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Dialysis fund reaches £100,000

THE KINTYRE Dialysis Campaign committee this week agreed to hand over a further £25,000 towards establishing a dialysis unit in Campbeltown Hospital.

It also revealed that the campaign's fund had hit £100,000 - largely thanks to the incredible efforts of Kintyre residents.

The latest cash injection means the Kidney Dialysis Endowment Fund held at Campbeltown Hospital will have received £75,000 so far from the campaign.

Its chairman Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'We will go on working to raise money to ensure that the unit is set up as soon as possible to end the thrice-weekly journeys to Alexandria for Kintyre's dialysis patients.'

'The committee is also reassured by a letter from Maureen Watt, minister for public health, that Argyll and Bute's Community Health Partnership has agreed to meet any shortfall in the capital costs of establishing the unit.'

NHS Highland hopes to have the Campbeltown unit opened by summer.

Wait nearly over



Widow Twankey and team thrill Tarbert

Widow Twankey, right, and Abanazar are pictured in Clachan Calamities' fun production of Aladdin in Tarbert Village Hall last Saturday which marked the drama group's 25th anniversary. See full story and more pictures on page 5.

Scanning services should end long journeys for pregnant mums

THE DAYS of expectant mums in Kintyre and Islay having to journey to and from Glasgow for their 12 and 20-week scans are numbered.

Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP) revealed this week that funding to develop scanning services locally in Argyll and Bute.

The new services will take around 18 months to be introduced. Three midwives will have to undergo a year's post graduate training before carrying out local obstetric scanning services.

Last November, the Courier highlighted the huge inconvenience and strain on Kintyre mothers having to travel to Glasgow for scans.

A NHS Highland

spokesman confirmed this week that three midwives fully trained 'would meet the demand required to provide the scanning service in Campbeltown, Islay, Lochgilphead, Oban, Mull, Rothesay and Dunoon'.

He added: 'If we had too many midwives carrying out scanning, the number of scans they would carry out individually would be very low and they would not be able to keep their skills and knowledge levels up to date. That could be detrimental to the service.'

Mary Galbraith, the Labour general election candidate, who has been campaigning for local maternity scanning, questioned the limited number of midwives to be trained.

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Kintyre's tourism attractions promoted



New choir group Singing Sensations meets every Monday and has several performances lined up for the summer. 08_c08singing01

Sensational start for new community choir

NEW community choir Singing Sensations was right on-song at its weekly rehearsal in Campbeltown last Monday. Practising every Monday at the town's community centre between 7.30pm-9pm, the choir was part of the Campbeltown Christmas Weekend, singing in front of

a huge crowd outside Campbeltown Town Hall. Singing Sensations is working towards a concert in June involving another two choirs, and Paula McLean, conductor, said: 'As well as a June concert we are also singing at the unveiling of the Antony Gormley statue at Sad-

dell Bay in May. 'No music reading skills or previous experience are required to join; anyone can come along, have a listen and see what they think. 'We are here for anyone who wants to get involved in singing in the area.'

KINTYRE was being promoted yesterday (Thursday) to around 260 buyers from 40 countries at VisitBritain's inaugural Explore GB event in Ascot.

Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative's (AITC) development manager Carron Tobin led the promotion work. Explore GB is the first event on a busy few weeks for AITC.

Next week it will join tourism colleagues to attend the Scottish Tourism Alliance's national conference in Glasgow before heading to the NEC in Birmingham to exhibit at Best of Britain and Ireland on March 11 and 12.

The following week the fourth AITC summit will be held at Ardgartan Hotel, and then the team will be back on the road to Aberdeen for VisitScotland Expo on April 22 and 23.

An AITC spokeswoman said: 'This year, 2015, is Scotland's Year of Food and Drink, and there's no better time to sample Argyll and the isles' delights.

'The region boasts world famous seafood and game and is proud to have 14 globally recognised distilleries along its coastline. 'With a wealth of natural attractions as well, it's no wonder that the

area is rapidly cementing its status as one of the UK's most exciting tourism destinations.

'AITC has already achieved much since its 2012 inception, and is constantly coming up with new schemes designed to ensure that as many people as possible experience what Argyll and the isles have to offer and have a wonderful time here.

'Recent initiatives include appointing seven development agents to work with local marketing groups and tourist associations in a bid to strengthen the region's reputation as a tourism hot-spot.

'AITC has also established a Wild about Argyll mentoring scheme, designed to help businesses make the most of the wild and wonderful area in which they

operate. The scheme is targeted at wildlife and adventure tourism, both huge growth areas across the UK and which Argyll and the Isles is uniquely placed to tap into.'

Gavin Dick, AITC chairman, said: 'We boast some of the UK's most breathtaking scenery and wildlife, which together offer the perfect platform for all sorts of outdoor activities.

'We, of course, also have countless other attractions and reasons to come and stay.

'Whether visitors are looking for castles, beaches, mountains, distilleries, islands, walking, adventure, locally-sourced food, scenery, golf, history or any one of countless other attractions - Argyll and the isles has it all.'



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Wait for scanning nearly over

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She told the Courier: 'I can only give a cautious welcome to this announcement in response to our campaign.

'Which four places will not have local trained personnel on-site, and how can services be assured with such a small team for the whole area?

'Is it really enough to allow for holiday cover and illness and the travel involved between locations? There are too many unanswered questions. I'll be writing to the health board and the health minister Shona Robison asking for responses.'

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid welcomed the announcement but also said there were 'unanswered questions'.

He said: 'I have asked the health board to explain what services will be provided and at which hospitals.

'It is now more than a year since the NHS withdrew these vital services and forced expectant mothers to travel to Glasgow for their scans and 11 months since I first wrote to the health board about it.'

Pat Tyrrell, CHP lead nurse, said: 'This new service is excellent news for women and their families and will significantly reduce

the number of journeys women will have to make to hospitals in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

'We used to carry out scanning in Argyll and Bute to confirm pregnancies and additional scans were sometimes provided if consultants and radiographers were available.

'The service was extremely inconsistent and we have never been in a position to provide as a matter of routine the two main antenatal scans women receive elsewhere in Scotland.

'A recent review of the service also recommended we stop providing any antenatal

scans by midwives until we could meet the national requirements for this service.

'It is anticipated that we will be able to fully implement the new service from the autumn of 2016.

'We are keen to involve local women in the project team and we are also hoping to establish maternity service users groups across Argyll and Bute to work with us in the development of the new services.

'If anyone would like to become involved they should contact Caroline Cecil, our public involvement manager, on 01546-605680 or email her at Caroline.Cecil@nhs.net'

Bad weather warning

POLICE are advising drivers in Kintyre against non-essential travel while the area braces itself for more wintry weather. Snow covered areas of north Argyll including the Rest and Be Thankful last weekend, making journeys slow and often treacherous for drivers.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: 'Drivers should find out about road conditions from Transport Scotland before making any journeys.'

'We would advise drivers to think carefully about non-essential travel through weather-affected areas.'

Double arrest

TWO WOMEN aged 29 and 22 were arrested at a flat in Campbeltown town centre last Thursday, in connection with a disturbance the previous day.

The pair were reported to the procurator fiscal.

Bail breached

A 60-YEAR-old man was arrested in Campbeltown town centre last Thursday evening for breaching his bail conditions.

The man was held in custody overnight and appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Friday.

Black Ford car vandalised

POLICE in Campbeltown are looking for information after a black Ford car was vandalised between 7am and 4.45pm last Wednesday, at Snipefield Industrial Estate, Campbeltown.

Anyone with information is advised to contact Campbeltown police office on 862200.



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Efric combines art with history

She becomes renowned club's first female president in 148 years

CAMPBELTOWN woman Efric McNeil has made history by becoming the renowned Glasgow Art Club's first female president.

Ms McNeil, who went to school in Campbeltown before training in Glasgow as a chartered accountant, was delighted to be given the prestigious title at the club's AGM - becoming the first woman to occupy the post in the club's 148-year history.

Ms McNeil said: 'It is a huge honour to become the club's first female president. In taking up the role I am following in the footsteps of some wonderful people.'

'Friends I have not heard from for a while have been getting in touch to congratulate me, which is very kind.'

Visiting the club - which has boasted many well-known painters as members - with her late husband in the 1970s she was only allowed in as a guest, as women were not granted membership status until 1984.

by **JOHN McCALLUM**
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Ms McNeil is excited about what her new role will bring, having had an early taste of a president's duties.

She added: 'I completed my first official duty by presenting prizes in a Glasgow school, and am looking forward to helping organise exhibitions and activities, assisting in the smooth running of the club and making it a pleasant place to be.'

Passion

'I have always had a real passion for the arts and in the preservation of buildings, both in Glasgow and Campbeltown.'

'I have done some work for the Campbeltown Picture House and am always amazed at the richness of the architecture in Campbeltown for such a small place - it has nine A-listed buildings which is incredible.'

Ms McNeil runs

an accountancy firm Dunlop and Co with her daughter, also Efric, with an office in Glasgow and fortnightly visits to Campbeltown, where they work from home serving groups and businesses across Kintyre.

Her family ran K Martin book seller on Campbeltown's Main Street until it sadly closed in 2012.

She explained: 'The bookshop opened in 1904 and my grandmother Katherine Johnston ran it, as did my mother Efric Wotherspoon until almost the end of her life.'

'After I took it over, initially with my late brother, it became increasingly difficult to compete with online sales and larger retailers, as well as devoting enough time with my accountancy business to look after.'



Efric McNeil from Campbeltown is the first female president of the prestigious Glasgow Art Club.

Free school lunches work a treat

PROVIDING tasty, nutritious food for primary school pupils in Argyll has been put firmly on the menu by council bosses.

Almost eight out of ten primary 1-3 pupils in Argyll - 77 percent in fact - are benefiting from a free school meal scheme by Argyll and Bute Council, which provides a school meal service for 1,700 children every lunchtime.

Councillor Aileen Morton, council policy lead for education and lifelong learning, said: 'It is well-known that children are likely to concentrate better in the afternoon after eating healthy lunches

at school, as well as improving their general health and allowing them to taste a range of foods and make informed choices on their diets.'

'Providing a hot meal to children who may not have had one previously, for a variety of reasons, promotes healthy eating in early

years, and underpins the council's commitment to ensuring every pupil has the best educational opportunities available.'

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Restoring the splendour of Glenbarr Abbey

GLENBARR Abbey is set for a big year ahead as its renovation gathers pace, with the eventual hope of again becoming a big tourist attraction.

Jeanne Macalister, one of the historic house's trustees and part of the Clan Macalister Charitable Trust which has managed the building since 1986, says it is hoping to build on the Kintyre community's strong support for its two open days held last December.

She said: 'The trust's priority for Glenbarr Abbey is to get essential repairs underway, externally and internally.'

'A key building is the abbey's old laundry room, currently separate from the house, but if it was renovated and attached to the main building it could be a brilliant multi-purpose space, fit for events such as business conferences and training days.'

'As well as the spacious buildings, there are 26



The historic Glenbarr Abbey's trustees are looking to restore it and upgrade it and attract more visitors. 08_c08abbey01

acres of land we hope to use for business and leisure activities.'

Work has already started at the abbey.

Mrs Macalister said: 'There has been rewiring

and heating work done, as well as the use of dehumidifiers to protect artefacts around the house.'

'The work came about through grants from

West Kintyre Wind Farm Trust and we are very grateful to it.'

The Clan Macalister Charitable Trust is also preparing funding bids to the Heritage Lottery Fund, Architectural Heritage Fund and Historic Scotland.

Meanwhile, the trust plans to make the house a prized visitor attraction for Kintyre, and is keen to maximise visitor numbers by giving people what they want.

Jeanne added: 'With so much vacant land there is huge untapped potential for all sorts of activities.'

'We conducted a local survey recently and found most people

want to see outdoor and family activities. In turn, we want to cater for what people actually want, and open five days per week during the busy season.'

'Ultimately, the goal is to achieve full museum accreditation, making it the only one of its kind in Kintyre and therefore a truly unique attraction.'

'We are cataloguing artefacts around the house as part of a future application for museum status. This house once attracted 5,000 visitors per year and we are determined to see tourist numbers rise again, with a house and grounds which impress visitors from across Kintyre and beyond.'

New planes take off on essential air route

CAMPBELTOWN airport will be served by two new planes from this summer.

The Twin Otter aircraft, manufactured by Canadian firm Viking Air Limited, are of the same model that serves the route run by Scottish carrier Loganair.

They will be tested in May before serving the Glasgow to Campbeltown route.

The announcement was made by Transport Scotland, which met with Campbeltown Community Council and representatives from other community councils in the area.

A Transport Scotland spokesman said: 'The Scottish government's two new aircraft are due to come into service this summer, meaning our public service obligation (PSO) routes to Campbeltown, as well as the islands of Barra and Tiree, will continue as reliable and attractive travelling options.'

'Rural flights transport people, goods and

services and play a crucial role in boosting tourism.'

'Purchasing our own aircraft also encourages more competition when the contract for operating the PSO routes comes up for renewal in June.'

'We are looking at ways to enhance these services and are engaging with passengers, local businesses and other interested parties to look at potential improvements.'

A community council spokesman said: 'This is further good news for Campbeltown, ensuring a reliable air link between Kintyre and the Central Belt.'

'Furthermore, with the running of the route going to tender we await the result in June and hope to see a revised timetable with an earlier morning flight and a later evening service. This would suit business people, hospital patients and other travellers on same-day returns.'



A Twin Otter aircraft at Campbeltown Airport. Two new planes will serve the Campbeltown-Glasgow route from this summer.

Isla and Jack top names league

THE TWO most popular names in Argyll and Bute over the past year were Isla and Jack.

Some of the other top names for girls were Sophie, Ava, Lucy, Amber and Amelia as well as Grace, Lola, Olivia and Sophia.

Popular names for boys included Alexander, James, Jamie and Harris, along with Ethan, Andrew, Charlie, Hamish and Kyle.

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St Valentine's Day fun at care home

RESIDENTS at HC-One Kintyre Care Home in Campbeltown celebrated Valentine's Day with their loved ones with a range of fun activities including a delicious banquet laid on by the home's kitchen staff.

The dining area was decorated for the occasion with hearts and flowers as well as the cards that residents received from their

relatives. Highlight of the day was the special Valentine's raffle with prizes of heart-shaped chocolates and hampers.

An afternoon tea dance featured specially prepared Valentine's themed nibbles.

Annette Denson, HC-One Kintyre Care Home manager, said: 'The Valentine's Day party at Kintyre was great fun. Residents

and staff did a lot of preparation, from making decorations and cards to the delicious food and it really paid off. The atmosphere was great.'

Paula Keys, HC-One managing director, said: 'We aim to provide the kindest care and ensuring residents experience memorable days such as this one is a vital part of that.'

Enthusiasm and team spirit sees drama group thrive



The Empress in Clachan Calamities' production of Aladdin.

CLACHAN Calamities wowed the crowds at Tarbert Village Hall last Saturday with its performance of Aladdin, which enchanted young and old alike.

The colourful costumes, spectacular sound effects and even Scary Olaf had children shouting out with delight from the audience. There was plenty of adult humour to keep older folk amused too - especially from Tarbert's own Margaret Henderson and new recruit David Stuart.

Clachan Calamities was pleased to announce that this is its 25th anniversary, and the group has grown from strength

to strength.

At the end of the performance, Peter Simson, the original director of the group from 25 years ago, presented Lesley Kean, current director, with a beautiful bunch of flowers to mark the occasion.

He also thanked everyone involved in the production, from Karen Beauchamp of Whitehouse Studios, who painted the eye-catching backdrops, to Marion Campbell, who makes the best tea and refreshments, which kept all of the cast going during long winter rehearsals.

Lori Silvan, who played the Slave of the ring, said: 'Clachan Ca-



Wishee and Widow Twankey.

lamities does more than entertain people.

'It teaches people acting skills, and develops their confidence.

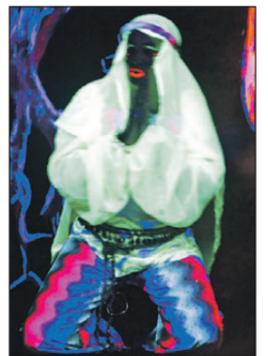
'The thing that you notice most about them is their team spirit and contagious enthusiasm.

'Clachan Calamities is more than just a pantomime group. Everyone supports each other and

encourages each other, and everyone is valued.'

Lesley Kean, another member, added: 'Those who play together, stay together.'

Clachan Calamities may already have recruited new members for next year and is already looking forward to next year's production.



The Cave scene from the Tarbert show.

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Happy news

IT IS a pity about the pregnant pause of 18 months, but it good news nonetheless that Kintyre and Islay can look forward to maternity scanning services being introduced locally. It will bring an end to the troublesome and tiring round trips to Glasgow or Paisley for mums-to-bes' 12 and 20 week scans.

When the Courier last highlighted this issue back in November at the behest of campaigning parliamentary candidate Mary Galbraith, one Campbeltown mother described her appointments in Paisley for scans as 'hugely inconvenient', with journeys detracting from what was meant to be a happy and joyful experience by leaving her highly uncomfortable and sore.

It is a situation not dissimilar to that involving seriously-ill Kintyre kidney patients required to undergo the exhausting journey to and from Glasgow - thrice weekly in their cases - for dialysis treatment. Fortunately, something is being done about that as well - and not too soon either.

If we hold on to, or gain, key services like those generally available elsewhere on the NHS, then we have a chance of halting and even reversing the area's population decline.

CONGRATULATIONS to young Cameron Campbell on his podium finish in the Scottish cross country championships on Sunday. He is fortunate to have parents willing to travel to give him a chance to compete against the best.

There are others, too, taxi-ing their talented sons and daughters up and down the A83 to the central belt to help them chase their sporting, musical or career dreams. Parents who perhaps appreciate it is a short life and you have got to give it your best shot.

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SNP's snoopers' charter must be stopped

Sir,
Who would have believed that the SNP government here in Scotland is trying to bring into being a snoopers' charter.

We know they are both centralist and controlling demonstrated by the creation of Police Scotland, the named person's role in the welfare of children to start even before birth, and the threat to our locally-elected councils of cuts in funding if they do not reach teacher targets.

If all of that was not bad enough and alarming, without passing a law but by just adjusting regulations they will be able to use computers to control society. This is to be achieved with no public debate but by function creep behind government doors.

Many Scottish citizens have applied for and been issued with travel passes which on renewal became Scottish National Entitlement Cards each with an allocated unique traceable reference number (UTRN). Indeed I have been asked to show mine at a theatre to prove that I was a pensioner.

It is now proposed to amend the NHS central register into a full-scale population register database accessible to all 120 Scottish authorities. This central register will contain our health records as well as other personal data.

Each of us will appear on this register without any public debate, regard to our right to privacy, data protection laws and with no personal agreement.

This proposal is in all but name ID cards - a Labour concept that the Lib Dems stopped being brought into law in 2010 by forcing the Tories to drop it. SNP MPs voted against ID cards in Whitehall. So why in Scotland is the SNP attempting to introduce a Scottish ID card by these devious means and snoop into our family and private lives? This snoopers' charter must be exposed, debated and stopped right now.

Ursula Craig
Cove.

We now see through Westminster rules

Sir,
I received with my mail delivery yesterday, a Conservative party pre-election piece of mail.

I had a glance and a statement jumped out: 'capping welfare so our economy delivers for people who want to work hard and play by the rules'.

The great thing about last year's referendum is that millions of people in Scotland have awakened to the truth and via social media, and release of information, we can debate and have our voices heard. On the subject of 'playing by the rules', that covers electioneering behaviour in the final week of a referendum or election. Last September's behaviour by the 'three amigos' was disgraceful.

The stepping on the toes of democracy by some employers with threats about jobs and the targeting of the vulnerable with fear tactics will not be forgotten.

I'm assuming that the Tory candidate has not encountered illness or caring roles, affecting his ability to work. It's very 'I'm all right Jack-ish'.

Regarding 'playing by the rules', I noted there was no mention of the failure of the Westminster government to tackle the serious issue of tax evasion and avoidance, which is thought to be well in excess of 10 times that of any benefit fraud, and amounting to billions more pounds.

Of course that's the propaganda he'd like us to believe.

I could mention many other issues, eg Westminster paeodophile ring, the scandal of zero-hour contracts and low pay, and the billions of oil revenue that the Thatcher government squandered, to name a few.

I would like to leave room for other letters. I've been heartened by the positive proactive voices that I've been hearing, and believe Scotland will become a better, more equal country.

Anne Devlin
Campbeltown.

Confused? Only SNP will stick up for Scotland

Sir,
It must be devastating for Argyll and Bute Labour candidate Mary Galbraith to discover that significant opinion in the Labour Party is urging Labour voters in Argyll and Bute to vote against her and vote for the Tory.

This was done for instance on February 22 by Robert James McNeill, vice chairman of the East Lothian Constituency Labour Party

and chair of the Tranent Local Labour Party. He's also a member of the Scottish Labour Party Policy Forum, which develops the Scottish Labour manifesto.

He includes in his suggestion a large number of seats in which Labour supporters should vote Tory against their own candidate and others in which they should also vote against Labour and vote LibDem. This is panic.

Labour says vote SNP and you will get a Tory government. Tory says vote SNP and you will get a Labour government. LibDem says it will support Labour or support Tory, depending on who it is talking to at any point.

But everybody else says vote LibDem if you want to waste your vote. Confusion abounds. What is certain is that if Scotland votes SNP, as it appears likely to do, Scotland will get a powerful Scottish voice that will go to London with only one aim - to stick up for Scotland.

Dave McEwan Hill,
Sandbank.

SNP comes at a price

Sir,
With the Tories having admitted that they cannot win Argyll and Bute, May's election here is a contest between the Lib Dems and the SNP.

The SNP's Mr Wilson in his letter last week complains about the UK government's spending cuts. These were necessary to reduce the budget deficit.

You can't keep borrowing forever. The extra 500 jobs created in Argyll and Bute over the past year show the success of the UK coalition

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Government's policy. In contrast, the SNP wants us to elect an SNP MP to go to Westminster and demand that Scotland's budget be cut drastically. This is because it wants to replace the generous Barnett Formula with disappearing oil revenues. That would leave a multi-billion pound hole in Scotland's budget.

Mr Williams wonders if my campaign to reduce whisky duty by two percent has been successful. We'll have to wait for the Budget to find out.

I am also campaigning for the UK spaceport to come to Machrihanish, something of course that won't happen if the SNP takes us out of the UK.

Alan Reid MP
Argyll and Bute.

Competition thanks

Sir,
On behalf of the Dunaverty Hall committee I would like to thank everyone who supported the Southend Photo Competition.

Firstly, thanks to all the entrants. With more than 110 entries, 12 of which were from juniors, we were delighted to receive so many great pictures of Southend through the seasons.

Thanks to everyone who voted at the judging event in St Blaas's Hall on February 8.

I know it was hard to decide, not only because there were so many entries but also because of the high standard of photos on show. Next year we will have four categories - sky, sea, seasons and nature - to help make the voting a little easier.

Finally I would like to thank the Campbeltown Courier. After two great articles, entries began pouring in, helping us raise much-needed funds.

These will go towards the construction of the new Dunaverty Hall, now well underway, with completion scheduled for this summer. We will also be raising funds by producing a 2016 calendar, with entries which capture the changing seasons in Southend, which we hope will also prove popular.

Christine Jardine
Southend.

Reid's 'unceasing hard work' to be re-elected

Sir,
'The sun came up this morning thanks to the unceasing hard work of coalition MP Alan Reid'.

A story I expect to see in the near future in the Courier, judging by recent efforts - accompanied by a photograph of course.

Mr Reid plants a question in the House of Commons enabling his coalition colleague to make a statement and is credited with saving the dairy industry single-handedly - photographed with some cows.

I assume his office provides the Courier with the copy. Does it also supply the headline 'Reid wins backing...'? He 'renews' a call to see Machrihanish chosen as a launchpad for space travel, in a photograph flanked by two people.

Times must be hard when he has to recycle non-stories just to appear.

I suppose, though,

opinion

EMAIL TWITTER
FACEBOOK LETTER

his campaign will need a boost to achieve lift off, so the link is appropriate.

All this and the, by now, standard two letters from supporters emphasising that he is a Liberal Democrat MP with an outstanding attendance record as coalition lobby fodder.

Moreover he is not 'London obsessed' in spite of his 'outstanding' 86.3 per cent attendance at Westminster. He must be miffed that his coalition colleague, Alastair Redman, had a letter in the paper jumping on his dairy bandwagon.

We are all genuinely concerned at the impact of cut-throat and immoral business methods on our local dairy farmers but that is precisely the ethos encouraged and maintained by this appalling coalition government, of which Reid is a member.

Tony Williams
Muasdale.

Families shackled by poverty

Sir,
Being able to cover the costs of heating our homes through the colder weather is something many of us take for granted. Sadly though, there are now more than a million families in the UK for whom this is simply not possible, facing a daily battle to keep their homes warm and put food on the table.

As a charity supporting people experiencing financial hardship, we are hearing from growing numbers faced with this desperate choice.

More than three-quarters of low income families told us they struggled to pay their energy bills in the past year.

We have heard about the everyday reality behind this statistic, with parents up and down the country sharing their struggles. Many tell us of the burden of meeting these costs: 'I feel

sick with worry all winter at how much the bills will be' and the impact on their families' health: 'Our cold and damp home is making us ill.'

It is having a negative effect on their wellbeing - as one parent reports: 'We have cut back on food and just cannot afford to go out.'

The campaign is being supported by a number of like-minded organisations, and we will work together this winter and beyond to tackle this issue so that no one has to endure the effects of cold homes.

These distressing stories show us that more needs to be done to help families find the urgent support they need. That is why we have been running our Cut out the Cold campaign, encouraging anyone who is struggling to use our free tools to see what financial help could be available, by visiting www.turn2us.org.uk

Alison Taylor
director of operations
Turn2us

Cost of being in the EU

Sir,
As the election grows nearer, people are now starting to think more about how our nation is managed generally and how it affects us all, personally.

Prof Timothy Congdon has done a full and comprehensive in-depth study on the cost of belonging to the EU and it may surprise many of your readers to learn that for the pleasure of belonging to this very restrictive club - which has an unelected committee to run it - costs us all an eye-watering £185 billion per year.

This works out at around £8,000 per household, per year.

Had we not joined, we would have no national debt.

Readers should bear this in mind when voting.

Rex Poulton
Wilton
Salisbury.

LAST week's Courier told how Campbeltown Community Council was calling for an end to 'invasive' hand luggage searches at the town's airport. Here are views from our Facebook page:
Steve Tachauer: Agreed.

I was staggered at the level of security when I saw someone off there recently. This is a short shuttle flight to Glasgow not an inter-continental journey.
Christine C Alexander: Very invasive, I had packed my suitcase perfectly and after the security check it was upside down etc. Had to repack in the presence of everyone and I mean everyone.
Rosie Swift: It's put me off the wee plane.
James Maclean: Time it stopped.

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Pure gold as McCallum wins another piping title

CAMPBELTOWN'S piping champion Willie McCallum has won a solo gold medal in an American competition. He added two more prizes to his vast collection last Saturday at the Metro Cup solo piping event - an annual contest held in the Ramada Plaza hotel in New York Newark airport.

The 53 year old, now based in Glasgow, won first prize in the piobaireachd and a second in the medley

event, pipping another Scot, Callum Beaumont from Bo'Ness, to the piobaireachd prize.

The competition, organised by the New York branch of the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association, saw prizes of up to \$1,000 - around £650 - awarded to the winners.

Mr McCallum, above, who has won the Glenfiddich world championship eight times, received a gold medal worth £1,100 for winning the overall title.

Choir on song for church funds

A LADIES' choir based near Oban is venturing out on tour next month to Campbeltown's Kirk Street hall.

The prize-winning choir is conducted by former Campbeltonian Janet Fergusson (nee Martin), who herself is a renowned solo singer. Janet is working with Campbeltown Grammar

pupils and some of them will also be performing solos at the concert, on March 14 at 7.30pm, in aid of Highland Parish Church funds.

Janet, now of Benderloch, said: 'We decided to have a wee trip away after the long winter and I suggested Campbeltown.

'I first began to sing

with the Highland Parish Church Youth Choir, under Jean Gillies, so it seemed appropriate to sing in aid of the church.'

Meet

The Sequence choir is made up of between 20-25 women, who meet on a Wednesday evening in Connel and sing everything from

traditional Scots songs, like Glenlyon Lament and Dashing White Sergeant to modern classics like Last Blue Rose by Vicki Tucker Courtney and Flying Free by Don Besig, to upbeat numbers such as Chattanooga Choo Choo and Lollipop.

The choir has been going since 2010

and has competed at the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival in Oban, Glasgow Music Festival and the Mid Argyll Music Festival, as well as taking part in many concerts and providing a smaller number of singers for special occasions such as weddings.

Castlehill youngsters step up for new iPads

CASTLEHILL Primary pupils put on their dancing shoes to raise funds for new iPads.

Primary 1-7 joined forces to stage a danceathon, with each year group taking part in their own 20-minute routine in an event organised by the Castlehill PTA and made possible by Morgan Irwin, a sixth-year student at Campbeltown Grammar.

Catherine McLean, a supply teacher who donned her workout gear to help pupils with the routines, said: 'The boys and girls really enjoyed dancing.'

'Last year we raised more than £1,200 which was brilliant.



Instructor Morgan Irwin and Castlehill's primary 5 pupils jump to raise money for new iPads. 20_07dance01

'The pupils have been taking sponsor sheets home again this year, so we are hoping to raise another impressive

amount to help secure more iPads - they can be a great educational tool.'

Morgan, who delivers dance workshops in

some of the other primary schools and at Campbeltown Grammar, and is a member of Footnotes,

said: 'Dancing all day was actually quite hard work but everyone really enjoyed it. It was a lot of fun.'

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Magic moments at Kintyre Drama Festival

CAMPBELTOWN drama group Accent Players lifted a host of prizes at the 66th Kintyre Drama Festival.

A two-day theatre extravaganza saw six drama groups from across Kintyre and Mid Argyll taking part.

Wednesday's final act, Accent Players, received huge appreciation from the crowd and adjudicator Russell Boyce, for its black comedy *That Old Black Magic* - about the risible attempts of a magician's wife and his assistant to keep a show going in his absence.

The club was awarded four prizes, including best theatrical moment and the Rex Trophy for best overall prize, meaning it will perform on March 27-29 at the West of Scotland final in Kilmarnock.

Kenny Johnson,



Accent Players were the overall winners and will go to the western final in Kilmarnock. 20_c09drama05

director, said: 'It was a great night and made all the hard work over the winter worth it.'

'We have been practising three times a week and it is hard

work. The smaller cast this year puts even more pressure on the actors.'

The previous evening, Tarbert Academy 'B' - the senior of the two groups - presented its

poignant and sometimes harrowing story of children in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1942, at the height of the German occupation, winning it first place in the youth category.

Its younger counterparts, Tarbert Academy 'A', dealt extremely well with similarly tough subject matter, recreating a 'post-Chernobyl' Ukrainian playground in the early 1990s.

Susan Connor, director for both groups, said: 'I am delighted with the two performances.'

'For many pupils it was their first performance but they have been working very hard after

school and the final result was great.

'Not bad considering we rehearse in a classroom.'

Kintyre Drama Festival results: Best Comedy Moment - Janette Hannah (Peninver Players - *Last Tango Roon* the Learside); Best Theatrical Moment - The magic show by Accent Players, *That Old Black Magic*; Best Stage Presentation - Accent Players, *That Old Black Magic*; Best Production - Accent Players, *That Old Black Magic*; Overall prize - 1 Accent Players, 2 Peninver Players, 3 Lochgilphead Drama Club.



Mark McKinnon, left, Ruben Adair, Ben Holden and Stuart Gillies helped out as stage hands on the night. 20_c09drama03



Accent Players pictured backstage before their performing *That Old Black Magic*. 20_c09drama02



Lochgilphead Drama Club's main character and director, Ruth Morrison and husband Jim, won third prize overall with the one act comedy-thriller *The Play Reading*. 20_c09drama04

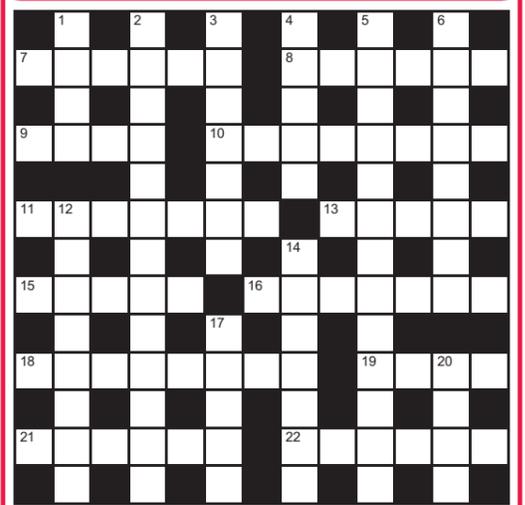


Peninver Players' Janette Hannah, left, who won best comedy moment, and director Anne Leith show off their prize for finishing second overall. 20_c09drama06



Tarbert Academy 'A' played Ukrainian school-children in *Fireflies*. 20_c09drama01

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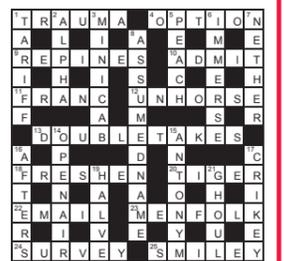
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- 13 Substantial (5)
- 15 Direction (5)
- 16 Swiss cheese (7)
- 18 Abstruse (8)
- 19 Aerial maneuver (4)
- 21 American railroad signal (6)
- 22 Wolf-like (6)

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- 1 Aria (4)
- 2 Current subject of gossip (4,2,3,4)
- 3 In a proficient manner (7)
- 4 Midsection (5)
- 5 Once on, it's downhill all the way (8,5)
- 6 One who tries to do better (8)
- 12 Circular motion made by one descending from the air (8)
- 14 Small thorn (7)
- 17 Grounds (5)
- 20 Grunt from a sty (4)

Last week's solution



TAYINLOAN

Ladies RNLI bowled over by support

WEST Kintyre ladies RNLI held its three-day carpet bowls pairs competition in Tayinloan Village Hall last Wednesday to Friday.

The winners were Archie and Agnes Weir and the runners-up were Margaret Sinclair and Jessie McDougall.

The group would like to thank all those who supported the event.

PORT ELLEN

A PLANNING application to convert a house into a backpacker's hostel at The Manse, Port Ellen, Islay has been made to Argyll and Bute Council.



Kayleigh Hill before the birth of Callie, with husband Graham Hill their son Connor, 9, and daughter Kaiyah Hill, 6.

Hopes for bigger homes in Tarbert

BUILDING larger social housing for Tarbert could become a greater priority, Argyll and Bute councillor John McAlpine has revealed.

He told the Courier this week that much-needed new, three and four-bedroom homes could happen sooner than planned.

Building in the village was in the council's strategic housing investment plan (SHIP) for 2018.

However, Councillor McAlpine said he believed a need had been established for Tarbert, and was 'confident' it could be made a high priority for the SHIP next year.

More homes

Early discussions are under way with social housing providers to build more homes which would require funding assistance from Argyll and Bute Council.

Last October, Councillor McAlpine organised and chaired a meeting in the village hall to establish the need for social housing with three and four bedrooms in Tarbert.

It was discovered that

at least 12 families badly needed more room.

Councillor Anne Horn is also pushing for larger homes to be built.

'I would like to see Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) or Fyne Homes invest in plans for bigger houses,' she said.

Her appeal comes on the back of the one and two-bedroom flats being built and allocated in Oakfield, Tarbert.

Disrupt

Families facing overcrowding have been told they cannot be guaranteed a move within the village to a bigger home, which could potentially disrupt some of the children's education.

Kayleigh Hill is mum to three children under 10 years old. She and husband Graham are seeking a four-bedroom ground floor home to be built as their six-year-old daughter Kaiyah has a lung condition which means she needs round the clock medical care at home and should avoid stairs.

Kayleigh said: 'People are still on the housing list after 15 years. I believe there are four-

bedroom options in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead, but our family is settled here.'

Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of ACHA, said: 'We may have an opportunity to develop further housing in Oakhill on the site next to where we have just built. This site is on our reserve list for development opportunities and could provide a further eight units.'

There are no plans for the housing association to build there for now, but Mr MacGregor said that it would be reconsidered if funding became available.

Analysis

A spokeswoman for Fyne Homes said: 'We are carrying out an analysis of housing applications in the area to see if there is a demonstrated need.'

'If that is the case, that information would be fed back to the council which would consider it for its strategic housing investment plan.'

'A few sites have been identified in the area, though no detailed analysis has been carried out on their suitability.'

LARGIESIDE

Quiz night an unquestionable success

MEMBERS of Largieside SWRI raised £253 when they held one of its regular quiz nights in Tayinloan Village Hall last Thursday.

The questions were compiled and conducted by Helen Steel, president, ably assisted by Jessie McDougall.

Nine teams of four took part and a supper was provided by members of the institute, while the marks were counted to decide the winners.

The '45ers' consisting of Mary McDonald, Malcolm McDonald and Tony and Enid Williams, emerged as quiz winners.

The WRI committee thanked everyone who played a part in helping boost Largieside's funds.

CARRADALE

Four houses planned for garage site

A PLANNING application to demolish an existing garage and build four houses on land south of Caoruinn, Carradale has been made to Argyll and Bute Council.

PORT CHARLOTTE

A PLANNING application to alter and extend a house in Creagan Place, Port Charlotte, Islay, has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Fishy tales at Southend meeting

SOUTHEND SWRI president Jen Ronald gave a warm welcome to members and introduced Archie and Jane McMillan of McMillan Foods, based at the Old Smokehouse, Campbeltown.

The couple told how Archie bought the smokehouse in 1988 when it was run-down but he has since brought it up to UK standards.

Archie gave details of the smoking process including the different materials used to smoke fish such as whisky cask shavings and oak sawdust.

The firm also makes smoked pate, cheese, mussels and scallops and employs six people.

Archie and Jane are holding an open day soon which visitors are sure to enjoy.

Kathleen Martin thanked the pair for a lovely evening, and Jane for the lovely nibbles she so kindly passed around as the evening progressed.

The prizes were as follows: fish pate, gold - Eve Taylor, Marion Warnock; silver - Jen Ronald, Fiona Rowland; red - Jean Ives, Kathleen Martin, Margaret McLean, Margaret McDowell. Fish, any medium (craft), gold - Karen Twynham and Margaret Penman; silver - Fiona Rowland, Christine Jardine.

Decorated chocolate Victoria sponge, gold - Kathleen Martin, Jen Ronald; silver - Fiona Rowland, Margaret McLean, Marion Warnock; red - Margaret McDowell, Margaret Penman.

GRADUATION



HEATHER BELLSHAW

graduated from Canterbury Christchurch University in Canterbury Cathedral in the presence of The Archbishop of Canterbury on 30th January 2015, with a BA HONS in INFORMAL EDUCATION (YOUTH WORK and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.) Heather is the daughter of Mr Ronald Maclean and the late Margaret Maclean, Tarbert.

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Tangy Wind Farm has been operating for the past 11 years.

Wind Towers to benefit from Tangy changes

PLANS have been revealed to replace the existing Tangy wind farm near Campbeltown with fewer but bigger and more powerful turbines.

Wind Towers Scotland Ltd (WTS) at Machrihanish also stands to benefit from the changes which would see 22 turbines of 75 metre height replaced with 16 standing 125 metres to blade tip.

Scottish and Southern Energy has committed to buying the tower sections for the new turbines from Wind Towers which supports around 130 local jobs.

WTS has been manufacturing the tower sections for SSE's onshore wind farms for a number of years.

SSE has submitted a planning application to Argyll and Bute Council to 're-power' its existing Tangy wind.

Karen Anderson, SSE project development manager, said: 'Tangy is an excellent coastal wind resource and is

perfectly placed for re-powering to benefit from the significant advances in turbine technology since the original machines were installed.

'Replacing the 22 existing turbines, which began generating in 2003, with 16 of the latest turbines on an extended site northwards means we would almost double Tangy's generation capacity.

'That would ensure Tangy makes an even more significant contribution to renewable energy targets.'

Ms Anderson added: 'As an experienced and responsible wind farm developer and operator, we know the local economic value projects like Tangy can bring.

'We are committed to ensuring that local businesses have every opportunity to be involved.

'We will hold a meet-the-buyer event allowing those

businesses to register their interest and show us what they offer.

'As well as the more obvious opportunities for site staff or plant and material provision, the project will also need things like local accommodation, food and fuel.

'There are many ways for local people to be involved and benefit from our proposals.'

If consented, construction would also see the Tangy re-powering project qualify for SSE's community investment package worth £184,000 annually for 25 years.

SSE estimates that the construction of the new farm would result in a £3.5 million boost for companies in the Campbeltown area.

The latest plans for Tangy were reached after extensive consultation, including two rounds of public exhibitions, and detailed studies. Wind Towers failed to respond to requests for comment.

Second blow for Glenbarr wind developer

THE company behind plans for 18 turbines at Glenbarr has now had two other proposed developments refused.

Plans for a 30-turbine wind farm at Sandy Knowe in Upper Nithsdale, Dumfries and Galloway were rejected last week by the Scottish government energy minister Fergus Ewing.

He agreed with Scottish Natural Heritage concerns over the farm's cumulative impact and adverse landscape and visual affect.

'Scotland has enormous potential for renewable energy, and I am determined to ensure communities all over Scotland reap the benefits from it,' he said.

'We need a balanced approach...and have to consider what impact any development would have on the local area.

'Sandy Knowe wind farm would have had an unacceptable landscape and visual impact in the Dumfries and Galloway area.'

He added that the Scottish government wants

to see the 'right developments in the right places'.

Fraser Campbell, operations director for Burcote Wind, was 'bitterly disappointed' by the decision, insisting the scheme had 'massive support' from nearby residents.

He said the company would consider its options for the site but felt the Scottish government had missed a 'huge opportunity' to meet carbon reduction targets while bringing jobs to a deprived area.

Last September, Burcote lost an appeal to establish four turbines near Huntly in Aberdeenshire.

Burcote, which is yet to have a project accepted, has met with strong opposition from Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid and MSP Michael Russell for its proposals at Creggan, Glenbarr.

Both feel it is the wrong location for such a development.

That application will be decided by the Scottish government because of its size.

Burcote also has applications pending for up to 43 turbines at Lephin, between the villages of Lephinmore and Largiemore on the eastern shores of Loch Fyne, and for 24 turbines at Benshinie and 20 at Longburn, both in Dumfries and Galloway.

RES changes Blary plans

PLANS for 14 giant turbines at Blary Hill near Glenbarr have been revised by the developer, RES.

It includes moving some turbines to reduce possible visual impact and the impact on birds.

Scottish Natural Heritage had objected to the plans because of fears of effects on Greenland white-fronted geese which roost at nearby Loch Arnicle, a protected area for the bird.

RES says revised plans and supplementary information was submitted to Argyll and Bute Council following a full evaluation of consultation responses.

The application will now be subject to a further period of consultation and the council will re-notify consultees and re-advertise the application.

There is no change to the planning application boundary or the description of the proposal.

A RES spokeswoman said: 'The revisions and supplementary information respond directly to issues raised by local residents, as well as statutory consultees, including Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).

'The supplementary information includes a flood risk assessment of the Barr Water, an updated peat management plan and updated information in relation to bird surveys.'

Moved

'In addition, a number of the original turbine locations have been moved to address comments made in relation to the visual aspects of the wind farm and potential impacts on birds.'

RES spokesman Neil Martin said: 'We have made changes to the layout and supplied additional information,

which addresses issues raised by local residents as well as SNH and SEPA.

'RES would encourage people to review this additional information and make any views on it known to Argyll and Bute Council.'

If planning permission is granted, Blary Hill Wind Farm has the potential to offer £140,000 every year to the local community, the equivalent to around £3.5 million throughout the lifetime of the wind farm, distributed both through a community benefit fund and an electricity discount scheme.

All of the documentation can be viewed at the Argyll and Bute Council offices in Lochgilphead.

Many Glenbarr residents and Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell and MP Alan Reid have opposed the Blary Hill, saying it is the wrong location for such a development.

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Knapdale beavers had little effect on rivers and streams

THE RESULTS of four independent scientific studies on the five-year trial introduction of beavers to Knapdale have been published by Scottish Natural Heritage.

Researchers at the University of Stirling found that the beavers had little effect on rivers and streams in the trial area.

Although they explored many of the streams, nearly all of their activity was concentrated around the lochs.

It wasn't clear if this was because the stream

habitat was unsuitable or simply less attractive than the lochs.

They built some dams close to where streams flow in to or out of lochs but only where the water flow was slow.

The study concluded that evidence from Knapdale suggested that few dams would be built on streams when there were a small number of beavers and they had easy access to lochs with wooded shores.

Most of the adult beavers established themselves, but a study by the University of Ox-

ford found that of 14 beaver kits born in the wild, only one or two survived. Of the 16 beavers released in 2009, three died and five went missing.

The reason for this low rate of survival isn't fully known but two of the kits were preyed on by other animals.

At the end of the trial in May 2014 there were three groups of beavers at Knapdale and one single male beaver.

A study that looked at the effect on dragonflies concluded that the trial period was too short to

fully appreciate the impact.

Another study showed that although beavers had little effect on most lichen habitat at Knapdale, they had an impact on lichens that grew on Atlantic hazelwoods.

While felling was very localised, affecting just more than half of hazel trees within 60 metres of lochs inhabited by beavers, there was concern that this may eventually cause a temporary or permanent loss of some the nationally and internationally important lichen habitats



A beaver kit's arrival is announced by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2012

in the area.

If beavers were permanently reintroduced to Scotland, they could have an impact on up to 27 per cent of the Atlantic hazel habitat across the country.

Martin Gaywood, from SNH, who led the independent scientific

monitoring of the trial, said: 'It's essential that any species reintroduction project is properly managed and monitored.'

'The independent monitoring of the Scottish Beaver Trial has helped us understand how beavers behave

in a Scottish environment.'

Scottish ministers will decide later this year whether to reintroduce beavers to the whole of Scotland, after considering the results of the Scottish Beaver Trial along with other beaver research.

First Milk to introduce new pricing structure

FARMER-owned co-operative First Milk is to introduce changes to its pricing structure as of April 1.

The milk processing company, which owns Campbeltown Creamery

and Torryllyn Creamery on Arran, has said it will make three main changes: the introduction of 'A' and 'B' pricing; clarification on its two milk pools – manufacturing and balancing; and clos-

er alignment of butterfat, protein and hygiene payments according to the end use of the milk.

The 'A' price will be based on farmers' historic production of milk and any milk over this volume limit will fall into the 'B' category.

Chairman of First Milk Sir Jim Paice MP said: 'During 2014 we experienced unprecedented volatility in commodity markets and a surge in milk production which not only drove milk

prices down but also seriously challenged the mechanisms we used to set the price of milk.

'These challenges included: the time lag between making a milk price announcement and it coming into effect when markets are moving so rapidly; and the need to send timely signals of the value of milk which is additional to core market demand.'

'In October 2014 we set up working groups to review our current

payment schedules and draw up proposals on changes required to make our pricing mechanisms more appropriate to deal with increased levels of volatility.

'The working groups' proposals have now been discussed and agreed by the board and our farmer representatives.'

National Farmers Union Scotland milk committee chairman Graeme Kilpatrick said

the union welcomed the move by First Milk on pricing structure as it would be more transparent.

But he added: 'We need to know if this pricing mechanism takes in all First Milk producers including those on specialist contracts and if there is seasonality on top of this.'

At the beginning of March, First Milk farmers will receive a letter and new pricing schedule from the co-opera-

tive's enterprise team, setting out how these changes will be implemented, specifically for their own milk supply.

It will also inform members of dates in their area for drop-in days, where they can have a face-to-face meeting with a farm enterprise team member.

Members will be taken through the calculations for their own farm, using the new schedule that applies from April 1.

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Scheme launched to rid countryside of illegal pesticides

A BID to rid the countryside of illegal pesticides has been launched with a scheme to hand over such chemicals for safe and confidential disposal. Substances including Carbofuran, which has been used to poison birds of prey, the highly lethal Mevinphos, sodium cyanide (usually known

as Cymag) and strychnine are on the list of substances which can be handed over. Environment Minister and chairman of the Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime (PAW) Scotland, Dr Aileen McLeod said: 'There were 96 recorded incidents of illegal poi-

soning abuse involving wildlife in the last five years from 2009-2013. 'It is essential that we remove all substances from the countryside that could kill our wildlife and that are a risk to people and pets, who may accidentally be exposed to them, which is why the Scottish government has

introduced the pesticide disposal scheme.

'I would encourage people to carefully and safely check sheds and out-buildings for old stocks of illegal substances.'

NFU Scotland vice-president Rob Livesey said: 'Farmers are often unsure who they should turn to should they find chemicals of concern - leading many to leave them where they are.

'NFU Scotland therefore commends the Scottish government for funding a straightforward and confidential scheme to deal with particularly problematic and now illegal products.'

'Scottish Land and Estates fully supports this Government-led joint initiative,' said chief executive Douglas McAdam.

'It is something we have been keen to see happen for a number of years and so it is good this is now in place.

'This scheme will help

anyone who finds themselves still in possession of pesticides, which are now illegal, to dispose of them safely and without fear of prosecution.'

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Scottish Gamekeepers' Association, British Association for Shooting and Conservation Scotland, Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust Scotland and Scottish Crofting Federation are all supporting the scheme.

Anyone who believes they are in possession of any of these banned pesticides should contact the disposal scheme line on 0131 472 4187, 8.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Before calling, users are asked to make a note of which banned pesticides they have, and check whether these are included in the scheme using the guide on the PAW Scotland website www.PAW.Scotland.gov.uk

MARKET REPORTS

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 1,880 prime hoggets, cast ewes and tups on Tuesday.

The sale incorporated the show and sale of prime Beltex hoggets ably judged by Paul Rattray, West Park Farm, Auchterarder. The show was sponsored by Beltex Scotland and Natural Stockcare.

The champion pen of five scaled at 47.2kgs from J B Guthrie, Cuiltburn Farm, Muthill, sold to £120 to the Judge Paul Rattray.

Reserve champion was a pen of five at 42kgs from A Morton, Lochend Farm, Deny which realised at £100 to J Stark.

Results:

Up to 40kgs - 1 R Gray, Craigmad 39kgs, £84; 2 R Campbell, MeikleSeggie 40kgs, £89.50; 3 R Campbell, MeikleSeggie 39kgs, £85.

40.1kgs-43kgs - 1A Morton, Lochend 42kgs, £100; 2 DS & RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill 41kgs, £92; 3 J W Paul, Ballingall 41kgs, £87.50.

43kgs plus - 1 J B Guthrie, Cuiltburn 47.2kgs, £120, 2 W Bell, Craigend 48.4kgs, £97; 3 R Gray, Craigmad 44.6kgs, £92.50.

Outside the show saw more heavier and lighter, poorer quality hoggets forward than usual.

Overall SQQ was 186.5p per kilo with good handy weight hoggets well sought after.

32.1-39kgs (214) averaged 181.3p per kg (-3.5p on the week) and sold to a top of 199p per kg for Charolais from D Brown, Sauchans.

39.1-45kgs (429) averaged 189.9p per kg (-1.5p on the week) and sold to a top of 238p for Beltex's from A Morton, Lochend.

45-52kgs (250) averaged 174.09p per kg (-1.3p on the week) and sold to a top of 254p for Beltex's from J Guthrie, Cuiltburn.

52kgs plus (130) averaged £85.85 and sold to £102 from

W Bell, Craigend.

Leading hogget prices £ per head & p per kg: Belt - 224p MeikleSeggie, £102 Craigend; Belt x - 224p, £98 Easter Ochtermuthill; Cont - 217p MeikleSeggie, £97 Craigend; Cont x - 216p MeikleSeggie, £96 Cuiltburn; Tex - 213p Ballingaul, £93 Craigend; Tex x - 211p Craigend, £92.50 Markethill; Suff - 199p Sauchans, £85 Walton; BF - 191p Low Tirfergus, £82 Burnshot; Mule - 180p Glenalmond, £79 MeikleSeggie.

Also forward were 713 cast ewes and tups.

All classes of mule and heavy ewes sharper on the week with export ewes poorer show for quality met a similar trade to last week.

Export ewes: 428 averaged £57.74 (£5.77 on the week) selling to £82 for a pen of BF from D MacGregor, Burnhead.

Mule ewes: 83 averaged £88.97 (+£7.98 on the week) selling to £96.50 from T Grant, Greigston, Cupar.

Heavy ewes: 169 averaged £100.73 (+£12.75) selling to £137 for Suff from R Bryce, Chalmerton.

Tups: 24 averaged £94.13 (£7.76) selling to £147 for Texels from J & AJ Mitchell, Victoria.

Leading prices:

Ewes: Tex - £134 Nochnary; Suff - £129 Torrax; Tex - £128.50 + £125.50 Torrax; Belt - £128 Easter Ochtermuthill; Cont - £125 Pendreich; Suff - £123 Easter Ochtermuthill; Mule - £95 MeikleSeggie; Mule - £94 Middlerigg; Mule - £93 Burnhead & Birch Avenue; BF - £76 High Dyke; BF - £74.50 Allanfauld; BF - £74 MidLinthills and MeikleSeggie.

Tups: Suff - £145 Ardoch; Tex - £137 Wester Hall; Cont - £119 Lands of Drumhead; Belt - £111 Victoria; BF - £81 MidLinthills.

Widders: BF - £59 Innieshe-ewan Farms.

New farmers are 'vital' to industry's existence

NEW entrants to farming in Scotland are vitally important to the industry, according to rural affairs minister Richard Lochhead.

Speaking at an event for new entrants to farming at Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) in Elgin, Mr Lochhead said: 'It is vital that we fully engage with, and attract talented, entrepre-

neurial, new entrants to agriculture in Scotland in order to safeguard the future of the industry as it drives innovation and best practice, improves efficiencies and contributes towards the economic vitality of the sector as a whole.'

He said there was an increase in applicants to study agriculture at colleges across Scotland,

helped by the fact new entrants would benefit from the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), where previously they had been totally or partly frozen out.

'Now that we are well into the Year of Food and Drink, I want to emphasise just how important a role farmers play in the food and drink industry - if it wasn't for

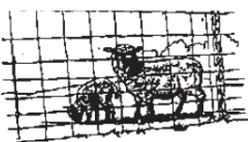
them we wouldn't have the exceptional, world-class produce that we are fortunate enough to have available to us,' said Mr Lochhead. 'The hard work of farmers ploughs millions into our economy every year as the reputation of Scotland as a land of food and drink continues to grow.'

The SRUC pro-

gramme ensures that potential and aspiring new entrants to the agricultural industry are aware of the opportunities that exist and have a skills and knowledge set that equips them for success in the industry.

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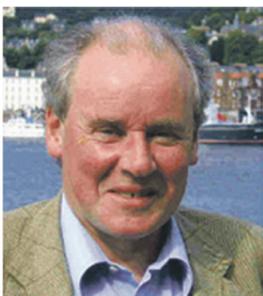
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Farmers urged to assist in dog fouling campaign

A CAMPAIGN to raise awareness about the issue of dog fouling on agricultural land is set for a spring launch.

The NFU Scotland said the better weather brings an increase in the number of people getting out and about in the countryside with their dogs.

To help with the campaign, the union is asking all Scottish farmers to complete a short survey on the level of problem that they have with dog fouling on their land.

Penny Johnston, NFU Scotland animal health

and welfare policy manager, said: 'We want people to take responsible access in the countryside with their dogs but that responsibility must extend to them picking up after their animals.'

'In preparation for the campaign, NFUS is asking all Scottish farmers to complete a short survey on the level of problem that they have with dog fouling on their land. That may help identify suitable focus areas for more intensive local activity.'

'This survey is also a

crucial step towards securing support for the campaign by providing important statistics relating to the scale of the issue and where the problem is greatest.

'We urge all farmers to take the time to complete this survey and consider whether they may be willing to assist in the campaign once it starts.' A copy of the NFU Scotland dog fouling survey is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NFUSdogfoulingssurvey> or <http://svy.mk/1wNn-yFD>



NFU Scotland is concerned about dog fouling on farmland.

Workshops aim to help dairy farmers

SAC Consulting, part of Scotland's Rural College, is seeking to support the continued viability of dairy farms in Kintyre and Gigha by holding a series of free, focused workshops tailored for local producers.

Local consultants and sector specialists will be on hand to discuss business issues including profit and loss accounts; cash flow budgeting and management; and effective approaches to negotiating with banks and creditors.

Technical issues will also be on the agenda. Local examples of best practice will be highlighted to demonstrate how milk quality can be improved efficiently and how milk yield can be maximised from forage. A speaker from DairyCo will be present to talk through 'lean' management techniques.

No dates have yet been set for the workshops - local producers are asked to express their interest to local SAC Consultant John Forster, who will arrange the dates to fit in with their schedules.

John can be contacted at the SAC Consulting Campbeltown office on 01586 552 502 or by email at john.forster@sac.co.uk

NFUS warns farmers to ensure BVD status 'negative'

NFU Scotland is reminding around 1,300 farmers, who have let their Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) status slip, to get prepared and prioritise testing as the introduction of the next phase of the scheme draws closer.

There are fears that some farmers across Scotland are ill-prepared and that BVD has fallen down the list of priorities.

BVD testing is already an annual requirement

for Scottish cattle keepers and it is illegal to knowingly sell any animal persistently infected (PI) with the disease.

From summer 2015, movement restrictions will be placed on farms that do not have a valid 'negative' status for the disease.

Phase 4 of BVD eradication scheme in Scotland will be introduced in June and will bring restriction for any holdings with a 'not negative' status, or holdings

that have no valid annual status recorded. The BVD herd screen is an annual requirement and herds that have not carried out a test in the past 12 months should contact their vet and do so now or face restrictions come June.

Figures show that around 17 per cent of holdings in Scotland have a not-negative status.

Rob Livesey, NFU Scotland vice president, who farms beef cattle

in the Scottish Borders, said: 'It is unacceptable that some 1,300 farmers have let their BVD status slip. The message is clear: be prepared ahead of calving starting.'

'Having animals tested now will save a lot of hassle in the longer term. Cattle keepers must keep their status up to date. Some believe that having had a clear test in the past is enough - but it isn't. You must screen your herd annually to main-

tain your status. It's far easier to get this essential job done now before cattle go to the grass.'

'If you do not have a BVD negative status, animals will need to be individually tested in order to be moved, other than direct to slaughter.'

'If you delay testing, you may also be restricted in your testing options and be required to sample all calves.'

'As we move to the next phase, it is worth

reminding all cattle keepers to work with their vets and keep their testing status up-to-date. Allowing annual checks to slip further than 13 months will also trigger movement restrictions until testing is carried out.'

'NFU Scotland urges any herd that does not have a negative status recorded on the BVD database to contact their vet and discuss the options available to avoid phase 4 restrictions.'

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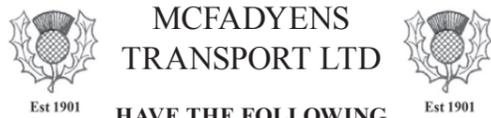
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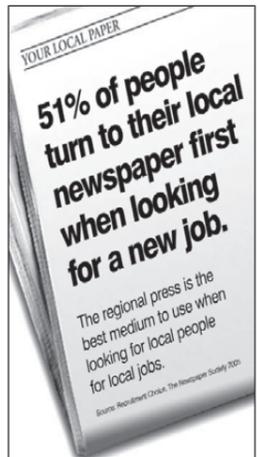
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Experts generally accept that

there are four stages of bereavement: accepting the loss is real, experiencing the pain of grief, adjusting to life without the person who has died and putting less emotional energy into grieving and putting it into something new (in other words, moving on).

People probably go through all these stages, but it is unlikely that one stage will move smoothly to the next.

While grief might feel chaotic and out of control, these feelings will eventually become less intense.

The best advice is to let time take its course. Feelings of shock and numbness (this is usually the first

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Coping with grief

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14/01978/PP	Erection of 14 wind turbines (up to 110 metres high to blade tip), upgrading of road junction with A83T and improvements to C20. Construction of access tracks, control building and substation, transformers, anemometer masts and ancillary development	Blary Hill Windfarm Land North of Loch Arnicle (including C20 to the A83T) Barr Glen by Glenbarr Argyll	Mid Argyll Area Office

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

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14/02726/PP	Change of use and alterations to existing store to form holiday let bothy	The Castle Crinan Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
14/02727/PP	Change of use and alterations to existing garage and fuel store to form holiday letting accommodation	Seaview Crinan Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8SW	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/00326/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of new vehicular access.	Land to the East of Macharioch Lodge Southend Campbeltown PA28 6RF	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/00390/LIB	Display of bronze plaque (423mm x 460mm) to the rear plinth of the statue of Sir William MacKinnon	Statue at South End of Kinloch Park Kinloch Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/00430/LIB	Alteration to existing boundary wall to improve existing access off A83(T)	The Newton Car Park The Avenue Inveraray Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/00439/LIB	Installation of replacement windows	20A Barochan Place Argyll Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6AX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER: 14/01978/PP

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT BLARY HILL WINDFARM LAND NORTH OF LOCH ARNICLE (INCLUDING C20 TO THE A83T) BARR GLEN BY GLENBARR ARGYLL AND BUTE

Notice is hereby given that additional information in relation to an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by RES UK And Ireland Ltd relating to the planning application in respect of Erection of 14 wind turbines (up to 110 metres high to blade tip), upgrading of road junction with A83T and improvements to C20. Construction of access tracks, control building and substation, transformers, anemometer masts and ancillary development.

A copy of the additional information together with the environmental statement and the associated planning application may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD; and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Mr Neil Martin, RES UK And Ireland Ltd, Third Floor, STV, Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G511PQ at a cost of £60.00 (paper copy) and £5.00 (CD) including postage and packaging.

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the environmental statement should make them in writing within the period to Planning Services, Development and Infrastructure, Argyll and Bute Council, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD.

Mr David Love, Senior Planning Officer

17 February 2015

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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.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I HAVE been asked by my young friends at Glenbar Primary School to share some thoughts with you about Fairtrade.

This is Fairtrade Fortnight and I have been speaking to the young people about the importance of using fairly traded goods whenever we can.

This is the 20th anniversary of Fairtrade and it is wonderful to know that the UK leads the world when it comes to Fairtrade.

There is still much to be done however to ensure that people on the other side of the world are allowed to trade fairly in the world market and get a realistic return for their labour and their products.

78 percent of the UK public recognise the Fairtrade logo, and I would suggest that a higher proportion of children recognise it.

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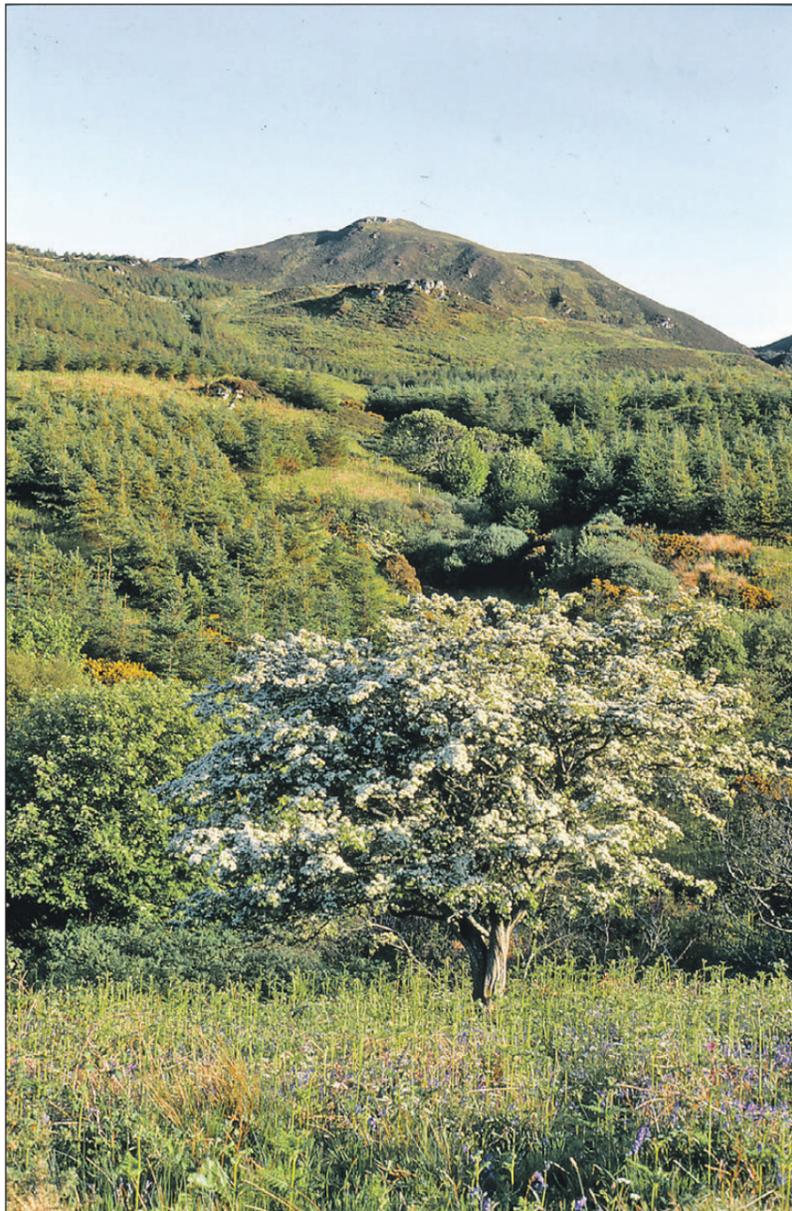
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Beinn Ghulean is the backdrop to this picture of a hawthorn tree, taken at Knockbay in 1991. Picture courtesy of Angus Martin.

Community woodland can grow land use

A MEETING in Campbeltown to discuss turning Beinn Ghulean into a community woodland was 'very productive'.

The 352-metre landmark, just south of Campbeltown, features well-used walking and cycling trails.

The meeting attracted people with backgrounds including health, education, forestry, historical research and mountain biking to talk about environmental improvements, potential for renewable energy and business opportunities that could emerge from community ownership of the woodland. Another site

suggested for community ownership was Corranbuie, south of Tarbert.

The next meeting has been arranged at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown next Tuesday, March 3 at 7pm.

Ed Tyler, of Power to the People, said: 'The last meeting was very productive and the plan for the next one is to get a team together to start formal talks with Forestry Commission Scotland, with a view to lease or purchase the Beinn Ghulean area under the National Forest Land Scheme.'

'Come along, find out what is involved and perhaps volunteer to play a role in this exciting project. Everyone is welcome.'

Highlands and Islands MSP hits out at prices

MORE needs to be done to ensure that companies which supply rural, off the gas grid customers in the Highlands and islands are passing on to consumers reduced prices caused by the recent fall in wholesale costs, it has been claimed.

Jamie McGrigor,

Highlands and Islands MSP, spoke out after being contacted by concerned constituents who expressed annoyance that their LPG prices were not coming down when mains-gas providers were reducing prices.

In answer to a written

parliamentary question he tabled on the subject, the Scottish energy minister Fergus Ewing replied: 'More needs to be done to ensure that all energy companies, to specifically include those providers which service customers off the gas grid, do more

as these changes do not come quickly enough for customers.'

Mr McGrigor, who has also written to the head of Calor Gas in Scotland about charges, said: 'Now that all the 'big six' energy companies have announced gas price reductions for

mains gas customers, I completely understand the frustration of customers that some LPG providers have not yet followed suit.

'Off-grid gas customers should expect to see a reduction in prices just as much as mains customers.'

Review gives power to change Kintyre

A REVIEW looking at how community funds are handled will reflect public opinion, one group hopes.

Reacting to the Argyll and Bute Council consultation examining money generated from onshore renewable energy projects, Louise Duncan, project coordinator for Power to the People Kintyre, said: 'The council's consultation should seek input from Kintyre communities in order to accurately reflect the views of those directly affected by onshore wind farm developments.

'Whether you agree with onshore wind farm development or not, or whether you are facing a potential development on your doorstep or not, how community benefit funds are disbursed must be done effectively.

'We believe community benefit funds generated as a result of onshore wind farm developments should be retained in the area where they are generated, in this case Kintyre.

'We also believe community benefit funds generated through onshore wind farm develop-

ment should be used to increase the energy efficiency of homes in Kintyre, thereby further reducing carbon output and reducing the energy demand of our households, cutting their energy bills and reducing fuel poverty. It is also vital that the delivery of energy efficiency measures to households should be carried out by Kintyre businesses.

'Delivery of energy efficiency programmes in Kintyre by businesses in the area are quicker, more efficient, engender higher levels of trust and participa-

tion from households, generate local employment and stimulate the area's economy.'

Power to the People has several proposals, such as money from community benefit funds being invested where it is generated and funds from onshore wind farm developments in Kintyre being ring-fenced to improve energy efficiency in houses across the peninsula.

Louise added: 'Have your say by participating in the Community Benefit Funds consultation on the council's website or by lobbying your local councillor.'

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge'. (Proverbs 23:12).

BIRTHS



JONES - MAUCLINE
Rob and Susan are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Charlie Peter, on February 12, 2015. First grandchild for both families. Special thanks to Campbeltown midwives and Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

ENGAGEMENTS



MACNAB - MCDONALD
Bruce and Fiona are delighted to announce the engagement of Riona to Colin, son of Ralph and Norma, Bonnybridge. Happy days.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS



STEWART - ALLAN
Sanders Stewart and Ishbel Allan, on March 3, 1955, at Burlington House, Glasgow, by Rev D Paterson (Ardrishaig).

DEATHS

BUNTAIN - Janet (Jenny) née McKellar Buntain, peacefully at Mid Argyll Community Hospital, on February 21, 2015, aged 94 years, of 23 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of the late Kenneth Dunn Buntain, much loved mum of Kenneth, Archie, Alan, Iain and Donald and a loving gran and great gran to all the family, dear mother-in-law, sister and aunt. Funeral service was held at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Thursday, February 26, 2015, thereafter to Clydebank Crematorium.

MACKINLAY - On February 25, 2015, peacefully at Campbeltown Hospital, Alex MacKinlay, in his 79th year, beloved partner of Nan, much loved father of Peter, Alex, John, Jason and Kelly-Anne and a dearly loved papa. Funeral private.

MACLEOD - Jean Cameron (née Hamilton), daughter of the late William and Margaret Hamilton, born Irvine 1946, died Stornoway on February 7, 2015. Hugely missed by husband Donald in Stornoway, brother Bob and wife Gill in Southport, nephew Stuart, Michelle and son Adam in Leominster and nephew Charlie and wife Erin in Paris.

MCSPORRAN - Suddenly after a short illness at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, on Friday, February 20, 2015, Peter Downie McSporrán, formerly of the Moy, Campbeltown, latterly of Glasgow. Much loved husband of Margaret McSporrán, also a loving and much loved father, brother, uncle, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service

in Campsie Parish Church, Lennoxton on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 1.30pm, thereafter to Maryhill Crematorium at 2.30pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CUPPLES - Jackie and family would like to express their gratitude to all friends and family, for all their love and overwhelming support, following the sudden and sad loss of Christine. Our sincere thanks go to Macmillan nurses, district nurse, Dr Spink, Tarbert Medical Centre, Tarbert Pharmacy and Emergency Service for their care. Thanks to Rev Thomas Bryson, for a comforting and appropriate service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors, for their efficient and compassionate funeral arrangements and to the Tarbert Hotel for hospitality. Special thanks to the bingo ladies, for all their kindness and friendship. Finally our grateful thanks to all who attended at church and graveside and generously donated £630, to Macmillan Cancer Care.

DAVIES - Ivy and the family of the late Robert Davies would like to express their thanks to Dr Helliwell, Lesley, Joanna, Rhona from the Community Nursing Team, Colette and Lois from the Marie Curie Nursing Service, for their care and support shown to Robert in his final moments. Thanks to the carers from Social Work Home Care who have supported Robert in recent years. Special thanks are extended to Kari McGilp, Alma McGuinness and Christine Brown for their dedication, care and support to Robert and Ivy, without whom, it would not have been possible to care for Robert at home. Thanks also to Roxie for her care and support on Robert's last visit to Glenaray Ward. Extended thanks to family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy extended to Ivy and family through various cards and messages. Thank you to Sheena Johnston, Humanist Society for Scotland for her support and compassionate service. Special thanks to Roddy MacDonald of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for his support, professionalism and attention to detail.

MACDOUGALL - The family of the late Cathie MacDougall would like to thank everyone for the kindness and support shown on their recent sad loss. Thanks to all carers, past and present, district nurses and Dr Elder, to Matthew Ramsay for his comforting service, David McEwan for the music and reading of the Gaelic scripture (Móran Taing). Thanks also to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for funeral arrangements, to Carradale Hotel for purvey, to all who attended the church and graveside and to anyone we have omitted to mention. Thank you all (6 Broomfield, Carradale).

IN MEMORIAMS

BROWN - In loving memory of Janet Nicolson MacLean, died February 28, 2011. Remembering you is easy I do it every day It's the heartache of losing you That never goes away. - Love from Peter Marshall.

BROWN - In loving memory of a dear mum, Janet Nicholson MacLean, died February 28, 2011. If flowers grow in heaven Lord then pick a bunch for us Then place them in my mother's arms And tell her they're from us Tell her that we love and miss her And when she turns to smile Place a kiss upon her cheek And hold her for a while. - From the family, home and away.

CLARK - Treasured memories of John, a dear dad and grandpa, who died February 24, 1977. Also Margaret (Peggy), a dear mum and gran, who died March 28, 1993. Always in our thoughts - Family, home and away.

HAMILTON - Angus. With a heavy heart I say You have been gone a year today My tears don't wash away the pain Of never seeing you again Though the sands of time keep us apart You are forever in my heart. - Nicola.

HAMILTON - In loving memory of a dear brother-in-law and uncle, Angus, passed away February 28, 2014. Loved and remembered every day. - Bob and Cameron.

MACDONALD - In loving memory of Christopher Beaton MacDonald (Chris), slept away on March 4, 2013, a devoted and loving husband, dad and papa. Loved and remembered always. - Eva, Christine and Christopher.

MACTAVISH - In loving memory of our father, Douglas, who died February 27, 2001. Always in our thoughts. - Malcolm and Ross.

MACVICAR - In loving memory of my wife, Christina (Teena), who died March 1, 2007. There's not an hour of any day I don't recall the past. - Johnnie.

MCGEACHY - In loving memory of my dear wife Jasmine, who passed away on March 2, 2013. So sadly missed but not forgotten. Love John and family.

MCGLYNN - In loving memory of Charles, passed away February 2, 2015 in Germany. Son of John and Margaret, brother of Edward and James and father to Alex, Josh and Katie. Sadly missed.

MORRANS - Sarah Soudan, who passed away on February 24, 1999. Forever in our thoughts. The Family.

CHURCH NOTICES

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT:
Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road.
Lochgilthead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae
Minister; Rev. R Macleod
Prayer Time (fortnightly) Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm
Ladies Bible Study 2pm
Soup Lunch Monthly (last Thursday)
All welcome.



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2015
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2015
10.00 - 12 midday COFFEE MORNING
Every Tuesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
All Welcome
More info at www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilthead (Church of Scotland) SC016311



Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 1st March
The service will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15 am and will be led by Rev William Crossan
Junior Badminton in Kirk Street Hall on Tuesday evening
Primary 1-5 : 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Primary 6-7 : 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 1st March 11.15 am Service
Creche Triple C Next Generation Rev. P Wallace
Tuesday 3rd March Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
Boys' Brigade Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Board/Session Meeting 7.30pm Session Room
Thursday 5th March Choir 7.30pm
Friday 6th March Lunch Club 12.00 noon New Hall



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 1st March Morning Worship Kilmartin 11.45 am Mr. James Malcolm
Friday 6th March World Day of Prayer Bellanoch 7pm
All welcome
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SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 1st March 2015
11am Family Service with Communion with creche
Pastor Ross Ferguson
Wednesday 4th March 2015
10.00am Toddlers Group
Thursday 5th March 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
Friday 6th March WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE
Episcopal Church 7.30pm
To hear Christian music, conversation and Thought for the Week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show. For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200 www.springbankchurch.co.uk
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All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 1st March 2015 11.00am
mainly music
Tuesday at 10am
Jumpstart
Friday from 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH
LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN
Saturday 5pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SC0002876)



free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 1st March
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Tom Courtney
11.15am Sunday School
2.30pm Café Church
Wednesday 4th March
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café
Friday 6th March
7.30pm World Day of Prayer
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.com
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980



CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service 11.00 am with Sunday School followed by refreshments
Baby & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.45 am every Thursday (term-time)
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahish at 12:30pm

Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome

Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilthead (SC013787)
Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist service 4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins & 11am Eucharist Service Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)
Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
01546 602315

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 1 March 11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean "That I may know Christ"
Thursday 5 March 2015 10.00am
Praise, prayer & sharing
Saturday 7 March 2015 9.30am
Prayer Gathering followed by snack lunch
All Welcome

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 1st March 2015
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev. Tommy Bryson
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
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NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 1 March
Bellanoch Church
Morning Worship 10 am
James Malcolm
Friday 6 March
World Day of Prayer Service
Bellanoch Church 7 pm
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs



The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps
Burnside Street, Campbeltown 01586 552046
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



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 1st March
Second Sunday of Lent
10.45am Service of Meditation with Ken Eames (Reflection for Action Session 3)
All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Services 1st March 2015 - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am
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Carradale pitch in to help Pupils

HOPEs are high that Campbeltown will host two top amateur games at the all-weather pitch in Kinloch Road tomorrow (Saturday).

Carradale AFC's league game against Point Media will definitely go ahead, with the kick-off time still to be decided as the Courier went to press.

Carradale's manager Nonnie McAlister came to an agreement with their opponents for a possible 1pm or 3pm start to try and accommodate the Campbeltown Pupils vs Alba Thistle tie on the pitch the same day.

Darts results

CAMPBELTOWN and District Darts Association's week 15 results are as follows: Commercial 2 Southend 8; Kilbrannan C 6 Fiddlers B 4; Kilbrannan B 2 Kilbrannan A 8; Fiddlers 1 Burnside 9; Ailsa /Bye.

Les Van Acker scored 174 for Southend, Gavin McLachlan and Gregor MacGregor scored 180s for the Burnside. Gregor also hit a finish of 122.

John is a lotto winner

CAMPBELTOWN man John McKinlay won £700 in the Machrihanish Golf Club lotto held on Monday.

The winning numbers drawn were 8, 11 and 18.

The prize money for the next draw on Monday, March 2 returns to £100.

Second-half collapse stuns Pupils

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils fell apart in the second half of their match against Haldane United to go crashing out of the Jimmy Marshall Trophy last Saturday.

The Pupils surrendered a hard-earned lead at half-time gained through three well-taken strikes.

Played at the Vale of Leven 3G pitch in Alexandria, the Pupils looked sharp from the outset.

Despite being lucky not to go behind when Haldane hit a post, they were ahead within the opening minutes when Gary Grumoli seized on a pass from the left-hand side to break through the defence before rounding the keeper and slotting home with his favoured left foot.

The Pupils looked in the mood and it was not long before they scored again, courtesy of Fraser Wylie's second goal in as many games.



Gary Grumoli, left, scored the Pupils' opener but it turned out a day to forget after a second-half collapse. 08_c09pupils01

Haldane United	5
Campbeltown Pupils	3
Jimmy Marshall Trophy 2nd round	

He found space 25 yards out and unleashed a clean strike which found the bottom right corner of the net.

The Pupils were left frustrated soon after when Jamie Burns was sent off for an altercation with a Haldane striker, who was also shown the red card.

From the free kick the hosts pulled a goal back, but the Pupils' dominance at this stage showed no signs of abating.

Lewis McFadyen, who looked dangerous on the right flank in the first half, intercepted a Haldane defender's loose pass, before driving in on goal and firing a rasping shot into the roof of the net to give the keeper no chance.

With the Pupils cruis-

ing, Haldane were reduced to nine men after a last-ditch foul on lone striker John McCallum.

From the resulting free-kick Paul Grumoli stung the palms of the home keeper but a free kick to Haldane moments later at the other end rebounded off the crossbar before being stabbed in at the second attempt.

The Pupils' second-half showing was markedly different and the team seemed to drop the intensity of play that proved so damaging to their opponents in the first period.

The McFadyens-sponsored side continued to create chances but could not find a 'killer' fourth goal that would surely have put the tie beyond their apparently bedraggled hosts.

Haldane then struck a gift of an equaliser when confusion in defence saw a long, lofted free-kick find the net.

Another flick-on, this time from a goal kick, resulted in Haldane's fourth when a striker ran through on goal and finished beyond stand-in keeper Lorne Robertson, who had admirably volunteered to play in goal for the second game in a week, due to goalkeeper injuries and work commitments.

It was a depressing scene for the Pupils'

contingent as a fifth and decisive goal was converted after an enticing ball across goal.

With 15 minutes remaining the Pupils were handed a lifeline when Haldane's Sweeney was sent off for foul and abusive language, reducing the home side to eight men.

With a two-goal deficit and two-man superiority the match became more like a training exercise as the Pupils bombarded the Haldane box in search of a lifeline goal to no avail.

However, the Campbeltown side were left to reflect on losing a comfortable early lead.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Pupils are set to welcome Alba Thistle on league duty.

Campbeltown Pupils' squad against Haldane: Lorne Robertson, Grant Grant, Jamie Burns,



Lewis McFadyen, right, scored a cracking goal in the first half to put the Pupils ahead.

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Paul Grumoli, Mark McCallum. Subs (all used): Ryan Gilchrist, Calum Houston, Mark Davis, Ellis Robertson and Lee Allen.

Line up for Mull of Kintyre run schedules

IT is countdown time to the Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k races, and the Courier is again on the start line with 12-week beginner training schedules.

Along the way we will also add some useful tips which should smooth the road ahead.

The 10K training program will prepare you to complete the course in 60 minutes or less.

Whatever your fitness you should comfortably be able to build from nothing to running continuously for 30 minutes in the space of 12 weeks. All you need to do is make a commitment to run at least three times a week and follow this simple run-walk programme which will gradually ease you towards the goal. A few things to bear in mind:

* Allow at least a day between runs when you begin.

* If in doubt, slow down. You should be able to hold a conversa-

tion while you run. Chat your way round with a pal if you can, it ensures you are not getting out of breath and the run also passes quicker.

* Respect and listen to your body - do not force anything. Be patient. * Walk purposefully, and be strict with your run/walk timings.

* Don't be afraid to repeat a week, or drop back a week. Everyone's different.

* Take heart - you will get there, you will improve.

If you are concerned about your health you should talk to a doctor before starting to exercise. Do not exercise if you have any physical problems that might influence your ability to become more active.

Stop exercising and call your doctor if you feel dizzy, nauseous, short of breath, or if you feel pain in your chest.

10k week 1: session 1 - 5 mins walk, 10mins of 30secs jog, 30secs walk. Repeat the same on ses-

sions 2 and 3.

With the 12-week half marathon training programme, ideally you will have done some running before and be able to run comfortably for several miles before starting this programme.

This schedule will prepare you to finish a half marathon and run the entire distance. It is not intended to train you to run at a fast pace or improve your speed - Mo Farah need not worry this year.

If you have some experience running, but cannot run three miles, gradually build up to that level with a period of base building, composed of easy running, before starting this schedule. You should get a physical examination and consult with your doctor before beginning any exercise programme.

Half marathon week 1: session 1 - 6 miles long run; session 2 - 3 miles hard run, session 3 - 3 miles quality run; session 4 - 3 miles easy run.

Sports hall athletics change of date

KEEN young athletes in Kintyre will have to wait a week longer for Sports Hall Athletics this year, after a change of date to the Kintyre event.

The indoor area competition, part of the Argyll series of Sports Hall Athletics, will

now be held on Sunday, March 15 at Campbeltown Grammar School, to avoid clashing with a badminton competition in the Victoria Hall on March 8.

Those wishing to compete are reminded that events will start at 1pm

with all entries on the day from 12.30pm.

Bill MacCallum, sports hall athletics coordinator in Argyll, said: 'Campbeltown is the last of the four area competitions in Argyll, with successful boys and girls qualifying to take part in the Argyll final at Atlantis Leisure on Saturday, March 21.

'The competition will cater for six age-groups, starting from under-7 up to under-17, and features seven running, jumping and throwing

events. Everyone taking part will receive a medal. Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners in each age group.'

The entry fee is £2 per competitor and £5 for families of three or more.

Bill added: 'This is a great opportunity for youngsters to try athletics for the first time.'

'The indoor venue offers a warm, dry environment for athletics.'



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Young Pupils notch up two quick wins

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils youths were in fine form last weekend, winning two matches in two days.

The under-13s side sealed their first win when they hosted Dumbarton Riverside at Kinloch's all-weather pitch last Saturday, before another six-goal show on Sunday against Broomhill Sports Club.

The Pupils were forced to make changes to the team from the previous weekend's match against Dumbarton Yellows, and despite some playing out of their normal positions they handled the changes well.

The Pupils opened the scoring in seven minutes when a well-taken corner from Fraser McBrayne was met by Mathew Lang, who headed the ball beyond the visiting keeper.

Campbeltown Pupils u13s	6
Dumbarton Riverside u13s	3
DFDL	

The Dumbarton side equalised soon after before the Pupils made it 2-1 with good individual play from Alan McMurchy, who had a good run down past four Dumbarton defenders and striking the ball into the near post.

The young Pupils took a two-goal lead with another great free kick from Fraser McBrayne, who curled the ball into the Dumbarton net. The home side then allowed Dumbarton back into the game when some poor defending saw the away team to make it 3-2.

The Pupils added to their lead when after

another great corner kick from McBrayne saw some scrappy play in the Dumbarton penalty box, before the ball fell to Andrew Renton who tucked the ball low into the right hand corner of the net. In the second half the Pupils missed a number of chances from Lang, Colville, Lamont and Aguta before a great ball from Darren McCallum found Lang who stuck the ball into the far corner of the net. Riverside then scored from a penalty kick after their forward was fouled in the box.

The Pupils finished off the scoring when McBrayne chipped a good ball through to



Campbeltown Pupils under-13s pictured before their 6-3 win over Dumbarton Riverside on Saturday.

Robbie MacIndeor, who made an excellent run through the middle and slid the ball under the Dumbarton keeper.

The Pupils youths travelled to Lochgilphead's 3G park on Sunday to take on Broomhill, with the 'home' side playing 51 miles from their usual Kinloch at the behest of their visitors from Glasgow's west end - running out 6-2 winners.



Mathew Lang, wearing red number 10, powers home a header from Fraser McBrayne's corner.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3000

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



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Campbeltown

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Campbeltown

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

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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Young Pupils notch up two quick wins

Second-half collapse stuns Pupils

Spot the ball jackpot now at £3000!

Muddy marvel

Cameron's silver lining in gruelling cross country

CAMERON Campbell was the pride of Kintyre when he clinched a super silver medal at the Scottish cross country championships on Sunday.

It was a remarkable run for the Glenbar 13-year-old in only his third serious cross country race.

Very much a raw talent compared to his main competitors, he showed huge grit and determination over a muddy and hilly two-mile course at Falkirk's Callender Park.

A desperate battle with Ayr Seaforth's Scott Strang for silver over the final quarter mile - which saw him prevail by a mere second - left him literally staggering for minutes after crossing the line.

He had given his all - and in the process gained the fledgling Campbeltown Running Club their first national cross country medal.

The gutsy performance completed an incredible winter of improvement for the Campbeltown Grammar pupil.

He finished fourth in December in the west district event, before taking fourth again in the more competitive inter district race a few weeks later.

Sunday was another great leap forward, and saw him closing the gap on winner Hamish Armitt, of Giffnock North, who has reigned supreme this winter.

In the second half of the race Cameron chased after to Armitt, with the gap just seven seconds at the finish.

A total of 166 boys from all over Scotland took part in the event, watched by Cameron's quietly delighted dad Donald, who coaches him, and younger brothers, Gregor and Ruaridh.

'In each of his races this winter, we were aiming for the top 10.'

'He has excelled himself every time,' said his father.

Also cheering him on was clubmate Kenny Campbell, who also shone three hours later in only his second serious cross country race.

He took part in the senior men's seven-and-a-half mile event which saw 600 starters tackle a course reduced to heavy or slimy mud by relentless rain and the



Cameron, right, after the medal presentation with winner Hamish Armitt, centre, and third place Scott Strang.



Cameron was cheered on by younger brothers Gregor, right, and Ruaridh.

thousands of footsteps that had gone before in nine preceding races.

Kenny started steadily,

placing in the 70s after the first of three laps and picked off tiring bodies to cross the line

in 54th position. He would almost certainly have been higher if the ground had been a bit firmer.

'Maybe I started too steady,' he said. 'In some parts of the course, the harder you tried to pass people the more you slipped.'

Just 20 seconds and six places ahead of Kenny was the younger and more experienced Matthew Turner, from Tangy, running for Shettleston Harriers and better known as a track specialist.

Further down the field were five other Campbeltown Running Club athletes, placing them 28th of 34 teams with the requisite six finishers.

They were Stuart McGeachy 182nd, Daniel Sheldrick 233rd, Tommy Morran 365th, Charlie Dott 406th and Iain McKinnon 508th.



Cameron pictured winning the Tarbert 5k road race last August. 08_c03cameron01



Kenny Campbell placed high up in the senior men's race at Falkirk. 08_c01sand01

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