with the Foreign Office in the future but today my thoughts are not just with the men themselves but also with their families, particularly Billy's mum and dad, his fiancé Yvonne and his baby son William.'

The US firm Advan Fort, which owns the Seaman Guard Ohio, maintains that the vessel was involved in anti-piracy operations and was not in Indian territorial waters.

### Protection

Advan Fort, which apparently has support at the highest level of the US military, is a privately-held company headquartered in Washington DC and offers maritime protection to vessels around the world.

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Protesting at Meadows Under Fives with petitions are from left: Karen Russell, Jennifer Ahmad, Heather McPherson and Valerie McCallum. 25\_c02petition1

# Hundreds back Campbeltown Nursery's paper petition

CAMPAIGNERS determined to save Campbeltown Nursery from proposed Argyll and Bute Council cuts have raised a paper petition.

As *The Courier* reported in mid-December a £22,000 potential funding cut could see the nursery reduced to term-time opening only threatening the future of Meadows Under Fives, which is based in the same building.

Nearly 700 hundred signatures were collected by an online petition last month, but, after advice from Councillors Donald Kelly and John Armour, the Meadows organised a paper petition which has close to 1,000 signatures.

**Vote of thanks**  
Heather McPherson from Meadows Under Fives said: 'We would like to give a huge vote of thanks to the whole community for all their support on this vital campaign.'

'If anyone has not signed the petition and would like to do so we are still collecting signatures.'

'On January 30 it is planned to hold a rally with placards in Campbeltown to further protest about the proposals.'

Councillor Donald Kelly will present the petition to Argyll and Bute Council at its meeting in Kilmory, Lochgilphead on Thursday next week.

**Motion**  
In addition Councillor Kelly plans to make a motion to Argyll and Bute Council's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands committee on Wednesday February 3.

The motion asks the council to remove Campbeltown Nursery

from the service choices options.

Councillor Kelly said: 'As a result of a meeting held on January 7 between local elected members and early years education staff, it was revealed that the proposed service choice option relating to Campbeltown Nursery had not been properly evaluated.'

'The proposed savings do not take into account the additional cost to be incurred looking

after children who will be displaced should the nursery move to term time.'

'Further to this it was also confirmed that no community impact assessment has been carried out on the effect of such proposals on the Kintyre community.'

**Additional funding**  
At the council meeting next Thursday councillors will have to decide whether to accept additional funding offered to councils by Scottish

Finance Secretary John Swinney in his budget.

The estimated budget deficit in 2016-17 is now £10.3 million.

The Kintyre public have made it clear that many of the proposed service choices are unacceptable but the £10.3m of cuts required is only half of the £20.5m of cuts consulted in the proposals.

Councillor James Robb said: 'Mr Swinney has responded positively to lobbying from

## Whisky worker fined for overtaking

A DRIVER who was reported to the police for attempting to overtake approaching a bend on the A83 was fined and given four penalty points.

Christopher Laing, 22, of 15 Rhudaal Cottages, Drumlembie pled guilty to a charge of careless driving after he attempted to overtake three vehicles on June 21 last year near Craig's Farm, Campbeltown.  
Procurator Fiscal Eoin McGinty told Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday that one of the driver's in a queue of vehicles that distillery worker Laing tried to overtake was so incensed by the manoeuvre he later phoned the police.

Before fining Laing £250 and giving him the penalty points, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC asked Laing's defence solicitor not to go into too much detail, saying: 'I am taking a very relaxed view of this case.'

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# Kintyre's Marilyn couple's 'best yet'

A MOUNTAIN on Kintyre's Mull has been described as one of the best 'Marilys' in the UK.

For climbers who have 'bagged' all the Munros and Corbetts, the next tick list is the Marilys which are hills in the British Isles at least 150 metres (492ft) high, irrespective of absolute height.

Last week, Rick Salter and Jenny Hatfield, both 56, who have climbed 1,186 Marilys out of 1,556 excluding Ireland,

declared that so far Beinn na Lice, 428m, on the Mull of Kintyre is 'our best yet'.

The couple spent seven days attempting to climb the 54 Marilys in Argyll and Bute, which is region 19 in a definitive list drawn up by Alan Dawson.

If Jenny is successful in completing every Marilyn she will be the first woman to achieve the feat.

Mr Salter said: 'Beinn na Lice is not the most isolated - that was

the sea stack Beinn Armin off St Kilda - but it is a very lonely drive at the far end of a remote peninsula.

'We were in the mist and it snowed on top but a double rainbow over Southend beach really made the trip.

'Marilys naturally go with Munros, although really they should be named Dawsons.'

'Ticking these hills is a great way to see parts of the country you might not ordinarily visit. We also collect distilleries

and were able to get a good bottle of Springbank on the excursion.

'We are not in a club but there are small numbers of people 'doing' the Marilys and when we went to St Kilda 12 of us got together to share a boat.'

On Saturday the couple climbed Campbeltown's own Marilyn, Ben Ghulean, 352m, but said thick mist stopped them finding the haunted pipper's cave.

In addition, in Kintyre, they made the top of The Slate, 385m, climbed from the bay to its north near Machrihanish, and Cnoc Moy, 447m, where they came across Auchan Corvie Pork's 30 Gloucester Old Spot pigs running around a field.

Further north in wind turbine land they topped out on Beinn an Tuirc, 454m, and Sgreadan Hill, 397m.

On entry to Kintyre stands Cnoc a' Bhaile-shios, 422m.

Mr Salter said: 'Promoting Marilyn climbing in Kintyre could be one way to develop the Ardrossan ferry link.'



Rick Salter and Jenny Hatfield with Beinn Ghulean in the background. 25\_cdbmarilyn01

## Award-winning cancer information and support service needs more volunteers

AN AWARD-WINNING cancer information and support service needs volunteers.

The weekly drop-in Macmillan Cancer and Information Service at Campbeltown Library gained Argyll and Bute's Gold level excellence award for tackling inequalities and improving health and the overall Excellence Award for 2015, selected by the Provost, Councillor Len Scoullar.

To continue its weekly drop-in service, on Thursdays from 11am to 3pm, men and women with a few hours to spare are needed.

Full training and ongoing support are provided, as well as out of pocket expenses plus the opportunity to help at community events.

Christina West, chief officer, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, said: 'These drop-in information ses-

sions that Macmillan provide are of real benefit to the community and I would encourage anyone who has a few hours to spare to consider becoming a volunteer.'

Anyone wishing to find out more about volunteering with the Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service in Campbeltown should contact Deirdre or Chris on 01586 555932 or email macmillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk

## Hold up was in front of pantomime coach

THE RECOVERY of a tanker from an A83 ditch caused Campbeltown Boys Brigade members to miss the pantomime Snow White.

The coach, carrying 19 members of the 1st Campbeltown Company on their annual outing to the King's Theatre, Glasgow, was stopped in its tracks just north of Lochgilphead last Sunday.

It had previously been reported that the removal of the Scottish Water sludge tanker, which crashed on December 29, would take place between 6am and 11am and the road would be closed accordingly.

When the coach arrived in Lochgilphead at 10.30am Boys Brigade leaders were told the road would not open before 1.30pm.

Alister Nimmo, acting captain, said: 'The only other alternative route would have been via Oban, but the journey time would not have allowed us to see the pantomime which started at 1pm.'

'So a bus load of disappointed boys returned to Campbeltown.'

'So a bus load of disappointed boys returned to Campbeltown.'



The tanker is lifted out of the ditch. 06\_a03tanker04

## Macmillan Cancer Support AGM

THE CAMPBELTOWN Committee of Macmillan Cancer Support will hold its annual general meeting on Monday February 15, in the Argyll Hotel, Main Street, starting at 7.30pm.

For further information call Elizabeth McCallum on 01586 552641 or go to macmillan.org.uk/volunteer

See another Macmillan Cancer Support story on page eight.



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# Yes2 campaigners on nationwide pilgrimmage

A PASSIONATE independence campaigner has put her money where her mouth is and splashed out on a £40,000 motor home.

For Karen Martin, 53, the 'No' vote in the 2014 independence referendum was just one step on the road to a possible win for 'Yes' in a future vote, perhaps as early as 2018.

Supported by driver and fellow campaign traveller Harry Samh, 47, Mrs Martin aims to visit every corner of the land to tell people about the possible benefits of life in an independent Scotland.

The pair will traverse the country for the next three years in the motor-home, which has been named 'Yessie' and has had slogans including 'Referendum2Yes' painted on its exterior.

The distinctive paint-work was done for free by a firm based in Auchterarder.

The campaign trail started in early December at Lochgilphead, it was followed by nearly 4,000 miles of driving, delivering presents to children all over Scotland, before heading to Kintyre last week.

Mr Samh, from Yorkhill, Glasgow said: 'Karen and I founded Yes2 which has taken over from 'Yes' and has 15,000 supporters both in and away from Scotland. Yessie's job is to travel round Scotland for nearly three years allowing us to talk to as many people as possible. We want to speak outside the bubble.'

Not all are happy with the van's message and Mr Samh added: 'We had a Scottish free-



Harry Samh, Karen Martin and local supporter David MacPherson with the Yessie campervan. 25.c2referendum01

range egg thrown at us in Yorkhill.'

In every community which the pair visit they will go to shops, pubs and clubs, as well as speaking to people on the street, and have a questionnaire to hand out.

It lists four questions about independence

which are: Were you surprised at the outcome of the 2014 referendum and why? If there was another referendum would you vote differently and why? Do you agree that Scotland should be independent? Would you like to share your details with us?

Mr Martin said: 'In-

dependence is a constitutional issue and cuts across all boundaries of race, politics and religion.

'Support in cities is still strong but we want to reach out to more isolated communities.

Any independence supporter can join Yes2.'

# Rotary's amateur posties push the envelope

ROTARIANS and club scouts posted cards to spread the Christmas message far and wide in Kintyre and raised nearly £4,000.

The run up to Christmas saw Campbeltown Rotary Club members sorting and delivering their annual Christmas post, with cards posted for 25 pence, which is better than half the cost of using Royal Mail.

Although this is a huge amount of work, it enables the club to continue the work of helping others locally, nationally and internationally.

A Rotary spokesperson said: 'The number of cards was slightly down although around 25,000 is close but money was up as people donated extra because our charge was the same as 2014.'

'Although the post is a

huge amount of work, it enables the club to continue the work of helping others.

'After the payment of expenses, the delivery of the post generated around £4,000 for the club funds, and members would like to thank the public for their continued support.

**Thanks**

'It's also due to the non-Rotarians who helped and without whom the task would have been much greater.

It is unfair to mention individuals, but the lady who delivered in Stewarton and district and the gentleman who helped sort mail, then delivered in the Largisdie were a huge help.'

Help was also given by other non-Rotarians, and by members of the local Cub Scout group.

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## Ex-soldier's legal battle

FORMER Campbeltown soldier Billy Irving's Indian legal battle is never ending.

Just when Billy and his partner Yvonne thought there was light at the end of the tunnel, he has been thrown in jail, has to apply for bail again and lodge an appeal within 90 days.

It is claimed the UK government has put pressure on India at the highest level about this case which involves six ex-British servicemen.

Perhaps the UK should threaten to remove its foreign aid to the country, worth £250 million. India has more billionaires than in Britain, despite having a third of the world's poorest people.

How can Britain's aid of £250m make much difference when the Indian government's welfare bill is £70bn?

This case will be boosting India's legal system and lining the pockets of many lawyers which might explain why matters are going so slowly.

## Flooding fears

SCOTLAND seems to be drowning under water this winter but Campbeltown escaped until last week.

Heavy overnight rain filled low lying fields alongside Hillside Road and blocked drains leaving water pooled in the road.

The streets are full of rubbish and debris which inevitably ends up in road drains. Street sweepers are almost non-existent coming to the West Toon just once a month, according to the community council.

The real solution though is to spend money, estimated in a Halcrow Group Ltd civil engineers' report in October 2008 at several million pounds.

Last year, at a meeting where it was decided not to spend the money needed for a proper fix, Argyll and Bute Council suggested some of the poorest people in the town should buy their own floodgates.

Surely with the destruction seen elsewhere now is the time to implement the engineering works and solve the problem once and for all.

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## Imagine the catastrophe if a petrol tanker crashed on Rest

Sir,  
If the Rest and Be Thankful A83 crash on December 30 was a bus, a full petrol tanker or a gas tanker, instead of the nurse's car from Lochgilphead, it would have been a catastrophe.

The weather leaves the future threat of anything else happening very real.

Too real, in fact. If Scotland's transport minister, Derek Mackay, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change, cannot see that threat, then he is in the wrong job.

It does not need an engineer to tell you of the future threat, it is common sense. Using explosives is daft, it will just destabilise more borders.

**Name and address withheld.**

## Machrihanish spaceport would be a game changer

Sir,  
Bringing the UK's first spaceport to Machrihanish would be a game changer for the Kintyre economy and you were right to highlight this on your front page last week.

When I was the local MP, I constantly made the case for Machrihanish, and it's important we all continue to do so.

A major obstacle is the SNP support for Prestwick to become the spaceport.

The Scottish government bought Prestwick Airport and can be expected to promote

its case.

Disappointingly, one of our own SNP MSPs signed two Scottish Parliament motions calling for the spaceport to go to Prestwick.

The SNP has re-selected him for May's election, so it's important voters thinking of putting their cross in the SNP column in May realise this.

**Alan Reid,  
136 Fairhaven,  
Dunoon.**

## Every avenue explored before Abbeyfield Carradale closure

Sir,  
On behalf of the trustees of Abbeyfield Carradale, can I reassure readers that the priority of everyone involved at Abbeyfield has always been the well-being of residents.

In addition, everything humanly possible was done and every avenue explored to keep Abbeyfield House open and maintain sheltered housing in the village.

Unfortunately, like other Abbeyfield societies throughout the country, we found ourselves 'swimming against a current' where the elderly, quite rightly, wish to remain and be cared for in their own home for as long as possible.

In May last year, when concerns for the future of Abbeyfield House were growing, the trustees organised a public meeting in the village hall under the banner 'How Will we Care for Carradale Now and in the Future'.

While the meeting explored options for care across all

generations, care for the elderly and the future role of Abbeyfield were key components. Unfortunately, no simple resolution to our dilemma emerged.

The decision to close Abbeyfield House was made with heavy hearts and ratified at an EGM in early September, which was advertised and open to all members of the society.

In the lead up to and during the closure process, the remaining residents were the first to be consulted, followed by their friends and attorneys, staff and the many volunteers drawn from all sections of the Carradale community.

Unfortunately, there was no alternative and hard reality had to be faced.

Through discussions with local health and social services, suitable alternative accommodation was found for all the residents and they are now settled into their new homes, where they are well cared for and visited regularly by many of the Abbeyfield volunteers and former staff.

**Alasdair Bennett,  
Vice Chairman,  
Abbeyfield Carradale  
and District Society**

## Three horsemen of austerity

Sir,  
The three horsemen of austerity, namely 'used to be' Reid, 'failed to be' Redman and 'wannabe' Cameron, the distant cousin of David Cameron, all bleed from the same song sheet, 'SNP Baaad'.

Reid turns the good news story of the Campbeltown ferry into an attack on the SNP. That is a real stretch even for

someone as blinkered as to think going into coalition with the Tories was a good idea. The rejected Tory candidate for Holyrood, Redman, and the actual candidate Cameron not out Conservative Central Office spin on Scotland's funding.

'Significant extra funding for infrastructure' my elbow.

It will simply be rebalanced from another part of the budget which will be cut in total. As to Redman, before he embarks on his next venture into politics, which will undoubtedly be an attempt to gain a seat on Argyll and Bute Council next year, he should brush up on economics.

Firstly, only 12 per cent of council funding comes from Council Tax so it would require a very substantial hike to make a difference.

Secondly, council tax is a regressive tax and hits the less well-off disproportionately, which is why, being 'truly against austerity', the Government has maintained the freeze.

As to tax changes, did he really think the Scottish government would fall for that very obvious trap?

Without full fiscal control and with the levers still in Westminster's hands that would be dangerous indeed.

Swinney's management of the Scottish Government's budget in the face of Osborne's single-minded obsession with balancing the books, which so far has resulted in increasing the national debt to a staggering £1.5 trillion (£1,500,000,000,000), is to be applauded, not condemned.

**Tony Williams,  
Muasdale.**

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**Campbeltown Grammar School Pupils reunited**

Sir,  
I live in the Philippines and am an ex-Campbeltown Grammar School. I would like to hear from any old classmates who can contact me on the email below.

**Duncan Graham,**  
duncnagraham2541@yahoo.com

**Who will look after vulnerable nursery children?**

Sir,  
I refer to Argyll and Bute Council's proposed cuts to the Campbeltown Nursery Centre which would in turn have a negative impact on Meadows Under Fives [which shares its premises], a service that I currently use.

When I was first made aware of the proposed cuts from the Meadows Under Fives staff, I immediately thought: 'How will this affect me?'

The cuts to change Campbeltown Nursery Centre to term-time only would force Meadows Under Fives out of business. The staff advised me that they sim-

ply could not afford to lose out on the income from the 13 weeks of holidays per year.

It would also force me to stop using this service completely as I am a working parent and I need childcare all year round, not just during term time.

I attended the meeting in December thinking solely about the Meadows situation. During the meeting, I was told about the excellent service that Campbeltown Nursery Centre offers to vulnerable children in the area during the school holidays.

I simply did not know the full extent of the service that is offered.

I was appalled at council representative Rory Colville as he was completely unprepared for the meeting and could not even tell us how much the council believes it could save from reducing the service.

Councillor Colville also could not tell us who would look after these vulnerable children during the holiday periods.

From my understanding, the council has a legal obligation to support these children, however the nursery staff advised us that there is no where else for these children to go in the area.

I came out from the meeting with a completely different worry - who is going to look after these poor children if not Campbeltown Nursery Centre?

You never know when your situation may change and you have a child with special needs that requires additional help. We are lucky to have the services of Campbeltown Nursery Centre and we must fight to keep the service.

**Susan McFadyen,**  
Stronvaar,  
Kilkerran Road,  
Campbeltown.

**Help for M.E. sufferers**

Sir,  
Our latest booklet, Newly Diagnosed with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (M.E.), shares key information and advice about the diagnosis, symptoms and management of M.E. It empowers patients to be an active partner in their own care.

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**Sonya Chowdhury,**  
Chief Executive,  
Action for M.E.

**Oban Saints club secretary honoured**

AN OBAN football volunteer whose Saints teams have proved to be the nemesis of many a Pupils' team was recognised in the Queen's New Year honours.

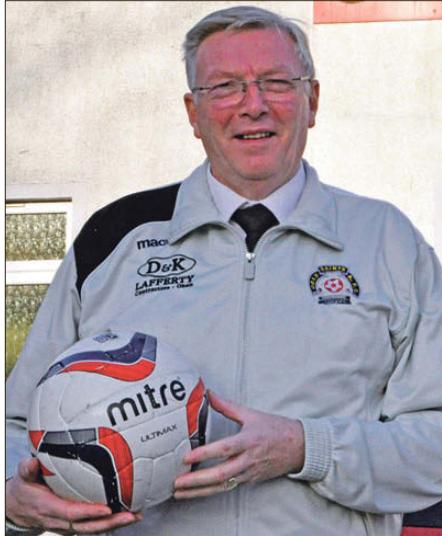
Saints Football Club secretary David Buchanan was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) for nearly 50 years voluntary dedication to his club.

In that time Davie, 67, has been involved with the club as a player, coach, manager, secretary/treasurer, and he still washes the strips every week after the games.

**Delighted**

Davie, who has worked at *The Oban Times* for 50 years said: 'I received a letter at the end of November from the Cabinet Office in London asking if I would accept the award, which I was delighted to do.'

'I am deeply honoured to accept the award not only for myself and family, but for all members, past and present, of Oban Saints Football Club and other sports clubs in Argyll and Bute whose committee members work just as hard as I do to keep their clubs functioning



**Davie Buchanan.** 15\_102davebuchanan01

in their particular sports. To think my work at the club is appreciated is reward enough, but to get the BEM is beyond my wildest dreams. Davie was presented

with the McDonald's / Sunday Mail Best Volunteer in Adult Football award back in 2011.

Making the presentation at a dinner in Hampden Park that evening

was former Scotland, Celtic and Liverpool legend Kenny Dalglish, along with former Scotland head coach, now Director of Football at Hearts, Craig Levein.



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## Quiz night to benefit children's hospital

STUDENT quiz-masters will test the knowledge of Campbeltowners at a charity night in March.

The young fundraisers are part of the national certificate class at Argyll College, UHI and will be raising money for Yorkhill Children's Charity.

The event is at Campbeltown Bowling Club on Saturday March 19 at 7.30pm.

## Song and dance for cancer cash

CAMPBELTOWN dance group STEPS will sashay the night away and raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The show combining six set dances with four singing acts, a licensed bar, a raffle and Jamie Gee disco is on Saturday January 30 in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown.

STEPS was formed by Karen Cairns in 2009 and this will be their fourth show but the last was in 2012.

The show starts at 8pm with doors open from 7.15pm.

# Beinn Artair Trio at Kintyre Music Club

A TRIO with international experience entertained members of Kintyre Music Club at their first concert of the year.

The Beinn Artair Trio – violinist Alice Rickards, cellist Sonia Cromarty and pianist Oliver Rundell – are named after the Cobbler mountain above Arrochar.

Their set mixed three ultra-modern compo-

sitions by Judith Weir: *How Grass and Trees Became Enlightened*, *Your Light May Go Out* and *Open Your Treasure House*, with classics from Mozart and Chausson.

### Lucky

Speaking about the contemporary music, Ms Rickards said: 'Sonia and I have been lucky enough to have worked with Judith Weir



Cellist Sonia Cromarty at Lorne and Lowland Hall. *CS\_03261002*

for the past two years. When she was contemplating what a Zen piano trio might sound like she said she imagined it might be the stringed instruments being pulled apart.

'We will not do that tonight but be prepared for some surprises particularly on the last note.'

'The last time I played in Campbeltown it was in a somewhat different

capacity as support to the Bootleg Beatles.'

Kintyre Music Club's next concert is on Friday February 5 when the Northern Lights string quintet will perform.

This is followed on Friday March 11 by jazz violin, bass and guitar from the Tim Kilpuius Trio.

This year's annual general meeting is on Friday April 22.



Violinist Alice Rickards with pianist Oliver Rundell playing Judith Weir's contemporary Piano Trio Two. *CS\_03261001*

## Five stars for London show in the Wee Toon

A SELECT audience were entranced by a stage production of Oscar Wilde's comic masterpiece projected as a film at Victoria Hall.

In what is likely to become part of the Wee Picturehouses – offering, when it reopens in 2017, a film capture of the Vaudeville Theatre's version of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, recorded in October last year was seen by about 50 people last Sunday.

The actors including David Suchet as Lady Bracknell effused warmth and wit to deliver a farcical story with very expressive and descriptive narrative.

This weekend's cinema also saw the re-introduction of a Campbeltown Picture House monthly loyalty card, running out in March 2017, which gives free admission for one person after five tickets have been bought.

The Picture House is bringing films to Victoria Hall through a collaboration with Film

Mobile (Scotland) and Regional Screen Scotland.

Weekend cinema goers were handed a leaflet by the two organisations asking for feedback as they know little about what the 'cinema-going' experience really means to Film Mobile audiences.

The two organisations have teamed up with Social Value Lab to find out more and are seeking the views of everyone who has attended a showing at one of the Film Mobile partner venues.

Director of Film Mobile, Ian Brown hopes that the results will help demonstrate the importance of providing mobile cinema to communities in Scotland and make a case for continued growth and support of services.

Anyone wishing to take part who was not at the cinema on Sunday can do so by going to the following website: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YourCinema3](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YourCinema3)

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# Author drops anchor in the Wee Toon

by **MARK DAVEY**  
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

A WRITER whose conservation books have polarised readers has put down roots in Campbeltown.

Old Etonian Ian Mitchell's second book *Isles of the West*, published in 1996 and now in its fifth edition, exposed what he claims were flaws in the major conservation charities' aims on reserves around the Hebridean isles.

The book is based on a three-month voyage he undertook in his sailing yacht SylvieB from his then home on Islay to almost every island on Scotland's western seaboard.

He interviewed grassroots representatives of

conservation groups, including the John Muir Trust, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Scottish Natural Heritage. Mr Mitchell wove those interviews into a damning indictment of their policies and the way they clashed with the indigenous population.

Mr Mitchell's writing was nurtured more than 50 years ago on a different continent. The 65-year old author was the son of Scottish parents who emigrated to South Africa, where his father took a job as the head of publishers Collins.

Mr Mitchell was educated from the age of nine at a leading private

school, St John's College.

Mr Mitchell said: 'After a very intensive education, I was talented in history and this was spotted by a visiting teacher from Eton.'

'He recommended trying to get a place at Oxford University and consequently I spent my last year of school at Eton.'

**Prefer**

It did not all go to plan, Mr Mitchell said: 'I visited Oxford in 1969 and it was full of hippies. I thought I would prefer to go to university in Johannesburg with surfing and golf as recreations.'

While at university in Johannesburg, Mr Mitchell joined anti-apartheid groups and after one protest ended up in jail overnight.

His career took an unusual turn when he left for the UK in 1973 and spent two years on the European motor racing scene, campaigning a Formula Vee single-seater racing car, partly funded by work on the London stock exchange and a building company in Paddington.

Mr Mitchell said: 'Two seasons motor racing at circuits was special; Nikki Lauda was my hero.'

Mr Mitchell's life took another turn, in what he describes as a gap decade from mid-1970s to '80s, when he became a woodworker.

He turned these talents to boat building, eventually ending up working with Ronnie Gilbert at Crinan Boatyard



**Author Ian Mitchell at his Campbeltown desk.**  
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in Mid Argyll. He married an Islay woman and spent 13 years on the island where they brought up their three children.

At this stage he started to reinvent himself as a writer, with his first book, *The Cost of a Reputation: Aldington versus Tolstoy*, which was a re-examination of a

controversial libel case. Following the book's success, Mr Mitchell's publishers backed *Isles of the West and Isles of the North*.

These were followed, in March 2014, by: *The Justice Factory: Show me the Judge and I'll Show you the Law*, which compares per-

sonality and character of senior Scottish judges to their counterparts in England and the United States.

Mr Mitchell, has now remarried to a Russian woman and currently divides his time between a flat in Moscow and a home in Campbeltown.

Mr Mitchell, who returned to Russia yesterday, said: 'I am writing a three-volume history of Russia which tries to explain why Russia has never formed a power relationship with its people.'

'I earn a living in Russia with some teaching and editing work while progressing the book, which is two thirds of the way through the first volume and up to the time of Peter the Great.'

**What's on in Campbeltown**

**Bard's howling evening**  
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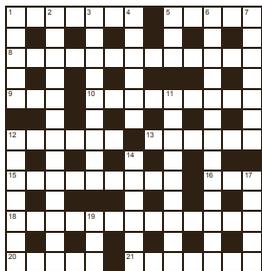
The fun starts at 7pm with dancing to Reason following the meal. Tickets are £10 from the club.

**Youngster's yoga has all the moves**

A FUN yoga fundraising session for children, family and friends will be staged at the Guide Hall on Saturday January 23. Entry is by donations, with all money going to Meadows Under Fives. Four-year-olds and under must be accompanied by an adult. For further details see www.facebook.com/yoga-nadirachel

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They share the stage with fiddle/guitar duo Archie McAllister and Ross Kennedy, singer/piper Alasdair Currie and the fiddle-led Simon Moran Trio.

The concert will also pay tribute to the Islay Sessions' founder Fraser Shaw whose untimely death last year saddened all who knew this talented musician/composer.

Celtic Connections, now in its 22nd year, runs from January 14 to 31 and features more than 2,500 performers.

**Toddler takes helm of Tarbert Ferry**

CALMAC ferries sailed to the rescue of a family who were stumped when their son asked them for an unusual Christmas gift: the Portavadie Ferry.

Blair Houston's parents were not quite sure how to realise the three-year-old ferry fan's dream, but CalMac made sure his ferry tale wish came true by allowing him to skipper the vessel on a special round trip to Portavadie.

The young Ardrishaig boy took to the bridge of his favourite boat alongside skipper Lawrence Allibone.

Mr Allibone said: 'As an honorary captain of MV Lochinvar for the day, wee Blair absolutely found his sea legs.'

'He even brought his own captain's cap with him.'

'He has sailed the route so often he was able to give us plenty of tips and keep us on course. He will make a fine captain one day; maybe Santa will have a spare ferry for him by then.'

Blair's mum Ann Marie said: 'This has been such a total surprise for Blair, he is absolutely mad about CalMac and all the ferries, and he is chuffed to bits.'

'I am from Tarbert and we often watch the ferries coming and going when we are visiting family. The Portavadie ferry is Blair's favourite and he has become quite an expert.'

**Current captain Lawrence Allibone with prospective captain Blair.**



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**Creggan wind farm enquiry**

THE PUBLIC inquiry into the Creggan wind farm will begin on Monday January 25 at 10am in Tayinloan Village Hall.

The meeting will allow local residents and businesses to put forward their views as the inquiry further considers the sites potential suitability.

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

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# Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs face testing times



Members of Campbeltown Young Farmers Club Jamie McKerral, 14, Jamie MacPhail, 20, and Robert McDonald, 17, recently organised a fundraising raffle. 20. 64706101

## 'We are disappointed at the decision'

THE SCOTTISH Association of Young Farmers' Clubs face a tough future after the Scottish Government withdrew financial support on Monday.

The annual grant of £66,000 for Scotland's largest rural youth organisation is managed by the department for Children and Young People and will result in a 13 per cent drop in the association's annual income.

This is the first time in nearly 70 years that SAYFC will receive no financial support from the Scottish Government impacting more than 3,500 members across Scotland.

The association, which supports individuals aged between 14 and 30, provides personal development opportunities through their network via events, competitions, training and travel. This helps re-

duce rural isolation and increases individuals' confidence and skills which will benefit them throughout life.

Chief executive Penny Montgomerie said: 'We are disappointed the Scottish Government has taken this decision to no longer support SAYFC. The association offers a crucial network for many young people in rural Scotland as well as unique personal development opportuni-

ties. The association is currently growing from strength to strength with membership now higher than it has been since 1998.

'Looking to the future, we are optimistic that although there are tough financial times ahead over the coming months we will continue to focus on ensuring we can develop member services and have a relevant organisation for rural youth in Scotland.'

## Trials held at Clochkeil

HANDLERS and nursery sheep dogs got their first taste of competition in 2016 at a Kintyre event last Saturday.

Top scorer on the day was John McKillop with Sam collecting 85 points in the second trial, judged by Ian MacConnell, at Clochkeil Farm, where the trials were held by kind permission of J and M Barr.

The Swaledale Wethers were provided by John Casey. They ran

well considering it was windy with 'blustery showers.

Results in points from trial number one judged by John Casey were: 1 Alex MacCush with Arran Glen 83; 2 Kieran MacCulloch with Pip 73; 3 John McKillop with Sam 61; 4 Jane MacDonald with Nell 57; 5 Peter Clark with Spot 53 and 6 Brian Strachan with Jim 40.

The remaining results from the second trial were as follows: 2 Brian Strachan with Jim 82; 3 Peter Clark with Spot 73; 4 Alex MacCush with Arran Glen 57; 5 Mike MacNally with Taff 67 and 6 Jane MacDonald with Nell 61.

## Six part Sheepdogs series returns to television this month

SHEEPDOGS, the popular BBC ALBA series, has been delving into the competitive life of the pens this January.

Across six parts, Donald MacSween and Catriona MacPhee travel to present the best action from the trialling scene at national, international and world sheepdog trials across the UK and Ireland.

### National

In programmes one to three, Donald and

Catriona visit the Scottish National Trials held at Conan Bridge.

Among those featured in the first three programmes are 2015 World Champion Michael Shearer and his dog Roy, current Scottish President Ewen MacKinnon with his dog Midge as well as two debutants at the national trials, 15-year-old Mure Grant with his dog Fred, and 13-year-old Joe McKenzie, who

is running Tweedie.

Episodes four to six come from international trials held last year on a 146-acre field at Meikleholm, Courance, near Moffat.

### Climax

The final programme of the series takes viewers to the climax of the international competition: the Supreme Championship. Conditions though on this final day are challenging with heavy

rain making it difficult for the dogs to hear

commands across the vast course.



Action from the Kintyre Sheepdog trial last August. 25. c3Sheepdog01

## Suspected east coast disease outbreak sparks poultry warning

POULTRY keepers in Argyll are urged to be vigilant following a suspected low pathogenic avian influenza outbreak on a Fife poultry unit.

In the wake of similar outbreaks in Europe and the UK in recent times, Scottish poultry keepers will be well aware of the biosecurity measures they need to maintain and for greater disease vigilance to be put in place.

Scotland's Chief Veterinary Officer Sheila Vos said: 'We have taken immediate action to contain this case as part of our robust procedures for dealing swiftly with avian flu.

'Evidence suggests this is a low severity form of the virus, however, we are taking action to ensure the disease does not

spread or develop into a more severe form.

'I would urge poultry keepers in the surrounding area to be vigilant for any signs of disease and to ensure they are maintaining good biosecurity on their premises.'

### Worrying

NFU Scotland's vice president Andrew McCormick said: 'Given the number of cases of low pathogenic avian influenza seen across Europe and in the UK, often linked to migratory birds and wildfowl, this is a worrying, but not unexpected, outbreak.'

'It is welcome that, at the earliest opportunity, experts have reminded the public that the implications for human health and food safety are very low.

This is an animal health matter and one that all stakeholders are taking very seriously.

'With the industry's well-rehearsed contingency plans now coming into force, that all hope is this outbreak is quickly contained and the threat to other commercial poultry flocks is eliminated.

'Biosecurity on all poultry units must be maintained and, given the number of low pathogenic avian influenza cases being recorded across Europe, it is likely those high standards are already commonplace. High health is something that Scottish poultry producers have always taken great pride in.'

'However, it is worth reminding all poultry keepers -

large and small - of the need for vigilance. Given the growing number of people keeping backyard hens, it is worth restating that Avian Influenza is a notifiable disease and that all poultry keepers have an obligation to notify the authorities if they suspect disease.

'Backyard hens can often be at higher risk because of their closer contact with wild birds.'

Scottish Government advice is that the risk to human health is considered very low and Food Standards Scotland has said there is no food safety risk for consumers.

Visit [www.scotland.gov.uk/avianinfluenza](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/avianinfluenza) for more information on the disease and biosecurity arrangements.

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## Television series home hunting

AN AWARD-WINNING production company is looking for smart Kintyre homes wanting a free makeover.

*Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners: Country House Rescue* aims to renovate homes in an upcoming second series made by Betty TV and produced for Channel 4.

Experts and cleaners work to fully restore a selection of rooms in each property, and the first shows attracted up to 1.8 million viewers.

Prospective participants can email the programme at [houses@bettytv.co.uk](mailto:houses@bettytv.co.uk).

## Kintyre's beautiful places

AN ENVIRONMENTAL charity is looking for spottless beauty in Kintyre.

Keep Scotland Beautiful is urging groups to register for the 2016 Beautiful Scotland or It's Your Neighbourhood competitions.

Full information is at: [www.keepsotland-beautiful.org/beautifulscotland](http://www.keepsotland-beautiful.org/beautifulscotland)

# Machrihanish's 'Summer of Love' – 1967

MEMORIES of spending 1967's 'Summer of Love' waitressing in Machrihanish are helping a woman cope with a debilitating disease.

Liz Ogg (née Annand), 66, was diagnosed with motor neurone disease two years ago and it has taken away some of her mobility. It has also de-

prived her of the power of speech and the ability to talk about the Kintyre she has known and loved for 49 years.

Back in 1967, hippy counterculture gripped the world, Liz was 18 and served meals to rich golfers as well as enjoying her own summer of love with a Ugadale hotel porter – Alan Ogg.

The couple have held Kintyre in their hearts ever since their student days. Liz taught English all her life; after teaching Alan, 68, became a school inspector before working for BT.

Alan said: 'I had a few abortive attempts as a waiter, for example I managed to drop potatoes in a guest's lap, before the manager Mr Wright demoted me to the role of porter.

'I first met Liz in the



Alan and Liz last year.

staff room. There was no exchange apart from a few hesitant smiles, but I will always remember that smile.'

On the evening of their first shift, they both ended up at a 'wee' ceiling in Jeanie McGuire's house in Drumlemble.

When they both dived behind a sofa to avoid performing a party piece, they started talking and so it all began.

Alan said: 'That summer passed in a mixture of hard work and misspent time-off. We would have long walks along the golden sands

and the Gauldrons, with bonfires and barbecues alone in the dunes.

'We loved going to Campbeltown and always had ice-cream drinks in the Pans Café and wandered along the Longrow and around Woolworths. We used to love cinema visits and the golden divans of the Picture House.'

The couple, who live in Bearsden and have just celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary, have two daughters and three granddaughters. Every year since 1967 they have spent holi-

days in the area, staying mainly in Machrihanish and Peninver in caravans and houses.

Alan said: 'It is the comfort of the same activities that attracts us back; walks in Southend, Saddle and Carradale, coffees in the Argyll Arms and Royal Hotels, the peace and splendour of the views over to Jura, Gigha and Islay.

'We read *The Courier* every week to keep up with the news of the Wee Toon, and we are so pleased about the current regeneration of the town.'



The couple when they first met in Machrihanish back in 1967.

## Substation connects wind farm energy to grid

THE PROJECT to build a new substation in Argyll has brought 43 mega watts of renewable energy to the national grid. The A'Cruch wind farm required a connection in to the electricity network, and therefore the new 132/33kV substation at Craerae, near Minard, was constructed.

The connection was completed by Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHE Transmission).

The £7.5m project took 15 months to complete with a total workforce of around 150 people. It will allow for alternative distribution routes north and south of the substation.

A new tower was also built, as well as a temporary diversion of the existing overhead line. SHE Transmission Major Projects Manager Ian Flannagan explained: 'This project has seen us living and working in Argyll for almost a year and a half,

and in that time we have been able to link in with the local community through their network of businesses, shops and accommodation.

'We also used a local supplier to provide the 300 cubic metres of concrete and 15,000 tonnes of crushed stone as part of the build.

'We have worked

closely with local residents to seek their views on how best to progress and it was through this process that we identified the Craerae site as being the best location for the substation as it would cause the least disruption.

'The layout of the substation was also reconfigured to help protect

the environment and early next year further landscaping will be carried out to screen the site.'

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# Jewellery manufacturers cast eyes over higher profits

A CARRADALE jewellery business is ringing in the changes in order to get the most profit from a casting company.

The owners of Jewellery Casting Scotland (JCS), which has traded successfully for 40 years, hope to show other Argyll and Bute businesses that further growth can be achieved. JCS was set up by Mike Hurst and his wife Trish initially as a jewellery manufacturer, before they took the decision to focus solely on casting earlier this year.

The company, supported by Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, has over 400 customers across the UK and Europe. It has invested tens of thousands of pounds in high tech machinery and now employs six members of staff.

Mike said: 'The secret to our success has been an entrepreneurial spir-

it, being proactive and investing time in our people. The remoteness of our workshop makes no difference, it is the quality of our work that counts first and foremost. Our team are properly trained so the standard is always fantastic.'

'In order to get our work and name known we have attended dozens of trade shows across the country as well as spending a lot on advertising in trade journals. Our top-notch web site is essential for generating business.'

'We had developed a successful jewellery production unit but it became clear that we should do our own casting and as production grew we became very skilful in this field.'

'Last year we made the decision to focus on casting as that is the side of the business which

was demonstrating the most growth and revenue.'

'But even a long established company needs to review its plans and it was discussions with Business Gateway which helped focus us on the future and to see the need for new ideas – such as using social media – in taking the company forward.'

Since concentrating on casting, the company has increased turnover and is looking to invest in new machinery next year.

Mike added: 'Running a business in this region means you have to be versatile and so we have taken advantage of opportunities.'

'Any business small or big can benefit from organisations such as Business Gateway.'

'With the right plan, help from Business

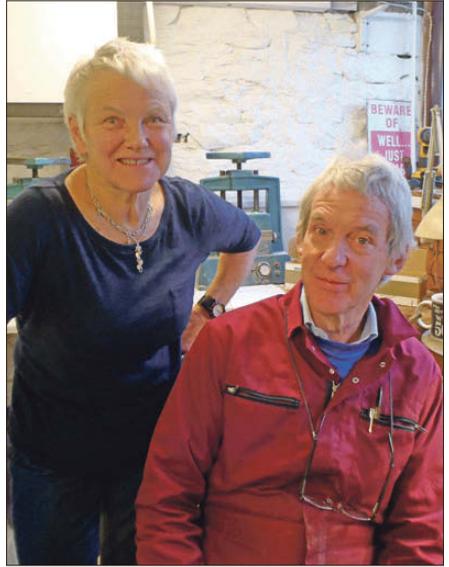
Gateway and an entrepreneurial spirit you can turn a one man operation into something a lot larger.'

Barbara Halliday of Business Gateway said: 'Jewellery Casting Scotland is an example of a long-standing rural business which has implemented new ideas and technology which in turn has made it more successful.'

'Mike and Trish have taken advantage of our one-to-one expert advice and have plans to attend our fully-funded workshops on areas they would like to learn more about.'

To find out more visit [www.jewellerycastingscotland.com](http://www.jewellerycastingscotland.com).

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business, call 01546 808 363 or visit [www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute](http://www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute)



Trish and Mike Hurst in their workshop.

## New Business Gateway skills workshops to boost business

A PUBLIC relations maestro's free seminar might be just the thing to help make businesses stand out from the flock.



PR supremo Colin Kelly.

As 2016 starts Business Gateway Argyll and Bute wants small business owners to see if any free skills workshops could help them flourish.

A host of new workshops, including one titled: 'Get Your Business Noticed – PR on a Budget' by radio and television journalist Colin Kelly have been added to the range of training in Argyll and Bute.

That workshop in Ardrishaig on February 17 is about getting a business noticed without spending money.

It covers how to get a business featured in the media. Understanding

how the media works and finding the business stories that journalists will want to tell and how to make contact with media organisations to enjoy the benefits of free publicity.

Colin is best known for his work as a journalist presenting programmes at BBC Radio Scotland, STV, Real Radio and Radio Clyde. He has a journalism degree from Napier University and runs a media relations consultancy.

Colin works with individuals and businesses, helping them gain free, positive coverage in newspapers and on radio and television.

He has been a Business Gateway trainer since 2010 while he continues to operate as a freelance journalist and has a wealth of contacts in the Scottish media and beyond.

### Profitability

On January 27, a new half-day 'Pricing for Profit' workshop is in Inveraray aimed at those looking to increase business profitability. It will help understand pricing strategies, how to review costs, know break-even points and manage profitability.

Alastair Kennedy of Lornal Ltd. will lead the workshop. Alastair, an Argyll resident, found

and ran his own food production business before starting Lornal Ltd, a specialist business consultancy, five years ago.

He has worked with Business Gateway across a number of regions, being involved with start-up and growth advice, training delivery and specialist marketing support for more than 600 businesses.

Jill Connel will run 'Developing your Business Skills' in Oban on February 2. It is aimed at those new to self-employment or looking to improve their business skills.

Jill has started and

grown a number of companies and is by any definition a 'serial entrepreneur'. Her first business idea achieved equity investment by Sir Tom Farmer CBE.

Jill has trained more than 10,000 individuals through business start-up and growth development.

There is a half-day 'Practical basic book keeping' session in Lochgilphead on January 28. It covers book keeping, record-keeping and understanding financial information.

Other workshops in Oban include 'Marketing Your Business' on February 4, 'Introduc-

tion to Social Media' on February 9, 'Getting More from Social media' on February 10, 'Funding your Business' on February 11, 'Online Trading' on February 16 and 'Becoming an Employer' on February 18.

To book a place or to find out more about the full range of workshops, contact the Business Gateway team on 01546 604555 or email [business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

The workshop programme is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund under the European Structural Funds 2014-20 Programme.

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/03259/PP	Erection of windfarm comprising 9 no. wind turbines (maximum height 126.5 metres to blade tip) together with ancillary infrastructure including access tracks, forest roads, crane handstandings, meteorological monitoring mast, temporary construction compound, underground cabling, control building and substation	Allt Bhalua Windfarm Benfield West of Invermil North of the B8024	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/03269/PP	Erection of boiler house and LPG storage compound	Campbeltown Creamery Withburn Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
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15/03409/IL	Amendment to listed building consent 15/0158/IB/IL to include fire rated glazed screens and doors, fire shutter and retention of existing escape routes from the main auditorium to meet Building Standard requirements. Installation of additional PVS, a condenser and gauding to plant room roof	The Picture House 26 Hall Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 8BU	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/03207/PP	Amendments to planning permission 14/02063/PP to include fire rated glazed screens and doors, fire shutter and retention of existing escape routes from the main auditorium to meet Building Standard requirements. Installation of additional PVS, a condenser and gauding to plant room roof	The Picture House 26 Hall Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 8BU	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011**

**NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18**  
 Planning Application Reference Number: 15/03259/PP  
 Proposed development at: Allt Bhalua Windfarm, Benfield Wood, Land North Of The B8024 West Of Invermil, Argyll And Bute  
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 A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning application may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT and by logging on to the Council's Website [www.argyll-itbute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-itbute.gov.uk) and going through the Planning Application information system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.  
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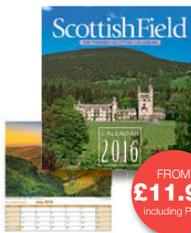
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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I FIND the mornings so dark these gloomy winter days and I am missing all the Christmas lights that brightened up our world.

However, a great drama is unfolding in the pre-dawn sky throughout January.

By the end of this month all five planets will appear simultaneously shortly before sunrise.

From around the world Jupiter can be seen rising in the east in the late evening, Mars rises next an hour or two after midnight and then Venus and Saturn climb high above the south east horizon about two-and-a-half-hours before sunrise.

Finally Mercury will move from an evening to early morning sky from around January 20.

These five planets can then be seen together in the early morning sky for another month.

It is amazing to think that, since time immemorial, our ancestors looked at exactly the same constellations.

We know so much more now about the wonders of the night sky and the whole science of astronomy.

But I am sure there is just the same feeling of awe for us as there was for these early humans, as we gaze into the heavens on a clear starry night.

On these gloomy winter mornings, we wait longingly for the light of the first streaks of dawn to banish the darkness.

We are a people who like to follow the light, to walk in the light and to bask in its warmth.

We hear in scripture of God's people who walked in spiritual darkness till the light of the world was revealed to them in the form of a human being.

Jesus came to bring light and hope and to the lives of those who were in despair or trouble or grief.

There may still be times we have to walk in darkness, but he is there, like the early morning stars to guide us through these difficult times.

## From our files:

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 18 1991

District sets poll tax figure amid controversy

POLL tax payers in Argyll and Bute will pay £414 next year if the District Council accepts the recommendation of the Policy and Finance Committee that the District rate be increased by 30 per cent from £74 to £95.

Implacably opposed to this rise is the '87 Group to whom this rise is unacceptable, considering an increase of 60 per cent in the revenue support grant.

District Councillor George McMillan pointed out that administration costs at the District Council have risen by over £700,000 over the last two years, his concern shared by District Councillor Archie McCallum, who said that high administration costs are

passed on to the community charge payer.

District Councillor Dick Walsh, whose alternative budget was accepted by the District Council last year, has put forward a proposal that administration costs be cut by three per cent.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO January 20 1966

County council reject 'Every meeting in Lochlighead' plan

ARGYLL County Council has rejected by a large majority a proposal that all its committee meetings should be held in Lochlighead.

At the January meeting of the Council, it was agreed to retain the present arrangement under which committees meet in the three major burghs - Campbeltown, Dunoon and Oban - at least once a year.

The suggestion that the

Council's meetings should be centralised in Lochlighead came from the Convener's Committee.

The opening shot in the debate was fired by Councillor James Marshall, Dunoon, Chairman of the Education Committee, who felt that Education sub-committees at least ought to be held in Dunoon.

Further criticism of the proposal came from Dean of Guild McKinven, Campbeltown, who pointed out that the Council's Director of Education and his staff were based in Dunoon. It seemed bad planning to have these officials, whose time was valuable, spend a day or more away from their offices when this was unnecessary.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO January 15 1916

Military Service Bill

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The British people will no more be caught with this chaff than they have been with the anti-compulsionists' hollow criticism of the Bill itself.

It is simply ridiculous to charge a Government, which is well known to include a majority of Ministers who have been lifelong opponents of the principle of compulsion, with such motives.

# New Year bash boosts Kintyre cancer charity

GENEROUS diners at a New Year dinner and ceilidh danced the night away to support the Mairi Semple Fund for Cancer Relief.

The annual event at the Argyll Hotel, Bellochuan, on Saturday January 2, has boosted the charity's funds by £600.

The donations raised will help the Fund

continue its valuable support work into 2016.

The fund provides financial assistance to people in Kintyre affected by cancer and to the hospitals that treat them and undertake research into cancer.

#### Thanks

Nick Fletcher from the Argyll Hotel said: 'We would like to extend our thanks to all who

attended and whose support made it possible to raise this sum.

'I would also like to thank Numero Dix Hair Salon, the Kintyre Shoe Company, Jim Martin Supplies and others for donating prizes to the raffle, which helped to boost the total.

'Also to Ceilidh's Homet for providing the music which had nearly

everyone stepping around the floor and having a great time, whilst contributing to this important cause at the same time.'

Margaret Sinclair, Treasurer of the Mairi Semple Fund added: 'Mairi Semple, whose name the charity bears, was from Kintyre and tragically died from cancer as a young

woman of 21. Her parents founded the charity because, based on their own experience, they wanted to see more help for people in Kintyre coping with cancer.'

'Mairi would have been 60 this year and we are delighted that the charity still continues to have the support of the people of Kintyre.'

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"When I said, 'My foot is slipping,' your love, O Lord, supported me" (Psalm 94:15)

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**MCIVOR - MACCALLUM**

Barry (Macchirhanish) and Alison (Clachan) are happy to announce their engagement, which took place on Christmas Day.

**DEATHS**

**ARIES** - Suddenly at his home, 7 Glenlyne Park, Ardriahing, on December 24, 2015, Rodney (Ronnie) Aries, aged 67 years, (former Master Butcher, Tarbert), much loved father of Rodney, Caroline and Philip, adored papa. A good neighbour and dear friend. Funeral service was held in Tarbert Parish Church, on Thursday, January 14, 2016, followed by interment at Carrick Cemetery, Tarbert. Sadly missed.

**CLARK** - Very peacefully, at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbelltown, on January 11, 2016, John Smellie Clark, in his 85th year, 8 Belfair Mhor Court, Campbelltown, dearly beloved husband of Maureen Murray, much loved father of Elaine and the late Yvonne and a loving papa of Reuben, Maddy, Olivia and Harvey.

**COWAN** - Peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on December 24, 2015, Elizabeth Cowan, aged 80 years, of 9 Chalmers Court, Inveraray, much loved mother of Robbie, dear mother-in-law of Caroline and loving granny of Elise and Orla. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held at Glenishira Cemetery, Inveraray, on Wednesday, December 30, 2015. Will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

**CUTLER** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on January 6, 2016, Brian Cutler, aged 60 years, of Roadmans Cottage, Ormsay, by Lochgilphead, much loved husband of Barbara, proud father of Lisa, grandfather of Sarah, and father-in-law of John. A dear brother, brother-in-law, cousin and uncle to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held on Monday, January 11, 2016, at Achaohish Parish Church, followed by interment at Ormsay Graveyard. Will be sadly missed.

**GALBRAITH** - The family of the late Colin Galbraith would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received following their sudden and loss. Our grateful thanks to the carers who looked after Colin over the last few years and most his life more enjoyable. Special thanks to the doctors and nursing staff of Wards D and I, Lorn and Islands Hospital, and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital for their exceptional care given to Colin and also for the kindness shown to our family. Also, our grateful thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting and uplifting service and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements, and to the Grey Gull Inn for catering.

**MCLACHLAN** - Peacefully, at Ashgrove Care Home, Dunoon, Frances (formerly of Ivy House, Inveraray), beloved wife of the late Archie, dearly loved mum of Douglas, Shiona, Fergus and Helen and a much loved granny and great granny. The funeral service will be held in Inveraray Parish Church, on Monday, January 18 at 11.00am, followed by interment in Kileven Cemetery, Craze, to which all are respectfully invited.

**MCLEAN** - Peacefully, at the Campbelltown Hospital, on January 7, 2016, Norman McLean, in his 83rd year, 13 Smith Drive, Campbelltown, dearly beloved brother of the late Margaret Colfield and a much loved uncle.

**SMITH** - On January 9, 2016, peacefully at Kintyre Care Centre, Campbelltown, Norman Smith, in his 83rd year, beloved husband of Rita, much loved brother of Brian and the late Edith, and a dear cousin of Moira. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on Friday, January 22, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Argyll Animal Aid.

**STEVENSON** - Suddenly at home, 7 Wellpark, Kilkenny, on January 8, 2016, Margaret Grace Stevenson, in her 64th year, mother of Gregor, Kenneth and Lin. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Church, on Friday, January 15, 2016 at 10.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BROWN** - Sheena, Andrew, Cassandra and family of the late Donald Brown would like to thank everyone for all their love, support, cards and expressions of sympathy during such a sad time. Sincere thanks to Dr Villalba, Dr Toledo, Kitty Millar (Macmillan Nurse) and district nurses. Thanks also to Rev W Crossan for such a lovely service, to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair, and to Ross Connor for the lovely piping at the graveside. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who attended the service and graveside. The retinal collection raised £345.72 for Cancer Research and District Nurses.

**MCLEAN** - Ken, Ian and their families would like to thank relations, friends and neighbours for their support on the sad loss of their dad, father-in-law and grampa, David McLean, Kintyre Road. A special thank you to Rev Hilda Smith for the uplifting service and Donald MacDonal for all the funeral arrangements, also a huge thanks to all his carers who looked after him so well in his latter years. Our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised over £400 for the church funds. We will all miss him.

**MCMILLAN** - Treasured memories of Norman, who passed away on Friday, January 15, 2010. Dearly and deeply loved. Greatly missed. Always remembered, always. Ac fond miss.

**WARROCK** - In loving memory of Robert, died January 16, 2011. Loved and remembered every day. Helen and family, at home and abroad.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFENE AND KILBERRY**  
**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 Sunday 17th January 2016  
 Skipness Service 10.00am  
 Tarbert Service 11.30am  
 Mr James McLellan  
 For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
 Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 253735  
 Everyone very welcome  
 Tarbert & Kilberry SC02022  
 Bishop SC04020

**Scottish Episcopal Churches**  
 Everyone Welcome  
 Christ Church  
 Bishopspot Road, Lochgilphead (SC01975)  
 Sunday 11.00 am  
 Eucharist service  
 Coffee & Cake follows the service  
 St Columba's, Polalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC01391)  
 1st Sunday of the month  
 9.00am Eucharist Service  
 3rd Sunday of the month  
 3.30pm Evening Scottish Prayer Book  
 All Saints, Inverary (SC02546)  
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 Eucharist Service  
 Father Simon Mackenzie  
 Priest in charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arnam  
 01546 602315

**Church of Scotland**  
 Campbelltown Corps Church and Community Centre  
 Registered Charity No. 14078 and 14079 in Scotland SC08019  
 Burnside Street, Campbelltown  
 01586 523046  
**Thursday 16th January 2016**  
 10.00am - 12.00 noon  
 Coffee Morning  
**Sunday Services**  
 10.30am Morning Worship  
 Army Kirk  
 6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Tuesday**  
 Lunch Club - 12.15pm  
 Home League - 1.30pm  
**Wednesday**  
 7.00 pm Make and Munch  
 Craft Group  
**Thursday**  
 7.30pm Bible Study  
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 in Ardriahing at 11.00am and Achaohish at 12.30pm

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**Lochgilphead Parish Church**  
 Sunday 17th January 2016  
 11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
 Rev. Hilda Smith  
 Minister  
 All Welcome  
**Every Tuesday**  
 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bump, Babies and Toppers  
**Every Wednesday**  
 10.00 am - 4 pm. Drop-In Cafe  
 More info at www.lpchurch.co.uk

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFENESIDE**  
 Sunday 17th January 2016  
 Cumloiden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
 Rev. Dr Rodney D. M. Campbell  
 Morning Service in Cumloiden Church at 10 am  
 Glenaray and Inveraray  
 Church services scheduled for  
 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
 All Welcome

**Lochgilphead Baptist Church**  
 All Welcome  
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
 Sunday 17th January 2016  
 11.00 am  
 Morning Service  
 11am  
**OPEN HEART**  
 Lochgilphead Baptist Church  
 7pm  
 mainly music  
 Tuesdays at 10.15am  
**Jumpratt**  
 Fridays from 10am  
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**NORTH KNAPPALE PARISH CHURCH**  
 Charity Number SC001002  
 Sunday 17th January  
 Inverlussa Church  
 Prayer meeting 10.30am  
 Morning Worship 11.30 am  
 Rev. C. Acklam  
**Monday 18 January**  
 Prayer meeting 10 am  
 Tavayllich Church  
 All welcome  
 Enquiries 01546 60926  
 www.argyllcommunities.org.uk/nkppaleofcs

**Argyll Street, Campbelltown**  
 St Kieran Episcopal Church  
 Campbelltown  
 Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 17th January**  
 Epiphany 7  
 Holy Communion 10.45am  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
 Sunday 17th January 2016  
 Morning Worship  
 Ford 10.00 am  
 All Welcome  
 SC01221

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
**SUNDAY 17th January 2016**  
 11.00am  
 Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch  
**SPEAKER:** Graham McLean "The Will of Worship"  
**TEA**  
**21st JANUARY 2016**  
 10.00 am  
 (Please note change of time)  
 Prayer, Word and Sharing  
 All Welcome

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**free church of scotland**  
 George Street, Campbelltown  
**Sunday 17th January**  
 11.15am - Worship Service  
 Calum Ferguson  
**Wednesday 20th January**  
 12.30pm - Bible Study and Prayer  
 All Welcome  
 www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk  
 Scottish Charity Number: SC009880

**Springbank Evangelical Church**  
 75 Longrow, Campbelltown  
**Sunday 17th January 2016**  
 11.00am Family Communion  
 Service  
 Mr John Ives, Southend  
**Wednesday 12.30pm at the Free Church**  
 Joining in fellowship with Campbelltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study  
 For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 0586 551237.  
 www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
 SC014646

**Highland Parish Church**  
 SC002493  
 Sunday 17th January  
 The service will be held in the church at 11.15am and will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor  
 Badminich club meets in Kirk Street Hall on Tuesday  
 Primary 1-5: 6.30-7.50pm  
 Primary 6-7: 7.30-8.30pm

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
 Scottish Charity Number SC014886  
**Sunday 17th January**  
 Service 11.15  
 Next Generation Table Cloth Rev P Wallace  
**Tuesday 19th January**  
 Service 11.00am  
 Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
 Boys' Brigade  
 Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
 Junior Section 7.15pm  
 Church Hall  
**Thursday 21st January**  
 Choir 7.30pm  
**Friday 22nd January**  
 Lunch Club 12.00noon

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 11.00 am  
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**Pastor Chris Holden**  
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## Dunaverly players putt golf before festivities

DUNAVERLY'S December medal winner Ian Docherty proved that his recent good form was no fluke as he won convincingly with a net 62.

Results: 1 Ian Docherty 74-12-62, 2 Donald Taylor 75-6-69(bih), 3 Bill Brannigan 80-11-69, 4 Sandy Watson 80-9-71, 5 Ken MacMillan 88-13-75. Ian had the best gross score with a 74. CSS was 64.

Keith Johnson held off the challenge of Bobby Millar to win the Christmas competition with a net 63.

Results: 1 Keith Johnson 80-17-63, 2 Bobby Millar 75-11-64, 3 Hayden Chambers 74-6-69(bih) 4 Donald Taylor 75-6-69, 5 Owen Morgan 81-11-70, 6 Ken MacMillan 85-14-71. Hayden had the best gross with a 74.

The New Year competition was held in better weather than the previous two and Campbell McCallum took full advantage of this by returning an excellent gross score of 64.

The best combined aggregate handicap score of this event and the Christmas competition qualified for the Captain's prize of a bottle of whisky which Campbell won. He also had the best gross score. CSS was 65.

Results: 1 Campbell McCallum 64-4-60, 2 Hamish Taylor 80-13-67(bih), 3 Bill Brannigan 78-11-67, 4 Donald Taylor 74-6-68, 5 Sandy Watson 79-9-70, 6 Grant Edmondson 85-12-73.

Christmas and New Year combined result: 1 Campbell McCallum 71+60=131, 2 Donald Taylor 69+68=137, 3 Hamish Taylor 74+67=141.

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# Wee Toon's future sports stars start early

A PROGRAMME to instil a love of sport is up and running at Campbeltown Nursery.

Budding sports stars at the nursery have the opportunity to try a range of games, including golf, football and athletics, and are about to start a block of swimming lessons.

Training is given by qualified affiliated coaches in each of the sporting fields.

Many sessions run in partnership with Castlehill Primary School, incorporating a 'buddy system' where every nursery child is paired

with a primary five pupil to support them in the activities.

On evaluation of previous sessions, the Nursery and Castlehill believed that the benefits from this were equally as rewarding for the primary school children as they were for the nursery children.

Fioma Graham, Head of Centre at Campbeltown Nursery Centre, who is also a qualified athletics and running coach, believes there are many benefits of encouraging and supporting children to become involved in sport at an



One of the P5s helping a nursery pupil through athletics apparatus.

early age.

Mrs Graham said: 'As well as developing children's general gross motor skills, the fundamentals of most sports help children to develop an extensive range of transferable skills including, balance, coordination and social skills.'

'Participating in sport from an early age also helps to build children's competence and confidence not only in sport

but broadly across the curriculum.'

### Qualified

Mairi MacMillan, Childcare and Education Worker at Campbeltown Nursery, who is also a qualified Scottish Football Association coach, is similarly passionate about encouraging sport in children's early years.

Mrs MacMillan said: 'It helps them to adopt a healthy lifestyle, which



A youngster getting into the swing of golf.

in turn supports their holistic development and sets them up for a positive future.'

Florence Chrystie, a Tri Golf coach, delivered a workshop on early skills in golf for both the staff and children, which will be further developed by the nursery staff in block sessions.

Campbeltown Nursery Centre is also working in partnership with Rhona McSpornan, a Swim-

ming Coordinator, who will be leading swimming lessons for the children.

Registration week for a place at Campbeltown Nursery Centre starts in the week commencing Monday, February 1.

Spaces are available for all children who will be turning three years old between March 1 2016 until February 28 2017.



Racing to the finish line.

## Campbeltonians storm to victory in Mid Argyll winter duathlon

A PAIR of Campbeltown cycling/runners

blew away the competition for a Wee Toon

clean sweep of victories. On January 4, the Mid

Argyll Triathlon and Cycle Club held the first of its club confined winter Duathlon series at Barlussaigan.

### Good conditions

Sponsored by Fyne Wines, the race involved running and cycling and in good conditions Dominic Sharkey and Alix Geyer won the male and female categories respectively.

Duathlons combine a run, followed by cycling and finishing with a further race on foot in a similar format to a triathlon.

The event is organised by the Mid Argyll club, mainly to encourage members to keep training over the winter.

The next Duathlon is at Kilmichael Glassery on Sunday January 24.



Dominic and Alix toast their win.



John Dale chasing down Stuart Campbell.

# Carradale lose to 'Burgh

Helensburgh	5
Carradale	1
West of Scotland AFL	

THIRTY minutes deadlock was broken by three goals in eight minutes shattering Carradale's morale away at Helensburgh.

A spokesman said: 'Eight teenagers played last Saturday and had some dreadful luck such as two headers in the second half that hit the woodwork.'

'I have seen the side play much worse and still get the win.'

Helensburgh's first goal in the 33rd minute was headed home from a corner by their 6ft 4in striker.

From kick off after the goal Carradale lost possession from their own centre and were caught cold to go two nil down within a minute.

Helensburgh capitalised on a poor Neil MacMillan clearance in the 41st minute and their striker fired straight in to put them 3-0 ahead going into the break.

In the second half Andrew Smith sponsored visitors piled on the pressure but were unable to find a goal. Helensburgh scored twice more before Ryan McConnachie restored some honour in the closing minutes with Carradale's solitary goal.

Man of the match was Daniel Docherty.

This Saturday sees Carradale on the 3G pitch in Campbeltown at 1.30pm for an Argyll derby against Oban Athletic in round one of the Thomson Trophy.

## Young rugby players try on some new kit

KINTYRE'S mini rugby players lined up to meet the team's newest sponsor.

Campbeltown Rotary Club has donated £250 to Campbeltown Kintyre Rugby Football Club to provide complete new kits for the mini rugby players.

**Visited**  
Last Saturday Rotarian Alan Minshaw visited training and met some of the P4 to P7 players competing in the new strip. Unfortunately quite a number of the youngsters were unable to attend due to



Kintyre mini rugby players with Alan Minshaw. 25\_c03rugby01

seasonal colds. Mr Minshaw said: 'I played rugby during schooling in Cum-

bria but sadly have not played since; it is good to see our young players in uniform kit.'

## Grumoli scores consecutive triple tops

FULL Campbeltown District Darts Association results from week nine are as follows: Southend v Kilbrannan C postponed, Kilbrannan B 6 Ailsa 4, Fiddlers 9 Fiddlers B 1 and Kilbrannan A 5 Burnside 5.

Stephen Jordan scored 180 for the Fiddlers, Jock McLatchie scored 180 for Kilbrannan A and in week 8 fixtures Gary Grumoli scored two 180s, one in the singles and another in the doubles.



## Badminton stars should shuttle down to Kintyre



Action from the 2015 mixed doubles featuring eventual winners Jane Scott and Gregor Campbell. 08\_c06bad05

YOUNG players are sure to have a smashing time at the Argyll and Bute Primary Badminton Championships next month.

The event on Saturday February 6 between 11am and 4pm in Victoria Hall, Campbeltown is open to all P5, 6 and P7 pupils from across the county.

Organiser Anne Littleton said: 'This event, which has been running for about 10 years, is one of the few county level sporting events for primary school children held in Camp-

beltown. It would be great to see more entrants from Oban and Mid-Argyll.'

Last year's boy's singles winner was a P7 pupil, Elliot Gemmill, from Carradale and in the girl's singles Jane Scott, a P6 player, from Campbeltown.

Entry forms are available from Active Schools Co-ordinators or organiser Anne Littleton on 01583 421241 or anne.littleton@btinternet.com

# SPOT THE BALL

## THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £1200

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



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

- J Muir
- Burnbank Terrace
- Ardrishaig
- A MacVicar
- Brodie Crescent
- Lochgilphhead

### 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 lies. 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.

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### Easy to enter

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Pupils goal scorer Ross Souden heads past the post in an attempt to score a second goal.

## Souden scores to deny Saints in Argyll derby

**BATTLING** Campbeltown Pupils U14's beat Oban Saints U14s in an Argyll derby.

The Pupils youths were determined from the start in their first fixture of 2016 at Oban High School's all weather pitch.

It was an important game for both sides as both teams had been on good winning form this season and inflicted some hefty defeats on their opponents in recent games.

Both teams are highly placed in the table with the pupils in third place just two points off the leaders and Oban in fifth with three games in

<b>Oban Saints</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Campbeltown Pupils</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>DFDL Under 14 League</b>	

hand. The game kicked off at a frantic pace with both teams up for the game and trying to stamp their authority early on.

The game was quite evenly matched with Oban having the best possession early on and the Pupils turning the game and having the best of the possession in the second period of the first half.

They were rewarded late in the first half when a goal mouth scramble

ended with Ross Souden getting on the end of the ball to push it over the line to give the Pupils the lead.

The second half was much of the same with both sides playing at the same tempo as the first period and giving everything you would expect from an Argyllshire derby.

With time ticking away Saints nearly equalised when they hit the woodwork but the Pupils first half goal was enough to

win the game and take the three points for a great win and keep their winning run intact.



The Campbeltown Pupils U14 team before kickoff.

## Wheels come off the Pupils at East Kilbride Rolls Royce

<b>East Kilbride Rolls Royce</b>	<b>3</b>
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**CAMPBELTOWN** Pupils crashed to bottom of the SAFL Premier Division after a 3-0 defeat by East Kilbride Rolls Royce's slick side.

Travelling to Torycree in the southside of Glasgow, the visitors sat one point ahead of Saints Royce, and hoped for a win that would move them into sixth place in the table.

Despite lining up in a forward-thinking 4-4-2, a more direct style of play employed by the Pupils did little to create chances.

Ryan Deans produced a dangerous cross after a quick Pupils counter attack early on, but it flew past the onrushing Paul Grumoli who could only get the merest touch on the ball.

The home side were then in front, when a ball across goal was slotted in routinely by the EK forward.

Worse was to follow

just moments before half time. The home side doubled their lead from the same source, a run from the right flank going unmarked and a simple pass across the now outnumbered Reid Anderson in the Pupils' goal. It allowed the home number 10 to score with ease, giving the Pupils a mountain to climb to gain anything from the match.

The McFadyens-sponsored Pupils were noticeably improved in the second half, and started to apply pressure on the hosts' goal.

Shaun and Paul Grumoli both went close with headers, before Robin Barr's deflected strike, seemingly looping into the net, was tipped over desperately by the keeper.

Despite the Pupils' long spell of pressure in the second half, the killer blow arrived from the penalty spot at the other end with less than 15 minutes remaining.

**Wrong way**  
Another direct run from Rolls Royce's right midfielder saw him brought down by Pupils skipper Paul Grumoli, and one of the EK central defenders stepped up to send Anderson the wrong way from the spot.

It was a disappointing day all round, with the management keen to impress on the players in the dressing room afterwards the need to raise their game for the rest of the season.

**Scottish Cup**  
The Feathers Inn-sponsored Pupils turn their attention to Scottish Amateur Cup duty tomorrow (Saturday) when they welcome St Patrick's FP from Dumbarton in the fifth round of the competition.

Kick off is 2pm at Kintyre Park. See Campbeltown Football on Facebook for further information.



Pupils defend against an Oban attack.

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