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### School to host big independence debate

MP Alan Reid and MSP Michael Russell will go head-to-head next week on a debate in Campbeltown Grammar School on the independence referendum.

Argyll and Bute's leading politicians will speak for and against an independent Scotland.

SNP's Mr Russell will be backed in his argument for independence by fifth-year pupil Donald MacPherson, while LibDem Mr Reid will be seconded by another senior unionist politician, still to be confirmed.

After the speeches, there will be a question and answer session involving the audience of fourth, fifth and sixth-year pupils.

The event, next Friday, March 14, begins at 2pm and will be chaired by rector Catriona Hood.

Mr Russell will also be speaking at a Yes for Independence meeting open to the public in Tayinloan village hall on the Friday evening, from 7.15pm when William Crossan, a former rector of Campbeltown Grammar, will also be giving his views.



### On the lookout for Kintyre's new tourist attraction

Tourism in Campbeltown has received an unexpected boost with birdwatchers flocking to the town from all over the UK to catch sight of an extremely rare visitor to Scotland.

Dave Britton, from Teesside, pic-

tured, is one of an estimated 170 'twitchers' who have arrived already in the hope of spotting a lone American herring gull which storms have blown across the Atlantic.

See full story on page 3. 08\_c10watch01

# We'll be back

## Grammar school determined to continue good work in Gambia

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GRAMMAR school pupils could return to Gambia as early as next month's trip.

Fourteen pupils and four staff who went to the impoverished African country have spoken of the incredible, life-changing impact it has had on them.

Maths teacher Jim Farren told the Courier: 'There was a lot of laughter, a lot of tears and lot of changed lives.'

'Every student and teacher gained from this.'

During their packed 10-day stay - only possible through the 'colossal generosity' of Kintyre

residents in response to numerous fundraising events - the Campbeltown group passed on first-aid skills, taught oral health, and financed and helped in construction work.

One mother told the school her boy had returned from Africa 'a wonderful young man who has been truly humbled by this trip'.

Mr Farren, one of the four travelling staff, added: 'The school will return to Gambia, that's for sure.'

'It is just a question of whether we can raise the necessary funds for this to happen next year or in 2016.'

'We will also have to look for other fund-

ing sources. It would be wrong to rely entirely again on the colossal generosity of the town.'

Catriona Hood, the school rector, said this week: 'It is obvious listening to the pupils and staff that their experience has been momentous, and perhaps only they can fully comprehend the differences between our lives in Kintyre and those of the people of Kalagi where they stayed.'

'They have come back inspired to sustain the project but this can never be a grammar school initiative alone.'

'It depends on the support of the wonderful people of Kintyre who have already shown so much generosity.'

See full story and pictures, pages 14-15.



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# Call for Argyll dialysis unit

COUNCILLOR Donald Kelly and Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP are calling on NHS Highland to provide a dialysis unit in Argyll and Bute.

Patients in the area face frequent lengthy journeys of up to 200 miles for treatment elsewhere.

Mr McGrigor has written to the chief executive of NHS Highland and Scottish Health Secretary Alex Neill MSP on the subject. Mr Kelly and Mr McGrigor have both spoken out on the subject following calls

from constituents for Argyll and Bute to have a centrally located, dedicated dialysis unit.

Councillor Kelly said: 'Constituents who have expressed to me their strong desire for Argyll and Bute to have a dedicated dialysis unit, perhaps in Lochgilphead as a central location.'

'Some dialysis patients from the Campbeltown area are having to travel to the Vale of Leven hospital three times a week for treatment while others from north Argyll have to go to Fort William or Inverness.

'I am very aware of the distress and inconvenience this travelling can cause to patients.

'The setting up of a dialysis unit in Argyll would be a huge boost to local patients and is long overdue.' Mr McGrigor said: 'NHS Highland has looked at dialysis provision in Argyll and Bute before and I hope they will look at this issue again and respond to the genuine desire among dialysis patients and their families for an accessible service to be provided in here.'



Alan Baker, left, accepts the £321 from Kevin Hunter, outside the town hall. 20\_c09hall01

## I'd cycle 500 miles.....

A MAN cycled nearly 500 miles in a month to raise £321 for Campbeltown's Town Hall. Kevin Hunter, 42, spent 23 days in the gym at the Aquilibrium to cycle more than 20 miles a day.

His aim was to cycle 400 miles in the space of a month on an exercise bike, raising as much money as possible through sponsorship. However, he managed 497 miles.

He said: 'I lost eight pounds. The first week was quite hard but it got

easier.' The Campbeltown resident was asked to take on the challenge by members of the town hall fund.

He said: 'I was in the gym every day anyway.'

### Money raised

He presented the money raised to Alan Baker, a member of the town hall core group, which is part of South Kintyre Development Trust.

Alan raised the most money for Kevin's cycle, managing to get £154 on his sponsorship form.

## Ralston takes top prize in stockjudging competition

KINTYRE and District Ayrshire Breeders Club held its annual stockjudging competition at Machribeg Farm last Friday, by kind permission of the Barbour family.

Club chairman Murray Ralston welcome a good turnout of 10 competitors to judge six classes of quality Ayrshire cows.

He introduced Hugh Galbraith, Coledrain, as master judge for the event.

Mrs Shona Barbour presented the prizes.

### Prizewinners:

Gents: 1 William G Ralston, Darloch; 2nd equal Archie Armour, Killarow, and Thomas Cameron, Drummavulin.

Ladies: 1 Elizabeth Irwin, West Drumlemble; 2 Inez Ronald, Ormsary; 3rd equal Joan Pirie, Machrihanish; Anne Ralston, Kilkevan; Elizabeth Young, Drum.

Young farmers: 1 Graeme McMillan, Balloch Cottage; 2 Frazer Cameron, High Machrimore; 3rd equal Craig Barbour, Dalrioch; Iain Smith, 12 Dalriada Court.

Juniors: 1 Ruth Turner, Strath; 2 Linzi Cameron, Parkfergus; 3 Jack Ralston, Dalivaddy.

Alta Cup for highest placed young farmer - Graeme McMillan.

Ayrshire Cattle Society Cup for most points overall - William G Ralston.

The Gartvaigh Cup for most points in the Ayrshire, Holstein and prime stock breeders stockjudgings was presented to Mathew Ralston, Rhion.

## Police reminder on cold callers

POLICE are once again reminding the public to not give out bank details over the phone following a recent incident on Jura.

A woman had to have her bank card cancelled after attempted fraudulent activity.

A police spokesman said the public should be wary of cold callers and not give out any personal details to someone they do not know over the phone.

## Pair arrested following domestic incident

A MAN and women were arrested in Campbeltown on Sunday following a domestic incident.

They appeared at court from custody the following day.

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# Birdwatchers flock for sight of a rare American visitor



The American herring gull is the larger of the birds photographed.  
Picture courtesy of Jim Dickson

THEY have flocked to Campbeltown in their numbers - and sought it here and sought it there.

More than 170 serious birdwatchers, known as twitchers, have arrived in Kintyre from all over the UK during the past three weeks in the hope of catching a glimpse and a picture of an American herring gull.

Only one had been seen in the Scottish mainland before, in Scrabster in 1999, and this latest chance to record one was too good a chance to miss.

It was first spotted by Dan Brown of Inveraray on February 6, acting on a hunch that winter-long weather depressions over the Atlantic could blow in a rare visitor from Canada or America.

He was right. Just south of Kilmichael Farm approaching Campbeltown, he decided an extensive flood 'stuffed full

with birds was just too good to ignore'.

It was then he caught sight of the American herring gull - 'a large dusk gull with a white face'.

It eventually flew off, but remarkably he tracked it down to a large shingle island at the mouth of Campbeltown Loch.

The following day, he had the sighting verified by Argyll bird recorder Jim Dickson.

Dedicated twitchers, who keep in contact by pager to help each other find their elusive targets, have been arriving ever since.

The Courier spoke to Dave Britton, a retired IT worker from Teesside, who arrived with his wife, Sue, last Friday, booking in for three nights at Campbeltown's Rosemount Guesthouse.

Still scanning the countryside for a sighting on the Saturday morning, he said: 'It has

been blown thousands of miles off course. Gulls can live for 25 years, and this one will probably live out the rest of its life in this area.

'It has apparently been seen most mornings in Campbeltown Harbour. I'm just heading there now.'

The bird's arrival has provided a welcome boost for the area's hotels, guesthouses, pubs and restaurants, according to Eddie Maguire of Machrihanish Seabird Observatory.

'I reckon about less than 50 percent of the birders have managed to connect with it,' he added.

'With the bird still being in the area, I'm expecting many more twitchers to arrive.'

Flora Grant, of Ardshiel Hotel, said: 'We had four birdwatchers up from England staying with us last weekend. They were determined to catch sight of the gull.'

## Disruption continues on Islay ferry route

FERRY users travelling between Kennacraig and Islay are continuing to face disruption because only one ferry is running on the service.

As the MV Isle of Arran, the reserve vessel for Islay routes, is having a refit and the MV Hebridean Isles, which normally covers the island's crossings, is temporarily covering freight services in Stornoway, only the MV Finlaggan is available to sail between Islay and the mainland.

Until further notice the timetable will be

operating as follows: 7am from Kennacraig (not on Sunday), 9.45am from Port Ellen, 1pm from Kennacraig, 3.30pm from Port Askaig, 6pm from Kennacraig, 8.15pm from Port Askaig (Monday, Wednesday and Friday only) and 8.30pm from Port Ellen (Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday only).

Calmac Ferries has apologised for any inconvenience caused.

More information can be found on calmac.co.uk or by calling 0800 0665000.

## Two men in breach of the peace arrest

TWO men were arrested from Shore Street in Campbeltown on Saturday following a fight.

They were charged with breach of the peace and appeared in court on Monday from custody.

## Drink driver caught

A MAN was arrested for drink driving on Sunday at Lochend Street Campbeltown. He appeared in court from custody the following day.

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## War memorial set for final works

A MEMORIAL cairn could be built at Campbeltown war memorial as part of the final phase of works on the site.

It would carry the names of those lost or who served in the First World War but are not

listed on the existing memorial. Since it is not possible to list the additional names on the existing stone tablets, Argyll and Bute Council believes the cairn is the most suitable option.

A stone specialist will

also compile a report on the condition of the tablets and outline any repairs needed.

Depending on the report, repairs may then be carried out.

This final phase of work on the war memorial comes after extensive stonework repairs were carried out and the entire structure re-pointed using traditional lime mortar last year. This was funded by the council.

Later, McFadyens Contractors carried out ground works free of charge, installing new paths accessible to wheelchair users.

External lighting was also installed.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'I am delighted to have managed to secure the necessary funding for the third and final phase of this project. I'm grateful to James Lafferty, project officer at Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative, for his help and assistance with the tendering process and look forward to the works being concluded later this year.'



Campbeltown's impressive war memorial had new floodlights installed last October.

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# Top design team picked for Picture House project

'It is not every day that we have the opportunity to work on such a nationally significant building'

AN award-winning design team is set to weave its magic on Campbeltown Picture House.

The architects have been appointed to assist with the preparation of a round two Heritage Lottery bid for the £2 million restoration and expansion of the 100-year-old cinema.

The design work will be lead by principal architect Stephanie Fischer of award-winning architectural practice Burrell Foley Fischer.

She is a specialist in the design of facilities for film and media and her work includes the Metro Cinemas, Renoir Cinema and the Dalston Rio in London.

Conservation architect Faye Davies, also from Burrell Foley Fischer, has specialist knowledge of the repair and sensitive adaptation of historic buildings.

Highly experienced engineers and quantity

surveyors will be working with the architects.

All have worked on the Picture House during earlier stages of the centenary project.

### Excited

Jane Mayo, chairman of Campbeltown Community Business (CCB), said: 'Our board is very excited it has been able to assemble such an outstanding design team.'

'It emphasises the importance of the cinema not only to its community but also nationally and internationally.'

Ms Fischer said: 'Burrell Foley Fischer looks forward to working with the team to bring the cinema up to the standards expected by a modern cinema going audience, while respecting the historic building in which it is housed.'

'We are very aware of the importance of these venues to their communities and we are delighted to be able to con-



Experts are working on a £2 million Lottery bid to restore and expand The Picture House in Campbeltown. 08\_c10cinema01

tribute to the future of such an historically important and much-loved cinema.'

Steve Wood, working on the project as Scotland's only conservation accredited engineer, said: 'This is an exciting and unusual project, not just structurally.'

'It is not every day that we have the opportunity to work on such a nationally significant building.'

'The rejuvenation of

the cinema will be of immense benefit to the community and importance in the regeneration of Campbeltown.'

The centenary project aims to modernise the cinema while restoring it to its former glory. Funding has been promised by a range of bodies including Historic Scotland and Creative Scotland while the cinema's board applies for the next stage of Heritage Lottery funding.

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## Travellers face disruption on A83

MOTORISTS travelling overnight on the A83 to and from Campbeltown face disruption after resurfacing works started on Sunday night.

South of Corranbuie, between Tarbert and Kenacraig, the road will be closed between 9.15pm and 5am each night from Sunday to Friday.

Because of the narrow nature of this section of road, a closure has been required to keep motorists and workers safe.

Traffic left waiting on either side of the road closure is escorted through the roadworks every hour. There are no suitable diversion routes.

A 30mph speed limit is in place outwith working hours to ensure vehicles can pass over the temporary surface and the road will remain open as normal at the weekend.

The roadworks are expected to be completed next Friday morning, March 14.

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# Two fishing boats seized in dawn raid

TWO fishing boats were seized in a dramatic dawn raid at Carradale Harbour on Saturday.

Six crew from a tug believed to be from the Upper Clyde arrived at 7.30am and forced the wheelhouse locks on two vessels, Avalon II and Capella.

The boats engines were started and the crafts escorted out of the harbour by the tug.

Police officers were in attendance on the pier while the operation was carried out in front of curious villagers.

An onlooker, who did not want to be named, said: 'It was a really slick operation. Initially, I thought it was a theft going on until I saw police there.'

'It began with three smartly dressed guys arriving on the pier in

a big 4x4 with blacked-out windows.

'One signalled to a tug just outside the harbour and it came in with the crew who took the boats away.

'I asked one of the 4x4 guys what was going on. He said the boats were being repossessed.

'The boats sailed and the men in the 4x4 left followed by the police.

'The whole operation was over in less than half an hour.

### Never heard

'I spoke to a Campbeltown fisherman and he said had never heard of boats being repossessed in such a fashion before.'

Another villager said: 'It was one of the saddest days for Carradale to see two boats taken away.'

It is understood those removing the boats



The quiet Carradale Harbour was the scene of a dramatic dawn raid last Saturday.

were acting on behalf of Accountant in Bankruptcy, a Scottish Government agency responsible for administering the process of personal bankruptcy and recording personal insolvencies.

It follows a sequestration order against the boats' owner, Alan Oman, granted at Campbeltown Sheriff

Court in September 2010.

The AiB, acting as trustee in the case, has the power to seize assets if a settlement cannot be reached with the debtor.

A Campbeltown Police spokesman said this week: 'We were asked by a partner agency to attend Carradale Pier on Saturday morn-

ing to ensure there was no disturbance while a particular action was carried out.'

The Courier was unable to contact Mr Oman, who lives in Carradale.

William Paterson, 53, also from Carradale, and skipper of the prawn boat Avalon II for 14 years, told the Courier: 'I had person-

al belongings on the boat, and that is in the hands of the receiver at the moment.'

'I'm now looking for work on another boat, as are my two crew but it is not easy finding work - the industry is quiet.'

The Capella, used for shellfishing, had lain dormant in recent months.

## Woman charged with electricity theft

A WOMAN has been charged with theft of electricity after being caught with a bypassed meter.

She was arrested late in the evening in Campbeltown last Friday.

## Window smashed

POLICE are appealing for information after a window in the Burnside Bar, Burnside Street was smashed on Monday night.

The incident occurred some time between 8.40pm and 7.30am. Anyone with any information should call police on 101.

## Lunchtime training seminar goes well

SOUTH Kintyre Development Trust, the organisation taking the lead in refurbishing Campbeltown Town Hall, ran the first of its lunchtime training seminars aimed at third sector directors in the hall last Tuesday.

There was a significant response with 23 people from 10 organisations such as Kintyre Way and Network Carradale attending.

### Visiting

The subject of the seminar was financial management for directors, led by visiting accountancy consultant Bob Grimshaw of Preston-based "c-a-solutions"

(www.c-a-solutions.com), who lived in Kintyre some years ago.

Rory Colville, chairman of South Kintyre Development Trust, said later: 'Bob's input was straightforward and was very helpful in explaining to those of us who have little experience of managing finances how we can keep control of our current budget and our cash flow.'

A further seminar is being planned for later in the year. The overall aim is to increase the effectiveness of the voluntary sector in its endeavours to promote growth in South Kintyre.

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## Greater spotted

SERIOUS birdwatchers - they are a very distinctive species - are easy to spot. For a start, they are usually green and brown in colour. But apart from their choice in clothing, there are other obvious signs.

They will invariably be seen pointing telescopic binoculars and cameras in the direction of a field or open water. And while they can be solitary animals initially, they will happily gather in clusters.

Birds of a feather flocking together and all that. Groups of them usually mean a mutual prey is nearby. Indeed, such is their sociability as a breed they will often communicate with each other via a pager system.

In Campbeltown in recent weeks a new pastime has sprung up - spotting the spotters. Have you seen them and thought 'what on earth are they doing, what are they looking for?'

As our story on page 3 reveals, all the fuss is about an extremely rare sighting of an American herring gull.

Still to be verified - birdwatching is a serious business, akin to authenticating a purported Old Master - the gull, blown across the Atlantic by winter storms, is reckoned to be only the second sighting on mainland Scotland.

It is all hugely exciting for these dedicated souls, aka birders or twitchers, who combine a stamp collecting or trainspotting type of passion with a love of wildlife and the great outdoors.

Good luck to them - and may they continue to flock here in their numbers, giving a welcome boost to the local economy. It may not quite be Nessie - but it will do nicely. More about the gull than the gullible.

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## Fallacy of currency union argument

Sir

I have been wondering why Mr Alex Orr of Edinburgh has been writing so regularly to the Campbeltown Courier. Looking into it I discover that Mr Orr is a professional PR consultant working for the Yes campaign. His letters appear in newspapers across Scotland and the UK as a whole. It is to be expected, therefore, that his views are coloured by the hopes and wishes of the separatists.

Let's overlook for a moment his amusing references to lovebombing, good cop bad cop, and desperation on the part of the side shown to be ahead in every poll taken so far.

He repeats the assertion that the currency union that he and the SNP so dearly want would also be in the interests of the UK. A moment's thought reveals the fallacy here.

A currency union between the UK and an independent Scotland would allow the Scottish administration to borrow recklessly on the international markets to fund their ambitious spending plans, safe in the knowledge that the UK would guarantee the repayments in the event of the Scottish economy running into difficulties when, for example, the oil runs out. It would be unwise, to say the least, for the UK government to enter into such an agreement.

Mr Orr also claims that without a currency union, UK companies would incur hundreds of millions of pounds in transaction costs, leading to job losses. However, Alex

Salmond appears to have revealed that if he could not get a currency union, Scotland would continue to use the pound anyway, in the same way that countries such as Panama use the U.S. Dollar; i.e. without any control over the currency. In that case, I cannot see where the transaction costs would arise.

I am concerned that much of the information we are being given ahead of the referendum is misleading, and I feel that we deserve better.

**Ron Knight**  
by email.

## Real story over Methadone service

Sir,

I have seen the divisive letter from Mary Galbraith in your last edition. Can I make it clear that from the beginning of the dispute about the Methadone clinic I have responded to, worked with and supported the local community in its opposition to the imposition of a service that it does not regard as necessary or desirable.

That was also the clear message from the First Minister and the Scottish cabinet at their Campbeltown visit.

Just as recently as last week I wrote to Argyll and Bute Council to support Councillor John Semple who has been vociferous in the campaign and strongly opposed to those who are still trying to impose a solution (including Argyll and Bute Council) against the wishes of the vast majority whom we represent.

I continue to urge them to discuss matters with the local community and not to act unilaterally. I have also made

that point again to the minister for community safety and the minister for public health.

I would urge Mary Galbraith to work with all those concerned rather than trying to score political points about a difficult issue which had however, until her intervention, secured virtually unanimous backing from all elected representatives.

**Michael Russell MSP**  
Argyll and Bute.

## Welcome departure of Atos

Sir,

The decision by Atos Healthcare to get out early from its contract with the Government to provide Work Capability Assessments will be welcomed by anyone who has had the misfortune to go through one.

The decision by the Department of Work and Pensions to put all repeat assessments on hold, albeit unfortunately only temporarily, also offers a welcome respite for tens of thousands of disabled and sick people.

Action for M.E., the UK's leading charity for people with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (M.E.), sometimes diagnosed as chronic fatigue syndrome, recently published a report based on a survey of more than 400 M.E. patients' experiences of the Atos assessment process.

Here's just a few of the findings:

\* Only 13.4 per cent said the healthcare professional from Atos understood their condition

\* Of those allowed to see a copy of the Atos report on their face-to-face assessment

more than 82 per cent said it was not an accurate reflection of the answers they gave

\* 92 per cent said the process caused stress and made their condition worse

\* Fewer than a third felt the healthcare professional from Atos asked about all the symptoms that affected their ability to work.

Atos will not be missed. Is it too much to hope for that its replacement will be fit for purpose?

**Sonya Chowdhury,**  
Chief Executive  
Action for M.E.  
38 Victoria Street  
Bristol.

## Rotary thanks

Sir,

At the beginning of this year, the Rotary Club of Campbeltown started to collect unwanted toiletries and cosmetics to help the local branch of Women's Aid.

There has been an excellent response to this appeal, and although the collection boxes have now been withdrawn, Rotary members hope that there might be a similar collection early next year.

The club wishes to thank most sincerely all who gave to this appeal.

Grateful thanks are also given to the businesses who so willingly accepted collection boxes, namely, Keith Stationers, Numero Dix Hairstylist, Millknowe Stores and Muneroy Stores, Southend.

A very big thank you to you all.

**Agnes Stewart**  
Campbeltown Rotary Club.

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# Old building's future is up in the air

'We need the people of Campbeltown to come forward and tell us how they want to use this historic building'

AN eleventh-hour bid is being made to rescue an important Campbeltown building.

The Old Courthouse in Bolgam Street, unused for two decades, has deteriorated badly inside and out.

Facing the prospect of being demolished sooner rather than later, its ownership is also unknown.

It could still have a possible future thanks to the efforts of Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust, however time is running out on the promise of funding worth £750,000 towards restoration work.

The funding depends on finding a new use for the building - and soon.

Sarah MacKinnon, the trust's chief executive, said: 'This is a really important building and we are so close to being able to save it, we just need the public's help.'

'We need the people of Campbeltown to come forward and tell us how they want to use this historic building.'

'One suggestion is to create a 'green' community hub selling local foods, arts and crafts and ethical products.'

#### Venue

'The centre would provide a venue for performing arts, a repair café where people could recycle furniture and goods and a centre for environmentally focused training.'



The rear of the Old Courthouse in Bolgam Street gives an indication of restoration work required on the building.

'Such a centre would complement other community projects and contribute to the regeneration of the town.'

'We'd like to know if people would support such an idea, or if they have other ideas for the building.'

'We'd also like to hear from anyone with memories or old photographs of it.'

Views can be given by contacting Strathclyde Building Preservation at [courthouse@sbpt.org.uk](mailto:courthouse@sbpt.org.uk)

To find out more go to the trust's website at [www.sbpt.org.uk](http://www.sbpt.org.uk)

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for economic development, said: 'The building is deteriorating and unless a use for it can be found it could be demolished, leaving a gap site and causing problems for the surrounding buildings.'

'Along with our partners at SBPT, we are eager to hear people's ideas on how it could be saved.'

Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust (SBPT), a social en-

terprise bringing new life to old buildings, has been involved in projects in Campbeltown for the past eight years and in particular worked with the Kintyre Amenity Trust to deliver the Old School Bunkhouse Project.

Built in the mid 19th century, the Old Courthouse became the town's gaol and sheriff court.

Twentieth century uses included: as a sailor's canteen during World War Two, a miners' welfare hall, pipe band rehearsal space, and as a civil defence centre.

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I WAS looking through some photographs of our trip, many years ago, to Jerusalem.

There was one of the Upper Room, and I can remember so clearly being totally overwhelmed that I was actually standing in such a holy place.

Obviously this is not the exact room referred to in scripture, as it has been reconstructed many times since Jesus' day.

But we were on holy ground and in a room which holds such significance for Christians throughout the world.

It is believed to be the room in which Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples.

It is believed to be where Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, where he appeared after his Resurrection, where the disciples gathered after Jesus' Ascension, and where the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples at Pentecost.

It is a spiritual space and even with all the crowds milling about, it retains an atmosphere of wonder.

This Sunday will be the first Sunday in Lent and so, once again, we begin our spiritual journey which ends in the day our faith began.

Jesus' journey in his final days began with a homecoming and ended with a hanging; it began with a welcome and ended in a witch hunt; it began with cheering and ended in crucifixion.

A crowd turned into a mob, and that is very dangerous indeed.

A mob is a nasty business.

We are seeing evidence of this every day on our TV screens and we recoil in horror at what human beings are doing to one another.

But a mob can mobilise very simply and very quickly. It can start by a whisper; it can start by a disparaging word about others; it can start by referring to those who are different as if they were of less value.

A mob is dangerous. Ask Jesus.

## Distillery could expand under new owner

GLEN Scotia Distillery in Campbeltown has been bought over by a private equity firm looking to grow the business.

The distillery sale is part of a purchase by Exponent Private Equity of The Loch Lomond Distillery Company for an undisclosed sum.

The Loch Lomond Distillery Company's assets include the Loch Lomond Distillery at Alexandria, by Dumbarton, the Glen Catrine packaging plant at Mauchline in Ayrshire, and the Glen Scotia malt distillery.

The purchase was welcomed this week by Glen Scotia's distillery manager Iain McAlister.

He said: 'This is good news all round. It means possible further expansion and investment for us, and that can only be good for the town.'

The Loch Lomond Distillery Company's as-



Glen Scotia Distillery in High Street, Campbeltown was first established in 1882. 08\_c10scotia01

sets have been acquired by the newly formed Loch Lomond Group, in which Exponent owns a majority stake, with the management team also investing in the venture.

Exponent has a portfolio of retail, media and financial services businesses and specialises in identifying and investing in businesses 'with strong growth potential working with effective management teams to realise that potential', said a spokesman.

The Loch Lomond Group is headed by Co-

lin Matthews as chief executive. He was previously responsible for leading Imperial Tobacco's businesses in Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the Indian sub-continent.

Former Diageo chief financial officer Nick Rose will chair the new business.

Mr Matthews said: 'Loch Lomond, Glen Catrine and Glen Scotia have built a sound business platform with brands that perform well in the UK and in a number of internation-

al markets. The growth of the Scotch whisky industry in recent years offers a great opportunity to develop further the Loch Lomond business, to refresh and expand the product portfolio and to move into new international markets building on the excellent progress the company has already made.'

'We have assembled a strong and experienced management team who will work alongside the existing management to take on this challenge.'

Glen Scotia Distillery, built in 1832, increased its number of employees from three to five. It is still one of the smallest distilleries in Scotland, however production levels make it one of the most efficient.

Campbeltown has two other operating distilleries, Springbank and Glengyle. At its peak, the town had more than 30.

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## Looking at a stellar life

CAMPBELTOWN native Dr Alec MacKinnon and Professor Ronnie Roberts bring the second season of West Kintyre Stargazing events to a close at The Putechan on Sunday from 5pm with a fascinating insight into the life and times of Professor Andrew McKellar.

Professor McKellar (1910-1960), whose parents emigrated to Canada from Campbeltown, has been described as Canada's greatest astronomer.

Sunday's talk will describe his discoveries and recall his Kintyre lineage to give a uniquely local look at the workings of stars, the origin of the chemical elements and even the evolution of the universe.

Dr MacKinnon, a former Campbeltown Grammar pupil, is now an astrophysicist and senior lecturer at Glasgow University. Professor Roberts is the retired director of the Institute of Aquaculture at Stirling University and now lives in Peninver.

Everyone is welcome to The Putechan event. Price is £2.50 members, £5 non-members, under 18s free. Supper is £5.



## Aurora borealis pictured above Campbeltown last week

Ruth Campbell took this amazing picture of an aurora borealis last Thursday evening from her back garden in Kilchenzie. Do you have a Kintyre picture you would like to share with the Courier? Email it to [editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk](mailto:editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk) with a few details and contact telephone number.

## Kintyre car booters to travel to Ardfern

STALL holders and car booters from Kintyre are set to take part in the ever-growing Craignish Community Company boat jumble and car boot sale.

This year is the 15th anniversary of the sale, which will be held in Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern on March 22.

Having started as a low key event in 1999, the popularity of the boat jumble has increased to the extent that demand for tables and car boot space is

greater than space allows, with people coming from as far afield as Northern Ireland, Ayrshire, Glasgow and Argyll to sell their wares.

### Nautical stands

There are several nautical stands selling anchors, ropes, clothes, sails and boats, as well as general stalls.

For more information contact Jan Brown on [jan@craignishcommunitycompany.org.uk](mailto:jan@craignishcommunitycompany.org.uk) or ring 01852 500689.

# Woodwind trio to perform in Campbeltown

THREE talented woodwind players are set to visit Campbeltown next Friday as part of the continuing series of Kintyre Music Club concerts.

Sarah Cruickshank, Jenny Stephenson and Anna Mary Lynch form the Arunda Wind Trio.

They are all graduates from The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, The Royal College of Music London and The Conservatoire à Rayonnement Régional de Marseille.

The trio is part of the prestigious Live Music Now! scheme, as founded by Yehudi Menuhin and also enjoy regular performances for Music in Hospitals.

In 2011, Arunda entertained Annie Lennox at the glitzy Wallowpole awards ceremony in London.

Arunda plays the standard repertoire for reed trio as well as easy listening, popular mu-

sic that everyone knows and loves.

Members of the trio have shown their versatility by taking to the stage for some musical theatre and recording for bands such as Belle and Sebastian.

Next Friday, March

14, the trio will be playing Mozart, Ibert, Auric, Rossini, Leclair, Bizet, Tansman and Yokoyama - a variety of new and familiar pieces for all tastes.

The concert starts at 7.30pm at the Lorne and Lowland Old Hall.



The Arunda Wind Trio, who will be performing at Lorne and Lowland Old Hall next Friday. From left: Sarah Cruickshank, oboe, Anna Mary Lynch, bassoon, and Jenny Stephenson, clarinet.

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Scientist: Dr Mair Crouch, PhD LLB

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Four rally cars make an interesting diversion from school lessons at Campbeltown Grammar. 08\_c10rally05

## Rallying young interest in motorsport

THE INAUGURAL Kintyre rally was given big revs last Friday as Campbeltown Grammar pupils poured over four souped-up cars in the school grounds.

### Promote

The cars and their drivers were there to promote the Blue Scottish Tarmac Rally Cham-

pionship at Machrihanish Air Base on July 5 and 6.

And they have guaranteed themselves many new fans of the sport.

'I learned a lot - not least of all that I want to buy a rally car,' said 13-year-old Craig Graeme Pitt.

Miller Irwin, 12, said: 'I'm

definitely going to go and watch the rally and I'll be recommending it to others.'

### Serious message

However, amid the roar of the engines there was also a serious message from the rally drivers to the young students.

'We were told too that fast

driving should be confined to rallying, and to stay safe on public roads - especially on rural roads where most accidents occur,' said Millar.

The Kintyre rally will use the former runway at Machrihanish as well as roads around the base, with drivers being set off at 30 second intervals



Harry McLean, 13, left, and Jamie McKerral, 13, sit in a Peugeot 106 GTI belonging to Duncan McLean of Lochgilp-



Miller Irvine, 12, left, and Rhys Hard, 12, behind the controls of a Ford Escort. 08\_c10rally04



Lindsay Armour, left, and Nichola Kerr at the baking stall last Saturday.

## Coffee morning raises £678

CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmers held a successful coffee morning at Kinloch Hall last Saturday, raising £678.83.

Money was raised through a raffle, baking and bottle stall as well as teas and coffees.

Kelsey Brown, secretary of Campbeltown Young Farmers, thanked everyone for coming along to support them.

## Help for community theatre groups

COMMUNITY groups bringing music, dance and theatre into Argyll and Bute are to receive a helping hand from a rural culture promoter.

John Saich has been appointed to the Touring Network Highlands and Islands in Argyll and over the next 12 months will be available to help individuals or groups seeking to bring cultural opportunities to their community.

Each year the Touring Network works with more than 90 volunteer promoters to bring more than 700 high quality professional theatre, dance and music performances into rural villages and towns where residents would normally find difficulty in accessing these opportunities.

John Saich said: 'This

is a wonderful opportunity for Argyll, and I am very excited to be taking up the post.

### Meeting

'I am keen to hear from anyone who wants to see performing arts events in their local community

spaces and look forward to meeting promoters who are already making things like this happen.'

John can be contacted by email at argyll@the-touringnetwork.com or visit the web site the-touringnetwork.com.



John Saich, who has joined the Touring Network Highlands and Islands, helping community groups bring music and theatre to Argyll.

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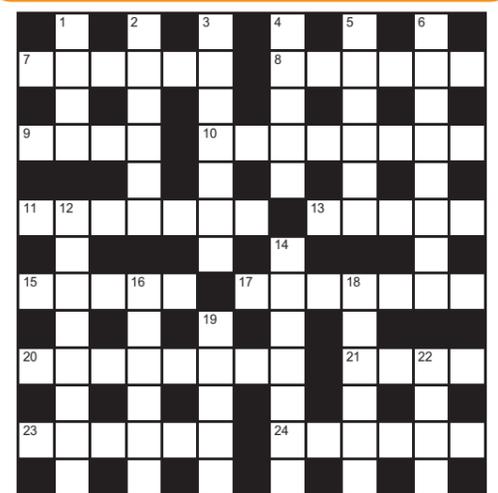
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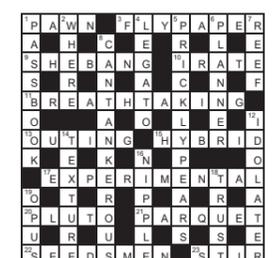
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- 15 Restrictions (5)
- 17 Shuddering movement (7)
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- 24 Unclothe (6)

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- 16 Share (6)
- 18 Bring back (6)
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- 22 Flower out of bed (4)

## Last week's solution



# Conference will look at the effects of wild geese

'This is an important event for all areas affected by the increase in the goose population'

NFU Scotland is holding a two-day conference on Islay on Monday and Tuesday which will focus on the management of wild geese in Scotland.

Chaired by Ken Rundle of SRUC, speakers will include the union's president Nigel Miller and deputy director of policy Andrew Bauer.

Since the 1970s, there has been a steady increase in goose numbers of some species in parts of Scotland, particularly around the remote and fragile islands and coastal areas. Farmers and crofters are seeing

a significant increase in damage to farmland as a result of growing goose populations. There will be farm visits on Monday, including to the RSPB Wildlife Reserve at Loch Gruinart.

On Tuesday, the conference at the Ionaid Chaluum Chille Ile (Columba Centre) will cover a range of topics including the challenges set by farming with both protected and quarry species of geese across Scotland.

Also on the bill is Paul Walton, head of habitats and species at the RSPB who will speak about



Growing wild geese populations has seen increased damage to farmland.

meeting the UK's nature conservation objectives; David Stroud, senior ornithological adviser with the Joint Nature Conservation Council; and Alyn Walsh of the National Parks and Wildlife Service in Ireland.

The afternoon will fea-

ture workshops focusing on co-existence of protected species alongside farming as well as the impact of quarry species of geese.

Mr Miller said: 'This is an important event for all areas affected by the increase in the goose

population.

'Lessons learnt from Islay will have a real spin-off benefit for other regions.

'From the two-day conference we aim to re-examine the Scottish Government's policy objectives on goose

management and ensure there is a viable future for agricultural businesses which are affected by geese in the Highlands and Islands and other areas of Scotland.

'Changes to the Common Agricultural Policy will have a significant

impact on farmers in these fragile areas. The habitat built by farmers may become damaged if wildlife populations, like geese, are not managed.

'We need to ensure there is support in place to help farmers cope.'

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# Courier farming

## Ian Barbour ploughs his way to first medal

TWO rare dry days in a row ensured that Kintyre Agricultural Society's annual ploughing match at Dalivaddy farm went ahead at the first attempt last Saturday.

The decision to move away from the traditional end of January date to try for better weather at the beginning of March proved correct.

Ian Barbour from

Glenside Tractors was the overall winner, collecting his first ploughing match medal.

Andrew Ronald, Neil John McCorkindale and Peter Littleton were the judges. Mrs Catherine Ralston presented the prizes.

The agricultural society thanked the Ralston family for hosting the ploughing match, Andrew, Neil John and Peter for judging, Sue McGuire for providing the refreshments and to all competitors and helpers for making the day a success.

Results:

Class 1 (10-12 inch) - Gavin Reid, 2 Iain McKendrick. Best break - Gavin Reid, straightest - Iain McKendrick, best first six furrows - Gavin Reid, best last six furrows - Gavin Reid, best ins and outs - Gavin Reid.

Class 2 (over 12-inch) - 1 Stuart McConnell, 2 Paul Newall, 3 Thomas Ralston, 4 Willie Reid. Best break - Stuart



Class 2 winner Stuart McConnell of Glenside Tractors. 08\_c10plough02

McConnell, straightest - Paul Newall, best first six furrows - Stuart McConnell, best last six furrows - Paul Newall, best ins and outs - Stuart McConnell.

Class 3 (reversible) - Ian Barbour, 2 Andrew Ralston, 3 Stuart Newlands, 4 Fraser MacPhail, 5 James Young, 6 Drew McKendrick. Best break - Andrew Ralston, best first six furrows - Andrew Ralston, straightest - Andrew Ralston; best last six furrows - Ian Barbour, best ins and outs - Ian Barbour.

First on field - Drew McKendrick, first finished - James Young,

least experienced - Fraser MacPhail, youngest competitor - Fraser MacPhail, furthest travelled - Stuart McConnell, oldest competitor - Willie Reid, best-looking ploughman - Willie Reid, hardest luck - Drew McKendrick, worst plot - Gavin Reid, tidiest yoke - Gavin Reid.

Best maintained tractor - 1 Gavin Reid, 2 Willie Reid, oldest tractor - Paul Newall, newest tractor - Stuart Newlands.

Kintyre Agricultural Cup and winner of the R.H.A.S. Medal - Ian

Barbour.

Messrs Ralston Cup for winner in non-medal class - Stuart McConnell.

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Glenside Cup for most points using Case/International Tractor - Ian Barbour.

Hamilton Bros Cup for most points using Massey Ferguson Tractor - Gavin Reid.

Ford Cup for most points using a Ford tractor - Paul Newall.



Overall winner Ian Barbour collects his prize from Catherine Ralston.



Willie Reid, 68, of Glenside Tractors, a former outright winner of the event, was taking part in his 50th year of ploughing competitions.

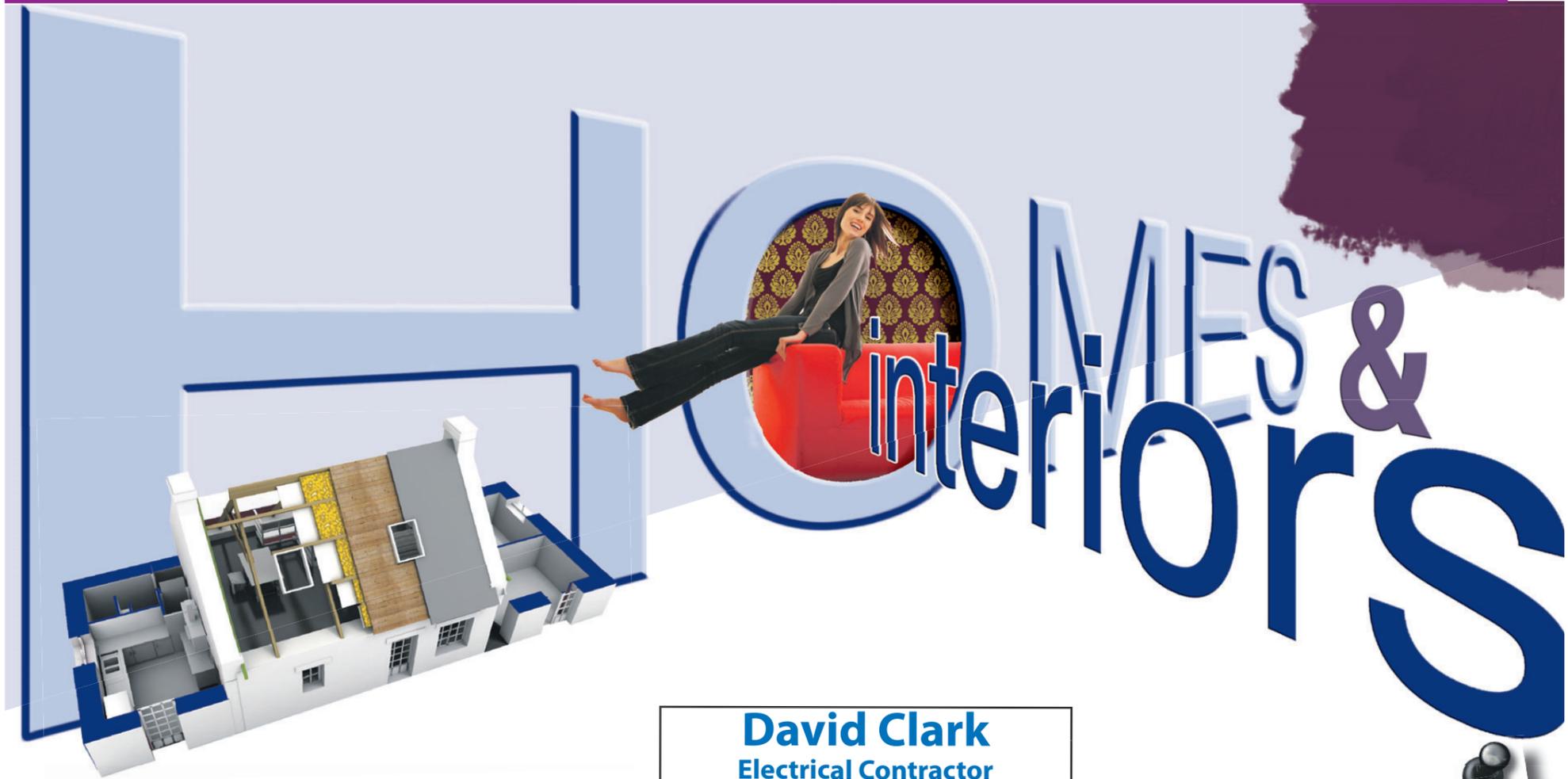
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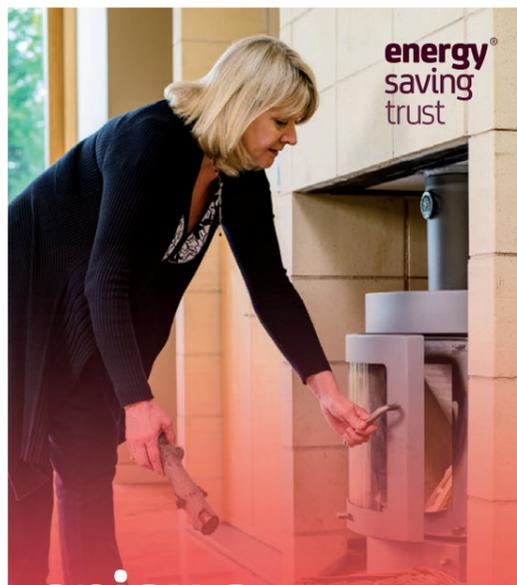
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**THERE might be a late snap of colder weather, but spring is just around the corner - and that usually means taking a fresh look at your home.**

It's inevitable, given the lighter mornings and longer days, that you'll see things you might not have otherwise spotted. Perhaps a crack in a wall or a room you're not happy with the decoration of.

It may even be you've discovered you've outgrown your property - or even decided what you've got just isn't big enough. Either way; this is the time of year you might get itchy feet - or the wallpapering table out.

Whatever option you choose, make sure you're certain in yourself - after all, it's you who has to live there.

More and more people are choosing to build their homes; with a study by NHBC showing a 26.4 per cent increase in the number of new homes registered in the Scotland between November 2013 and January this year compared to the same period 12 months previous.

It is a continuation of the upward trend seen throughout 2013, which resulted in the highest number of new home registrations since the economic downturn in 2007.

It is an attractive option, being able to design your own home, pick its exact location and kit it out with all extras you need it to have.

It can be expensive; thanks to the high cost of buying land throughout large areas of the west Highlands, but it can represent a saving over homes already in place.

If you do go down this route, remember there are other items to consider; drainage, parking, electrical wiring and even renewable energy options. Building a home isn't just a case of putting bricks and mortar together.

The drawback is, of course, that it is not instant fix and you may want to move in straight away.

So if you don't want to hang about; take a look at the options marketed by your local estate agent. There you'll find options for most locations, price ranges and sizes - and you might just stumble across the odd bargain too just waiting to be done up.

Estate agents can also advise of properties about to come onto the market and can even keep your contact details to hand just in case a property comes up that meets your criteria.

Either way, this can give you a temperature of the market and provide perfect inspiration - even if just to do up your own home.

As with all the above options, decorating and furnishing your home is another important point not to skip over. Take a look at interior designers first to see if they can do things to your liking and price range; but if not there are plenty of local companies who can help you either give your existing home a new look, or get your new house feeling exactly like a home.



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Kate Cameron is taught how to use a drill by a Gambian tradesman.



Gambian youngsters were taught about oral health by the grammar school students.



Students get out and push when their minibus gets stuck in sand.



Youngsters crammed into a s



Grammar students with young Gambian pupils on independence day.

# My boy has turned into man who has truly bee

IT truly was a life-changing experience for the 14 pupils and four Campbeltown Grammar staff recently returned from Gambia.

And it was able to happen because of the 'colossal generosity' of the people of Campbeltown who responded magnificently to the numerous fundraising events needed to finance construction work involved in the 12-day trip.

Maths teacher Jim Farren told the Courier how 'big grown-up lads who could happily tough it out on the football pitch were moved to tears by what they saw in an African country stricken with poverty'.

He told of the humbling experiences for pupils and staff alike in witnessing 'the effort of so many noble people doing their best with next to nothing and staying immensely upbeat'.

### Lot of laughter

Mr Farren, one of the school's four travelling staff, added: 'There was a lot of laughter, a lot of tears and a lot of changed lives.'

'Every student and teacher gained from this.'

The mother of one pupil told the school: 'He was a lovely boy before he left, but since his return I see a huge difference and my boy has turned into a wonderful young

man who has truly been humbled by this trip.'

Another pupil, a girl, is already considering changing her university course to midwifery after learning first hand that one in seven Gambian women die in childbirth because of the lack of professional assistance.

Agnes Stewart, a support for learning assistant at Campbeltown Grammar came up with the idea for the trip and organised much of the fundraising, after being inspired by the first aid work in Gambia by Bill and Fiona Nelson, a brother and sister from Inveraray.

During their stay, the grammar school party learned first-aid before taking their newfound skills to train staff at three Gambian schools.

However, they did so much else in their brief but packed stay where they experienced temperatures in the mid 30s during the day but were shocked by the night's chill.

Armed with toothbrushes, paste and posters donated locally, they gave much-needed lessons in oral health in the capital Bangul before taking a two-hour minibus drive to Kalagi, well off the tourist trail.

There, staying in tents for five days, they provided finance and physical help for the construction

of a 'bantaba' - a place for children to shelter from the intense African sun.

Local carpenters and thatchers passed on skills to the CGS students, with the tradesmen taking it as a great honour to share their knowledge. School blackboards were painted and put on walls, tables and chairs fixed and sets of swings and climbing frames erected. Sports and games were also taught to Gambian youngsters.

### Supporting

'Every aspect of the trip was positive,' said Mr Farren. 'The students all worked as a team, supporting each other at every opportunity.'

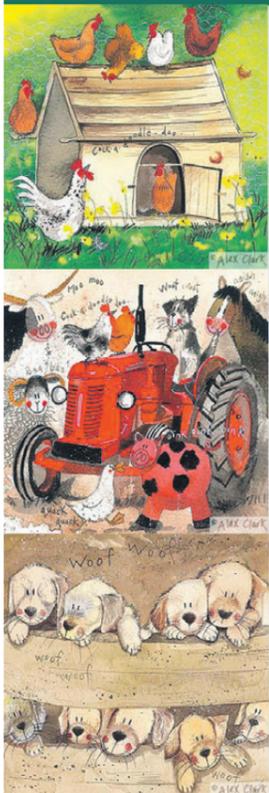
'The town's colossal generosity made this happen and each and every student has been changed by what they saw and experienced.'

'The school will return to Gambia, that's for sure. It is just a question of whether we can raise the necessary funds for this to happen next year or 2016.'

Rector Catriona Hood said: 'They have come back inspired to sustain the project but this can never be a grammar school initiative alone.'

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Agnes Stewart helps prepare school dinners.



Rachael O'May and Grant Westerman painting the blackboards.

# ... a wonderful young ... n humbled by this trip Gambia has dramatic effect on pupils and teachers alike



Campbeltown pupils and some Gambian friends who made up a Scotland football side to take on Gambia in a match which ended 9-7 for the away team.

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## ISLAY

## Islay woman set for Middle East peace-keeping role

ISLAY'S Bronwen Currie will be leaving her home in April to spend three months in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories as a human rights observer. Bronwen will be volunteering with the



Bronwen Currie.

Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel. (EAPPI).

It was established by the World Council of Churches in 2002 following a call for help from the Heads of Churches in Jerusalem.

Since then nearly 200 people from the UK and Ireland have joined volunteers from more than 20 countries to stand alongside those affected by the occupation and to work for a just peace. Bronwen told the Courier that the job of an ecumenical accompanier (EA) is to engage with people on both sides of the conflict, listening to their stories

and supporting both Israeli and Palestinian groups working for civil rights and peaceful solutions.

She added: 'EAs at gates in the 'separation barrier' or military checkpoints means that Palestinian civilians are less likely to suffer abuse or harassment.

'EAs enable people living under occupation to go about their daily lives in a way which we in Argyll take for granted.

'As a Quaker, I try to translate my faith into action and to actively witness for peace and justice. In a small way I may be able to make a difference to the lives of

individuals and to help their story be heard in the wider world.'

A big part of an EA's role is advocacy. While Bronwen is away she will be writing reports for politicians and UN officials on what she has seen and heard. On her return to Britain she will be producing articles, giving interviews, speaking to politicians and giving talks in order to highlight the situation in the occupied territories.

Anyone wishing to keep up to date with Bronwen's activities or hear from her when she gets home, can contact her on bron.currie@gmail.com

## SKIPNESS



## Pupils' colourful handiwork

AS part of their eco action plan the pupils of Skipness Primary painted a mural inside their sheltered area in the playground. They chose to paint the four seasons as well adding their handprints. Head teacher Catherine Black said: 'It was a messy job but the pupils are delighted with their work and are looking forward to the Eco School Scotland assessor visiting at the end of this month.' Pictured from left are Skipness pupils Joseph McAllister, Peter McAllister, Zac Carter and Heleana McAllister.

## SOUTHEND

## Southend SWRI looks to the skies

MEMBERS of Southend SWRI enjoyed some indoor stargazing during their February meeting.

President Jen Ronald warmly welcomed members and thanked them for turning out on a very windy night to hear from speaker John Ives.

John said that with there being no moon it would have been an ideal night to view Southend's skies, but instead the ladies stayed indoors with a scientific study and slideshow of celestial bodies.

John's interest in astronomy was sparked as a young boy walking through the streets of Cheshire with his father. He is now able to enjoy the dark skies of Kintyre, which are some of the best in the country - the Putechan was recently named a Dark Sky Discovery site.

John talked members

through various star constellations and continued on to the differences between a planet and a star.

He gave a great insight into the jargon involved and explained how planets shine from the light reflected on them while stars twinkle.

Members hope they can now try some stargazing for themselves thanks to John sharing his passion with them.

Vice president Inez Ronald thanked John for a most interesting and informative talk.

Jen Ronald thanked members before refreshments were served and the raffle was drawn.

Competition results: Soap carving, the man in the moon: Gold: Jen Ronald; Silver: Alison Eynon. Baking, three shortbread stars: Gold: Janet Ferguson; Silver: Inez Ronald, Jen Ronald, Elizabeth Semple; Red: Margaret Bakes, Margaret Bateman, Margaret Penman, Fiona Rowland; Green: Jean Ives, Karen Twynham. Poem, a stary night: Gold: Margaret McDowall, Inez Ronald; Silver: Trish Pearson, Margaret Russell, Elizabeth Semple; Red: Alison Eynon, Elsie Hone, Jean Ives, Karen Twynham.

## CLACHAN



The three bottles of Bowmore whisky which made £16,500 at auction.

## Bowmore whisky sells for £16,500

THREE bottles of Bowmore whisky went over their estimate at an auction in Edinburgh, selling for £16,500.

Sold last Wednesday at Bonhams whisky sale, the three bottles were estimated to make between £12,000 and £15,000.

They were: Black Bowmore, 42 year old, 1964, number 557 out of 827 bottles; White Bowmore, 43 year old, number 183 of 732 and Gold Bowmore, number 83 from an edition of 701.

Bonhams whisky specialist, Martin Green, said, 'The Bowmores were a special and unusual combination of very desirable bottles, so it is no surprise to see them doing well.'

Bonhams holds whisky sales several times a year in Edinburgh, New York and Hong Kong.

## Large turnout for Largsieside quiz night

MEMBERS of Largsieside SWRI enjoyed a quiz night at Tayinloan Village Hall during their recent February meeting.

There was a good turnout

with teams coming from as far north as Whitehouse and as far south as Southend.

Helen Steel compiled the quiz before conducting

proceedings.

The winning team consisted of Adrienne Bradley, Pat Rawson and David and Wendy Spy.

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00147/PPP	Site for erection of dwellinghouse	Land South East of Low Clachaig Muasdale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan

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14/00506/PP	Variation of Condition 1 relative to planning permission reference 07/00490/DET (Berthing of a 30 metre barge for use as a floating restaurant) - extension of time from 5 years to 10 years	Berthing West of Earra Gael Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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The jury, reflecting the interests and tastes of 58 journalists from 22 European countries, delivered its verdict on the strong line-up of seven finalist models pre-selected in December - with the new Peugeot 308 declared the winner.

The 2014 'Car of the Year' sums up the car's elegance and dynamic design and an advanced approach to weight reduction and driving experience courtesy of innovative instruments and controls (the Peugeot i-Cockpit).

Sales success has already been achieved, with more than 55,000 orders recorded since the launch of the model.

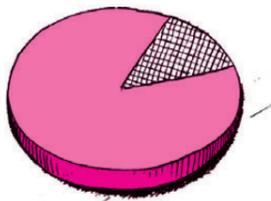
The new 308 is also contributing towards the brand's move upmarket, confirmed by the mix of the orders.

Receiving the award from Hakan Matson, the president of the jury, Maxime Picat, director-general of Automobiles Peugeot, said: 'With the new Peugeot 308 we were convinced we had achieved a leap in concept, technology and quality which would lead its category in Europe.'

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## Top marks for Grammar Lodge

WITH the tourist season approaching, William Ross of Grammar Lodge guesthouse in Campbeltown is confident his business will be able to maintain its perfect Trip Advisor score.

William and his wife Kirsteen spent many months converting the former school into a modern and welcoming guesthouse last year and have already earned rave reviews online.

'We're extremely proud of the fact we have taken an old derelict building and turned it into a successful business,' said William. 'We have been pleasantly surprised by the amount of bookings we have taken so far.'

'The feedback and reviews are wonderful and every day we aim to maintain our perfect score. Our Business Gateway adviser has also been a great support and has helped us to attempt to source funding, while pointing us in the direction of attending Business Gateway workshops that deal with aspects of business we need to learn.'

Donald Melville, a Business Gateway adviser, said: 'We have assisted William and Kirsteen on this venture, and will continue to help through one-to-one advice and workshops.'

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business call 01546 605 459 or visit [www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com)

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Simon Rochford of Campbeltown Pottery in his shop where he makes everything on-site. 20\_c09pottery01

# Simon is pottering along nicely on his own

BUSINESS is shaping up nicely for Campbeltown's only pottery business as new orders continue to roll in.

Campbeltown Pottery on Bolgam Street was established in 1997 by owner Simon Rochford. He continues to work alone after moving from Hazelburn Business Park to Union Street and more recently to his latest premises.

Simon sells a number of ranges of pottery in his shop, but

also makes pieces for other local businesses.

Jugs for Springbank Distillery and other distilleries make up a large portion of his business.

He said: 'I've just sent 300 jugs to Laphroaig for its distillery shop and they have the corporate colours and logos.'

Simon also makes medals for MOKRun and the Tarbert 10k race, and he has customers looking for commemorative

plates with personalised designs.

He has no immediate plans to expand, despite the steady flow of orders he has coming in.

It takes two weeks to make a jug from start to finish, and often he will send around 100 jugs to a distillery in one order.

He continually has to come up with new ranges for his shop, but for orders the creative process is made a little easier.

He said: 'I get input from the person I'm working with. Quite often they have an idea in mind, so I work with them to come up with the finished product.'

\*Would you like your business featured in the Courier? Has there been recent developments in your business - would you like it featured in the Courier? Contact us on 01586-554646 or email [editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk](mailto:editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk)

## Procurement portals explained

BUSINESSES wanting to move into supplying goods or services to the public sector are being urged to attend a free workshop to find out how to use tender portals, including Public Contracts Scotland, the national website for public sector procurement used by Argyll and Bute Council.

The half day 'Tender Portals Made Easy' workshop on March 11 in Inveraray covers why using tender portals is important. How to register and update information is also covered.

To book a place call 01546 605 459 or email [business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

## Turning ideas into reality

ANYONE looking to start their own business is encouraged to go along to the next Business Gateway start-up workshop in Campbeltown on March 18 and 19.

The free one and a half day workshop covers marketing, planning and finance, helping potential entrepreneurs turn their ideas into reality. It also offers a great opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and meet like-minded potential business owners.

To book a place call 01546 605 459 or email [business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

## Help available with seasonal recruiting

EMPLOYERS taking on temporary workers over the summer need to be aware of the issues when employing seasonal staff.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway helps businesses understand their legal and

contractual obligations, by providing support, access to workshops and a range of practical templates relating to taking on and managing staff.

'Any small business taking on staff, even for a short period, should be aware of their respon-

sibilities as an employer,' explained Councilor Duncan MacIntyre. 'The Business Gateway team can help in a variety of ways.'

Business Gateway can provide document templates for employers to use to help with job con-

tracts, including offer letters and contracts of employment. To request these, contact 01546 605 459.

Business Gateway can also help in recruiting the right staff and managing them. New half day workshops will be

available covering 'Becoming an Employer' and 'Getting the Most out of your People'.

Anyone looking to pre-register their interest should email [business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or call 01546 605459.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant' (Psalm 135:3).

**BIRTHS**



**ROONEY**

Seamus and Ann are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Daniel James, on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at the Southern General Hospital. First grandchild for delighted grandparents Jackie and Jim McLaughay, Bridgend, and Gerry and Phil Rooney, Haddington. Thanks to midwives and staff at Southern General.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**SCOTT - GLEN** - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on February 14, 2014, of Michelle, only daughter of Mike and Anne Scott, to Alan, youngest son of Alistair and the late Patricia Glen.

**DEATHS**

**CAMPBELL** - Peacefully at home, 20 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, on February 27, 2014, David MacDonald Campbell, in his 76th year, formerly of Tormore, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of the late Catherine McIntosh, much loved father of Dugald and Maureen and a loving and much loved papa, grandpapa and great grandpapa.

**CRAWFORD** - Suddenly, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on Friday, February 28, 2014, John Crawford (Painter and Decorator), aged 66 years, of Glennan, 30A Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead and formerly of Furnace, loving husband of Catherine (née MacKinnon), much loved father of Joanne and Cara, devoted pappy of Charley and Lewis, dear brother of Moira and Christine and a much loved brother-in-law and uncle to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and much respected work colleague to many. A popular member of the local community. Funeral service will be held in Cumlodden Parish Church, Furnace, today, Friday, March 7 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Minard. Family flowers only please. Donations to Macmillan Nurses and Glenary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

**KIRK** - Peacefully at her home, 6 Wilson Road, Lochgilphead, with her family by her side, on Monday, March 3, 2014, Betty Kirk, aged 79 years, beloved wife of Jim, much loved mum of Elspeth and Alison, adored granny of Heather, Cameron and Kieran, dear sister of Jack and the late Billy and much respected sister-in-law of Irene and Margaret. A good friend, dear neighbour and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held at Clydebank Crematorium on Monday, March 10, 2014, at 10.00am, thereafter a memorial service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church at 2.30pm. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Diabetes UK.

**HAMILTON** - On February 28, 2014, peacefully at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, Angus Hamilton, of Glenorchy Villa, Tarbert and formerly City of Glasgow Police, in his 81st year, beloved husband of the late Kathleen Singleton and much loved dad of Eileen, Christopher, Sandy and Nicola, a dearly loved brother, brother-in-law, grandfather, father-in-law and uncle. Funeral service at Tarbert Loch Fyne Free Church, (today) Friday, March 7, at 12.00noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Tarbert Parish Church, Clock Fund.

**MACDONALD** - Suddenly, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on February 27, 2014, Norman W Macdonald, aged 69 years, of Ardindrean, Dun Mor Avenue, Lochgilphead, much loved partner of Sandra Shanks, beloved father of Stuart, Ewan and Fraser. Funeral service was held in Westburn Parish Church, Greenock, on Thursday, March 6, thereafter to Greenock Crematorium.

**MCKAY** - Peacefully, at his home in Dunipace, on March 1, 2014, Archie, aged 81 years, beloved husband of Maureen, dearly loved father of John, Elizabeth, Margaret and Jim, also a sadly missed father-in-law and devoted papa to all his grandchildren. RIP.

**STALKER** - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on March 2, 2014, Jean Revie Thomson, in her 84th year, formerly of Hillside Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Dan Stalker, much loved mother of Alison, Malcolm and Gary, a loving mother-in-law, grandmother of Alyn, Rachael and Bethany and great grandmother of Rowyn.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BARRETT** - Margaret and all the family wish to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, telephone calls, baking and personal tributes shown to them following the sad loss of Jack. Grateful thanks to all doctors and staff in the renal units at The Western Infirmary and Vale of Leven hospitals for all the personal care and attention given to Jack. Also Dr Villalba, Dr Lazarus and all staff at Campbeltown Hospital. Our thanks to Rev Wallace for comforting service, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional services and to the Ardsheel Hotel for the purvey. Finally, our sincere thanks to all who attended the church and graveside, at which the sum of £565.89 was raised for the Renal Unit at the Glasgow Western Infirmary.

**DURNAN** - The family of Charlie Durnan sincerely thanks all relatives, friends and neighbours for their help and expressions of sympathy following the sudden, sad loss of Charlie. Grateful thanks to Rev P Wallace for support and comforting service and to the Ardsheel for their hospitality. Special thanks to Alasdair, Kenny and Rhys for their help over and above the call of duty. A total of £238 was donated to the Cat Rescue, Campbeltown. Many thanks.

**HAMILTON** - Elizabeth, Helen and Margaret would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends, col-

leagues and neighbours for their support and expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of their mum, Betty. Special thanks to the staff of Kintyre Care Centre and all those involved in Mum's care over the past five years. Grateful thanks to the Macmillan nurse and district nurses for their advice and support. Our thanks also to Reverend P Wallace for a comforting service, Kenneth Blair for professional funeral arrangements and the Ardsheel Hotel for catering. Finally, thanks to all who paid their respects at church and graveside. The retiral collection for Alzheimer's Research raised £475.90.

**LIVINGSTONE** - The family of the late Alastair Livingstone would like to thank all relatives and friends for their many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to doctors and nursing staff of Mid Argyll Hospital, and to carers at Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig for their care and support shown to Alastair. Our thanks to Rev Cliff Acklam for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements and to the Cairnbaan Hotel for fine purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £135 for Macmillan Nurses, Mid Argyll.

**MCGHIE** - The family of Margaret McGhie would like to thank all the staff at Kintyre Care Centre for all the wonderful care and attention they gave to her in her last years. I would also like to thank Dr Anderson for all his help and kindness. Lastly, thanks to T A Blair for their sympathetic and expert funeral arrangements.

**RANALLI** - The family of the late Sheena Ranalli (née Milne) would like to thank most sincerely all those who supported them on their sad loss. Thanks to all the staff who looked after Sheena in the Sunshine Room, with a big thank you to Hilary, Kate, Kitty and Linda. Thanks to Mr Crossan for his comforting service and to T A Blair for professional funeral arrangements.

**WALLACE** - Robert Wallace and family would like to express their sincere thanks to relatives and friends for flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy received during Margaret's illness and since our sad bereavement. Special thanks to Dr Norrie and staff at Campbeltown Hospital and to the wonderful community, Macmillan and Marie Curie nurses without whose help we could not have coped at home. Also to Rev P Wallace for a lovely service, Alasdair Blair for excellent funeral arrangements and the Ardsheel Hotel for a lovely purvey.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**BURTON** - For our boys, Paul and David Burton. Always in our hearts and minds.

- The Burton family, Oban and East Kilbride.

**FERGUSON** - In loving memory of Barbara, who died March 4, 2009. Never forgotten.

- Charles, Dadie and family.

**GALBRAITH** - In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Finlay Neil, who passed away on March 5, 2010.

If memories bring you closer, We are never far apart,

Not a day will we forget you, You're always in our hearts. So sadly missed.

- Mum, Dad and Christine. **GILCHRIST** - Precious memories of Leonard, a dearly loved husband, dad and granddad, who passed away March 5, 2010. Will always love and miss you.

- Your loving wife, Gloria and family, home and away.

**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.

**MC MILLAN** - Seven years have passed now, Gordon And there's nothing we can say

You're missed and loved as much

As the day you went away. - All the family x.

**SMITH** - In memory of Dugald Mitchell Smith, who passed away on March 8, 2013.

Greatly missed father of Lorna, Maureen, Sheena, the late Iain, and husband of the late Jessie Smith.

**SOUDEN** - In loving memory of Neil, passed away March 9, 2013.

Loved and remembered every day.

- Love, beloved wife, Isobel, and Louise, Ronnie, Paul and families.

**STUDHOLME** - In loving memory of Margaret (Peggie), née Holdsworth Beel, wife of the late William Studholme, a beloved grandmother and mother-in-law and a good friend to many, died August 2013.

**WARDROP** - Our beautiful Lynsey, Somewhere over the rainbow, We love you so much.

- Mum, Dad and Fallon xxx. **WARDROP** - Lynsey, our beloved granddaughter.

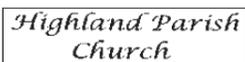
Thinking about you every day, Miss you so much. - Granny and all the family, at home and abroad.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

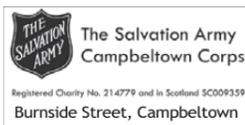


**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday Service**  
11.00 am  
with Sunday school  
Refreshments after the service  
Baby & Toddler Group  
10.00 - 11.45 am  
Every Thursday  
We meet at the Guide Hall,  
Kinloch Road  
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

**Campbeltown Community Church**  
is a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland  
SC043322



**Highland Parish Church**  
SCO02493  
**Sunday 9th March**  
11.15am Rev. C. Hood  
Sunday School in church  
**Tuesday 11th March**  
Badminton  
Everyone very welcome



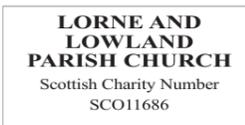
**The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps**  
Burnside Street, Campbeltown  
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359  
**Saturday 8th March**  
10.00am - 2.00pm  
Eden Gardening Club  
(Please bring lunch)  
**Sunday Services**  
10.30am Morning Worship  
Army Kidz  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Tuesday**  
12.15pm Lunch Club  
1.30pm Home League  
**Wednesday**  
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob  
**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer  
Lt. Mark Scouling



**75 Longrow, Campbeltown**  
**Springbank Evangelical Church**  
**Sunday 9th March 2014**  
11.15am Family Communion with crèche  
Pastor Ross Ferguson  
Coffee from 10.45am  
**Wednesday 12th March 2014**  
10.00am Jellytots Toddler Group  
7.30pm Prayer and Bible Study  
**Thursday 13th March**  
7.30pm Men being Men - an informal group for men  
For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200  
www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
SCO14646



**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 9th March**  
First Sunday of Lent  
10.45am Holy Communion  
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



**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Friday 7th March**  
World Day of Prayer  
Kirk St. Hall 7.30pm  
**Sunday 9th March**  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation  
Rev. P Wallace  
**Tuesday 11th March**  
Parents and Toddlers 9.45am  
BB Anchor Boys 6 - 7pm  
BB Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm  
**Thursday 13th March**  
Choir practice 7.30pm  
**Friday 14th March**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon  
**Saturday 15th March**  
Guild Sale 2.00pm  
Church Hall



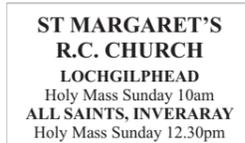
**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 9th March**  
Morning Worship  
Kilmartin 10.00am  
Rev. C. Acklam  
All welcome  
SC0 02121



**Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome**  
**Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead**  
Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist service  
Coffee & Cake follows the service  
**St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin**  
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am  
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm  
Scottish Prayer Book  
Additional Evensong 9th March at 3.30  
Lead by Rev. Keith Riglin  
**All Saints, Inveraray**  
1st & 3rd Sundays 10.30 am  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran  
01546 602315  
SC013787



**Lochgilphead Parish Church**  
**SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 2014**  
11.00 am Worship Service  
**SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2014**  
10.00 am 'MO-MA' Coffee Morning  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
All Welcome  
Further information (01546) 606218  
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311



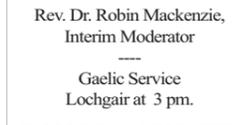
**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD**  
Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
**ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY**  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
Fr. David Connor  
01546 602380  
All Welcome  
(SC0002876)



**George Street, Campbeltown**  
**Sunday 9th March**  
12.45pm Worship Service  
Rev Angus Howat  
**Thursday 13th March**  
12 noon Prayer and Bible Study  
**Friday 14th March**  
6.30pm Christianity Explored Course  
(meeting in Church flat at 4f Albert Place)  
All Welcome  
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980



**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services**  
**9th March 2014 - all welcome!**  
**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
Charity No. SC016097  
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service (with Sacrament of Baptism) in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
Rev. Dr. Robin Mackenzie, Interim Moderator  
Gaelic Service  
Lochgair at 3 pm.



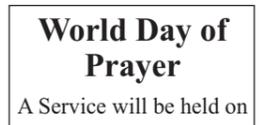
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES**  
**Friday 7th March**  
Cumlodden Church 7 pm  
Chalmers Court, Inveraray 7 pm



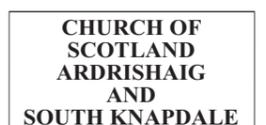
**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**Sunday 9th March 2014**  
Tarbert Service 11.45am  
to be held in Tarbert Free Church  
Kilberry Service 2pm  
Rev. Tommy Bryson  
**World Day of Prayer**  
**Friday 7th March** 2.30pm  
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre  
**Kirk Session Meeting**  
**11th March**  
Tarbert Free Church 7.30pm  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Telephone 01880 821012  
Everyone very welcome  
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**Living Stones Christian Centre Kilmartin**  
**Sunday 9 March 2014**  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Graham McLean  
"Led by the Spirit of God"  
**Thursday 13 March 2014**  
7.30pm  
Praise, prayer & sharing  
All Welcome



**World Day of Prayer**  
A Service will be held on  
**Friday 7th March**  
In Kirk Street Hall  
At 7.30pm  
This year's theme -  
"Streams in the Desert"  
Written by women from Egypt  
All welcome



**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
"It is good to sing praises to our God"  
**Sunday 9th**  
Who is God?  
King of Kings  
Services in  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am  
Achahoish at 12:30pm



**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
**Friday 7 March**  
World Day of Prayer Service  
Bellanoch Church 7:30 pm  
**Sunday 9 March**  
Tayvallich Church  
Morning Worship 11:30 am  
followed by  
Stated Annual Meeting  
Rev. C. Acklam  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknappedalecofs



**Lochgilphead Baptist Church**  
All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
**Sunday 9th March 2014**  
11.00am Morning Service  
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae  
**Wednesday 12th March**  
Messy Church  
"Wonderful World"  
Lochgilphead Bowling Club  
From 5pm  
Scottish Charity SC015187

## Lottery jackpot up to £800

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday. The winning numbers were 4, 6 and 7.

The next draw will take place on Sunday, March 16 for a jackpot of £800. Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.

## Carradale game called off

CARRADALE AFC's home game against St Andrews was called off on Saturday, with no future date set as yet for the fixture.

The team have a free weekend this week, before they play two away matches in a row.

## Game cancelled

TARBERT FC's home game against Eaglesham B last Saturday was called off because of a waterlogged pitch.

Tomorrow (Saturday's) fixture is a league game away to Millbeg Villa.

## Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club March Medal, March 2 - 1 N. Carmichael 72-5=67, 2 N. Johnston 82-9=73, 3 D. Johnston 80-7=73.

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# Start preparing for MOK half marathon and 10k races

THE COUNTDOWN is on - the Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k races are just 12 weeks away.

With the help of the MOK committee, over the weeks to come the Courier will be providing a simple but reliable training plan aimed at early entry level 10k competitors.

It will not have anyone worrying Mo Farah, but it should ensure that the race is a satisfactory experience.

### Consult GP

First, it has to be said that before embarking on any form of exercise, or if you haven't exercised for a while, please consult your GP or a qualified personal physical activity trainer.

If you experience any discomfort, stop exercising immediately. MOKrun does not accept responsibility for any injuries that may occur when using this programme.

Always remember to warm up and cool down. Warming up will prepare you physically for your run and reduce the risk of injury. A good warm up should last between five and 10 minutes and should raise your heart rate to get the



Competitors at the start of last year's MOK races. 20\_c10mok01

blood pumping to your muscles.

At the end of your run, it is advised to do a cool down. Walking or jogging for three or four minutes while reducing your speed will gradually return your heart rate to resting level.

A good stretch after your run will reduce muscle tightness and prevent soreness the following day.

### Beginners 10k Training Plan:

This schedule is for you if you have done a little running before and

are making the step up to 10k for the first time.

Each week has three running sessions. You'll start your programme by building up a mixture of walking and running and then gradually do more running.

You will develop an

understanding of different running speeds and your stamina to go the distance will increase as the weeks progress.

While we suggest Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday runs, it may suit you to use other days. However, it is de-

sirable to have at least one recovery day between runs.

12 weeks to go: Tuesday - 15 minutes easy. Thursday - walk 5 mins brisk, run 15 mins easy, walk 5 mins brisk. Saturday - run 25 mins easy, walk 5 mins brisk.

## Charles takes Alex McKerral Trophy

DARTS players raised £110 at the Alex McKerral Trophy competition held on Monday at

the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend.

All the money raised on the night will be do-

minated to Macmillan Nurses.

There were 27 entrants in the charity compe-

dition and the semi-finals produced some good darts, with Charles Robertson beating John McIntosh who scored two 180s and Kenny Docherty beating Gregor MacGregor.

The final produced even better darts and Charles continued his earlier form which proved too strong for Kenny. Charles then went on to win the final and take the trophy.

Thanks were given to Malcolm and Lynne for donating the prizes and providing the venue.

Week 15 fixtures: Kilbrannan C v Southend, Ailsa v Commercial, Kilbrannan B v Fiddlers B, Burnside v Kilbrannan A, Fiddlers bye.



Charles Robertson, left, the winner of the trophy, with runner up Kenny Docherty.

## People encouraged to sign up for Sport Relief Mile



RUNNERS, walkers and fundraisers are being urged to sign up for Campbeltown's Sport Relief Mile, taking place on Sunday, March 23.

Those taking part have a choice of either a one-mile run around Campbeltown Loch, or a three-mile or six-mile route down to Davaar Island.

Organised by jogscotland Campbeltown, the event is one of hundreds taking place across the country for Sport Relief, which raises money for young people in the

UK and abroad, giving them education, protection from harm and life-saving vaccines.

Everyone taking part in the Campbeltown mile - whether running, jogging or walking - will receive a goody bag and a Sport Relief official medal.

Official Sport Relief merchandise can also be found in Wee Toon Sports.

The start line for the event is at the car park at the back of the Aqualibrium and a mass warm-up event will take place

before the run starts at 10am.

For more information contact Fiona Irwin at the Aqualibrium on 01586 551212, or visit the Sport Relief website: sportrelief.com/event-info/sainsburys-sport-relief-mile.

Islay will also be hosting a Sport Relief Mile event in Port Ellen, organised by jogscotland on the same day.

The one-mile event starts at 12.45pm, the three-mile event at 1pm and the six-mile event at 1.15pm.

# Tarbert 10k aims to keep up a winning tempo

TARBERT'S 10k road race organisers are running hot on the heels of Campbeltown's MOKrun success story.

Last August's inaugural Tarbert event went so well it has been named the second best 10k in the UK in a Runner's World online poll.

It was that kind of accolade for the MOKrun half marathon - consistently voted top in the UK in recent years - which has led to an explosion of competitors travelling to Kintyre from Brighton to Aberdeen.

### Positive response

'We were amazed to get such a positive response to last year,' said Jessica Little, Tarbert 10k's co-organiser with fellow local jogscotland leader Lorraine MacDonald.

'People highlighted the good carnival atmosphere and marshals

who encouraged them round.

'The unusual, pottery medals, made by Campbeltown Pottery, were also praised.'

Last year being its first, Tarbert limited entries to less than 200 in the 10k and less than 100 in the 5k race.

### Chipped timing

Duly encouraged, this year's entry limits will soar to 350 and 150 respectively - and chipped timing will be introduced.

'That will remove a finishing line huge stress and free up more people to help with marshalling,' said Jessica.

This year's event, pencilled in for Saturday, August 16, will feature the same 'challenging' 10k and fast 5k courses.

Entries will open online at the end of this month, with an exact date to be confirmed.

However, they could



Runners in last year's inaugural Tarbert 10k and 5k races loved the event. 08\_c34run08

go fast, thanks to the Runner's World effect. This year's MOKrun places, despite being increased by more than 10 percent, were snapped up in 36 hours.

Like MOKrun, Jessica reckons the Tarbert

races could prove a substantial boost for the area's tourism as well as giving the burgeoning local running scene much-needed races that do not involve a lot of travelling.

Jessica added:

'MOKrun has been a remarkable success story and we are more than happy to use it as a template.'

### Special weekend

'Like Campbeltown, we hope to make it a special weekend for

competitors travelling a long way to get here.

'We are chatting to the local pubs to see if they can put on music and other events, and with this being Commonwealth Games year in Glasgow we are looking

to involve local school-children in some way.'

An inspirational talk by Scotland's top ultra distance runner Donnie Campbell is also planned for the Saturday morning or the previous evening.



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# Crucial win for Pupils

## Kintyre side prevail in exciting clash between league leaders

<b>Campbeltown Pupils</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Hillington</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SAFL Premier Division One</b>	

IT WAS winner takes all at Kinloch AWP last Saturday in a riveting top-of-the-table clash.

The home side bounced back from a dreadful game the previous weekend to claim full points against a skilful and determined Hillington.

With both teams fully committed and prepared to go the extra mile for the cause, the McFadyen sponsored Pupils started the game brightly and were unfortunate not to score in the opening five minutes.

The first opportunity fell to Paul Grumoli whose header slipped wide of the mark, a let-off for the visitors immediately followed by a brilliant point blank save to deny Gary Grumoli from opening the scoring.

Nevertheless, the opening goal was only delayed. Lewis McFadyen produced a fine piece of skill to release Gary Grumoli, whose accurate cross was clinically headed home by John McCallum in the ninth minute.

Hillington were not overawed and produced some fine possession football as they tried to

fight their way back into the game, and were rewarded when a ball was played behind the back four on the attacking right.

### Splendid

Finding time on his side, the visitors' striker drove the ball from all of 25 yards into the back of the net for a splendid equaliser.

Both sides strained every muscle to make the next breakthrough, however, it was the home side that held the edge in the attacking third.

Minutes before half time the Pupils restored their lead with a fine move, Lewis McFadyen finding space to turn the ball across goal for Gary Grumoli to thump it home.

The second half was only minutes old when the visitors' central de-



Sorley McKinven and Craig Lang, left, close down on a Hillington forward. 08\_c10pupils04

fender was dispossessed, the resultant chase into the box won by Lewis McFadyen who turned the ball home under pressure to give his side a two-goal cushion.

Hillington continued to play attractive attacking football, and when the home side failed to clear their lines midway through the second half, the visitors secured a lifeline by scrambling the ball home at the near post.

### Determination

The visitors' back four were continually troubled with the pace of the Pupils attack and when John McCallum sprinted clear with 15 minutes remaining the striker still had a lot to do, but his determination won the day with a sweet left-foot strike into the bottom corner of the net.

That should have been the match sealed, but the home side were determined to make things difficult for themselves.

A self-inflicted wound six minutes from time saw the ball scrambled home at the back post, a soft goal to lose at this juncture and one which



Pupils keeper Craig Lamont blocks a Hillington shot which looked destined for a goal. 08\_c10pupils01



Pupils defender Keith Mitchell had a fine game. 08\_c10pupils05

### John scoops lotto win

JOHN Rennie was in the money after scooping £600 in the Machrihanish Golf Club lotto draw on Monday.

The winning numbers in week seven were seven, nine and 20. The next draw will take place on Monday, March 10 with a jackpot of £100.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse and pro shop.

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