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THE BRIDEGUIDE

Sixty jobs to go at wind tower factory

by **MARK DAVEY**

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LESS than a year ago a Korean multinational firm bought Kintyre's Wind Towers Scotland (WTS) in a blaze of publicity and promised at least 70 jobs.

The reality has turned out to be somewhat different.

Last Friday CS Wind bosses, who took over last April, called a meeting at the Machrihanish factory and announced a redundancy plan which would see up to 60 jobs lost.

The figure has not been confirmed by CS Wind but has been widely reported on social media since the meeting.

A spokesperson from CS Wind told *The Courier* this week: 'We confirm we had an internal staff meeting on Friday but at this stage

it would be inappropriate to detail until we have had further discussion with employees.'

Many people have asked on social media what has happened to the £14million investment announced at the takeover, a further £27m in July that was supposed to herald 160 jobs, and more money in December from Danish firm Dong Energy.

Acquired

When CS Wind acquired WTS from SSE and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, 134 people were employed at the plant.

When the Dong announcement was made the firm said it had 163 employees, meaning that just 31 had been taken on. Now it ap-

pears the workforce may be cut by more than a third.

In July, staff were treated to a grand dinner for more than 120 guests at Campbeltown town hall. Kintyre welcomed chiefs from CS Wind around the world, Charles Hay, the British ambassador to South Korea, and Scottish energy minister Paul Wheelhouse.

The next day a formal groundbreaking ceremony marked plans to build two factory units for constructing offshore towers which are two and a half times bigger than onshore equivalents.

Commenting on the news, Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'I am very concerned at this sudden and unexpected development. I was present when the takeover was celebrated and the



Paul Wheelhouse and Charles Hay flank CS Wind chairman Seong Gon Gim at last year's dinner. 25_c29cswind12

company's intentions were to increase numbers, not reduce them.

'I am asking for an urgent meeting with the company and I have been in touch with the energy minister to ensure that everything is

being done to support the workforce at this difficult time.'

Councillor Rory Colville added: 'Not only is enterprise zone status vital for MACC's bid to host the UK Spaceport, it is also es-

sential if CS Wind is to remain competitive in the global market for offshore renewables.

'The support of HIE, and the Scottish and UK governments is also crucial.'

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INSIDE YOUR COURIER THIS WEEK

Car thief is fined

A DRIVER who smashed his friend's car into a wall appeared in court.

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Abhorrent crime

A CAMPBELTOWN court heard details of a Tarbert man's vile offences.

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Poetry perfection

WHO scored a verse victory with their lines inspired by the bard?

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Community garden threat

THE FUTURE of one of Campbeltown's most peaceful places is in doubt.

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Security scrutiny

KINTYRE residents give their views on security at Campbeltown airport.

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Kintyre business owners do not rate government charges

THE SCOTTISH Government's recent revaluation for 2017 has left small business owners in Kintyre feeling abandoned as rates are set to soar.

The increase comes as thousands of traders saw their property values rise in the latest valuation of non-domestic premises in Scotland.

Nick Fletcher, from the Argyll Hotel in Bellochantuy, said: 'The Scottish Government needs to step up to the plate now and acknowledge that there is something wrong with the new system when a small business like ours, which is only three years old, is facing a hike of 338 per cent. This will have knock-on effects for the tourism and hospitality industry and for rural economies.'

First visit to imprisoned fiancé in eight months

by HANNAH O'HANLON
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THE FIANCÉE of a former Campbeltown Grammar School ex-paratrooper visited him in his Indian jail cell this week.

Yvonne MacHugh travelled to India last week to see Billy Irving, who is serving a five-year sentence in Puzhal Prison, near Chennai, for possession of illegal weapons while carrying out anti-piracy work aboard the ship MV Seaman Ohio, alongside five other former British soldiers.

It is the first time in nearly eight months that the two have had any face-to-face contact.

An appeal against the conviction was lodged with the Indian courts after evidence appeared that the security workers on the vessel did have all the proper documentation, and Yvonne had hoped that a decision would have been made before her visit.

The trip took place amid claims the prisoners have been mis-

treated in the jail and are being denied basic human rights.

Letters from some of the Brits accuse the guards of physical abuse and claim that they are only being given one meal a day.

Yvonne posted: 'Prison might not have been everyone's first choice for a Valentine's date but it was perfect none the less. Billy Irving you incredible, handsome remarkable man. You made my day the best.

'I shouldn't be happy seeing the man I love in a prison ... but I am. I'm just so happy.'



Billy Irving, Yvonne MacHugh and their son William.

Borrowing a pal's car led a driver to court

A CHRISTMAS Eve drive to Southend and subsequent crash, in not have permission to drive, resulted in a teenager being fined £400.

William John Megson, 19, of 146 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to a charge of taking and driving away without consent and a further charge of having no insurance in Burnside Street and on the Learside Road, at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday.

In addition Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC banned Megson from the road for six months.

Earlier, the court heard that Megson and his friend had been out drinking and returned to his pal's house at 4am on Christmas Eve.

Later Megson took the keys from his friend's pocket and drove towards Southend on the Learside Road crashing into a wall at about 5.50am.

At 3pm the car's owner went to Campbeltown police office and reported his car

stolen and an hour later police took a full statement.

In the early hours of Christmas Day, officers went to Megson's house where they found he had injuries to his wrist and he said he had been hurt in the crash or in efforts to get the car out of the ditch.

Megson, a full-time carer, was ordered to pay the fine at £10 a week.

Drugs warning

A MAN was found in possession of a small quantity of cannabis when he was searched by police on Hillside Road, Campbeltown, at about 9.45am on Thursday February 9.

The 21-year-old was issued with a recorded police warning.

Drugs find

A 19-YEAR-OLD man has been charged and a report has been sent to the procurator fiscal after a car was stopped and searched at about 7.10pm on Friday February 10, on the A83 just north of Campbeltown.

The man was allegedly found in possession of a small quantity of cannabis and cocaine.

Cars damaged

SOCKS stuffed into the fuel filler caps of two cars may have been attempted arson.

The incidents, involving a blue Renault Megane parked in Hillside Road and a beige VW Passat parked in Dalaruan Street, occurred overnight between Tuesday February 7 and Wednesday February 8.

Police are investigating and appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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TV's Taboo co-star gives a spirited Springbank performance

ACTOR David Hayman delivered a political polemic conceived on a dark, dreich night to a Campbeltown au-



David Hayman's birthday cake.

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dience wrapped in coats, hats and gloves.

They were not wrapped up because the 6,500-word monologue, *The Cause of Thunder* by Chris Dolan, was given outdoors in the round but it was the first performance in a distillery's malt barns, in February. Dolan's political message was wrapped up in central character, union man, Bob Cunningham's retirement and ageing.

Part of a nationwide

tour, the Kintyre date saw a diverse audience pack the venue. They heard Hayman's expletive-filled rant, albeit quite funny, about all that is wrong in a Brexit dominated country brought about by 'Sir Nigel D'Arting***.'

Dominated

The play's writer Chris Dolan thinks that two years after the indy ref Scottish conversation, with European partners, should be dominated by land reform, sustainable en-

ergy and how to get rid of Trident, although the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament has not managed it in 60 years, rather than how to destroy the European Union.

'But some ***** voted No.'

Hayman was typecast as he aged another year on the day of the performance and it was hard to separate him from his character.

He was presented with a 69th birthday cake in the form of a

whisky barrel chocolate log by Springbank staff possibly grateful for his work extolling the virtues of their product in his recent BBC2 series, *Scotch! The Story of Whisky*.

Watching the show was a great experience in a unique venue. For some the content, language and what was described as a frivolous question and answer session afterwards somewhat took the gloss off the production.



David Hayman delivers his monologue at Springbank. 25_c07hayman03

Child porn man is locked up

A TARBERT man who downloaded and distributed more than 500 images of child pornography was sent to prison for a year by a Campbeltown sheriff.

Last Thursday Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Andrew Crichton Robertson that only a custodial sentence 'shows society's abhorrence' for his crimes.

In January, Robertson, 46, of 7 Bruce Hill, Tarbert, pleaded guilty to three charges: firstly, that between April 22, 2012, and March 21, 2016, he had taken or permitted to be taken indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children. A further charge of possession and that on September 26, 2015, he distributed indecent photographs of children.

The crimes did not come to light until March last year when police received sensitive intelligence indicating that Robertson had accessed indecent images of children.

Police raided his Tarbert house on March 21 but Robertson was at work. He was brought from his Tarbert workplace after an arrest warrant was served.

During the search a

laptop and mobile were recovered and scanned by a police cyber crime expert who found indecent images of children.

Robertson was taken to Lochgilphead police office. He declined taking advice from a solicitor and confirmed that he owned the laptop and admitted that he had downloaded indecent images of children for his own sexual gratification.

He added that it was something he had done often and confirmed that he would discuss

child abuse on internet chatrooms.

Later, in Glasgow, further analysis of the computer revealed 544 still and moving images on the laptop.

Worst category

Of the still images, 19 were in the worst category and included children as young as five.

Analysis showed that Robertson had downloaded a peer to peer app which allowed sharing across a network with a high level of security and passwords.

Robertson's defence

solicitor said that delays at the cyber crime unit due to its high volume of work had meant that Robertson was not indicted until November and had pleaded guilty at the earliest opportunity.

Sheriff Anderson QC said 'These are top end images, they are violent. These are truly victims of criminal activity which is encouraged by people like Robertson.'

'The courts must mark such offending and show the abhorrence of society.'



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Tyler Mitchell

Tyler Mitchell's winning entry.

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by HANNAH O'HANLON
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SOME of Kintyre's best young poets have been recognised for their own verses inspired by Rabbie Burns.

Children from primary schools across Kintyre entered a competition run by Numero Dix Hair Salon and the top three entrants won Old Bookshelf vouchers at the prizegiving.

Tyler Mitchell from Drumlemble paid homage to his beloved mongrel friend in his poem entitled 'Oor Wee Dug' to win first prize.

Dalintober pupil

Ryan Shields was second with his verse 'Address Tae Irn Bru'.

It showed his admiration for Scotland's national soft drink made from girders, comparing it less favourably to other fizzy drinks.

Michelle Kim, also from Dalintober, who has only lived in Scotland for six months, got third place for 'Address to Scottish Foods', a verse on the Scottish fare she has tried and enjoyed and the rest that she's keen to sample.

Agnes Stewart, who has judged the com-



Kerry Dickson, of Numero Dix Hair Salon, and judge Agnes Stewart, with winners Ryan Shields, Tyler Mitchell and Michelle Kim.

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petition since its inception, said: 'I enjoy it very much. It's not an easy job, but I was struck straight away by Tyler's nice wee touch of humour.'

The competition,

which had more than 150 entries, was back this year after a three-year break.

Cath Black, deputy head teacher of Dalintober Primary School, said: 'It tied in nicely

with what we were doing in the curriculum, so it didn't alter our lesson plans. It gave the children a bit of focus, knowing their work would be entered into the competition.'

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Primary head reprimanded

A CAMPBELTOWN primary teacher was reprimanded when she appeared before the General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTCS).

Dalintober head Caroline Armour was given a six-month reprimand which will remain in place until

August 9 after her conviction for failing to provide a sample of breath to police last year.

Complaint

Ms Armour appeared before the GTCS after a complaint alleging that her fitness to teach was impaired.

In December last year, she was banned from driving for 18 months and fined £600 after she pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to give a sample of breath, which is a legal requirement.

It was reported that, in August, Ms Armour was found by police officers slumped in the driver's seat of a car with the keys in the ignition and the dashboard lights on, although she denied that she was planning to drive the vehicle.

The GTCS accepted that the conviction did not constitute an abuse of a position of trust, and therefore felt that a reprimand was a suitable sanction.



The guild ladies who worked hard behind the scenes, making tea and coffee. 20_c07lorneandlowland02

Guild ladies' sweet treats

THE LORNE and Lowland Church Guild ladies were busy pouring tea and coffee and manning the baking stall at their recent coffee morning. The event in the church hall

raised £736 for the guild, which gives to various charities.

Members of the public eagerly snapped up the contents of the well-filled baking stall.

Variety adds spice to church's programme of entertainment

A RANGE of church distractions is set to entertain the crowds this month.

The Lorne and Lowland church guild is holding its annual variety concert on Monday February 20 at 7.30pm in the church hall.

Admission is £3 and all are invited to attend.



Could community garden close?

CAMPBELTOWN Community Garden and Orchard in the grounds of Auchinlee is under threat if the care home is shut.

At a CrossReach meeting last Friday, attended by Councillor Donald Kelly and the Action Group's John

Titterton, the possibility of the Auchinlee operators raising capital by selling off the community garden was discussed.

Subsequently, Richard Kerr, Argyll and Bute Council's chief planning officer, visited the site to assess the

viability of the community garden being considered for building plots. This plan ignores the fact that Auchinlee was gifted to the people of Campbeltown by the descendant of its owner, John McKersie, and may well not be CrossReach's to sell.

Pastor comes out of Africa

A MINISTER who spread the gospel in Mozambique and Ecuador joins Springbank Evangelical Church next week.

Steve Davies, who previously worked for One Mission Society, takes up his new post following an induction service next Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Steve and his wife Katuska have decided to settle in the UK with their three children. Steve has extensive experience of Bible teaching, having led a Christian seminary in Maputo, Mozambique.

Steve will preach for the first time as pastor on Sunday February 26 at 11am in Springbank Evangelical Church.

The public is welcome to attend both the induction and family service.



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Winds of change

MACHRIHANISH'S wind tower manufacturing plant is no stranger to job crises and threatened closures but seemed to have turned a corner with its purchase by CS Wind. In spring 2009, Danish firm Skykon bought it from Vestas after it had gone bust. In January 2011, Skykon filed for bankruptcy with a good order book and a recently completed factory lying empty.

It was bought in May 2011 by SSE and Marsh Wind Technology and subsequently sold last year.

A few months before the South Koreans moved to Scotland, CS Wind in Canada had laid off 51 staff with the company saying there was not enough work.

In Canada, top executives held onto their jobs but welders and painters went in what was described as 'the normal manufacturing cycle', with the intention to re-employ them.

At that factory, employees affected by the layoffs were given two weeks' severance pay and the right to be called back to work for two years before CS Wind could hire new workers.

To people in steady, non-cyclical jobs, the thought of being laid off is worrying and must also be for CS Wind's workers.

For many manufacturers, a temporary glitch in the order book can leave a firm with no work. Short-time working was a way out of the 2009 recession for many firms.

Honda workers took a three per cent pay cut but few will resort to taking the chief executive hostage as happened in Sony France, that year, when 300 jobs were threatened.

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Rubbish in Courier bin photo was recyclable

Sir,
With reference to your article and leader last week referring to the rat found by overflowing waste bins, I totally agree with Councillor Kelly that the council should have moved to fortnightly rather than three-weekly bin collections.

I also agree with Councillor Armour that the change has worked better in Kintyre than in other parts of Argyll and Bute.

This is largely due to the sterling work of Kintyre Recycling, which has seen its collections increase by 80 per cent, and the efforts of the many residents who have cooperated by recycling. It is obvious in the photos accompanying the story that much of the waste in the bins or overflowing from them is recyclable.

Many plastic bottles and stacks of paper and card can be seen. Had this been placed in the bags provided by KR, perhaps the bins might not have been overflowing.

Tony Williams, Muasdale.

Dog fouling and litter not acceptable

Sir,
I would like to bring attention to the irresponsible owners letting their dogs foul in the lanes off Kinloch Road, Burnbank Place and Longrow.

They are not only letting

their dogs foul in these places but also not picking up the mess.

There are washing greens which tenants use regularly and children playing where these dogs are allowed to foul.

Nowadays it is unacceptable not to pick up behind a dog. There are reasonably priced bags to buy and plenty of bins around the town.

The amount of litter in the lanes may also be a health and safety issue and is very concerning. Why do people who spread this litter not keep it in their pockets until they see a bin or take it home?

Please be considerate and think of others living in the area. It does not cost anything to keep our Wee Toon tidy and clean.

Name and address supplied.

Candidates for deportation to Useless Island

Sir,
There are three islands in the bay opposite Craighouse, Jura, called Rabbit, Goat and Eilean Domhain, which means Useless Island.

In my opinion, all the current Argyll and Bute councillors, many of whom are past their sell-by date and have one foot in the grave, should be sent to live permanently on Useless Island.

The Argyll and Bute officials who drew up the timetables for the three-weekly uplift of general waste bins should be deported immediately to Useless Island.

I am sure that *Courier* readers can think of many more people who would qualify for residence on Useless Island, which ultimately would lead to it being the most overcrowded island in the world.

Douglas W Tott, Stoneyburn, Bruichladdich, Isle of Islay.

Not so democratic decision on Auchinlee funding

Sir,
I attended a meeting of the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board (IJB) on January 25.

At this meeting the board discussed the possibility of providing crucial support funding to keep Auchinlee care home open.

After a 20-minute discussion on this topic, the voting members of the board, four health workers and four councillors, voted by seven to one to not provide funding.

This meeting was open to the public, and it can therefore be seen as a transparent exercise in the democratic process.

However, if you scratch below the surface, a different picture emerges.

The NHS is a notoriously hierarchical organisation.

The four NHS voters will therefore vote the way their chief officer recommends.

I do not think there has been an occasion when this has not happened.

After all, their future careers' jobs are on the line.

That just leaves the four councillors' votes.

The three councillors who did not support extra funding for Auchinlee are all members of the current ruling executive.

In theory, they can vote with their consciences, but in practice it is well known that the executive rules with an iron fist. From this scenario it is clear that the outcome of the meeting was a foregone conclusion.

The IJB chief officer, the leader of the council and the deputy leader of the council pulled the strings and the voting members danced to their tune. Not such a transparent exercise in the democratic process.

John Titterton, Save Auchinlee Action Group.

BBC's Red Nose comedy competition

Sir,
BBC Learning has teamed up with the National Literacy Trust, Comic Relief and Blue Peter for a BBC Red Nose Day comedy competition for Scottish primary children.

Richard Curtis, Miranda Hart and Blue Peter's Barney Harwood will judge jokes. The winners in each category – six to eight and nine to 12 years – will see their jokes live on a Red Nose Day Blue Peter programme in March.

The competition closes on February 28. For further details see: www.bbc.co.uk/comedyclassroom.

Emma Gilcher, BBC Learning.

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Jackie Millar, 64, a retired teacher from Campbeltown, said: 'Without the security, I do not feel safe. It's a nonsense move getting rid of it. I would avoid flying now unless it was absolutely necessary for medical reasons.'

Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd's decision to scrap security checks at Campbeltown airport has made headlines around the world and elicited some opposing opinions. The *Campbeltown Courier* took to the streets to gauge local reactions.

beltown be different to any other airport in terms of security?' **Pat MacMillan**, a retired primary school teacher from Campbeltown, said: 'I have never used the plane but I don't think there is any need for security checks in Campbeltown because they started when the Troubles kicked off in Northern Ireland and that's cleared up now. I think the checks make the boarding process longer and that may deter people from using the plane.'

Gordon Caskie, 82, a retired farmer from Muasdale, said: 'Assuming there are security checks at the other end of the flight, and there are no evil people down here, I don't see any problem. Although, with the way things are nowadays, maybe there should be some sort of scanner in place. Anything would be acceptable if it could save lives.'

Campbeltown Airport



Aaron O'Hanlon, 39, a self-employed tiler from Tayinloan, said: 'Currently, the western world faces a very real threat from Islamic terrorism and we must take all appropriate measures to protect our people. X-ray scanning is probably the most efficient method of carrying out the necessary safety checks. Why should Camp-



Linda Bryce, a retired midwife from Muasdale, said: 'I haven't used the plane for a few years, since before they introduced the security measures the last time. An X-ray scanner seems like the safest bet, as it may pick up on things that frisking may miss, although I don't like the idea of excess scanning.'



Susan Gilchrist, 34, a Campbeltown banking adviser, said: 'I think there should be security checks. I don't use the plane that often but security is important. A scanner would be better as it's less intrusive than the body and bag searches. The airport on Islay has a proper security scanning system in place, so why can't we?'



Maureen Johnson, a retired teacher from Campbeltown, said: 'Yes, there should be security at the airport. An X-ray scanner would be best as I know some people find it a bit intrusive having their cases searched by people they're likely to know. Often those carrying out the searches seem almost apologetic for having to do it.'



Kenny Blair, 45, a Campbeltown funeral director, said: 'I don't often use the plane but I don't think security checks when leaving Campbeltown is a big issue as long as you get checked when you arrive in Glasgow. It's not something I feel strongly about. The state of the road is more of a concern for me.'

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The drop-in archiving session in Campbeltown library on Wednesday February 22, from 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm will provide an opportunity to meet with others to share mining-related stories and photos.

This will be the last opportunity to do so before the exhibition but those who cannot attend will still be able to submit stories via email or post.

For further details, contact Jan Nimmo on jan@jannimmo.com.



Members of the choirs present the cheque to Pauline Simpson chair of the Mairi Semple fund. 25_c07mairisemple01

Christmas concert lifts Mairi Semple funds

A QUARTET of choirs sang in perfect harmony at Campbeltown town hall to raise £1,003 for a cancer charity.

On Sunday December 11

One Voice, The Upbeats, the Low Tones and a group of beginner singers entertained a full house to a variety of Christmas songs accompa-

nied by Rachel Henry on the piano and under the musical direction of Paula McLean.

The Mairi Semple Fund has been in existence for nearly

40 years and dispensed £12,310 in 2015 to Kintyre people diagnosed with cancer to help with the extra expenses they face.

Busy week for charity



A plate of special heart-shaped biscuits. 25_c07valentines01

VALENTINE'S biscuits in the shape of a heart helped the Kintyre Committee of Cancer Research UK raise £640 at their coffee morning.

Today the volunteers will be in action again providing catering at Willie Ralston and his wife Margaret's retirement farm sale at West Darloch.

Home baking, soup and sausage rolls will be on sale from 11am.

On March 14, the committee holds its annual general meeting at the Argyll Hotel in

Main Street, Campbeltown, to which all are welcome.

A fundraiser further ahead in the calendar is the visit by the Scottish Farmers and Farmers' Wives choir, which includes six Kintyre members. They will sing at Lorne and Lowland church on Saturday July 1.

Shona Barber and Catherine Ralston.

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Young musician of the year pulls out all the stops

by **MARK DAVEY**
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A GRAMMAR School musician who first tinkled the ivories aged five was named Most Promising Young Musician of the Year.

Emma Bannatyne, 17, collected the trophy, a monetary prize and framed certificate at a packed special Rotary Club of Campbeltown concert in Lorne and Lowland hall last Wednesday.

The award is possible thanks to a legacy from Sheriff Norman and his wife Phyllis Milne.

A pair of pipers

from Kintyre Schools Pipe Band started the evening. There was a wide range of music on offer, with something for every taste, including a rousing rendition of the *Stars Wars* theme by Campbeltown Brass's third section, the 2016 Scottish Brass Band of the year.

An addition to the programme was a solo by 13-year-old Andrew McMillan, who has just been named Scottish junior solo champion for the second year running.

Emma played three solo pieces during the programme – two on flugelhorn, accompanied by the brass band, and a third *September in the Rain* on the piano.

The master of ceremonies was Rotary member John Bakes. Describing Emma's win, he read out a citation and said: 'Emma is taking her Advanced Higher music exam in May. She hopes to further her career in music by being accepted into the Royal Conservatoire in Glasgow.'

'She regularly helps younger music stu-

dents as well as assisting local primary schools in preparation for the Kintyre Music Festival and other events.

'Emma has been taking piano lessons with David McEwan since the age of five and is due to sit her grade eight exam this spring.'

The full citation is on display in a special cabinet at Campbeltown library.

For more pictures from the concert, see www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk/photos and video clips on the *Courier's* Facebook page.



Emma Bannatyne collects her certificate and cup from Rotary Club chairman Alastair Cousin. 25_c07musician12

Brass band boy is Scottish champion again

A VIRTUOSO horn concerto performance gave a Campbeltown



Andrew McMillan celebrates his win.

musician his second Scottish junior solo win in consecutive years.

Andrew McMillan, 13, impressed two judges, Les Niesh and Owen Farr, at the recent Scottish Brass Band Association's annual national solo and ensemble championships with his interpretation of *Concerto for Horn* by Vincenzo Bellini.

Campbeltown Brass conductor Gordon Evans MBE said: 'To win once is good – twice is class.'

Andrew was joined on the podium by Dalintober P7 pupil An-

drew Colville, who gained a well-deserved third place. In addition, Kyle Paterson won a gold award.

In the junior ensemble section, the group of Drew Cunningham, Andrew McMillan, Caius Walker, Kyle Paterson and Scott Oman received a gold award and second place.

The younger group of Hannah McCaig, Rona Campbell, Jack Campbell, Andrew Colville and Jamie Colville gained a silver award.

In the intermediate section, the all-girls quartet of Hannah Oman, Rebecca

Semple, Amy Paterson and Suen Yee Walker came in third, winning a gold, and Amy and Gavin Johnson won gold in the solos.

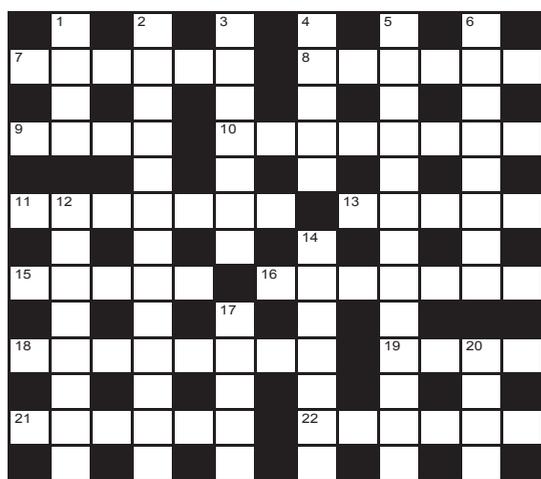
A long day closed with the youth sections, and the ensemble of Kirsten Souter, Amy Paterson, Lucy Kerr, Gavin Johnson and Owen Pickering were pipped into second place by the outfit from championship section, Dalmellington.

Owen ended the day with a solo gold award, and all the Campbeltown players left very proud of their efforts and Andrew's fantastic performance.

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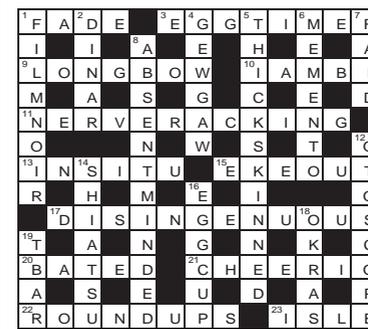
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



A step forward for Kintyre Way

MEMBERS of East Kintyre Community Council heard the Long and Winding Way Ltd chairman Niall Macalister Hall describe a possible way forward for the 100-mile path.

A new charity organisation, Kintyre Way Trust, will be created as the previous charitable company becomes dormant.

The trust intends to apply for Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) status and there are already nine or 10 trustees who should become members of the organisation.

The Kintyre Way, which was mainly funded by the Coastal Community Fund for the past three years, has £30,000 of debt and no means of repaying it.

The new trust, which hopes to be up and running by April, is seeking funds.

Training for first responders

CARRADALE'S community first responders are being trained to save lives.

First responders are community volunteers who, when contacted by the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS), provide potentially life-saving first aid in

emergency situations, in the time before an ambulance arrives.

Eight Carradale volunteers recently passed four days of first responder training with SAS, and each month they will undergo ongoing training at the village fire station.

The group will fundraise for further training equipment and, once fully up to scratch, the volunteers will head out on a double rota, covering one week at a time.

Network tree felling

THE Forestry Commission began felling trees behind the Network Bistro on Monday.

The felling of the trees, which will be left to rot, means that the paths at the site will be out of use for up to three weeks.

Change for charity trust

A CHARITABLE community company is set to be turned into a trust to help it to continue to preserve, conserve, restore and improve Carradale and east Kintyre.

Members of East Kintyre Community Council were formally told that Network Carradale Ltd, which was founded in 1996, has been converted from a charitable company to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) as of December last year.

The objectives of the SCIO are the same as before, but the organisation will now be known as Carradale Community Trust.

Well restoration

THERE are bucketloads of support for plans to restore an old well to its former state.

If the Port Righ Well, which has been neglected and is now covered with brambles, can be reinstated, Archie Paterson, the holder of the original spoon, said he would happily donate it back.

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 photos online go to
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MUASDALE



Senja and her husband Dominic outside the old Muasdale Stores building which they plan to convert.

Seascape artist sets up shop

A LEADING contemporary landscape and seascape artist will soon have her own Kintyre gallery.

Senja Brendon, from Edinburgh, who is inspired by Scotland's wild coastlines and dramatic mountains, has bought the Muasdale Stores building and has plans to convert it into her first standalone studio by the sea.

Senja already exhibits her paintings in the Argyll Hotel, Bellochan-tuy, where she currently has a caravan.

She will continue to display her art in the hotel, even when her



'Jewels of The West' - one of Senja's oil on linen board paintings, depicting a local scene.

studio is up and running and open to the public, which she hopes will be by the summer.

Senja says: 'We're doing all the work ourselves, so it's hard to tell how long it will take.'

TAYINLOAN

Paper piecing patchwork demonstration

THE TURNOUT was excellent for the Kintyre Group of the SWI's annual corners day in Tayinloan Village Hall recently.

The four 'corners' consisted of Tan Black demonstrating baking, Barbara Bell giving instructions on English paper piecing patchwork,

Jeanette Brodie giving instructions on knitting and Enid Williams doing the same on basic embroidery.

Birthday cake

Almost 30 members attended, and the decorated birthday cake was won by Fiona Rowland from Southend.

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Free range relief for Kintyre poultry farmers

THERE is light at the end of the tunnel for Kintyre's free range poultry producers, as it was announced by the Scottish Government that their birds will be allowed outside at the end of February, as long as the owners adhere to a strict new set of biosecurity rules.

Amended

The current avian influenza prevention zone, which applies to all poultry and captive birds, will remain in place until the end of April, but has been amended to allow free-range birds to venture outside.

This will be welcome news for keepers, as it prevents them from losing their status if the birds have been housed for 12 weeks.

Keepers will now have two options: keeping their birds housed, in which case they may lose their free-range status, or constructing covered runs to keep their birds separate from wild birds.

They must also make sure to keep their birds' food and water away from wild birds, to avoid transfer of contamination between premises by cleansing and disinfecting equip-

ment, vehicles and footwear, to reduce the movement of people, vehicles or equipment to and from areas where poultry or captive birds are kept, to provide wash facilities or dips containing approved disinfectants at key entry points such as farm entrances, and entrances to bird houses, and to implement effective vermin control around buildings where poultry or captive birds are kept.

Extending

Fergus Ewing, rural economy secretary, said: 'We do not expect the risk of H5N8



Cooped up hens could soon be getting their freedom. 20_c07avianflu01

to reduce any time soon, which is why we are extending the prevention zone until the end of April.'

Scotland's chief veterinary officer, Sheila Voas, said: 'Keepers should start to think about steps they can take now to provide the best biosecurity that they can to protect birds let out on February 28.'

'Expert advice remains that consumers should not be concerned about eating eggs or poultry and the threat to public health from the virus is very low.'

First Milk completes turnaround process

FIRST Milk, which owns Campbeltown Creamery, has brought its member payment terms back into line.

With effect from February 10, the deferral of member payment terms made at the end of 2014 will be reversed.

Payments to members on February 10 will be a double payment. This means members will receive six weeks' money during February.

Since early 2015, First Milk has undergone a radical transformation. It has a new leadership team, a new business strategy, improved operational performance, is free of loss-making subsidiaries and has established a more effective governance structure.

First Milk chairman Clive Sharpe said: 'This move sends a clear signal on the progress made by First

Milk and returns our payment terms to normal for our members.

'The board recognises the huge role members have played in the turnaround of their co-op, and thanks them for their continued support.'

CEO Mike Gallacher added: 'Returning to our previous payment terms draws a clear line under the turnaround process for First Milk.'

Future

'We now need to concentrate on the future.'

'First Milk is very different to the business of early 2015. We are a lean, focused and financially secure business capable of delivering a competitive milk price for the long term.'

'The role for a large scale British dairy co-operative is even more compelling post-Brexit and we aim to demonstrate this in the years ahead.'

Stock judging champions crowned

THE ANNUAL Kintyre Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association stock judging competition crowned a returning champion as the overall winner recently.

The A R Reid Memorial Cup was presented for the second time to Iain McArthur from Arncliffe, Glenbarr, at the competition held at Langa Farm, Kilkenny.

Other winners included young farmer Colin Mundell, junior section victor Nathan Armstrong,

and ladies champ Mairi Henderson, and team prize-winners Aidan McGeachy, Greig Gillespie and John McLachlan.

Master judge for the competition, which had almost 80 entries and competitors from across Argyll, was Rab Hamilton from Helensburgh.

The organisers wish to thank the Colville family for the use of the shed at Langa, the members who provided sheep for the evening, Alex Russell for the catering, and

the many local businesses who provided prizes.

The full results are:
Overall winner: Iain McArthur.

Gents: 1 Iain McArthur, 2 David McArthur, 3 John Ronald.

Ladies: 1 Mairi Henderson, 2 Marija Terpstra, 3 Joan Pirie.

Junior: 1 Nathan Armstrong, 2= Aidan McGeachy and Megan Lines.

Young farmers: 1 Colin Mundell, 2= Greig Gillespie and John Bateman.

Team prize: Aidan McGeachy, Greig Gillespie and John McLachlan.

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Wedding trends for 2017

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Hosting an incredible wedding while also reducing the carbon footprint is on trend in 2017. For food and flowers, opt for in season and locally sourced. Earth-friendly invitations can be made by printing with soy-based inks on recycled paper. For place cards, forget the paper and have a calligrapher write each guest's name on stones that can be kept as personalised favours afterwards. Once the guests have gone home, don't throw out the flowers. Donate them to a hospital or nursing home to spread joy to others.

Ask for what you really want

From cash to camping gear and even museum memberships, couples can ask for just about anything today – including supporting a cause close to their hearts. Charity registries are on the rise and couples can register for a charity on TheKnot.com. For each gift purchased, The Knot will donate to their chosen cause.

Icebreaker guest games

Weddings today are often an all-weekend affair, so it's essential your guests meet and get to know each other. What better way to get your guests mixing and mingling than with the ultimate grown-up icebreaker: games.

Personalized 'mad libs' about your first encounter and crossword puzzles that keep guests guessing your favourite date spot are great ways to break the ice before the ceremony or during the cocktail hour. Lawn games like croquet, horseshoes and corn hole are perfect for promoting new friendship at an outdoors wedding or cocktail hour.

Exceptional entertainment

When it comes to entertainment, couples are pulling out all the stops to entertain their guests. Aerialists, acrobats, live painters and even choirs belting out Beyoncé have made their way into weddings. If that's too trendy, try a traditional route with music, but pair it with a performance – like a classical quartet and ballerinas in tutus. Have a noise ordinance at your outdoor locale? Host a 'silent disco' where guests wear headphones and dance to their own beat.

One with nature

If you can't celebrate under the stars, bring the outside in. Add oversize potted trees and shrubbery to a ballroom for an enchanted forest look. Natural elements like wood and stone can be incorporated into your table settings, and hanging flowers over tables or the dance floor creates an instant wow factor.

Metallic dresses and breezy silhouettes

Metallic dresses – think tasteful gold threading and silver beading – flooded the runways during Bridal Fashion Week. Wearing a metallic dress may seem like a bold move, but it's perfect for a sophisticated, evening affair. Also big this year, effortless dresses with flowing fabrics. They're a must-have for providing a lightweight, ethereal vibe for destination weddings or even to wear for a second look. Detachable skirts, floral embellishments and off-the-shoulder looks will also make an appearance on the aisle.

Formal portrait studios

There's a new twist on the traditional photo booth: portrait studios. Just like the traditional photo booth, there's a designated space and sometimes props, but instead of posing with feather boas and silly sunglasses, a live photographer asks you to vogue for the camera. The result is a glamorous, intimate portrait in your finest attire. Also in for 2017 is the live illustrator who walks the party sketching guests throughout the night.

Translucent cakes

The new take on the naked cake is the translucent cake. Instead of totally bare tiers, translucent cakes have a thin

veil of frosting with just a bit of the cake showing. Typically iced in buttercream, these sweet delights are topped with fresh flowers or in-season fruits that hint at the flavours of the cake filling.

Furry friends

The hottest wedding guests of 2017 have four legs and supersoft coats. From bunnies and donkeys to llamas and pigs, couples having rustic barn weddings are incorporating farm animals into the wedding day.

A movable feast

With food trucks and passed multi-course meals, the sit-down dinner is starting to be replaced with more interactive options. Set up stations that feature your favourite foods, like a raw bar with a waiter live-shucking oysters or wine and cheese pairings with an onsite sommelier. If you don't want to forego a plated dinner, host a cool cocktail hour and serve the main meal family style for a twist on tradition.

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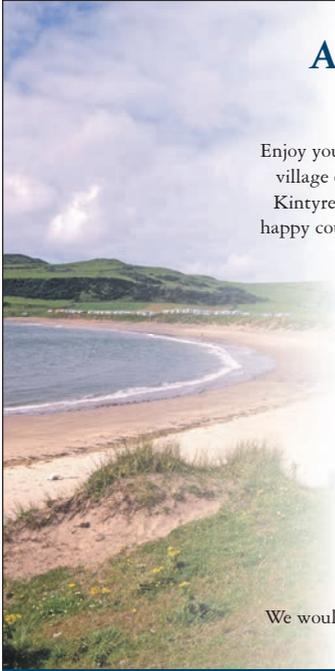
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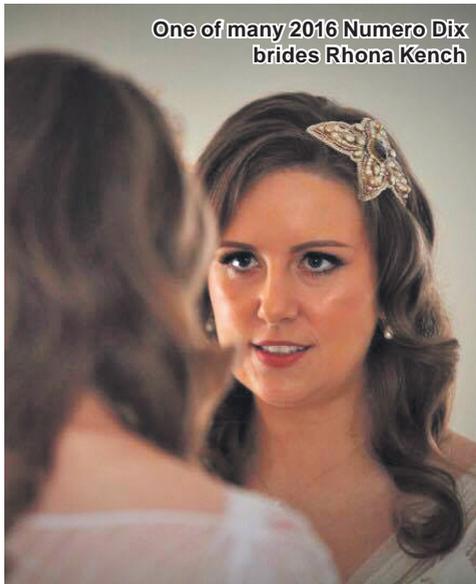
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Q. Can people come from outwith Scotland to be married in a Church of Scotland church?

A. Yes, this is possible. Marriage in Scotland takes place under Scots law, and those people who satisfy its requirements may be married. However, the local minister also has to agree to conduct the wedding. In practice, some ministers are not able to marry everyone who comes from outwith their parish; some locations have a very high demand for weddings and it is not possible to fit these in as well as more immediate parish duties. In all cases, a minister will wish to interview a couple before agreeing to marry them, so that he or she is satisfied that a religious ceremony is appropriate. It is helpful if the couple have a reason for approaching a particular parish minister – family, knowledge of the place, etc. The minister may suggest that the couple arrange for their own minister to conduct the wedding.

Q. Can a minister of another church conduct a wedding in Scotland?

A. Yes, if the Scottish registrar is willing to accept him or her. The minister of the church in which the marriage is to be celebrated would also need to give approval.

Q. Is it true that a minister can marry a couple anywhere?

A. Yes, it is also possible for civil weddings to be carried out by registrars outside registry offices in approved venues.

Q. What should I do next?

A. It is important to arrange a date with a minister before making other arrangements. The local registrar should be approached not more than three months and not later than a fortnight before the date of the wedding. The intention to be wed will be displayed at the registrar's office and, if no objections are lodged, a marriage schedule will be issued, which must be produced at the wedding for signing. This is then returned to the registrar's office which will then issue the marriage certificate.

Q. What if I am marrying a person of another faith?

A. People of any faith or none can be married in a Church of Scotland

Please note this advice applies to getting married in Scotland. For a wedding in a Church of Scotland church in England, the law may be different and the minister should be contacted early on to ensure legal requirements there can be met.

church, as long as the minister agrees and both are happy with the marriage service used by the minister. It is probably wise to discuss your plans with your own faith leader, so that you will be aware of the implications of your decision.

Further information

You can visit the General Registrar Office for Scotland website www.gro-scotland.gov.uk for more information about legal requirements for all weddings.

The churches in Scotland

The Church of Scotland has a similar role in Scotland to the Church of England south of the border, but it is most similar in style of worship and the way it is organised to the United Reformed Church.

Other Scottish churches are: the Scottish Episcopal Church, which is in communion with the Church of England; the United Free Church; the Methodist Church; the United Reformed Church; the Baptist Church; and the Roman Catholic Church. In the Highlands and Islands, mainly, there are other denominations which, like the Church of Scotland, are Presbyterian.

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
17/00249/PP	Change of use of former ambulance depot to Class 4 light industrial	Former Ambulance Depot Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8LE	Mid Argyll Area Office
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17/00016/PP	Alterations, extension and change of use of existing cook school to form dwellinghouse and erection of perimeter fence and change of use of existing bed and breakfast accommodation to form dwellinghouse	Corrie House Craobh Haven Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8UA	Sub Post Office Ardferrn
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Notice is hereby given that Argyll Estates have submitted a Masterplan to Argyll and Bute Council in respect of Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan 2015 - Strategic Masterplan Area MAST 1/5 (mixed use/village expansion/housing/business/retail/community facilities)

A copy of the Masterplan (reference 13/02860/MPLAN) may be inspected Monday to Friday during normal opening times at Area Office, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute or at Inveraray Post Office or by logging on the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice

Any person who wishes to make representation to the council about the Masterplan should make them in writing to Planning and Regulatory Services, Area Office, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute before the 17th March 2017.

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Mixed picture in December but first-time buyer lending healthy, says CML

Lending in December:

Home-owner house purchase lending totalled £11.6bn in December, up five per cent on November and three per cent on December 2015. This came to 63,600 loans, up five per cent on November and 0.2 per cent on December 2015.

First-time buyers borrowed £5.1bn for home-owner house purchase, up nine per cent on November and 13 per cent on December 2015. This totalled 32,000 loans, up seven per cent month-on-month and eight per cent year-on-year.

Home movers borrowed £6.5bn, up three per cent on November but down three per cent year-on-year. This totalled 31,600 loans, up three per cent month-on-month but down seven per cent compared to December 2015.

Home-owner remortgage activity was down 21 per cent by volume and by value compared to November. Compared to December 2015, remortgage lending was up seven per cent by volume and by value.

Gross buy-to-let saw month-on-month decreases, down 15 per cent by volume and seven per cent by value. Compared to December 2015, the number of loans decreased 21 per cent and the value of these loans decreased 18 per cent.

Lending in the fourth quarter of 2016:

Home-owner house purchase lending fell in the fourth quarter to £33.1bn, down three per cent on the third quarter and two per cent on the same quarter 2015. This totalled 182,000 loans, down two per cent on the previous quarter and four per cent on the final period of 2015.

First-time buyers took out 90,800 loans totalling £14.3bn to purchase homes. This was down one per cent by volume and value on the third quarter, but up four per cent by volume and seven per cent by value year-on-year.

Home movers took out 91,300 loans, down four per cent quarter-on-quarter and 11 per cent compared to the fourth quarter 2015. This came to £18.7bn, down six per cent on quarter three and nine per cent year-on-year.

Home-owner remortgage activity came to £16.6bn, down five per cent on the previous quarter but up 10 per cent on the fourth quarter 2015. The number of remortgage loans came to 97,500, down three per cent on the third quarter but up nine per cent on the same quarter in 2015.

Gross buy-to-let lending decreased to £6bn, down two per cent on the previous quarter and three per cent on the same quarter in 2015. This totalled 57,400 loans, up two per cent quarter-on-quarter but down 20 per cent year-on-year.

Lending in 2016:

Home buyers borrowed £127.7bn in 2016, up seven per cent on 2015. This came to 698,900 loans, up three per cent on 2015.

First-time buyers borrowed £53.2bn for home-

owner house purchase in 2016, up 13 per cent on 2015. This totalled 338,900 loans, up eight per cent from the previous year. First-time buyers borrowed more in 2016 than any other year since our records began in 1974.

Home movers took out 360,300 loans, down two per cent on 2015, but the amount borrowed totalled £74.3bn which was up three per cent on 2015.

Home-owner remortgage activity was up 14 per cent by volume and 20 per cent by value compared to 2015. The number of remortgage loans was at its highest since 2009.

Gross buy-to-let also saw year-on-year increases, up three per cent by volume and seven per cent by value, with remortgage business accounting for nearly two thirds of the total.

Home-owner house purchase lending in December

The proportion of household income used to service capital and interest rates reached another historic low this month for both first-time buyers and home movers at 17.4 per cent and 17.5 per cent respectively.

Affordability metrics for first-time buyers saw the typical loan size increase from £134,100 in November to £136,000 in December. The average household income increased to £40,400 from £40,100. This meant the income multiple went from 3.54 to 3.57.

The average amount borrowed by home movers in the UK increased to £175,000 in December from £170,900 in November, while the average home mover household income increased slightly to £55,000 from £54,800. The income multiple for the average home mover went from 3.27 to 3.32.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, remortgage and buy-to-let activity differed markedly from the unadjusted figures. While remortgage lending decreased 21 per cent in November on an unadjusted basis, on a seasonally adjusted basis it was a decline of only two per cent. Buy-to-let lending was unchanged on a seasonally adjusted basis in December compared to the previous month and December 2015, despite the non-seasonally adjusted levels showing a decline.

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BY MARK DAVEY

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tiful parts of the world when the weather is good.'

Number one in his list is a drive on Highway 74 starting in Palm Springs, California, followed by second placed route, San Francisco to Phoenix, including part of Route 66.

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Love Mum, Dad and Lewis



Happy 30th Birthday on Saturday 18th February to our wonderful grandson,

Christopher McSporran. Christopher you're one of the best. We're looking forward to Saturday night, let's have a ball! Love you lots and lots, Granny & Granda xxx xxx Christopher, have a barking mad birthday! Alba xxx

Roy Johnston

11 Ramsay Place, would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the good wishes, prayers and support given during his illness. He would also like to thank all staff and support staff at Campbeltown and Oban Hospitals and especially Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



Music has a special and often ethereal quality.

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Last week at our Iona Family Group meeting, we were invited to bring a favourite piece of music to share with each other and explain why it meant something to us.

What a wonderful variety we enjoyed – from *The Messiah* to country and western, from the wonderful rhythm of South Africa to the early morning song of the blackbird.

My own choice was the rousing song of revolution, *Do you hear the people sing* from that great musical *Les Miserables*.

Music can inspire and unite us.

We can feel the tears well up when the anthem of our homeland is played, or when the sound of the pipes calls to us when we are in a foreign land.

The language of music is universal and transcends many barriers.

Think of the wonderful work of Daniel Barenboim when he unites Israeli and Palestinian children in beautiful harmony in his orchestra of peace.

We had a wonderful time of sharing our music, and we learned a wee bit more about each other too.

It was a special time and a soothing time.

But there was a very special moment for me that day.

And that was when our hostess, Mary, sat at her piano and quietly and gently played *Stand on holy ground*.

That was indeed ethereal and for that moment Mary shared that holy ground with us, and I bless her for it.

Church's fresh lick of paint

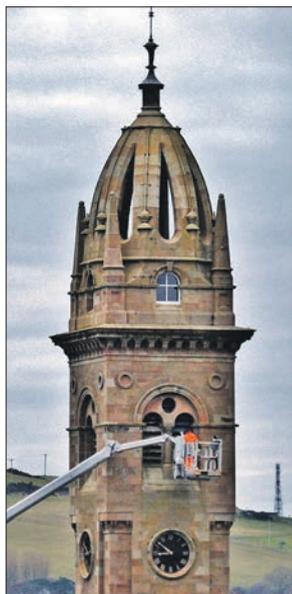
PEOPLE walking past Lorne and Lowland Church saw workers halfway to heaven using a tower crane to make the finishing touches to its repaint.

The crane was on site on Friday of last week.

In an unusual move, one painter removed all the glazing from windows at the highest point of the tower so that the frames could be repainted before re-installing the glass.

The minister, Reverend Philip Wallace, said that removing the glazing was the safest option for that part of the contract.

Window frames have been painted white and the rest, including the eaves, black.



Workers painting high up on the church tower.

Photo by Simon Barnett.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21 1992

Trawler in sub scare

A DUTCH submarine exercising at periscope depth passed within 50 yards of a Campbeltown fishing boat in Loch Fyne last week.

The submarine Dolfijn was carrying out sound trials close to Inveraray when it passed the Brighter Morn, skippered by Tommy Finn, of Campbeltown, who was trawling nets at the time.

And although the submarine was in radio contact with Brighter Morn at the time, Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA) secretary Patrick Stewart said the incident contravened the 3,000-yard exclusion zone introduced after the Antares tragedy.

FIFTY YEARS AGO THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23 1967

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fone' has its own self-contained battery charger.

Oban and Dunoon will each also receive four of these sets, which police forces at home and abroad have used with success under arduous conditions.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17 1917

Award of Military Medal

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Sergeant Brown, who is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Duncan Brown, Killeonan, joined the colours at St Catherine's, Ontario, on August 6, 1914, and has seen much service.

He paid a visit home in July 1915, prior to which he had the distinction of having been mentioned in despatches.

Renewed application for exemption

THE CHAIRMAN read a letter from the father of a boy for whom exemption was recently refused, asking the board to reconsider its decision as the boy had been engaged on a skiff to be trained to work the motor.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17).

GOLDEN WEDDING



HENDERSON - DICKSON

At Bellocuanty Church, on February 17, 1967, by Rev J D Sutherland, Duncan to Sheena. Present address, The Kennels, Skipness.

DEATHS

KELLY - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 13, 2017, Neil Kelly, in his 70th year, 26 High Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Janice Armour, much loved father of Duncan and Ann, loving father-in-law of Sarah and Douglas and a much loved granda of Emma. Service will be held in Lorne and Lowland Church, today Friday, February 17, 2017 at 1.00pm, 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 Campbeltown Hospital Acute Ward.

MCFADYEN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 14, 2017, Charles McFadyen, in his 85th year, Glen-Mhairi, Balegreggan Road, Campbeltown, beloved husband of the late Edith Kerr, dear father of Mhairi, Calum, Charles and the late Christine, father-in-law of Archie, Heather, Susan and Colin and a loving grandfather and great grandfather. Service will be held in Lorne and Lowland Church, on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

MCKERRAL - Suddenly at the Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital, Margate on February 2, 2017, Camilla, in her 77th year, beloved wife of the late Charles McKerral, dearly loved mother of Robert and Mary, and loving granny of Scott and Charles. A private cremation service has taken place.

MIDDLETON - On February 11, 2017, peacefully at home, Anne Middleton, née Binnie, in her 78th year, beloved wife of James Middleton, much loved mother of Annette and Fiona, and a dearly loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service was held at Cumlodden Church, on February 16, interment thereafter at Killeven Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DALGLEISH - The family of the late Rosemary would like to thank everyone for all their cards, messages and huge support following their recent sad loss. Thanks to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for all their help and The Galley for their hospitality. Donations raised £480, to be shared between the RNLI, Craignish Parish Church and Ardfern Village Hall.

MACCUISH - The family of the late James MacCuish would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy following their recent sad bereavement. Thank you to all involved in the care of James over the past months, including ambulance service, Oban and Mid Argyll Hospitals, doctors and nursing staff at Tarbert Medical Practice, Marie Curie nurses and all Carr Gomm carers. The kindness shown to James was very much appreciated. Thanks also to Stan Lupton for his care and efficiency, to Sheena Johnston for taking the service and to the Tarbert Hotel for catering. The sum of £135 was raised for Marie Curie Care.

MACQUARRIE - The family of the late Neil MacQuarrie would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Spink, Dr Ramsay, staff at Tarbert Surgery and ambulance personnel, for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Mathew Ramsay for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations for British Heart Foundation amounted to £480.

MILLAR - The family of the late Jim Millar would like to thank all relations and friends who expressed their sympathy at this sad time. Special thanks must go to the staff of Auchinlea Care Home for their care of him over the last three years, and to Dr Malcolm Lazarus and the staff of Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention in his final days. Thank you to Rev Philip Wallace for his friendship and spiritual needs to Jim over his later years and for a fitting service. Grateful thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their dignity and professionalism throughout this time, to Flora, Marion and staff of Ardsheel Hotel for an excellent purvey, and to all who attended the church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £1,042 for Lorne and Lowland Parish Church and Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital.

MORANS - Crawford, Margaret, Jan and family of the late Robina (Bena) Morans would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends for their kind words of sympathy and support, good wishes, flowers and cards following their sad loss. A special thanks to the caring staff who tended Bena in her final days in the Sunshine Room. Grateful thanks also to the caring staff and management of the Kintyre Care Home who met Bena's needs for the last two years. Thanks also to the Rev Philip Wallace for giving such an uplifting and personal tribute to Bena, and to the 'One Voice' choir for their moving rendition of the requested song. With grateful thanks to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair for their empathetic, caring professionalism, and to the Ardsheel Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended and paid their respects at the church and graveside services. The retiral collection raised £502.50 for the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital.

SHAW - The Shaw family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for all the lovely cards, flowers, baking and expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of Willie. Sincere thanks to the staff of Ward 8A of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and the Acute Ward of Campbeltown Hospital. Special thanks to Dr Elder, Jill Denton and all staff at Carradale Surgery for their excellent care. Thanks also to the Rev Steve Fulcher for his comforting service and home visits. Thanks to Stuart Irvine for the church music. Sincere thanks to Alasdair, Kenneth, Rhys and David Blair for their support, guidance and excellent professional service and to Kerry and staff of Argyll Bakeries for catering services. Finally, thank you to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection for Cancer Research raised £802.74.

IN MEMORIAMS

BROWN - In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Sharon, who was taken from us on February 12, 1993. Thinking of you always. - Love, Mum, Dad, sister and brothers.

CLARK - In loving memory of John, a wonderful husband and father, died February 24, 1977. Memories last forever. - Inserted by family, home and away.

DURANCE - In loving memory of Beryl, a dear wife, mum and gran, who passed away on February 16, 1998. Loved and remembered always. - Willie, Sharon, Martin, Ian and Duncan.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and nana, Cathie, who passed away February 18, 2001. Loved and remembered every day. - Callum, Catriona, Roy and all the family.

SHAW - In loving memory of my dear mother (Chrisy), who died February 17, 2011. Deeply missed, loved and remembered every day. - John.

THOMPSON - Tommy, went to sleep February 15, 2007. A much loved husband, dad and grandad. Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten. - Your loving wife Rene, your son Scott, your girls Senga and Maureen, and families at home and away.

CHURCH NOTICES



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 19th February
11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.
Drop-In Cafe
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead
(Church of Scotland)
SCO16311

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 19th February
Skipness Service 10am
Marilyn Shedden
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mr. John Morrison
Guild meets
Monday 20th February
Tarbert Church Hall 2.30pm
Kirk Session Meeting
Tuesday 21st February
Tarbert Church 7pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
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on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
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Skipness SCO04280

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SCO002876)



February 19th 2017
Sunday Worship
Ford 11.45am
Rev. Walter Ritchie
All welcome
SCO 02121

CHURCH NOTICES

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493
Sunday 19th February
The service will be conducted by Mr Kevin Miller and will be held in the church at 11.15am
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



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 19th February
11.15am Worship Service
Calum Ferguson
Wednesday 22nd February
12.30pm
Bible Study and Prayer
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SCO046745



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Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009339
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046
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



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 19th February 2017
Epiphany 7
Holy Communion
10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 19th February 2017
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
All welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 19 February
Bellanoch Church 10 am
Morning Worship
Dr. J. Morrison OBE
Saturday 18 February
Achnamara Hall
Cafe Connect
10.30am - 12.30pm
Monday 20 February
Tayvallich Church
Prayer Time 10:30 am
Wednesday 22 February
Tayvallich Church
Kirk Session
7.30pm
Thursday 23 February
Tayvallich Hall
Messy Church
4pm - 6pm
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.northknapdale.org

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 19th February
11am - All welcome to our
Worship Service
(and light lunch)
Speaker this week -
Graham McLean
THE MANIFESTATION OF
HIS GLORY
Tuesday 21st February
at 7.30pm
Praise and Sharing
May The Lord bless you and
uplift you this week.
www.livingstoneschristiancentre.com

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 - Degeneration"
23rd February 2017
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Room 6, Community Centre,
Lochgilphead
All Believers Welcome

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

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 19th February
Family Communion Service at 11.00am
Speaker: Mr Gordon Cosgrove
Visitors welcome.
Wednesday 22nd February
12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining with Campbeltown Free Church for
Prayer and Bible Study
Wednesday 22nd February
at 7.30pm
Welcome and induction service for Mr Steve Davies, Springbank's new Pastor
All Welcome
For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 01586 551237.
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 19th February
11.15am Worship Service
Calum Ferguson
Wednesday 22nd February
12.30pm
Bible Study and Prayer
All Welcome
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number
SCO11686
Sunday 19th February
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev P Wallace
Tuesday 21st 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 23rd February
Choir Practice
Friday 24th February
Lunch Club New Hall
12.00 noon
Next Generation 7.00pm

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

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

BIBLE PREACHING

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Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division – Oban Saints 2, Drumchapel Colts 1; Premier 2A – Port Glasgow OBU 0, Lochgilhead Red Star 6; Premier 2B – Tarbert v Duntocher, postponed; Jimmy Marshall Cup, 2nd round – Inverclyde 2, Campbeltown Pupils 4.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division – Inverclyde v Oban Saints; Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division 2A – East Kilbride YM v Lochgilhead Red Star; Premier Division 2B – Tarbert v Arkleston.

Week eleven darts results

THERE were 180s galore in week 11.

The Burnside's Gavin McLachlan hit two 180s and Martin Coffield hit 180, with a finish of 114.

Jimmy Umpherston and Kurt Addison both hit 180 for Southend, Donald Stewart hit 180 for the Fiddlers and Jamie McGougan hit three 180s for Kilbrannan A.

Full results: Fiddlers B 1 Kilbrannan C 7, Ailsa B 2 Burnside 6, Kilbrannan A 5 Ailsa 3, Southend 5 Fiddlers 3.

The Alex McKerrall singles in Southend is next Monday.

Lotto results

THERE were no winners of Machrihanish Golf Club's three number lottery draw on February 13.

The winning numbers were 14, 18 and 19.

The next draw for a jackpot of £900 will be held on February 20.

Kintyre junior runners pitted against Scotland's top talent

A RUNNING relay team of Campbeltown Under-12 girls ran the race of their life against Scotland's best.

The 200m relay racers (in the order they ran) – Claudia Graham, Kirstie Renton, Violet Campbell and Anna Gemmill – came second in their heat, knocking 11 seconds off their personal best, and seventh overall at the Under-12 Indoor Super Teams event recently in Glasgow's Emirates Arena.

The girls were part of an eight member Campbeltown Junior Running Club (CJRC) squad taking part, including four boys – Ruairdh Campbell, William McLean, Oliver Reid and Max Graham – supported by coaches and parents.

The girls had a rest watching the boys take to the track for their 200m relay.

William started them off, followed by Oliver, then Max and Ruairdh taking it home.

Again, with encouraging shouts from everyone, the boys finished their heat in third place and knocked a huge 11 seconds off their personal best as well to place eighth overall.

The young athletes then had a chance to watch the events as they were not on until 11am which gave them an idea of what was expected.

At 10.30am Catherine McLean took them all down to the warm-up area to go through their drills and get them ready for their first event.

A CJRC spokesperson said: 'Considering the lack of proper facilities for their training, they came back with fantastic results.'

'The boys 60m sprint saw them running for the first time on a proper indoor running track. All set personal bests for their heats and Ruairdh was placed ninth overall for the pool.'



The boys and girls' teams at the Emirates are: Claudia Graham, Anna Gemmill, Kirstie Renton, Violet Campbell, Ruairdh Campbell, Max Graham, Oliver Reid and William McLean.

More than 450 children from across Scotland took part in the event, competing in the long jump, shot putt, 60m sprint and the 200m relay for teams of four.

The youngsters were up against some of the well-known clubs from around Scotland

– Shettleston Harriers, Law and District AAC and Corstorphine AAC. Teams were sectioned into pools, the boys in number 13 and the girls in number 14, with a total of 28 children in each.

First up, both the boys and girls were competing in the long

jump, getting one warm-up jump and then their three measured distances. After a short reprieve it was on to the shot putt, with one practice throw and three measured throws.

The spokesperson added: 'The total points achieved by the boys was 143, coming

31st out of 51 teams. The girls achieved 149 points, coming 14th out of 55 girl teams.

'The coaches couldn't have been prouder of what the children achieved at their first big event.'

'It shows just how hard work at training has paid off.'

'Dale win at Glasgow Green

United Glasgow	0
Carradale	2
West of Scotland AFL	

CARRADALE were the victors at their recent West of Scotland AFL meeting with United Glasgow, taking home three points.

The best chance fell to the visitors in the 23rd minute when Joe Ritchie intercepted a pass back but the United keeper was quick off his line to make a challenge on the striker.

Carradale took the lead on the 28th minute. Docherty and John Williams worked a short corner, the right-back swung in a cross to the back post where Ewan McIlroy's downward header beat the diving keeper.

Carradale were in full flow and were unlucky not to go two up six minutes later when Ritchie's shot from 14 yards struck the post.

At the start of the second half the visitors missed a great opportunity to double their lead.

Williams passed down the right wing for Gregor Croll to chase the little striker out. He beat the left-back and his low cross into the six yard box was met by Ritchie who tried to steer the ball into the corner of the goal from close range but his effort slid passed the post.

This gave the

Glasgow side a boost and they pushed for an equaliser by putting pressure on the visitors' rear guard, but Neil McMillan and his back four stood firm and withheld the home team's challenge.

The Kintyre side got their second goal in the 69th minute when David Johnstone set up Croll with a through ball.

His pace caught out the advancing keeper and he managed to beat him to the 50/50 ball and toe poked past him and into the net to make the final score 2-0.

The man of the match was Gregor Croll, for his tireless work up-front.

Next week's fixture is a home league game against Helensburgh.

Ten out of ten for youngsters

Campbeltown Pupils	3
Kilpatrick	2
DFDL Under-15 League	

THE Under-15 Pupils took the three points last Saturday against Kilpatrick in the Dumbartonshire Football Development League.

Midway through the first half, a long ball eluded the Campbeltown defence and the number nine ran through and, despite McKellar making a great save to deny him, the ball rebounded kindly to the Kilpatrick forward who rolled it into the net.

McGrory collected a loose ball and hit a shot from 30 yards which the home keeper spilled, hitting Lang who was following in, to bounce into the

net for the equaliser. Just as it looked like the Pupils would start to get on top, another long ball saw the number nine get in behind and slot home right on half time.

With the wind now behind them, the Pupils youth started strongly and within 10 minutes of the restart they were level when a poor cross field clearance from the Kilpatrick right back was controlled by Brown. He fired a great angled shot from the corner of the box into the far corner of the net.

With seven minutes to go and just when it looked like it wasn't

their day, Lang chased a ball on the by-line with the keeper, and despite looking like there was not much contact, the referee pointed to the spot to hand the Pupils team a chance to go ahead.

Souden made no mistake, side-footing the penalty home to much relief.

MacBrayne then hit the bar with another free kick before four minutes of injury time saw some pressure from the home team.

In the last minute a deflection saw the ball fall to the Kilpatrick winger on the six yard line but McKellar in goal made a great save to ensure the Campbeltown team maintained their 100 per cent record in the league with 10 wins out of 10.

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Mexican wrestler El Ligero to visit Campbeltown

STARS of British wrestling are set to grapple in the Wee Toon again next month.

Last year, Megaslam, Europe's largest wrestling organisation, toured Scotland for the first time and visited Campbeltown.

On Thursday March 19 the company is back

at the Victoria hall, from 6.15pm, as part of a planned 300-plus date UK tour.

Show

Megaslam owner Brad Taylor threw his hat into the promotional ring in 2009 with a small show in Rotherham.

Since then the com-

pany has presented more than 1,000 shows across the British Isles and often features some of the most recognisable names in world wrestling.

Focus

Taylor, 25, was once a competitor himself before stopping in-ring competition in 2014

to focus on promoting. Megaslam wrestling promises two hours of family entertainment on the night with a wide range of stars and matches.

Stars already booked include: Megaslam British champion CJ Banks from Liverpool who has held the championship since February 2016. Mexican Sensation El Ligero who has competed in rings around the globe for 15 years; WWE UK's Sam Gradwell and Saxon Huxley and fun-loving Merseyside star Dancing Danny.

Ladies

Ladies will also feature with Megaslam champion Lizzy Styles battling it out with Ruby Summers.

Tickets, which are limited, are available to buy from the Aquilibrium.



Mexican sensation El Ligero.

Win family Megaslam tickets

MEGASLAM has £120 worth of tickets to give away for three families to see the show for free.

Just complete the coupon, with your name, address, telephone number and email address, if possible, and send to Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE, with the names of the **two lady wrestlers** booked to battle it out in Campbeltown on March 18.

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Name:

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Tel No: Email:

All entries to be received by **Wednesday March 1**. Usual Wyvex Media rules apply - editor's decision is final.

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THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £4000

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



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

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Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by **4pm on Tuesday**. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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Kintyre athletes race into Victoria Hall

YOUNG athletes from across the area will race into Victoria Hall in March for an indoor athletics challenge.

The Kintyre area competition in the Argyll series of Sports Hall Athletics on Sunday March 5 will be the last of four local events, with the winners set to take part in the Argyll final in Oban later in the month.

The competition, which has been run by Mid Argyll Athletic Club every winter since 1994, caters for six age groups starting from Under-7s to Under-17 with different running, jumping and throwing events.

The event has taken place in the Grammar school in recent years, but due to the construction of the new school building, this year it will return to Victoria Hall.

Everyone who takes part will receive a medal, with trophies for the overall winners of each age group.

The event starts at 1pm, with all entries on the day from 12.30pm.

Admittance is £2 per competitor and £5 for families of three or more children. All youngsters eager to give athletics a go are encouraged to go along.



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Pupils marshall forces to demolish Inverclyde

By Alex McKinven
A BROKEN-DOWN minibus and postponement had delayed this cup tie but at the third attempt it turned out to be a day to remember for the McFadyen sponsored, Campbeltown Pupils.

Surprisingly, most of the match went exactly to plan, but it certainly wasn't plain sailing at Gourrock's Battery Park. It required stout defending and some excellent goalkeeping to finally provide a platform for victory.

Inverclyde declared their intentions from the outset, pinning the visitors back with early pressure before winning a number of corners on both sides of the park.

From one of the set plays, indecision and slack marking allowed the home side to claim first blood, with Inver-

Inverclyde 2
Campbeltown Pupils 4
Jimmy Marshall Cup - 2nd Round

clyde's 'giant' central defender out-jumping everyone to head home at the far post inside the first 10 minutes.

Alarm bells rang when the home side rattled the crossbar with almost the very next attack, but the Pupils survived the early scare to produce their most positive performance of the season so far.

Mazy run

Keith Mitchell led the fight back with a mazy run from deep, gliding past a number of lunging challenges before playing a neat one-two on the edge of the box.

The full back's momentum took him deep into enemy territory and he finished the move in excellent fashion

by driving the ball past the despairing last line of defence for the equaliser.

Not content with that, Ryan Gilchrist set off on a jinking run and showed good strength on the ball to hold off a number of challenges. Deep inside the opposition box, he checked quickly to send his marker the wrong way, only to be brought down unceremoniously for a blatant penalty kick.

After months out injured, the returning Paul Grumoli blasted the kick high into the roof of the net for number two.

The Pupils were now in full flight and Gary Grumoli was next to get in on the act. After

a quick interchange of passes, a through ball from Renton sent Grumoli on his way and he wasted little time driving through a packed defence to hammer the ball home for the visitors' third.

Half time did little to stop the Pupils momentum, and with 20 minutes remaining they added a fourth goal to their tally, ironically, from their fourth individual scorer of the afternoon.

It was another assist from the energetic Gary Grumoli, who reached the by-line before turning the ball across goal for Scott Souden to rattle the ball home.

Further chances for Ryan McConnachie and Ryan Deans could have spread the scoring even wider, but the bar and post respectively came to Inverclyde's rescue.

Inverclyde scored on the stroke of full time to put a better reflection on the game, but the final score could have been doubled as the visitors hit top form for the first time this season.

Man of the match was the evergreen Grant Grant who never missed a tackle all day. Andrew McKellar and Robbie Dudley made their Pupils debut from the sub's bench to launch another chapter to the ongoing story.

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Paul Grumoli returns to form after injury.
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The evergreen Grant Grant in action. 25_c15pupils04

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