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Macca gives items to fundraising effort

by **MARK DAVEY**

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FORMER Beatle Sir Paul McCartney has donated three signed items to be auctioned to raise cash for Seaspports Project.

The memorabilia includes a twin DVD set, *Eight Days a Week The Touring Years*, a signed photograph and a hard-back deluxe edition book, *Paul McCartney II*, the third release from the former Kintyre resident's archive collection.

On the rear flyleaf of the book are four discs: a re-mastered CD, two bonus audio CDs and a set of films on DVD.

Campbell Fox, the Seaspports Project co-ordinator, explained that he became friendly with one of Sir Paul's cousins, Di Saunders and her husband Phil, when the two men worked in industrial

relations on a major national gas pipeline scheme.

When Mr Saunders heard about the Seaspports fundraising campaign, he made a request for help to Sir Paul through his MPL management company in London.

A spokeswoman from MPL wrote to Mr Fox and said: 'I am delighted to inform you that Paul has kindly donated three items to be auctioned to benefit your fundraising efforts: a boxset, a DVD and a print.

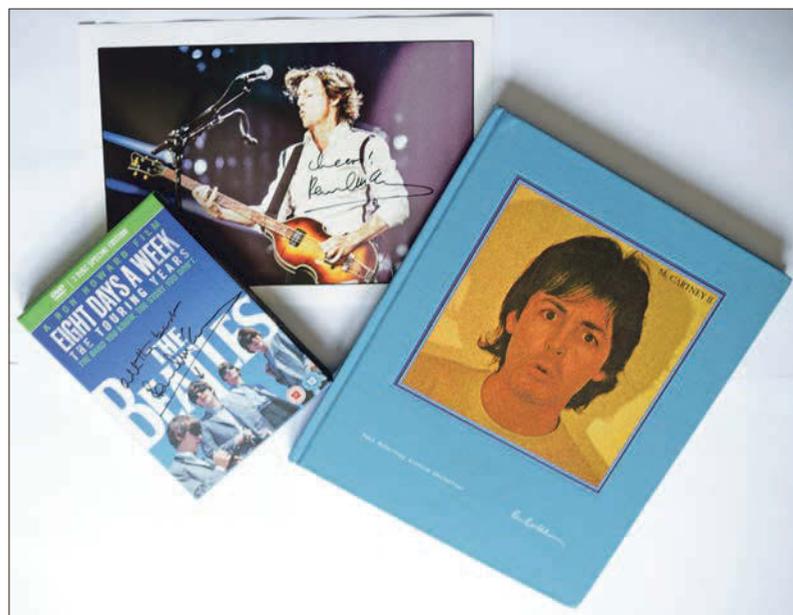
'Once the items have been auctioned and you know the winners, Paul would like to have these items back so that he can personalise them and add the names of the winners to them.'

Mr Fox said: 'We

spent some time with Di and Phil just before Christmas. They asked how the project was going and suggested it might be worth a call to Sir Paul's office.'

Campbeltown's Seaspports Project is backed by 14 community groups: Campbeltown Sailing Club, Kintyre Youth Cafe, Active Schools – primary and secondary, Sea and Army Cadets, Scouts and Guides, Boys' Brigade, Royal British Legion, Island View Forces Respite Association, Kintyre Canoe Club, Dalintober Beach Group, Kintyre Sub-aqua club, Campbeltown Marina, MACC, RYA Scotland and SportsScotland.

A private donor has already contributed £10,000 and further fundraising has brought the total close to £20,000 towards the £80,000 approxi-



The three items which Sir Paul McCartney has donated.

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mate cost of a full feasibility study to build a Seaspports centre on the Dalintober side of Campbeltown Loch.

Last week at a heated Mid Argyll Kintyre and the Islands council meeting, Seaspports asked for

£20,000 of the remaining £182,626 from the CHORD funding.

Mr Fox added: 'The dynamics of this project are that once we have traction it is important to maintain it and garner council support.

'If we go to funding bodies who are familiar with the area, they will ask what the council has done. It is a genuinely pivotal situation.'

For more about the Seaspports Project, turn to page five.

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THIS WEEK

Chippy assault

A CAMPBELTOWN man landed in court after throwing an early morning punch in a chip shop. Full story, page three.

Refuse rodent

A DUSTBIN-RIFLING rat has put the controversial three-weekly bin collections back on the agenda.

Full story, page three.

Shelves full

IT'S BUSINESS as usual for a Kintyre greengrocer as the nationwide 'summer' vegetable crisis strikes.

Full story, page four.

Seeking funds

CINEMA and Seaspports have made bid for CHORD cash amid suggestions of negative attitudes about a town project.

Full story, page five.

Dip for Dosh

THE FINAL figure raised by the New Year's Day loch swim has been revealed.

Full story, page seven.

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Kintyre drama festival's feast of comedy capers

AFTER almost 20 years, the 68th Argyll-Kintyre Drama Festival promises a rib-tickling return to the Victoria Hall.

A quartet of come-

dies produced by four teams adds up to an evening packed with fun and laughter on Friday February 24 at 7pm.

The evening starts

with Peninver Players, last year's winners. Their production, *Nearly Departed*, by Garry Watson, is a rip-roaring comedy set in a hospital, where we meet two very different patients, requiring very different treatment.

Lochgilhead Drama Club returns to the competition after a year's absence with *Costa Del Packet*, by Anthony Booth. A group of ladies find that their holiday is not exactly what they had expected.

Accent Players' production is *The Magic Roundabout* by Bob

Davidson. When two council workers are sent to serve an eviction notice, they have no idea that the encounter will inspire them to change their lives forever.

A welcome return by Dunaverty Players gives us the final performance of the evening.

The continuing advance of technology, and how it affects workers' lives, is explored in Lynne Britney's play *Unexpected Item in Baggage Area*.

Bruce Adam is the adjudicator with the difficult task of judging these plays.

The winner will take part in the Scottish Community Drama Association (SCDA)



Elise Glendinning, Maureen Johnson and Pat Healey at the baking stall. 25_c06drama02

divisional final in Eastwood Theatre, Glasgow, on March 23 and 24.

Last Saturday, the Kintyre district of the SCDA held a drama-free coffee morning in the Red Cross hall.

The event raised £416 for the festival as baking was snapped up quickly and many raffle and tombola tickets

were bought by hopeful attendees.

Festival tickets, priced £8 or £4 for children aged 12 and under, can be bought in advance at the Yorkshire Building Society, Longrow South, Campbeltown, or at Victoria Hall on the night.

Remember, curtain up is at 7pm prompt. Don't miss it.

Police files:

Police warning

A PAIR of teenagers stopped in the early hours of Wednesday last week were found in possession of a small quantity of cannabis.

A 19-year-old man was stopped at 2.35am in Longrow, Campbeltown, and an 18-year-old was stopped half an hour later at 3am. They were both given recorded police warnings.

Child assaulted

A REPORT was sent to the procurator fiscal after a 52-year-old man who allegedly threw water over a child was traced and arrested.

The incident happened at about 7.50pm last Friday in Lochend Street, Campbeltown.

Abusive conduct

POLICE arrested and charged a man aged 29 for suspected abusive conduct at 10.05pm last Saturday in Main Street, Campbeltown.

The next day at 1.45am another man, aged 36, allegedly behaved in an abusive manner also in Main Street, Campbeltown.

Police investigated and he was arrested and charged with the offence.

In both cases a report was sent to the procurator fiscal.

Trust's annual meeting date

SOUTH Kintyre Development Trust's (SKDT) eighth annual general meeting is being held in the town hall chambers, Campbeltown, next month, on Monday March 6 at 7.30pm.

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Members of the public getting involved in the raffle draw. 25_c06drama03

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Auchinlee meeting date fixed

SAVE Auchinlee Action Group met Cross-Reach and discussed the possibility of keeping the troubled care home open for a further year.

An NHS spokesman

said: 'Representatives from the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board (IJB) have been invited, along with other interested

parties, to attend a meeting next Thursday in the council headquarters at Kilmory, Lochgilhead, to discuss the current situation with Auchinlee.

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Rubbish rodent raiding bins caught and killed



Rubbish in a close which would not fit in a bin. 25_c06rubbish01

SOCIAL media was full of comments when a Campbeltown man and his pal killed a rat rooting through his rubbish.

Stevie Gorman posted a picture of the rodent on Facebook and wrote: 'Looks like this three-weekly bin lift is going to attract some visitors to your bins.'

'16 inches from head to tail a rat found having a good rummage in my bin. Terminated very professionally by myself and neighbour Martin Arbuckle. Who am I kidding, we **** ourselves.'

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'The council should have moved to fortnightly collections. I have said from the outset that vermin problems will increase with three-weekly collections.'

'We have problems with rat infestations at the moment and this will be exacerbated by fly problems come the summer. The council needs to think again and revert to fortnightly which at least would be more manageable.'

Monitoring

Councillor John Armour added: 'This is a situation which needs monitoring. Environmental Health has been told and has given advice.'

'On the whole three-weekly collection has worked better in Kintyre than many areas of Argyll and Bute.'

Councillor Rory Colville added: 'With regards to the sighting of the rat, I have asked officers to take action by sending our pest control officers to investigate.'



Overflowing bins on Main Street. 25_c06rubbish02



Mr Gorman's rat with tape measure for scale.

Punch at fast-food counter results in prison

A SINGLE punch thrown in a Campbeltown chip shop resulted in eight months in prison.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC did not accept William Dott's special defence of self-defence when she found him guilty of a charge of assault following a trial on Wednesday.

Dott, 28, of 26B Burnside Street, Campbeltown, had pleaded not guilty to the offence, which occurred in the early hours of January 7 in The Crew chip shop on Longrow.

Earlier, three witnesses independently told the court that they had

gone to the chip shop after being out in the town drinking.

There had been some banter with Dott, who was buying chips with a pal, when 'out of the blue' Dott punched one of the men in the face, giving him a nose bleed which did not stop until the next day.

Pictures were shown to the court of the man's face and blood on his hands and shoes.

Police were not called but happened on the scene while on patrol.

Dott, giving evidence himself, claimed that the men had made threatening comments. He said that as he had been recently hospitalised by five men in another incident, he had taken the words seriously. In addition, he claimed that one of the men grabbed him on the shoulder before he struck out.

Summing up, the sheriff said: 'I am satisfied beyond any reasonable doubt of your guilt in this matter.'

Saddling up for a cycle route

CYCLISTS hoping to create a Campbeltown family-friendly route will crank up a new group in the Argyll hotel, Main Street, on Sunday at 3pm. Councillor John Armour has convened the meeting.

Love bites at coffee morning

SPECIAL Valentine's biscuits might be quickly snapped up at a Cancer Research UK fundraiser tomorrow.

The coffee morning starts at 10am in the Red Cross hall, Kirk Street. There will also be a raffle, home baking and bottle stall.

Prize bingo

ROUND up your friends to attend a sheep dog trials bingo night in the Argyll Bowling Club.

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Business as usual for local veg man despite shortages

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DESPITE the national vegetable shortage it's business as usual for a leading Kintyre greengrocer. As supermarkets across the country have run out of many vegetables or had to ration the numbers customers



Some of the fresh produce for sale at McIvors. 20_c06vegetables01

can buy at one time, McIvors greengrocer in Campbeltown is continuing as normal.

The shortage, which has seen supermarket shelves left bare across the country, including in Campbeltown, is being blamed on bad weather in Europe, from where as much as 80 per cent of the UK's fresh produce is imported during winter.

Rationed

Last Friday in Tesco stores nationally, and locally, the number of Iceberg lettuces customers could buy at one time had been rationed to three.

In Campbeltown, there were notices stating that they had limit-

ed quantities of courgettes, aubergines and spinach in store.

Similarly, in the Co-op there were notices informing customers that there was a shortage of lettuce, spinach, broccoli, peppers and tomatoes, and that they may run out.

One Kintyre shopper said: 'It's frustrating because I couldn't get peppers one day or tomatoes the next.'

'It's not as easy to shop in Campbeltown compared to Glasgow because there is not a lot of competition.'

Faring a bit better than his larger competitors, Ivor Watson of McIvors told *The Courier* that they had not

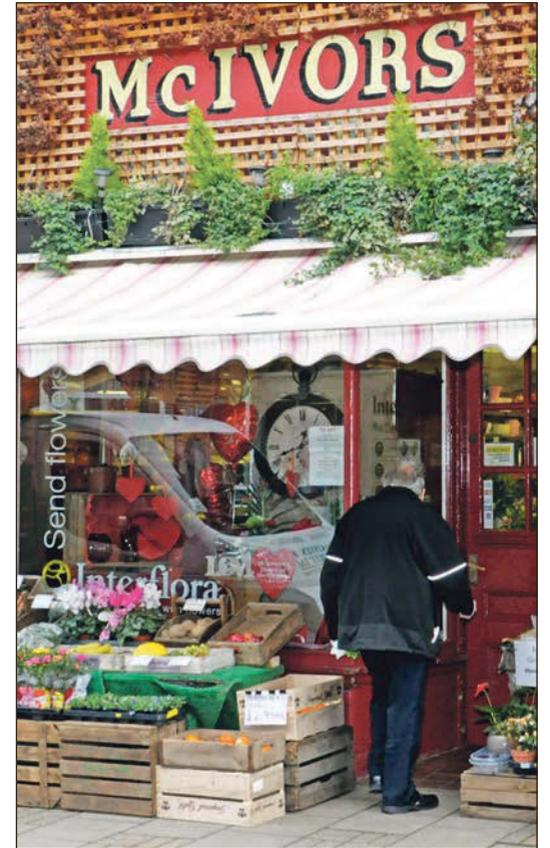
been unable to source any of their usual vegetables, and despite an increase in the price of their Iceberg lettuces, they hadn't noticed much of a change.

Source

Ivor said: 'We source almost all of our vegetables from the UK, even in winter, from small growers and farmers.'

'More or less, we still have everything in stock.'

A Tesco spokesperson said: 'Due to bad weather conditions in Spain, we are experiencing some availability issues, but are working with our suppliers to resolve them as quickly as possible.'



McIvors shop front. 20_c06vegetables01



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Cinema and Seasports projects bid for share of CHORD cash

A COUNCIL committee rejected negative reports about Campbeltown's Picture House (CPH) and Seasports last week to ensure the two projects were in the running for cash from the CHORD fund.

Officers reporting to the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) area meeting recommended giving £182,626 remaining in the fund to the Campbeltown Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS).

Councillor Rory Colville started the fur flying with an amendment offering the possibility of £40,000 to CPH, owned by Campbeltown Community Business (CCB), £10,000

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for Seasports, and the balance of £132,626 to CARS.

Councillor Donald Kelly rejected the deal and his extra amendment upped the Seasports bid to £20,000, reducing the CARS amount to £122,626. This was approved by four votes to three, leaving it up to Argyll and Bute council's policy and resources committee to have the final say.

CCB chairman Jane Mayo said: 'CCB is delighted that support for further CHORD funding was agreed and hope that this can be approved –

£150,000 was pledged to The Centenary Project by the incoming council five years ago and a further £40,000 was granted as Campbeltown Picture House sat within the THI area.

Appreciative

'Although CPH does not sit in the current CARS area, CCB is particularly appreciative that its application is being considered.'

So far though Seasports has not received any council money or backing which is perceived as important when trying to attract lottery funding.

Campbeltown community, through the

Common Good Fund, has helped pay for its outline business case.

Seasports project coordinator Campbell Fox said: 'We have 14 community organisations signed up to forming a Scottish Registered Charitable Organisation (SCIO) to raise funds for Seasports.'

'It's clear from the MAKI agenda that the official view of Seasports is overwhelmingly negative.'

'There is no mention of the very constructive outline business case, supported by local councillors and completed last September; but there is a *Yes, Minister* argument that merely pre-



Some of the Seasports backers in 2015: Jamie MacLean, Iain Cameron, sailing instructor, Donnie Cameron, CO of Campbeltown Sea Cadets, Mandy Robertson, Kintyre Youth Cafe manager, Campbell Fox and James Arbuckle, sailing instructor. 25_c25seasports01

sending Seasports to a decisive higher level committee will somehow deny resources to other projects outside Campbeltown; if left to stand, this bizarre proposition

could result in non-local councillors unjustifiably opposing Seasports when it comes to a vote.

'When SportScotland is impressed by the breadth and depth of

our community support, and the lasting impact the project can make in a chronically deprived area, one has to wonder what is going on in the council bureaucracy.'



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Equally serious diseases such as Leptospirosis, commonly known as Weil's, can be present in the urine of rodents, particularly rats. Although in 90 per cent of cases it is no more serious than flu, it can kill.

The three-weekly bin collections seem to have been absorbed. Rat populations may be growing as waste is left out longer and is easily obtained from full to overflowing bins. Flies will add to the problem in the summer and anyone who misses collection day will have to wait six weeks.

Tip of the iceberg

WHILE writing this column, some unbelievable prices are being charged online for iceberg lettuces.

There is even one listed on an eBay auction for £500 with a bidder. Perhaps it is someone who wants to enter the record books for the highest amount paid for a lettuce.

In Campbeltown, a greengrocer has noticed an increase in price for the salad staple but says that even in the depths of winter all his vegetables come from the UK.

Such is our demand for summer foods that traditional winter vegetables, such as leeks and even sometimes neeps, are ignored for asparagus and lettuces.

Who wants to eat salads on cold winter days when a chunky stew is a warming alternative?

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Spaceport site should be an enterprise zone

Sir,
It has been great to see the Campbeltown spaceport site at Machrihanish featured in the national news recently.

Huge congratulations to the MACC team for all of their work in raising their profile and making themselves serious contenders to be the site of the first UK spaceport.

As the UK government considers the licensing criteria for future spaceports, which is about technical criteria not political backing for any specific site, private sector support is absolutely key.

MACC has made significant progress and its new partnerships with Telespazio Vega and QinetiQ shows the world that the industry is prepared to back it.

Now it is time for the Scottish Government to step up and show the same support, letting the industry know that Campbeltown has its backing too.

Prestwick Airport was awarded enterprise zone status by the Scottish Government last year – so the Scottish Government needs to level the playing field and let Campbeltown get the same advantage.

I hope our local parliamentarians will ensure steps are taken to make this happen as soon as possible.

Given Machrihanish's inherent advantages, it makes sense to give it full Scot-

tish Government backing, including all the resources it has available through the enterprise agencies, to enable Scotland to take full advantage of the rapidly growing space industry.

Councillor Rory Colville, Campbeltown.

McLean Place owners not 'a problem landlord'

Sir,
Last week the *Courier* cited McLean Place as a building with a problem landlord. There are eight owners, of which I am one, in the west portion of McLean Place. Working with the council, the owners have formed an owners' association and are depositing monies into a private bank account to meet the cost of repairs.

The commercial units are all vacant due to the condition of the building and the aim is to get these back in use.

There has been a delay in the appointment of our architect and the design team as one owner is currently unable to meet his obligations.

We, the owners, do not take kindly to being classed as 'a problem landlord'.

Efric A McNeill, Glasgow.

Unelected prime minister's antics on world stage

Sir,
Recently we have had to endure the nauseating spectacle of our unelected prime

minister performing on the world stage – in the US, cementing the special relationship; in Turkey, doing arms deals with President Erdogan, in order to help him defend his democracy. We now know exactly what she means when she uses the word.

Another case of corporate rebranding perhaps?

Ken McCoy, Campbeltown.

From Peru and looking to trace a long-lost friend

Sir,
I wondered if your readers could help me locate an old friend. I am trying to trace Wilma King, the second daughter of Harry King, a soldier of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Wilma would have been born some time around 1950/1952 and we were friends between 1969 and 1971. If anyone knows of Wilma's whereabouts, could they please email me on blunite7@gmail.com?

Gary Hopkins, Peru.

Below are two opposing comments from the Courier's Facebook page about the removal of security at Campbeltown airport from January 30:

Stefan Richard: 'The UK threat level from global terrorism is set at 'severe' which means an attack is 'highly likely'.

Instead of upgrading Campbeltown airport's se-

curity in line with the rest of the UK and the world by bringing in X-ray bag scanners etc, they simply get rid of all security, obviously to save money, with passengers simply having to make a verbal declaration that they are carrying nothing dangerous.

'They are then able to board a plane where the only thing between the passengers and the cockpit is a fabric curtain. Let's hope for everyone's safety that any 'terrorists' are all open and honest and declare any dangerous goods that they may be carrying – either that or they are overcome by that cockpit curtain. Thanks for taking all our security seriously HIA. What an absolute and utter joke.'

Fee Tunes: Personally, I applaud Campbeltown airport for taking this step. In fact it makes me proud that it's happening here.

'If we all give in to fear the terrorists win anyway, whether or not there are bombs.

'All the increased security does is make people miserable, terrified and suspicious of each other.

'There are, it is plain, still terrorist attacks happening, despite ever increasing security measures. It is quite plain that terrorist attacks, if they are going to happen, will happen.

'Our governments should be focussed far more on the causes of terrorism, very complex, rather than playing on our fears to gain more and more control of our lives.'

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Dippers at the Black Sheep after party. 25_c01dip05

Campbeltown's loony toon dookers cool cash collection

DALINTOBER'S Dip for Dosh, which saw 55 swimmers plunge into the icy Campbeltown Loch, on New Year's Day raised £3,657.89.

The final figure towards restoring the beach was boosted by £400 donated by Morrison Construction.

Daniel Fee, site administra-

tor, and Tony McMillan, the construction site manager on the Campbeltown Grammar School project both took part this year.

Boosted funds

An additional £448.03 from royalties on sales of Denzil Meyrick's *Dalintober Moon*, on sale at Amazon and in the

Old Bookshelf in Cross Street, has boosted funds raised this year to £4,105.92.

Jamie MacLean said: 'Thanks to everyone who took part and raised money, sailing club members for sandwiches and soup, and especially to Andrew Barr at Mach Dunes Black Sheep for the after party.'

opinion EMAIL TWITTER FACEBOOK LETTER

La-La Land activity heralds council elections

Sir, It is as well that we know Alastair Redman, from many previous letters, is a Conservative and Unionist or we may have taken last week's outpouring seriously.

For one whose revered leader is cosying-up to Trump to get a trade deal, which would almost certainly involve selling off the NHS to USA business interests, to criticise the

Scottish NHS is beyond irony.

Redman's bombshells this week are that Scottish NHS spends 0.6 per cent of its budget in private hospitals, as is good and common practice when economically favourable and that four trauma centres, already in existence, will have their reorganisation delayed for further research.

He must spend hours trawling the headlines for his stories. He is a consummate self-publicist and last week got his photo and letter in *The Courier* extolling his single-handed efforts

towards improving Islay's internet.

Noting the increase in activity in La-La Land one could be forgiven for thinking there must be an election coming up.

Tony Williams, Muasdale.

Islay rubbish collection a disgrace

Sir, Islay's refuse management and street lighting are a disgrace.

As Kintyre and the Islands unitary council candidate for the Conservative and Unionist party, I recently can-

vassed in Port-We-myss, Portnahaven, Bruichladdich, Balylgrant and Keills. I also spoke at businesses in Bowmore.

I heard many concerns about poor roads, the SNP's tax increases, slow broadband speed, lack of adequate refuse collections and un-repaired street lighting.

I feel that Argyll and Bute council and the Scottish government are ignoring our plight in Kintyre and the Islands and treat us with shocking disregard.

Alastair Redman, Porthnahaven, Islay.

Your chance to make a difference

HARDLY a week goes by in *The Courier* letters page without a reader or two offering their opinion of either Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll and Bute councillors – or both.

We all have our view on how the council should run the services that matter to us, and on ways the operational efficiency within the region's biggest employer could be improved.

The chance is coming up shortly for those with an opinion to make a real difference and stand for election to Argyll and Bute Council.

The next council elections will take place on May 4, 2017.

If you are interested in standing, find out more at www.localcouncillor.scot. The council has also produced a candidate guide for potential candidates in Argyll and Bute.

Before standing, you must be officially 'nominated', and nomination packs will be available from February 28. The period for lodging nominations runs from Tuesday March 14 until Wednesday March 29.

More information on the election process will be released by Argyll and Bute Council in coming weeks.

Green candidates announced

KINTYRE man Ed Tyler is among the candidates announced for Argyll and Bute Greens' 2017 council elections.

The prospective Argyll candidates for the Green Party are Elaine Morrison of Inveraray contesting Mid Argyll, William Mohieddeen of Oban contesting Oban North and Lorn, and Ed Tyler of Muasdale standing in Kintyre and the Islands.

Mr Tyler, who believes young people are the future of Kintyre, said: 'Elaine, William and I look forward to this campaign and speaking to people about the issues that matter to them.'



MARCH ISSUE OUT NOW!

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Kintyre Schools 3A pipe band kick started the evening. 25_c06pipingsociety01

Piping hot Burns supper

KINTYRE Piping Society's recent Burns supper line up was not to be missed.

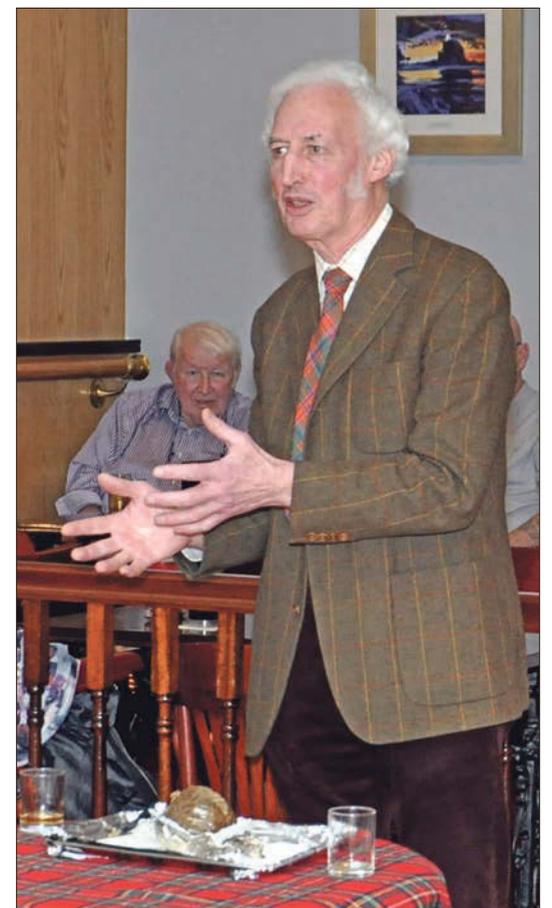
The night, in remembrance of renowned Campbeltown piper and former head

of the Piping Society Willie McCallum Sr, was kicked off by the Kintyre Schools 3A pipe band performing Bengullion and The Blue Bells of Scotland at Campbeltown Bowl-

ing Club last Saturday. There followed a very moving performance of *A Red, Red Rose* by Alasdair Gillies, a trio of impressive solo dancers from James McCorkindale's School of Dance, and a first-rate piping solo by Ross Connor.

The haggis was piped into the hall by Matthew McKerral, before Alastair Cousin performed the address with much fervour, after which the diners tucked in.

**Erin Binnie,
of James
McCorkindale's
School of Dance.**
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Alastair Cousin performing the address to the haggis. 25_c06pipingsociety03



Sale of the Century

Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th March

Victoria Hall, Campbeltown

Doors Open 2pm Friday

• 9.00am Saturday

Auction viewing & sale of bric-a-brac

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Auction starts 10am Saturday

• Bric-a-Brac 9.30am

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Anthony Booth

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T2: Trainspotting on track to roll into Campbeltown this weekend

RENTON and his motley crew of Trainspotting friends will return to the big screen 20 years after making their first appearance.

T2: Trainspotting offers Campbeltonians another glimpse into the lives of Renton, Spud, Begbie and Sick Boy as they hit the big screen in the Victoria Hall on February 11.

The long-awaited sequel to the drug-fuelled cult classic sees Renton return home after a number of years and there's plenty of unfinished business.

The original line up, director Danny Boyle and actors Ewan McGregor, Ewen Bremner, Jonny Lee Miller and Robert Carlyle, reunites for this black comedy as shocking and funny as the original.



Renton and Spud race through town in T2: Trainspotting.

Also stopping off in Campbeltown, are Aurora and Jim, played by Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt, passengers on a routine journey through space. Stored in hiberna-

tion for 120 years, but somehow awakened 90 years too early in this Oscar-nominated action thriller, Jim and Aurora discover the spaceship is in grave danger with thousands of lives at stake.

As the other 5,000 passengers remain in suspended animation and the truth behind the malfunction unravels, can they save the day before the end of this nail-biting drama?

Likely to dazzle the Wee Toon audience, sun-drenched musical masterpiece *La La Land* tells the story of Mia, an aspiring actress, and Sebastian, a dedicated jazz musician, struggling to make ends meet while

pursuing their dreams in a city known for destroying hopes and breaking hearts.

This original and delightful tale, which looks set to clean up at the Oscars and BAFTAs, is an homage to classic movie musicals.

Not forgetting the children, *Ice Age* director Chris Wedge brings the story of high school student Tripp, who spends his spare time building monster trucks from pieces of scrap, to Campbeltown's youngsters in the form of *Monster Trucks*.

From monster trucks to monsters calling, Kintyre youngsters are in for another treat.

A Monster Calls deftly balances dark themes with fantasy and storytelling to deliver an engrossing and moving film about 12-year-old Conor, whose mum is terminally ill.

He gets bullied at school and tormented by nightmares.

His dad has moved thousands of miles away, and he has little in common with his severe grandmother, until he finds an unlikely ally when the monster appears, and guides Conor on a journey of courage and faith.

A final flick for the young ones, *Ballerina* is an uplifting tale.

Eleven-year-old orphan Félicie has one dream – to become a dancer at the world's best ballet school in Paris, which just so happens to be hundreds of miles away from the children's home in which she lives.

Her friend Victor promises to help by taking her to the French capital, where he plans to become an inventor.

One day they sneak off in the first step in fulfilling their dreams.

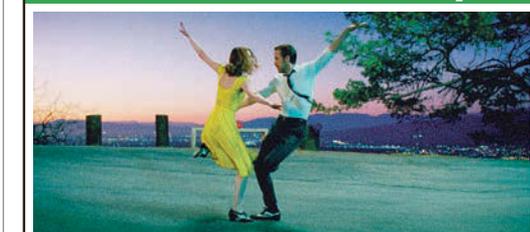
This wonderful family animation features the voices of Elle Fanning, Carly Rae Jepsen and Dane DeHaan.

For full listings and prices, go to <http://www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk>.



Ballerina.

Campbeltown Picture House at the Victoria Hall Sat 11 & Sun 12 February



Ballerina (U) Sat 11, 2pm / 89 mins
1879 Paris. An orphan girl dreams of dancing at the Grand Opera

A Monster Calls (12A) Sat 11, 4.30pm / 108 mins
Spectacular drama based on the award-winning children's fantasy novel by Patrick Ness.

T2 Trainspotting (18) Sat 11, 7.45pm / 117 mins
After 20 years, Renton finally returns home to Edinburgh and reunites with his old pals Spud, Sick Boy and the psychopathic Begbie.

Monster Trucks (PG) Sun 12, 12:00pm / 105 mins
A high school senior builds a Monster Truck from bits and pieces of scrapped cars, and gains an unlikely friend!

Passengers (12A) Sun 12, 2.30pm / 116 mins
On a routine journey through space to a new home, two passengers, sleeping in suspended animation, are awakened 90 years too early when their ship malfunctions. Jennifer Lawrence & Chris Pratt.

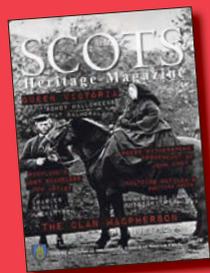
La La Land (12A) Sun 12, 5.30pm / 128 mins
The multi-award winning story of Mia, an aspiring actress (Emma Stone), and Sebastian (Ryan Gosling), a dedicated jazz musician, struggling to make ends meet while pursuing their dreams.

Advance booking: www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk
Tickets also at Victoria Hall 30 mins before screenings
Adults £6.50 Concessions: £5.00 Family of 4: £20.00
Presented by Campbeltown Community Business & Film Mobile Scotland in collaboration with The Royal Hotel

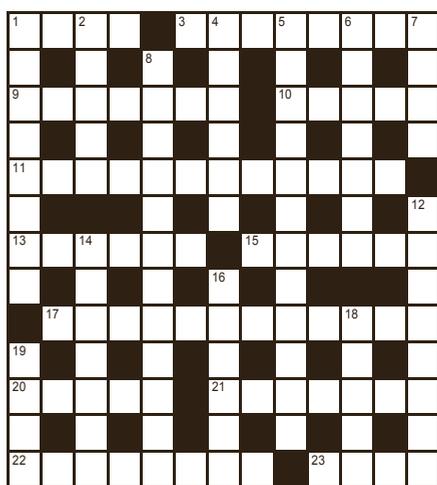


A still from La La Land.

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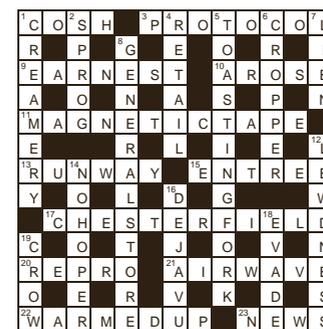
Across

- 1 Grow dim (4)
- 3 Turn for three minutes (3,5)
- 9 Firing feathered weapon (7)
- 10 Poets' feet (5)
- 11 Causing anxiety (5-7)
- 13 Undisturbed (2,4)
- 15 Barely make (3,3)
- 17 Insincere (12)
- 20 In suspense (5)
- 21 Farewell (7)
- 22 Gatherings (8)
- 23 Land in sea (4)

Down

- 1 Dark movie (4,4)
- 2 Unit of Middle East (5)
- 4 Trifle (6)
- 5 Insensitive (5-7)
- 6 Token (7)
- 7 Attack (4)
- 8 Forgetful (12)
- 12 Instrument for ear examination (8)
- 14 Japanese therapy (7)
- 16 Breakfast holder (6)
- 18 Tropical seedpod vegetable (5)
- 19 Ski lift support (1-3)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



COWAL

Portavadie said 'I do' for a Confetti award

LOVE was in the air for Portavadie's wedding team when they scooped a runners-up prize at the Confetti wedding awards in Glasgow.

Desireable

Portavadie, at the event for the first time, took the runners-up award in the category for most desirable

wedding venue of the year for packages costing more than £6,000.

Portavadie was also runner-up in the UK Coastal Marina of the Year (under 250 berths) in the Yacht Harbour Association annual awards announced at the London Boat Show.

General Manager Iain

Jurgensen was thrilled with the new addition to Portavadie's trophy cabinet.

Thank

He said: 'I'd like to thank everyone who voted for Portavadie in these awards.'

'This is the biggest day in a couple's lives and we strive to make it perfect.'

KYLES OF BUTE

£350,000 funding for Kyles of Bute broadband

BUTE and south-west Cowal's community broadband recently reached a critical milestone.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and Community Broadband Scotland (CBS) approved £350,000 of funding

to support the design, build and operation of a community-owned broadband network.

Procurement

This approval signalled the commencement of a European procurement process to find a supplier and start construction.

Formed in 2016 Kyles Community Broadband Community Interest Company has been campaigning vigorously for a solution to the very poor broadband provision in south-west Cowal and on the Isle of Bute.

LARGIESIDE



A recent cinema archiving session at Campbeltown's Aqualibrium. 25_c03picturehouse02

Cinema's behind the scenes slide show

THE RED curtain was opened at Largieside SWI to give members an insider's view of the restoration of Campbeltown's historic cinema.

At the group's January meeting, Jane Mayo, of Campbeltown Community Business gave an insight into the history of the the A-listed Picture House and the renovation project.

An SWI spokeswoman said: 'Jane's slideshow showed what a heritage gem we have on our doorstep.

'A most enjoyable evening was had by all and great memories of the venue were aired by members round the tea table with refreshment provided by Rita Alpps



Cinema tickets from the 1960s. 25_c03picturehouse03

and Jessie Main.' decorated cup cakes: Jane Mayo judged the Colleen McCallum competitions and the 4 points (pts), Hel- results were: Three en Steel 4pts and Pat Rawson 4pts. A limerick: Adrienne Bradley 4pts, Jessie Main 3pts and Pat Rawson 2pts.

CARRADALE

Carradale Guild news

THE FISHERMAN'S Mission superintendent for Kintyre and Oban reeled out some tales of the waves during a talk at Carradale Guild.

Matthew Ramsey, who lives in East Kintyre, recently gave Guild members an insight into some of

his work which includes helping shipwrecked fishermen and also families of fishermen lost at sea.

He accompanied his talk with photographs of events he attended, fishing boats and retired fishermen.

All those who attended enjoyed hearing all his stories.



AIRIGH WIND FARM PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Force 9 Energy would like to invite you to a second Public Exhibition for the proposed Airigh Wind Farm (formerly called Carse Wind Farm), located in South Knapdale, approximately 8.4km south-west of the village of Tarbert.

Friday 24th February 2017

1pm – 7.30pm
Templar Arts and Leisure Centre
Harbour Street, Tarbert, PA29 6UD

The Exhibition will provide an opportunity to outline the revised proposals and highlight how local feedback and ongoing environmental studies have helped shape and inform the proposed wind farm.

Two (identical) presentations will also be held during the Exhibition, at 2pm and 5:30pm.

The presentations will provide an opportunity for Force 9 to provide further context to the information on display at the Exhibition and an opportunity for you to ask questions. Force 9 will also provide an overview of the financial and other benefits that the wind farm could bring for local areas, if constructed.

Comments forms can be completed on the day or returned as per the details below, and should be returned by no later than **10th March 2017**.

For further information, please contact **Steven Park** via email steven@libertyonecomms.co.uk or write to Airigh Wind Farm, Liberty One Communications, Unit 1, Burnbank Business Centre, Souterhead Road, AB12 3LF

Please note that comments made will be to the prospective applicant, not the planning authority. There will be an opportunity to submit representations to the planning authority upon submission of an application.

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Highland Cattle Society set for spring show and sale



This year's show will see 106 animals exhibited in front of veteran judge Mr Jimmy Laing.

THE HIGHLAND Cattle Society hosts its 126th spring show and sale at Oban Livestock Centre, Oban, this weekend (February 11-13).

The iconic nature of the Highland breed continues to generate great interest.

Despite the challenges facing the agricultural industry, recent reports have indicated changing customer trends demanding smaller portion sizes and therefore smaller carcasses, favouring the native breeds and the Highlander in particular.

Breed secretary Sian Sharp said: "There is constant pressure within the industry to lower input costs and maximise outputs and this is where the Highland breed comes to the fore, with the females being the ideal suckler cow for today's market. Our breed is a traditional breed that meets modern requirements."

The weekend begins on Saturday (February 11) with the annual general meeting at The Royal Hotel, Oban, at 5pm. This is followed by a drinks reception sponsored by the Provost of Argyll and Bute Council at 6.30pm to welcome new members, existing members, vendors and buyers to Oban.

The show is held on Sunday February 12 at 10am at Oban Livestock Centre where 106 animals will be exhibited in front of veteran judge Jimmy Laing.

There will be 34 bulls forward with excellent

bloodlines from proven stock, nine yearling bulls who will be eligible for full registration from the age of 14 months of age onwards and 63 females who would complement any pedigree or commercial herd and would provide an excellent foundation on which to base a new fold of Highland Cattle.

The Highland Cattle Society is conscious that the enthusiastic young stock men and women are the future of our breed and a young handlers' class will be held prior to the female championship class.

This year the young handlers will be split into two age groups - Under-12 and 12-18 years of age. The senior competitors will battle to win The Woodneuk Cup, presented by William and Margaret Thomson of the Woodneuk Fold, and the juniors will compete for the Thistle Fold Shield, presented by Mrs Annie Perkins of the Thistle Fold.

Judging the young handlers is Miss Helen Laing. Trophies will be presented at the society's dinner and ceilidh at The Royal Hotel on Sunday evening, for which tickets are still available.

The finale of this weekend is the premier sale to be held on Monday February 13 at Oban Livestock Centre, Oban, at 10am.

Buyers from near and far will congregate to bid for their chosen beasts.

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Management to buy United Auctions

A MANAGEMENT consortium has agreed terms to acquire the entire issued share capital of United Auctions, Scotland's leading livestock auctioneers, for an undisclosed sum.

The deal includes all auction markets within the group, including the property holding at Stirling Agricultural Centre.

The seven-strong team – comprising George Purves, John Roberts, Christopher Sharp and Donald Young, backed by fellow directors David Brown, Donald Morrison and Matt Stevenson – assuming operational responsibility for the business was announced in August 2016 as part of the group's succession planning programme.

George Purves, managing director of United Auctions, said: 'This is a big step in the evolution

and continued planned progression of the company and we are deeply proud to be sharing the responsibility of taking the business forward for the next generation.'

Former owners Robin Tough, Neil McLean and David Leggat, who stood down from the management team in December, will each continue to have non-executive, advisory roles with the company.

Outgoing executive chairman David Leggat said: 'We feel that this is the right time for us to take a step back and allow the next generation to take the business forward. We have the utmost faith and belief that the next team will continue to build upon the foundations and success the business has had to date.'

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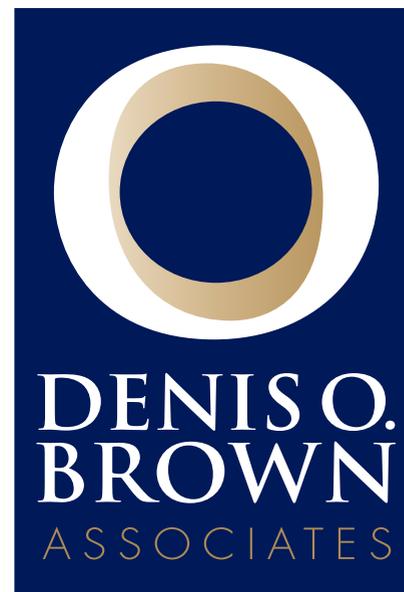
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Tenement rebuild wins empty homes award

THE £450,000 restoration of a derelict Campbeltown tenement recently won the Outstanding Project award at the Scottish Empty Homes Conference.

The Argyll and Bute Council-led regeneration scheme to upgrade the B-listed 18th-century building at 50/52 Main Street, which was carried out by Lochgilphead-based MacLeod Construction Ltd, was opened by MSP Michael Russell last summer.

Celebrates

The sixth annual Scottish Empty Homes Conference celebrates the best practice across Scotland to bring empty homes back into use, increasing the housing stock and boosting local areas.

Councillor Robin

Currie, policy lead for strategic housing, welcomed the news, saying: 'It's great to see the good work of officers across a number of council services, as well as our external partners MacLeod Construction and Historic Environment Scotland, recognised in this way.'

'A lot of hard work went into this project, with years of extensive negotiations with private owners and potential developers before a grant award of £450,000 could be used to bring it back into use.'

'There are now four occupied flats on the upper stories and one new business on the ground floor.'

Councillor Rory Colville, chair of the Mid-Argyll, Kin-

tyre and the Islands Area Committee, added: 'The council is focused on working to grow the local economy, creating jobs and attracting people to the area.'

Great success

'This project was a great success and complements the other exciting developments in Campbeltown, such as the harbour improvements and installation of new pontoons.'

'It's great to have the opportunity to attend conferences like this to showcase our work at a national level.'

Proud

Philip Hanson, assistant depot manager at Howden's Joinery which sponsors the awards, said: 'Howden's Joinery is proud to be supporting the Scottish Empty Homes



50/52 Main Street before the renovation.

Partnership and Shelter Scotland, in bringing much needed housing stock back into use across Scotland.'

Kristen Hubert, Man-

ager of the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership said: 'I'd like to congratulate The Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Ini-



The building afterwards.

tiative on its award. Bringing such a prominent town centre building back from the brink of demolition is a fantastic achievement and

worthy of this recognition.

'It's also a fantastic advert for saving empty homes across Argyll and Bute.'



An artist's impression of a MACC spaceport.

Machrihanish's space race takes another step

IN THE week when Machrihanish firm Discover Space UK rocketed into Westminster, the company also revealed deals with a pair of leading technology firms.

QinetiQ and Telespazio VEGA UK have agreed Memorandum's of Understanding to work with Discover Space UK on investigating the potential for a horizontal launch spaceport at the Campbeltown site.

The agreements follow discussions and site visits arranged by Discover Space UK to promote the former RAF airbase's suitability for potential space plane launches.

Under the terms of the MOU, partners have agreed to investigate

the launch capability at the Campbeltown Spaceport, develop feasibility and business cases, as well as engaging with government and other stakeholders to advance the UK space industry.

'I am delighted that both QinetiQ and Telespazio VEGA UK are going to investigate the Campbeltown site's potential,' said Tom Millar, director of Discover Space UK.

'We strongly believe that the Campbeltown site and the Highlands and Islands region offer potential for the creation of safe, affordable and commercially viable spaceports within the United Kingdom.'

Royal Mail deliver new contract to Loganair

LOGANAIR has been awarded a new five-year contract by Royal Mail to fly its mail throughout Scotland.

The new contract, which began on Wednesday (February 1), should see improved mail services to Scotland's islands.

It will also lead to the creation of 24 new Loganair jobs, for pilots, engineers and ground handling staff.

The airline, which already has long-standing arrangements to carry mail on its scheduled flights between Glasgow, Islay, Barra and Tiree, and will continue to provide the Western Isles mail service linking Inverness with Stornoway and Benbecula, will now deliver to Orkney and Shetland, as well as linking Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Inverness.

In order to provide the new contract, Loganair will expand its fleet of Saab 340 freighter aircraft from two to four.

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Despite the stresses and financial strains that the current economic climate has brought us in recent years, there is one major life event in which people are still happy to spend money – a wedding. The UK's most popular wedding website hitched.co.uk surveyed thousands of newlywed couples last year to reveal an industry worth £10 billion. According to *Brides Magazine*, the average figure for the cost of a UK wedding is a whopping £24,000.

But remember, this is just the average cost, not a target for what you should splash out – many people spend less (or more). Almost a quarter of people surveyed spent less than £5,000 on their wedding. This just goes to show the vast differences in budgets – which means there is no one-size-fits all solution. When it comes down to it, it is a lot of money to spend on a single day, but totally worth the lifetime of memories you will have from it!



Highland romance

ON THE beautiful west coast of Scotland, couples are spoiled for choice when it comes to fabulous wedding venues. Each year, more than 1,000 lucky couples choose the West Coast for their special day, and since there are no residential qualifications for getting married in Scotland, it is a popular wedding destination for people from all over the world.

According to the Provost of Argyll and Bute, Councillor Len Scoullar, anyone choosing to have their wedding here is assured of the warmest of welcomes.

'Whether you already stay in the area or are thinking about coming here for your big day, you can rest assured that you will find the ideal location for your ceremony,' he said. 'We have romantic old castles, breathtaking mountains, beautiful lochs, thousands of miles of stunning coastline, sunny sandy beaches, and

much more.'

Couples can opt for a religious or civil ceremony that is conducted by an authorised or assistant registrar. Either way, you will need to contact the Argyll Bute registrar's office to complete the necessary paperwork. Marriage notice forms can be downloaded from the registrar's office, and should be submitted at least six to eight weeks before the proposed wedding date. The sooner you book, the more likely you will be able to get your preferred date, as there are a limited number of registrars available, especially on weekends.

'The couples who entrust us with their special occasions always remark on how warm, friendly and helpful our registrars are', Councillor Scoullar said. 'Their dedication and commitment, combined with the plethora of perfect locations, makes for a truly memorable day. Argyll and Bute

really can offer it all – come and visit us, and see for yourself.'

Many venues are licensed, meaning they are pre-approved by the council. Licensed venues, whether a hotel, castle or garden, usually offer total wedding packages, so can be an excellent choice for couples who prefer to have all the details taken care of by a knowledgeable and professional staff. In addition, there are many experienced florists, jewellers, outfitters and caterers in the area that can take care of everything you need.

DIY weddings at alternative locations, such as a beach, a loch side or a barn are also a popular option; however, the registrar will have to visit the venue beforehand and approve it.

Outdoor weddings are very popular, especially May through August when the weather is at its best, but Scotland's variable

climate necessitates a wet weather alternative- registrars are not authorised to conduct weddings during inclement conditions. This is where a licensed venue can come in handy, as they often have both an outdoor and indoor location, so there is no panic if the skies cloud up on the big day.

Engaged couples can find out more on Argyll Bute Council's website at argyll-bute.gov.uk, or contact the register directly at registrars@argyll-bute.gov.uk. Check out their online Civil Ceremonies guide, which is packed with information, venues and ideas for the perfect wedding day.

Historic wedding

The West Coast boasts dozens of castles, manor houses, chapels, abbeys and cathedrals that will transport the happy couple and their guests into a fable as king and queen of their own castle. Even picturesque

ruins or hill forts can provide a storybook backdrop for that special day. For those with a sense of whimsy and drama, everyone can turn out in ancient Viking or Medieval dress- how fun!

Country wedding

Pastoral cottages offer an intimate wedding experience, complete with accommodations for all the guests and home cooked fare. For an epic affair with hundreds of guests, consider a barn dance wedding- add hay bale seating, fairy lights and a horse drawn carriage for a rustic atmosphere.

Island wedding

Whisk guests off to one of the islands for a destination wedding, where scenic hills provide a picture-perfect backdrop against the stunning coastlines. The guests will get to enjoy an exotic holiday

before or after the big event.

Outdoor wedding

Get married on the high seas in a chartered boat, or arrive at a loch side ceremony in a rowboat. Or choose one of the west coast's many gorgeous gardens, and tie the knot amongst a fragrant profusion of rhododendron and rose blossoms. Barefoot seaside weddings are also very popular, given the plethora of sugary beaches here.

Theme weddings

Highland-themed affairs are, of course, a popular choice, especially for brides or grooms with ancestral connections to the area. A ceilidh dance is a must for a traditional Highland fling, with the couple and guests twirling and leaping into the wee hours as the natives have done for generations. A whisky-themed wedding at a distillery is another very Scottish option for a memorable day.

See The Bride Guide Part Two (next week) for church wedding inspiration!

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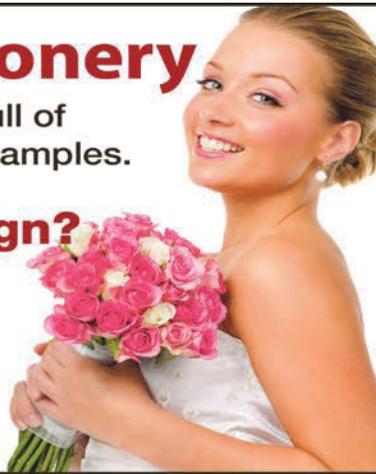
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| Bridal binder/planning book | | | | |
| Wedding inspiration magazines | | | | |
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| Invitations | | | | |
| Save the date cards | | | | |
| Reply cards | | | | |
| Thank you cards | | | | |
| Postage | | | | |
| Ceremony programme | | | | |
| Reception menu cards | | | | |
| Place cards | | | | |
| Guest book & pen | | | | |
| Map & directions | | | | |
| Seating plan display | | | | |
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| Videography | | | | |
| Photo prints for bride & groom | | | | |
| Photo prints for thank you card enclosures | | | | |
| Photo album(s) for bride & groom | | | | |
| Photo album(s) for parents | | | | |
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| Jewellery and/or accessories | | | | |
| Shoes | | | | |
| Garter | | | | |
| Lingerie and hosiery | | | | |
| Manicure and/or pedicure | | | | |
| Hair styling | | | | |
| Makeup | | | | |
| Going away outfit/wardrobe change | | | | |
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| Accessories (watch, cufflinks) | | | | |
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| Groom's button-hole | | | | |
| Groomsmen button-hole | | | | |
| Parental button-hole/corsages | | | | |
| Flower girl petals/bouquet | | | | |
| Ring bearer button-hole | | | | |
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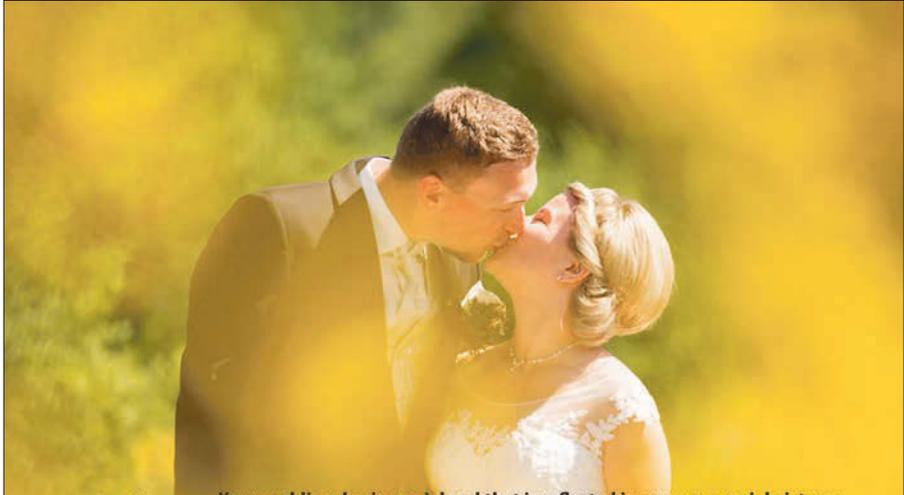
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| Ring pillow | | | | |
| Ceremony music/musician | | | | |
| Other | | | | |
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| Car decorations | | | | |
| Fuel | | | | |
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| Venue hire | | | | |
| Table and chair hire | | | | |
| Reception meal and service | | | | |
| Room decor | | | | |
| Wine/Fizz | | | | |
| Non-alcoholic beverages | | | | |
| Cake | | | | |
| Cake serving set | | | | |
| Cake topper | | | | |
| Late night snack/buffet | | | | |
| Reception musician, DJ and/or entertainment | | | | |
| Dance floor sound system | | | | |
| Wedding favours/giveaway | | | | |
| Lighting | | | | |
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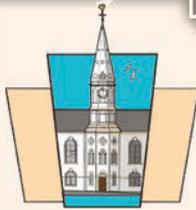
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MacDonald's uncovered at Largie

Non fiction book review



Angus MacDonald's memorial at Glenbarr. 25_c06memorial02

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THE DEATH of a Kintyre professional soldier in a wartime sinking when survivors resorted to cannibalism is a part of Mary Glad-

stone's latest non-fiction work.

On March 2 it will be 75 years since Major C Angus MacDonald died when the SS Roosboom sank, in 1942, after being torpedoed by the Japanese following the fall of Singapore. There was just one survivor and Angus' death cast a shadow on the MacDonald family for a generation.

Largie Castle – A Rifled Nest by short story writer, playwright, and literary critic Gladstone, is a rewrite of a book of his short life first published in 2014.

The book has been described as a Scottish *Downton Abbey*.

The first 130 pages do not dispel this description, dealing with Angus' privileged upbringing in a Kintyre castle near Tayinloan, which was really a Vic-

torian mansion house, built in 1859 and pulled down 99 years later.

Angus' parents mixed with many luminaries of the interwar period, including Cosmo Lang the Archbishop of Canterbury, during the abdication crisis.

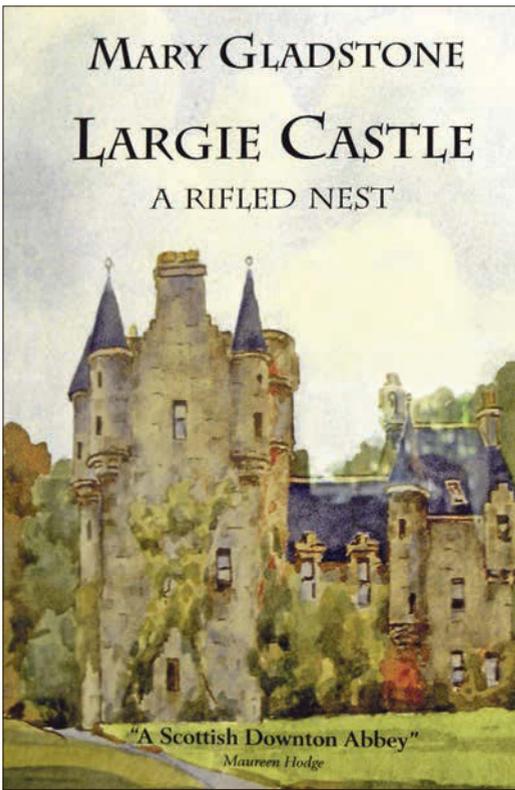
Angus was sent away to boarding school, and attended Oxford University, where he learned to fly with the air squadron.

Gladstone tells of his first solo flight when he borrowed an Avro 504K biplane and returned to Kintyre landing near Clachan.

Largie Castle is not just a biography it is also a journey of discovery for Gladstone.



The family butler Robert McKinven.



The front cover of Mary Gladstone's book. c06memorial06

She researches the most minute clues and recalls incidents from her own life when her mother took her to Kintyre as a child.

By this time the ancestral home was a ruin and her granny had moved to Ballure House near Rhunaharine, where, the still employed former butler, Robert McKinven became a cook to allow him to remain with the family.

In the process the British Empire was collapsing and Gladstone gains full understanding of her own family history and its part in the changes.

There is plenty of Kintyre history mixed up in the narrative about a layer of society which has all but vanished.

Largie Castle is published on March 2 by Californian firm Firefall, priced £14.25.



Glenbarr memorial where Mary Gladstone's mother liked to spend time on holidays in Kintyre. 25_c06memorial04



Angus MacDonald in Argylls' uniform.



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Planning System Consultation 'Step In The Right Direction' - SPF

A CONSULTATION on proposals to reform Scotland's planning system is a "step in the right direction", according to the Scottish Property Federation (SPF).

Housing Minister Kevin Stewart recently launched a consultation paper which sets out 20 proposals to revamp the system.

David Melhuish, director of the SPF, said the property industry needs the planning system to 'show strong leadership, support appropriate development and welcome new investment in our built environment'.

He continued: 'The launch of the consultation is a welcome step in the direction of giving our planning service a platform for improvement.'

'The property industry is increasingly reliant on global capital and if we are to drive local economic growth, jobs and investment we must have strong public leadership and an efficient and aspirational planning service.'

'The recent set of quarterly statistics published by the Scottish Government demon-

strated a notable trend of reducing numbers of major planning determinations that continue to take longer to achieve.

'We need the planning system to show strong leadership, support appropriate development and welcome new investment in our built environment.'

In addition, Mr Melhuish said the SPF welcomes and supports a 'more aspirational and visionary future role for the planning service'.

Mr Melhuish said: 'The development in-

dustry fully supports the aspirations expressed in the consultation paper on co-ordination of investment programmes and working with existing agencies and is keenly interested in seeing the recommendations of the Independent Panel of the need for an Infrastructure Agency and an Infrastructure Fund taken forward.

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| 17/00090/LIB | Installation of 4 replacement windows and one door | The Kennels Hutcheon Road Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6JR | Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown |
| 17/00073/PP | Retention of modular building for retail use as yacht and boat chandlery | Harbour Masters Office Garval Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6TR | Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert |
| 16/03225/PP | Removal of 2 antenna and installation of 3 antenna and ancillary development | Telecommunications Mast Tom Breac Inveraray Argyll And Bute | Sub Post Office Inveraray |

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GONE WITH THE WIND: TIPS FROM IAM ROADSMART

WITH the constant change of weather it's amazing that many of us are able to get from A to B. We would have hoped with a new year and all that Mother Nature might be kind to us but this isn't the case. This week's tips give advice on how to deal with driving and riding in the wind, from IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards Richard Gladman.

If you have to go riding in the wind choose a heavier bike. Heavy bikes with a low centre of gravity will be more stable. A fully faired touring bike will be greater affected by side winds than a smaller machine where often the greatest surface area is the rider

Look out for those around you. Drivers should try and be aware of cyclists, horse-riders and pedestrians that can be easily impacted by the wind. If you are riding pick your position carefully so that sudden gusts of wind

don't blow you into oncoming traffic or the side of the road; a central position is often best. If you are leaning

winds on your vehicle. The faster you drive or ride the more difficult it becomes to maintain control in cross

Keep both hands on the wheel or handlebars ready to exert maximum grip if required. Make sure you take frequent breaks as it can be very tiring fighting the wind whether on two or four wheels

Plan your journey. Check the weather forecast and try to check traffic updates regularly before you set off. If bridges are closed to high-sided vehicles then take extra care even alter your route to avoid the worst areas

Richard said: "The only thing that is predictable about the British weather is its unpredictability! Slowing it down and looking ahead will serve you well as you try to negotiate your way safely through the short winter days. If the conditions are extreme do you need to travel, certainly on a motorcycle the wind will definitely spoil the day."



into a crosswind try and anticipate where it will end (often the shelter of a high-sided vehicle will affect your course) and where it is likely to start again; bridges and cuttings on major roads can provide momentary respite but you need to be ready for the gust as you emerge

Keep the speed down to minimise the effect of high

winds and the further you are likely to stray off course. Watch out for high-sided vehicles struggling to maintain control. Use the clues in the scenery ahead – are there trees, open areas, bridges? If yes then anticipate sudden gusts of wind that might force a lorry, bus or trailer to swerve suddenly



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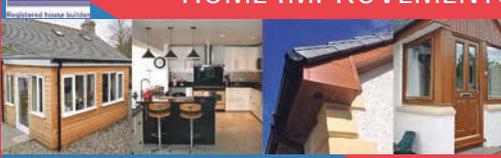
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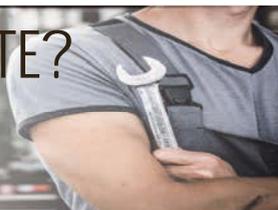


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It's our lovely daughter Margaret's 50th birthday on Friday 10th February.

Oh Margaret, I know Friday's going to be a scunner,
Don't you worry dear, you certainly don't look half a hunner!
Love you lots, Mum & Dad
XX XX

Happy Birthday Mum
Hope you have a brilliant day!
Love you, Mum, Christopher, Hannah,
Erin & Josh XXXX

THANK YOU
To all my family, friends and neighbours for cards, flowers, gifts and birthday cake received on my 80th birthday. I had a great day and was overwhelmed. Many thanks, Agnes xx.

HAMISH TAYLOR
Would like to thank family, friends and "The Heidbangers" for the cards, gifts and telephone calls received while in hospital and since coming home. All very much appreciated.

Happy 60th Birthday Sarah!
Love, Isobel & Judges

Happy 60th Birthday Sarah!
Love, Rab xx

THANK YOU
I would like to thank everyone for the lovely get well cards and all the phone calls. Also I would like to thank the staff of the three hospitals for excellent care. Thank you all. Cathie McPhee, 94 Millknowe

Thank You
To all my family, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, gifts and beautiful flowers received on the occasion of my 80th birthday. It's very much appreciated. Mary Clark.

ANNOUNCEMENT
DUNKLEY – LEMMON
Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Arran Charles Dunkley, son of William and Victoria Dunkley, Crinan, to Caitlin Margaret Lemmon, daughter of Craig and Christine Lemmon, Port Ann.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WHEN I was a child my dad delighted in telling me about nature.

We spent my childhood summers in Millport and I loved it.

There was total freedom to explore that lovely wee island, climb the hills, cycle round the island, walk the beaches and chase the waves.

Every morning before breakfast my folks and I walked along past Keppel Pier to the Wishing Well where we tossed coins into that accepting water and made a wish.

Our golden Cocker Spaniel, Blaze, sniffed every blade of grass and chased every rabbit that passed his nose.

He never did catch one, though I suspected in his gentleness, he actually didn't want to harm anything in this perfect world.

We used to guzzle in rock pools and I was enchanted when a wonderful German professor of marine biology came to stay on the island.

I devoured the information he shared with me and he never tired of my questions.

There was a world of wonder beneath every rock, and I still think of the words of George Macleod: 'Turn but a stone and an angel moves.'

We peeked in bushes quietly and whispered of the beauty of bird eggs.

At night, stars and planets danced in dark skies and occasionally a shooting star would streak across the heavens much to my excitement.

From the micro to the macro, we live in a world of wonder.

Many angels have enchanted me since these early days and I have been blessed to share their company on occasion.

But still I remember the wise words of my dad when he saw the wonder in my eyes, and told me wisely: 'Look, learn and leave.'

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14, 1992

Dark cloud over Gigha

ISLANDERS on Gigha are facing up to an uncertain future following the announcement this week that the island is up for sale again, just two years after it last changed hands.

The Swiss bank, Interallianz of Zurich, has initiated legal action against the present owner Mr Malcolm Potier to take possession of Gigha and put it up for sale.

English property tycoon Mr Potier has not been seen on Gigha since factors for the Swiss bank, Savills plc of Edinburgh, appeared on the island.

Mr Potier has owned Gigha since 1989 when he bought it for £5.4 million.

But it emerged last year that Mr Potier used the island as security on a loan from Interallianz.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 1967

DJs like Zodiac's disc

SHAKE and *Devoted to You* are the songs that could well bring fame to

The Campbeltown Zodiacs beat group. They are the numbers on the group's first disc, which is due to be released next week.

Local teenagers who heard the record played on Radio Scotland at the weekend, 'went wild' over it.

The record will be sold locally and will most certainly be in great demand.

Unfortunately, the disc had a flaw somewhere and had to be withdrawn from Radio Scotland, but top DJs are eagerly awaiting its return from the manufacturers, Scotia Records.

Last week, the disc was spoken of highly on the 'pirate' radio station by DJs who said it was 'a new sound' and 'it will go far'.

Twenty thousand discs are being produced initially.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 1917

Prohibition meeting

ON SUNDAY evening a special meeting was held under the auspices of the Salvation Army in connection with the Prohibition Bill which is just now claiming such an interest.

The hall was nicely filled with a fair-

ly representative congregation of the townspeople.

Mr A. Armour spoke on behalf of the Good Templars and Mr Peter Kerr on behalf of the local S.A. Corps.

A very able and strong address was given by Rev. Dugald McCallum, who showed the advantage of Prohibition in every form, and the adoption of which would become a national asset.

British Women's Temperance Association

ON TUESDAY evening the British Women's Temperance Association held their usual monthly meeting in the Lochend Schoolroom.

Mrs Mactaggart presided over a large audience.

After tea, and a solo by Miss McCallum, the president introduced the Reverend D S Brown.

In his opening remarks Mr Brown spoke of his great pleasure in coming, and thanked the audience for their welcome.

He referred to a quotation used in a recent speech by Mr Lloyd George, which aptly fitted the committee and members of this association: 'Be not weary in well-doing, for, in due season, ye shall reap if ye faint not.'



Dr Dalziell working with P2/1 pupils.

Moving and thinking masterclass

A MOVING masterclass by a health and well being specialist has reenergised PE at a Campbeltown primary.

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The school looks forward to welcoming Dr Dalziell back in March.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep' (John 10:11).

ENGAGEMENTS



HARVEY - MARTIN

Jack and Hollie are very excited to announce the engagement (at last) of their daddy and mummy, Mikey and Jamie-Lee, on Monday, February 6, 2017. Both families are absolutely thrilled with the news.

MARRIAGES



RALSTON - MILLAR

In the presence of close family, Kenneth Duncan, to Alison Margaret, at the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, February 4, 2017, by the Rev Philip Wallace. A very special day which will be treasured for years to come.

DEATHS

BARR - At her home, Duisdale, Lochgilphead, on February 5, 2017, F L Kirstie (née MacLean), in her 81st year, much loved wife of the late W M Barr MRCVS, dear mother of Andrew, Alison, Nancy and Mairi, mother-in-law of Alison, nana to Kirstie, Eilidh, Euan and Aileen, and great nana to Eva, Alyssa and Emilia. Private funeral at Kirstie's request.

MACCUISH - On February 4, 2017, peacefully at home, James (Jimmy) MacCuish, formerly of Claonaig, Skipness, aged 70 years, much loved father of Frank, Rhowena, Hamish and Claire, and dear grandad of Mattie, Triona, Angus, Abbie and Max. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium, (today) Friday, February 10, 2017 at 12.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care. All friends are welcome at the Tarbert Hotel at approximately 3.30pm, after the cremation.

MACQUARRIE - On February 7, 2017,

suddenly at home, Neil MacQuarrie, in his 95th year, beloved husband of the late Nan, much loved father of Margaret, Mary, Della, Willie, Neil and Ann, a dearly loved brother, father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather, sadly missed by all. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Saturday, February 11, at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

REVIE - Suddenly at home, 19 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, on February 2, 2017, Jessie Euphemia McSparran, in her 92nd year, formerly of Baleggregan Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Archie Revie, much loved mum of May, mother-in-law of Roy, loving granny of Fiona and adored great granny of Jack.

SHAW - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on February 3, 2017, William Blue Shaw (Willie), in his 81st year, Westhill, Tosh's Park, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of Mary, much loved father of David, Robert and Mary-Ann and a loving grandpa of Lewis, Frazer, Rebecca, Raymond and Zoe. Service will be held in Saddell and Carradale Parish Church on Friday, February 10, 2017 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Brackley Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cancer Research.

WALLACE - Derek James McKenzie, on February 1, 2017, at Ayr Hospital, aged 58 years, beloved husband of Ann, brother of Neil, sister-in-law of Claudine, step-father of Gillian, William and Michelle, and grandfather of Darren, Grant, Adam, Mitchell and Ava. Funeral service took place on February 9, at Daldowie Crematorium, Glasgow.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

BROWN - Stella and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and flowers received following the recent sad passing of Richard, "Dickie". Our thanks to local ambulance services, doctors, nurses and auxiliary staff at Campbeltown Hospital. Thanks to Mr William Crossan for his kind, comforting words and to Alasdair, Kenneth

and Rhys Blair for their professional services and guidance.

CAMPBELL - Jean, Mary and family wish to thank all who supported them at this sad time. Thanks also to Jock's friends for their many visits over recent months. Special thanks must go to Dr Norrie and the care teams who helped keep Jock at home, and also to Doctors Toledo and Anderson and the hospital nurses. Thanks also to Rev Philip Wallace for a fitting service. Grateful thanks to Kenneth, Rhys and Alasdair Blair for their caring professionalism, to the Argyll Hotel, Bellochanty for an excellent purvey, and to all who attended the church and graveside. The sum of £1,121.85 was raised for the nominated charities.

PATERSON - The family of the late Dora Paterson would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, visits and phone calls received following their sad loss. Special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of Knapdale Ward for their exceptional care and kindness given to Dora and the family for the last ten years. Our thanks to Sheena Johnston, Humanist Society, for such an uplifting and personal tribute to Mum; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for guidance and professional funeral arrangements and to the George Hotel, Inveraray for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at funeral ceremony and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection has raised over £525 for Alzheimer Scotland.

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All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SC0002876)

SCHOOL OF CHRIST COMMUNITY CENTRE, LOCHGILPHEAD

(Life changing teaching to enable us to 'be' and 'do' what God desires us to 'be' and 'do')
Subject: "Repentance - Surrender to God's Plan"
16th February 2017
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Room 6, Community Centre,
Lochgilphead
All Believers Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

February 12th 2017
Sunday Worship
Kilmartin 11.45am
Rev. C. R. Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN

SCO02876
Vigil Mass,
Saturday 6pm
(except the 1st Saturday of the month)
Holy Mass,
every Sunday 10am

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75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 12th February
Family Communion Service at 11.00am
Visitors welcome.
Wednesday 15th February
12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining with Campbeltown Free Church for
Prayer and Bible Study
A date for your diary
Wednesday 22nd February
at 7.30pm
Welcome and induction service for Mr Steve Davies, Springbank's new Pastor
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For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 01586 551237.
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646



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St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 12th February 2017
Epiphany 6
Holy Communion
10.45am

Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
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George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 12th February
11.15am Worship Service
Rev David Parker
Wednesday 15th February
12.30pm
Bible Study and Prayer
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 12th February 2017
Skipness Service 10am
Mr John Morrison
Tarbert & Kilberry Joint Service 11.30am
Moderatorial Visit
Marilyn Shedden
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator
on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493
Sunday 12th February
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15am
All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 12th February
Morning Worship 11.15am
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Rev P Wallace
Monday 13th February
Session Meeting
New Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 15th February
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
Boys' Brigade
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Company Section
7.00pm New Hall
Thursday 16th February
Choir Practice
Friday 17th February
Lunch Club Meeting
10.30am Lounge
Lunch Club New Hall
12.00 noon
Next Generation 7.00pm



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Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday
Lunch Club 12.15pm
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch
Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
Captains Ben & Ruth
Russell
All welcome

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
11am with Sunday School followed by refreshments
Youth Fellowship
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Every Sunday (term time only)
mainly music
10.00 - 11.30 am
every Thursday (term time only)
Registration required
Pastor Chris Holden
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SCO43322

Joining fee slashed to boost Machrihanish Golf Club membership

THE COURSE with the reputed best first hole in golf according to Jack Nicklaus has abolished its £100 joining fee in a bid to lift membership.

Committee member Cameron McGeachy, 32, who barely touched a club until he was 26 and is now hooked, told *The Courier* of the radical plan to bolster membership at one of Scotland's best links courses.

'We have scrapped the joining fee for adults, making the fee for a full adult member £318.90 and an OAP member £210.93,' said Mr McGeachy, 'The juvenile nine-hole membership is still great value at £10 per year.'

'Golf is a great social activity as well as being very beneficial for health. Eighteen holes at Machrihanish burns about 1,000 calories.'

'There is a continuous bus service to Machrihanish. It is a championship course and although some take Machrihanish golf for granted it needs members.'

Golf club lotto numbers

THE WINNING numbers in Dunaverty's three number lottery on February 5 were 4, 8 and 17. There were no winners. The next draw for a jackpot of £900 will be held on February 19.

Tickets are available from the club steward, committee members, Muneroy Tearoom and the Burnside Bar.

MACHRIHANISH Golf Club's lottery draw winning numbers on February 6 were 3, 18 and 19.

There were no winners and the jackpot for the draw on February 13 will be £800.

Young Pupils training for 11-a-side success

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils Youth 2005s are gearing up to play 11-a-side football after the summer.

The team travelled to Lochgilphead last Sunday to play their second friendly against Oban Spartak 2005s, both sides focusing on the children's development from seven-a-side to 11-a-side.

Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA), which oversees all youth football in the town, has a busy schedule for 2017, with several teams



The Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005s team who travelled to Lochgilphead.

playing in various festivals.

CDJFA's football fes-

tival, one of the largest in Argyll, will this year

June 3, at Meadows Playing Field, where

will take part in small sided games in one afternoon.

Muneroy meringues may delay runners

by MARK DAVEY
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ATHLETES planning to tackle the first ever Lochgilphead to Kintyre marathon will have huge meringues as a finishing bonus.

Recently social media came alive when, in a bid to fill the last two places, a photograph of a cream meringue, liberally coated in toffee sauce, which is available to all finishers, was posted on the event website.

There will be four water pick up points and a special refreshment

stop is listed in entry information at Muneroy Tearoom which is the half way point.

Iona Bergin asked, possibly tongue in cheek: 'Do we pay for the cakes when we get there? Also do our times keep running while we are at the café?'

Organisers replied that cakes will be provided for free for all athletes at the finish but if anyone chooses to stop for a marathon munch en-route the

clock will keep ticking.

Registration for the event on March 25 takes place between 8am and 8.45am at the ferry terminal.

The course which is entirely on road and pavements through Southend will also include some sections of the Kintyre Way.

The race is full with 55 participants taking part in the full marathon and 46 taking part as a relay team.

The route starts and finishes at the ferry terminal in Campbeltown, making use of the Southend and chal-



Muneroy's marathon munchies. c05muneroymeringue01no

lenging Learside route.

A Glen Scotia spokesperson said: 'We would love locals to cheer people on at

the finish line at Quarry Green but for safety we advise that there are no vehicles on the course as much as possible.'

Fair weather golfers give morning ballot a miss

WEATHER conditions were so bad that no-one turned out for the morning ballot for Dunaverty's January medal. Afternoon improvements saw some members tee off later. Despite playing very occasionally this season, Robert Irvine turned in a fine performance to take first place with a nett 64 and qualify for the Muneroy Cup later this year.

He finished two strokes ahead of veteran Sandy Watson who proved that age is no barrier to a good performance.

Result: 1 Robert Irvine 73-9-64, 2 Sandy Watson 76-10-66, 3 Alan Duncan 79-12-67, 4 John McDowall 83-14-69(bih), 5 Robert Allan Jnr 82-13-69, 6 Ken MacMillan 90-14-76. Robert had the best scratch score with a 73 and the CSS was 64.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup, sixth round – Tarbolton 1, Oban Saints 3; Jimmy Marshall Cup, second round – Inverclyde v Campbeltown Pupils, postponed; Lochgilphead Red Star 0, East Kilbride 0. East Kilbride win 3-1 on penalties. Premier Division 2B – FC Argyll v Tarbert, postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division – Oban Saints v Drumchapel Colts; Premier 2A – Port Glasgow OBU v Lochgilphead Red Star; Premier 2B – Tarbert v Duntocher. Jimmy Marshall Cup, 2nd round – Inverclyde v Campbeltown Pupils.

Racquet day

PRIMARY age shuttlecock aces will be able to prove their prowess at the south Kintyre schools badminton competition.

The event for P4 to P7 pupils is on Saturday February 25 from 11am to 3pm. There is a fee of £7 to enter and forms are available in primary schools.



Captains' cup winners Jamie McGougan and Alan Duncan.

Kilbrannan 'A' retain dart's captains' cup

THE CAPTAINS' cup pits the captain and vice captain from each league team in a darts doubles knockout.

The final, on Monday at the Burnside, was between Kilbrannan A pair Alan Duncan and Jamie MacGougan and Ailsa B's Tony MacMillan and Stephen Jordan, with the Kilbrannan A proving too strong and retaining the trophy won last year.

Thanks to the Burnside for donating the bottle prizes.

Feathers fly at secondary schools badminton championships



EIGHTY pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School, Lochgilphead High School, Oban High School and Dunoon Grammar School took part in this year's Argyll and Bute secondary schools badminton championships held at Atlantis Leisure, Oban recently.

Organised by PE teachers Denise Gemmell and Liz Clunie in partnership with Active Schools, the event was again of a very high standard this year with lots of very close matches.

The pupils were a credit to their schools on and off the court with some fantastic displays of sportsmanship.

The event is used as an area qualifier and some of the winners will get the chance to represent Argyll and

Bute in the Scottish Schools finals in Perth in February.

Under-14: Boys singles - Fergus Carmichael, Oban; runner-up - Innes Lambert, Dunoon. Girls singles: Jane Scott, Campbeltown; runner-up - Lauren MacKinnon, Campbeltown. Boys doubles: Stuart Head and Neil McCracken, Oban; runners-up - Innes Lambert and Marcus Keith, Dunoon. Girls doubles: Jane Scott and Jennifer McMurchy, Campbeltown; runners-up - Jessica Ronald and Lauren MacKinnon, Campbeltown. Mixed doubles: Jennifer McMurchy and Euan Dott, Campbeltown; runners-up - Jane Scott and Andrew McMillan, Campbeltown.

Under-16: Boys singles - Angus Neil,



Prizewinners at the Argyll secondary schools badminton championships, held recently at Atlantis Leisure, Oban.

Oban; runner-up - Jordan McIlkenny, Dunoon. Girls singles: Kirsty McArthur, Oban; runner-up - Susan Shaw, Campbeltown. Boys doubles: Jordan McIlkenny and Patrick Newton, Dunoon; runners-up -

Dhyllon Cox and Cameron Reid, Campbeltown. Girls doubles: Kirsty McArthur and Grace Thomson, Oban; runners-up - Susan Shaw and Nicola McKerral, Campbeltown. Mixed doubles: Kirsty McArthur and An-

gus Neil, Oban; runners-up - Susan Shaw and Alasdair Ferguson, Campbeltown.

Under-19: Boys singles - William Goan, Dunoon; runner-up - Connor Adams, Dunoon. Girls singles: Lizzie Stirling,

Dunoon; runner-up Isla McGarry, Dunoon. Boys doubles - Neil Littleton and Alasdair Ferguson, Campbeltown; runners-up - Craig MacCorquodale and Louis Reeves, Oban. Girls doubles: Lizzie Stirling and Isla

McGarry, Dunoon; runners-up - Nicole Thomson and Rhona O'May, Campbeltown. Mixed doubles: Isla McGarry and William Goan, Dunoon; runners-up - Nicole Thomson and Neil Littleton, Campbeltown.

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'Dale disheartened after player takes an early bath

Carradale 2
Cardross 4
West of Scotland League

TROUBLE flared at the West of Scotland AFL tie against Cardross when a Carradale player was sent off and a scuffle developed.

The red card for Ryan Blackstock after about 30 minutes ultimately made it hard for 'Dale to get ahead.

The visitors had started brightly last Saturday, opening the scoring inside the first six minutes.

They gained a corner on the left and the ball was cleared by the home defence back out on the left hand side, where it was crossed in by the visitors' number six.

The 'Dale players looked static as the ball nestled in the far corner of the net.

Worse was to follow for the Kintyre side as nine minutes later they went two goals down.

It came from a long

ball through the inside right channel, as their number nine was put clear.

Neil McMillan in the home goal advanced out to intercept the danger.

He initially blocked the shot, but the ball spun off his body and into the path of the striker who then stroked the ball home.

The Andrew Smith and Son-sponsored home side rolled up their sleeves and managed to pull one back in the 21st minute.

David Johnstone picked up a loose ball 20 yards from the goal.

He put a perfectly weighted pass into Kenny Kerr and the midfielder's left foot strike found the net from 10 yards.

Carradale did not have long to wait for the 28th minute equaliser after a free kick on the right edge of



Kenny Kerr scoring Carradale's first goal. 20_c06carradale01

the penalty box. Ewan McIlroy took the dead ball and curled a beauty into the goal's far top corner to the delight of the home players.

Within four minutes of the Kintyre side getting back on level terms, they were reduced to 10 men.

Blackstock's challenge on the Cardross goalkeeper was

deemed reckless by the referee.

After the ensuing on-pitch scuffle involving players from both teams, it was going to be difficult for 'Dale to get anything out of the game.

Although they held out until half time, 'Dale lost two goals in the second half, one in the 51st minute, initially from a corner kick,

and conceded a penalty in the 70th minute to finish the game as a contest.

The man of the match was McIlroy, and the match ball was sponsored by Archie McKellar of Longrow Bookmaker.

The next fixture is tomorrow (February 11), when Carradale travel to play United Glasgow.



The challenge that led to Ryan Blackstock's red card. 20_c06carradale06



Fighting for possession of the ball.

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The scuffle which followed Blackstock's challenge. 20_c06carradale08

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