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Town anger over rocketing bill for dialysis unit - see page 3

Billy - you're in our hearts and thoughts

Former schoolmates redouble support for Billy Irving

HE may be stuck thousands of miles away in India but Billy Irving remains firmly in the thoughts and hearts of former schoolpals in Campbeltown.

They sent that message to him loud and clear with a concert for him last Saturday night - a follow-up to similar fundraising last year - and raised more than £3,500.

In turn, the 34 year old, who was arrested on an anti-piracy boat 16 months ago, sent a video message to his friends, thanking them and telling how much their support mean to him.

Emotional

It proved quite emotional for those watching, not least of all his partner Yvonne

McHugh, at the Victoria Hall in Campbeltown last Saturday.

She was determined to make the journey from Oban, despite being due to give birth to their child in a few weeks time - and despite being in a car accident the previous day.

Damaged

'A car went into the back of mine, I wasn't hurt but my car was damaged,' she told the Courier.

'My mum drove me down for the concert. My hospital bag is in the boot along with a pram and a baby seat for the car, just in case.

'I was not going to miss this night. Billy was 18 when he left the town, but the people of

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Aimilia hits winning note at brass competition

Aimilia Chute was the open solo winner when Campbeltown Brass held its solo and ensemble competition on Sunday and welcomed back one of its former band members, professional musician Fergus Kerr, pictured with Aimilia, as adjudicator. See full story and pictures on page 8.

Exhibition will advise on flood protection

A PROPERTY flood protection exhibition is being held in the Aquilibrium, Campbeltown on Monday from 4pm to 7pm.

Advice and guidance will be given on: 10 ways flood water enters a home; more than 20 products that can prevent flood water entering a property; insurance renewal issues; and concerns on property flood repairs.

The free event being held by Argyll and Bute Council and Scottish Flood Forum is in response to the latest flooding in the town at the end of last year.

Similar exhibitions will also be held in Clachan on February 9 and Tarbert on February 19.

Charged with dangerous driving

A DRIVER has been charged with dangerous driving on the B843 near Machrihanish at 2.50am last Saturday.

The 24-year-old man has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Three motorists have also been issued with three penalty points and £100 fined for speeding at various locations throughout Kintyre in the past week.

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Former schoolmates redouble support for Billy Irving



Billy Irving before his arrest in India.



Yvonne McHugh with one of two paintings donated for auction by Campbeltown artist Ros Oman. 08_c05billyp01

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Campbeltown have done more than anyone for him.

'I can't get over their support. Everyone thinks of him so fondly and wants to help, and they have been so kind to me as well.

'It means so much to me that he has so many friends wanting to help and I know it keeps his spirits up. They skype him, message him and Facebook him.

'They have even set up a monthly debit they all contribute to. The money raised for him is keeping him off the streets.

'He spends most of his day stuck in his hotel, playing his chanter. Boredom is a problem, and I've seen a vulnerable side to him which I never saw before.'

Billy's brother, Jamie, travelled from Glasgow for the concert.

The Indian authori-



All smiles at the fundraiser for Billy Irving are, from left, organisers Gail Brown and Alix Geyer, partner Yvonne McHugh and her mother Jeannette, brother Jamie and organiser Catriona McLean. 08_c05billy02

ties initially claimed that Billy's US-based ship was carrying illegal weapons and ammunition.

The crew were released from custody last June when charges were quashed, but the Tamil Nadu police are appealing that decision and retaining passports and documents.

Yvonne said Billy's

lawyer believes the police are acting in contempt in court by not releasing the passports. She also feels the UK Foreign Office could push harder for their release.

Birth

She added: 'I'd dearly love Billy to be home in time for the baby being born, but I've no reason to hope that will hap-

pen. It will be hard for him not being there for the birth.'

Alix Geyer, one of concert organisers, said: 'Local business really rallied round with prizes for our raffle. We had loads of good prizes thanks to the efforts of Patsy Maguire whose son, John, went to school with Billy.'

'We are also grateful to

Jamie G's disco, singer Adam Fortune, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band and Twisted Melons who gave their services on the night for free.'

Funds for Billy should also be boosted by a closed auction for two paintings by Campbeltown artist Ros Oman. Bids must be lodged with Kintyre Hire by February 14.

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MSP raises marine tourism concerns

JAMIE McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, is raising the concerns of marine tourism businesses about plans to change how the Crown Estate operates in Scotland.

Under the Smith Commission plans, Crown Estate responsibilities and revenues will be passed to Scottish ministers with further devolution to local councils a distinct possibility.

The MSP said: 'I have been

contacted by marine tourism and boatyard businesses in my region, as well as community councils, who are concerned that if the management of moorings are devolved to local government their ground rent charges may rise significantly and this will threaten businesses and hit all local boat owners.

'Many have expressed the view that the Crown Estate has managed local harbours and mooring

areas in an efficient and successful way, involving local groups in decision-making, and have developed a team who have a great deal of expertise and knowledge which we do not want to lose.

'I have written to John Swinney on behalf of constituents and I am fully supportive of their call for there to be a substantial and inclusive consultation with all the relevant stakeholders before any detailed decisions are made.'



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- Early Years Helpline noted below

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Parents of eligible children should register at their preferred provider, taking along their child's birth certificate or passport, during week commencing 2nd Feb 2015 during the normal operational hours of the unit.

Flat door vandalised

POLICE in Campbeltown are appealing for information after a flat door at 26 Burnside Street was kicked and vandalised between 8pm and 8.45pm last Wednesday.

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Importance of power of attorney

AN informal information talk will be held in Campbeltown as part of a national campaign by Age Scotland urging people to plan ahead and make a power of attorney.

A spokesman for Age Scotland said: 'A power of attorney (POA) is a legal document which gives someone else the authority to make specific decisions about your life - including issues around finances, care and property - if you were to need help or lose the ability to make those decisions for yourself.'

'Writing a POA is one of the most important decisions you can make and it's one you should not keep putting off, as many people do.'

The talk in Campbeltown is in the Free Church, George Street, on Wednesday, February 4 from 11am to noon.

All welcome.

Bank cards stolen

A PURSE, mobile phone and bank cards were stolen from a flat at 26 Burnside Street, Campbeltown between 3am and 6am on Sunday.

Anyone with any information is asked to call Campbeltown Police, tel 101.

Car damaged

POLICE are appealing for information after a vehicle parked in John Street, Campbeltown was damaged by a stone last Saturday at around 11pm.

Telephone 101 and ask for Campbeltown Police.

New house plan

A PLANNING application to build a house and detached garage, install a heat source pump and create new vehicle access on land 50 metres east of 2 Knockruan Way, Campbeltown, has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

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Funding bombshell for town's dialysis unit

THERE is anger and dismay with NHS Highland over a rocketing bill to establish a kidney dialysis unit at Campbeltown Hospital.

In a matter of a few months its capital costs estimates have shot up from around £40,000 to £111,000 - with the health authority urging fundraisers to find the extra money.

The Kintyre Dialysis Campaign has already given NHS Highland a cheque for £50,000 thanks to the incredible fundraising efforts of local community groups and individuals.

As well as the latest call for more money, the completion date for the unit has been set back to late June instead of spring.

Meanwhile, seriously-ill Kintyre patients continue to make the

arduous thrice-weekly A83 round trip to Alexandria for vital treatment.

This week, Councillor Donald Kelly, the campaign chairman, said: 'We are totally committed to making this project a reality, but are extremely disappointed the NHS continually moves the goalposts in respect to the funding required.'

'It knew in October we had a £35,000 target to buy dialysis machines and chairs for year two of the project. 'It then hit us with the bombshell that it wanted us to give £40,000 to meet the capital costs of preparing a unit.'

'We gave £50,000 - £10,000 above the sum requested - and resumed our fundraising for the chairs and machines.'

'Now, incredibly, we are being asked to keep giving because

the capital costs will be around £111,000.

'The fundraising efforts of our community have went way and beyond what NHS or any other organisation would expect them to achieve.'

'We feel we have exhausted people's goodwill - how much can we go on asking them to give?'

'It is now time for the NHS to step up to the plate and meet any anticipated shortfall in respect to the capital costs for this project.'

Other members of the campaign group are furious with NHS Highland.

One, who did not want named, said: 'It is hard to trust it anymore. It looks as if its management does not have a clue what it is doing.'

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, said: 'I under-



The new dialysis unit is to be established at Campbeltown Hospital.

stand local concerns about the additional demands for funding from NHS Highland. I will be raising this with health minister Shona Robison.'

A NHS Highland spokesman said this week that costs had shot up because the original room to be used at the hospital was too small.

A bigger location, along with infection control issues, have brought much higher costs.

The health authority said it 'remains totally committed to the proj-

ect' but insists it does not have the budget for capital costs.

It is meeting extensive revenue costs, including the increased nursing and auxiliary staff and dialysis drugs. Training of nurses for the unit has already started.

Kirstin Gillies, service planning manager at Campbeltown Hospital, said: '£111,000 is now the figure we are working towards.'

The fundraising by the community has been amazing and we are so grateful for everything achieved in

such a short time. 'I would ask if they could continue with their fundraising as without their support we would never have got this project up and running in the first place.'

A National Kidney Federation spokesman said that in the interests of the patients involved, he hoped that everyone 'stayed focused' on ensuring that a unit was established in Campbeltown as soon as possible.

* See comment on page 6.

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The unspoilt Barr Glen, described as 'very sensitive countryside'.

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No bending in the wind

MP and MSP remain strong opponents to Glenbarr turbines

THE bid for a large-scale wind farm at Creggan in Glenbarr is still strongly opposed by Argyll's leading politicians - despite the developer modifying its plans.

Burcote Wind recently proposed reducing the number of turbines by one to 18, reducing their height from 125 metres to 110 metres and pushing the farm a further

three-quarters of a mile inland from Glenbarr village.

However, Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid remains unimpressed, as does the area's MSP, Mi-



Alan Reid says there are far more suitable locations for turbines than Barr Glen.

chael Russell. Mr Reid told the Courier this week: 'I am supportive of wind farms in the right place, but the Creggan development is most definitely in the wrong place.'

'It would be on land defined as "very sensitive countryside" in the Local Plan and borders an area defined as "of Outstanding Panoramic Quality".'

'It would conflict with the Local Plan, which describes the natural and built environment of Argyll and Bute as our greatest asset "which needs to be protected and enhanced".'

'The minor changes proposed by Burcote don't address these objections.'

'Also, given the claim by Burcote that it has come up with an innovative new design for Creggan Wind Farm, one must ask why did it not submit this design in the first place?'

'If, as Burcote says, there will be no need for unsightly deforestation as a result of its changes, why was this deforestation included in its original plan?'

'There are far more suitable locations for wind farms. The Argyll and Bute Landscape



Michael Russell says Burcote's proposals are 'among the least acceptable I have seen'.

Wind Energy Capacity Study 2012, jointly commissioned by Argyll and Bute Council and Scottish Natural Heritage, seeks to reinforce the established spatial pattern of wind farm development by encouraging development on the upland spine of Kintyre where it would shed less influence upon the more sensitive coastal landscapes. 'Burcote should take on board the message that its wind farm isn't wanted by the local community.'

That view was echoed by Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell, who told the Courier: 'Bur-

cote's proposals do not appear to be supported by any significant part of the Glenbarr community.'

'The visual effect and impact on the community make this wind farm scheme among the least acceptable I have seen and I believe that is a view widely shared in Kintyre.'

Burcote has always insisted there is considerable support in the village for its proposals - a view challenged strongly by its opponents.

The Creggan proposal, which will be decided by the Scottish government, is also opposed by Argyll and Bute Council.

Blary turbines opposition Commission



THE Forestry Commission for Scotland has joined a growing list of objectors to plans for 14 giant turbines at Blary Hill near Glenbarr.

It has informed Argyll and Bute Council that it is 'of the view that the application will have a significant impact on woodland'.

Among concerns detailed by the commission are: woodland removal, grazing levels and impacts on deer, and forest waste.

A few months ago Scottish Natural Heritage objected to the plan because of its fears of effects on Greenland white-fronted geese which roost at nearby Loch Arnicle, a protected area for the bird.

SNH has also stated the wind farm would have 'significant and adverse impacts on the landscape character and visual amenity of Barr Glen'.

It points out that this impact could be reduced by the removal of a row of four 110-metre high tur-

bines closest to the shoulder of Blary Hill.

The Courier also recently told of the concerns of Barr Glen residents Albert and Dianne Roberts over the fact that RES proposes 1,600 vehicle movements for related 'forestry activities' over a four-month period alone.

Access would be along the single-track Barr Glen Road, which would have to be widened, before turning off onto a forestry track directly in front of the Roberts' home.

Irrespective

RES countered the Roberts' concerns by stating that the proposed wind farm is 'on a commercial forestry plantation, which irrespective of the wind farm has planned felling requirements'.



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'Rocky road' in building a wind farm

Construction work would see 16,000 extra HGV journeys on A83

WORK vehicles, many HGV, will be a constant presence on the A83 for two years if the Creggan Wind Farm at Glenbarr goes ahead - and that worries MSP Michael Russell and other objectors.

Burcote, the developer, has estimated 58,600 vehicle journeys during construction work.

That includes almost 16,000 heavy goods vehicles.

Burcote insists that across a typical 12-hour day this would average out to 'less than two additional vehicle movements every 10 minutes and average HGV movements would be less than two every half hour'.

However, the wind company was heavily criticised by Mr Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, over its 'spin' of figures.

'Again and again Burcote presents information with a spin on it,' he

told the Courier. 'When you take the spin off it you discover the reality, which is unappealing.'

'Traffic will increase greatly during the construction period on parts of the A83 which are difficult enough already.'

Glenbarr resident Boyd Sneddon is also alarmed by the traffic figures.

He said: 'I have seen how fast the access road has been created for the Freasdale development at Whitehouse.'

Condensed

'Preparing the access road at Creggan, which would require thousands of HGV movements, will be condensed into a handful of months - not spread evenly over two years.'

'In those months there could be a constant flow of HGVs trundling along the A83, literally one every few minutes.'

'Burcote admits that "for the majority of the construction period, ve-



The slow movement of dozens of turbine sections to Glenbarr would be only a fraction of the HGV and other traffic generated by the proposed development.

hicle movements will be significantly below the potential maximum levels identified" - that logically concedes there will be an intense period

when traffic movement will be much higher than the projected average.

'There are going to be a lot of frustrated drivers stuck behind lorries

on that road. People will take risks. There would also have to be roadworks and traffic lights on the A83 in Glenbarr to start the access work.'

Burcote says Transport Scotland is not concerned by its plans.

A Burcote spokesman said: 'Wind farm transport requirements are heavily regulated by bodies such as Transport Scotland to minimise the impact of freight movements on traffic and the environment, particularly emissions and noise.'

'Transport Scotland has told us it is "satisfied the proposed development will not give rise to any significant environmental impacts on the trunk road network or its adjacent receptors.'

'Both Burcote and Transport Scotland are satisfied that the extra traffic associated with the proposed development will have minimal impact on the A83 either from the north or south of Glenbarr.'

'We believe the focus should, indeed, be on how best to improve Argyll's road infrastructure

to encourage inward investment, rather than suggesting the people of Kintyre give up on any economic improvements and discourage haulage altogether, with the negative impact this would have.'

Mr Russell said: 'It is ridiculous for the company to call for road improvements, as they would be impossible to achieve before construction starts if these plans go ahead.' A Kintyre Turbine Watch spokeswoman said: 'These traffic figures are frightening - they would cause huge disruption and upheaval for A83 travellers.'

'So many heavy lorries would also have an inevitable impact on the condition of the road.'

'These are just further reasons for our group to oppose this development. Barr Glen is an utterly inappropriate location for it.'

Proposed by Forestry



Albert and Dianne Roberts at the entrance to their drive with the Barr Glen Road and the access for the proposed removal of 1,600 lorry loads of timber. 08_c48barr02

It also said the widened road would have new passing places which 'will significantly ease the flow of traffic along it and ensure any disruption to residents is minimised'.

There is widespread opposition among Glenbarr residents to both Blary Hill and the neighbouring 18-turbine Creggan application.

The Courier recently revealed that more than 320 properties as far away as

Tayinloan, Saddell and the edge of Carradale stand to benefit from a £325 annual reduction in electricity bills if the Blary Hill development goes ahead.

Barr Glen residents say it is a derisory amount of money in relation to their loss of amenity and the expected devaluation of their properties.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell and MP Alan Reid are also opposed to the Blary Hill proposal.

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The new NHS?

LAST year serious questions were raised over the manner in which NHS Highland went about its business regarding proposals for a Methadone clinic in Campbeltown. Kintyre residents were left deeply concerned about an apparent lack of clarity and transparency on the part of the health authority. Many people then lost all faith and trust in it when a Methadone service was set up without the promised full consultation with the community.

Now NHS Highland appears prepared to again 'move the goalposts', this time over the setting up of a dialysis unit at Campbeltown Hospital. It gave the go ahead for a unit in October with the understanding that the community would fundraise for dialysis machines and chairs to be provided in year two of the project. Very quickly, however, the health authority sought £40,000 immediately from the fundraising Kintyre Dialysis Campaign to meet capital costs to prepare a unit. Astonishingly, those estimated costs have now jumped to £111,000 and NHS Highland thinks its reasonable, like Oliver, to ask the community for more - a ridiculous amount more. Are the incredibly generous people of Kintyre being seen as an easy cash cow? Or mugs?

At the very least all this makes NHS bosses look clueless about what they were committing to in terms of cost.

Since when were taxpayers asked to fund for vital - Kintyre dialysis patients travel further than anywhere else in Scotland for treatment - NHS services twice over? Is this the new NHS - that it will only avoid going private as long as the public coughs up big time in other ways?

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Good response to Abbey survey

Sir,
The Clan MacAlister Charitable Trust would like to follow up on our last letter of thanks to all those who supported Glenbarr Abbey over the two Christmas open days in December.

We have now had a chance to compile the results of the surveys undertaken on those days. 100 surveys were printed of which 89 were completed. We have replied by email to the 15 folk who asked for information or offered help, with five more being followed up by post. However, there were a few folk who only gave a telephone number and did not specify what they wished to receive, so if anyone would like to contact the Abbey we will happily send out more information.

We considered this response to be excellent, especially as there were a good few who might be willing to help on a voluntary basis in various aspects of keeping the Abbey going while the forthcoming regeneration project is underway.

We are holding a public meeting at the Abbey tomorrow (Saturday) at 2pm. It would be helpful to know numbers in advance, and we are quite happy to send out information afterwards, to anyone who can't be there on the day.

We will be bringing everyone up to date on what has been happening over the past year and organising work for those that can offer their help.

Clan MacAlister Charitable Trust.

Ben Gullion omission

Sir,
On a recent walk up Ben Gullion I noticed a new information board which says among other things that 'this iconic hill has lent its name to a jig, a brand of lemonade, and a boat'. Which is fair enough.

Nevertheless I was sorry to see that it made no reference to the excellent local band Gullion who featured only recently in the Courier.

I am reporting this anomaly because I suspect that the members of the band don't walk the hill they are named after, and so might never be able to witness this terrible oversight for themselves.

David Fee
Campbeltown.

Real story of the bedroom tax

Sir,
I refer to the letter last week from the SNP's Mr Moodie.

Let me make it absolutely clear - I voted against the bedroom tax when it was introduced and voted in favour of the two Bills introduced since then to try to abolish it. On none of these three occasions did more than half the SNP MPs bother to turn up and vote.

The message is clear. If you elect an SNP MP, don't expect him or her to turn up and vote on important Bills.

I campaigned successfully for extra money for rural councils like Argyll and Bute to pay the bedroom tax on behalf of tenants.

I also campaigned successfully to get the bedroom tax devolved to the Scottish par-

liament. If anyone in Scotland is still paying the bedroom tax, then the SNP is to blame because it has the power to abolish it in Scotland. The big issue in the coming election is the SNP's crackpot idea to change the way the Scottish parliament is funded by replacing the Barnett Formula with disappearing oil revenues. That would mean Scottish taxpayers paying 14p more in the pound in income tax.

With policies like that, only the very rich can afford to vote SNP.

Alan Reid MP
Argyll and Bute.

Kintyre Way boosts local economy

Sir,
Last Wednesday the community company that operates the Kintyre Way held its AGM. Those that attended heard how the route had been extended to 100 miles, how it had been maintained, what marketing had been done as well as planning and funding for the next year.

The Kintyre Way brings in about £1m into Kintyre each year. If it was not there our local economy would be even worse. Most of this comes to accommodation providers so enabling more local purchases and more local employment.

The volunteer board need to be thanked for the many hours they put in for the general benefit of Kintyre business. The AGM however was not well attended, only five out of about 40 accommodation providers turned out. Let's hope the board is successful in their grant appli-

cations for development and maintenance, if not there will be no more Kintyre Way.

Alan Milstead
Carradale.

Looking for former workmate

Sir,
In the late 1950s I worked with a father and son, Ian and Archie MacDonald from Campbeltown, at the construction of the fast reactor site at Dounreay, Caithness.

From memory, their address in their hometown was Ail-sa House. It is unlikely that Ian is still alive, but can anyone give me any information about Archie, as it would be very fine to hear from him after all these years.

My email address is: trantlebeg@btinternet.com

Alistair Fraser
Halladale.

Farmers need help fast

Sir,
Is the Kintyre farmer on his way to milking his last cow while greedy supermarkets slash milk prices cheaper than bottled water?

Richard Lochhead, the rural affairs minister, needs to act fast to help struggling farmers. The whole farming community is so fragile.

You can't put water on your cornflakes and I want to see produced in Scotland on the label, not produced in China.

Stephen Johnstone
Ardentiny.



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UKIP candidate Caroline Santos.

Argyll has UKIP candidate

UKIP will have a candidate standing in Argyll and Bute at this May's general election. Caroline Santos was brought up and educated in Argyll, attending Rashfield Primary and Dunoon Grammar.

Ms Santos initially spent time working in the tourist industry on Tiree and then at a fish farm outside Dunoon, before going on to spend some of her career working in the care industry while bringing up three children. She is now back in the tourist industry.

Keen interest

She said: 'I've always had a keen interest in politics, particularly those issues affecting rural areas, and believe the cosy Westminster club of career politicians has gone on for too long.'

'I'm a passionate believer in freedom and less government, with a libertarian angle alarmed by the dictatorship of the EU and the growing cancer of nationalism back home. UKIP was my natural choice.'

'If elected, I will prove a doughty champion

for the issues affecting Argyll and Bute while campaigning to end rule from Brussels and promote Scotland's place at the heart of a United Kingdom.'

The Liberal Democrats (Alan Reid), Conservatives (Alastair Redman) and Labour (Mary Galbraith) have also selected their candidates.

Careful living paid off for working-class family

THE £1.4 million bequest shared in Kintyre over the past year came from a working-class family who lived in a council house.

Last week, the Courier revealed how around 40 groups and organisations small and large had benefited from money left by the last of the family.

Community groups were stunned when Campbeltown solicitor Christian Kane told them they were to receive a share of a fortune left by an anonymous benefactor.

In an interview with the Scotsman Mr Kane said: 'This money was accumulated over two

generations. The parents both worked and were careful, the children were careful and they never married.'

'The money, invested mostly in building societies and term bonds, just mounted up, even though they all worked in ordinary jobs. They were always money-conscious and never smoked or drank.'

'Mum and dad were in a council house, which

they then purchased, and the children lived with them until the last one went into a nursing home.'

The last surviving sister, who died in her 90s more than a year ago, left instructions in her will to distribute the cash to good causes but left Mr Kane the responsibility of selecting recipients.

£1.2 million was left in the old lady's will, but it

subsequently accumulated £200,000 in interest.

Mr Kane and his business partner often chose groups which would have difficulty finding funds from other sources.

He added: 'This was the first time we have been unable to obtain instructions on specifically where the money should go, but this lady had lost touch with

where she should put it and did not want the responsibility.'

'There were no other relatives we knew about.'

The largest donation was £125,000 to the children's hospice charity CHAS, while £40,000 went to Kintyre Dialysis Campaign.

Last week, the Courier told how the windfall had transformed some struggling groups.

Number of jobless halves

THE number of people out of work in Argyll and Bute has halved in the past year.

The latest employment figures announced by the Office of National Statistics for December 2014 show that the number of Jobseeker's Allowance claimants was 982 - 499 lower than the previous December. The number of jobless aged 18 to 24 has gone down by a third from 330 to 220.

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'The Government's recovery plan is working. It is particularly good to see that more young people are in work.'

GRADUATION

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Bobby recently graduated from James Cook University, Cairns, Australia. Bobby now runs his own Orthodontic practice with his wife in Cairns. Bobby is the youngest son of Elizabeth Blair and the late Robert Griffin, youngest stepson of Chris Blair.

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Standard of young brass performers praised

CAMPBELTOWN Brass welcomed back one of its former band members Fergus Kerr on Sunday. Now a professional musician and French horn player, his task was to adjudicate the band's solo and ensemble competition.

Prior to giving his adjudication, Fergus performed a short recital - romance by Saint Saens and Hunter's Moon by Gilbert Vinter - giving a brilliant exhibition of all the attributes needed to master this fine instru-

ment. The competition itself produced tremendous playing which the adjudicator described as far higher than he would normally expect from such young competitors.

Quartet of girls

The ensemble section was won by a quartet of girls, Hannah Oman, Amy Paterson, Rebecca Semple and Suen Yee Walker playing Petite Suite for Brass.

Taking the honours in the primary school age section was trombonist Jamie Colville winning



Ensemble winners Campbeltown Brass B, Hannah Oman, Rebecca Semple, Amy Paterson and Suen Yee Walker, with Fergus Kerr.



Jamie Colville, beginners solo winner.



Intermediate solo winner Amy Paterson.

the Jimmy Taylor Shield for Beginners and tenor horn player Andrew McMillan whose tremendous performance of The Shepherd of Israel carried off the Emma Paterson Memorial Trophy.

The secondary school competition was keenly contested and Amy Paterson won the Lynsey-Wardrop Trophy, while euphonium soloist Aimilia Chute won the Jenny Ralston Trophy.

Other trophy winners were Kyle Paterson with the Mathieson Tro-

phy, while Erin McLellan and Owen Pickering lifted the two Alan Edmund trophies.

An added treat this year was an open non-competitive section featuring soloists Tanya McDonald, Kenny Ralston, Gordon Evans and a senior brass ensemble.

The boardroom at Campbeltown Community Centre was packed to the rafters and MC Peter Chute thanked everyone for supporting a memorable and enjoyable event. Well done to all the competitors and

congratulations to all the winners.

Results: Class 1 ensembles winner - Campbeltown Brass B (Hannah Oman, Rebecca Semple, Amy Paterson and Suen Yee Walker).

Class 2 beginners solo (less than a year playing experience) - Jamie Colville (trombone), runner up - Rhona Campbell (flugel).

Class 3 primary solo - Andrew McMillan (eb horn). Runner up - Kyle Paterson (eb horn).

Class 4 intermediate solo (S1 and S2) - Amy Paterson (eb horn). Runner up - Erin McLellan (cornet).

Class 4 open solo (S3 - S6) - Aimilia Chute (euphonium).



Andrew McMillan, primary solo winner, with Fergus Kerr.

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The fox stares straight at Eva Graham's camera.

The quick ginger fox jumps after oystercatcher

IT WAS a wonderful snapshot of nature in winter - a hungry fox trying to catch a seabird.

Eva Graham, from Campbeltown, could not believe her eyes at first, but the keen nature photographer had the wit to keep taking pictures.

'I was about to take a group of oystercatchers when suddenly they flew up in the air,' she told the Courier.

'I saw this ginger thing running. I thought it was a cat, then I realised it was a fox. It was quite a shock.'

'It heard me shout to my partner, Graham, and turned and looked straight at me. I managed to capture that moment.'

'It was a very healthy



The fox bounds across a stony beach in the hope of catching dinner.

looking fox with a massive bushy tail.

'I'm used to seeing scraggy urban foxes from living in Glasgow but you don't see that many foxes around here.'

It was not what I expected to see on a beach. It was obviously hungry.'

Eva, 61, who left Campbeltown when she was 18 and moved back to the town two years

ago, was out for a drive on the Learside Road with Graham Nisbet last Monday morning hoping to capture a sunrise. Instead, they were treated to the sight of

the hungry fox when they stopped at the small beach by Corphin Bridge.

Graham, 59, said: 'I managed to get a picture of it in full flight chasing the birds. Unfortunately the photograph is blurry.'

Eva added: 'It was great to see the fox like that, on a beach hunting prey.'

'Graham got me interested in photography. It gets us outdoors when we are both off work.'

* Do you have a local nature picture you would like to share with our readers? Email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk with your name, a few details and a contact telephone number.



The oystercatchers take flight on seeing the fox.

Mentor scheme for Argyll musicians

ACCLAIMED singer-songwriter Joe McAlinden is looking for young musicians from Argyll to join his music mentoring project.

Music Plus + aims to help 14-19-year-olds gain experience in the music industry and is being run in part by Joe, from Strathlachlan, near Strachur.

Joe is the Argyll and Bute co-ordinator of the Scottish Music Centre-run scheme, which is also supported by Creative Scotland.

He said: 'We are look-

ing for people now but places are filling up and if young people from Argyll and Bute don't sign up places will be allocated elsewhere.'

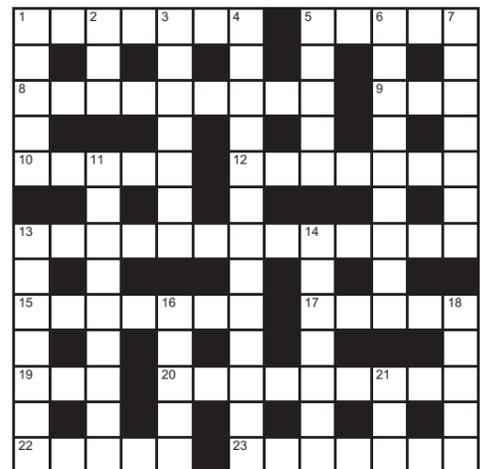
'The area is geographically challenging, so it is a bit more difficult to get the word out about the project, but I know that there are a lot of people who would benefit.'

Anyone interested can visit the Music Plus + website - www.musicplus.org.uk - and sign up for a place on the project, or even for some free advice.



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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Cultivated (7)
- 5 Beat (5)
- 8 Nickname (9)
- 9 Rent or stop prematurely (3)
- 10 Teenager maybe (5)
- 12 Number of printed rows (7)
- 13 Not giving good results (13)
- 15 Funnel shaped flowers (7)
- 17 Watery discharge (5)
- 19 Road coating (3)
- 20 Ranking order (9)
- 22 Grant (5)
- 23 High pointed roof (7)

Down

- 1 Hazardous (5)
- 2 Watch chain (3)
- 3 Nor (7)
- 4 Those who cross (6-7)
- 5 Behemoth (5)
- 6 Know what one sees (9)
- 7 Cotton fabric (7)
- 11 Not normal (9)
- 13 Solvent from distilling petrol (7)
- 14 Rigging (7)
- 16 Not in any manner (5)
- 18 Possibly (5)
- 21 Ceiling (3)

Last week's solution



TREAT YOUR LOVED ONE THIS

VALENTINE'S DAY



VALENTINE'S DAY is the perfect opportunity to spoil that special someone. Whether it be rekindling an old flame or sparking a new romance, your other half deserves the best.

Flowers are an age-old classic to suit every budget - A dozen red roses has always been considered the pinnacle of romance but if the wallet is still feeling light after Christmas florists will have plenty of cheaper alternatives. Carnations are known to last up to three weeks, the perfect bunch for those who like to make their money last.

Valentine's is a time to celebrate love and a personal touch will really show you care. Framed photographs are always a big hit and these days you can have an image printed on just about anything. Mouse mats, mugs, clothes, you name it, you can have something printed on it. Why not do things the old fashioned way and put a romantic photo inside a locket - traditionalists will appreciate the sentimental value.

Those lucky enough to be in the first exciting throws of a new relationship can struggle to choose a personal gift. If you don't yet know the recipient well enough to choose something unique, fragrances and chocolates go down well with both sexes.

Plenty of couples are happy with a Valentine's dinner at home but if you want to push the boat out most pubs and restaurants offer special menus or deals on the 14th.

If quality time is what you need romantic getaways are a perfect gift idea. A secluded B&B destination will offer tranquil walks and cosy fires or celebrate in style with dinner and a show in a nearby town or city.

Various surveys over the years have shown that men spend around double what women do on Valentine's gifts, so ladies it's time to splash the cash. If the man in your life is treating you to dinner, you could make sure you look your best for the occasion. Treating yourself to a haircut, manicure or facial will ensure your man is the envy of the restaurant when he walks in with you. Can't choose a treatment? A lot of salons will book you in for an entire morning or afternoon of pampering so make the most of what they have to offer.

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# Funding picture almost complete

## Cinema receives £409,000 from Coastal Community Fund

ANOTHER massive part of the jigsaw for the restoration of the historic Campbeltown Picture House fell into place this week.

It received more than £400,000 from the UK government's Coastal Community Fund - leaving the cinema 'tantalisingly close' to its target.

That money follows last month's crucial £1.1 million donation from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Jane Mayo, chairwoman of Campbeltown Community Business (CCB) group, which is behind the redevelopment of the cinema, said: 'We are delighted to have been awarded £359,000 capital funding and £50,000 revenue funding for the next two years from the Coastal Community Fund.'

'This brings our centenary project funding a further step closer to the £3 million needed.'

'It will also help us deliver the monthly film shows we shall be organising for our community to enjoy until The Picture House can reopen.'

'Thanks to the gener-



**Campbeltown Picture House is moving ever closer to refurbishment and modernisation work starting.** 20\_c34cinema03

osity of the funding organisations who have contributed to date, we are getting tantalisingly close to the total capital funding needed.

'We have a few more applications to funders in the pipeline and will be organising further fundraising locally to help reach the total.'

'Campbeltown supports so many ventures and we are grateful to be included.'

'Exciting times lie ahead for our cinema, and CCB will keep the community up to date with news.'

'I should also like on behalf of our board of directors to thank our first-class team of consultants guiding us through this process.'

lines our support to ensure these ideas become reality.

'This latest grant will place the restored historic Picture House at the centre of the town's regeneration.'

'Campbeltown Community Business Ltd will restore the 1930s A-listed building and add contemporary facilities which will radically improve the audience experience and ensure that the venue can operate successfully as a sustainable community-based business and cultural hub for Kintyre.'

It is hoped work on the cinema will be completed next year.

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid said: 'This is very welcome news. The Wee Pictures is unique in Scotland, if not the whole of the UK.'

Mr Reid said money from the fund would also allow Tarbert Harbour Authority's £500,000 project to upgrade smaller summer pontoons and provide additional berthing for larger boats and better disabled access at the harbour.



**Top table, from left, Carol Anderson, Campbell Anderson, president Jimmy Anderson, Shona Anderson, Alec Wyper, Martina Wyper, Jimmy Anderson, Eilidh Anderson and John Johnston.**

## Much laughter at bowling club's Burns' Supper

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club held its annual Burns' Supper in the Stronvaar clubhouse last Friday night with around 100 members and friends in attendance.

This event is very popular in the club's social calendar as it tends to be more 'Carry on Burns' than the traditional, serious suppers.

To open proceedings Hugh MacDonald delivered the Selkirk Grace to be followed by John Johnston who addressed the haggis with his usual, couthy aplomb before an excellent two-course meal was served. Following this, the immortal memory speech

by Alec Wyper from Skelmorlie was well received, especially as much of it revolved around the exploits of president Jimmy Anderson while also being very informative about the bard.

The toast to the lassies by Campbell Anderson that included a poetic, comic storm had the audience rolling in the aisles with laughter and Eilidh Anderson's reply was equally well received.

The speeches were interspersed by Burns' songs performed by Alistair Gillies, Margaret Bannatyne and David McKillop who brought the proceedings to a close.

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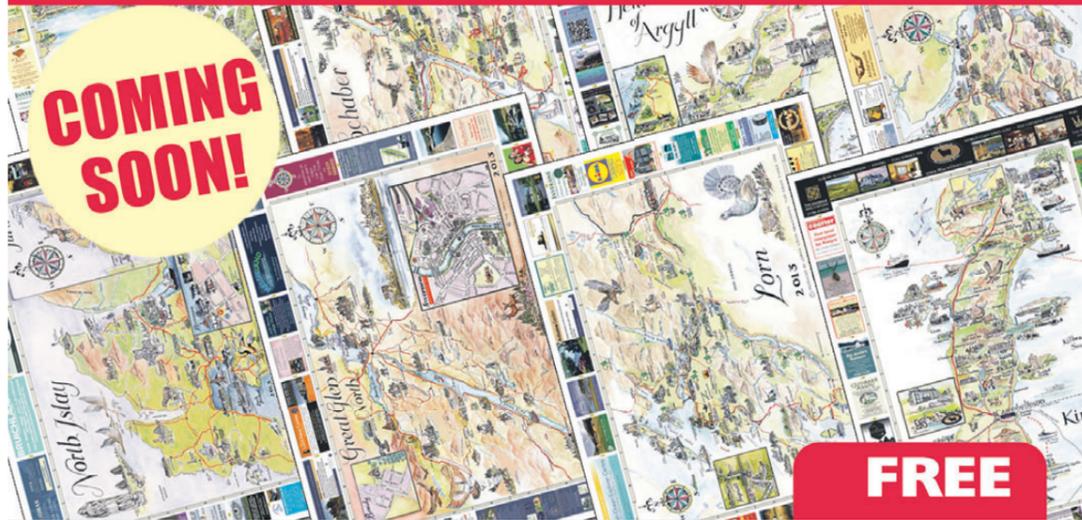


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**LARGIESIDE**

**Largieside WRI meeting**

THE January meeting of the Largieside WRI in Tayinloan Village Hall saw president Helen Steel wish members a warm new year welcome.

There was fond remembrance at the meeting for Margaret Semple, who sadly passed away last month.

The speaker for the evening was Elizabeth Ball from Clachan, who collects china - mainly matching cups, saucers and plates - and has a large collection which she brought with her.

She has sets from around the world and is very knowledgeable on the subject, pointing out the first set she collected, and devoted a sec-

tion of her talk to the history of tea sets, which proved an enjoyable and enlightening talk.

Hostesses for the evening were Trish Johnson and Enid Williams and the vote of thanks was given by Pat Rawson. Competition results are as follows:

Three custard creams - Jessie Main 5, Ann Clark 4, Helen Steel 3, Pat Rawson 3. Favourite cup and saucer - Adrienne Bradley 5, Pat Rawson 4, Ann Clark 3, Jessie Main 2, Zandra McDougall, Mary McDonald, Helen Steel and Trish Johnson 1.

**CLACHAN**

**Fun night with Fimo**

ZOE Weir, one of Clachan SWRI's newest

members, demonstrated modelling with Fimo at the January meeting. She had bought different coloured blocks of Fimo on line, and brought various cutters and moulds for members to try out.

They made some interesting and attractive items. Zoe baked them while members had tea and then they were passed around members to see each other's work. It was a fun night and everyone enjoyed themselves.

**BRUICHLADDICH**

**Plan to replace porch**

A PLANNING application to build a replacement porch at Tigh-Na-Sgeiran, Bruichladdich, Islay has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

**SOUTHEND**



This photograph called Big Sky features Dunaverty and Sanda in the background.

**Still time for Southend photos**

ENTRIES are still being sought for next weekend's Southend Photo Competition.

Christine Jardine, one of the organisers, said: 'We have had lots of entries so far and there is still one more day to enter.'

'I am particularly excited to see the children's photos from Southend Primary. It will be fascinating to see the village

through their eyes.'

There are two categories, adult and under-16, with entries at £4 per photo for adults with the chance to win £50. There is also a junior category, where entries cost £2 and the prize is £25.

Christine added: 'Entrants should note that their pictures do not have to be from this year.'

Those interested can email entries to [dunavertyphotos@outlook.com](mailto:dunavertyphotos@outlook.com) and should await an entry form in return, with details on paying the entry fee.

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**MP presses for action on phone services**

ALAN Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, met with senior officials from Vodafone Ltd at the Houses of Parliament last week and was briefed on the work restoring mobile phone service to Islay, Tiree and other parts of his constituency.

Following the meeting Vodafone told him: 'We're working hard to get all the sites back up and running and are making progress. The re are two main areas on where we're still working.'

Repairs can often involve engineers from more than one telephone provider, and Mr Reid has demanded a 'more joined up' response from the companies.

Mr Reid said: 'I have received many requests for help from constitu-

ents, starting with the lightning strikes on December 9 when mobile and landline phone services were affected.

'This has been one of the longest and most difficult periods of phone problems they have endured in my 14 years as MP. British Telecom declared a state of MBORC - matters beyond our reasonable control - the storms and lightning strikes have been so bad. Telephone companies and those involved in repairs must improve their performance drastically or the Government and the regulator Ofcom should be imposing fines on them for poor performance.'

**CARRADALE**

**New year is looking up**

SADDELL and Carradale Parish Church Guild held its first meeting of the year in the

Village Hall Library on Tuesday, January 13.

The speaker was John Ives from Southend who gave a talk on astronomy - or as he put it 'what you see when you look outside'. Despite the awful weather, 17 came to listen to him.

John gave a very passionate and informative talk, and members left planning to gaze at the sky that night.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 3 at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Library when guild member Eleanor Bennett is giving a floral art demonstration. All are welcome.

**TARBERT**

**Groups benefit from Hogmanay party**

COMMUNITY groups in Tarbert will benefit from money raised during the village's 2014 Hogmanay party. Jane

Johnson, organiser of the annual event, announced which local groups would receive donations.

The new year party's venue Tarbert Village Hall will receive £600, rainbows, brownies and guides will share £75, a further £75 will go to Tarbert Bowling Club and £50 worth of prizes were raffled off at the village's Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner event.

**Antenna plan**

A PLANNING application to install an antenna at Unit 1, Argyll House, Harbour Street, Tarbert has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

**SKIPNESS**

**Extension**

A PLANNING application to extend a sunroom on a house at South Crossaig, Skipness has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

# Action plan drawn up to help Argyll's dairy farmers

NFU Scotland met with hard-pressed dairy farmers from Kintyre on Monday to draw up an action plan for those affected by the dairy crisis.

It follows a meeting last week when dairy farmers from Argyll and the Islands and NFU Scotland met with cabinet secretary Richard Lochhead at the Scottish parliament.

The meeting in Campbeltown saw more than 50 local dairy farmers attending, along with representatives from Argyll and Bute Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), Argyll and the Islands Agricultural Forum and First Milk.

A NFU spokeswoman said: 'To safeguard future production, a phased upgrade to Campbeltown Creamery - which produces the famous Mull of Kintyre cheddar - is seen as essential.

'Support from the Scottish government for the work as it progresses was thought to be vital with initial upgrading important to lower production costs and improve efficiency.

'The local First Milk liaison group will be expanded, and it is envisaged that this will encompass dairy farmers from Bute too.

'An extension to the discount on ferries,



NFU Scotland president talking to Kintyre farmers in Campbeltown on Monday.

which exists for hay, straw and livestock, to also include bulk milk for the islands of Bute and Gigha has been raised with Mr Lochhead.

'NFU Scotland will continue to lobby the Scottish government to take any measures it can to help make Campbeltown Creamery more economical.

'The need to have locally-branded Mull of Kintyre cheese being sold once again within local supermarkets was also discussed, and the union will lobby Tesco and the Co-operative on this matter, as well as pushing for the cheese to be promoted within the export market too.'

Kintyre farmers were also due to meet with Councillor Dick Walsh,

leader of Argyll and Bute Council, this week.

Nigel Miller, NFUS president, who attended the meeting in Campbeltown said: 'The meeting is a step into a wider collaborative effort which has brought in Argyll and Bute Council and HIE to support First Milk as it works with the Scottish government and the Argyll forum to secure cheese production and break into new markets.

'Reduced ferry charges could be a further lifeline for island producers as they continue to dig deep, not only to support their farm's production, but now also to find funds to invest in the First Milk business.

'This would help to strip out some of the costs faced by island

producers.

'Several work streams are being progressed, with milk producers now at the centre of that effort. The Kintyre brand and the producer base are key Scottish dairy assets.

'On farm there are tough times ahead but the will to open up investment in the creamery and marketing expertise; perhaps through partnership arrangements is building momentum.

'Delivering and keeping local dairy farmers at the centre of that process can give Argyll's milk production a secure and positive pool of producers which can also ensure dairy farms on the islands can contribute to a quality brand.'

# Union wants RET help for islands

NFU Scotland has called for a ferry tariff scheme to be extended to commercial vehicles in a bid to boost fragile island economies.

In its submission to Transport Scotland on freight ferry fares, the union has called on the Scottish government to reconsider the expansion of road equivalent tariff (RET) to commercial vehicles.

As well as benefiting island-based farmers and crofters - who are dependent on ferry services for hauling goods on and off the island - the union believes the biggest benefit would be to the long-term viability of the island's economy.

Gemma Thomson, NFU Scotland policy manager, said: 'The ferry service remains a lifeline for many farmers and crofters. It brings vital inputs such as fertiliser, feed, fuel and stock to the island and is the crucial link in getting a farm's produce

to the marketplace.

'The reality is that without an affordable service subject to suitable discounts, many farm-based businesses would be unviable. These farms and crofts provide employment, safeguard the landscape, and bring tourists to the islands.

'They are in most parts, the cornerstone of island life, and safeguarding them through affordable ferry charges will play a vital role in the ongoing fight against rural depopulation.

'We want Scottish government to reconsider the expansion of RET to commercial vehicles and not restrict it to non-commercial traffic, as is the current position.

'In the meantime, our island members would continue to value the commodity related discounts available. These help farming businesses to keep functioning and their removal would

devastate the rural economies in these fragile areas. Commodity related discounts for hay, straw, and livestock must continue and an extension of the discount to cover milk would also be of great assistance for those hard-pressed dairy farmers on the islands.'

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid has given his full backing to NFU Scotland.

He said: 'When RET was originally introduced it applied to commercial vehicles. In a scandalous U-turn, the SNP removed it from commercial vehicles.

'This has caused higher prices in island shops and higher charges for island businesses, making it harder for them to compete with those on the mainland. No wonder most of our islands are experiencing population decline. I call on the SNP to help our islands by extending RET to commercial vehicles.

'One in six of my constituents are islanders.'



Island-based farmers and crofters are dependent on ferry services for hauling goods on and off the island.

# Lochhead and Reid get behind dairy farmers

THE issue of falling dairy prices was added to the agenda for this week's EU Agriculture Council meeting at the behest of Scottish rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead.

His move followed meetings with dairy farmers in Argyll and Bute and Stirlingshire.

He said: 'I have repeatedly voiced my concerns

that recent falls in milk prices is potentially very damaging for the future of Scotland's hard-working dairy farmers and processors.

'It is vital that we do what we can to help the industry to respond, and encourage all those along the supply chain to play a positive and proactive role in helping the entire sector withstand

this bout of instability.

'The key here is that it is imperative that our farmers and processors should not be left at the mercy of the market, and work together to explore ways in which they can capture new market opportunities.

'I also spoke with Kate Allum, First Milk chief executive, and it was reassuring to be updated

on the co-operative's plans to ensure a profitable future for First Milk's members.

'I also made clear I am happy to consider any suggestions it has on what more the Scottish government and its agencies can do to offer support, now and in the months ahead.'

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid last week

urged the Government to help dairy farmers.

He also told the House of Commons that he wants to see the big supermarkets held to account for their pricing.

Mr Reid said: 'Dairy farmers in Argyll and Bute produce a very high quality product, but the falling price of milk is causing them and the entire British dairy indus-

try serious problems.

'Extending the scope of the Groceries Code Adjudicator to include dairy farmers is one action that could help.'

William Hague, leader of the House of Commons, said: 'Legislation should be introduced to allow the adjudicator to impose a financial penalty.'

Mr Reid said after-

wards: 'The present price levels are unsustainable and driving farmers ever closer to the brink of financial ruin.

'Argyll and Bute is home to some of the finest dairy herds in Scotland, built by generations of farming families, and their loss would be a severe blow to the local economy as well as to the UK national herd.'

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# Lambing focus



DOUBLE VISION: Skye lambs Gale and Storm were a shock to owner Philip MacAskill.

WITH the lambing season just around the corner, crofter Philip MacAskill had planned to have his 90 breeding ewes scanned at the beginning of February.

But the Skye man thought he had double vision when he came back home from Fort William, where he is working as a digger driver, to find a pair of twin ewe lambs already born.

The cross Texel lambs were born on January 15 during the recent stormy weather - fortunately their mother was kept indoors.

It was fitting then that the twins were named Gale and Storm.

Philip, from Earlish on Skye, said: 'I was working away from home, so I have all the sheep in-

side during the winter.

'If the twins had been born outside they wouldn't have made it.

'I just happened to walk into the shed one day and I heard the lambs shouting.

'I thought, "That can't be right".'

Philip grew up at Clachan Sands on North Uist before moving to Skye and has always been around livestock.

He began keeping his own sheep 15 years ago and breeds Texel cross, Cheviot cross and Zwartbles, a breed originating in Holland and first introduced to the UK in 1986.

Now aged 48, Philip says he has never seen lambs born as early in the year.

He said: 'I have always kept sheep, people

say it's a hobby but it's not, it's an addiction.

'But I have to admit these two took me by surprise.

'They are doing really well and I am 99 per cent sure I'm keeping them as stock because they are good lambs.

'The fact no-one had to handle them - the mother and the lambs went through the whole things themselves - tells me there is a fighting strain in them.'

After scanning his flock next Tuesday, Philip will separate the ewes to give more feed to those carrying multiple lambs.

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## Sheep farmers warned of incurable viral disease

VETS from Scotland's Rural College believe many commercial sheep flocks could be threatened by a rise in the incurable viral disease Maedi Visna (MV).

They warn that SRUC's testing has identified a worrying number of infected flocks, suggesting that infection is spreading throughout the sector.

'Farmers have started to heed our previous warnings about the disease,' says St Boswells based SRUC veterinary investigation officer Lynn Gibson. 'Commercial flocks from throughout the UK have taken the opportunity to screen their animals using the MV diagnostic test package.'

In most cases screening was performed in flocks where there were suspicions of MV infection

and in seven of the 31 of the flocks tested these suspicions proved to be correct.

The owners of six of these flocks had reported seeing signs including breathlessness in adult sheep, lameness and swollen joints. As signs of MV are not usually seen until around half the sheep in a flock are infected, SRUC vets believe it is likely these flocks have a high level of infection.

The name Maedi Visna derives from two Icelandic words describing the main clinical signs of pneumonia and wasting or ill-thrift. MV is a chronic disease caused by a retrovirus, introduced to the UK through imported animals. Contagious and difficult to diagnose it can lead to poor body condition; poorer fertility; in-

creased mastitis; smaller, weaker lambs and increased deaths. There is no cure or vaccine.

According to Lynn Gibson, MV has a long incubation period: 'Clinical signs can take years to develop by which time one single animal can have spread infection through the flock,' she said.

'The first indications of a problem can include an increase in barren ewes or the numbers of thinner sheep meaning more are being culled from the flock as unproductive.'

'Sheep never develop immunity to MV and with no effective treatment or cure the only option with heavily-infected flocks is to depopulate and restock from reliable sources.'

'We recommend any flock owners finding they

have ewes which have lost condition since tupping (mating) time should check for MV. It is something to take seriously, not ignore. Disease in sheep flocks reduces productivity and income in a sector already operating on narrow margins.'

SRUC recommends concerned flock masters should target test 12 older, thinner animals using the MV diagnostic test to indicate if losses are due to the disease. A similar approach should be taken to sheep showing ill-thrift or reacting badly to exercise.

## It's a double triple at Kildalloig Farm

A Kintyre show ewe class winner was quick to lamb again this year. The three-year-old Suffolk, kept at Kildalloig Farm, Campbeltown had two males and a female early this month, making it a second year in a row for triplets. Jean McLachlan, owner of the Suffolk, said: 'It's fairly unusual for the mother to have triplets in successive years. It's my aim to breed the sheep up to Highland show material.'



Jean's granddaughter, Lara Sinclair, 12, pictured, helps nurse the young whom she has named Greig, Prince and Lulu. 08\_c02lambs01

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# No change to ferry times 'disappointing'

'A welcome introduction would be a return journey on a Saturday'



John Armour, councillor for South Kintyre, wanted the timetable changed for this year. 08\_c04calmac02

SOUTH Kintyre's newest councillor John Armour says he is 'disappointed' with Caledonian MacBrayne's decision not to alter its Campbeltown to Ardrossan ferry timetable this summer.

The third of a three-year trial period begins in May, running to the end of September on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, but Councillor Armour was dismayed the timetable remained unchanged - a decision that means a return journey is only possible on a Friday.

He said: 'Despite numerous letters to Martin Dorchester, CalMac managing director, and Derek MacKay, Scot-



The MV Isle of Arran, which serves the Campbeltown to Ardrossan ferry route, is to run with the same timetable this year. 08\_c04calmac01

tish government minister for transport and the islands, to ask for timetable changes, nothing materialised.

'While it is fantastic for the area to have a ferry link at all, from Campbeltown to Ayrshire, it is disappointing not to have seen any

improvements to the schedule from a Kintyre perspective.

'A welcome introduction would be a return journey on a Saturday in addition to the Friday return already offered. It would bring more tourists to the area, both day-trippers and holiday-

makers, and increased trade for Kintyre businesses.'

Mr Armour hopes Caledonian MacBrayne will consider timetable alterations in the future.

He added: 'The potential of the service should be taken into consideration when Caledo-

nian MacBrayne plans schedules for next year and beyond.

'Passenger numbers, although reduced last year compared with 2013, would likely increase with a timetable offering better connection times between Kintyre and Ayrshire.'

## Tenants feel at home shaping housing policy

CAMPBELTOWN'S Steve Byrne was in the hot seat recently when he chaired a Scotland-wide meeting on housing.

Mr Byrne, who was chairing the Regional Networks 2014 conference, lauded the impact of tenants on shaping national housing policy.

He said: 'Since Communities Scotland began talks with tenant and resident groups across

Scotland for tenants to influence national housing policy with the Scottish Government, nine regional networks have been created.

### Key policy

'During that time tenants made a huge difference in shaping key policy, for example presenting evidence to the Scottish parliament during meetings on the new Housing (Scotland) Bills.

'Networks have led the way for change in many areas such as landlord accountability, welfare reform, lack of affordable housing and tenant scrutiny.'

Margaret Burgess MSP, minister for housing and welfare, also attended the meeting. She said: 'I always enjoy the opportunity to speak to tenant groups and hear directly about the issues that matter to them.'

## TV ad is just the business

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course of 2014. N J Slee was established 36 years ago and since then has developed a wide customer base that includes blue chip companies such as Babcock, Rolls Royce, Ineos and Qinetiq.

Ann Scott, of Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, said: 'It's wonderful not only for N J Slee but the whole of Argyll, that one of our companies will be gaining national television exposure demonstrating the strength of the entrepreneurial spirit in the region.'

## Addiction charity 'pleased with progress'

ADDACTION is now running alcohol and drug recovery services in Argyll and Bute.

Clients in Campbeltown are among those being helped by the charity which was recently contracted to provide the services.

Andrew Horne, director of operations, Addaction Scotland, said: 'We are an Argyll-wide service with an administrative office in Dunoon. Service users' needs come first with us.'

'To support those needs we will be active throughout the area and are happy to see people wherever they choose.'

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**THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (FURNACE TO CUMLODDEN) (50MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2015**

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS hereby give notice that they propose to make the above Order under section 84(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will have the effect of imposing a 50 mph speed limit on that length of the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road from a point (at Ordnance Map coordinates 201241, 699442), 1.242 kilometres or thereby south west of the extended centre line of the junction with the C36 Furnace Side Road to a point (at Ordnance Map coordinates 200051, 698468), 130 metres or thereby south west of the point where it meets the extended western gable wall of Number 1 Cumlodden Cottages a distance of 1.558 kilometres or thereby. Full details of the proposal are contained in the Order which, together with a plan showing the length of road involved and a statement of the Scottish Ministers' reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined free of charge during normal business hours from 30th January 2015 until 27th February 2015 at the offices of Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF and Furnace Village Shop, The Cross, Furnace, Inveraray PA32 8XN.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the Director of Trunk Road and Bus Operations, c/o Liam McDaid, Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF quoting reference NNW/A83/LMC by 27th February 2015.

A copy of the Order and this Notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at [www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/road-and-traffic-orders/traffic-orders](http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/road-and-traffic-orders/traffic-orders)

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To find out more about the Forum, email: [fergus.murray@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:fergus.murray@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or call 01546 604250

You will then be sent further information and details on how to apply.



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**AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

A Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee will be held in Room 2 of the Community Centre, Stewart Road, Campbeltown, PA28 6AT at 10.30a.m. Wednesday, 4 February 2015.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public question time will take place for 30 minutes during the meeting. Questions can be asked on the day or can be submitted in advance to the Area Governance Manager, 22 Hill Street, Dunoon PA23 7AP. Telephone: 01369 707134.

The Agenda for the meeting is available to view at the Servicepoint, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead and at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)

Douglas Hendry, Executive Director - Customer Services

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**PLANNING**

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

| Ref No       | Proposal                                                                                                                                                    | Site Address                                                                                                           | Location of Plans         |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 15/00127/MFF | Formation of fish farm (Atlantic Salmon) comprising the siting of fourteen 100 metre circumference cages served by feed barge associated with adjacent site | Eilean Grianain (Carradale) Salmon Farm 200M North of Existing Fish Farm Site Carradale Kibranan Sound Argyll and Bute | Sub Post Office Carradale |

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

| Ref No      | Proposal                                              | Site Address                                           | Location of Plans      |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 15/00053/PP | Change of use of retail (class 1) to office (class 2) | 20 Argyll Street Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8NE | Mid Argyll Area Office |

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18**

Planning Application Reference Number: 15/00127/MFF

Proposed Development at: Eilean Grianain (Carradale) Salmon Farm 200M North of Existing Fish Farm Site Carradale Kibranan Sound Argyll and Bute

Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd relating to the planning application in respect of Formation of fish farm (Atlantic Salmon) comprising the siting of fourteen 100 metre circumference cages served by feed barge associated with adjacent site.

A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning applications may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at Council Offices, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD; and by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and going through the 'Online Planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Matheson Consulting, Achnamara, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8PS at a cost of £40.00 (paper copy) and £5.00 (CD), including postage and packing

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the environmental statement should make them in writing within the period to Mr R. Kerr, Principal Planning Officer, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD

**ARGYLL AND BUTE BY-ELECTION**

**SOUTH KINTYRE WARD 11 DECEMBER 2014**

**RETURNS AND DECLARATIONS AS TO CANDIDATES' EXPENSES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Returns and Declarations as to Candidates' Election Expenses, including the accompanying documents, in respect of the above Election held on 11 December 2014 may be inspected at Argyll and Bute Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT, between the hours of 10am and 4pm (Monday to Friday).

The fee payable for a copy of any such Return, Declaration or document shall be at the rate of 20p for each side of each page.

**SALLY LOUDON, Returning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT.**

January 2015

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

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All applications to Mrs E Divers, Fusion Marine Ltd. The M.R.C., Barcaldine PA37 1SE

Or email: [edivers@fusionmarine.com](mailto:edivers@fusionmarine.com)

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Email: [life@lochaber-environmental-group.org.uk](mailto:life@lochaber-environmental-group.org.uk)  
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with Marilyn Shedden



I WAS talking to the children at Glenbarr school about those amazing people who have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

We talked about the different ways in which we could work for peace.

We recognised the fact that peace actually begins with each one of us.

We looked at the ways in which children could be peace-makers.

We acknowledged the fact that the young people of today will be the ones who will decide about peace and war in the future.

The future is in their hands.

We made a peace tree and wrote messages on paper doves that the world would be filled with peace.

If only we could make this a reality: if only we could bring peace to the world.

Peace has to begin with respect, and we talked about the 'Kids for Peace in Jerusalem' project.

It brings together Christian, Muslim and Jewish youngsters to embrace what they have in common and respect that which is different.

Jesus took a child and put her on his lap and said that if we become like this child we will discover the secrets of the Kingdom of God.

I suspect the secrets of the Kingdom are to do with peace.

Peace is this intangible entity which is so elusive on earth.

We strive for it, yet it is like that elusive butterfly which is just beyond our grasp.

We look at the problems in our world and we despair: we look at the evil which stalks the earth and we are tempted to give up.

But how can we give up when we see hope shining in the eyes of our children?

How can we give up when we stand in wonder at the sunrise?

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## Kintyre helps Duncan on the way to a career

DUNCAN Leckie has found his dream job - thanks to experience gained with the Kintyre Way.

The 22 year old has been employed by the 100-mile walking route for the past year under its Countryside Apprenticeship Scheme.

Now he has secured a full time position with the Forestry Commission in Aberdeenshire as a woodland warden, based at its Banchory office.

During his time with Kintyre Way, Duncan, who is originally from Prestwick, worked

on all aspects of route management including maintenance and improvements and organising volunteers.

He told the Courier: 'I am very grateful for the invaluable experience which I gained throughout my year in Kintyre - it has definitely helped me get a job in this field.'

Aidan Keogh, Kintyre Way maintenance manager, said: 'Duncan became a vital member of our team and I am glad this experience enabled him to pursue a career in countryside management.'



Duncan Leckie, pictured with a hedgehog, one of the many examples of wildlife he came across during his time working on the Kintyre Way.

## Argyll must 'modernise' to prosper, says MSP

THE depopulation crisis in Argyll and Bute must be tackled now, according to MSP Jamie McGrigor.

The Highland and Islands MSP spoke at his own proposed debate at Holyrood last Thursday to seek a commitment from the Scottish government to making reversing the region's depopulation a policy priority.

Identifying a 'lack of modernisation', Mr McGrigor called on ministers to deliver on three main issues.

He said: 'A permanent solution must be found for the A83 trunk road, to introduce fast broadband, and to provide business with start-up grants to attract new companies to the area.'

'I believe there is potential growth in the tourism, food and drink and marine science sectors.'

'The National Records of Scotland (NRS) projections released in May last year indicate a 13.5 percent fall in Argyll and Bute's population, with another fall of 13.5 percent over the next 25 years, set against a nine percent rise in the overall Scottish population.'

Mr McGrigor said he hoped the area would be modernised before acquiring a 'backward' reputation.

'On broadband, too many Argyll communities suffer from slow, unaffordable or non-existent connections and any improvements must be inclusive,' he said. 'Holidaymakers ask if letting properties have 4G and 3G let alone broadband; no broadband could mean no visitors.'

'As for the food and drink sector, Islay's whisky industry is strong but the telephone and electricity grid on Islay and Jura needs immediate and serious improvement.'

### Boost

'It is not good enough for islands to boost the treasury only to be let down by second-class infrastructure.'

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'I congratulate Jamie McGrigor on securing this debate.'

'Now it is time for big thinking on infrastructure. There are several key players involved in tackling depopulation such as the government, Argyll and Bute Coun-

cil, local communities and private enterprises.

'I will continue to work with communities to ensure they are properly served by the Scottish government and local authorities.'

Marco Biagi, minister for local government and community empowerment, he said: 'We are committed to supporting population growth in Argyll and Bute.'

'We know that housing, schools, health and connectivity all play a part in making an area attractive and able to thrive. That's why we are delivering hundreds of new affordable homes, upgrading

and building three new schools and redesigning health services to meet the needs of residents.

'We are also improving transport links and investing in next generation broadband.'

'We recognise more needs be done and I will be visiting the area soon to discuss any proposals. In the meantime we will continue to work with Argyll and Bute Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Enterprise, VisitScotland and others towards our shared goal of building a strong and sustainable economy for the people of Argyll and Bute.'

## Items sought for Rotary sale

THE Rotary Club of Campbeltown hopes to hold another 'sale of the century' in April and can still accept good quality items for auction. If anyone has such items, please contact Rotarian Alan Minshaw 553541, or any other Rotarian. Arrangements can then be made to inspect and collect the items.

A club spokeswoman said: 'These sales are important fund-raising events and help the club to help others locally, nationally and internationally.'

'The sale can also be a pleasant social event for members of the public, and thanks to the Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown, refreshments are available all day.'

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**BIRTHS**



**MORRAN** - Tommy and Emma are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Laila, born January 10, 2015 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. First grandchild for George and Catriona Conley and Tommy and Janette Morran. Special thanks to midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and staff at RAH.

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**MCINTOSH - KERR** On February 3, 1990 at the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown by the Rev. Charles Henderson, Walter Paul to Iona. Present address: Corryvreckan, Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown.

**DEATHS**

**CAMERON** - Peacefully at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on January 23, 2015, Helen Cameron (Ellen) in her 93rd year, formerly of 19b Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved best friend of the McKay and the Cook families. Service in The Salvation Army Citadel, on Friday January 30, 2015 at 1.30pm. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Salvation Army.

**DENSON** - Peacefully at home, Low Smerby Farm, Peninver, on January 22, 2015, Josephine Denson, in her 95th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Harry Denson and a much loved mother of Laurens, Sharon and Annette.

**EDWARDS** - Peacefully at home, on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, Eric Edwards, in his 80th year, beloved husband of the late Alice Edwards. Funeral private in Dumfermline today. A wonderful father to Gail and Alan and papa to Kris. He will be sorely missed by so many, especially Cynthia Butters.

**MACIVER** - On January 24, 2015, peacefully at Auchinlee Residential Home Campbeltown, Jane (Jean) Maciver, in her 100th year, beloved wife of the late Dugald MacIver, much loved mother of Maureen and the late Billy, a dearly loved Nanny Boots and Great Gran. Funeral Service at Lochgilphead Baptist Church (today) Friday, January 30, at 1.00pm, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flower only please, donations if desired for, Auchinlee Residential Home.

**MAY** - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 25, 2015, Violet Margaret May, in her 96th year, formerly of Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, dearest aunt of Greta and Rena. Funeral Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Friday, January 30, 2015 at 11am. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

**MCCALLUM** - Neil McCallum dearly loved husband of Julia and devoted father of Derek, Gordon and Steven, passed away suddenly but peacefully on January 21, 2015 in his 81st year. He was a much loved granda of his seven grandchildren and will be sadly missed by his family and friends. His funeral took place in Glasgow and a retiring collection was taken for the RNLI in his memory.

**MCMILLAN** - Peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on January 22, 2015, Neil Graham McMillan, in his 92nd year, Inverlee, Peninver, formerly of Largibeg Farm, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Duncan, much loved father of James, Peter and Neil.

**MCPHEE** - Peacefully, after a short illness, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on January 24, 2015, Elizabeth MacKay (Betty), in her 82nd year, Killellan Lodge, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Duncan McPhee, much loved mother of James and Elizabeth, adored gran of Liam, Jade, Christopher, Chloe and Kyle and a dear mother-in-law.

**RAMSAY** - Peacefully at home, 6 Barochan Place, Campbeltown, with her family by her side, on January 23, 2015, Elizabeth Graham (Bessie), in her 94th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Duncan Ramsay, much loved mother of Margaret and Duncan, loving granny of Donna and Gary and a loving and much loved great granny of Shannon and Traciemichelle.

**SEMPLE** - Peacefully at Ardfean Residential Home on January 26, 2015, Mary Gillon Semple, nee Henderson, aged 95 years, of Whitecraigs, Inveraray. Beloved wife of the late William Semple, loving mother of Peter, much respected mother in law of Mhairi, and adored granny of Patricia and Shona. A dear sister and aunt to all the family. Funeral Service will be held at Inveraray Parish Church, on Friday January 30, 2015, at 12 noon, thereafter to Glenshira Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Salvation Army and the British Legion, Inveraray.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BROWN** - Jacqueline, John and families would like to sincerely extend their grateful thanks to their family for all the love and support over the last few weeks, and also to friends and neighbours (old and new). Thanks to everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, lovely cards, letters, beautiful flowers and phone calls following the sad loss of their dear mum, devoted gran and much loved and loving wee nana Elizabeth (Lizbeth). Thanking Dr Anderson and all staff at Campbeltown Hospital, Ambulance Service, Air Ambulance Service, Doctors and staff wards 3 & 9 Southern General Hospital, Glasgow for all their help and care. We will always be eternally grateful to the staff at the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, Glasgow for their gracious kindness and dignified care given to our mum, Lizbeth. Our thanks are also extended to Rev. P Wallace for such a personal and very fitting tribute to Lizbeth. Thanks also to Mr D McEwan for the lovely comforting music at the church. Thanks to T. A Blair, Funeral Directors for their very professional service and to the Ardsheil Hotel for an excellent purvey and to all who attended the church service and graveside to pay their respects. We would also like to express a special thank you to Mrs B Newlands for her friendship over the past two years. The collection at the Lorne and Lowland Church will be donated between the Kintyre Dialysis Campaign and the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, Glasgow. The kindness and respect for our mum has been truly overwhelming and means so much to us. Thank you all.

**GRAHAM** - Sandra, Kenneth, Deirdre and their families extend their sincere thanks to family, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy and support following the loss of Flora. Appreciation and thanks to the Podiatry Team, Community Care Team, and all who cared for her in the Vascular Ward at Western Infirmary Glasgow and the Carr Gomm carers for their care to Flora at home. Thanks also to Rev Cliff Acklam, for his tribute and comforting service, Stan Lupton, Funeral Directors for professional services, Kilmartin Hotel for an excellent purvey and to all who braved the elements to pay their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland raised £230.

**GRAHAM** - Douglas, Duncan and their families would like to thank relatives and friends for kind expressions of sympathy, cards and phone calls following the loss of Mary, a dear mother, granny and great granny. The family's sincere gratitude is conveyed to the staff of Rosepark Nursing Home, Uddingston for the compassion and care given to Mary in the last three years of her life. The loving kindness and high standards of nursing care are qualities we feel privileged to have witnessed and will never forget. Thanks are also extended to Rev. David Carruthers. A comforting service from someone she regarded as a sincere and true friend. Donald MacDonald, Funeral Directors are thanked for their caring and efficient

arrangements and finally, thanks to The Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead for their excellent hospitality. The retiral collection for Mary's Meals raised the sum of £300.

**LIVINGSTONE** - Russell, Avril and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy received following the recent sad passing of Brian, in Australia. Grateful thanks to Rev. David Carruthers for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring arrangements and to the Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig for fine purvey. Special thanks are extended to Mr Kenny Rowan, for his most personal tribute to Brian, which was a great reflection of Brian's life and character. Finally our thanks to all who attended at the Memorial Service to pay their respects, your kindness and support was greatly appreciated by us all. Retiral Collection raised over £250 for MS Arms Therapy.

**McSPORRAN** - The family of the late John McSporrان, formerly of 7 Glenside, Campbeltown would like to thank everyone for all their enquiries and condolences.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**CAMPBELL** - In loving memory of Helen (nee MacMillan) died January 28, 2014. Much loved Mum, Nannie, Daughter, Sister and Aunt. Forever in our thoughts. Family Middlesbrough and Ardrishaig.

**MITCHELL** - In loving memory of my dear husband, our dear father, father-in-law and grandpa Jimmy (the butcher) who passed away so suddenly but peacefully on January 29, 1991. Memories are like stars that shine, They last until the end of time, We think about you every day And in our hearts you will always stay. Cathie and family xxxx

**ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle Charlie, died January 31, 1988. Loved and remembered always. From Anne, Stuart and family

**TART** - In loving memory of Michael Tart, a dear husband and father who died January 31, 2014. No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts you're always there. Your loving wife Julie and Patrick.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

  
**St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church**  
 Argyll Street, Campbeltown  
 St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
 Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 1st February**  
 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
 10.45am Morning Prayer  
 All Welcome  
**Details of services are on the church door**  
**Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141**  
**The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
*"It is good to sing praises to our God"*  
 Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

**Scottish Episcopal Churches**  
*Everyone Welcome*  
**Christ Church**  
 Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)  
**Sundays**  
 11.00 am Eucharist service  
 4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins  
 & 11am Eucharist Service  
 Coffee & Cake follows the service  
**St Columba's, Paltalloch, nr Kilmartin**  
 (SC031391)  
 1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service  
 3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong  
 Scottish Prayer Book  
**All Saints, Inveraray**  
 (SC025646)  
 Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service  
 Father Simon Mackenzie  
 Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran  
 01546 602315

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD**  
 Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
**ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY**  
 Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
**ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN**  
 Saturday 5pm  
 Fr. David Connor  
 01546 602380  
 All Welcome (SCO002876)

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
**Services 1st February 2015**  
 - all welcome!  
**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
 Charity No. SC016097  
 Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
 Charity No. SC016665  
 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
 Short service in Chalmers Court at 2.30 pm

  
**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 1st February**  
 Morning Worship  
 Glassary 11.45 am  
 Rev. C. Acklam  
 All welcome  
 SC0 02121

  
**free church of scotland**  
 George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 1st February**  
 11.15am Worship Service  
 Rev Finlay Mackenzie  
 11.15am Sunday School  
 2.30pm Café Church 'New beginnings'  
**Wednesday 4th February**  
 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
 2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café  
 All Welcome  
 www.campbeltownfreechurch.com  
 Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

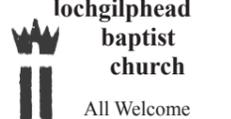
**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
**Sunday 1 February 2015**  
 11.00am  
 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
 Speaker: Graham McLean "Rivers of Living Water"  
**Thursday 5 February 2015**  
 7.30pm  
 Praise, prayer & sharing  
 All Welcome

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT:**  
 Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road.  
 Lochgilphead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae  
 Minister: Rev. R Macleod  
 Prayer Time (fortnightly)  
 Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm  
 Ladies Bible Study 2pm  
 Soup Lunch Monthly (last Thursday)  
 All welcome.

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
 Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 1 February**  
 Bellanoch Church 10 am  
 Morning Worship  
 Rev. C. Acklam  
**Tuesday 3 February**  
 Congregational Board  
 Tayvallich Church 7:30 pm  
**Thursday 5 February**  
 Messy Church 4 - 6 pm  
 Living Stones, Kilmartin  
 All welcome  
 Enquiries 01546 606926  
 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**Sunday 1st February 2015**  
 Tarbert Service 11.30am  
 Rev. Tommy Bryson  
 For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
 Telephone 01880 821012  
 Everyone very welcome  
 SC002622

  
**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 1st February 2015**  
 11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
 Rev. Hilda Smith  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
**Saturday 31st January**  
 10.00am - Midday  
**Every Tuesday**  
 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers  
**Every Wednesday**  
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe  
 All Welcome  
 www.lpchurch.co.uk  
 Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

  
**lochgilphead baptist church**  
 All Welcome  
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
**Sunday 1st February 2015**  
 11.00am  
 mainly music  
 Tuesday at 10am  
 Jumpstart  
 Friday from 10am  
 Scottish Charity SC015187

**Highland Parish Church**  
  
 SCO02493  
**Sunday 1st February**  
 The service will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15 am and will be led by Matthew Ramsay  
**Badminton Club** meets Tuesday evening in Kirk Street Hall  
 Primary 1 - 5: 6.30 - 7.30pm  
 Primary 6 - 7: 7.30 - 8.30pm  
 Everyone very welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 1st February**  
 11.15 am Service  
 Creeche Triple C Next Generation  
 Rev. W Crossan  
**Tuesday 3rd February**  
 Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
 Boys' Brigade Church Hall  
 Anchor Boys 6pm  
 Junior Section 7.15pm  
**Wednesday 4th February**  
 Guild Coffee Morning  
 Church Hall 10- 12noon  
**Thursday 5th February**  
 Choir 7.30pm  
**Friday 6th February**  
 Lunch Club 12noon New Hall

  
**The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps**  
 Burnside Street, Campbeltown  
 01586 552046  
**Sunday Services**  
 10.30am Morning Worship  
 Army Kidz  
 6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Tuesday**  
 12.15pm Lunch Club  
 1.30pm Home League  
**Wednesday**  
 7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob  
**Thursday**  
 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer  
 Lt. Mark Scoulding

  
**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
 75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 1st February 2015**  
 11.00am Family Service with Communion and crèche  
 Pastor Ross Ferguson  
**Wednesday 4th February**  
 10am Toddlers Group  
 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
 For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson  
 01586 551200  
 www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
 SC014646

  
**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Sunday Service**  
 11.00 am  
 with Sunday School followed by refreshments  
**Baby & Toddler Group**  
 10.00 - 11.45 am  
 every Thursday (term-time)  
 We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk  
 baptist union of scotland  
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 SC043322

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## Docherty defies difficult conditions

DIFFICULT conditions seem to be the norm for Dunaverty's golfers in their recent competitions and last Saturday was no exception.

The monthly medals are qualifiers for the Muneroy Cup event which is held later this year.

Last year's winner, Ian Docherty, posted a net 60 to take the honours this month.

Second place was a close run thing between Hayden Chambers and Donald Taylor with Hayden just nipping it with a better inward half.

Results: 1 Ian Docherty 76-16-60, 2 Hayden Chambers (bih) 67-4-63, 3 Donald Taylor 69-6-63, 4 Bill Brannigan (bih) 77-10-67, 5 Jim Cooper 89-22-77, 6 Alex Arkle 81-10-71.

Hayden had the lowest scratch score with 67. CSS 62.

## Jackpot goes up to £400

THERE were no winners of the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery on Monday.

Numbers picked were 11, 13 and 16.

The jackpot for the next draw on Monday, February 2 is £400.

## Hall change

THE date for Campbeltown heat of the Kintyre Sports Hall competition at the grammar school has been changed from March 8 to Sunday, March 15. The original date clashed with the schools badminton competition at Victoria Hall.

# Let's keep up a proud county tradition

THE future of the Argyll and Bute Bowling Association gents team is facing a bleak future unless bowlers from across the county can commit themselves to the squad and the matches.

That is the view of association past president Andy Weir.

He said: 'Argyll and Bute have had a gents county bowling team since the mid 1960s, who have competed annually during the summer months, playing for the ultimate prize of the Andrew Hamilton Trophy for the Scottish Inter-cities and Counties champions.

'A gents county team consists of 24 male bowlers split into six teams of four players. The county matches are played on seven consecutive Saturdays commencing on the second Saturday in May. There are 32 'Cities and Counties' teams across Scotland split into four sections of eight teams, with a quarter final line-up played as a knockout.

'In Scotland, being selected to play for your county was, and still is, rightly seen as the pinnacle of most bowlers careers.

'The numbers of suitable players willing to play for Argyll and Bute, with 14 member

clubs, has become an issue in the past ten years or so.

'Despite our clear numerical disadvantage to most cities and counties across Scotland, Argyll and Bute are able to boast of their fair share of players and clubs who have not only won national titles, but also represented their country at international level.

'Campbeltown Bowling Club's own Johnny McLean and Jimmy Anderson who won the Scottish pairs title last August at Ayr Northfield will represent Scotland at the British finals this year.

'I'm making a rallying cry to all bowlers across the county to support the team this coming season. It is recognised that the geography of the county makes it very difficult for bowlers, particularly from the Kintyre area, to support the county for seven Saturday's in a row. Bowls Scotland are examining proposed changes for the Hamilton Trophy, whereby the number of games is reduced. This would certainly go a long way to helping the Argyll and Bute team, however any changes will not be in effect for this season.

'Argyll and Bute honorary secretary Keith



Donald McCallum turns away in delight after scoring his first league goal for Dumbarton.

Picture courtesy of Donald Fullerton Photography.

## Donald opens his scoring account

YOUNG footballer Donald McCallum enjoyed a 'dream' moment last Saturday after scoring for Dumbarton in the SPFL Championship.

The 18-year old came off the bench in the 80th minute and scored the Sons' only goal in

their 5-1 hammering at home to Livingston.

### Dream

Donald, a former Campbeltown Grammar pupil, said: 'When I scored it felt like a dream, I could not believe it.

'By that time the game was

gone but it was an unbelievable feeling to score my first league goal.'

The match is Donald's second senior appearance after a 90th minute debut against run-away leaders Hearts earlier in the month.

Campbell will be holding a meeting on Monday, February 2 in Cowal Indoor Bowling Club in Dunoon at 7.30pm for all bowlers with an interest in this subject.

'Those unable to attend are requested to provide an indication to Keith prior to the meeting of their likely availability for this season by telephoning him on

01369-706496. A decision will be made on whether the county will be able to go ahead and take part in this year's competition.

'It is understood that

the location will not suit those from further afield, however if enough players have indicated a commitment to Keith a meeting is proposed to be held in Tarbert.'

## Entries open for MOK triathlon



Campbeltown Running Club's Elaine McGeachy pictured on the 5km run leg last year.

ENTRIES open on Sunday for this year's MOKTri in Campbeltown on August 8.

The inaugural sprint triathlon last year was a low-key event which went well, now Campbeltown Running Club hopes to see more participants this summer.

### Low key

David Sinclair, one of the organisers, said: 'Last year's event was deliberately small and low key, as we wanted to see if we could pull it off.

'It really was a great success and following the feedback and sup-

port from competitors and the community, we hope to see even more people take part this year.'

The multi-sport event includes swimming 750m (30 lengths of the Aqualibrium pool), followed by a 21km cycle, and then a 5km run along the banks of Campbeltown Loch.

'It can be daunting to do all three disciplines, but with a few hours training each week its surprising how quickly your body will adapt and fitness increases,' added David.

'You don't have to be

super-fit to complete the race. It's a good opportunity to carry the fitness from MOKRun through the summer months.

'The biggest challenge for most people is the swim, so we hope to provide some coached swimming sessions in the run-up to the event.

'There is also a team event for those that want a lesser challenge.'

Entries for MOK Tri will go live on www.entrycentral.com this Sunday with individual and team entries available. See Facebook/MOK-Tri for more details.

## Campbeltown win cross-country team race

A BIT of history was made for Campbeltown Running Club last Saturday when they picked up their first cross-country team prize.

Kenny Campbell, Stuart McGeachy and James Murdoch travelled to the inaugural Stirling Winter Cross Country Championship and will now be the first club with their name on the trophy.

Kenny finished in third place, around half a minute behind the winner after 9km on a testing hilly, three-lap course. Stuart was sixth and James 10th.



James Murdoch is pictured with the team trophy, accompanied by clubmates Kenny Campbell, left, and Stuart McGeachy.

**'You get to see one of the most beautiful coastlines from the water and it keeps you fit and healthy'**

MEMBERS of the Mid-Argyll Coastal Rowing Club are busy planning a series of events.

Last year saw an increase in membership and the acquisition of a second skiff for the Ardrishaig-based club. Both skiffs have recently been repainted and refurbished and are ready to row.

The winter weather has not stopped members getting out on the water,

as the club's Sue Creech explained: 'We've had some fantastic calm, sunny days over the past few months and we had one of our skiffs out on Loch Fyne on Christmas Eve.'

**Ourselves**

'With most folk having their boats out of the water until spring we pretty much have the sea to ourselves.'

The club has trained a number of new members to row the four-man

# Club is raring to row



Rowing is a great way of staying fit and healthy while enjoying Argyll's beautiful coastline.



Club rowers have continued to take to the water in recent months and there have been 'fantastic, calm sunny days'.

skiffs over the past year as well as providing additional coxswain training to enable members to take a boat and crew to explore stretches of Argyll's fantastic coastline.

Over the year ahead the club also hopes to prepare one of the skiffs to take part in racing events. Last year, as part of the Viking Festival younger members of the club took part in the raid on Ardrishaig while others rowed from Ardrish-

aig to Tarbert. The club hopes to be involved again this year.

The club is aiming to acquire various items of equipment in the next few months and to help raise funds is holding a coffee morning at the North Church Hall in Ardrishaig from 10.30am tomorrow (Saturday).

One of the skiffs will be on display and members will be on hand to chat about all aspects of the club.

Membership is open to all ages and abilities.

Club secretary Oly Hemmings said: 'Joining the club is the one of the cheapest ways of getting out on the water, all equipment is supplied, you get to see one of the most beautiful coastlines from the water and it keeps you fit and healthy.'

Details about the club and membership are available from Oly Hemmings 01546 810218.

## SPOT THE BALL

### THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £2800

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



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

- C Ferguson Tomiag Road Cambeltown
- A Conley Castle Acres Cambeltown

**All you have to do**

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

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

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# McCallum goals dump Dunoon

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|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Campbeltown Pupils</b>               | <b>4</b> |
| <b>Dunoon Athletic</b>                  | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Jimmy Marshall Cup - first round</b> |          |

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils showed they were up for the cup last Saturday with a four-goal win over Dunoon Athletic.

The McFadyens-sponsored Pupils scored two goals in either half to claim the bragging rights in a one-sided Argyll derby at Kinloch's 3G pitch.

Starting in a 4-3-3 formation, the Pupils were in front after only a few minutes when John McCallum was upended in the box, Gary Grumoli stepping up to slot home a penalty into the bottom left of the Dunoon goal.

After six weeks without a fixture the Pupils were not firing on all cylinders, but managed to double their lead around the half hour mark with a hard-earned goal.

Gregor McFadyen played a ball down the left wing which Liam Renton determinedly chased down.

His high cross was met by Martin McCallum who guided a deft volley beyond the Dunoon keeper with the outside of his right foot.

At half-time the Pupils' management demanded more from their side and after showing the same rustiness that had defined the first half the team burst into life.

John McCallum possessed a Dunoon centre-half before advancing into the box and slotting a left-foot shot under the keeper to seal the match and settle the home side down.

With a substitutions made, the Pupils were in full flow and chances more frequent.



Liam Renton, by this stage dominating the midfield play with teammates Sean Grumoli and Fraser Wylie, went on a run past Dunoon players before passing to John McCallum who back-heeled the ball into his path only for Renton to drag his short wide. It was a sweet move and would have been a love-

ly goal if the finish had equalled the build up. Kenneth Galbraith almost scored when he flicked on a fine Craig Lamont cross but the keeper gratefully caught the effort, which if glanced on less cleanly may have added to the Pupils' lead. The fourth goal arrived less than 10 min-

utes from the end when John McCallum scored his brace.

After seeing his goalward header palmed onto the ground the striker followed up to tuck the ball high into the net at point-blank range.

It could have been a hat-trick for McCallum but his late effort drew an instinctive save from the Dunoon Athletic keeper, who kept the scoreline respectable with a number of fine stops.

It was not a vintage display from the Pupils but they showed glimpses of football worthy of their Premier status.

Thanks go to Campbeltown joiner/build-er Gerry Nugent who sponsored the match ball.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the Pupils travel to Paisley to play Alba Thistle, who despite their lowly position in the league have caused a few upsets in this season's Premier Division.

**Pupils keeper Reid Anderson clears a Dunoon attack.** 08\_c05pupils03



**John McCallum played well, scoring twice and frequently outpacing defenders.** 08\_c05pupils01



**The Dunoon keeper blocks a John McCallum shot late on in the match to deny him his hat-trick.** 08\_c05pupils02



**The Dunoon goalkeeper showed quick reactions to deny Martin McCallum what looked like a certain goal.** 08\_c05pupils04

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