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# Tenement landlord hit by repair enforcement order

‘This should serve as a harsh warning to landlords, not just in Campbeltown...’

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A LONDON landlord has been given two months to make a Wee Toon flat fit for human habitation.

Water pouring



**21C Main Street is currently boarded up.** 25\_c0521cmainst01

through the roof of tenement John Gamble’s former flat at 21C Main Street caused the living room ceiling to collapse leaving a five-foot hole.

Mr Gamble told the Private Rented Housing Panel that when it rained he collected water in buckets and was concerned about the electrics due to water pouring down the light fittings.

Mr Gamble stated that electrical safety checks, roof repairs, ceiling repairs and a new carpet were required.

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council’s housing team helped Mr Gamble secure a Repairing Standard Enforcement Order (RSEO) from the Housing and Property Chamber – the body which has now replaced the Private Rented Housing Panel.

The order was made last month against Keith Arthur Raeburn of 360 Windmill Road, Ealing, who became the heritable owner of the property on May 5 last year.

A council spokesman said: ‘Landlords are required by law to keep their properties at the repairing standard set out in the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.

‘This means they



## Will Sinbad or Cassim marry Jasmine?

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must keep properties wind and watertight; reasonably fit for human habitation; keep the structure and exterior of the building repaired, including gutters and pipes in working order; and keep the installations for the supply of gas, electricity and water in working order.’

Mr Gamble’s flat did not meet this standard and his landlord is required by the order to carry out repairs to the roof, gutter, plasterwork, replace the

carpet and provide an electrical installation condition report by a qualified electrician.

Mr Raeburn has two months to carry out the

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## Tenement landlord hit by repair enforcement order

Continued from page 1 work or face prosecution.

Councillor Robin Currie, the council's housing policy lead, said: 'It's ridiculous that landlords, who are being paid good money in rent, don't keep their properties in a reasonable condition.

'This should serve as a harsh warning to landlords, not just in Campbeltown but across the area.

'If anyone has con-

cerns about their property, they should contact our housing team.' Mr Gamble said: 'It's very unfortunate that the landlord was unwilling to live up to his obligations and make repairs to the property.

'I would have been more than happy to remain there should the repairs have been carried out.

'If it wasn't for the housing team's Tina McCrank, I wouldn't

have known about the help available or secured alternative accommodation.'

The decision is available at: [www.housingandpropertychamber.scot/sites/default/files/repair\\_decisions/0289-%20RSE0%20and%20Statement%20of%20Decision\\_Redacted.pdf](http://www.housingandpropertychamber.scot/sites/default/files/repair_decisions/0289-%20RSE0%20and%20Statement%20of%20Decision_Redacted.pdf).

The council's housing services team can be contacted on 01546 604425.

## Courier's new reporter



Reporter Hannah O'Hanlon.  
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THE *Campbeltown Courier* has recruited a new trainee reporter.

Hannah O'Hanlon, 25, joined the editorial team at the start of January and, despite developing chickenpox on her third day and requiring two weeks off work, is back to full health and enjoying her new position.

A Campbeltown maternity unit baby, Hannah has lived most of her life in Tayinloan.

After Campbeltown Grammar School, she spent a couple of years in Glasgow, before returning home.

Hannah said: 'I enjoyed living in the city, where everything was new and exciting,

but I always knew that at the end of the day I'd return to Kintyre.'

She has had links to the *Courier* for a long time, as her sister, Rebecca Harvey, has worked in advertising here for about 10 years.

Last March, Hannah joined the *Courier* Centre shop as an assistant also helping at the *Courier* and Krisp Print.

Hannah applied for the recent trainee reporter's position, despite having no prior experience in journalism, and, following two interviews, was offered the job.

Hannah said: 'I have always had a passion for English and gram-

mar, so journalism seemed like the ideal job where I could put those into practice and work locally.

'It's a steep learning curve and having two weeks of illness was not the best start.

'With the helpful news editor on hand, I'm sure I'll be a reasonable reporter in no time.'

## Improved Kintyre connectivity

SOUTH Kintyre residents could soon surf the internet on mobile 4G.

Plans to upgrade the existing telecommunications antennae near Rhu Stafnish have been revealed.

Telefónica UK Limited has made an agreement with Vodafone whereby the two companies will operate and manage a single network grid across the UK.

Mobile phones can only work with a network of base stations. The agreement allows the two companies to pool their basic network

infrastructure, maximising opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations.

### Improvement

As part of Telefónica's continued network improvement programme, they identified a specific requirement for a further equipment upgrade at the Kintyre base station.

The proposed changes, which should provide improved 2G, 3G and 4G services to the area, involve replacing the antennae and ancillary development at the site.

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## Islay fuel theft

POLICE are seeking hot tips about the suspected theft of heating oil from a house at Bruichladdich, Islay.

They have suggested householders review the security of their properties and, in particular, fuel tanks.

The incident, which police are investigating, occurred sometime between Saturday January 14 and Tuesday January 24.

## Careless driving

A CYCLIST had a near miss on the A846 near Bowmore, Islay, when a passing cream-coloured car allegedly failed to adjust its speed or road position, causing danger to the cyclist.

Police are investigating the incident which took place at about 3.50pm on Saturday January 14.

## Lighting theft

LIGHT-FINGERED crooks targeted Killean Estate sometime between Sunday January 1 and Wednesday January 25.

They allegedly stole lighting equipment from an agricultural shed on the property.

Police are investigating the incident, which was reported to them on Friday January 27.

Anyone with information on the above three incidents can call 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Road accident

A 71-YEAR-OLD motorist was taken to hospital after being involved in a road accident on the A83 near Whitehouse at about 8.30am on Sunday January 29. The woman is reported to have spun into the ditch on spilled diesel. See page 40 Thought for the Week for more on this story.

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Closing date for applications is 10 February 2017.

# Save Auchinlee petition presented in capital

by **MARK DAVEY**  
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A TIRELESS member of the Save Auchinlee Action Group presented a petition with more than 3,400 signatures to the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh.

Jill Denton started compiling the document in November when CrossReach, which operates the home on behalf of the Church of Scotland, announced its intention to close Auchinlee.

On Tuesday at 1.30pm, Mrs Denton handed the petition to the church's principal

clerk, the Very Reverend Dr John Chalmers.

A copy was presented to Christina West, of the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board (IJB), and a further copy will soon be presented to Councillor Rory Colville.

### Overwhelming

Mrs Denton said: 'The number of signatures is overwhelming – 3,401 – which represents more than 50 per cent of the adult population of Kintyre.'



**Very Rev Dr John Chalmers accepts the petition in Edinburgh from Campbeltown resident Jill Denton, on behalf of Kintyre.**

'Hilary Rankin and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support. The strength of feel-

ing is incredible. The population of Kintyre is totally behind us and horrified that the closure of Auchin-

lee may be imminent.'

There is a further meeting today with CrossReach, councillors and John Titter-

ton of the action group. CrossReach chief executive Peter Bailey said: 'We will also be discussing Argyll and Bute Council's request for a joint meeting with all stakeholders.'

'We will make an announcement once we've taken further opportunities to speak to those involved and had time to reflect.'

Speaking on behalf of Dr Chalmers, Mr Bailey added: 'I was pleased to meet Mrs Denton and receive the petition. She is a passionate advocate on behalf of the community in Kintyre.'

'We had a constructive conversation where she clearly stated the high value the

local community places on the service provided by CrossReach at Auchinlee.

'I shared my perspective on the position of the church, which supports CrossReach in its work with local agencies to identify a sustainable model of elderly care in the community.'

Councillor Anne Horn, the only member of the IJB to support funding CrossReach at a meeting last week, added: 'If this closure goes ahead, it could result in the separation of loved ones from families as elderly and vulnerable residents could be transferred miles away from the local area.'



**Fiona Irwin leads her class at Campbeltown town hall. 25\_c05dancing01**

## Darkness dancers dazzle as they light up town hall

DANCING in the Dark, the latest fitness craze sweeping Campbeltown, is packing the recently restored town hall.

by Fiona Irwin of SOS Fitness have proved very popular.

### Contact

For further details contact Fiona on 07460 505658.

## Correspondent's car crash shock

THE WRITER of the Courier's popular Thought for the Week column was rushed to hospital after her car skidded on suspected spilled diesel.

### Bruising

Marilyn Shedden, 71, cracked her sternum and suffered heavy bruising on her back when her small hatchback left the road near Whitehouse at about 8.30am last Sunday.

Ms Shedden, the moderator of the Argyll Presbytery, was heading north on the

A83 to lead the service at Crianlarich.

'The car spun round and round and there were crashing sounds,' said Ms Shedden. 'I was yelling at the top of my voice, until it came to a halt with a tree branch through the passenger window. Luckily, I was alone.'

Police and an ambulance were swiftly on the scene and Ms Shedden was taken to Mid Argyll Hospital in Lochgilphead, where she was kept overnight. See page 40.

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Information leaflets will be available from Early Learning & Childcare Providers at the time of registration and parents can obtain further guidance from the Early Years Helpline, Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Telephone 01369 708503).

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## Auchinlee campaigners meet care home staff

MEMBERS of the Save Auchinlee Action Group thanked Auchinlee staff for their dedication in difficult times at a meeting coordinated by the dementia home's operators.

Three members of the group's committee met about 20 staff members, along with personnel from CrossReach which runs the home on behalf of the Church of Scotland and which is facing a funding shortfall of £105,000.

A spokesman said: 'We had a long conversation about how our group could help support the staff position and encourage local people to apply for jobs in order to support longer term sustainability.'

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# School's Burns day bash



**Lorne Paterson and Michelle Kim, both P7, piping in the haggis.**

BURNS day was celebrated in style at Dalintober primary school and early learning centre, with a range of activities across the whole school.

Pupils celebrated Scotland's national bard by singing, dancing, performing recitals and trying their hand at some of their own poetry.

They feasted on a traditional Burns lunch menu, and even had the haggis piped in by P7 pupil Lorne Paterson.

**Sophie Robertson and Sofia Bolt, both P4/3, tucking in to their Scottish themed lunch.**



**Joseph Wike and Charley Gilchrist, both P1, at the P7 young leaders technology group.**

## P7s leading the way for younger pupils

DALINTOBER P7 school pupils have recently launched a series of clubs to help improve their leadership skills.

The clubs, which take place during lunchtimes, began last week with technology and dance.

The P7s plan, resource, lead and evaluate the clubs, building their leadership and organisational skills, and inspiring their younger school friends.

## Glenbarr's bard celebration

GLENBARR primary school celebrated the birth of bard Robert Burns in style at their recent Burns lunch.

As well as tradi-

tional Burns fare, including the chieftain o' the pudding race, guests were treated to instrumental performances, poems, songs and speeches,

performed by pupils on the day.

All who attended the event in the school on Tuesday January 24 had a thoroughly brow time.



**Guests look on as the haggis is piped in.**

## Evening's crescendo will be naming of most promising young musician

CAMPBELTOWN Rotary Club's biggest drum roll of the year is reserved for the announcement of most promising musician of 2016.

Before the chairman presents the Norman and Phyllis Milne award there will be a musical evening in the Lorne and Lowland church hall on Wednesday February 8.

The winner of the award, who will perform during the evening, will receive an engraved trophy and a substantial cheque.

At the end of the concert refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Entry to the event is by donation.

A Rotary spokesperson said: 'This promises to be another really interesting evening and it is hoped that a good number of people will be present.'

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# Floral artists' are blooming marvellous

CAMPBELTOWN Flower Club arranged its 45th anniversary dinner at the Royal Hotel.

The club held the spe-

cial event on its regular third Tuesday of the month meeting day when it normally meets in the Red Cross hall in Kirk Street.

A member usually leads meetings by demonstrating one or more arrangements and the audience has a go at making an arrangement helped by the demonstrator.

On June 10, from 10am to noon, the club will hold a themed exhibition and coffee morning in the Red Cross hall.

This year the exhibition will be titled 'These are a Few of My Favourite Things'.

New members are welcome at any meeting and beginners will be helped to get started.



The Flower Club's anniversary cake from McIlchere's.



Members at the celebration.

## News in brief . . . News in brief . . . News in brief . . .

### Community council meets

CAMPBELTOWN Community Council meets on Tuesday February 14 at 7.30pm in the Red Cross hall, Kirk Street.

### Christmas open day success

CHARITY fundraisers bidding to restore Glenbarr Abbey collected more than £1,300 at two Christmas open Sundays.

The money was raised from donations and a Christmas ham-

per raffle. Jean Macalister, from the abbey, thanked everyone who supported the two events.

### Entertainment as Burns bash

KINTYRE Piping Society will be blessed with health, peace and sweet content at its Burns night event.

The fun starts tomorrow at 8pm in Campbeltown Bowling Club. Appearing on the bill are Kintyre Schools 3A Pipe Band, Iain MacPherson and Kay Johnston, Alistair Cousin's hag-

gis address, the James McCorkindale Dancers and guest artists and solo pipers. £5 entry for adults includes haggis, neeps and tatties; juniors go free.

### Party arranged for pensioners

SENIOR citizens will be the guests at a Campbeltown Bowling Club party on Saturday February 11 from 2pm to 4pm.

Tickets are available from A P Taylor's shop tomorrow between 10am and noon. It is strictly one ticket per person.

### Cinema reels in money for inductive loops

A LOTTERY grant of £9,434 will help Campbeltown Picture House roll out the red carpet for people who are hearing or sight impaired.

Campbeltown Community Business, which is currently restoring the 1913 building, was given the cash by Awards for All.

Chairman Jane Mayo said: 'The money will allow us to install inductive loops and Dolby Fidelio wireless audio systems in both of our cinema auditoria.'

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### Problems with landlords

ABSENTEE landlords may be a bit more worried about their responsibilities this week.

A Londoner has two months to improve his Main Street property but the order is made by a panel and it would take further legal action to enforce fully.

Last April the *Courier* reported about masonry which fell from the roof of a tenement above the now empty A-One Home-store. If it had landed on a person, they may have been killed or badly injured.

Nothing has changed at that building or, evidently, at the next block up, which is where the London landlord owns a flat.

On the opposite side of the street, McLean Place is in an equally shocking condition and, in last week's high winds, slates fell off. It was a miracle no-one was hurt. That building is owned by a Kintyre landlord.

### Absurd lack of airport security

WORLDWIDE headlines have followed the absurd removal of security at Campbeltown airport.

Rather than install state-of-the-art X-ray machinery in place of the hand-searching of luggage, HIAL has decided to accept a verbal statement that passengers do not have any dangerous items.

It would be good if more tourists flew into Kintyre. Is this the best way to encourage them?

The plane may be a local bus service for most Kintyre passengers but before 9/11 that is how many internal US flights were viewed.

As most other airports beef up security, why did the Department for Transport and Civil Aviation Authority approve this move?

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### MSP's letter to health chairman about Auchinlee

Sir,  
I am writing in the light of the Argyll and Bute Council motion last Thursday and the subsequent letter from Cleland Sneddon to the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board (IJB) and to CrossReach.

Your chief officer has not responded to my previous email, although Peter Bailey from CrossReach responded very promptly indeed. It is clear that all those involved want a period of further discussion and negotiation.

There is a clear request to you and CrossReach to ensure that Auchinlee remains open and that no notice of closure is given or accepted.

I ask you to respond positively to that request, not least to give some relief from worry to the relatives of those presently in Auchinlee.

The council said it would like to accelerate the holding of the proposed care summit and my office will be in touch with the council today.

It will require the IJB to take part constructively and wholeheartedly in the event whenever it is held and we will be in touch. The events of this week have confirmed my view that the IJB remains unable to recognise the need for accountability, openness and the development of trust despite promises made during previous difficulties including that of Struan Lodge. That is immensely regrettable but has triggered the need for me to make that point publicly and to the cabinet secretary for health.

The IJB actions under your convenership are not, in my view, in accordance with best democratic practice and best governance and do not fulfil the expectations of the integration process we all had.

**Michael Russell, MSP.**

### Argyll's care home is subject to a postcode lottery

Sir,  
The Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board (IJB) met this week and decided to not offer crucial extra funding to help keep Auchinlee going.

The Strategic Management Team (SMT) and the IJB have not consulted with employees of Auchinlee, families of Auchinlee or members of the public in Campbeltown or Kintyre.

This is the same SMT and IJB who have bent over backwards to find extra funding for two care homes in Cowal in order that they can consult properly with the people of Cowal.

I would say to the SMT and the IJB: 'What is the difference between the people of Kintyre and the people of Cowal?' A further aspect of the postcode lottery is reflected in the make up of the IJB.

The three councillors who voted not to help fund Auchinlee – Kieron Green, Mary-Jean Devon and Elaine Robertson – all represent constituencies in the Oban area. I wonder how they would have voted if Auchinlee was in Oban?

**John Titterton, Chairman, Save Auchinlee Action Group.**

### Thanks to the Courier for Tayinloan story

Sir,  
Thanks for a well designed, constructed and thorough article on Tayinloan Pier.

I hope your readers found it very interesting, I did because it is up-to-date information and may make the council act more responsibly in the future. If it is aware of the article.

I've decided I can't do anymore and that's the end of the matter as far as I'm concerned. I've been told that the works are now finished – almost.

All the very best, write with fervour,  
**John Roney, Tayinloan.**

### NHS patients in private hospitals cost us £80 million

Sir,  
The Scottish Government is spending nearly £80 million a year using private hospitals for NHS patients.

This is despite assurances the spending would drop, and repeated rhetoric criti-

cising the private healthcare industry.

It shows the SNP is incapable of running the NHS and, while the independent sector is valuable, the Scottish Government should at least admit as much.

It has also emerged that the Scottish Government will be three years late in delivering four trauma centres. It seems apparent that the government has no idea what the project will cost.

The scheme was meant to be up-and-running last year. This shows the project's chaos and the mishandling of the NHS more widely. Once again we are shown that the SNP can't be trusted with our NHS.

**Alastair Redman, Islay.**

### Tories want to treat Scotland as they did in 1980s

Sir,  
With the British Red Cross calling the state of the English NHS a humanitarian crisis and Tory Surrey Council planning to raise council tax by a whopping 15 per cent, it is clear what the people of Scotland can expect for their local services if the Tories get to run their local council.

Their behaviour is a clear case of actions speaking louder than words and their actions show they want to treat Scotland like they did in the 1980s with cuts that damage public services and stealth taxes.

**Graham C B Roberts, Glasgow.**

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# Uncharted waters for Ardrossan to Campbeltown ferry connection

by HANNAH O'HANLON  
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CONCERNS are growing for the Campbeltown to Ardrossan ferry link's future as uncertainty increases over where the ferry will dock.

The Campbeltown and Arran ferries, both operated by CalMac, currently sail to Ardrossan, in North Ayrshire, but that could change as Associated British Ports (ABP) at Troon, in South Ayrshire, wants to take the business away from

Ardrossan harbour owner, Peel Ports.

ABP has promised to invest £8 million to re-develop Troon docks if its bid is successful. ABP argues that it is a more reliable port as it believes there would be fewer ferry cancellations owing to bad weather.

### Argue

Opponents of the plan, who have submitted their case to the Scottish Government, the local authori-

ty and the owner of the Ardrossan port, argue that it could cost the taxpayer £5.5 million a year for the next 30 years, which equates to around £166 million, to pay for the switch.

They believe that docking in Troon, which is a 38 per cent longer journey from Arran, will result in £75 million in higher passenger fares due to the Road Equivalent Tariff, and fewer sailings on offer.

It is also thought that the CalMac, owned by the Scottish Government,

could face £9 million in additional fuel costs, £15 million in additional crew costs, and £15 million in ferry servicing.

### Replace

Other costs include £30 million of capital funding required to replace losses to the local economy if the business is moved to Troon.

North Ayrshire Council (NAC) leader Joe Cullinane said: 'In addition to this burden on the public purse, the removal of the ferry would also jeopardise

plans for a further £100 million worth of regeneration investment in Ardrossan, which is already one of the most deprived communities in Scotland.

'The ferry routes to Arran and Campbeltown are the heartbeat of this town.'

NAC and Peel Ports have pledged to invest more than £15 million to upgrade Ardrossan's ferry facilities.

NAC believes that the Ardrossan crossing is the shortest, fastest and cheapest route available.

Speaking to the *Courier*, a North Ayrshire Council spokesperson said: 'The council strongly disagrees and refutes that Troon can offer a comparable service to the Arran and Campbeltown communities, in terms of quality, resilience, journey times or cost, and does not comply with policy and good practice to support sustainable travel choices.'

### Uphill walk

Ardrossan is the preferred port by many foot passengers as the train station is a very

short walk from the ferry terminal, whereas there is a mile-long uphill walk to the train station at Troon.

South Kintyre councillor Rory Colville, who, as chairman of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee, has called for a special area meeting to debate the plans, said: 'I remain to be convinced that this is anything other than a penny-pinching exercise by the government to avoid the cost of upgrading the Ardrossan facilities.'



Old and new pals at the Royal Hotel. 25\_c05oldpals01

## Auld acquaintance not forgot as Burns brings memories alive again

A BURNS luncheon open day at the Royal Hotel saw a number of new Old Pals share a pint o' wine as they renewed friendships.

### Next outing

A small grant from Age Scotland helped organisers set up the event and will aid the group's next outing to Carradale on February

9, which all are welcome to join.

A spokesman for the group, Alex McKiven, said: 'We were delighted with the turn out to the open day and the new Old Pals who joined us for our Burns day celebration.'

'We would like to thank Joan and the staff of the Royal Hotel for looking after us so well; Anne Leith, Alasdair Gillies and Ross Kennedy for the wonderful songs; and Iain Johnston for helping arrange the afternoon for us.'

### GRADUATION



HEATHER GORMAN

Recently graduated from the Open University with a BA with honours in Early Years Education. Heather is the daughter of Johnny and Margaret Andrew, Isle of Gigha, and mum of proud daughters, Judy and Cara. She is at present a Childcare and Education Worker at Rhunahaorine Primary School.

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# Classical quartet set to tug Campbeltown heartstrings



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Formed in 2005, the current line up of Uli Evans, Andrew Lees, Shelagh McKail and Helen Duncan regularly play sell out concerts at Edinburgh's Lauriston Hall, where the four musicians are Quartet in Residence.

For their Campbeltown concert they will be playing Beethoven's String Quartet No 1 in F major, Op.18 Shostakovich's String Quartet No 1 in C major, Op.49 and Mendelssohn's String Quartet No 6 in F minor, Op.80.

First violin and Roxburgh Quartet founder member Uli Evans was born in Luebeck, Germany, and studied violin at the Hochschule

fur Musik in Saarbrücken.

She has performed and broadcast with some of the leading musicians in Germany and has also toured throughout France and Italy.

In Edinburgh, the violinist has played with the Scottish and Hebrides Ensembles, Scottish Opera, the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. She also teaches pupils of all ages.

Andrew Lees, second violin was formerly a member of both the Hallé and BBC Philharmonic Orchestras playing viola. When he first joined the Roxburgh Quartet it was as their viola player.

A playing injury ended this first association, but a few years later he was delighted



The Roxburgh quartet on Calton Hill Edinburgh.

to be able to rejoin the group, this time as second violin.

He concentrates on solo playing, arranging, teaching and conducting. Perhaps his most notable achievement to date is an arrangement of Rossini's *William Tell Overture* for 40 violas and triangle.

Shelagh McKail, on viola, grew up in Ayrshire, and although music was always a huge part of her life, it was only after gaining an honours degree in physiology and sports science from Glasgow university that she pursued her passion.

Along with her work

with the Roxburgh Quartet, Shelagh currently plays viola for Scottish Opera and is also a violin and viola teacher for South Ayrshire Council.

Helen Duncan set her heart on becoming a cellist at the age of seven, and is another Roxburgh Quartet founder member.

She studied at the Royal Northern College of Music, and a highlight from this time was being invited to take part in master-classes with Paul Tortelier as part of the chamber music festival in Saint Sernin, France.

After returning to Scotland, she has en-

joyed participating in the Scottish music scene, playing in many churches and cathedrals, coaching chamber music at the Mendelssohn On Mull Festival and playing at the official opening of the Edinburgh Festival Theatre.

The Quartet passionately believe that the shared experience of performers and audience during live performances can be a truly life-enhancing experience and they actively encourage unseasoned concert goers to give it a go.

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# Shipshape Sinbad sailors drop anchor in Clachan

by **MARK DAVEY**  
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CLACHAN Calamities pantomime *Sinbad* took audiences on a subsea voyage to Neptune's palace beneath the waves.

A few hiccups with lines at the dress rehearsal only added

to the comedy during the group's show last Thursday. It was followed by sell out performances on Friday and Saturday.

Stage assistants Iain and David cobbled together a great set of

wooden waves to simulate a storm as Sinbad sailed the Dagenham Dustbin in Arthur Duff's *Adventures of Sinbad*. The writer played baddie of the piece the corrupt Cassim.

Lesley Kean made the dame's role, Mrs Lavy Sinbad, her own despite a few nerves

**Fish and an octopus pass Neptune's palace.** 25\_c05pantomime12

about taking over from regular performer Margaret Henderson.

Song, dance and sketch with plenty of opportunities for audience participation made *Sinbad* into a superb rocking show.

There was never any doubt that the vile Cas-

sim would be outsmarted by resourceful Sinbad to take the hand of Jasmine as the show closed.

The other stars of the show were as follows: Queen Sultana: Viv Watt, Princess Jasmine: Morvern Paisley, Fatima: Helen, Ma Mhan: Alasdair Paisley, Neptune: Lori Silvan, Diamond queen: Nina, Gagool: Bernadette, Princess Coral: Robyn Macfie, Princess Ariel: Lucy Sinclair, Laguna: Lori Silvan, Bosun Bill: Eileen Harvey.

Clachan Calamities Stars: Lesley, Kirsti, Connor, Ethan, Grace, Peter, Linda, Kaiyah, Cara and Chris. Stage manager: Peter Simson, Scenery: Karen Beauchamp, Musical director: Sheeren and George, Costumes: Mairiarad, Kirsti and Lesley, Catering: Marion Campbell, Prompt: Cliff Dickson and Mairia Henderson, Poster design: Lynda Todd, Lighting: Sarah and Ron, Make-up: Funky Chicken.



**Sinbad (Eilidh Norrie) steers the ship while Mrs Lavy Sinbad and Sillibillybad (Mairiarad Henderson) play beach ball.** 25\_c05pantomime07



**Sinbad and Cassim duel with cutlasses.** 25\_c05pantomime18



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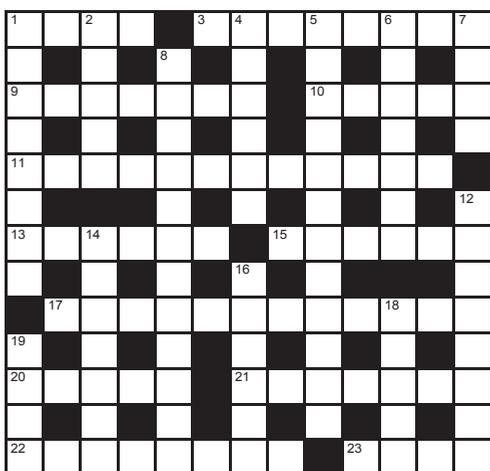
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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



# Argyll is Britain's earth tremor hotspot

by MARK HOWARTH and HANNAH O'HANLON  
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A SEISMIC rumble rocking Kintyre and Mid Argyll has confirmed the region as the nation's hotspot when it comes to earthquakes.

Last week's quake, which measured 2.4 on the Richter Scale from a depth of 11km, shook the ground and caused alarm among a number of pets.

The effects were heard and felt by witnesses as a muffled 'bang' followed by a prolonged rumbling which lasted for around 10 seconds.

After the *Argyllshire Advertiser* queried the rumble on Facebook, it was discovered that the earthquake occurred near Lephinmore, opposite Lochgair, at 4.35pm on Tuesday January 24, with some people even wondering if they experienced the

tremors in Campbeltown.

In response to *The Courier's* post about the quake, Isabel Scott reported: 'Definitely a bang and the house shook.'

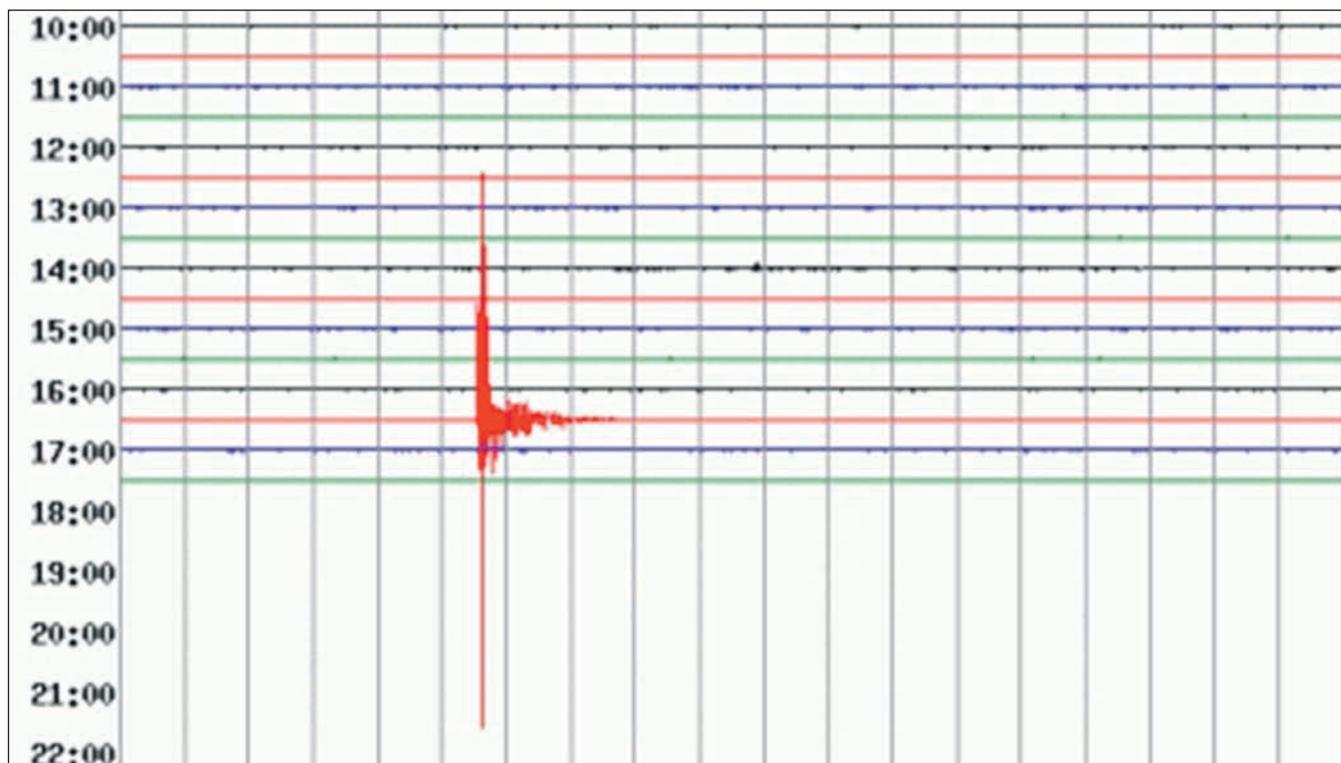
James Maclean commented: 'It shook the coconuts of our tree.'

Not everyone was convinced, however, as Barbara Johnson said: 'Was out walking, never heard a thing!'

Last year a bookmaker was offering odds on when the next earthquake would strike, with Argyll installed as favourite.

McBookie had offshore Argyll at 6/4 with the region's mainland at 7/2.

Spokesman Paul Petrie said: 'Luckily, we're not a country where earthquakes are a life-and-death matter. 'The worst that can



A graphic showing last week's quake.

happen is that your best china ends up in pieces on the floor.

'People often think they're just things that occur in other countries, so I think the public would be amazed at how many tremors Argyll and Scotland as a whole actually do get.'

Since last year, the island of Mull and its surrounding waters have seen 13 earthquakes, while Islay has felt eight. There have been four recorded at each of Oban, Strontian and Achallader.

Meanwhile, tremors have also been detected at, among other places, Dunoon, Kilmelford, Tarbert, Acharacle, Skipness and Ballachulish.

Earthquakes are caused when masses of rock in the planet's crust move against each other, often along

fault lines. Scotland has dozens of these cracks though they are mostly dormant.

Another reason Scotland is afflicted by quakes is that 20,000 years ago, the country was under a two kilometre-thick sheet of ice.

## Re-adjusting

The glaciers melted long ago but the earth below us is still re-adjusting with some areas – including Oban – raising by two millimetres a year while parts of England are sinking lower.

Ian Main, professor

of seismology at Edinburgh University, said: 'Imagine you pushed your finger into a football and took it out again but the football had a gloopy filling – it would take time for the ball to recover its shape.'

'Some parts of it would have to rise and others fall until it became its normal shape again.'

'That's what is happening here. And some earthquakes may also be triggered by human activity such as collapses in abandoned coal mines.'

Prof Main added: 'It's impossible to be definitive about why there has been this apparent increase in seismicity in Scotland.'

'It could be due to improved detection or the clustered nature of a random process – you wait half an hour and three buses arrive at once.'

'One tremor triggering another would also be a plausible explanation.'

Those caught in a quake will usually only notice the earth moving if it registers above 1.5 on the Richter Scale, the scorecard that measures a tremor's strength.

Lives are only usually lost at six and above, as is common in Italy.

In 2015, the most violent in Scotland measured 2.4 at Durness in Sutherland, though Strontian saw one of 2.2. In 2016, there were three of 1.9 at Oban, Loch Goil and Mull.

Scotland's strongest recorded tremor was a 5.2 that hit Loch Awe in 1880 and was felt across Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Another of 5.1, with its epicentre at Inverness, shook most of the country in August 1816.

Eyewitness Thomas Lauder described how 'the fabric of the whole building shook from its foundation.'

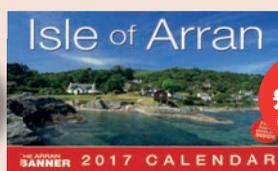
'Dogs howled and poultry on the roost manifested much dismay. A horse started with his rider, and would not move forward.'

The government-funded British Geological Survey has more than 100 seismograph stations across the UK – including one at Loch Avich, near Tainuilt – all 'listening' for quakes 24 hours a day with the results collated at its Edinburgh data centre.

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## Sky lanterns set to be extinguished

RELEASING sky lanterns and helium balloons from any land or properties owned by Argyll and Bute council will soon be illegal.

The motion to ban the practice was approved at a recent council meeting amid fears for the safety of grazing livestock and

in a bid to protect the countryside.

Sky lanterns are small hot-air balloons, typically made of paper and wires, which contain a lighted candle allowing them to be released into the air.

Traditionally, they are used in Asian countries during festivals or

simply for fun, but in recent years they have become more popular in the UK.

However, they can pose a serious threat to farm animals and other wildlife should they ingest the fine wires used in the lanterns' construction, which could lead to possi-

ble fatalities. There are also risks to livestock due to the fact that when grass is cut, the wire can become chopped up and contained within hay or silage which is then used to feed sheep or cattle.

If the lit lanterns land near standing crops,

stacks of hay or straw, or farm buildings, there is also a massive risk of fire.

The decision makes Argyll and Bute council the 11th Scottish local authority to enforce the ban, with more set to follow suit as momentum grows nationally.

South Kintyre councillor and Kintyre Agricultural Society secretary John Armour said: 'I share all of the

concerns which led to the council ban.

'No-one wants to spoil anyone's enjoyment, but until the safety concerns around sky lanterns are addressed, the ban needs to be in place.'

NFU Scotland urges all councils in Scotland to consider putting a ban in place and, although their release cannot be prohibited on private land, it asks members of the public

to avoid the use of lanterns everywhere.

John Dickson, Argyll and Islands regional and board chairman for NFU Scotland said in a statement: 'Sky lanterns are seemingly innocent devices and are beautiful to look at, but they can cause untold damage as there is no control over where these burning structures of paper, metal and wood decide to land.'



Argyll and Islands regional board chairman for NFU Scotland, John Dickson

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## SOUTHEND

## Charity chief appeals for more volunteers

SHOPPER-AIDE director Susan Paterson spoke to Southend SWRI about the charity's 100-plus volunteers.

Mrs Paterson described the growth from its foundation with a few volunteers in 2008-9 to its current size with 40 regular volunteers giving between one hour and 30 hours service a week.

Volunteers help with social care, IT skills, community work, shopping delivery and

team work, even defrosting fridges and posting mail.

Mrs Paterson added that all volunteers are given PVG checks managed by Disclosure Scotland to ensure clients' safety, and although there are many volunteers, the group is always on the look out for extra helpers.

Jean Ives proposed a vote of thanks to Susan for such an interesting evening and said that the quote for the night was: 'I do not

know what I would do without you.'

Competitions and winners were as follows: Favourite vase: Christine Jardine gold, Jean Ives, Kathleen Martin, Alison Eynon, Marion Warnock, Patrica Jones and Fiona Rowland silver. 1lb malt loaf: Moyra Jane Paterson and Fiona Rowland silver, Jean Ives and Alison Eynon red. Three sugar mice: Moyra Jane Paterson and Fiona Rowland gold and Alison Eynon and Patrica Jones silver.

## ISLAY



Alastair Redman, right, and a BT Openreach worker by one of the boxes.

## Islay's surfers set to access superfast broadband soon

A PORTHNAHAVEN postmaster has thanked *The Courier* for boosting his broadband campaign as the latest lines are laid on Islay.

Alastair Redman said: 'The broadband petition that I put together in 2016 got more than 266 signatures and I have been

campaigning heavily since 2012 for better broadband for Islay and the rest of the Kintyre and Islands ward.

'The latest upgrade rolled out across Islay is more than welcome and shows that putting pressure on BT for better internet services can get

real results. I'd like to thank the *Campbeltown Courier* and *Argyllshire Advertiser* for helping raise this matter and bringing our broadband problems to the attention of BT and the various government departments that help promote faster broadband speed.'

## CARRADALE

### East Kintyre Community Council agenda announced

THE TOPICS for discussion at the next meeting of the East Kintyre Community Council have been publicised.

Among the subjects

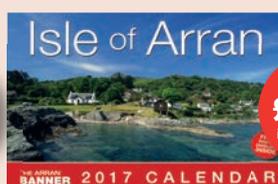
are the Kintyre Way, Peninver foot path, Brackley cemetery, Carradale activity play park, the bridge over the river Carra, and dog waste on Shore Road.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting, which will take place in Carradale Village Hall on February 9 at 7pm.

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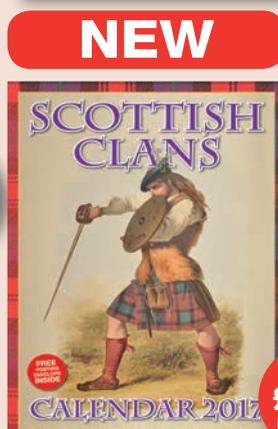
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## CLACHAN

## Clachan ladies cook up entertaining event

A QUIZ at Clachan Rural saw members try to pair up a bonny baby snap with the adult.

Everyone brought photos of themselves as babies to the social evening, which started with a cookery demonstration at Liz Ball's home.

A member of the Rural said: 'In a seemingly effortless way Liz made a chicken and leek pie, a chorizo and tomato tart, a hearty bean cassoulet, roast vegetable soup, and courgette, broad bean and Stilton soup.

'To finish she made a delicious coleslaw and

several types of soda bread. We were delighted to be invited to sample everything.'

The baby photograph winners were: 1 Zoe Weir, Glynis Lewin and Louise Stanesby, 2 Cathy MacLean, 3 Margaret Mundell and Lori Silvan.

Liz judged the pretti-

est cup competition: 1 Zoe Weir, 2 Margaret Mundell, 3 Lori Silvan.

The spokeswoman added: 'Liz was thanked for giving us such a lovely evening and for her great generosity in providing all the food, and Tove Knight was thanked for helping Liz.'

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



'THE CURRENCY of kindness' was a phrase brought to me by a kind friend this week and it just embraced my present experience.

On Sunday morning I was on my way to Crianlarich where I was going to lead worship, but instead I ended up in Mid Argyll hospital with a cracked sternum and damaged back muscles.

The car hit a diesel spill, spun totally out of control and finally landed in a ditch with a tree through the window.

It was the most terrifying experience I've ever had and I just thank God no-one else was involved.

The kindness of people has overwhelmed me completely. From strangers at the scene, my own loved ones, the ambulance crew, the police, the hospital staff, and friends who came immediately to hospital to see me, I have been so greatly blessed.

With texts and calls of concern, meals prepared, the currency of kindness has known no limit.

But what is this currency measured in? Well it has no monetary value whatsoever. It doesn't rise and fall with the stock market.

This inherent kindness in people cannot actually be measured, but it certainly can be felt and seen. In fact it's like a blanket.

It is invested in small actions that bring an interest rate beyond price.

Kindness and concern cross all boundaries and are eternal.

So to all those who helped me on Sunday and have supported me since, 'thank you' seems inadequate but I am so grateful.

There are two people I could not follow up to thank.

Their names are George and Lee. If these heroes of the road are reading this, bless you for all the comfort you gave me at the scene.

## From our files:

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7, 1992

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Scottish Amateur Cup – 5th Round  
THE top side in the Fife amateur football scene, who remain unbeaten this season, almost lost that proud record as they trailed by the odd goal of five scored in this enthralling cup tie, with just 14 minutes of normal time remaining.

The Pupils Football Club had come within an ace of collecting a tremendous away victory, thanks to a gritty performance which had taken them from the loss of an early goal to the verge of cup victory.

The home side set off at an electrifying pace, winning almost all of the early possession.

They had the Pupils pinned back and defending desperately.

The surface suited the swift attacking style of the local heroes, and the fans had only six minutes to wait before celebrating an excellent goal.

George Wilson made a darting run through the midfield, side-stepped a

number of mistimed challenges before scoring a great goal from the edge of the box.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

#### THURSDAY February 9, 1967

Mining madness  
Colliery closing 'for no reason'

THOUGH there is absolutely no reason to close Machrihanish's Argyll Colliery, the pit is to be shut down next month.

So said a spokesman for the National Coal Board on Tuesday.

The mine, which was reopened in 1946, employs 80 men.

The strange aspect of the whole business is that, according to the N.C.B., the colliery is running as well as it always has done and is 'keeping its head up'.

A spokesman in Edinburgh said that the N.C.B. planned to close down all sea-pits in the future.

It had originally been hoped that the colliery would be kept open until another industry had been brought into the district.

That the coal board has now decided not to wait is a severe blow to the local employment situation.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 1917

Private William Cook

INTIMATION has been received that Private William Cook, of the 6th Durham Light Infantry, son of Mr and Mrs George Cook, North Shore Street, was killed in action in France on 24th January.

Private Cook was killed by the explosion of an enemy shell, death being instantaneous.

In a sympathetic letter received by his mother the writer says, 'Private Cook was one of those strong, reliable men whom we can ill afford to lose, and he will be missed in the Company.'

'He always carried out his duties thoroughly, and I always felt that anything he started would be done well.'

The late Private Cook was 22 years of age. He was a tailor to trade, and was formerly in the employ of Mr R. Reid, Longrow.

He was transferred to the Durham Light Infantry from the Argyll Mountain Battery, and went to France in August last.

Much sympathy will be felt for the relatives in their great loss.

## Last reunion chance for Aden and Borneo Argylls

WERE you in Aden along with 'Mad Mitch' – Lieutenant Colonel Colin Campbell Mitchell in 1967?

Lieutenant Colonel Mitchell led the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the Crater

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A special reunion is planned later this year for Aden veterans, as well as those who fought in Borneo.

The Borneo/Aden

50th Anniversary Reunion is being held in Stirling, centred on the castle, between Friday June 30 and Sunday July 2, with the main event happening on the Satur-

day. If you served in either of these campaigns, or know of someone who did, this is likely to be the last such reunion event, according to the organisers.

For more information, email Betty Rhodick on e.rhodick@btinternet.com or Jim Bain on j bain664@btinternet.com.

Jim Bain can also be contacted by post at 9 Carrongrove Avenue, Carron, Falkirk, FK2 8NG.

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**BIRTHS**



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Ronald and Angela are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl, Lara, on December 28, 2016 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A baby sister for Kyle, first granddaughter for Archie and Jackie, Macharrioch Farm, Southend and second granddaughter for Gloria and the late Leonard Gilchrist, Campbeltown.



**STEVENSON**

Jamie is delighted to announce the birth of his little sister, Sophie Gillian, born January 1, 2017. Special thanks to all midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and RAH, Paisley. A lovely start to the new year for all the family.

**DEATHS**

**CAMPBELL** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 26, 2017, John Campbell (Jock), in his 76th year, Keepers Cottage, Kilkenzie, much loved partner of Jean, dearly loved brother of Belle, Mary and the late Bessie and a loving uncle and great uncle.

**CRANSTON** - Peacefully at her home, 39 McIntyre Terrace, Lochgilphead on January 27, 2017, Mrs Annie (Nan) Cranston, aged 86 years, beloved wife of the late David Cranston (former postman), much loved mother of Stewart and the late Elaine and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lorne Street Funeral Parlour, Lochgilphead on February 1, 2017, followed by a private cremation service. Sadly missed.

**HILL** - Peacefully, at Adamson Hospital, Cupar, on January 31, 2017, Douglas, dearly loved and best pal of Tina, dear dad and father-in-law of Catriona and David and much loved papa of Katie and James.

**MILLAR** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 25, 2017, James Gillies Millar, in his 97th year, formerly of Kilkivan Farm, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Finlayson, dear dad of Bobby, Elizabeth and the late Anne and a loving grandpa and great grandpa.

**MORANS** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 31, 2017, Robina McLellan Hart (Bena), in her 83rd year, 18 Millers Park, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Crawford Morans, much loved Mammy of Margaret and Jan, loving Nana to Cole, Jett and Eden and beloved sister of Jean, Neil, Elizabeth and the late Duncan. Service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of The Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital.

**ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS**

**MACVEAN** - Alasdair and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, visits, phone calls, baking and flowers received following the recent sad passing of Betty. Our grateful thanks to local ambulance services, doctors, nursing and care staff at Glenaray Ward, and district nurses for their care and attention. Special thanks to Betty's home carers who have shown great kindness, care and consideration at all times. Thank you to Rev Cliff Acklam for a comforting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient and professional arrangements and to the Stag Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £450 for Alzheimer Scotland.

**WILSON** - Marlyn and family deeply appreciate, and will always hold in grateful remembrance, the kindness and support shown to us on the sad occasion of our great loss of Alex. Thanks also to Rev Philip Wallace for a fitting service. A sincere word of thanks to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys for their professionalism and guidance, to the Ardshiel Hotel for purvey and to all who attended church and graveside.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**SOUDEN** - In loving memory of a dear dad and granda, Alex, who died February 4, 2007.

This day is remembered and quietly kept.

No words are needed, we will never forget.

- Inserted by his loving daughters Isobel and Liz, sons-in-law Martin and John, grandson Graeme and great granddaughter Ava.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

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"It is good to sing praises to our God"  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am  
Achahoish at 12:30pm

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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

**February 5th 2017**  
Sunday Worship  
Glassary 11.45am  
Rev. C. R. Acklam  
All welcome  
SC0 02121

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 5 February**  
Inverlussa Church 10 am  
Morning Worship  
Rev. C. Acklam  
Followed by  
Congregational meeting  
**Monday 6 February**  
Tayvallich Church  
Prayer Time 10:30 am  
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**Sunday 5th February**  
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Rev. Hilda Smith  
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Bumps, Babies and Toddlers  
**Every Wednesday**  
10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.  
Drop-In Cafe  
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(Church of Scotland)  
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**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 5th February 2017**  
Skipness Service 10am  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Mr Matthew Ramsay  
Guild meets Monday 6th February  
Tarbert Church Hall 2.30pm  
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**Sunday 5th February 2017**  
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Charity No. SC016097  
Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
Morning Service  
in Lochgair Church at 10 am  
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11am - All welcome to our Worship Service (and light lunch)  
Speaker this week - Graham McLean  
RIVERS OF LIVING WATER  
**Tuesday 7th February**  
at 7.30pm  
Praise and Sharing  
May The Lord bless you and keep you this week  
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*Highland Parish Church*



SC002493  
**Sunday 5th February 2017**  
Our service will be conducted by Rev David Carruthers and will be held in the church at 11.15am  
All welcome.

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 5th February**  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1  
Rev P Wallace  
**Tuesday 7th February**  
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
Boys' Brigade  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
Company Section  
New Hall 7.00pm  
**Wednesday 8th February**  
Guild Coffee Morning  
Church Hall  
10.00am - 12noon  
**Thursday 9th February**  
Choir Practice  
**Friday 10th February**  
Lunch Club New Hall  
12.00 noon  
Next Generation 7.00pm



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Craft Group  
**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study  
Captains Ben & Ruth  
Russell  
All welcome

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75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 5 February 2017**  
Family Communion Service at 11.00am  
John Ives, Southend will be the speaker  
Visitors welcome.  
**Wednesday 8th February**  
12.30pm at the Free Church  
Joining with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study  
A date for your diary  
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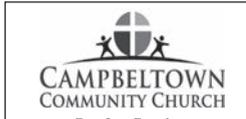
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**Sunday 5 February 2017**  
Epiphany 5  
Morning Prayer followed by Theological Reflections  
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George Street, Campbeltown  
**Saturday 4th February**  
9.00am Prayer Breakfast  
**Sunday 5th February**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Alec Stewart  
The service will be followed by a Congregational Lunch  
**Wednesday 8th February**  
12.30pm  
Bible Study and Prayer  
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## Six score triple tops in week 10

HALF-A-DOZEN players notched up 180s in this week's darts competitions.

Those accurate players were: Ailsa B's Vince Jordan, Stephen Jordan and Tony Mac-Millan, Jamie McGougan for Kilbrannan A, the Burnside's Kenny Docherty and Jimmy Umpherston for Southend.

Gavin McLachlan hit a 116 finish and Charlie Robertson a 106 finish both for the Burnside.

Results: Kilbrannan C 3 Fiddlers 5, Ailsa 4 Southend 4, Burnside 6 Kilbrannan A 2 and Fiddlers B 1 Ailsa B 7. On Monday February 6 it is the Captain's Cup competition in the Burnside.

## SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's SAFL results: Premier Division – Campbeltown Pupils, no game; Oban Saints 6, Ferguslie Star 1; Premier Division 2A – Rossvale 3, Lochgilphead Red Star 2; Premier Division 2B – Tarbert 1, East End United 2.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, sixth round – Tarbolton v Oban Saints; Jimmy Marshall Cup, second round – Duncanrig v Dunoon; Inverclyde v Campbeltown Pupils; Lochgilphead Red Star v East Kilbride; Premier Division 2B – FC Argyle v Tarbert.

## Lotto draw

THERE were no winners of Machrihanish Golf Club's lottery draw on Monday January 30.

The winning numbers were 10, 11 and 15.

The jackpot for the next draw on Monday February 6 is £700.

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# Bahamas has the sun but Mach Dunes greens shine

A MACH Dunes assistant head greenkeeper found the grass is not always greener on the other side of the fence.

Craig Barr, 30, has just returned from the working holiday of a lifetime at Southworth Developments' world first tropical links golf course, Abaco in the Bahamas.

Craig, who plays off eight himself, was kept so busy during the fortnight's working break, tending the greens for the PGA Web.com

competition, that he was unable to squeeze in a round.

'It was an amazing opportunity when Southworth's Simon Freeman volunteered me to go,' said Craig.

### Floodlights

'At this time of year in Abaco the sun shines in the Bahamas from 6.30am till 6.30pm, but when it goes down, it is gone. Often I worked 14-hour shifts and some evenings we were working under floodlights.

'Unlike Machrihanish, they do not really have an off season and there are 15 in the greenkeeping team compared to our five.'

Despite the Bahamian sun, Craig, who went into greenkeeping aged 16 straight from Campbeltown Grammar School, said he was really pleased to get home to Kintyre and Campbeltown.

Craig added: 'There is lots of science behind looking after golf course grass and keep-



Craig Barr back at Mach Dunes. 25\_c05craigbarr01



Abaco links course Bahamas.

ing it at just the right length.'

Abaco is built using a grass variety called Paspalum from a cultivar developed in the 1970s.

'Craig added: 'Most of the grass at Machrihanish Dunes, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), is Fescues and Bents, which is what it was originally.

'As it is an SSSI we have to protect

the many wild flowers when tending the course.'

Craig's working life began as an apprentice at Machrihanish's original course, where he worked in the holidays after visiting during work experience from school.

### Block release

'During the four-year apprenticeship I took block release at Elmwood College in Cupar, Fife,' said Craig.

Once qualified, Craig, who grew up at his parents' Clochkeil farm, used his NVQ in sports turf science to work at the Carrick course on Loch Lomondside before joining Mach Dunes which he left for six months in Sydney, Australia, before returning once again.

'Greenkeeping is a great career, out in the fresh air. I would recommend this to any youngster,' added

## Machrihanish golfer's Florida win



A DANISH player who first picked up a club at Machrihanish has won a major junior event in the US.

Valdemar Hundebøll, 12, moved to Kintyre with his family when he was three and took up golf almost immediately.

Now based at North Berwick, which is also his home club, he has never forgotten the unique West Coast course which takes pride of place on his website at: www.valdemar.golf/history-achievements.

Valdemar has recently been included in Scot-

tish Golf's national junior squad and is coached by Gary Nicol at Archerfield who has Catriona Matthew in his portfolio as well as European tour players and previous Ryder Cup players.

This month Valdemar won his age group in Ponte Vedra invitational with eight strokes, after scoring 71 and 71.

His gross score was good enough to tie with the overall winner of 16 to 18-year-old boys, who turned out to be an English international player.

His parents were in Florida, watching a play-off between Scotland and England for the overall gross title.



The two play-off contenders, Toby Briggs and Valdemar Hundebøll with a North Florida Junior Golf Foundation official between them.

Valdemar at Machrihanish aged four.

# Friendly fixtures for Kintyre Under-16s

OBAN Lorne Under-16s hosted Argyll rivals Kintyre and Highland visitors Lochaber at Glencruitten.

### Competitive

The recent games were organised to give the Oban team some game

time ahead of a cup tie against Marr Under-16s and also to give Kintyre and Lochaber a competitive fixture with both teams' numbers growing over the course of the season.

First up Oban took on

Lochaber under the guidance of referee, local rugby development officer, Allan Wright.

### Comfortable

The hosts ran out comfortable 64-0 winners over the course of 40 minutes of rugby.

Despite the heavy scoreline there was some great play from the visitors, with a lack of match experience being the only real difference between the sides.

Next up both visiting teams played a short 30-minute game, with the contest finishing 24-22 in favour of Lochaber in a close encounter.

### Polished

To finish the day, a combined Lochaber and Kintyre side took on Oban who put in a more polished performance than the first game to run out 52-0 winners.

The day was a great opportunity to gain some vital game time for all the players who attended with more local games like these hopefully being arranged between now and the end of the season.



Kintyre on the attack.



Strong tackling by the Kintyre defence stops this Oban charge.



Kintyre win the ball at the breakdown.

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East End clear off the line from a Tarbert first half corner. 25\_c05tarbert04

# Dookers dismay as East End take all three points

DESPITE some magnificent saves, an error by Tarbert's goalie, caught out of the box, gave East End the winner.

Earlier, the Greenock outfit's first goal came after a much disputed penalty given for a Tarbert hand ball in the box.

Both sides seemed

<b>Tarbert</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>East End</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SAFL Division 2B</b>	

to struggle on a slippery Cil Andries, well soaked by Friday night and Saturday morning's heavy cloudbursts, which had stopped just before kick off.

In the first half, Dookers had plenty of chances but saw their efforts go wide or over the bar. Young supporters seemed to search in the deep bracken of the 'rough' around the pitch for ages to find the balls.

East End forced a number of corners early on but were unable to make the breakthrough due to Chris Selfridge's excellent work between the sticks and some smart clearances on the line.

The play was hard and brutal without being overly aggressive but neither side scored and at the break it was 0-0.

About five minutes into the second half

Tarbert's Blair McKay scored to put the home side in the lead.

But it was not to last and moments later a bitterly-disputed hand ball led to a penalty. The tie-breaker came a few moments after a Dooker's free kick saw



Chris Selfridge in the air for a first half save. 25\_c05tarbert09

East End gain possession and kick a long ball into the Tarbert box. Selfridge dived the right way but could not quite get his hands to the ball.

Five minutes later, Selfridge was caught out of the box and tackled by an East End striker who went on to roll the ball gently into the net for what became the winning goal.

Tarbert renewed the pressure but despite some runs the length of the pitch, particularly on the left, their efforts went un-rewarded and Dookers saw the game slip away.

Afterwards, a spokesman said that it was difficult at the bottom of the league and soul destroying for the players who had put in an outstanding effort only to go away again with nothing.



Celebrations after Blair McKay put Tarbert ahead. 25\_c05tarbert10



Tarbert striker hemmed in. 25\_c05tarbert11

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