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Call for x-ray scanner at airport to end 'odd practice'

'INVASIVE' security checks at Campbeltown Airport should be put to an end with the introduction of an x-ray scanner, passengers are urging.

Alan Baker, acting chairman of Campbeltown Community Council, said: 'The practice at Campbeltown airport of rummaging through every inch of passengers' check-in and carry-on luggage is outdated.

'A lot of people are telling us they are really unhappy about it, and question why it is necessary.

'Proper scanners should be introduced to make the security process more efficient. Passengers should feel safe but are entitled to their privacy too - it is an invasive practice.

'It is not as if rural airports pose a great security risk, so hand-checking bags would seem a little over-zealous. That is the view of many passengers in Kintyre who use the plane.'

Campbeltown Com-

munity Council members met with Michael Bratcher, aviation policy officer for Transport Scotland, to discuss a range of ideas for the airport, linked twice daily with Glasgow International.

The community council told Mr Bratcher it wants the introduction of a scanner, along with timetable changes.

X-ray scanners are established features at most provincial airports. Tiree, Islay and Benbecula have them but not Campbeltown where staff check all passengers' bags by hand.

A Kintyre businessman, who did not want named, uses Campbeltown airport regularly. He said: 'It is an odd practice to say the least. It must make people travelling with something private feel quite uncomfortable, especially as you are likely to know the person checking your bag and vice-versa.'

'Scanners at larger
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Ruari's farm photograph is best in show

TEN-year-old Ruari Barbour won the junior first prize in the Southend photo competition by skilfully capturing his little sister Emma and her pet sheep. The competi-

tion challenged Kintyre photographers to come up with the best images capturing Southend life and scenes. See full story and pictures on page 9. c07photo-comp02no

Man jailed for head butting partner

A MAN who head butted his partner has been jailed for a total of ten months.

Keith Sheppard, 36, of 21A Kinloch Road, Campbeltown committed the offence on December 13 of last year while he was on bail and awaiting sentence for two earlier assaults on his partner.

Sheppard admitted the charges at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Defence agent Christian Kane said his client had an alcohol problem and found it 'difficult to control himself' when he was drinking.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'He is a man who drinks too much and when he is drunk he hits his partner.'

Fake cash warning

COUNTERFEIT banknotes were passed to a Campbeltown shop last Wednesday afternoon.

The £10 and £20 notes were 'Bank of Scotland', and police are urging businesses and the public to be vigilant.

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Fuel theft appeal

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Anyone who has any information is advised to contact Campbeltown police office on 862200.

Dive in for scuba lessons

CAMPBELTOWN'S sub-aqua group is looking for people to get involved in scuba diving.

Linda Bryce from the club said: 'We are looking to attract more members and hope to start training sessions in the Aqualibrium pool in Campbeltown in the next few weeks, before we go into open water later in the year.'

'We have our own equipment for training that people are free to use.'

Anyone interested in getting involved in sub-aqua activities can contact Linda on 01583 421358 or email crubasdalelodge@gmail.com

Fresh hope for Rest and Be Thankful travellers

PRESSURE for an end to frequent landslides closing the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful brought a positive response from a Scottish parliament committee in Edinburgh on Tuesday.

Councillors Donald Kelly, Dougie Philand and John McAlpine spoke in support of their petition calling for a permanent solution for the trunk road.

'It was a worthwhile meeting,' said Councillor Kelly. 'The committee agreed that it said in 2012 that there should be a permanent solution.'

'Now it will write to Transport Scotland and the Scottish government seeking a timeline for that.'

'It also said the A83 Taskforce should meet more often so that the likes of hauliers, chamber of commerce members and Argyll and Bute Council can work towards seeing it be-

coming a reality.

'There has been 18 landslides in the Rest area since we first petitioned parliament about the road three years ago.'

'We won the trunking of the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown, now we need to see the Rest sorted if Argyll and Bute is going to be serious about reversing its population decline.'

'Problems at the Rest are stopping investment in the area. Even a warning after heavy rain is enough to put people off travelling.'

'The committee agreed the problem would have been sorted by now if it was happening in The Royal Mile rather than in a rural area.'

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands Conservative MSP, backed Argyll and Bute councillors.

He told the committee: 'I commend coun-

cillors Kelly, Philand and McAlpine for their continuing and impressive efforts to maintain pressure on the Scottish government on this major strategic transport issue, as I have myself been doing.'

'The A83 trunk road is a key artery into Argyll and Bute. The repeated closures of this trunk road hit businesses across Argyll and inconvenience residents and commuters. They

also send out negative measures to visitors and those who would consider investing in the area.'

'We cannot afford for this to continue. A first-class road network is key to tackling depopulation.'

'We recognise that some investment has been made by the Scottish government and that we now have a relief road which can be used in emergencies un-

der a convoy system in the event of landslides closing the A83. But it takes hours to activate it and the convoy system is painfully slow and time consuming.'

'Also, the A819 between Inveraray and Dalmally is most unsuited to being a constant diversion, especially for heavy lorries.'

'What we have is a sticking plaster solution and the petitioners are entirely right to call for

a permanent one.

'This might be a canopy option as used in Europe to protect vital road links.'

'The Scottish government would do worse than instructing a costing of the canopy for the 400 metre section most at risk. Private estimates suggest this would cost under £5 million.'

Another alternative suggested for the Rest is a new road being built on the opposite side of the glen.



Netting and other mitigation works at the Rest have been described as 'a sticking plaster'.

Continued from page 1 airports allow you to leave your bag and be pretty sure it will arrive untouched at your destination.

'At Campbeltown you are trying to pack your bag and keep fragile

goods safe while worrying about putting everything back in again after it has been sifted through.'

'A scanning system would surely be a more appropriate measure and give the airport a

more professional appearance.'

Islay airport made national headlines in 2012 when passengers complained of 'heavy-handed' and 'over-zealous' security checks - one passenger even had her packet of free-range eggs examined.

A spokesman for Highlands and Islands Airports (HIAL), which operates Campbeltown, Islay and nine other airports, said: 'Airport security procedures are laid down at the UK and European level and all HIAL airports are fully

compliant with the appropriate regulations.'

'For obvious security concerns, we cannot discuss specific procedures in place at individual airports. We endeavour to carry out passenger screening in a professional and efficient manner, in line with established regulations.'

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Campbeltown Airport, the scene of 'over-zealous' security checks, according to Campbeltown Community Council.

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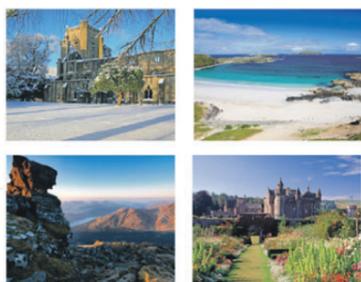
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Team master recipe for making care centre residents smile

Happiness is good food, says Kintyre chef

FOUR years ago, Clare Lamont looked destined for a successful career in banking.

Now the 27-year-old is leading an award-winning kitchen staff.

Clare, head chef at Kintyre Care Centre overlooking Campbeltown Harbour, said: 'I love this job, I have found my niche. I like the way food makes people smile - you can cheer them up with a nice dessert or cake.'

'I love food myself.' When the former Campbeltown Grammar pupil decided banking was not for her despite being groomed for management, she took a job as a kitchen assistant at the care centre.

Taking every chance to train along the way, she quickly became assistant cook and then head chef.

Now she dedicates herself to overseeing a whole array of nutritious meals and snacks for up to 40 elderly residents, with all dishes made daily from scratch using locally sourced ingredients. The day

begins with a choice of cooked and continental breakfasts, followed by a two-course lunch with two options for the main meal and a three-course dinner.

Then there is morning and afternoon teas with home-baked scones and cakes.

And not forgetting the 'fun events' like Burns Suppers, curry nights and Chinese new years.

Fortunately, she has a 'great team' of six kitchen assistants supporting her.

'We get on really well and work well together as a team,' said Clare, who maintains meticulous records for food preparation and standards of hygiene.

That attention to detail, encouraged by the care centre owner, HCI, has paid dividends.

The centre has just received an 'Eat Safe' award of excellence by Argyll and Bute environmental health and previously collected a Soil Association 'food for life catering mark bronze' for meals that are freshly prepared



Clare Lamont, centre, with assistant chefs, Isobel Spree, left, and Eleanor Sheldrick. Missing from the picture are assistants Shirley Maguire, Hatiawan Wilson, Maureen Russell and Limara Ferguson. 08_c06chef01

using environmentally sustainable and seasonal ingredients.

Clare added: 'HCI takes the food for its residents very seriously.'

'It has to be highly nutritious. We find that little and often is the

best approach when it comes to feeding the elderly.'

Overnight A83 road closures

THE A83 will be closed overnight for resurfacing and drainage improvements between Dunderave Castle and Drishaig, north of Inveraray, from Sunday until Friday.

A new section of safety barrier will also be introduced to the lochside.

The works will be carried out between 8.30pm and 5am to minimise the impact on traffic and bus services.

An official diversion route will be in place via the A82, A85 and A819, however, waiting vehicles will be allowed to pass through the works at approximately hourly intervals when a 30mph speed limit will operate.

A BEAR spokesman said: 'Motorists are encouraged to plan journeys, check the Traffic Scotland website for up-to-date information and to allow extra time for travel during this period.'

Making tracks at High Park

AN APPLICATION to form an access track at High Park Forest, Kilkenny has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council planners.

Forest plan

A PLANNING application to create an access track at The Slate Forest, Campbeltown, has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

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Sky boss takes up vital Argyll role

A CITY high-flyer has been tasked with reversing population decline in Argyll and Bute.

Harvard-educated Nicholas Ferguson is chairman of Sky plc, a FTSE 100 company, after joining the Europe-wide broadcaster's board in 2004.

He will take up his role as chairman of The Argyll and Bute Economic Forum, a private, public and voluntary sector partnership aiming to drive economic change in the area and halt population decline.

Mr Ferguson, an Argyll man who has a master of economics from Harvard Business School, said: 'I am pleased to accept the chairmanship of the forum and look forward to working with partners in the private sector, Argyll and Bute Council and other public bodies, as well as



Nicholas Ferguson, chairman of broadcaster Sky, will chair the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum.

the voluntary sector, towards a shared vision of economic prosperity for the region.

'Argyll has been my home for many years and I am keen to help address the issues of depopulation. The economy in Argyll and Bute is large and success-

ful, with many thriving businesses and areas with population growth.

'We need to build on that success and deliver the improvements that businesses need to be successful. I look forward to announcing the other members of the forum before our first

meeting in the spring.' Dick Walsh, council leader, said: 'We are delighted to have someone with Nick's track record and expertise leading the forum.'

'It will shape our strategic vision and will, crucially, be business-led. A public-private ap-

proach has worked well in other rural areas, such as Highland, as well as in the cities of Glasgow and Aberdeen.

'We are in effect in competition with other areas for people and for investment, and this forum will help drive much-needed changes in our economy, focusing on job creation, developing multi-agency business plans, policy development and promoting investment.'

A council spokesman said: 'Mr Ferguson is an Argyll resident with a long-standing history of philanthropic work in the area. The forum he is chairing will meet four times a year and the board members will give their time free.'

The economic forum will be funded publicly, with in-kind support from private and voluntary partners.

From Argyll to Ivy League - then Sky's the limit

NICHOLAS Ferguson, 66, grew up in Argyll before graduating with a degree in economics from the University of Edinburgh and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Awarded a CBE in the 2013 honours list for services to higher education and philanthropy, he was chief executive of SVG Capital between 1996 and 2005, becoming chairman in 2006, prior to becoming chairman of Sky plc in April 2012.

His philanthropic work includes The Kilfinan Group, consisting of senior business people who provide free and informal mentoring to charity chief executives.

The group was founded by Mr Ferguson in 2003 and has 150 mentors

sharing their extensive business experience and skills.

Mr Ferguson and wife Jane also run Foundation Scotland, which benefits young people and the elderly in Argyll, helping young people learn economic skills to stay in the area, while Mrs Ferguson's main interest is in helping young families facing rural isolation.

The couple part finance the Argyll College Construction and Engineering Centre in Lochgilphead, as well as offering interest-free loans to Argyll entrepreneurs.

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Machrihanish 'should be a clear choice' for spaceport, says MP

MP ALAN Reid has renewed a call to the UK parliament to see Machrihanish chosen as launchpad for space travel - insisting it should be 'a clear choice'.

A decision is expected soon on a chosen site for a UK spaceport.

The Argyll and Bute MP told parliament last Thursday that the former RAF base, community-owned since 2012, was the right place for the UK to reach for the stars.

Mr Reid said: 'I have backed the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company buy-out from day one. It is a dedicated group looking to bring prosperity to Kintyre.'

'For Machrihanish to become the home of UK commercial space flights would be a tremendous boost for the area.



Alan Reid MP, centre, with Malcolm McMillan, MACC manager, left, and Jim Martin, MACC director, pictured on the Machrihanish runway they hope will host space flights.

'Machrihanish has a three-kilometre runway, all the facilities of an RAF base and is far from densely populated areas - key criteria from the government's consultation - making it the clear choice for a spaceport.'

'I urge the Government

to go to the next phase of the decision-making process very quickly and choose Machrihanish.'

Ambition

The government's ambition is to have a spaceport open by 2018.

Greg Clark, minister for universities, science and cities, said the

announcement would be made soon. He said: 'I met with ministers earlier this month to discuss progress in delivering the UK's first spaceport.'

'A cross-governmental team is taking forward the national space flight agenda and the government has undertaken a public consultation on eight potential locations including Machrihanish, and the criteria that will be used to select the location of a UK spaceport.'

'A response to this consultation will be published shortly.'

With Machrihanish one of six Scottish sites in the running, The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) strongly recommended that a UK spaceport be established at a coastal location.



Les Van Acker at the car boot sale in Lorne and Lowland Church Hall. 08_c08boot01

Revving up support against child abuse

BIKERS can sometimes be a bit fearsome looking.

Like Campbeltown man Les Van Acker, they can be big, bearded men in denims and leather, with tattoos and piercings.

But appearances can fool. Many bikers are great fundraisers and supporters of good causes.

Now, a new organisation called United Bikers Against Abuse - Scotland is beginning its journey in Kintyre.

Following the example of similar groups in Europe, USA and Australia, it aims to see bikers, trikers and friends unite to help and support abused and neglected children.

Les, who works at Campbeltown Police

Station, is the founder member in Scotland and ran a car boot sale at Lorne and Lowland Church Hall last Saturday to get the wheels turning on the Scottish venture.

He told the *Courier*: 'Bikers have a family mentality - and we want to extend that attitude to helping abused children re-build their confidence.

'Club members will organise activities and attend events, but they will also raise awareness about child abuse in Scotland.

'We will fine tune everything in Kintyre before spreading to other parts of Scotland. Bikers around the country have indicated they are interested in becoming involved.'

£25,000 benefits cheat faces jail

Carradale man had £90,000 in savings while making false claims

A CARRADALE man who made false benefit claims totalling £25,000 when he had an occupational pension and £90,000 in savings has been warned he faces jail.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week how the £90,000 'disappeared' after David Ellis's fraudulent claims were uncovered.

His defence agent, Christian Kane, claimed the savings were spent by his client on a new kitchen, trips to the Canaries and a garden shed but was unable to produce documentation to support the alleged expenditure.

Ellis, 61, of Gorton Cottage, pleaded guilty at an earlier court date to receiving £11,154 in income support and a total of £14,845 housing benefit and council tax he was not entitled to between February 2008 and March 2012.

Last week, the court heard that Ellis had been given the past two months by Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC to confirm he could repay the £25,000.

Mr Kane said £5,000 had been repaid so far as a result of deductions from Ellis's benefit payments over the past two-and-a-half years.

The amount deducted was also set to be increased.

Sheriff Anderson said: 'He had about

£90,000 he did not bother to tell the authorities about, and when the chickens come home to roost that £90,000 has disappeared.

'I feel there has been a lack of forthrightness about Mr Ellis's position.

'This is a very serious matter and I feel we have reached the end of the road.

'I have delayed sending him to prison in the hope that these expressions of willingness to payback the money would come to fruition.'

Mr Kane explained that his client had two physical and psychological claims pending in relation to a war disability pension, which could create funds for him to repay the money.

However, there was a delay in a decision being reached because the War Pensions Board wanted to carry out a psychiatric examination on the accused.

Each claim could result in an award of up to £100,000, revealed Mr Kane.

Stating that she was 'very unhappy about various aspects of this case', Sheriff Anderson said she would defer sentence for a further two months to give 'a final opportunity for this to be resolved'.

She also reminded Ellis that she was still considering a custodial sentence.

Council plans guideline on wind farm benefits

RESIDENTS in Argyll and Bute are being asked to comment on the council's new framework to advise on community benefits from onshore renewable developments such as windfarms.

The Argyll and Bute Council document sets out guidance that developers and communities should take into account when considering community benefits.

Community benefits are voluntary and can include financial payments or community investment in the particular renewable scheme. This new framework suggests that payments to communities be set at £5,000 per megawatt (MW) of installed capacity per year, that a regional element of funding be introduced and advocates community buy-in to new schemes.

Councillor Ellen Morison, said: 'While the council cannot compel developers to follow our new guidelines we will be working very closely with them and are hopeful that they will buy into these principles.'

'Before finalising the framework we are looking for the views of the public, community councils, renewable groups and our other partners in the Argyll

and Bute Renewables Alliance (ABRA) so that we come up with a framework which will seek to maximise the community benefit from future onshore renewable developments and which will be a useful reference tool for developers and communities alike.'

The consultation runs until Friday, March 13 and is available on the council website.

Arrest after collision

A COLLISION between two vehicles on the A83 near Glenbarr last Saturday morning led to two men aged 25 and 28 being arrested, after the vehicle they were travelling in failed to stop.

A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

Bypassing the meter

A 29-YEAR-old woman was arrested at a flat in Campbeltown town centre for bypassing the electricity supply.

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Searching questions

THE BUREAUCRATS in the UK and the EU like to over-react, do they not? Who would have thought 20 years ago that health and safety and anti-terrorism measures would become such a massive growth industry?

Generate enough fear about something, regardless of the odds of it happening, and you can get away with just about anything.

Here is a perfect case in point: 10 years ago metal barriers were erected around Mugdock and Craigmaddie reservoirs on the outskirts of Glasgow on Home Office orders after the 9/11 attacks in the US. The reason for the barriers? To prevent terrorists contaminating water supplies.

Yes, the same type of terrorist that succeeded in taking over two aircraft and flying them into the Twin Towers was going to suddenly be defeated by a 10ft high fence.

A beautiful part of the countryside enjoyed by walkers and runners was defiled by ugly, metal fencing. The move defied all logic. It took a nanosecond to work out that a child, never mind a terrorist, could lob a 'contaminant' over the fence and into the water in a moment.

However, it took eight years and frequent lobbying by local MP Jo Swinson among others for the fence to be removed.

So, do thorough hand searches of luggage at Campbeltown justify the intrusion, and why no scanner in Tiree, Islay and Benbecula airports?

It all seems a bit much when someone flying on from Glasgow Airport will go through full security checks there.

The threat of terrorism may require us to be more vigilant but there has to be balance. Too much paranoia leads to paralysis.

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Write waste of money

Sir,
The article in last week's Courier stating that Argyll and Bute Council has contracted a company to come and teach their employees how to write better reports at a cost of £750 per day is a blatant waste of taxpayers' money.

This is a council which states there will have to be more cut backs in services, and possible closure of facilities (like Bolgam Street toilets).

Why would they employ people in the first place if they cannot do the job? Surely young people are taught this skill at school as it is a basic requirement for many jobs, and should be a pre-requisite of employment?

Anna Binnie,
Campbeltown.

Why is Kintyre cheese hard to buy?

Sir,
Several articles have appeared in the Courier over recent weeks highlighting the plight of our local farmers who are hit by the low prices for milk.

Here in Campbeltown we are privileged to host the creamery which produces the best cheese in Scotland.

We have seen in the Courier how Kintyre cheddar is for sale in shops in Texas.

There must be many of us who want to support our farmers and secure the long-term future for the creamery.

Our power lies in being consumers. We should all be buying Kintyre cheddar, which should be the pride of

the town. Yet, while the supermarket shelves of Dallas are overflowing with Kintyre Cheddar, here, in Campbeltown, it is not to be found.

Both the Co-op and Tesco boast of selling 'local produce', yet our own premier product is not for sale in either store.

The only place to get it is the creamery itself but, even there, it is frequently out of stock - and the creamery shop is not open at weekends and evenings when many people shop.

If the Co-op and Tesco really want to support our community, their managers should allow us to support our farmers by stocking Kintyre cheddar.

Eric Dudley and Catharine Forbes,
Carradale.

Concerns for dairy farmers

Sir,
There are justifiably serious concerns being raised by farmers and the wider public from Campbeltown and Kintyre about the future of the local creamery and First Milk's cut in payment to our milk producers.

Coming from a crofting and farming background myself, I know all too well the hardship our farming industry faces.

When our local creamery on Islay closed the effect on our local dairy farmers was catastrophic and while we still have a productive dairy sector on Islay it is yet to fully recover.

This cannot be allowed to happen in Campbeltown.

Huge numbers of jobs, directly and indirectly, de-

pend on keeping our number of dairy farmers at their current levels. Any decline in the numbers would have potentially damaging consequences for associated businesses. The problems facing our dairy farmers must not be ignored.

Alastair Redman
Unionist and Conservative candidate,
Argyll and Bute.

We could all help dairy farmers

Sir,
I buy carefully but I am not on the breadline and neither are people I know.

To help save Argyll's dairy farmers and similar farmers in the UK, I believe a large number of people would be prepared to pay a fair price for their milk and dairy products if they knew for certain the producers were receiving a fair price.

There should be a British Fair Trade logo on milk and related products such as butter, yoghurt and cheese, shouting loudly and clearly that the produce is giving our dairy farmers a fair price.

Also, I feel strongly against intensive forms of dairy farming making each cow produce 11,500 litres of milk each year, compared with 8,000 litres, and I would be prepared to pay for this humane lifestyle for our cows.

All of our supermarkets and food shops should stock these products and display them in an obvious way.

I am sure that buyers would support the dairy industry given the opportunity.

Ann Thomas
Tarbert.

Lib Dem MPs work harder

Sir,
David G Eaglesham in his letter to the Courier last week highlights the fact that the Scottish Liberal Democrats have a fight on their hands to retain the 11 Westminster parliamentary seats which they hold. This is true but is nothing new.

Lib Dem MPs always have to work harder, respond more efficiently to their constituents' needs, and represent their electors more effectively at Westminster than representatives from other parties. A case in point is local MP, Alan Reid, whose attendance and voting record in parliament is exemplary. During this parliament Mr Reid has attended and voted 1,036 times out of a possible 1,200, that is an outstanding 86.3 percent.

The SNP is doing well in the polls but not at all well in Westminster. Their six MPs have an abysmal attendance record. They are prepared to take full-time salaries and expenses but only attend part time. Their attendance ranges from an appalling 41.5 percent to 51.8 percent. Even their leader in the Commons turned up only 44 per cent of the time.

The first minister, Nicola Sturgeon, is trying to convince us that a greater SNP presence at Westminster would be good for Scotland. The presence required are hard working MPs determined to advance the UK and Scotland, and not disinterested, part-time, blinkered Nationalists.

Finlay Craig
Cove.

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Clear contest between Lib Dem and SNP

Sir,
May I congratulate Brendan O'Hara on winning the contest to represent the SNP in the forthcoming general election. It was interesting to hear his call for a 'new type of politics'.

It is difficult not to agree that politics has become top down and out of touch when one looks at the result of creating a single police force that put armed police on streets in the Highlands. If he wants us to listen to the voice of the community, did he not hear what 60



percent of the electorate in Argyll and Bute told us in the referendum?

To guarantee the new powers being drafted by Alistair Carmichael, we need a strong Liberal Democrat presence in Westminster. Scottish home rule is a long-standing Liberal Democrat policy and Alan Reid and his colleagues have already delivered the 2012 Scotland Act, which started the transfer of fiscal powers to the

Scottish parliament. That needs to be completed.

Alan Reid is not a London-obsessed politician, and spends an enormous amount of his time touring his huge constituency, meeting constituents.

He also has an impeccable attendance and voting record in parliament, unlike the current crop of SNP Westminster MPs whose attendance record is appalling.

With the Tories having announced that Argyll and Bute is not on the list of seats they will be fighting to win, this contest is clearly between the hardworking Alan Reid and the SNP.

Andrew Nisbet, Helensburgh and Lomond Liberal Democrats.

Austerity is not working

Sir,
Alastair Redman is seriously out of touch if he believes people will fall for the 'stronger and more secure economy' spin put out by Tory HQ in London.

Out in the real world the dismal failure of Tory/Liberal economic policy is plain to see.

George Osborne has used 'quantitative easing' - printing money - to fund £130 billion of subsidised mortgages in order to trigger another housing bubble, make consumers feel good so they start borrowing again and thereby create another consumer boom, particularly in south east England. That is where Tory and Liberal claims of growth are

coming from. However, when interest rates rise on the UK's mammoth £1.4 trillion debt, as is predicted next year, the consequences for jobs and public services, along with 'growth' will be harrowing.

The three London parties are wedded to an austerity policy that continues to fail, the human cost being the record number of Scots forced to rely on food banks.

This is why Nicola Sturgeon is calling for a different course, dealing with the UK's disastrous debt by using fiscal policy to grow the economy, stimulating growth and thereby increase tax receipts without hitting hard-working people.

A solid block of SNP MPs will give Scotland the influence and clout

to lock austerity out of Westminster. Let's take it.

Ron Wilson Secretary Kintyre SNP.

Alan Reid is a coalition MP

Sir,
In last week's Courier it was stated 'Reid will press case for whisky'; coalition MP Alan Reid will press anything that gets his name in the papers.

The story goes on: 'Mr Reid will tell ...', 'The Government should help by cutting excise duty by two percent in the budget.' Did he? Did his Government comply?

No letter from Reid this week, but two from his supporters. One praises him for trying to get extra funding for

schools in Argyll and Bute; education is fully devolved and a coalition MP has no influence. The other gives him credit for obtaining money for superfast broadband - he was merely one of many calling for it and is no more due credit than they are. Both letters emphasise that he is a Liberal Democrat MP, glossing over the fact that he has been a coalition MP for five years. We will not forget on May 7.

The other arm of the coalition, as represented by Alastair Redman, is at it as well, the usual letter being a regurgitated Tory central office weekly circular and a planted non-story. 'Islay's Alastair Redman...said a pothole fund would help'. Brilliant! So would a street light fund, a grass cutting fund, a library fund, a school fund and pocket money. Where does the money come from in these times of coalition imposed austerity?

Tony Williams Muasdale.

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Positive picture for monthly film shows

MOVIE fans turned up in droves to support the first weekend of monthly films at Victoria Hall in Campbeltown.

Members of Campbeltown Community Business (CCB) group, which owns the town's Picture

House and brought five big hit films - including Paddington and The Theory of Everything - to the town last Saturday and Sunday, were delighted with the turnout.

Rob Arthur, owner of Thurso Cinema and

a consultant on the £3 million restoration and upgrade project for the Picture House, was among the many people volunteering their services in Victoria Hall last weekend.

He told the Courier: 'The turnout has been



Cinema consultant Rob Arthur, centre, with volunteers Alastair and Katie Sharp from Kintyre Hub. 08_c08cinema02



Film fans going in for a showing of The Hobbit on the big screen at Victoria Hall. 08_c08cinema01

fabulous, way above expectations. It shows there is a demand for films to be brought to the town and it also justifies the plans to modernise the Picture House.

'Other communities around Scotland are starting to take notice of what is going on in Campbeltown and the role that the upgrades of the town hall and the cinema will play in the regeneration of the town. That is nice to hear.

'So many people are being supportive of what

the cinema is trying to do. The Royal Hotel, for example, provided the drinks and popcorn.

'We can all help each other and benefit from the town's regeneration.'

Jane Mayo, CCB chairwoman, said: 'We had more than 500 admissions over the weekend. It was a leap in the dark putting on these shows, so we are delighted with the response.

'It is wonderful that we had up to 30 people volunteering their help. 'Our aim with the

monthly films at the Victoria is to maintain the cinema-going habit while the Picture House is closed, but we also want to build a market.

'We are hoping that people in Mid Argyll will make the trip to Campbeltown to take advantage of the great films on offer.'

The next shows on March 28-29 will feature Shaun the Sheep, Big Hero Six, 50 Shades of Grey, the Kingsman and the Second Best Marigold Hotel as well as an encore production

from the National Theatre, Behind the Beautiful Forevers.

It is hoped that the films at the Victoria Hall will continue towards the opening of a revamped cinema next year.



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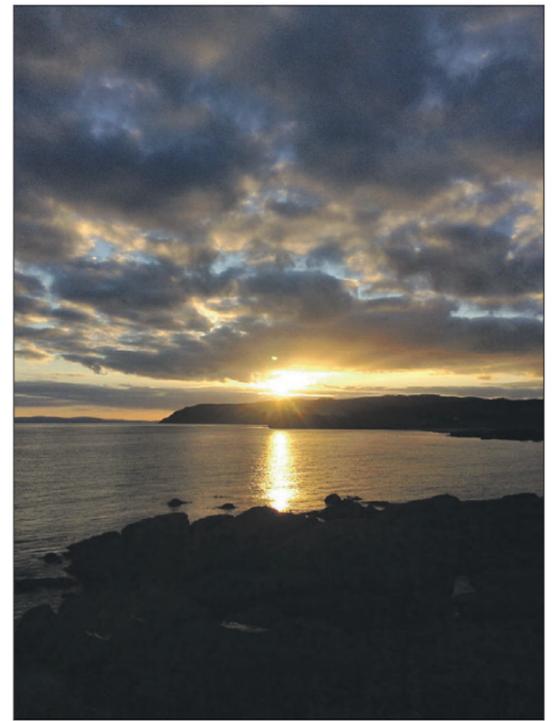
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Susan Paterson's Bluebell Wood was voted the competition's best photograph.



Dunaverty Sunset by Fraser Bassett.



Competition winner Susan Paterson, right, receives her prize from Southend's Margaret McDowell.



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Southend photographs are picture perfect

SOUTHEND photo competition saw a fantastic 113 entries and a high standard of photography.

An excellent turnout of villagers voted for their favourites on display at St Blaas's Hall.

Christine Jardine, one of the competition organisers, said: 'People said it was hard to choose because the standard was so high.'

Springtime

The adult winner was Susan Paterson, with

her springtime picture, Bluebell Wood.

The junior category saw 10-year-old Ruairi Barbour win with a picture of his sister Emma and her pet sheep.

Christine added: 'The committee would like to thank everyone who entered, and those who voted.'

'Our next competition will feature four categories: sky - including sunrises, sunset, the moon, rainbows and clouds - as well as the sea, nature, and seasons, with images that sum up a particular season.'

Photographs will have to have been taken between January of this year to the end of January 2016.

The competition group will now create two calendars - a wall calendar featuring Southend landscapes and scenery, and a desk calendar with pictures of pets and farm animals.

The full list of winners: Adults - 1 Susan Paterson, Bluebell Wood, 2 David McCallum, Snowy Southend;



Adult runner up David McCallum receives his prize from Margaret McDowell.



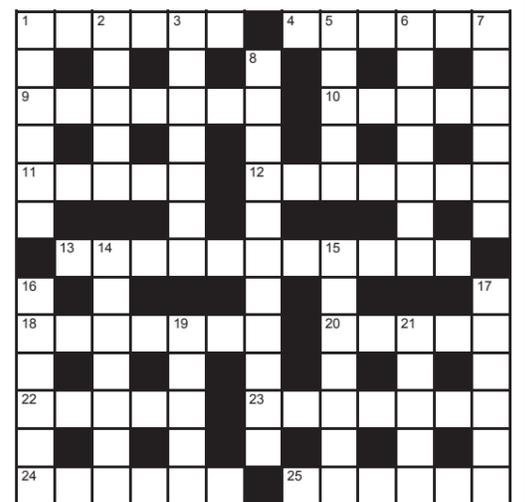
Snowy Southend by David McCallum.

Juniors, 1 Ruairi Barbour, 10, Emma with Bluebell and her lamb; 2nd equal, Shona Bassett, 14, with Moon over Keil caves, and Fraser Bassett, 14, with Dunaverty Sunset.



Moon over Keil caves by Shona Bassett.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Distressing experience (6)
- 4 Alternative (6)
- 9 Frets (7)
- 10 Own up (5)
- 11 Old European coin (5)
- 12 Throw (7)
- 13 Looks again (6,5)
- 18 Renew (7)
- 20 Lily or animal (5)
- 22 In-box contents (1-4)
- 23 The guys (7)
- 24 Look over (6)
- 25 Happy face (6)

Down

- 1 Cost (6)
- 2 Beginning (5)
- 3 Taxi (7)
- 5 Soft fruit (5)
- 6 Dunk (7)
- 7 Lower (6)
- 8 Take on a different identity (7,4)
- 14 Alfresco (4-3)
- 15 A word meaning the opposite (7)
- 16 Pudding? (6)
- 17 Exclamation (6)
- 19 Bisection (5)
- 21 One who enjoys disaster (5)

Last week's solution



KILLEAN AND KILCHENZIE

Guild members learn of the troubles on the West Bank

KILLEAN and Kilchenzie Guild had a most interesting and informative evening earlier this month with Bronwen Currie, a Quaker recently returned from the West Bank.

Guild friends from Clachan and Southend enhanced the evening with their company and members were delighted to welcome a young pupil from Glenbarr school.

Bronwen is an excellent and clear speaker and members were far better informed about the difficult situation in Palestine and the West Bank after her talk.

Below is a little overview of the work Bronwen and her colleagues undertake, and guild prayers are with all who work for justice and peace for all people living in that troubled area. Between April and

July of last year, Bronwen, who lives in Islay, worked as an ecumenical accompanier (or EA) in the occupied West Bank, with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI).

EAPPI is an international programme initiated and overseen by the World Council of Churches. Volunteers come from 24 different countries and each

spend three months working in small international teams based in seven different locations across the Occupied West Bank.

The work of EAs is about witnessing, in every sense of the word. They witness to their belief in justice, equality and nonviolence in the course of their work, which falls into categories as follows:

EAs are told that the simple non-violent presence of international observers in certain situations can provide protection, or elicit better behaviour by soldiers or police.

EAs are present at checkpoints and agricultural gates at various points along the separation barrier, observing, intervening when asked, just 'being alongside' - accompanying.

EAs observe, record and report on what they see. They witness violations of human rights and of International Humanitarian Law.

EAs support and stand alongside those campaigning for justice and human rights, such as the regular weekly vigil held in West Jerusalem by Women in Black, a group of Israeli women (and a few men) who campaign for an end to the occupation.

And EAs undertake advocacy, witnessing to what they have seen and heard.

Bronwen and her colleagues believe the witness is important; only when people are aware of injustice, inequality and violence, can these things be challenged.

TAYINLOAN

SWRI's corner fun day

KINTYRE SWRI held its 'corners' day in Tayinloan Village Hall on

ISLAY



Donald McKillop, CalMac's retail development manager, proudly displays MV Finlaggan's accreditation certificate.

Ferries have the best tastes

PASSENGERS bound for Islay can be assured of the best food at the ferries' on-board restaurants.

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which usually ply the Kennacraig to Islay route, have been awarded the accolade.

Kurt Hart, retail operations manager, said: 'We have worked hard to put together a menu which satisfies our hungry customers, is value for money and promotes good Scottish produce.'

TARBERT

Go have a ball for charity

A SPRING ball is being held in Tarbert Village Hall next month to raise money for charity.

The Mid Argyll Marie Curie fundraising group is hosting the Daffodil Ball on Saturday, March 28 and is reaching out to local people and businesses for their support to sponsor the event.

DRUMLEMBLE

Fined £300 for assaulting policewomen

A DRUMLEMBLE woman who admitted assaulting two police officers has been fined a total of £300.

Nuala Hamilton, 47, of

10 Front Row Cottages, pleaded guilty at Campbeltown Sheriff Court to committing the offences in the town's police station on November 23 of last year.

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Alan Reid has been pressing the UK government to do more to assist beleaguered dairy farmers.

Reid wins backing for bid to help dairy farmers

THE UK government will investigate tougher rules for supermarkets' dealings with dairy farmers, thanks to Alan Reid MP.

The MP, who has been championing the hard-pressed dairy farmers in his Argyll and Bute constituency, told the House of Commons last Thursday that he welcomed the introduction of big fines for supermarkets that breach the groceries supply code of practice.

However, he added: 'We need to extend the code to indirect suppliers

such as dairy farmers, who are suffering greatly.

'They cannot wait another year. May we have the review much sooner, please?' he said as he urged the Government to bring forward the review scheduled for next year.

In reply, Jo Swinson MP, parliamentary under-secretary of state for business, innovation and skills, said that MPs across the House were all concerned about the dairy industry.

She said: 'The groceries code adjudicator [Christine Tacon] is already proving to be a great success in her work with supermarket companies, by

encouraging them to change their behaviour.

'We have ensured that she has, and will have, the power to fine as well as to launch investigations. The first, of course, was launched recently. The question whether the remit should be extended needs to be looked at, and I commit the Government to doing that.'

Mr Reid said afterwards: 'This is welcome news. The situation for dairy farmers is dire; the feedback I am getting from Kintyre and Bute is not good. The adjudicator must have at her disposal the power

to impose tough fines on supermarkets and to dig deep and investigate where needed.

'I'm pleased that Jo Swinson has committed the Government to looking at extending the adjudicator's remit.

'I hope they will extend her remit to include indirect suppliers, such as dairy farmers.'

The previous day, the groceries code adjudicator, Christine Tacon, announced she was to investigate Tesco for its conduct under the groceries supply code, after allegations of irregularities.

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Kilkenzie farmer Smith happy despite NFUS election defeat

KILKENZIE farmer John Smith declared himself happy with the national Farmers Union Scotland's election results - despite failing in his bid to become a union vice-president.

John, from Drumalea Farm, lost out in a vote taken at the union's AGM in St Andrew's, Fife last Tuesday.

He said: 'I had a go and it didn't pay off but there are no hard feelings.

'I am quite happy with what was a fully democratic result.

'I travelled around Scotland with the other candidates and there was an exchange of good luck wishes after the vote, so the atmosphere has been extremely positive. I know the new president Allan Bowie very well and am delighted for him.

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Stunning image of snow-capped Arran hills from Kintyre

STEVE Partridge, of Carradale, took this stunning picture of Arran from near Escart in Kintyre in April 1, 2013.

He said: 'Looking at

the picture again, it is a reminder of how cold it still was then.'

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Man jailed for six months for disrupting hospital emergency department

A MAN who disrupted Campbeltown Hospital's accident and emergency department while heavily drunk has been jailed for six months.

John Townsley, 51, of 20 Glenside, Campbeltown was sentenced at the town's sheriff court last week.

An earlier court heard that Townsley, who has not worked for 20 years and has an alcohol problem, had been taken by ambulance to the hospital on December 23 of last year following concerns for his well being.

Police in attendance felt he had 'calmed down' before they left

him at the hospital after 11pm.

However, they were called back 15 minutes later because Townsley was shouting and swearing, making threats and banging his head off walls and the floor.

All this was going on in a busy accident and emergency department.

Townsley had to be restrained forcibly by police officers.

Defence agent Christian Kane said his client drank because he was depressed over the loss of his partner.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'There is a background here of

him contacting the ambulance service when drunk.

'He is a comparatively young man. The time has come for him to be given custody and for him to reflect on what he is going to do with himself.

'We can be doing without the Mr Townsleys of this world taking up the time of doctors, nurses, police and ambulances and causing considerable distress in the accident and emergency department.

'Only a custodial sentence will mark the seriousness of this kind of behaviour in our community.'

Burns ceilidh a great success

KINTYRE Piping Society's annual Burns ceilidh in the Campbeltown Bowling club last Saturday was a great success although the audience numbers were disappointing.

The entertainment started off with Kintyre Schools Novice Pipe Band guided by Pipe Major Peter Ferguson playing a number of sets.

This was followed by dancers from the James McCorkindale School,

with the first half ending with the Clann-na-Ceol fiddlers group, which entertained the audience with tremendous playing.

The society's Finlay Wylie said: 'The honour of piping in the haggis fell this year to young piper Andrew Renton, who carried out his duty with great aplomb - the haggis being carried by Hamish Colville.

'Alastair Cousin again gave an excellent and animated address to the

haggis before the audience was treated to a 'wee plate o' haggis neeps and tatties'.

'Thanks must be given to the ladies of Campbeltown Bowling Club for their help in making and serving the meals.

Singers

'The second half was again started off by Kintyre Schools, followed by Pipe Major Julie Blue who wowed the audience with some nifty finger work.

'To end the evening

singers Kay Johnston, Ann Leith and Les Oman got together for performances of Burns and local songs which went down a treat with the audience joining in.

'A vote of thanks from the society must go to all who donated to the raffle and to Simon Rochford who organised the whole evening.

'It was a great night's entertainment with everyone there looking forward to next year.'

Revised pitch charges are a winner for Kintyre

HARD-pressed sports clubs in Kintyre were delighted with the news this week that pitch prices are to be cut in half.

It follows a review by Argyll and Bute Council to 'ensure fair and equal access for everyone'.

David Paterson, of Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA), said: 'This is fantastic news for our club. Costs are a big factor in providing youth football, so a 50 percent reduction for youth and children's bookings, as opposed to the 76 percent of an adult hire we currently pay, is very welcome.

'It will now allow us to fund other areas of youth football in Campbeltown.

'Our pitch hires for both the 3G and grass parks in Campbeltown cost more

than £6,500 last year, so a drop in costs it is great for everyone involved.

'We were already paying more per hour than other areas in Argyll.'

The common charging policy for Argyll's six full-size all-weather pitches will be phased in between 2015-2019 and managed through a booking system already in place for leisure centres, pools and halls.

Councillor Robin Currie, the council's policy lead for community and culture, said: 'Following this review pitch charges in Argyll and Bute will remain among the lowest in Scotland.

'It is only fair that the whole area is charged equally for hiring synthetic pitches.'

A phased approach over the next four years will ease the burden on

areas now required to pay more.

By 2018-19, the maximum cost increase per junior player, based on 22 players using a full size pitch, would be 55p.

Alex McKinven, chairman of Campbeltown Pupils AFC, said: 'Campbeltown teams have the double whammy of paying high fees for home games on the

artificial surface compared to other teams in Argyll, and big transport hire and fuel costs for away games throughout the season.

'We have had to find alternative funding sources to provide regular home games on the 3G pitch during the winter, so a drop in prices over the next few years can only be good news.'



Campbeltown's all-weather pitch will see a reduction in hire prices - great news for the area's sports clubs. 20_c08pitches01



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Chance to help save lives

PEOPLE in Kintyre have a chance to help save lives soon - by giving blood.

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS) and NHS-run event is being held at the Victoria Hall on Thursday, February 26, giving first-time and existing donors a chance to go along and give blood.

A SNBTS spokesman said: 'There is an urgent need for new and returning blood donors in order to meet hospital requirements for blood and blood products.'

'Only five percent of the eligible population currently give blood.'

Donations can be given from 2.30pm-3.45pm and 5.15pm-7.30pm.

Carradale fish farm could create six jobs

A NEW fish farm could mean up to six jobs in East Kintyre, according to the company running the project.

Fourteen cages, each with a circumference of 100 metres, are to be installed by Marine Harvest, at Eilean Griain on the Kilbrannan Sound, just 200 metres north of an exist-

ing site operated by the same company, subject to planning permission from Argyll and Bute Council.

Steve Bracken from Marine Harvest confirmed the potential for new jobs in the area.

Mr Bracken said: 'Our plan is to create six jobs at the prospective Eilean Griain site, in ad-



Carradale fish farm, seen here, will be joined by another 14 cages some 200 metres north of the existing site at Eilean Griain.

dition to the six people already employed at our existing site at Carradale.

'Ideally those jobs will be sourced locally.'

'The new site will be installed in line with the

next stocking of the existing Carradale site, planned for September.'

The new fish farm installation has the 'total' support of East Kintyre Community Council. Its members met in Carra-

dale village hall to discuss the proposed development and gave a unanimous thumbs-up to the plan.

Stuart Irvine, East Kintyre community councillor, said: 'The

community council is totally behind this new development, which could see as many as six jobs created in the area. It is very encouraging news for East Kintyre.'

Jailed for 30 days

A MAN who shouted and swore and uttered violent threats before resisting police arrest has been jailed for 30 days.

Dean Crooks, 32, who appeared from custody, pleaded guilty at Campbeltown Sheriff Court to committing the offences in Castlehill, Campbeltown on September 16, 2013.

The court heard that Crooks, formerly of Campbeltown, now lives in Dunoon.

Argyll boosted by new apprentices

MORE than 200 young people were building a career in Argyll and Bute last year through a modern apprenticeship, according to figures from Skills Development Scotland.

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'Apprenticeships play a key role in promoting youth employment, and with 203 new apprenticeships underway in Argyll and Bute it is further evidence of the real results being achieved for young people across the area.'

'Of course, there is always more to be done.'

'With the full range of economic powers in Scotland's hands rather than Westminster's we can do even more to boost youth employment and give Argyll and Bute's young people the opportunities they deserve.'

ACHA reviews its policy on bad behaviour

ARGYLL Community Housing Association is seeking its tenants' help in tackling antisocial behaviour.

This covers issues such as possession, dealing

and cultivation of drugs, violence and threats of violence, abuse, including homophobic, racial abuse and sexual abuse, loud music, harassment and general neighbour

nuisance. Yvonne Litster, ACHA's regional manager, advised 'We are conducting a review of our antisocial behaviour policy and seeking the

views of our tenants and the wider community to ensure that we are able to focus on specific areas of concern.'

'In particular, the association is interested in re-

ceiving feedback regarding the length of time ACHA should take to fully resolve a complaint.'

To take part in a short survey on this subject, visit the association's

website at www.acha.co.uk and follow the link at the top right of the homepage

Closing date for the consultation is tomorrow (Saturday).

Imagination is the limit for design business Argyll 3D

AN Ardrishaig business could create a totally unique Valentine's gift using the latest three dimensional printer.

Graphic designer Steven Graham, 37, at Argyll 3D has installed a printer which can make an iPhone six case in just two hours.

Based at the village's Casa hair salon he can print anything from an idea scribbled on the back of an envelope to a full ready to go design.

He said: 'The only limit is your imagina-

tion and we just need people to discuss their requirements with us.'

'3D printing is the future of manufacturing as there's virtually no waste, it is environmentally friendly.'

'There's a big creative community in Argyll and Bute but a lack of 3D printers.'

He learnt his skills with a Glasgow firm which uses the technology to do rapid prototyping for clients such as distillers.

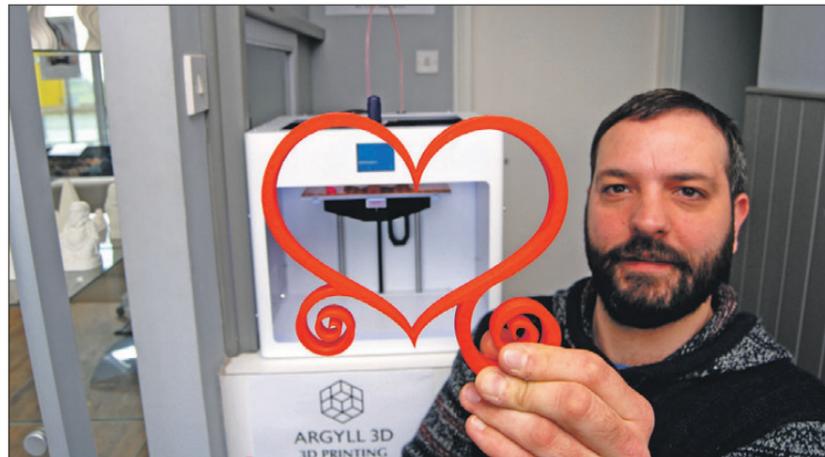
The machine has a

brass extrusion head similar to an inkjet printer but operating at 220 degrees centigrade.

It uses a variety of printing materials which come in rolls like garden wire.

'I have made Buddha models using 100 per cent biodegradable polylactic acid which is essentially corn starch,' he added, 'It will also print with ABS plastic which is used to make Lego.'

For further information call 07515684835.



Steven Graham holds a heart created on the 3D printer. It will be auctioned for charity on Facebook. 08_a073D05



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Let's stay positive, urges Argyll council leaders

Economy is the priority in local authority's budget

PEOPLE are being challenged to 'talk up Argyll and Bute' in order to turn around its flagging economy.

In an upbeat and largely uncontested budget meeting at Argyll and Bute Council's Lochgilphead headquarters last Thursday, the predominant words used by both the leader and deputy leader were 'challenge' and 'progress'.

Council leader Dick Walsh defended a one per cent cut from every council department budget, excluding economic development, and said this would lead to a period of financial stability for the council.

Referring to an expected £37 million deficit in the budget, the coun-

cil leader stated: 'In our two-year programme of financial stability, we have planned strategically for the budget challenge in 2016 and beyond. We cannot do as much for our communities as we or they would like.'

'The council is investing millions of pounds in regenerating our communities.'

He pointed to investment in schools, in cultural projects such as the Kilmartin museum, the Bute pavilion and the Heritage of the Sea, in local infrastructure such as roads and transport links.

He said: 'Difficult decisions will have to be made, but we will make decisions in the interests

of all.'

Council deputy leader Ellen Morton stole the headlines when she announced the appointment of Nick Ferguson, chairman of BSKyB, to head up a council forum to deliver 'opportunity for the area'.

Mr Ferguson, who has a house in Tighnabruaich, replaced James Murdoch as chairman of the global satellite company.

Deputy leader councillor Ellen Morton spoke about the 'bright future' for Argyll, as long as people 'talk Argyll up - don't talk it down'.

She said this phrase would be her rallying call to everyone - from politicians to ordinary people. She said she had

six pages from the head of economic development outlining the positive economic opportunities in Argyll and Bute.

She added: 'What service do we do our thousands of staff members if we criticise the coun-

cil?'

'To build an atmosphere of confidence in Argyll we must build confidence among those who live here. Confidence inspires confidence and lots of progress can be made on that.'

'We are not pretending there are no challenges. We will need to make £37.5 million of savings.'

'We will need to make tough, difficult choices as part of a series of actions.'

'We don't wish a sala-

mi slice approach - cutting services to ribbons - we don't want job losses and redundancies.'

Turning to negotiations with unions, she said: 'What they expect is strong clear leadership from this administration.'

Jobs and housing are key

COUNCIL leader Dick Walsh said his planners were treating job creation and housing growth as key priorities.

He said council planning officers were turning around applications in an average of 10 weeks.

Councillor Walsh added that developing innovative areas of industry would help to stem the population decline by making Argyll 'an even more attractive place to live and work'.

Pointing to the work

of professional experts Business Gateway in helping to create 15,000 jobs since its inception a decade ago in Argyll and Bute, he said partnership working would secure the area's long-term socio-economic objectives.

Mr Walsh continued: 'Our local development plan has a clear, open-for-business, approach.'

'We have officers in place in our planning department to make business and opportunity possible.'

Pupils enjoy a different way of learning

PUPILS and staff of Dalintober Primary worked together to plan and evaluate a whole range of learning aspects relating to Scottish literacy.

They focused on reading, writing, talking and listening, while making links to social studies, expressive arts and technologies.

Caroline Armour, head teacher, said: 'This was an exciting addition to our interdisciplinary learning and made the curriculum meaningful and relevant to our pupils in innovative ways.'

'Pupils taking ownership of their learning and being involved in assessment processes is key to Curriculum for Excellence and we are delighted that pupils' enthusiasm and enjoyment of their Scottish literacy week was so evident.'



Niall McCallum, Liam McMillan, Skye Carter and Evie Powell show a Scottish version of the golden rules.



Nicole Shields, Glynn Harvey, Jennifer McMurphy and Lewis Kenny are pictured with examples of their work.

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How allergies in pregnancy gave birth to business idea

Kirsty Morrison believes her organic venture can thrive in Tarbert

KIRSTY Morrison, owner of a new business in Tarbert - Zing Organics Studio - firmly believes it could eventually have a staff of 10.

Based in the village's old post office building, Kirsty is confident the jobs can be created in the manufacture of organic perfumes, entirely natural candles, and even luxury gourmet seasonings all using the purest and most sustainable ingredients available.

At the moment she runs the business herself with the help of a couple of younger part-time staff.

Her idea for Zing Organics was born out of her allergic reactions while pregnant with her son, Kirk.

That was 15 years ago and now her candles and skincare are attracting the attention of leading retailers and the national press.

Because of its eco credentials, Zing was also the first very small company to be backed by Positive Luxury, the company behind the Butterfly Mark accredited to Luxury Brands To Trust.

'I am confident we will end up employing up to 10 people,' Kirsty, 50, told the Courier.

After developing her ideas at the family home in Tayinloan for a couple of years, Kirsty recently bought the old post office building - also known as The Rest - with a view to developing a small production line.



One of Kirsty's zingy candles.

In the meantime, she is holding workshops where up to eight people at a time can have fun making their own perfumes, candles and soaps.

Shoppers can also pop in and select a personal blend of essential oils to fragrance their own candles.

'Aroma is a very personal thing and it's fan-

tastic to be able to give customers exactly what they want,' said Kirsty. 'It's astonishing how people's emotions and energy can be lifted with the perfect blend for their needs at that time.'

In only a few hours, a custom-made candle will be set and ready to pick up.

'We wanted to show-

ly styled by Sara Qualter of Duntrune.

'I'd like to see it become a visitor attraction.'

Kirsty started dabbling in making her own perfumes as a young girl, inspired by her grandfather, John Morrison, a third generation market gardener in the outskirts of Glasgow.

'I grew up around plants and herbs,' she revealed. 'I was putting together perfumes from the age of four.'

She also developed a good knowledge of cooking with herbs, and Zing Organics recently launched its fragranced 'Aromachefery' range of gourmet nectars and seasonings.

Targeting the adventurous home cook, these are infused with food grade organic essential oils.

Developed

Kirsty explained how the seed for Zing Organics developed during her pregnancy with Kirk, a Tarbert Academy pupil.

'I had been a regular user of perfumed candles,' she said. 'I learned through my bad allergic reactions during pregnancy that what I thought were natural ingredients were not natural at all.'

'There is no legislation requiring the listing of ingredients for candles.'

'There is quite a demand for a purist product because so many people suffer allergic reactions. Asthmatics seem particularly vulnerable to synthetic scents.'

Not surprisingly, all Zing Organics packaging is recyclable and reusable.

Kirsty, husband Kenny and son Kirk arrived in Kintyre from Glasgow after 'falling in love with the place'.

Kirsty and Kenny have fond memories of stays at the former Columba



Kirsty, right, overseeing a workshop in Zing Organics Studio in Tarbert.

Pictures courtesy of rainycloudimages.com

Hotel in Tarbert. Now the fishing village is home to her blossoming business which, she says, is being very well received.

'It is some place different for people,' she said.

'Interestingly, nearly everyone who has come in has said they or someone close to them has an allergy.'

She added: 'I've invested a lot of time, money and effort into

the business over the past three years.

'It has been tiring at times, but now it is really exciting. It is my passion, something I really believe in. I have a good feeling about it.'

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Kirsty with guests at the opening of Zing Organics Studio.

Search is on for a miniature bit of railway history

BRYAN Passey is on a quest - he is trying to track down all the parts of a miniature railway gifted to Campbeltown around 10 years ago.

It was originally run by a team of volunteers on the shores of Loch Fyne at Ardrishaig in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Running along a 200 metre track, it was enjoyed by many youngsters.

However, when Mr Passey, now 77, from Lochgilhead, found himself lacking support to run it, he transferred all its assets to Campbeltown Heritage Centre with the hope the railway could be set up somewhere along the Esplanade.

A charity, Campbeltown Railway Trust, was set up for that purpose but eventually gave up on the idea because of strict health and safety rules and other problems.

It transferred the diesel locomotive, carriage and track to Machrihanish Airbase Community Company where they are still stored but Mr Passey insists many other items cannot be accounted for.

He said: 'Everything to do

with the railway must be worth a five-figure sum and it took three men from Campbeltown a week to transfer from Ardrishaig.

'I've made inquiries and believe that a Honda mower, garden tools, servicing equipment, a signal box, a work bench and vice and other tools, old-fashioned railway lamps, spare sleepers, a cooker, fencing, a bag of soft toys, and a water tower for the locomotive are missing.'

Mr Passey, who has spoken to the heritage centre and Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC), added: 'I believe the only people who know where everything went initially are the three men who transported the stuff from Ardrishaig.'

'I'd dearly love to hear from anyone who can shed light on the missing items.'

'The complete railway was given in good faith and it saddens me that it no longer appears to be in its entirety.'

Malcolm McMillan, MACC manager, said: 'We have the locomotive, carriage and track given to us by Campbeltown Railway Trust when it was wound up.

'We would be prepared to store other items if they are found.'

Andrew Hemmings, a former trust member, said: 'We were only aware of the locomotive, carriage and track. We tried really hard to get the railway established on the seafront in Campbeltown but had to give up.'

John Bakes of the heritage centre said: 'I understand some items were allowed to be stored at the back of our place as a favour.'

'I believe the signal box, which had been dismantled, just rotted over the years after being exposed to all weathers and had to be skipped.'

'We still have a metal signal with a concrete base. Mr Passey is welcome to look around the place for other items.'

Mr Passey said he wishes he had kept the signal box in his garden.

It had been lovingly modelled to a fifth scale based on an actual signal box at Haresfield on a Gloucester to Bristol line where he had helped out as a boy.

Anyone who can help Mr Passey can contact him by calling 01546 602918.



This picture shows track and the signal box when the miniature railway operated at Ardrishaig.

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Campbeltown Sheriff Court

Save us all from Facebook, declares sheriff

A MAN who threatened to put information about his former partner on Facebook appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

George Gamble, 30, of 16 Benmore Street, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to putting his ex in a state of fear and alarm by behaving in a threatening and abusive manner outside her home in Saddell Street on December 23 of last year.

The court heard that Gamble was unhappy she was in another relationship and banged on her doors and windows, phoned her repeatedly and then threatened to put information about her on Facebook.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'Save us all from Facebook. The number of crimes that involve Facebook and

texts is astronomical.'

She told Gamble: 'If the relationship is over, tough as it may be you have to accept that.'

'This kind of behaviour will not help you have a civilised relationship with your ex.'

Sentence was deferred on Gamble for six months for him to be of good behaviour.

Man warned his drinking will lead to jail

A DRUNKEN man who challenged police officers to fight and struggled violently when arrested has been ordered to carry out 200 hours' unpaid work in the community.

Graeme Campbell, 33, of 17C Kirk Street, Campbeltown pleaded guilty at the town's sheriff court last week to committing the offence on December 1 of last year.

He also admitted be-

having in a threatening and abusive manner likely to cause fear and alarm.

The court heard that when police saw Campbell in Kinloch Road he was unsteady on his feet and his speech was slurred.

Spectators were watching a nearby football match and Campbell was warned to stop swearing. He continued swearing and was arrested.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC warned Campbell that if he appeared before her again custody 'would be the preferred option'. She added: 'You are going to have to do something about your drinking. It is not easy to achieve but many people have done it before you.'

Assault man admonished

A FORMER Sound of Kintyre man who assaulted his partner and

brandished a knife has been admonished.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week that Graeme Bell, 37, of Strathaven Road, Eaglesham had been of good behaviour since committing the offence on December 29, 2013 when he also struggled violently with police officers.

Struggled violently with police

A MAN who resisted police arrest by struggling violently with three police officers, lashing out at them and causing one of them to fall, has been ordered to be of good behaviour for three months.

Duncan Smith, 28, of 4D Queen Street, Campbeltown pleaded guilty at the town's sheriff court last week to committing the offence at his home on August 2 of this year.

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00023/PP	Erection of electricity sub station building and equipment	Land North of Inveraray Water Treatment Works Inveraray Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/00348/PP	Renewal of planning permission 12/00002/PP - Erection of dwellinghouse and garage and installation of septic tank	Land North East of Home Farm Whitehouse Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00113/PP	Installation of replacement windows	20A Barochan Place Argyll Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6AX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/00297/PP	Change of use from 4 letting apartments to 7 letting bedrooms	The Paymasters Apartment 2A Main Street East Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8TP	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/00298/LIB	Internal alterations to 4 letting apartments to form 7 letting bedrooms and erection of signage	The Paymasters Apartment 2A Main Street East Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8TP	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/00322/PP	Installation of telecommunications cabinet (1300mm x 450mm x 800mm)	Land Outside Flat 5 MacKellar Buildings Lorne Street Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

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

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

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT PLANNING) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008

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The plan, together with the modifications, may be inspected free of charge at all public libraries within the Argyll and Bute Council area or at the Planning and Regulatory Services offices at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD, during normal opening hours from 20th February 2015

Copies can also be viewed on the planning authority's website: <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp>

WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION CARRADALE NORTH MARINE CAGE FISH FARM, EILEAN GRIANAIN, KILBRANNAN SOUND

An application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd for authorisation to carry on a controlled activity at, near or in connection with Carradale North Marine Cage Fish Farm, Eilean Grianain, namely:

Description of controlled activity	Waters affected	National grid reference
Discharge of effluent from fish cages with a maximum weight of fish of 2,500 tonnes, including release of medicine residues used for treatment of sea lice infestations	Kilbrannan Sound	NR 8163 4150

SEPA considers that the above controlled activity may have an impact on the water environment and on the interests of other users of the water environment.

A copy of the application and any accompanying information may be inspected free of charge, at the SEPA Registry below, between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays). Alternatively, the application may be viewed on SEPA's website at: www.sepa.org.uk/water/water_regulation/advertised_applications.aspx

Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or having interest in, the application may make representations to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address, quote reference number CARL/1131788: Registry Department, SEPA, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall, IV15 9XB

Written representations received by SEPA within 28 days of this advertisement will be taken into consideration in determining whether or not to grant the application. Before determining the application, SEPA will:

- Assess the risk to the water environment posed by the carrying on of the activity or activities;
- Assess the indirect effects of that impact on any other aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected;
- Consider any likely adverse social and economic effects of that impact and of any indirect environmental effects that have been identified;
- Consider the likely environmental, social and economic benefits of the activity;
- Assess the impact of the controlled activity or activities on the interests of other users of the water environment;
- Assess what steps may be taken to ensure efficient and sustainable water use; and
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Scotland and Northern Ireland outperform UK housing market

Supply and demand varied across UK in January and 49 per cent more London surveyors saw prices fall in January 2015 according to the latest RICS UK Residential Market Survey.

Scotland and Northern Ireland's housing market outperformed the rest of the UK in January, with more buyer enquiries, stronger price growth and higher confidence in the outlook.

While nationally, the number of potential new buyer enquiries fell for the seventh consecutive month, Scotland saw the greatest buyer interest with several respondents suggesting the new land and build-

ings transaction tax (LBTT) will prompt more first time buyers to get on the property ladder.

Meanwhile, Northern Ireland's housing market witnessed the strongest price momentum for the fifth consecutive month, with 47 per cent more respondents reporting increases in prices.

However, the national results, which are based on England and Wales only, continue to signal a cooling market and price growth has all but levelled off with just 2 per cent more surveyors expecting prices to increase over the next three months (its slowest pace since May 2013).

Within England, Lon-

don market conditions continue to deteriorate with prices, buyer enquiries and sales falling. The latest data shows 49 per cent more respondents saw prices in the capital decline and the short-term confidence outlook is negative, despite the longer terms sales outlook being more upbeat.

In the lettings market 19 per cent more respondents reported a further rise in tenant demand during the three months to January and while supply appears to be dipping once again, there is anecdotal evidence to suggest that some new build rental properties are coming

to market and surveyors' rental growth expectations now stand at 4.6 per cent per annum over the course of the next five years.

Despite a month in which mortgage approvals fall to their one of their lowest levels, the number of agreed sales showed a slight increase in January (up from 19.1 to 19.7) and the 12 month member forecast is more optimistic around activity levels with 48 per cent of surveyors still expecting sales to rise.

Analysis

The changes to stamp duty and pending introduction of LBTT in

Scotland are, to varying degrees, providing an incentive to first time buyers, but there remain a number of challenges to market, such as ongoing affordability constraints, lack of stock and an air of caution in the run-up to the general election.

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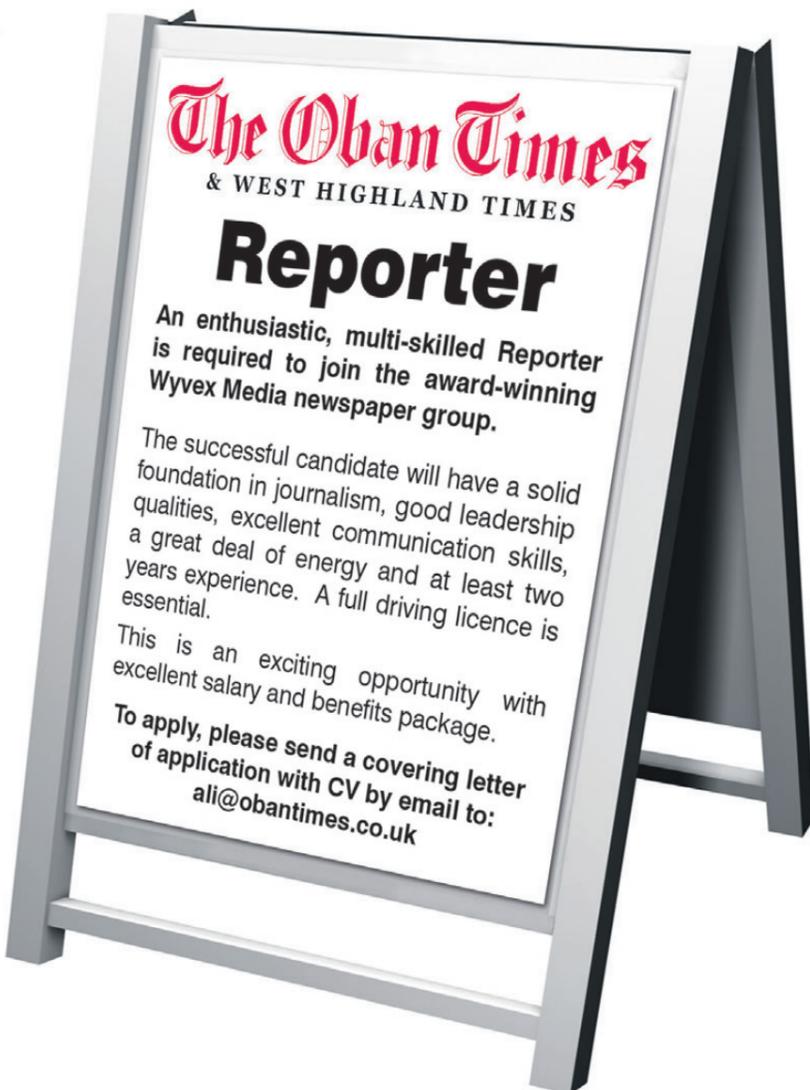
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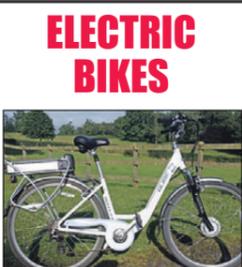
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THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful gifts and the many good wishes I received on my recent retiral from 40 years of nursing. A massive thank you to all who made my party a fabulous night, especially to ELVIS, who definitely was in the building! Thanks also to Maryann and staff at the Royal Hotel for excellent hospitality and to Louise for arranging all the surprises. Thank you all very much.

Hilary.



Happy 60th Angela

From Kenny, Kerr and all your friends.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE sail from Oban to Craignure was glorious. Up on deck the sun had warmth in its rays.

We were heading for Mull where I was to have the privilege of leading worship at Tobermory and Dervaig.

The people were warm and welcoming and the churches enchanting.

Ishbel, the session clerk at Tobermory met us on Saturday to make sure everything was in order.

Over a cup of coffee stories evolved and friendship developed.

Ishbel told the story of how she came to be on Mull because her father grew turnips.

I thought the connection must be tenuous, but Ishbel explained that her father gave her a turnip which was wrapped in a newspaper with an advert in it.

When Ishbel got home she saw this advert for a teacher on Mull.

She responded, got the job and the rest, as they say, is history.

She also told the story of their minister, a man of great experience, but new to Mull.

Keen to get to know his people and identify their skills and talents, he carried a notebook.

Into this he jotted simple notes to aid his memory.

He needed to find the connection that would link him to the right person.

He wanted to call people by their name and not get it wrong because our name is important to us.

So he wrote things in his notebook, like - 'Margaret who makes wonderful scones'.

His notebook must be full of fascinating facts as he visits his folk in the far flung parts of Mull.

I wonder what God's notebook is like.

I wonder how he regards each one of us as he notes our talents and our potential.

The minister does not need his notebook now, for he knows his people by name.

God said, 'I have called you by your name, you are mine.'

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Missed appointments are a waste of time

ALMOST one in ten appointments at both Campbeltown's hospital and health centre were missed last month - impacting on waiting times.

238 appointments were missed by patients arranging to see practice nurses and doctors in January, eight percent of all appointments at the practice.

In Campbeltown hospital, the figure for out-patients stood at ten percent.

The trend means health staff face a balancing act in rescheduling missed appointments while meeting existing commitments - leading to longer waiting times across the board.

A spokesman for NHS Highland said: 'We understand that things crop up at very short notice and patients may not be able to make it along for their GP or hospital out-patient appointment.'

'However, if patients

are unable to attend we would remind patients to let their practice know - it will help reduce waiting times.

'It is difficult to quantify how much each missed appointment costs but the real cost is in time lost. Health professionals are extremely busy so missed appointments mean wasted time when other patients could be seen.'

'NHS Highland tries to act upon cancellations by checking other pa-

tients' availability and rearranging appointments, so it is beneficial for everyone to call your practice as soon as you know you cannot attend.'

It is estimated missed hospital appointments cost Scottish national health boards more than £200 million between 2009-2012.

Alan Baker, chairman of Campbeltown Community Council, said: 'We discussed the topic at our February meet-

ing and we were disappointed at the number of missed appointments at Campbeltown Health Centre last month.

'With an increasingly ageing population it is difficult to secure an appointment. It wastes time and makes the service inefficient.'

'We would encourage residents to phone ahead and inform the health centre of a cancellation, so others can take up a free appointment slot.'

More take the plunge to raise £1,000



Hardy souls rush to take the plunge before they have time to change their minds. c08dip01no

IT was very cold and it took a lot of courage, but it has proved very worthwhile.

Almost £1,000 was raised from the New Year 'Dip for Dosh' to raise much-needed funds for the restoration of Dalintober beach and pier.

A total of 19 hardy souls were sponsored to take the plunge. That was a almost double number for the inaugural event the previous year, and a lot more spectators also lent their support.

'We are delighted that so much money was raised,' said Jamie MacLean, chairman of the

Dalintober Beach Regeneration Group, 'and our thanks go to everyone who contributed to such a successful day. Most have already said they will be back next year.'

'We are also grateful to Campbeltown Sailing Club, which we have now affiliated with, for use of their premises after the event.'

The beach regeneration group was set up by a number of Campbeltown residents who want to see Dalintober restored to its former glory when it was a hugely popular beach with families in the summer.



Nineteen fundraisers made a splash this year to raise funds for Dalintober beach. c08dip02no

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'Peace be with you' (John 20:21).

BIRTHS

CAMPBELL - GREEN - Linzi-Anne and Graham are delighted to announce the birth of Charlie, on January 18, 2015 at The University Hospital of North Durham. A beautiful wee brother for Isla. Thanks to all involved.

MARRIAGES

CHENEY - MARTIN Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Derek to Gail, at Kilconquhar Castle, Fife. Registrar Sophia Semple conducted the ceremony on February 14, 2015. A special day.

DEATHS

DAVIES - Peacefully at his home, 4 Balliebeg, Castleton, by Lochgilphead, with his family by his side, on February 13, 2015, Robert Davies, aged 74 years, loving husband of Ivy, much loved father of Robert, Anne and Andrew, adored grandfather of Daniel and a much respected father-in-law of Gillian and David. A dear friend and former work colleague to many. A private family service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, today, February 20, 2015. Donations, in lieu of flowers, are welcome to Alzheimer Scotland.

GUIDI - Maria, RIP. Peacefully, surrounded by her family in America. Maria's family would like to invite all those who knew and loved Maria, to a Requiem Mass in St Margaret's, Lochgilphead, on Wednesday, February 25, at 11.00am, to give thanks to God for a life lived in love to the full. May her good soul rest in peace.

MACDONALD - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 16, 2015, Elizabeth Kunac Sharp (Betty), in her 72nd year, 10 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, loving wife of the late Archie MacDonald, much loved mother of Mary, Fiona, Maxine, Archie and the late Leslie, loving and much loved granny and great granny and beloved partner of Duncan McIntyre. Service will take place in The Salvation Army Citadel, on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

MCINTYRE - Peacefully, in the presence of her family, at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on February 15, 2015, Mary McKerral McIntyre, in her 108th year, formerly of 51d High Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved and loving wife of the late Angus, devoted mother of Neil, Duncan, Thomas, Maureen, Patricia and the late John, and a most loving granny, great granny and great great granny. A light dimmed but to shine brighter.

STEWART - Kenneth Stewart, died February 14, 2015, aged 87 years, 15 Mill Road, Campbeltown, formerly of Cairnbaan by Tarbert, dearly beloved husband of Doreen Moore. Funeral private.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

MCMILLAN - The family of the late Edna McMillan wishes to thank all friends and relatives for the kind expressions of sympathy extended to them on the death of Edna. Thank you to all who attended her funeral service and to Rev Philip Wallace for pastoral services. Special thanks to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair for their support, professionalism and attention to detail. The collection, in aid of the Sunshine Room, has to date raised £541.54.

IN MEMORIAM

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

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MACKAY - In loving memory of our father, father-in-law and grandfather, John, who passed away February 17, 2010. Memories are like threads of gold, They never tarnish or grow old.
- Love, Iain, Marion and family xxx.

MCKINLAY - Precious memories of Tommy, who passed away on February 22, 2010. A much loved husband, father, father-in-law, grandad and great grandad.
Fondly remembered every day.
- Morag and families x.

CHURCH NOTICES

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Saturday 21st February
Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League

Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scoulding

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 22nd February
11.15am Worship Service
Rev David Parker
11.15am Sunday School

Wednesday 25th February
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Sunday 22nd February
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Primary 1-5 : 6.30pm - 7.30pm
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Everyone very welcome

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Scottish Charity Number SCO11686

Sunday 22nd February
11.15 am Service
Creche Triple C Next Generation
Rev. P Wallace

Monday 23rd February
Guild Concert
Church Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 24th February
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
Boys' Brigade Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6pm
Junior Section 7.15pm

Thursday 26th February
Choir 7.30pm

Friday 27th February
Lunch Club
12noon New Hall

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Dunaverty still dear to golf legend's heart

Belle Robertson is delighted at being named honorary R&A member

By Jock MacVicar
Scottish Express golf correspondent

IT IS perhaps just as well that golfing legend Belle Robertson has decided against playing in the Royal and Ancient's (R&A) of St Andrews annual spring and autumn meetings.

She may be 78, but, as one of the first seven honorary female members of the once all-male club, she still holds a handicap of two at Troon.

She remains eminently capable of beating plenty of men, and off the men's tees too. However, she is adamant. 'I won't be playing in R&A competitions,' Belle told me. 'That's out of my league.'

Then with a little laugh she added, 'an ordinary monthly medal would be like a British Championship to me now'.

Mrs Robertson is, of course, unnecessarily modest, as she has always been.

Born and brought up in Eden farm in Southend, Belle learned to be a golfer on the par 63 Dunaverty course, and developed into, arguably, the greatest woman amateur golfer Scotland has produced. A British

champion in 1981, she also won the Scottish title seven times, played in nine Curtis Cups and also served twice as playing captain.

Not bad for a girl from a part of the country from where, in her early days, it took her an entire day just to reach Carlisle on the way south to a tournament.

If anybody deserves to be among the historic initial intake of seven honorary and another seven 'ordinary' female members of the R&A, it is Belle.

She deserves to have her name on the distinguished list that includes Annika Sorenstam, Dame Laura Davies, Princess Anne and the Duke of York.

'It's a fantastic honour to be in such a group of honorary women members,' she said. 'I've known since Christmas, and, because I couldn't tell anyone, it was like having all the presents around the Christmas tree and I couldn't open them!'

I have known Belle most of her life. We attended Southend Primary School roughly at the same time and joined



Belle Robertson with a Scottish sportswoman of the year award pictured with 1980 Olympic 100 metre champion Allan Wells.

Dunaverty at the same time.

Watching her career develop has been a thrill. There are not many MBEs in Southend and certainly no other R&A members.

How does she compare this historic honour against all her other achievements?

'Well, I think I would say that there's nothing to beat coming off the golf course after winning a major championship,' she responded.

'But after a week or 10 days you've forgotten. I don't think I'll forget this.'

It's just a pity Ian [her late husband] didn't live long enough to see this.'

Ian, a long-time member of the Glasgow Club, sadly passed away last year after a fairly lengthy illness.

'I didn't play much the past two years because of looking after Ian,' explained Belle. The R&A had been under pressure for many

years to scrap their all-male policy, and three of the Open venues, Muirfield, Royal St George's and Royal Troon, have still to follow the R&A's example.

However, all three clubs are looking seriously at change.

'In a way, I feel sorry for the male clubs because of the history and tradition behind them,' said Belle. 'Golf, I think, has more history and tradition than any other sport. It's

good that it's happening now, though, and maybe it's better doing it in a more respectful way rather than the Martha Burk way, shouting and screaming.'

Burk was the American feminist who, in 2008, mounted a strident campaign against Augusta National's all-male policy.

It is debatable whether that campaign led directly to Augusta finally relenting four years later. Belle is not so toler-

ant of the time it is taking for the Scottish Golf Union and the Scottish Ladies Golfing Association to be amalgamated.

'I think it was ridiculous that the men threw out the amalgamation the last time,' she said. 'Hopefully, it will go through this time. It has to.'

Belle remained loyal to Dunaverty throughout her career.

'I remember I thought I was clever when entering my first Scottish championship by putting down both Dunaverty and Machrihanish,' she said. 'But I was told in no uncertain fashion that I could have only one club. So it was Dunaverty.'

'I won't be playing competitive golf, but I do hope to play more friendly golf this year.'

'I was in Southend recently putting a plaque for Ian in Keil cemetery.'

'I also had a game at Dunaverty. I don't think you will experience finer scenery anywhere in Britain than at Dunaverty on a soft summer evening.'



Belle reckons Dunaverty has scenery to match anywhere Britain.

Late defeat

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils under-13s were rocked by a late goal on Sunday, going down 2-1 to Dumbarton Yellows in the Dunbartonshire Football Development League.

Playing on a winter-worn grass pitch at Argyle Park, Alexandria, after the luxury of the town's 3G synthetic surface over the winter months, the visitors took time to adapt and were soon pegged back by a Dumbarton goal.

The Pupils youth then equalised through Mathew Lamont's effort but their hard work was undone in the closing minutes when Dumbarton Yellows struck home the winner.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the young Pupils are scheduled to be at home to Dumbarton Riverside at the Kinloch 3G pitch.

Darts results

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association week 14 results: Southend 1 Burnside 9, Fiddlers B 5 Ailsa 5, Commercial 4 Kilbrannan C 6, Kilbrannan A v Fiddlers postponed, Kilbrannan B/Bye. Jimmy Umpherston scored 180 for Southend.

Tarbert win despite Prentice suspension

Rossvale	1
Tarbert	3
Coronation Cup first round	

TARBERT showed no sign of rustiness after running out comfortable winners in their first game for ten weeks.

The Tarbert Hotel-sponsored side were without their top scorer, player-manager James Prentice due to suspension. Defenders Craig Johnstone and Calum Elliott were also unavailable for the match played in Kirkintilloch.

Tarbert started the tie in a 3-5-2 formation with manager Prentice looking to control the midfield and this is exactly how the opening half turned out.

The Dookers dominated possession, playing some good football, and the opening goal arrived midway through the half to settle Tarbert's nerves. Lewis MacNaughton found space in midfield and played a delicate chip over the Rossvale defence for the onrushing Allan Blair who timed his run perfectly to beat the offside trap and squared the ball



Lewis MacNaughton's delicate chip paved the way for a Tarbert opener.

to Iain Johnson to finish into the bottom corner from close range.

Tarbert soon doubled their lead after another fine move. Young Andrew Guy was causing the home defence all sorts of problems with his pace, and after leaving three defenders in his wake he played in Nikki MacDougall who swiftly played the ball onto Johnson on the edge of the area. His

cross found midfielder David Ronald who took a touch before finishing well below the keeper.

Rossvale almost grabbed a lifeline right on the stroke of half time but the striker's effort hit the outside of the post and went out for a goal kick.

The second half started with Rossvale on the attack and they scored a great goal with only minutes played.

Rossvale's number seven picked the ball up from midfield and charged into space before unleashing a fine finish into the top corner. This gave the home side confidence to press for an equaliser but Tarbert held firm. The Dookers restored their two-goal advantage in 60 minutes when a fine ball through from Malcolm MacIver found Campbell at the back post and he made no mistake from six yards, firing past the keeper into the bottom corner.

Manager Prentice made two changes with the match drawing to a close with youngsters Bruce and Finn Scott making their senior debuts for the club and ac-



David Ronald scored his side's second after finishing a fine move.

quitting themselves well against tricky opponents.

Rossvale keeper made a string of fine saves

to ensure the full-time score stayed at 3-1.

The Dookers have no fixture this weekend.

Tarbert squad: Martin,

Blair, Talbot, Liddell, MacNaughton, Ronald, Johnson, MacIver, Guy, Campbell, MacDougall, Bruce, Scott, Meechan.

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Pupils relieved to make a point

Alba Thistle 2
Campbeltown Pupils 2
SAFL Premier League

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils travelled to Paisley last Saturday looking to make it four league wins in a row, but had to settle for a hard-fought draw.

On a tight and undulating grass park, both teams played the percentages and released their wide midfielders with direct balls.

After a cagey opening quarter the match sprung into life with a

penalty for the home side, as Keith Mitchell, returning at left-back from suspension, was adjudged to have fouled an Alba attacker.

The home side despatched the penalty despite a touch from stand-in keeper Lorne Robertson, admirably filling in with none of the squad's four registered goalkeepers available.

The Pupils threatened soon after when Ellis Robertson rounded the Alba keeper but his effort was cleared on its way to goal by a defender.

A ball across goal was then met by Paul Grumoli, whose last-ditch effort clipped the bar after a slight deflection and went over.

The Pupils captain soon made amends from the penalty spot, after John McCallum was taken down in the box, by sending a precise penalty into the roof of the net.

With the momentum swinging in the McFadyens-sponsored Pupils' favour the half-time whistle was an unwelcome sound.

One minute after the restart, the home side took the lead from close range at the second attempt. The Pupils almost went two goals behind, but Alba's number 12 contrived to drag his shot wide after a run into the box.

To the Pupils' great relief, a point was snatched with less than 10 minutes remaining when a curling free kick from Mitchell was met by Gary Grumoli whose header rattled the post before Fraser Wylie prodded the ball home from close range. The



Fraser Wylie scored a late goal to salvage a point for the Pupils. 08_c08pupils01

Keith Mitchell, pictured earlier in the season, returned from suspension and had a hand in the Pupils' second goal. 08_c08pupils02

Lorne Robertson filling in as goalkeeper and acquitting himself very well.

The draw means the Pupils are now unbeaten in five league matches, a considerable turnaround from a poor start to life in the top division.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the Pupils are on the road again as they travel to Alexandria to take on fellow Premier side Haldane United in the second round of the Jimmy Marshall Trophy, the SAFL's league cup.

Another stern test is expected between two sides who played out a hard-fought goalless draw in a league match in November.

Campbeltown Pupils' squad v Alba Thistle: Lorne Robertson, Liam

Renton, Paul Grumoli, Gary Grumoli, Gregor Shaun Grumoli, McFadyen, Ellis Keith Mitchell, John Robertson. Subs (all McCallum, Ryan used): Lewis McFadyen, Gilchrist, Fraser Wylie, Mark Barrett, Lee Allen.

Jackpot goes up to £300

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday. The numbers picked were 2, 7 and 20.

The next draw will take place on Sunday, March 1 with a jackpot of £300.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Muneroy Stores and Burnside Bar.

Lotto stands at £700

THERE were no winners in the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery draw held on Monday, meaning the jackpot rises to £700.

The winning numbers were 1, 3 and 6.

The next draw will be made on Monday, February 23.

Islay golf

ISLAY Golf Club winter league, played Sunday: 1 I Mac-Cuaig 35 points, 2 A Livingstone 31, 3 A MacLean 30. CSS 74.

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