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Son to build cairn for father lost on Quesada

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THE SON of a man lost during the *Quesada* disaster is hoping to erect a cairn to commemorate his father and the other men that died.

Eight men were lost when the *MV Quesada* sank four miles south east of Davaar Island in 1966, one of whom was Willie MacCallum's father.

Willie, now 57 and living in Aberdeen, was only eight at the time, and he is determined to have a memorial built in Campbeltown for the lost souls, as there is currently no physical record of the disaster in the town.

Willie said: 'This year marks the 50th anniversary of the *MV Quesada* disaster, which happened on May 23 1966, involving 18 people returning from a day boat trip. 'I am hoping to erect a cairn at the head of the New Pier overlooking Davaar Island, near to

where the boat sank.'

The cairn will have a granite plaque which will commemorate all those lost, and Willie believes the fund will need to raise £4,000 for it to be completed.

A memorial service has also been planned for Saturday, May 21 in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, to further commemorate those who perished.

The *Quesada* was a converted motor torpedo boat, which was chartered by employees of Neil Paterson's garage for a day trip to Ireland.

With reports of bad weather due to hit Kintyre in the evening, the crew instead sailed for Lochranza, Rothesay and Tighnabruaich.

On the way back to Campbeltown, the weather worsened significantly which, coupled with engine failure, saw the boat drift the wrong side of Davaar Island, sinking rapidly.

The *Moira*, a fishing vessel, was the first to respond to the crew's distress flares, most of which were blocked by Davaar itself, and skipper Neil Speed skilfully handled his boat in horrendous weather to rescue 10 of the 18 men on board.

A formal investigation, held on November 7, 1966, reported that 'the skill, cool courage, intelligence and character shown by these men, which resulted in the saving of 10 lives in a full gale, with spin drift making vision impossible and in confused seas, is deserving of the highest praise and commendation.'

Despite the crew of the *Moira's* heroics, eight were still tragically lost to the ocean, including Willie MacCallum's father, Jack. His body was discovered on Dunvegan Bay, Skye, around six weeks later.

Speaking of the night, Willie said: 'I recall it was very stormy, but at that age I was not real-



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ly aware of the seriousness of it.

'My dad was a marine engineer who was very friendly with the owner of the boat, John McMillan. He was asked along to be part of the trip, but he could quite

easily have said no and never been aboard.

'I learned from my mum and my uncles what happened, but it was obviously hard to take in at just eight.'

Willie is determined to raise a memorial both

to those who were lost, and also those who performed such heroics to save over half of the stricken crew.

To help fund the Cairn, the 'Quesada Memorial Fund' has been set up at the Bank of Scotland

Branch, Campbeltown, where anyone wishing to donate can do so from February 5.

Turn to page four and five to hear what happened first hand from a man who was rescued from *Quesada*.

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Extra cash for Rest and Be Thankful – but no permanent solution in sight

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TRANSPORT minister Derek Mackay has announced more cash for debris fencing at the Rest - but with memories still fresh of a landslide in which a car came perilously close to tumbling into Glen Croe, it has received a lukewarm welcome in Argyll.

Speaking earlier this week at the latest meeting of the A83 taskforce, Mr Mackay announced £4 million of Scottish Government funding for further landslide mitigation measures at the Rest and Be Thankful as part of a wider £6.6 million

investment in the A83 trunk road.

New measures will include widening the Old Military Road local diversion route; enhancing debris netting; and other improvements at various points along the route. The total investment in landslide mitigation at the Rest and Be Thankful is now £13.5 million.

The announcement comes just over three weeks after a car being driven by a Lochgilphead woman was caught by a landslide at the Rest, and pushed towards the steep drop at the side of

the trunk road, only to be left perched on top of a roadside barrier. The driver said later that she felt 'lucky to be alive'.

Speaking after the A83 taskforce meeting, Derek Mackay said: 'I felt the meeting today was positive, constructive and challenging. Local people and elected members have strong opinions and they came [to the meeting] to ensure that there is continuity of access and that there is a solution, so I am doing my best to deliver that.'

Asked whether the recent road accident had resulted in an increased emphasis on health and safety at the Rest, Mr Mackay replied: 'There is risk on the roads, of course there is, but I am focused on safety and on measures that will make a difference, deliver continuity of access and ensure the rest of the country hears that this wonderful area is



Transport Minister Derek Mackay announced an extra £4 million for the Rest. 06_a05derekmackay03

open for business.' Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for roads, Councillor Ellen Morton, commented: 'We are committed to doing all that we as a local authority can do –

but it is only the Scottish Government that can deliver a permanent solution. We need to find the best practical, affordable solution that we can.'

Councillor Donald Kelly, of politi-

cal group Argyll First, which lodged a government petition in December 2014 calling for a permanent solution at the Rest, said: 'While additional capital may continue to ease prob-

lems, it is still a sticking plaster approach and is not what our communities want or need. At last week's council meeting we asked the council to write directly to the Scottish Government in support of our petition, and this was supported unanimously. We will not rest until this issue is resolved.'

Writing in today's Courier (see page 6), Inveraray's Donald Clark states: 'This investment is greatly appreciated, but is this wisely spent?'

'The previous investment has helped to avoid many road closures and danger to the travelling public but still does not fully protect this vital artery.'

Scam letters

CAMPBELTOWN Police are looking for information regarding a scam letter which has been circulating in the town.

The scam asks for people to pay £13 by providing their bank details for a share of over £250,000.

The police wish to remind people to never reply to organisations requesting full bank details or passwords, either through the post or online.

'Open minded' Minister rejects Clark canopy

DONALD Clark, proprietor of the George Hotel, Inveraray, is pressing for a 300 metre reinforced concrete canopy to be constructed over the A83 at the top of the Rest.

Mr Clark attended Monday's meeting of the A83 Taskforce in Arrochar to state his case. Speaking afterwards, he said: 'We welcome, of course, the extra investment in the Rest, but it is still just mitigation, not protection.'

In a letter to *The Courier* – see page 6 – Mr Clark writes: 'I have consistently argued that a simple, safe, open sided flow-over canopy (closed outer edge at the top three gullies) be easily cut into the

hillsides, giving a four metre wide single carriageway relief road, activated at high landslide alert times. These three dangerous gullies are on a 300 metre section of The Rest and be Thankful.'

The cost of such a canopy has been estimated by Mr Clark to be around £4 million.

Working with retired civil engineer, John Reid, Mr Clark has come up with an outline sketch of his proposed canopy, published for the first time below.

Mr Clark's letter goes on: 'Transport Scotland have ruled this out on a cost basis. They have produced an overly complicated design stretching to 1.2 km at a

cost between £105-£120 million.'

As he left the taskforce meeting, Transport Minister Derek MacKay was asked what he thought of Mr Clark's idea. He replied: 'We discussed that, and I don't actually think his particular proposal addresses the issue, because we scoped-out where all the incidents have been and it wouldn't actually protect every part of the road. I would also challenge the costs. I am surrounded by engineers who tell me that there is no way that such a structure could be built for four or five million pounds. It [the canopy option] wouldn't be cost-effective.'

'Looking at cost-ben-

efit analysis, you don't spend hundreds of millions of pounds without knowing what the benefits are.

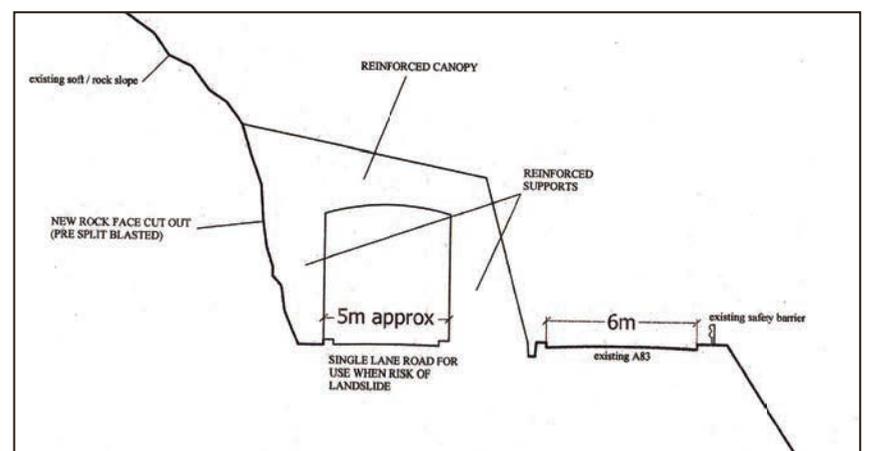
'I think it's wrong to say that all the risk is in just one small section, and by focusing on this it resolves the issue and is a permanent solution. No, it's not, because incidents and landslips have happened at various locations, and there are other issues such as flooding, so I think we should have a range of measures.'

'That's why I think a tunnel or a canopy at one point is not the solution. I think the other measures will make a difference, but I remain open minded about any proposal put to me.'

Depute ousted

THE DEPUTE provost at Argyll and Bute Council has been ousted from his position after 'failing to communicate' with the provost and the leadership team.

Councillor Dougie Philand is understood only became aware of the move while on the front bench at last Thursday's council meeting. He was replaced by Helensburgh councillor, Maurice Corry.



An outline sketch of the type of concrete canopy proposed by Donald Clark. c05resttunnel01

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Sally Loudon. Chief exec swaps Argyll for COSLA

THE CHIEF executive of Argyll and Bute Council has been announced as the new chief executive of COSLA (the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities).

Sally Loudon, who has been with Argyll and Bute Council for the last seven-and-a-half years, will succeed current chief executive Rory Mair, who is retiring, after the May elections.

COSLA is a local government umbrella group, which represents the majority of Scottish councils.

She said: 'Argyll and Bute is an amazing area and I am honoured to have had the opportunity to contribute to building the prosperous future it deserves.'

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Schoolgirls recycle dress for success

TWO YOUNG fashionista's have designed an upcycled dress which has stitched them a place in a national final.

Megan Campbell and Nicola Wareham, S4 pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School, put forward their entry 'The Highlander' to this year's Junk Couture competition.

Junk Couture annually holds the competition to see which school children can design the best-looking dress using only recycled materials.

The girls design, featuring old tartan cut outs, walkers crisp packets

and cups to make an impressive hat, saw them picked for the Scottish finals, which will be held at Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall on February 5.

Ten per cent of the final vote is taken from public votes, and the girls are competing against some of the biggest schools in the country.

They are therefore asking all Campbeltonian's to visit the Junk Couture Facebook page and vote for them today, as the public vote closes tonight (Friday, 29).

Judges of the dress in-

clude X Factor's Louisa Walsh, whose latest signing, Irish boy band Hometown will be performing on the night.

The event will also feature a catwalk show where the 80 Scottish finalists will model their bespoke designs,

Junk Couture founder, Elizabeth Curran, said: 'We have been blown away by the standard of entries for this year's competition.'

'The young designers have taken their creativity to the next level and utilised a wide range of materials and techniques to create some truly out-



Megan Campbell modelling the dress.

Nursery supporters getting set for one final protest

SUPPORTERS of Campbeltown Nursery are preparing to stake their claim for funding ahead of the council's budget announcement.

Just one day before the council's policy and resources meeting on February 4, the area committee meeting is set to meet in Campbeltown's Community Centre.

A petition started last year by those who wish to see the Nursery saved from budget cuts now has nearly 2,000 signatures, and supporters and parents are set to use the meeting as one last opportunity to lobby attending councillors for their support.

Argyll First Councillor

Donald Kelly presented the petition to Argyll and Bute Provost Len Scoullar last Thursday, January 21, and is hoping the council act on the warnings.

Double

He said: 'The petition had just under 2,000 signatures on it, almost double the amount of people who have replied to the Service Choices

questionnaire across Argyll and Bute. My opinion is this proposal is fundamentally flawed, with no firm detail being provided in terms of the community impact or indeed the additional costs which will be incurred implementing it.'

'This information has been asked for, but so far all that has been received is waffle.'

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Red Cross Hall set for dramatic coffee morning

THE KINTYRE district of the Scottish community drama association is staging its annual coffee morning this weekend.

The event will be held in the Red Cross Hall, Campbeltown on Saturday January 30 from 10am until 12. There will be stalls of home baking and a raffle.

Tickets for the forthcoming Drama Festival, due to be held at Campbeltown Grammar School on Thursday, February 18, will also be available at the event.

Nursery enrolment to open

ENROLMENT week for children turning three-years-old between March 1, 2016 and February 28, 2017 will open next week at Campbeltown Nursery Centre.

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A Quesada survivor recalls



The fishing boat Moira. (Photo from Trawlerphotos.co.uk)

WHILE eight men were tragically lost in the 1966 Quesada disaster, ten were rescued by the quick thinking and heroism of the skipper and crew of the fishing boat Moira.

David Johnston, a retired motor mechanic who is now 72, was one of the fortunate men who survived the horrific accident.

He told the Courier his recollection of the event, so that those who do not know what happened can rightly remember the heroes who saved so many lives, and commemorate the memories of those who could not be rescued.

by **BEN RAMAGE**

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'I was just 23, and it was the year before I got married.

'Some of the boys from Neil Paterson's garage had arranged a day trip and I was invited along.

'We were originally going to sail to Ireland, but the forecast wasn't great

for the evening, so we decided to head up to Arran instead which is a lot more sheltered. The weather was perfect, and we had a nice sail over to Rothesay and it was a really lovely day.

'After our evening meal, we set off back for Campbeltown. It was a

beautiful night, and the sea was so calm.

'When we arrived at Carradale the weather was starting to worsen. We were sheltered a bit by the Kintyre coast, but you really felt it further out. I went for a sleep up in the front cabin, thinking if I went to sleep I wouldn't be bothered by the weather.

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the fateful night

my pal Jack Durnan was shaking me awake, shouting 'Get up! The boats sinking!'

'I got up and looked down the middle of the boat, which had a passage down the middle with cabins either side, and right then a wave came up the passage up to my feet. That's when I realised the boat was sinking.'

'We started to get life-jackets on but there was no real panic, everyone was trying to remain calm. When I went out onto the deck, that's when I really felt it.'

'The wind was fierce and the boat was sinking, the stern was totally submerged and everyone was shouting to go up to the bow. The waves were coming up over the deck at this point and the boat was probably about a third underwater.'

'We were just com-

ing up to Davaar Island, but by this point one of the engines had cut out, and the wind was shooting off the land and forcing us out the wrong side of the island.'

We were heading out into the open sea with no power, totally at the mercy of the weather, which by this point was horrendous.

'The boat then flipped totally onto one side for about ten seconds, before flipping onto the other side and remaining there, which I have since been told happens because of all the water rolling inside the cabin.'

'Some people were lost then. The ones who remained were hanging onto the side of the ship. We had lifejackets but they wouldn't have done anything in that weather, and the boat was getting wee-er all

the time.'

'We had set flares off, and eventually we saw a light coming around the top of Davaar Island. We had one flare left, and Ivor McKinven set it off but it didn't shoot into the sky, it was maybe too wet, so in the end he launched it as high as he could into the air.'

At this point, the light we had seen, which was that of the Moira, disappeared.

'The next ten minutes were the longest of my life.'

'My other pal Lamont Conley had a lighter which he continued to spark, even though it wouldn't light in the rain. He knew that even that tiny spark would stand out in the pitch black.'

'Between the flare and the lighter, the Moira, which had set sail as soon as it saw a distress

light from the harbour, found our position and turned its lights back on when it found us. It had turned its lights off because it is easier to search in the dark, apparently.'

'Moira then steered right around us, in the howling gale, and steered back right on top of the half of the Quesada that was already sunk. It was incredible. By doing that, it was sheltering us from the wind, and also holding the boat steady.'

'On the way, the skipper had ordered the crew to cut up fishing ropes so they could be used to throw and rescue us. One of these ropes hit me square in the face, and I grabbed it for dear life.'

'I said to myself; 'If I die, if I drown, I will still be holding onto this rope, you do not let go.'

'With the boat on its side, I stood on the window of the cabin and went through it, which cut my leg pretty badly. I still have the scar there today.'

'Two men dragged me up the side of the Moira and onto the deck, and I have never been so happy to be anywhere than on that deck.'

'I was taken to hospital when we got back, while the others were taken to the Royal Hotel for a warm drink.'

'If it hadn't have been for the Moira, it could have been a total disaster. It was a disaster, but Neil Speed and his crew saved ten lives and we were and still are eternally grateful.'

'I have had eight grandchildren since that day, and an extra fifty years of my life, all because of the boys on the Moira.'



Skipper Neil Speed, who raced to the Quesada's rescue. (Photo from visitkintyre.info)



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Quesada heroism must be remembered

The story of the Quesada is ultimately a tragic one. Eight sons, fathers, brothers were lost when the boat sank past Davaar Island on the fateful night of May 26, 1966.

It is important that a memorial be raised to these men. It is also vital to remember those who risked their own lives and whose skill and bravery resulted in the saving of 10 men who would not have survived without them.

The Moira's skipper and crew, who jumped onto the boat without a thought for their own safety, performed an unbelievable act of selflessness when they plucked those men from the raging seas.

One survivor, David Johnson, summed it up best when he said he had had 50 years and eight grandchildren as a direct result of their actions. They too deserve to be remembered.

Rest solutions still mitigation, not protection

The A83 taskforce meeting, which many hoped would lead to a permanent solution to the Rest landslides, has only delivered reinforcements to the protective netting which is already in place. While £4 million sounds like a large amount of investment, in the grand scheme of transport projects in Scotland, it is minimal. The new Forth Road Bridge is estimated to cost more than £1.4 billion. The landslide mitigation nets may have held landslides in the past, but they failed to hold the landslide which swept a resident on to a barrier on the edge of Glen Croe. They also failed to prevent the road from closing for several days.

Investment in the Rest and Be Thankful will always be welcome, but questions remain whether this level of investment, chosen over more concrete, protective measures, will prove to be sufficient in years to come.

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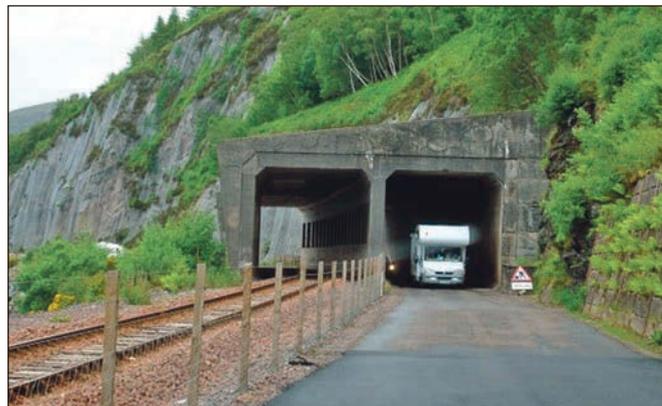
Time for solutions, not mitigation

Sir,

I attended the A83 task force meeting in Arrochar on Monday, attended by Derek Mackay MSP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, where he announced £4 million funding to improve the Old Military Road diversion route and provide more improved netting to mitigate the effects of any future landslides on the Rest and Be Thankful.

This investment is greatly appreciated, but is this wisely spent?

The previous investment has helped to avoid many road closures and danger to the travelling public but still does not fully protect this vital artery. The incident on December 30 when a car was swept by a landslide on to the roadside barrier and was left straddling it; the car came perilously close to tumbling 300 feet down the hillside. Mitigation measures did not protect in this instance. I have consistently argued that a simple, safe, open sided flow-over canopy (closed outer edge at the top three gullies) be cut into the hillsides, giving a four metre wide single carriageway relief road, activated at high landslide alert times. These three dangerous gullies are on a 300 metre section of The Rest and Be Thankful. Transport Scotland have ruled this out on a cost basis. They have produced an overly complicated design stretching to 1.2 km at a cost between £105-£120 million. If the Dawlish sea wall and twin mainline railway tracks can be completely rebuilt at a cost of £35 million



The shelter between Attadale and Stromferry.

in eight weeks, then the team at Transport Scotland has got its design and costings seriously wrong.

Another important fact is this 300m canopy would permanently protect this section; remove the steepest, most dangerous slope on the A83 from the equation; and avoid the mobilisation of 12-plus personnel and eight to 10 vehicles to operate the diversion route – which recently took 26 hours to activate due to safety concerns. For much of December and early January this diversion route was only open during daylight hours.

It is time for solutions and not mitigation.

There are many thousands of tonnes lurking within these three gullies. Perhaps not a lucky escape next time.

**Donald Clark,
Inveraray**

Harangue leaders over the Rest

Sir,

I understand that the latest proposal by the Scottish Government for the Rest and Be Thankful is -

1. More netting.
2. Improvements and/

or making the old military road two lanes partially or completely.

Regards the netting, it does not work as the recent near fatal accident illustrated.

The boulder that required to be removed, or any other boulder liable to come down, could easily hit the old military road.

So both latest proposals do not provide a permanent, safe solution.

I enclose a photo of the Attadale shelter on the A890. A single lane type of shelter like this is what is required on the A83 on the 400m stretch where the major landslides have occurred. Donald Clark from Inveraray has been suggesting this for some time.

We need to spend our money wisely and the netting and military road have been temporary measures.

We now need to construct the permanent solution and not waste money on any more measures that are not safe.

All MSPs, our MP, councillors, businesses affected and users of the A83 need to write, telephone, email and harangue those in charge to do this and not waste any

more money on unsafe measures.

Support the A83 task force and start shouting about this before a life is lost.

**John Reid,
Lochgilthead**

Extremely worrying

Sir,

The shocking news that NHS Highland must make cuts of £28 million, about one pound in twenty of their spending, is extremely worrying.

Also of great concern is that the planned increase in spending on mental health is only £10 million for the whole of Scotland.

The share of NHS cash spent on mental health has been falling for years, and this £10 million simply isn't going to deliver the step-change that is so desperately needed.

Another worry is that the number of GP training places filled across Scotland fell from 336 in 2010 to 241 in 2015. Many rural areas already find it difficult to attract GPs. With far fewer being trained and many due to retire during the next few years, we are facing a crisis.

The SNP Government have clearly failed our NHS. Change to address these concerns is urgently needed.

**Alan Reid,
Liberal Democrat
candidate for Argyll and
Bute, Dunoon**

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British Red Cross receives new Argyll and Bute response vehicle

A POWER company has driven to the rescue with a new emergency response vehicle for Argyll and Bute.

Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution (SSEPD) donated a new £20,000 Ford Kuga All Wheel Drive Jeep to the British Red Cross.

The newly deployed emergency response vehicle will primarily serve Argyll and Bute, while also responding to incidents throughout the West of Scotland as required.

Vulnerable

SSEPD has made the donation to help the British Red Cross look after the welfare of its most vulnerable customers in the event of extended power cuts, or during storms and other extreme weather events.

The British Red Cross provides a versatile response to crisis situations but also gives day-to-day assistance to vulnerable people, including visits to check on welfare and transporting those with mobility problems to hospi-

tal appointments.

Alex Copland, event first aid and emergency response service manager for the British Red Cross, said: 'I would like to thank SSE for the generous donation of this vehicle.'

'The vehicle means our volunteers can now reach more people in need of help.'

'We are very grateful for their continued support, as it helps us to continue a vitally important service to the people of West Scotland, without which many people would not be able to live independently.'

Support

Colin Nicol, managing director of SSEPD, said: 'We are extremely grateful to the British Red Cross for its continued help in supporting some of our most vulnerable customers, from carrying out welfare visits during power cuts to helping us understand how to best serve the needs of those individuals who might find the loss of power particularly difficult.'



Colin Nicol (front left) managing director of Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution and colleagues present the vehicle to Alex Copland (front right) from British Red Cross.

Innovative Islay pharmacist nominated for national prize

AN ISLAY pharmacist's innovative new treatments have helped see her nominated for a national award.

Catriona Brodie, own-



Catriona Brodie is set to compete for the prestigious award.

er and manager of Islay Pharmacy, has been nominated for this year's Scottish Pharmacist Awards, competing in the Pharmacist of the Year category.

The winners will be announced during an award ceremony at the EICC in Edinburgh on Saturday February 27, hosted by TV presenter Carol Smillie.

Catriona and her staff were recognised for their unique service improvements at the Islay Pharmacy, to both the local community and visitors to the island.

Recent innovations she has introduced include a weekly 'safety huddle', a first-aid service, a tick removal service, a sexual health uptake service and a community hospital supply and discharge

service. Catriona, who studied Pharmacy at Strathclyde University in Glasgow, said: 'The population on Islay increases from around 3,500 to 10,000 during the summer months, and a lot of visitors walking around the island are unaware of the dangers that ticks pose.'

Deal

'We advised them about how to deal with ticks, how to safely remove ticks from the body and how to cope with the itching around the bite area. We also gave advice about the early warning signs of the associated Lyme disease, a potentially debilitating disease.'

'Also, because our staff have the right skills set, under my supervision we are able to provide

a robust first-aid service, where minor wounds and burns could be treated by trained members of the team, dressing the wounds here in the pharmacy.'

'It certainly helps to stop people turning up at the local hospital.'

Catriona's family moved to Islay around 20 years ago and, after graduating in 2008 and a year working in Glasgow, she moved back to Islay seven years ago to take over the management of the island's only Pharmacy. In 2011 she took outright ownership.

She is also proud of her pharmacy's involvement in the NHS Highland SPSP - PPC pilot scheme, which is also a finalist in this year's awards.

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Northern Lights set to dazzle in Campbeltown

IT IS not often guaranteed to see the Northern Lights, but Kintyre Music Club has made it possible.

On Friday February 5 the Northern Lights Wind Quintet will shine at the club's latest concert offering at Lorne and Lowland Church, following on from the impressive Beinn Artair Piano Trio.

The current line up of the vibrant ensemble, formed in 2009 and based in Glasgow, are all graduates of The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (formerly the RSAMD).

At the forefront of Scotland's buzzing chamber music scene, their diverse repertoire ranges from avant-garde to family favourites.

On the night the Quintet will play pieces by Mozart, Ravel, Sobeck, Beach, Shostakovich, Hallam Piazzolla, Elfman (from *The Simpsons*) and Nielson.

Highlights of the ensemble's history include winning the RSAMD

Governors' Recital Prize for Chamber Music, a residency at the St Magnus International Festival and a recital performance at the Edinburgh International Festival.

They have also had two world premieres as part of the PLUG New Music Festival, a concert at Glasgow's City Halls for their Portrait of the Composer Series and a broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland's *Classics Unwrapped*.

Tutelage

Arlene Cochrane, the quintet's oboist, studied under the tutelage of Emmanuel Laville (Swedish Radio Orchestra) and Stephane Rancourt (Hallé) and now combines her live performance work with her role as orchestral ensembles manager for the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland.

Christine Smith, the group's horn player, is in great demand as an orchestral musician and is currently the sub-principal horn with the Scottish Ballet Orchestra.

She appears regularly with various orchestras around the UK including the Philharmonia, BBC Concert Orchestra, Welsh National Opera, Opera North and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic.

Northumbrian born Sarah Hayes is a busy and versatile flautist and vocalist who leads a varied musical life. As well as her involvement in performing chamber music she also has a keen interest in folk and traditional music.

She is a member of the successful Glasgow indie-pop band Admiral Fallow, which have toured the UK, Europe, USA and Australia and released three albums to critical acclaim. Sarah also released her own solo folk album, *Woven*, in 2015 which earned a five-star review in *The Scotsman*.

Jenny Stephenson studied clarinet at the Conservatoire before continuing her musical studies in France, specialising in contempo-



The Northern Lights Quintet are set to light up the Lorne and Lowland Church.

rary music with Claude Crousier at the Conservatoire à Rayonnement Régional de Marseille.

Since her return to Scotland, Jenny has performed with the BBC Scottish Symphony Or-

chestra, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, Scottish Ballet and Scottish Opera.

Graeme Brown, who completes the line-up on bassoon, worked with orchestras throughout

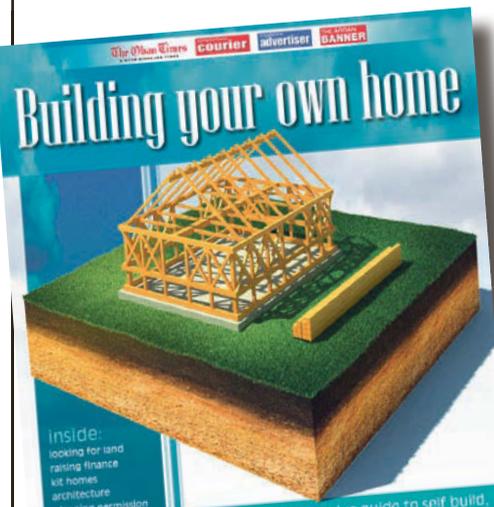
the UK after completing his studies, establishing himself as a busy freelance orchestral bassoonist before being appointed principal no.2 with the BBC Scottish Symphony Or-

chestra in March 2015.

The show, which is Kintyre Music Club's second last concert of the season, will begin at 7.30pm, with tickets £10 for adults and children and students free.

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Susan Gilchrist piped in the haggis at Stronvaar. 04_c05burns04

A tale of two haggis



BURNS Night came a wee bit early to Campbeltown last week as revellers ensured they could get as many drams into the nation's favourite poet as possible.

On Friday night, Campbeltown Bowling Club and Southend both held their annual Burns nights in the Wee Toon.

In Stronvaar, the bowling club welcomed a haggis carried by Alistair Mackay, the club's entertainment convener, who was hosting his 36th Burns night, and it was piped in by Susan Gilchrist.

The Address to the Haggis was made by John Johnston, while John Armour provided the Immortal Memory, Hugh MacDonald the Selkirk Grace, Tom Miller the Toast to the Lassies and Moyra Paterson gave the Reply

to the Toast, many of which had the bumper crowd in stitches.

After the haggis and a suitable amount of whisky was quaffed, guests proceeded to the dance floor to enjoy a ceilidh with music provided by local band 'Reason'.

There were also two singers, Margaret Bannatyne and Alistair Gillies, who provided excellent renditions for the evening.

In the Argyll Hotel, Southend held its annual Burns night, with a large crowd packing out the main hall and Peter McKerral as chairman for the evening.

The haggis was piped in by Donnie McKerral and a most colourful address was given to it by Gordon Caskie, whose dramatic performance from memory got the

night off to an excellent start.

An interesting Immortal Memory was proposed by Iain Mitchell, while the audience was visibly impressed by the quality of the local singers, Malcolm Ronald, Myra Millar and Iain MacPherson, accompanied on keyboard by David McEwan.

Thomas Cameron provided a hilarious Toast to the Lassies, which drew an equally witty Reply from Amy Gray.

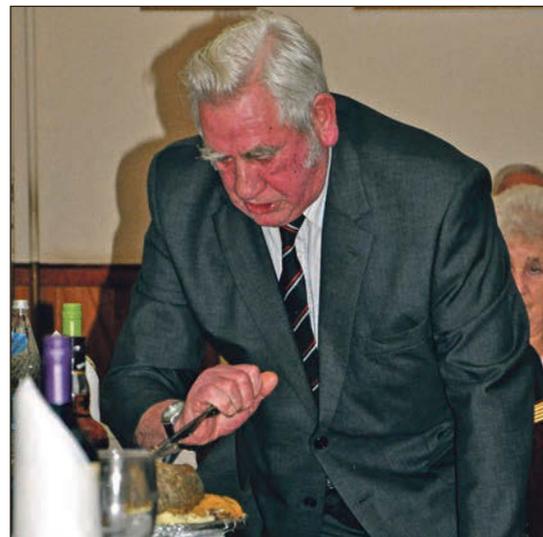
David Barbour provided the Tam O'Shanter recital.

At the end the artistes and chairman were thanked by Robert Millar.

Afterwards there was time for a social and a few drinks, before 'each took off his several way, resolved to meet some other day.'



Campbeltown Bowling Club entertainment convener Alistair Mackay brought in the haggis. 04_c05burns01



Gordon Caskie gave a most memorable address for the Southend crowd. 04_c05burns08



Toasting the haggis. 04_c05burns11



John Johnstone gave the address. 04_c05burn02



Donnie McKerral piped in the haggis at the Argyll Hotel. 04_c05burns07

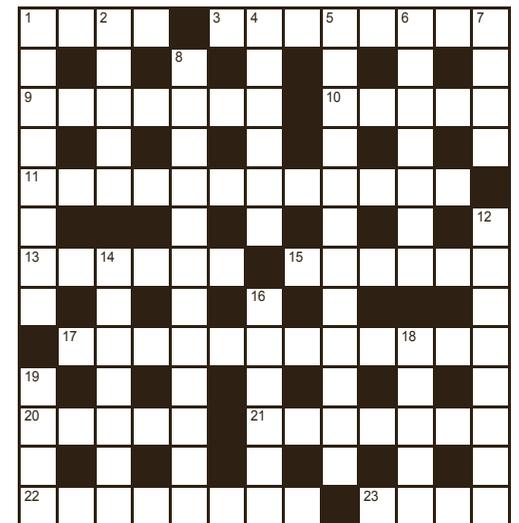
GRADUATION



IONA MACINTYRE

Daughter of Lorraine and Angus MacIntyre, Ford, grand-daughter of James and Violet Brown, Ford, and the late Angus and Mary MacIntyre, graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a Bachelor of Nursing, Paediatrics. She has taken up a Staff Nurse post in Critical Care at Children's Hospital, Glasgow.

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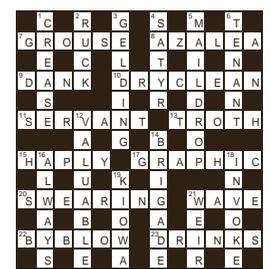
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- 10 Got up (5)
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- 13 Strip for take-off (6)
- 15 Served between the starter and main (6)
- 17 A place to sit? (12)
- 20 Copy (5)
- 21 Radio frequency (7)
- 22 Not cold now (6,2)
- 23 Intelligence (4)

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- 1 Dairy (8)
- 2 Child (5)
- 4 Sell to the public (6)
- 5 Crumpet holder (8,4)
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- 7 Bank claim (4)
- 8 Shop which sells an assortment of goods (7,5)
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- 14 Without expectations of winning (2-5)
- 16 Seen it all before! (4,2)
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Last week's solution



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CARRADALE

First guild talk of year focuses on Mary's Meals

THE FIRST session of the new year of Carradale guild was held on Tuesday January 12 in Carradale village hall library.

The guild was given a talk on the work of charity Mary's Meals by one of the guild members, Eleanor Bennett. This was accompanied by a DVD showing some very poignant pictures of vulnerable children.

The group was amazed to hear that more than 700,000 children receive a meal in school every day, mainly in African countries. This encourages the children to get an education.

The meeting was well attended with three members returning after spells in hospital. The next meeting is on Tuesday February 2, again in the village hall library at 2.30pm. The speakers will be Tony and Margaret Leighton, who will give an illustrated talk on Iceland.

Distillery takes 'terroir'

A PROGRESSIVE Islay distillery is challenging convention by releasing single malts that are described more like fine wines than whisky.

They are described in terms that resonate with the great French chateaux rather than familiar whisky industry icons such as stags heads or tartan.

A spokesperson said: 'Like fine wines, these whiskies are firmly grounded in a sense of place, and employ the French term 'terroir' to stress the importance of people, provenance and the traceability of raw materials.'

'Bruichladdich distillery has been laying down spirit, in accordance with these principles, ever since the crumbling Victorian buildings were resurrected from semi-dereliction nearly 15 years ago.'

The extended time scales involved in the whisky business mean



Gilbert McCormick at Claggan Farm.

that, only recently, has a coherent pattern emerged as their early work reaches maturity in the warehouses ranged along the western shore of Islay's Loch Indaal.

The latest example is Islay Barley 2009 – the distillery's fourth unpeated single malt whisky distilled entirely from barley grown by Islay farmers.

The distillery claims

that each new vintage demonstrates how an annual change in the Islay climate combined with the provenance and variety of the barley is all of fundamental importance to the eventu-

al character of the spirit.

Planting the varieties 'Publican' and 'Oxbridge', farmers Hunter Jackson at Cruach, Gilbert McCormick at Claggan, Ian McKerrill on Island and Alastair Tor-

rance from Mulindry had very different soil types and conditions to deal with compared to those faced by Mark and Rohaise French at Rockside out on the western seaboard.

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TAYINLOAN

Tayinloan Pier is 'still a hazard'

One of the rotting support beams.

ROTTING beams are 'still a hazard' at Tayinloan Pier, despite a £2.3 million spend that was raised by a community project.

A Tayinloan resident for 16 years, who did not wish to be named, has been emailing MPs, MSPs and councillors to raise the issue saying that, despite repairs, the pier remains unsafe.

In the wake of the worst winter weather for several decades, the pier's oak surface beams are severely rotting, leaving some holes which could potentially cause a serious accident.

The resident said: 'The pier used to be looked after by the Marine Coastguard Agency, but it is the local council's job now.'

'It has told me that the pier is 'structurally sound', but anyone can see the surface and supporting beams are rotting.

'Eventually someone could have an accident and could sue.'

Although not a fisherman by trade, the resident wants action before someone receives an injury caused by the decomposing beams.

'I am the only one who complains about it; the fishermen are at sea all the time so they cannot complain, and they have probably given up hope of it ever being fixed.'

'A lot of fishing families here go back generations, but I do not think the council cares about the fishing industry here at all.'



A gap between the surface beams.

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Union leader calls for direct Kintyre dairy support

AS FARM milk prices continue to bump along at their lowest level for decades, the region's farming union chairman has called for direct financial help to keep Kintyre and Bute dairy farms afloat.

In the week that the National Farmers' Union of Scotland described the dairy farming crisis as 'unprecedented in severity and duration', John Dickson, newly-appointed chairman of the union's Argyll and the Isles region, said: 'The milk issue is definitely the most pressing and most crucial for our region. The longer it goes on, the worse it gets, and the danger is that farmers will give up or cut production, and it will get to the point when there's not enough milk to fill a tanker.'

'I don't think anyone wants to see the end of dairying in either Kintyre or Bute, because it contributes a massive amount to the economy in both areas.'

He went on to appeal

for urgent help: 'I would say that dairy farmers in this area, because of the very low price they are getting for their milk, are needing some direct financial help, just to tide them over,' said Mr Dickson.

'They are milking cows at a loss, so every month they are losing money. The banks have been understanding up till now, but for how much longer?'

'We need to have some financial help directed at dairy farmers in Argyll and Bute to help them get over the next six months to a year.'

NFU Scotland's policy manager, George Jamieson, said: 'It is critical and undeniable that all parts of the supply chain must better share the risks and the rewards of the volatile market we now face. Dairy producers are currently carrying too much of the burden and have not benefited enough from the opportunities.'



John Dickson.
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'Analysts remain convinced that the future is positive for the dairy sector, but for this to be a reality then we must see tangible evidence that processors, retailers and all end users, governments and the consumer can all work collaboratively to overcome the massive challenges of peaks and troughs of volatility and competition.'

'Scotland wants to be a part of dairying's future, but all parties cannot take dairy farmers for granted.'

Kintyre farmers tell of contracts paying 15 pence per litre, or as low as ten pence for some.

John Dickson continued: 'There is a feasibility study going on relation to the future of Campbeltown Creamery.'

'Let the feasibility study come up with an answer, and hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel. If not, dairy farmers are going to give up. Longer term, part of the solution might involve Bute milk coming to Kintyre.'

He concluded with a call to support the union, commenting: 'NFU Scotland is not perfect, and I've criticised it in the past myself, but it's the best lobbying organisation we've got. The NFU has a relationship with ministers and civil servants, so it is definitely the way to get things done.'

Farming Focus

Ewen Campbell,
SRUC Kirkton & Auchtertyre farms manager

IT IS the start of a new year, a time when it is customary to look back and take stock of what's been happening over the past 12 months.

It will come as no surprise to any reader that one of the main features of 2015 was the weather - which can be summed up simply as wet, wet, wet! The total rainfall recorded at the Met Office weather station outside my office at Kirkton was 3,586 mm (141 inches) which was 1,058 mm more than the 1991-2010 twenty year average. So there was not only a lot more rain than 'normal' but it was also incessant, with rain being recorded on 292 days throughout 2015. All this wet stuff had impacts on the running of the farms.

Following a wet January, we had a short respite during the first half of February, but the rain soon returned with a vengeance giving us a wet second half of February and a wet March. This made feeding the sheep challenging, and a muddy business. Fortunately, we then had a relatively dry, sunny and at times warm April, which was ideal for the beginning of lambing time. But again, after this May was cool and wet, as were June, July and August.

Although the animals did not suffer too much from these conditions, it played havoc with our day to day farming operations. Ploughing was one job which was abandoned altogether in favour of direct drilling, which allowed us to keep to our schedule of re-seeding at least one field each year. Just when I was debating whether or not to cut the grass for silage, we experienced a brief dry spell in the middle of August and we managed to get the grass cut and baled.

Thankfully after all the summer rain we had a bit of an Indian summer, and it was relatively warm and dry through September and early October. In fact, October 1 2015 was not only the warmest October day on record at 20 degrees celsius, but was actually the first time that this temperature has ever been recorded in October. Like the rest of the country, November and December were very wet. In fact, the wettest month of 2015 was December,

when a total of 738 mm (29 inches) of rainfall was recorded, making it the wettest December and the wettest calendar month since records began in 1991.

One of the few positives from these conditions was that the grass kept growing almost until Christmas, and no supplementary feeding was required until the



A snowy scene at Kirkton.

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new year. At pre-tupping, the ewes averaged 55 kg and were in good condition, which is good for the start of the mating season, and they were in much the same condition when the tups were removed in the first week of January. At this time we dosed them for fluke and treated them for ticks. Last year, we had a couple of incidences of tick borne fever in our lambs so we have decided to take a 'belt and braces' approach to ticks this year.

As I have mentioned in a previous article, the weather was also the main reason for taking our cows down off the hill early and putting them inside. They should start calving in about three weeks and appear to be in just about the right condition. The sight and sound of a shed full of contented cows, lying down, chewing their cud as the rain hammers off the roof, is one that I find very enjoyable!

Last year, sleet or snow was recorded falling at the weather station on 42 days and lying snow was noted on 43 days. A depth of 20cm of lying snow was recorded on January 14 and 18cm on March 3. As in the previous winter, we had snow on the mountains above 600m that lasted well into spring, with a few patches on some of the surrounding Munros not melting until August. And it looks like we are on track for more snow in 2016.

But let's hope we see a bit more sun and a lot less rain through 2016, particularly at key times during our farming calendar. For now though, I better grab my raincoat and leggings again!

Change of heart eases funding blow

A SCOTTISH Government funding package worth £30,000 has been agreed to provide agricultural training opportunities for young farmers.

The grant was agreed during a meeting between the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs (SAYFC) and Minister for Young People, Aileen Campbell.

The announcement comes hot on the heels of news that Scottish ministers had axed an annual grant to SAYFC worth £66,000 - equivalent to 13 per cent of the youth organisation's annual income.

Rural Affairs Secretary, Richard Lochhead, said: 'I am firmly committed to helping increase opportunities for young farmers

and other young people in rural communities, and I recognise the valuable work of the SAYFC.'

'That is why I am pleased to be able to give the organisation a grant of £30,000 towards the delivery of agricultural and rural training and development activities for its members.'

'During their meeting today, the SAYFC updated the Minister for Young People on their plans for securing the long-term sustainability of their organisation, and the use they are making of the advisory support package provided through Lloyds Foundation, including advice on alternative funding sources and assistance with presenting proposals.'

'As part of the on-going nation-

al discussion on the Future of Scottish agriculture, we have also been in discussion with the SAYFC. I look forward to their continued involvement in helping to realise my vision of a productive, innovative and profitable future for Scottish farming.'

SAYFC national chairman, Scott Wilson, said: 'We are grateful for this funding offer which will help ensure we can continue providing personal development opportunities for rural youth throughout Scotland. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss with Aileen Campbell the association and its value to young people. We look forward to working with Mr Lochhead and his team.'

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Glasgow partnership 'inspires' Argyll and the Isles tourism group

A VISIT to Scotland's biggest city has given Argyll's voice of tourism a dose of inspiration.

Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AIRC) travelled to Glasgow to meet with representatives from Glasgow City Marketing Bureau (GCMB), who created the 'People Make Glasgow' campaign, and others from ScotRail.

Identified

The meeting was designed to help the groups work towards improving connections between Glasgow and the west coast. This has been identified as a key lever for growing both Glasgow and Argyll and the Isles' tourism economies.

The AIRC management team, who have

recently completed a destination leaders executive certificate course at Napier University, wished to put their studies into practice by looking at how GCMB can encourage tourists visiting Glasgow to also visit the west coast.

AIRC chairman Gavin Dick said: 'Glasgow City Marketing Bureau employs some of the most talented marketing people in the country.

'After meeting the team behind 'People Make Glasgow', it is impossible not to come away from an afternoon with them feeling totally inspired.

'Having an insight into their approach to destination marketing and tourism development, as well as giving them an overview of the plans AIRC has for the com-

ing months, has given us a lot to take forward.'

Tom Rice, GCMB's Head of Marketing Communications, said: 'Glasgow has been named by travel industry bible National Geographic Traveler as one of the 20 best destinations in the world for 2016, so we know that global awareness of the city is strong.

Capitalise

'Our focus now is to continue to capitalise on that awareness, and sharing strategies with AIRC has highlighted ways that we can work together to drive increased visitor volume from our target markets.'

AIRC also met with ScotRail, where discussions focused on how to inspire more visitors to come to the west coast



AITC directors with ScotRail and GCMB representatives at Glasgow Central Train Station.

by train, as well as ways to increase awareness of local attractions along the route.

Gavin Dick added: 'This is a valuable insight into how we can work better with major

partners like ScotRail to create new links with the Argyll and Isles region. AIRC has been on

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Renault Kadjar crossover range

Renault seems to have found a winner with its new mid-sized crossover Kadjar range.

The Kadjar is available in a range of petrol and diesel engines, including four-wheel-drive options.

Even the entry level Expression+ comes well equipped as standard, including air conditioning in the most basic model. An impressive array of gadgets peaks with the Kadjar Signature Nav, which boasts a Bose stereo, 19 inch alloys and touchscreen satnav.

Curvaceous and bold styling sets this car apart. It simply exudes quality, feeling thoroughly well built.

The cabin is spacious, well laid out and featuring legroom a-plenty, with all the storage space a family could want.

Boot space in the Kadjar is slightly greater than the Nissan Quashqai, on which the Renault model is based. All in all, it just feels better than its long-established Japanese cousin.

The raised driving position gives excellent visibility, with grippy handling on corners and responsive controls. Big tyres mean a little road noise becomes apparent at slow speeds and on rough tarmac, but this does little to detract from the fun experienced driving this car.

And it's well priced too. Peter Semple, of Scotland's most established Renault dealership, WD Semple of Inveraray, said: 'I have been dealing with Renault for many years, but I think the Kadjar is just a really outstanding car. It drives very well, offering great value for money.'

It certainly is well priced, with lots of equipment as standard. The Kadjar is a fantastic option as a family car or for anyone with hobbies needing plenty of gear hauling around. The Renault Kadjar is, simply, a quality car at the right price.



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The range has one engine option - Renault's tried and test 1.5 litre dCi diesel - with 107PS and peak torque of 240Nm. Four-wheel drive costs more, but offers

surprisingly impressive off-roading ability.

The load area is practical, and will take anything up to 1.4 metres in length, while the metre width between the wheel arches allows a euro pallet to be carried sideways.

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Isuzu D-Max Fury

The tough-yet-refined Isuzu D-Max, which went on sale in July 2012, is available as a double cab, single cab and, for the first time in the UK, extended cab body configuration featuring rear-opening side-access panels. The single, extended and entry-level double cab variant form the utility range of models, named Isuzu D-Max. Buyers seeking more sophistication can opt for the pick-up in Eiger, Yukon, Utah and Blade specifications in the 'premium' range.

Powered by a highly fuel-efficient, 2.5-litre twin-turbo common-rail diesel engine, the Isuzu D-Max generates 163 PS and peak torque output of 400 Nm from 1400 rpm, available with purpose-developed six-speed manual or five-speed automatic transmissions. The D-Max achieves impressive fuel economy of 38.7 mpg (combined). The Isuzu D-Max pick-

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The D-Max was awarded a four-star safety rating by independent vehicle assessment organisation, Euro NCAP. The results mark out the new pick-up as one of the safest vehicles in its segment.

In the UK, prices range from £14,999 to £26,999 (Commercial Vehicle on-the-road / CVOTR), allowing a VAT-registered company to reclaim VAT on the purchase of a D-Max.

To ensure the D-Max is built to last, it underwent 4 million kilometres of endurance testing, the equivalent of 100 times around the world. In recognition of its inherent toughness, the Isuzu D-Max was the first pick-up in the UK to be offered with a confidence-inspiring five-year / 125,000-mile warranty.

The wheelbase of the D-Max is 3,095 mm (45 mm more than Rodeo) while the overall length (bumper-to-bumper) has increased by 215 mm to 5,295 mm. The track of both the two-wheel-drive and four-wheel-drive variants has increased by 50 mm (over Rodeo) to 1,510 mm and 1,570 mm respectively. Width between the wheel arches is 1110 mm.

The increased dimensions contribute to a more spacious cabin, improved ride and handling, and greater safety. Despite its longer

and wider body, the D-Max has a usefully tight turning circle of 11.8 metres (4x2) / 12.2 metres (4x4).

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The GT Line boasts a range of sports additions, including twin exhausts, black rear diffuser, lowered suspension and 18" Diamant alloys. Attractive LED front and rear lights, including full LED headlamps, complement the special feel, but there's more inside.

The interior features bucket-style seats finished in a plush grey fabric with contrasting red stitching and with a leather edging. The colour theme continues elsewhere in the cabin, including the smaller-than-usual sporty steering wheel.

A large touchscreen digital display offers a digital entertainment centre, climate control, satnav, bluetooth phone, parking sensors and cameras - plus all the performance information you could ever wish for.

Leg and headroom for driver and front passenger is ample, but the rear passengers with longer legs might find themselves a bit cramped.



Peugeot says that its latest powerful range of BlueHDi diesel engines comply with Euro 6 emission standards, provide 'extraordinary fuel economy and CO2 emissions'.

A smooth six-speed transmission linked to the 1.6 litre diesel unit copes with ease in most situations, cruising effortlessly at motorway speeds; equally at home nipping around town. The steering is light and responsive, automatically adjusting to become heavier for the open road to balance greater speed.

Sporty style, with big alloys and lowered suspension mean that is a little compromise on ride comfort, cushioned somewhat by the GT Line's comfy seats.

Points to note include plenty of storage space in the boot, a pleasing Golf-like 'clunk' when doors are closed, and tinted side and tailgate windows.

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Strathmore gears up for another exciting year with Volvo

As Volvo Car UK celebrates its best sales performance in 21 years and receives yet another safety award for the XC90 at this year's What Car? Awards, Strathmore looks ahead to another exciting year with the Swedish manufacturer.

The V40/V40 Cross Country was the biggest-selling model in the UK, with 17,068 sold, followed by the XC60 (13,920) and the V60 (3,353).

Demand for the all-new XC90 was also strong. A total of 2,981 were sold in 2015, which highlights how well Volvo's new design direction and high-tech connectivity features have been received by customers.

Volvo has announced significant plans for further product launches over the next few years, and the latest model to arrive at Strathmore will be the new Volvo S90, Volvo Cars' entry ticket to the premium saloon club.

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Best year in a decade for British car manufacturing as exports reach record high



British manufacturers made more cars in 2015 than any year since 2005, according to figures released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). Production increased 3.9% on 2014, with output at 1,587,677 overtaking pre-recession levels for the first time.

Appetite for British-built cars grew significantly in other key and emerging regions, demonstrating the strength and diversity of UK manufacturing and product. In the US, demand rose by more than a quarter (26.5%), making it the UK's biggest trading destination outside the EU, ahead of China. Meanwhile, notable growth was also seen in Australia, South Korea, Turkey and Japan with volumes up 53.7%, 55.2%, 41.1% and 35.4% respectively.

A record number of cars – representing 77.3% of total production – was for export, with 1,227,881 units leaving the UK, up 2.7% on 2014 levels. Challenges were experienced in some global markets such as China, where demand fell by 37.5%, and Russia, where export volumes declined 69.4%. However, the economic recovery in Europe, the UK's biggest trading partner, boosted demand for UK-built cars considerably by 11.3% in 2015. The region now accounts for 57.5% of all UK car exports.

British consumer and business demand for British-made cars also contributed to last year's success, with the home car market rising 8.1% on the previous year. One in seven new cars registered in the UK in 2015 was made in Britain.

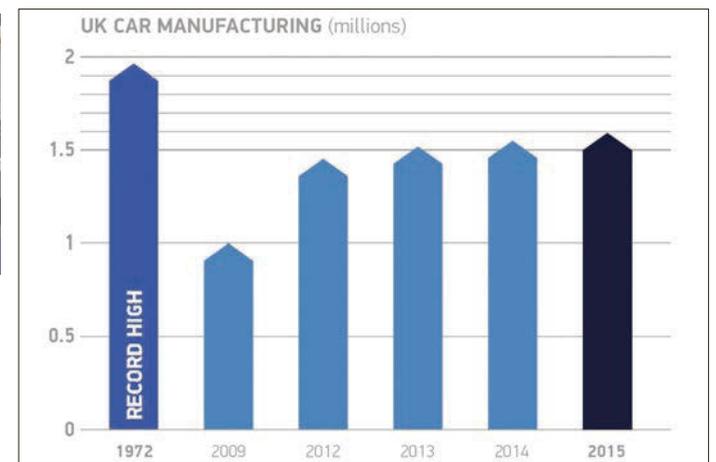
Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive, said: "Despite export challenges in some key markets, foreign demand for British-built cars has been strong, reaching record export levels in the past year. Achieving these results is down to vital investment in

the sector, world class engineering and a committed and skilled UK workforce – one of the most productive in the world.

"Continued growth in an intensely competitive global marketplace is far from guaranteed, however, and depends heavily on global economic conditions and political stability. Europe is our biggest trading partner and the UK's membership of the European Union is vital for the automotive sector in order to secure future growth and jobs."

Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne said: "Backing Britain's car industry has been a priority for this government and today we see the industry going from strength to strength."

"I am hugely encouraged that manufacturing is at a 10-year high and exports are at a record level. All this means



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The above fuel consumption figures are based on an EU test for comparative purposes only and may not reflect real driving results. Vitara range: *Vitara SZ4 1.6 Petrol Manual available at £13,999 to Vitara SZ5 1.6 DDiS ALLGRIP TCSS with Rugged Pack available at £23,149. All prices and specifications correct at time of going to print. For full details contact your local participating Suzuki Dealer. Offer subject to availability for vehicles privately registered between 1st January 2016 to 31st March 2016 from participating Authorised Suzuki Dealers only. **SZ5 models only. †S2-T and SZ5 models only. Model shown: Vitara 1.6 SZ4 available at £13,999 on the road. (Single-tone metallic paint available at an additional cost of £430, dual-tone paint available at an additional cost of £800.)

Vitara awarded a best buy at the What Car? awards

Suzuki celebrated good news at the 2016 What Car? Magazine awards as the Vitara was awarded a 'Best Buy at less than £15,000' accolade along with the Swift Sport model. In the Small SUV class and priced at £13,999, the Vitara 1.6-litre SZ4 was comprehensively judged by the editorial team and announced as the best overall model in its price bracket.

Jim Holder, Editorial Director of What Car? comments: "In SZ4 trim the Vitara doesn't just sneak into this price category; it's more than £1,000 beneath it. Even then it comes complete with niceties such as climate control, cruise control, Bluetooth connectivity and a DAB radio.

"The 1.6 litre engine might not have a turbocharger but is smooth and more than capable in the Vitara. It's also economical; our True MPG testers managed to get within 3.9mpg of the official figure. The Vitara drives well, too; the suspension is firm enough to resist roll without ever becoming uncomfortable and the controls inspire plenty of confidence. The five-speed gearbox is enjoyable to use, too. Practicality is a real strong point inside, with plenty of leg room front and back."

He added: "Cargo space is impressive in its size and also accessibility; the boot opening is wide with a low loading lip. The interior is

also solidly put together, with piano black trim to add a little class. To top it all, there are also plenty of customisation options. It really is a complete package for very little outlay."



Standard equipment for all models is comprehensive and also includes seven airbags, alloy wheels and front and rear electric windows. Suzuki's latest ALLGRIP four wheel drive technology is available as an option on SZ5 models and is standard equipment on the recently introduced S model.

The new Vitara S provides a more sporting and dynamic character to the Vitara line up and is the first Suzuki to utilise its new BOOSTERJET technology. The engine is a 140PS 1.4-litre direct injection turbocharged unit. It has compact dimensions and offers 220Nm of torque available from just 1,500rpm through to 4,000rpm. CO₂ emissions are 127g/km and just one gramme higher for the optional six speed automatic transmission.

The Subaru WRX STI - Performance with style

The muscular proportions of the WRX STI convey a sense of power and stability. For the new-generation model, key design themes found on previous-generation models – notably the bonnet scoop and large rear spoiler – are still there, but have been evolved to give a more sophisticated yet purposeful look.

Subaru's 2.5-litre turbocharged Boxer engine – generating the evocative Subaru 'burble' exhaust note – is complemented by the brand's Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive technology, giving the car unprecedented levels of performance and traction. Agility and driving enjoyment are further enhanced by the car's low centre of gravity, the new hydraulic steering and re-worked short-throw gear shift.

Design

The new Subaru WRX STI builds on the model's role as the brand's flagship performance saloon. The all-new body further develops the model's iconic appearance, with more distinctive styling. A low, wide body emphasises the car's stability, presence and sporting intent.

Exterior

The body shell of the new WRX STI incorporates a higher percentage of ultra high-tensile steel. This has resulted in a



body that is 140 per cent stiffer than the previous model, yet with no increase in weight.

The front of the WRX STI displays Subaru's trademark hexagonal grille, now in gloss black, while the newly-designed hawk-eye LED headlamps and lower placement of the front fog lamps highlight the car's wide and low stance.

The WRX STI's sculpted profile sees the base of the A-pillar moved forwards by 200mm, while the C-pillar transitions more smoothly into the prominent belt line. Combined with a lower roofline and a new shark-fin audio antenna, these subtle changes make the car's appearance more coupé-like.

Interior

The all new cabin of the WRX STI leaves drivers in no doubt as to the car's performance intentions.

The small-diameter D-shaped steering wheel sits in front of an instrument binnacle housing a dual-dial layout with 3.5-inch full-colour LCD and aluminium rings for a sporty look. The red lighting is suitably evocative and is made more noticeable by the contrast with the white needles.

Sports front seats, complete with embossed 'STI' logo on the head restraint, are finished in Alcantara with leather side bolsters and have been shaped to be both supportive but also supremely comfortable. There

are further red highlights on the black seat upholstery, while stainless steel sill plates, additional red lighting elements and carbon fibre-look trim on the centre console enhance the performance car ambience. At the same time, all the controls have been designed to be simple and intuitive to use.

Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive

The WRX STI retains Subaru's legendary Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive (AWD) system with a centre differential, which allows drivers to safely exploit the car's high levels of traction, stability and agility.

Engine and transmission

The new Subaru WRX STI is fitted with an evolution of the existing 2.5-litre horizontally-opposed Boxer engine found in the previous model. The revised engine retains the proven benefits of the horizontally-opposed layout while achieving greater mechanical efficiency and a more immediate accelerative response.

Generating 300ps at 6,000rpm and 407Nm torque at 4,000rpm, the engine powers the WRX STI from 0-62mph in 5.2 seconds and on to a 159mph top speed. The WRX STI returns fuel economy of 27.2mpg on a combined cycle and CO2 emissions of 242g/km.

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Driver advice: Vehicle maintenance

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Good maintenance can save you money as well as avoiding breakdowns or potentially devastating crashes. Badly-inflated tyres can mean you use more petrol, while putting off minor repairs can make them far more costly in the long-run.

You should carry out regular 'walk-round' checks of your vehicle, once a week and before any long journeys, which need only take a few minutes. The main things you should look out for are:

- **tyre tread wear.** Look out for tread wear indicator bars on tyres – small bumps in the main grooves which indicate the minimum tread. Change your tyres well before your tread gets to the legal minimum (1.6mm in the UK). Brake recommends replacing at 3mm, as tyres can be dangerous in wet conditions with less than this. If you drive with tyres worn down to below the legal limit, you could face three penalty points and a £2,500 fine, or it could cause a deadly crash.
- **tyre pressure.** Buy a hand-held tyre pressure gauge and check the pressure

weekly, when the tyres are cold. The correct pressure will be written in your vehicle's handbook.

- **general tyre condition.** Check for cracks, bulges or bubbles on the sides of your tyres. These are signs that the tyre is damaged and at risk of blowing out. If you see any of these, get the tyre checked by a professional, and replaced if necessary.
 - **lights are working.** Check lights are clean and bulbs aren't blown (reflect against a wall, or ask a friend to help).
 - **oil, water and fluids.** Check oil and water levels, and other fluids such as power steering, windscreen washer and brake fluid, are well above minimum levels.
 - **wiper blades.** Check they are in full working order and replace if worn.
 - **wheel fixings.** Check wheels and wheel fixings for defects, including loose nuts.
- If you drive a commercial or specialist vehicle, there may be additional checks you should make. Check with your employer or consult your handbook.
- Setting off and while on your journey, look out for:
- **problems with, or noises from, your brakes.** Brakes usually make a noise when



worn, but if you notice any problem with them, get them checked immediately by a professional mechanic. It's a good idea to test brakes weekly and at the start of long journeys, following your walk-round checks, by applying them gently while driving very slowly on a flat, empty stretch;

- **warning lights on your dashboard;**
- **excess noise or smoke from the exhaust;**
- **smoke from under the bonnet;**

- **fluid leaking from under the vehicle;**
- **smell of hot electrics, fuel, or a burning smell;**
- **unusual sounds from the engine;**
- **a pulling sensation from the steering.**

If you have any suspicion at all there's a problem with your vehicle, take it to a garage immediately – putting it off could cost you cash, result in a breakdown, or worse, lead to a serious crash.

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Just because a vehicle has passed an annual test or been serviced, it doesn't mean it will be safe until the next service. A brake pad (the material that keeps your brakes working) may be only just above legal now, and worn out and dangerous well before your next service. Talk to your garage about the level of wear on brake pads and tyres, and any other problems your vehicle might

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[i] Reported Road Casualties Great Britain: 2013 Annual Report, Department for Transport 2014.

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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

AT 10.30A.M. - WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2016

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 Committee Manager, Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre, 38 East Clyde Street, Helensburgh G84 7PG. Telephone: 01436 657605.

The Agenda for the meeting is available to view at the Servicepoint, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead and at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk
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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. 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 STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/03491/PP	Installation of plant equipment (refrigeration and air condition units) and penetration of external wall for services	Land South West of Inveraray Primary School The Avenue Main Street Inveraray Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03502/PP	Erection of 44 dwellinghouses and formation of vehicular access	Land North of Sunnybrae Tarbert Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
16/00003/MIN	Temporary mineral working in association with windfarm development (part retrospective)	Land at Freasdaill Windfarm, East of A83 at Gartnagrenach and South of Whitehouse, Tarbert, Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
16/00142/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and workshop/garage	Land South of West Skeroblin Farm Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6NX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/03202/PP	Change of use of agricultural land to form extension to existing burial ground	Land East of Kilkerran Cemetery Kilkerran Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
16/00113/LIB	Demolition and replacement of existing gatehouse to form ancillary residential accommodation	Green Oak Low Askomil Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6EP	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that Argyll and Bute Council, M and K MacLeod Limited and Highland and Islands Enterprise have submitted a Masterplan to Argyll and Bute Council in respect of Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan 2015 - Strategic Masterplan Area MAST 1/9 Kilmory Strategic Business Site inclusive of designations MU3004 and BI3001 (Light Industrial, storage and distribution, tourism and commercial recreational use).

A copy of the Masterplan (reference 16/00233/MPLAN may be inspected Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm at Planning and Regulatory Services, Area Office, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD and by logging on the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Any person who wishes to make representations to the council about the Masterplan should make them in writing to Planning and Regulatory Services, Area Office, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD before the 26th February 2016.

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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COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

Councillor Anne Horn (E.W.2 Kintyre and the Islands)

Councillor Horn will be holding a drop in surgery in the Gigha Hotel, Isle of Gigha on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 from 2.30pm - 3.00pm.

Councillor Horn can also be contacted by email - Anne.Horn@argyll-bute.gov.uk and by telephone 01880 820496. She will also be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

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Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme (SEEP) will help improve warmth in buildings and homes, drive down energy bills and work towards reaching climate change targets. The fund will help local authorities to pilot new and innovative approaches to energy efficiency with community groups and businesses, which can then be taken forward when SEEP is rolled out fully from 2018.

Mr Neil said: 'More than 900,000 energy efficiency measures have been carried out across homes in Scotland since 2008. SEEP will work with businesses and the commercial sector to see how we can achieve similar successes. This pilot phase will allow councils to test the effectiveness of new approaches to energy efficiency.

'The pilot projects will integrate support across various

building types, to evaluate the impact of innovative approaches to funding and delivery, and to test the market appetite for energy efficiency investments in the commercial sector.

'Across Scotland we have allocated more than half a billion pounds since 2009 on a raft of measures to help the most vulnerable people in our society heat their homes affordably. SEEP will help extend these measures to ensure homes, businesses and public buildings can benefit from a similar approach.

'This funding will now help local authorities develop projects and help ensure Scotland leads the way in energy efficiency.'

The projects will build upon and integrate existing domestic energy efficiency programmes, bringing together support from the Scottish Government's low carbon infrastructure transition programme, with the Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland (HEEPS): area-based scheme.

Wilson Shaw, chairman of the National Insulation Asso-

ciation in Scotland, said: 'We welcome this new approach to supporting energy efficiency in Scotland. Funding like this is a much-needed boost to the insulation industry and will help support hundreds of jobs across the country.

'The Scottish Government's HEEPS schemes have been effective in improving the energy efficiency of our homes. It is important to build on this and I especially welcome the promotion of an integrated approach which should improve our ability to help both homes and businesses across Scotland.'



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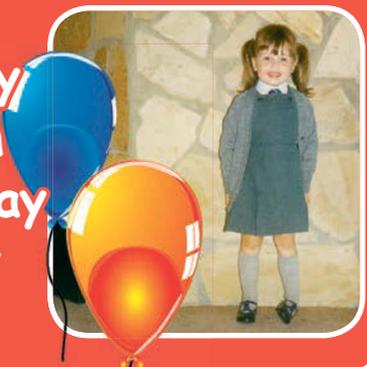
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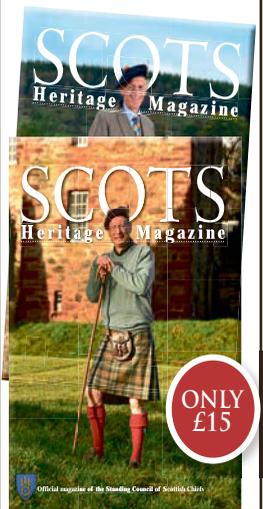
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It is interesting that so often people talk about having a treat like chocolate or cake as being wicked.

Calories are counted as sins and people made to feel guilty for indulging in them.

As I think of the many folk starving in our world, I think they would regard having any food as a blessing and certainly not as a sin.

I wonder when this negative attitude to enjoying a treat began.

Of course we have to eat sensibly and not indulge in food that is not good for us.

But surely we should not regard a treat as a sin.

I think we need to be careful about using the word 'wicked' to simply describe a little indulgence or to think we are 'sinning' when we eat a bar of chocolate.

The dictionary definition of 'wicked' is 'evil or morally wrong'.

Surely eating some cake doesn't cast us into the darkest depths.

Perhaps we should reassess this concept.

Perhaps we should say that while we have stockpiles of food and throw much of it away when many are starving, then that is wicked.

Perhaps we should say that when we live in an affluent society where more and more people have to use food-banks, then that is a sin.

Perhaps we should wonder why there is enough food in this world for everyone, yet many go hungry.

As we go to sleep tonight with a full stomach, there will be millions who have not eaten for days.

When they pray, 'Lord give us this day our daily bread' – that is literally what they mean.

Let us long for a world where all are fed, where all are able to share in the abundance of the earth's resources and where no one is hungry.

But we need to share more than our cake to make this happen.

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

February 1 1991

Brass quartet lifts Scottish title

CAMPBELTOWN Brass gained its first Scottish championship last Saturday when its all-girl brass quartet won the Scottish junior quartet championship held in the Howden Centre, Livingston.

The four girls were 13-year-olds Morvern Gilchrist (cornet) and Zoe Metcalf (horn) and 14-year-olds Katrina MacNab (cornet) and Ruth Evans (euphonium).

Playing in a section for under-18-year-olds the girls were the youngest competitors. However, this made no difference: against six other quartets,

all qualified from regional rounds all over Scotland, they gave a most polished, relaxed and confident performance of 'Petite Suite for Brass Quartet' by Reginald Heath.

Adjudicator Mr James Smith was full of praise for the Campbeltown ensemble, describing them as a well-trained team who gave a most enjoyable performance.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

February 3, 1966

Committee rejects housing request for teachers

An application by Argyll Education Committee for two houses for teachers was rejected at the monthly meeting of Campbeltown Town Council Housing Committee on Monday evening.

The decision was, however, by no means clear-cut and at intervals it provoked heated controversy between councillors of opposing views.

In the later stages of the debate the committee was split into three groups and it was finally agreed by only the narrowest margin of one vote that no houses be given.

Housing convener George McMillan said that last year they had allocated three houses to the Education Committee. He felt they had done enough.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

January 29 1916

The local mail service

THE TOWN Council is to be congratulated on its prompt and decisive action in regard to the proposed land service

of mails via Tarbert. They are also to be congratulated on the judicial spirit in which, at their special meeting on Saturday last, they discussed the whole question.

There was not throughout even a hint of dissention. It is an open secret that considerable feeling existed, and probably still exists, in certain quarters over the action of the Shipping Company last November; and if the Secretary of the Post Office can describe the state of the matters which then arose as due to 'the sudden repudiation by the Shipping Company of its contract obligations,' it might seem that some justification for feeling existed on the part of the public. But happily no evidence of this made itself felt at last Saturday's meeting.

Civic Trust call for nominees for 'Trust my place' awards

THE SCOTTISH Civic Trust is searching for nominations for their annual 'Trust my place' awards.

Celebration

The 2016 Awards, supported by the Scottish Government, are a national celebration of good local design and conservation projects and of people who make a significant

contribution to the civic movement.

The awards are unique in that they are nominated by local communities and people, and as such the Trust is looking for suggestions for favourite new buildings, restoration projects and landscape designs throughout the country.

The Trust is also

looking for suggestions for winners of the My Place Civic Champion awards.

Examples of past entries and winners, as well as full details on how to make a free nomination, can be found at www.myplaceawards.org.uk.

The deadline for nominations is January 31.

Free nursery place registration

TODDLERS in Argyll and Bute who were born between March 1, 2013 and February 28, 2014 should be registered for their free Early Learning and Childcare place between February 1 - 5.

Parents are invited to go to their chosen nursery during that week to pick up an information pack and complete the application.

Parents are advised to also take children's birth certificates with them when registering. For further information visit <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/early-years> or call the Early Years Helpline on 01369 708 503.

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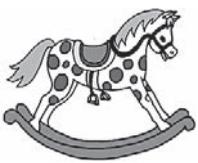
"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

BIRTHS



AGNEW

Alistair and Kirsten (nee Millar) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of a son, Lawrie Robert, on December 18, 2015 at Aberdeen Maternity Unit. Both well.



RAMSAY - MCCALLUM

Stephen and Carol are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their perfect little boy, Lyle Graham Ramsay, born on January 18, 2016. John and Moira, Lamont and Margaret are over the moon. Special thanks to midwives and staff at Campbeltown and Paisley Hospital.

WELCH - Jonathan and Christina, Cairnbaan, are delighted to announce the birth of their son Archie David on December 24, 2015 at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Grateful thanks to midwives at Lochgilphead and Paisley.

DEATHS

BONE - Peacefully at home, Shaldon, Knockscalbert Way, Campbeltown, on January 22, 2016, Margaret Baillie MacIntyre, in her 86th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Bobby Bone, much loved mother of the late Robert and Neil and a loving grandmother of Miranda and George. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Friday, January 29, 2016 at 1.00pm. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. No flowers please.

BRODIE - Suddenly on January 20, 2016 at FVRH Larbert, William John (Bill) aged 72 years. Beloved husband of Betty, nee Docherty, loving dad of Emma and Craig, much loved granddad of Sarah and a good friend and father figure to Johnny.

KILGOUR - After a short illness, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on January 26, 2016, with her family by her side, Margaret Dawson Kilgour, aged 63 years, of Lochindaal, 32 Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead. Dearly loved mum of Keira and Aidan, and good friend to Sadiq and Sarah. A loving sister of Mary, Joan, Alison and Robert. A dear sister in law, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend to many. Founder member and supporter of the MS Centre, Lochgilphead. Funeral service will be held today, Friday January 29,

2016, at Lochgilphead Parish Church at 1pm. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Bright colours preferred, black tie optional. Family Flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to M.S Therapy Centre, Lochgilphead.

LEES - Olive. Peacefully at home, on Saturday, January 16, 2016, Olive (aged 103 years), beloved wife of the late David Lees, loving mother of Marilyn, Laura and Russell and a much loved granny and great granny. A service of committal will be held at Craighton Crematorium (off Paisley Road West), on Friday, February 5 at 1.30pm, followed by a service of thanksgiving at Ibrox Parish Church, Carillon Road, at 2.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Bright dress welcomed, family flowers only.

MCKINLAY - On January 25, 2016, peacefully at home, Alexander Galbraith McKinlay, aged 49 years, beloved son of Flora Paterson and the late Alexander McKinlay, stepson of Jock Paterson and Nan Robertson, partner of Lisa Lewis and a dearly loved dad, brother and papa, loved by all. Funeral service at the Highland Parish Church, on Friday January 29, 2016 at 11am, interment thereafter at Kilkerran Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Macmillan Cancer Support.

MCMILLAN - Peacefully at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on January 22, 2016, John McMillan (Jackie) in his 88th year, formerly of 7 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Bel, much loved father of Thomas, Mary and Jackalene and a loving granda of Jamie, Stuart, Shelley, Sean, Callum and Eve.

NICHOLLS - Alan and Alasdair Cameron, formerly of the Schoolhouse, Southend, wish to let all their friends in Kintyre know that their sister Anna Cameron passed away peacefully at her home in Inverness on December 2, 2015.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL - The Family of the late Elizabeth Sinclair would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the Doctors and Nurses at Campbeltown Hospital for their kind attention, to the Rev. William Crossan for a very fitting and comforting service, to David McEwan for the beautiful music, to T.A. Blair Ltd, Funeral Directors for excellent professional services, to Ardshiel Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. The collection for Cancer Research UK raised £710.

CHRYSAL - The family of the late Alasdair Chrystal would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the sympathy and support shown following their sad loss. Thanks go to the staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital for their compassionate and professional care during Alasdair's short illness, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors, Rev. Roderick Campbell for an uplifting service and to Ethel the organist for playing some of Alasdair's favourite tunes. Thanks to the shopkeepers of Inveraray for their show of respect which was noticed and to the staff of The George Hotel for the catering. Special

thanks to Stuart Liddell for piping at the funeral. Last but not least thank you to all of ours and Alasdair's friends for attending the service and showing your respects to a much loved member of the community. The retiral collection raised the generous sum of £1650 which will go to The Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital and Inveraray Pipe Band.

FERGUSON - Maureen - Phyllis, Jack and family would like to thank Roddy and Fiona from Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their very excellent service following Maureen's death. Thank you also to the Reverend Hilda Smith for her kindness and her service and to Dadie and her family for their help when we weren't there.

MCLACHLAN - Frances - The family would like to thank everyone who attended Frances's funeral on January 18, coming out in such terrible weather was greatly appreciated. We raised over £240 for Cancer Research UK from the collection alone. Thanks to Dr Roderick Campbell who took the service. Although he did not know our Mum, personally, he spent a great deal of time with the family finding out about her life and who she was. Dr Campbell also suggested the dram and oatcakes after the interment, great idea. Thanks also to The George Hotel who provided the dram and oatcakes and the funeral tea. Thank you to The Scotch Heather Shop for the lovely flowers provided. The ladies of the church deserve thanks for both the flowers in the church and the music. Caladh Funeral Services provided a professional and singular service, thank you. Mum would have loved it.

MCMILLAN - The family of the late Agnes (Nan) would like to thank everyone for all their love, support, cards and expressions of sympathy during such a sad time. Sincere thanks to all the staff at Kintyre Nursing Home for their special care and support. Thanks also to the Reverend Ann McIvor for such a lovely service. To Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional guidance to the family. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who attended the service and graveside. The retiral collection will be donated to Dalintober Beach Restoration.

MCSPORRAN - The family would like to thank everyone for their love and support and for the cards, floral tributes and expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss of Elizabeth (Lizzie). Grateful thanks to the staff at the Kintyre Care Home for their care and kindness over the last year. Special thanks also to Rev W Crossan for the personal and fitting tribute, to T A Blair for the compassionate and professional funeral arrangements and to the Ardshiel Hotel. Finally, sincere thanks to everyone who attended at the church and graveside and who contributed to the retiral collection for the Highland Parish Church.

PICKFORD - Ronald (Ronnie) - Margaret, Claire, Susan, Kate and family would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who attended the funeral and to those friends and neighbours who sent kind thoughts and wishes following the sad loss of Ronnie, who passed away on January 1, 2016, following a hard fought battle with lung cancer. Thanks to Dr Lyons and Dr Cauwston and the nursing team at Drumchapel health centre for all the care and consideration shown towards Ronnie and family.

ROSS - Jean and the family of the late Leonard Ross would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy and support following their sad loss. Our grateful thanks to paramedics Lorna and George for their prompt and efficient help. Sincere thanks to Dr Phillips, Dr Ward, Dr Simpson, Dr Helliwell and all the staff of the A & E and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital for their kindness and exceptional care, which was greatly appreciated. Also thanks to all the staff of the Lochgilphead Medical Centre. A special thanks to the Rev Hilda Smith for a comforting service and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for all the arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

DREGHORN - In memory of John, a loving husband, father and grandfather, who died January 30, 2015. Still loved and remembered. Janette and family.

EDWARDS - In loving memory of my beloved husband, Anthony, who passed away January 28, 2015. Still loved and remembered. - From his loving wife, Sadie, Mike and all the in-laws.

MACBRAYNE - In loving memory of our dear mum and gran, Jessie, who passed away on January 29, 2015. Always in our thoughts. Katrina, Janette, Duncan and families.

MITCHELL - In loving memory of my dear husband, our dear father, father-in-law and grandpa, Jimmy (The Butcher) who died so suddenly but peacefully on January 29, 1991. Memories are like the 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.

CHURCH NOTICES

Highland Parish Church

SCO02493

Sunday 31st January 2016
The service will be held in the Church at 11.15am and will be led by Rev Anne McIvor

Tuesdays
Badminton Club meets in Kirk Street Hall
Primary 1-5: 6.30 - 7.30pm
Primary 6-7: 7.30 - 8.30pm

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 31st January 2016
Skipness Service 10.00am
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mr John Morrison

For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SCO0262
Skipness SCO04280

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"It is good to sing praises to our God"

Sunday 31st January Services
in
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm
and
Evening Communion Service in Ardrishaig at 6:30pm

Scottish Episcopal Churches

Everyone Welcome

Christ Church
Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)

Sundays 11.00 am
Eucharist service
Coffee & Cake follows the service

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1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Eucharist Service

3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book

All Saints, Inveraray
(SC025646)
Saturdays
Eucharist Service
Father Simon Mackenzie
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LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 31st January 2016
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 31 January 2016
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
All Welcome

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George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 31st January
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Jeremy Middleton
2.00pm Explorers Club for all Primary school children

Wednesday 3rd February
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

Saturday 6th February
9.00am Prayer Breakfast
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

CHURCH NOTICES

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number
SCO11686

Sunday 31st January
Service 11.15am
Next Generation Triple C Creche
Rev P Wallace

Tuesday 2nd February
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
Boys' Brigade
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall

Wednesday 3rd February
Guild Coffee Morning
Church Hall 10am - 12 noon

Thursday 4th February
Choir 7.30pm

Friday 5th February
Lunch Club 12.00noon

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)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 31st January 2016
Morning Worship
Kilmartin 10.00 am
All welcome
SCO 02121

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SUNDAY 31st January 2016
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch
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THURSDAY 04 February 2016
7.30pm
(Please note change of time)
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Lochgilphead Baptist Church

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
All Welcome

Sunday 31st January 2016
Morning Service 11am
mainly music
Tuesdays at 10.15am
Jumpstart
Fridays from 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187

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Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 31 January
Bellanoch Church
Prayer meeting 10:30 am
Morning Worship 11:30 am
Monday 1 February
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4.00pm Evening Worship
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Tuesday
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Home League - 1.30pm

Wednesday
7.00 pm Make and Munch
Craft Group

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
All welcome

Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup, fifth round - Campbeltown Pupils 1, St Patrick's FP 2; Centenary Cup, quarter final - Dunoon 2, Ferguslie Star 3; Hall Cup, quarter final - Carlton YM v Dunoon Athletic postponed; Premier Division - Oban Saints 2 East Kilbride Rolls Royce 1; Premier Division One - Drumchapel Amateur Colts 5, Lochgilphead Red Star 1; Premier Division Two - Tarbert 3, Milbeg Villa 3.

This Saturday's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup, fourth round - Oban Saints v New Farm Loch; Premier Division - Finnart v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star v Kilbowie Union; Neilston v Dunoon; Premier Division Two - Rutherglen v Tarbert; Division One - Dunoon Athletic v Paisley.

Young Pupils continue winning form

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils Youth U14s (2002s) continued their fantastic league form last weekend.

Travelling to Glasgow to face Milngavie Boys Club 2002s, they won 3 - 1 thanks to goals from Matthew Lang, Alan McMurchy and Robbie McIndoer.

The three points gained mean the side have won nine of their last 10 league fixtures.

Lotto results

THERE were no winners of the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery this week. The winning numbers of five, ten and 14 went unclaimed.

A jackpot of £900 has rolled over on the next draw, due to take place on February 1.

There were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery, on Sunday January 24. The winning numbers were four, five and 12.

The next draw will take place on Sunday February 7 with a jackpot of £700 up for grabs.



Young players showing off their brand new gear.

Badminton club gears up with new equipment

THE HIGHLAND Parish badminton club has been given all new gear just in time for an upcoming tournament. The team received a sizeable donation from Joiners Howdens, which it put to good

use as it continues to practise for the upcoming Argyll and Bute championships.

The tournament will be held in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown on Saturday February 6 from 11am

to 4pm. The competition is open to all children in primary five, six and seven.

The club would like to thank Howdens for its generous gesture.

Tennis sessions raise profile

CAMPBELTOWN folk enjoyed tennis in welcome warm and dry surroundings last weekend.

Held in the Victoria Hall, the Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club put on the indoor mini tennis session to help keep tennis in the hearts and minds of players.

Families and youngsters played friendly knock-a-rounds in 15-minute sessions over three courts.

Club secretary Catherine Dobbie organised the event and was thrilled to see so many attend.

She said: 'I wanted to put this on to help chase away the winter blues, the weather's been pret-

ty miserable so I thought some indoor tennis could do just that.'

'Andy Murray is on at the Australian Open as well, so I thought we could work off the back of that too.'

Catherine is determined to keep tennis arms swinging in the Wee Toon, as the club has ambitious plans for 2016.

She added: 'We have plans to build a new clubhouse this year, with better changing facilities and disabled access.'

'These events might not pay for that, of course, but it is important to keep tennis in people's minds, as it is

such a popular and fun sport.'

The club now has two coaches, and put on two summer coaching sessions in the Easter and summer holidays, which work in partnership with Active Schools, which also provided the equipment for the Victoria Hall session.

With more than 40 in attendance, Catherine is hoping that the repeat event on Saturday February 20 will prove just as popular.

A mother helps her son master the art of the forehand.

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From left; Charles Robertson, Gregor MacGregor, Gavin McLachlan, Martin Coffield and Bobby Mathieson with Lynn and Malcolm (front).

Burnside Bar scoops 301 cup

THE 301 cup saw six darts teams battle for the title.

Held in Southend at the Argyll Arms Hotel on Monday, January 25, some very competitive games led to a final between Burnside and Kilbrannan A, which Burnside won to take the prize. The players wished to thank Malcolm and Lynn for the use of the venue and for donating prizes.



A youngster getting ready to serve. 04_c05tennis03

PE teacher gets junior rugby kick started

A CAMPBELTOWN PE teacher has set up a junior rugby club in the hope to get youngsters hooked on the sport.

Chris Doxsey has created the Campbeltown junior rugby club in a bid to try and recreate the youth set-ups which he is accustomed to, having been brought up near Manchester.

Doxsey said: 'The

mini and youth rugby set-ups they have down in Manchester are brilliant; the rugby culture there is amazing and that is what I am trying to bring up here.'

The club have now had three training sessions, which have already attracted nearly 20 youngsters to the team, and have set up a Facebook page to act as their website.

As a PE teacher Chris knows the importance of getting children interested in sports at a young age, not just for interest in a particular sport but also for health and general fitness.

He said: 'It is important to get them interested at this age; it is easier to get them hooked.

'We are developing basic, fundamental skills but we are also improving their fitness. It is healthy for them especially at this age. You cannot stop them; they are always running.'

Doxsey is also aware that rugby is not the biggest interest in Kintyre, with football and music taking up a lot of youngsters' free time, but he believes that rugby can play a bigger part in Kintyre sport without detracting from other activities.

He said: 'We want to work with other clubs, whether it is football or the brass band or whatever else. We do not want to take players away from other clubs, but we do want to establish rugby from an earlier age.'

'Eventually I would like to have a P1, P2 and P3 group. It will probably take five years to es-



Youngsters competing in a race around the cones. 04_c05rugby03

ablish, but that is what I want to do. I know it is not a short-term thing.'

With one of his sons taking part in the training session, which runs every Saturday from 11am to noon at Campbeltown Grammar School, and one on the door helping to collect subs, just £1 a session, it is clear that Doxsey has no intention of giving up on his goal to deliver youth rugby to Kintyre.

Taking on the tricky obstacles. 04_c05rugby06



Chris Doxsey imparting his rugby wisdom on the youngsters. 04_c05rugby05

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St. Pat's late free-kick which sucker punched the Pupils. 04_c05pupils03

Agony for Pupils as late strike ends cup hopes

A KILLER late blow ended Pupils Scottish Cup dreams as St Patrick's stole victory with the last kick of the game.

The Pupils had fought back to equalise and looked to have earned themselves a well deserved replay, only for a thunderbolt free-kick at the death to dash their hopes.

St Pat's arrived at the 3G pitch at Kinloch Park for the clubs' first competitive meeting since 2006 in the same league position as the McFadyen-sponsored Pupils, bottom.

The Dumbarton-based side reached the semi-finals of the Amateur Cup last season and have

won it twice previously, so were desperate to make it into the sixth round.

The first 20 minutes were cagey and frenetic, with both teams lacking the confidence to fully take control of the match in the blustery conditions.

St Pat's started to pull away from the Pupils though, with only a few cynical fouls breaking up their promising attacks as they began to hit their stride.

They subsequently took the lead on the half hour mark, as a quality cross from Danny Graham was met with a fine header by Ryan Deeley that left Campbeltown

Campbeltown Pupils	1
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Scottish Amateur Cup - 5th Round	

keeper Reid Anderson no chance.

St Pat's then had a penalty claim two minutes later, having pierced the now shaken Pupil's defence, but it looked soft and the referee waved away the protesting green shirts.

Another St Pat's break was broken up robustly by Jamie Burns, who saw yellow perhaps as a result of the accumulation of tackles which had proceeded it.

The Pupils came into the game towards the end of the first half, with

Martin McCallum having a shot well saved, before Gary Grumoli clipped the crossbar with a fierce volley from outside the area.

Campbeltown came out fighting in the second half, with Paul Grumoli having a free-kick well saved and John McCallum and Ryan Deans making clever runs down either wing.

St Pat's had another penalty claim waved away, before Gary Grumoli's skill on the break earned the Pupils a corner.

The corner went long but Paul Grumoli put the ball back into the mix and a goalmouth scramble ensued, with only a last ditch St Pat's block keeping the ball inches from crossing the line.

The Pupils tails were up as they sensed an equaliser, and Ryan Deans was unlucky not to finish off a flowing move as the visiting keeper made another excellent save.

Campbeltown were rewarded for their fighting spirit when, after a string of poor Pupils' corners, Deans put in an excellent delivery which was met superbly by John McCallum, who planted a header low into the bottom left hand corner.

With 20 minutes left, it was St Pat's who looked most like getting a winner, with two excellent counter attacks drawing two fine saves from Anderson which kept them in the contest.

With just minutes to go, Ellis Robertson played a great through ball for substitute Craig Lamont, but the referee blew for offside, dashing the Pupils hopes of a late winner.

It was to get worse for Campbeltown though, as with a replay in Dumbarton all but won, the referee awarded St Pat's a free-kick at least three minutes into added time.

St Pat's proceeded to

break Pupils hearts as Danny Graham's free-kick was fired expertly from 25 yards into the top right hand corner past Reid Anderson, denying Campbeltown a deserved replay and shot at a 6th round cup tie.



John McCallum celebrates after his headed equaliser. 04_c05pupils02



The Pupils came within inches of scoring but for a last ditch block. 04_c05pupils01

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