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## March of spring brings one of nature's fascinating sights



A field in Drumlemble provided a fine spectacle on Sunday for two of Kintyre's keenest birdwatchers - only it was two 'mad March hares' which caught their attention. See full story on page 5.

# Local cheese - yes please

PRESSURE is growing on Tesco and Co-op in Campbeltown to sell Mull of Kintyre cheese to support the area's struggling dairy farmers.

The Courier was told last week that the cheese, made at Campbeltown Creamery, is not available in the town's supermarkets because it is classed as a 'high-end' product. Kintyre's 39 dairy farmers, attending a meeting with First Milk bosses in Campbeltown last

## Supermarkets urged to support Kintyre's dairy farmers

month, were told the cheddar, produced using milk from the area's farms, is being exported to supermarkets and shopping malls worldwide.

The UK dairy industry has been hit with plunging milk prices, with Kintyre farmers receiving 20p per litre of milk produced compared to

32p last June.

John Smith, of Drumalea, Kilkenzie said: 'Questions were asked last month why Mull of Kintyre cheddar was so hard to find in the area where it has been produced, given how vital it is to the dairy industry here.'

'First Milk told us it believes the best long-

term prospect for the cheese is through export, because it is seen as a high-end commodity in demand in the Middle East and North America.

'The Co-operative in Campbeltown does sell the cheese, it is packaged as part of its Loved By Us range.'

'While that is obvious-

ly better than no local cheese being available, it is far from ideal. We need Mull of Kintyre the brand in Campbeltown's supermarkets. How else can people support us?'

Carradale residents Catharine Forbes and Eric Dudley told the Courier in a recent letter: 'Both the Co-op and Tesco boast of sell-

ing local produce, yet Mull of Kintyre cheese - one of the area's best products - is not for sale in either store. 'If they really want to support our community, the stores should allow us to support our farmers by stocking Kintyre cheddar.'

Alan Reid, Argyll and Bute MP, said: 'If Tesco and the Coop stocked the brand locally, I'm sure they would be guaranteed good sales.'

'It would allow locals

## Disruption will be minimised

BUILDING works at Campbeltown Hospital are to ensure that the hospital continues to meet fire safety legislation.

A NHS Highland spokesman said: 'All health and social care staff will be working to minimise any disruption to hospital services, and additional support measures will meet the individual needs of patients and carers during this time.'

'The accident and emergency department will continue to be fully operational throughout the works which are due to finish at the end of the month.'

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# Supermarkets urged to support Kintyre's dairy farmers



Mull of Kintyre cheese is available at Campbeltown Creamery's shop. 08\_c46creamery01.

Continued from Page 1 to support the cheese and tourists to enjoy it.' A First Milk spokesman said: 'We are marketing Mull of Kintyre as a premium cheddar internationally, and secured a deal with a Texan fine foods retailer in November, as well as in Taiwan last May.

'In the UK, the marketing of the Mull of Kintyre brand is handled by Adams Foods, and is available in several supermarket chains in the UK including Tesco. Work is being done locally to develop further outlets for the cheddar.

'Regarding stock at the Campbeltown Creamery shop, there were initial problems last summer with a new distribution company First Milk has been working with, but these have since been resolved.'

Chris Wareham, the creamery manager, said: 'We would like to make clear our shop is well-supplied with Mull of Kintyre cheese, but it would also be a tremendous boost to the area's dairy industry if it were available in Campbeltown's supermarkets.'

An Adams Foods spokesman said: 'Mull

of Kintyre is stocked in more than 500 supermarkets across the UK, including selected Tesco stores. 'We are in discussion with retailers, including Tesco, to secure new and/or expanded listings, and we hope to stock Mull of Kintyre cheese in its Campbeltown store.'

Dairy farmers in the area are due to meet with representatives of Campbeltown's Co-operative and Tesco soon, with the hope of making Mull of Kintyre cheese available to buy in both stores.



Mull of Kintyre-branded cheese on sale in an American store - but not as yet in Campbeltown supermarkets.

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## Farmers want investment in creamery

KINTYRE dairy farmers are to press First Milk to honour its commitment to invest in Campbeltown Creamery.

They were unanimous in reaching that decision when they met Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell in Campbeltown

on Monday evening.

Mr Russell, a member of the Scottish government's rural affairs committee, later told the Courier: 'This was a well attended and focused meeting which discussed in detail the challenges facing the dairy industry in Kintyre.'

'There was agreement that the priority was to ensure that First Milk honoured its commitment to major investment in the creamery which is being supported by grants from the Scottish government.'

'I agreed to meet the dairy farmers and their

families again soon when there will hopefully be more information from the company about a firm timescale of the upgrading of the creamery which is vital for the future of the producers and the area.

'In the meantime, I will seek answers from the Scottish government and the company to a range of questions about that investment, the costs incurred by the plant and the prospects for better marketing, innovation and new products.'

'The range of recommendations in the report of the recent Scottish parliament inquiry into the Scottish milk supply chain were also discussed.'

'I will continue to do everything I can to help this important agricultural sector in Argyll and Bute which is being adversely affected by a difficult global market for milk but which is also suffering - as the rural affairs committee report clearly shows - by poor decisions and management from First Milk.'



Michael Russell MSP, right, with Sandy Pirie, First Milk's area representative, centre, and Kintyre farmer and Councillor John Armour. 08\_c10farmmeet01

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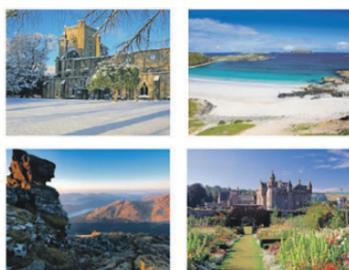
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# Diana's career is given winning touch

THERE was more than a touch of the Oscars about last week's Scottish Wedding Awards.

There was a red carpet, there was champagne and everyone was turned out beautifully at the event in Glasgow's Crowne Plaza Hotel.

And for Diana Mackenzie there was even an 'Oscar'.

The Saddell mum was named north-west region winner in the hair and makeup category - chosen from a shortlist of seven.

'It was amazing to win,' she told the Courier. 'I was shocked and delighted.'

'I was so pleased to

make the shortlist - I never considered I would win.'

'It was a lovely evening and there was a great party in the city later at 29 Private Members Club.'

Her husband, Douglas, was there to share her moment of glory. The couple had handed their 11-month-old son, John, over to Diana's mother, Dianne Brodie, from Campbeltown for 24 hours so they could enjoy the occasion together.

Diana joked that she is starting to get used to being a celebrity. 'I've had an enormous amount of attention

since the Courier highlighted my work last month,' she said.

'I've had great feedback from that.'

Diana was an admin worker until a few years ago before focusing on her passion for makeup.

Now, following a break for the birth of her son, the 39 year old is trying to become fully established as a professional freelance and hair artist throughout Argyll.

Much of her work involves helping brides look their best on the big day - something that gives Diana a lot of satisfaction. 'It is exciting to play such a key role in someone's special day.'

She also does makeup lessons, makeup parties and prepares models for photo shoots.

'Winning the award is great for my confidence,' she said, 'and it will boost my profile.'



Diana with her Scottish Weddings Award for hair and makeup.



Diana doing the makeup for a bride-to-be before her wedding at Portavadie Marina.

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Diana with husband Douglas who was able to share in her moment in the spotlight.

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Ronnie McNally, second left, receives a cheque for £360 from RBS staff, from left, Lorna Sloss, Nicole Harvey and Elizabeth Graham. 20\_c10bank01

## Kintyre kidney dialysis fund banks £360 RBS donation

KINTYRE Dialysis Campaign received another boost last Wednesday, with a £360 donation from Royal Bank of Scotland's Campbeltown branch.

Elizabeth Graham, branch manager, said: 'We raised the

money through our annual Christmas hamper.

'We nominate a local group to receive a donation every year and our first thought was the dialysis campaign. It is a brilliant, worthwhile cause.'

Ronnie McNally of the dialysis campaign said: 'We are extremely grateful to RBS Campbeltown's staff and customers for making this donation possible.

'Theirs and the community's support has been immense.'

# Toothless dental service a sore point for Islay

THE LACK of a resident dentist on Islay has eroded trust between patients and staff, it has been claimed.

The island, which is set to have a full-time dentist in the next few weeks, has relied on locum dentists for more than a year.

Alistair Redman, parliamentary Conservative candidate for Argyll and Bute at this year's general election, said: 'It feels like people on Islay have been forgotten about.

'Patients have been seeing a different person every time they go to the dentist which depletes confidence in the service available to them.

'It will be better to

have a full-time, locally-based dentist in place, who can embed himself within the community.

'It drains money as well as confidence in the service - locum dentists have been paid a fortune for arriving from the mainland to give emergency treatment.

### Overstretch

'Islay is a hugely productive island, generating £250 million per year for the UK economy, yet we are suffering again from the shocking overstretch of rural services.'

Islay had two full-time dentists until the retirement of David Formby in December 2013. His wife Margaret, the island's

other full-time dentist, recently began work at Campbeltown Dental Centre as a tutor. Mrs Formby is due to retire in the spring.

Mr Redman said: 'People continue to wait several weeks for simple procedures and for emergency appointments. It is not the staff's fault, NHS Highland simply has to take the situation more seriously.'

A spokesman for NHS Highland said: 'A full-time offer of employment for the vacant dental surgeon's post on Islay was made to a successful applicant on Monday, February 9, and an appointment will be made subject to necessary checks being satisfactory.'

'We also intend to advertise Mrs Formby's post at the earliest possible opportunity.'

'Unfortunately the service remains at a reduced level but we are doing everything in our power to offer the best service we can.'

### Dentists

Speaking after the announcement, Mr Redman added: 'A new appointment is welcome news but we vitally need two full-time dentists serving Islay, as well as Jura, in order to provide a truly effective service.'

## Careers fair rolls into town

CAMPBELTOWN students will get to find out about international companies next week when a jobs fair arrives at Campbeltown Grammar.

The Opportunities for All Careers and Jobs Fair features employers such as the Scottish

Salmon Company, drinks giant Diageo, Lidl and Carr-Gomm. Being held in Campbeltown Grammar on Thursday, March 12 and running from 11am-2.30pm, it is being hosted by Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, in

conjunction with Argyll and Bute Employment Partnership.

Mr Russell said: 'I am delighted Campbeltown will host this event.'

'Argyll has an incredibly rich pool of talented people but we know finding jobs can be difficult.'

'That is why such events are so important to help people across the constituency find opportunities and jobs to enhance their careers.'

### Church communication plan

A PLANNING application to install telecommunications equipment outside the Free Church, George Street, Campbeltown, has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

## Youth cafe £4,000 grant cheer

KINTYRE Youth Café in Campbeltown has been awarded a £4,000 grant from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland.

The money, from the foundation's Henry Duncan awards programme to charities working in their communities, will go towards the cost of employing a coordinator for the project. Michael Russell, Argyll and Bute

MSP said: 'I'm delighted Kintyre Youth Café is receiving a grant, enabling it to continue its great work engaging and reaching out to disadvantaged children and young people in the area. Many of the Henry Duncan grants go on existing staff and running costs like this, meaning they are a lifeline for local charities in this tough financial climate.'

Fiona Duncan, chief executive of Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland, said: 'We remain focused on funding local charities which aim to improve the quality of life for people who are disadvantaged.'

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# Brilliant moment of March madness

## Classic spring hare ritual is captured in Drumlemble field

IT is an increasingly rare spring sight - mad March hares. And two of Kintyre's top bird-watchers were delighted to capture on camera the animals' mating ritual - jumping, boxing and posturing - in a Drumlemble field in Sunday.

Eddie Maguire, warden at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, explained: 'I was driving past the field when my deputy, Iomhar McMillan, spotted them in a field opposite the primary school and asked me to stop.'

'We got our cameras out quickly and managed to get some good pictures.'

'March hares are not as

common as they used to be, and it's years since I have seen such a scene.'

'I used to think it was two males boxing over territory, but I looked it up and discovered it is generally an unreceptive female starting the boxing to fend off a passionate male.'

'I particularly like the photograph of the male on its hind legs with its ears standing up as if to say "aren't I a big, fine specimen?"'

According to Specieswatch, some observers have also thought the behaviour is also aimed at testing the male's strength before deciding whether to proceed on the next step of court-

ship. Hares live above ground on open country, usually hiding in long grass to escape predators, but once disturbed rely on outrunning their enemies.

They reach speeds of 45mph, making them Britain's fastest land animal.

Hares can also jump sideways and backwards over hedges to escape.

The phrase 'mad as a March hare', because of the animal's excitable and unpredictable manner at that time of the year, has been in use since the 16th century.

It was popularised by Lewis Carroll in his 1865 children's book

Alice in Wonderland in which the March Hare is a memorable character.

Eddie, 69, who has been at the seabird observatory for the past 22 years, is preparing for another season of welcoming up to 5,000 bird-watchers a year from all over the world.

'Birds are obviously my speciality but it was a real pleasure to watch the mad March hares - appropriately on March 1,' he said.

\* Do you have a Kintyre nature picture you would like to share with our readers? Email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk with a few details and contact telephone number.



The male hare stands up on its hind legs to impress the female.

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## Brand is key

IT is good to see steps being taken to ensure Mull of Kintyre cheese is available in Campbeltown's Tesco and Co-op supermarkets. These are tough times for the area's dairy farmers and many Kintyre residents want to do what little they can to help. Opting to buy a local cheese if it is for sale is no great hardship, especially when it is actually a very good product.

The cheese is produced at Campbeltown Creamery. The Kintyre dairy farmers rely on the creamery as a ready and nearby outlet for their milk. In turn, the farmers play their role in sustaining the creamery and its jobs. At the heart of it all is the production of Mull of Kintyre cheese.

You do not have to be a marketing genius to work out that if you have a quality product - Mull of Kintyre is best summed up by Kilkenzie farmer John Smith as 'a bloody good cheese once sold in Harrods' - you have to be loud and proud about it on your own patch. Visitors to these parts should be just as aware of Mull of Kintyre cheese as it is of Springbank Whisky or Machrihanish Golf Club.

First Milk cooperative which owns the creamery is going through testing times. It has promised investment in Campbeltown Creamery, but the funds are not available. Who knows what the future holds for the cooperative in these uncertain times. If there are possible shake-ups ahead, it is essential for local dairy farmers that everything is done now to reinvigorate and strengthen the Mull of Kintyre brand.

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### Trust is working hard

Sir,  
I have just read the online edition of the first newsletter from South Kintyre Development Trust. It is heartening to see so much work being put in by this group.

We are all aware of the work going on in Campbeltown to restore and renovate the town's valuable heritage buildings and make them fit for purpose in the 21st century. More power to their stamina.

Particularly useful was the events page. I have missed this collation of information on local events since the cultural forum ceased to print it.

It is sometimes difficult to get information about future events in the area. This contribution should definitely help.

**Elizabeth McTaggart**  
Campbeltown.

### Wrong places for wind farms

Sir,  
Reading your report in last week's Courier about Burcote Wind not getting planning permission for a wind farm at Upper Nithsdale in Dumfries and Galloway gives me no satisfaction.

Its company spokesman said the firm had massive local support for that development, but we have heard the same claim of strong support about the company's proposal for 18 giant turbines at Glenbarr and it is one that residents here would dispute. Perhaps the reason Burcote has now had two wind farms turned down is that, like Glenbarr,

they are unsuitable places.

Burcote must be getting desperate when it had to be at Wind Towers this week to gather support for, as it put it, its 'New Creggan'.

A few months ago, it also seized on a comment by a villager who stated that there is a hesitation among locals to speak up in favour of Creggan for fear of arguing with other locals. Burcote stated this was 'because there is a small minority who are extremely vocal in their opposition to the wind farm'. It implied intimidation. What a load of nonsense. The person who said this originally owes the village an apology.

Burcote just turned up with plans for New Creggan, thinking the village would go for this. How wrong it was.

If these two wind farm failures do not give Burcote the message, then hopefully Glenbarr village can. We don't want you here.

**Boyd Sneddon**  
Glenbarr.

### Conservatives are fighting to win

Sir,  
I was surprised to read in the local press that the Lib Dems are claiming Argyll is a two-horse race between them and the SNP, and that my party was not trying to win this seat. Both of course are completely wrong.

To claim that only the Lib Dems can win in this seat is an ambitious statement to make when their party has only three percent support in the latest Scottish polls.

Also, to state that a vote for the Lib Dems is the best way to keep the SNP out of pow-

er is seriously questionable when Vince Cable has said in the press that his party is fine with an SNP rainbow coalition.

As demonstrated in my campaigning, we in the Conservative and Unionist Party are in this fight to win it. While other parties talk about having support from a broad base we actually do, and not just Conservatives voting but former Labour, Lib Dem and even some SNP supporters out leafleting and canvassing for us.

We are the only Unionist party to see our vote increase in Argyll and Bute since the referendum. Even Robert MacNeill, vice chairman of the East Lothian Labour party is telling people in Argyll and Bute to vote for me.

We are the natural choice for Unionist and Yes voters alike who want to see much-needed change from the negative and increasingly desperate Lib Dems.

**Alastair Redman**  
Conservative and  
Unionist candidate  
Argyll and Bute.

### Not just 'lobby fodder'

Sir,  
I would like to thank Mr Williams (last week's letters page) for drawing readers' attention to my efforts to give dairy farmers a better deal and to bring the UK's first spaceport to Machrihanish.

However he is mistaken to say that I am just 'lobby fodder' in parliament. My voting record, including voting against rises in tuition fees and the bedroom tax, show that I make up my own mind

on how to vote. I don't simply obey the whips' instructions.

Mr Hill is sadly mistaken. The SNP does not plan to go to London to stick up for Scotland. Its election manifesto commits all elected SNP MPs to go to London and demand a huge cut in Scotland's budget. This is because they want to replace the generous Barnett formula with disappearing oil revenues.

To finish on a positive note, well done to Kintyre Dialysis Campaign for its magnificent achievement in raising £100,000 for a dialysis unit in Campbeltown Hospital.

**Alan Reid MP**  
Argyll and Bute.

### Airport procedures 'off putting'

Sir,  
Can I just add my support for those calling for the use of scanners at Campbeltown Airport, as reported in your edition of February 20.

The procedures being used are indeed totally outdated and very off putting for visitors and residents alike.

As a frequent visitor to our house in Glenbarr, we find it a very intrusive and unpleasant experience which does not happen at any other airport we use in Scotland.

I fully appreciate those doing the searching are doing their jobs but its surely time for Highland and Islands Airports Limited to bring Campbeltown up to date with some more modern equipment.

I am sure all the air travellers concerned would welcome such a change and this would indeed encourage air travel to our airport.

**Ian Taylor**  
Glenbarr.

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# Eight, seven, six, five....countdown goes on in Kintyre spaceport bid

KINTYRE is closer to hosting UK space flights after the list of candidate sites was cut from eight to five this week.

## Competition

Machrihanish Airbase now faces competition from Prestwick and Stornoway, and one site each in England and Wales, at Newquay and Llanbedr, to host the

UK's first sub-orbital space flights.

A sixth site, RAF Leuchars, has been set aside as a possible temporary facility.

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, believes the former Machrihanish airbase, now in community ownership, is perfect for the job.

He said: 'It is the obvi-

ous choice and I feel it is a real possibility now.

'It has a long runway, the infrastructure, is coastal and has a low level of aircraft movements - criteria identified as being important in the report.

## Supported

'Along with Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC),

Argyll and Bute Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, I have supported the case put forward to bring this incredible asset to Campbeltown.

'Later this year the Government will publish the next stage - a detailed specification of what is required for a spaceport - and interest-

ed parties like MACC will be invited to submit proposals. I will continue to give my full support to their efforts.'

Mr Reid believed announcement would be made within the next year. The spaceport would be used for

the launch of satellites as well as commercial 'space tourism'.

## Delighted

Tom Millar, MACC chairman, said: 'We are delighted with the announcement and truly believe our site is the clear choice for the first

UK Spaceport. This is a huge opportunity for MACC and the airbase.

'We have now registered a new spaceport operating company in anticipation of the next stage, and will continue to push forward with our bid.'

## Gareth's industry pays off



A CAMPBELTOWN Grammar S6 pupil is celebrating after painting his way to a national art prize.

Gareth McMurchy achieved a highly commended status in the Royal Scottish Academy Schools Art Award 2015.

Gareth is one of only 20 people in the senior category across Scotland to achieve the status, with a watercolour painting called 'Gas Tank', an image of one of the huge tanks at the Campbeltown gasworks.

The piece was part of Gareth's art unit this year, exploring Campbeltown's industrial heritage.

His and other prize-winning entries will feature in the New Contemporaries Exhibition, to be held at the RSA Friends' Room in Edinburgh between March 11 and April 10.

Pete Lewis, Gareth's art teacher, said: 'Gareth is a talented pupil and his award is thoroughly deserved.'

**Gareth with his prize-winning watercolour 'Gas Tank', part of a Campbeltown industry project.**

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chairman, Stewart Milne Group

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**Stewart Milne**, chairman of Stewart Milne Group, said:

"With online seemingly taking hold of the way we buy products, it's easy to think moving your marketing budget to a digital or online platform will generate better results than more traditional media. But a fully integrated media plan that includes press is the only true way to generate maximum results from a campaign.

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### Not fair on Argyll women

Sir,  
The Courier's coverage of the ante-natal scanning issue has been excellent and helped to produce a result.

However, NHS Highland's response is both too little (only three trained staff) and very late (it will only happen in late 2016).

This means that, for a further 18 months,

mums-to-be will have to continue travelling for eight hours plus to get their scans.

Surely some interim measures could be implemented eg trained staff from Glasgow and Clyde visiting Argyll and Bute or even the use of locum sonographers.

While it is very easy to criticise NHS Highland for this debacle, the true blame must lie with the Scottish gov-

ernment whose experts produced these more exacting guidelines for pre-natal care.

Predictably they failed to ensure that there were adequate numbers of trained sonographers to carry out the greater workload.

This is fine for mums-to-be who live within easy range of the facilities but, for women in Argyll and Bute, a vital local service has been lost for at least

three years - unless, of course, the Scottish government can produce trained staff out of hot air.

For a government which promised greater equality and fairness, it does not look very equal or very fair for women here in Argyll and Bute.

**Bob Chicken**  
Secretary  
Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Branch  
Scottish Labour Party.

# Make Mother's Day



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**WITH MOTHERING Sunday fast  
approaching on March 15 it is time  
to make mothers feel special.**

Around the world traditions celebrate women and recognise the often-unsung work of mothers.

In Scotland, the Christian festival is celebrated by Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians and it falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

During the sixteenth century, people returned to their mother church, the main church or cathedral of the area, for a service to be held on Laetare Sunday.

This was either a large local church, or more often, the nearest cathedral. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone a-mothering, although whether this term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear.

In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members.

It was often the only time that whole families could gather together, since on other days they were prevented by conflicting working hours, and servants were not given free days on other occasions.

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# Irvellous



Anna's mother, Ann Jarvis, was a peace activist who had cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the Civil War and created Mother's Day work clubs to address public health issues.

Anna's mother had passed away three years and it was in her memory that she wanted to honour her own mother by continuing the charity work she'd started - and to set aside a day to celebrate all mothers.

Americans officially recognised the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day by proclamation of president Woodrow Wilson in 1914.

In the UK in 1920, inspired by Anna Jarvis's efforts in the United States, Constance Penswick-Smith created the Mothering Sunday Movement and in 1921 she wrote a book asking for the revival of the festival.

Constance was the daughter of the vicar of Coddington, Nottinghamshire, and there is a memorial in Coddington's church.

Its wide scale revival was through the influence of American and Canadian soldiers serving abroad during World War II; the traditions of Mothering Sunday, still practised by the Church of England and Church of Ireland were merged with the newly imported traditions and celebrated in the wider catholic and secular society.



Children and young people who were in service as household servants were given a day off on that date so they could visit their families.

The children would pick wild flowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into the Mothering Sunday secular tradition of giving gifts to mothers.

By 1920 the celebration of mothers on the fourth Sunday of Lent had fallen away.

At that time a tradition of mother's day was a festival not celebrated in America.

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# 'Ferry' good chance for Kintyre musicians to shine

A KINTYRE music star could perform at festivals across Scotland this summer - by entering the Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) Culture Music competition.

This year's competition, launched by the ferry operator last Friday and in its second year, will see three winners

chosen at live music venue King Tut's in Glasgow from a group of finalists.

The three will compete in front of a packed audience and a judging panel featuring Craig Johnston, King Tut's manager, along with the organisers of three participating festivals,

Stornoway's HebCelt festival, Tiree Music Festival and Inveraray's Best of the West.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'To all those original singer songwriters out there - could this be the year you burst on to the music scene?

'If you are aged 18 and over and think you or your band

have what it takes to impress both the judges and a festival crowd, you have until Sunday, March 8 to enter.

'All you need to do is create a video of you or the band performing your own original composition and post it to YouTube using #CalMacCulture and using

the words CalMac Culture Music entry within the title. Go to [www.calmac.co.uk/culture](http://www.calmac.co.uk/culture) for full details on how to enter.'

One of last year's winners, Sophie Rogers from Clydebank, appeared at last year's Kintyre Songwriters Festival in Campbeltown.

## Patients swim and gym themselves fit

MORE and more people in South Kintyre are getting into shape thanks to an award-winning exercise programme run by Campbeltown's Aqualibrium.

ArgyllActive Exercise on Referral programme, run by Argyll and Bute Council, won a bronze award at The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities annual awards ceremony.

The programme sees health professionals refer patients 16 or over, and suffering from a condition such as diabetes or coronary heart disease, to take part in supervised exercise sessions.

Councillor Robin Currie, the council's policy lead for community and culture, said: 'ArgyllActive was developed to enable people who are unable, for a variety of reasons, to take regular exercise and the project provides a "prescription for exercise" as an alternative to a purely medical approach.

Patients are given a discounted rate of £2.90 per session, a £1.40 saving on the normal class price.

# Learn how to save marine life

A COURSE training people to rescue mammals facing life-or-death stranding in shallow waters is coming to Kintyre.

The British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) is running a Marine Mammal Medic course over one day on Saturday, April 11 at Peninver Village Hall.

'Classroom' work in the hall will be followed by an afternoon of learning in the water, as candidates are trained to handle life-size, life-weight dummies of native marine creatures such as seals, porpoises and pilot whales.

Karl Hurd, Argyll co-ordinator for BDMLR, said: 'We are really keen to get more people qualified to carry out

potential rescues on Kintyre beaches.

'There are several species of marine mammal in the waters around the peninsula and while there have not been any major live beaching mammals recorded it is always a possibility.

'Those who become qualified marine medics can assist in rescues across the country if they want to.'

It is believed 90 percent of strandings are caused by animals so engrossed in hunting for prey in shallow water they become disoriented and lose their way.

Karl added: 'It is a real shame to see majestic animals reduced to a painful demise out of their natural habitat,



Trainees will take on mock rescues at the BDMLR Marine Mammal Medic course in Peninver in April.

but with more people qualified to deal with such a situation BDMLR can obviously do more to help.'

A wetsuit, drysuit or survival suit, as well as windproof clothing for time out of the water should be brought in

advance, but a lifejacket will be provided by the instructor.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old. The

course costs £90 and can be booked at [bdmlr.org.uk](http://bdmlr.org.uk) or by phoning 01825 765546 between 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.

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**Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association**  
**CEILIDH**  
 in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown  
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 Featuring Ceol am Aire Ceilidh Band,  
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 Doors open 7pm  
 Tickets £10 from Yorkshire Building Society.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
 A Service will be held on  
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**Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society**  
**'Kintyre and the Big Bang'**  
 an illustrated talk on astronomer  
 Andrew McKellar by Ronald  
 Roberts in the Argyll Arms Hotel,  
 Campbeltown, on Wednesday  
 11 March, 2015, at 7.30 p.m.  
 All welcome (non-members  
 £2.50 at door).

**'Better Late Than Dead On Time'**  
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 Friday 13th March 2015  
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**Sequence in Song**  
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**SCDA Kintyre QUIZ**  
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## Win free ferry tickets

GIGHA and Islay feature in a special VisitScotland competition giving 8,000 people the chance to enjoy a free return trip to one of 23 Scottish islands.

VisitScotland has once again teamed up with Caledonian MacBrayne and Serco NorthLink Ferries to encourage people to either discover for the first time or reacquaint themselves with Scotland's islands.

The new campaign, open to UK residents, offers 8,000 free passenger tickets for an off-shore adventure until March 25.

There will be a draw each week until March 25, with 4,000 winners receiving one pair of foot passenger return tickets for their chosen route.

Last year, 63,000 people from the UK entered the Brilliant Island Moments prize draw, nearly double the amount of entrants for 2013's campaign.

The most popular Argyll and The Isles destinations was Mull with 6,710 requests followed by Islay with 4,348.

### Affordable

David Adams McGilp, VisitScotland regional director, said: 'Thanks to the road equivalent tariff roll-out, all of our islands are becoming more affordable destinations for a day trip or longer visit to explore their distinctive natural beauty and range of attractions.'

Martin Dorchester, managing director of Caledonian MacBrayne, said: 'Scotland is not short of stunning islands and we are delighted, once again, to support VisitScotland in its aim to help more people discover the islands.'

To enter VisitScotland Brilliant Island Moments prize draw visit [www.visitscotland.com/brilliantislands](http://www.visitscotland.com/brilliantislands)

## Castlehill pupils donate £400 to dialysis campaign



**Pupils at Castlehill Primary have donated £400 raised from their Christmas craft fayre and concert to the Kintyre Dialysis Campaign. The concert's primary 3-5 performers and choir are pictured with head teacher Richard Long, right, and Ron McNally, treasurer of the campaign which is helping establish a dialysis unit in Campbeltown Hospital. Mr McNally said: 'It is fantastic that these youngsters managed to raise so much money for us.'** 08\_c10h1101

## Interesting speaker at Saddell and Carradale guild

SADDELL and Carradale Church Guild held a meeting on Tuesday, February 24 in the village hall library when the speaker was a guild member Margaret Richardson.

She gave an illustrated talk on her recent trip to Prince Edward Island in Canada.

### Insight

More than 20 attended and were treated to a most interesting insight into the province.

The next event is the World Day of Prayer today (Friday) at 2.30pm.

The last meeting of the session is the AGM on Tuesday, March 10 at 2.30pm which will include entertainment.

# Gigha features in rhododendron festival

ACHAMORE Gardens on Gigha will feature in Argyll and Bute's first rhododendron festival this spring as part of a new marketing campaign supported by VisitScotland.

The Glorious Gardens of Argyll and Bute, which this month celebrates its 20th anniversary, was awarded £12,202 through the national tourism organisation's Growth Fund to help highlight the stunning range of flowers and plants that thrive in the region's exotic micro climate.

The group has 17 members but this will soon increase to 20.

The members range from An Cala on the small Isle of Seil to the 120-acre Benmore Botanic Garden in Dunoon, which boasts more than 300 kinds of rhododendron and more than a third of the world's hardy conifer species.

Sue Thornley, group secretary, said: 'The range and variety of plants that flourish in the mild, moist climate and acid soils of Argyll and Bute is truly



**Argyll's gardens are very popular with visitors to the area.**

amazing. These plants come from every corner of the globe, from the Himalayas, North and South America and even from Australia and New Zealand. This award from the VisitScotland Growth Fund, match-funded by the group, will allow us to increase public awareness of this region's remarkable heritage of world-class gardens and plants.

'We are also going to run our first Festival of Rhododendrons in

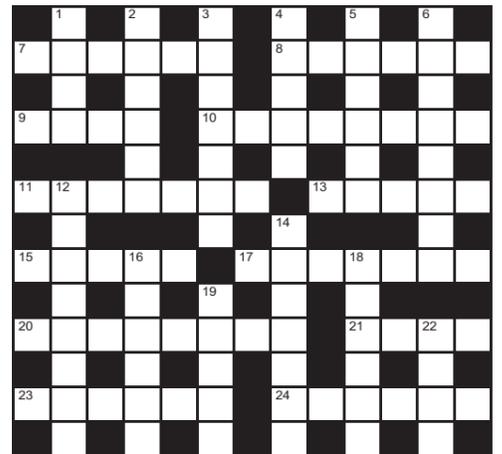
April and May. This is something which, like the Scottish Snowdrop Festival, we hope will be an annual fixture in the horticultural calendar.'

David Adams McGilp, VisitScotland's regional director for Argyll, said: 'Argyll and Bute really does boast some of the most beautiful gardens in the country, and I am delighted that this award from the VisitScotland Growth Fund will help the group to raise its profile. I am sure that

its new campaign will encourage even more visitors to the region, with the Festival of Rhododendrons set to be a particular highlight.'

VisitScotland research has shown that, every year, nearly 700,000 British holidaymakers visit a Scottish park or garden as part of their trip, with a further 35,000 coming to Scotland with the express purpose of sampling the country's horticultural delights.

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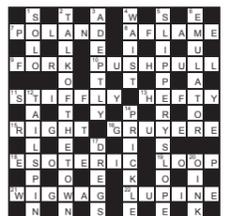
### Across

- 7 Escort (6)
- 8 Small digger (6)
- 9 Avoid (4)
- 10 Uncompromising method (8)
- 11 Friendly drink? (7)
- 13 Aquatic mammal (5)
- 15 Lawful (5)
- 17 Used in ammunition (7)
- 20 Not played at home (4,4)
- 21 Blow off steam (4)
- 23 Brightly coloured bird (6)
- 24 Choose not to participate (3,3)

### Down

- 1 Far above ground (4)
- 2 With bony outgrowths (6)
- 3 Enterprising (2-5)
- 4 Gawk (5)
- 5 Cold dessert (6)
- 6 Overdetermined (4-4)
- 12 Made with ornamental patterns (8)
- 14 Fed up (7)
- 16 Be that as it may (6)
- 18 Give time to (6)
- 19 Be silent, in music (5)
- 22 It may be proper (4)

## Last week's solution



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## Weight and speed limits changes backed by NFU

NFU Scotland has welcomed changes to increase the weight and speed limits of agricultural tractors and trailers from March 9.

A NFU spokeswoman said: 'This will see an increase in the maximum combination weight limit for tractors and trailers from 24.39 tonnes to 31 tonnes.'

'This will allow farmers to have more flexibility in how they haul, allowing larger tractors to tow the same maximum loads that smaller ones do already and offering some farmers a modest increase in the amount they can carry in each journey.'

'The maximum laden weight of trailers of

18.29 tonnes maximum axle weights for tractors and trailers will remain unchanged.

'An effective speed limit of 25mph will be applied to conventional tractors. Modern tractors are designed to safely travel at speeds of up to, or more than 25mph, but current regulations restrict their speed to 20mph, lower than many other EU countries.'

### Tighter design

'Those tractors allowed to exceed 25mph will continue to be subject to tighter design and regulatory requirements.'

Gemma Thomson, legal and technical policy manager for NFU Scotland, said: 'These regu-

lations are being updated to better reflect the capabilities of modern machinery, improve the efficiency of the farming sector and help to boost the economy.'

'The regulations governing tractors and trailers are outdated and the limits, originally set in the 1980s, do not reflect the significant advances in technology that have been made in this sector.'

'NFUS made representations on behalf of members, and will respond in due course to the forthcoming consultation on Phase Two which will examine further increased weights against the potential of an annual testing system for tractors.'



The home baking went well. 08\_c10youngfarm01

## Young farmers coffee morning proves popular

CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmers' fundraising coffee morning in the town's guide hall on Saturday morning went well, with the home baking and bottle stalls proving partic-

ularly popular and helping to raise a total of £534. The club will hold a quiz night this evening (Friday) for members in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown from 7.30pm.

## First Milk sets April prices

FIRST Milk has confirmed that under its new A and B pricing structure for April, that the A price will be set at 20.87ppl for the manufacturing pool and 20.5ppl for the balancing pool.

The range for the B price is 16ppl to 18ppl and as previously communicated this will be fixed after the month-end.

All Kintyre's dairy farmers are members of the First Milk co-operative.

Chairman Sir Jim

Paice MP said: 'There continues to be marked volatility in global dairy prices. Nevertheless, the recent movement of market indicators means that we are cautiously optimistic that the trend for dairy prices is, at long last, a more positive one.'

### Uncertainties

'However, there remain a number of uncertainties. For example, although the latest few Global Dairy Trade figures have been encouraging, as yet, they have not fed through to milk

prices and many buyers are awaiting the outcome of the forthcoming spring flush.

'As a board we will continue to monitor market indicators closely and build these into our decision-making on milk price.'

First Milk is organising local drop-in days across the country, which are being held by its Farm Enterprise Team, to ensure that all members have the opportunity to discuss and understand the new pricing arrangements.

## Archie Armour is overall Holstein winner

THE Kintyre Holstein Breeders' stock judging was held recently at West Darlochan Farm by kind permission of the Ralston family.

A total of 95 took part in the competition judged by Jimmy Barr at Clochkeil.

The event was generously sponsored by Semex, Cogent and Harbro. Holstein breeders committee would like to thank Willie and Margaret Ralston and family for being super hosts, all sponsors and all local businesses who donated raffle prizes.

Results were: gents - 1 Archie Armour, 2 James Wallace, 3 Andrew Hamilton; ladies - 1 Elizabeth Irwin, 2 Mairi Ralston, 3 Catherine Ralston; Young Farmers Cup - 1 John Pirie, 2, Fraser McPhail, 3 Gavin McLachlan junior - 1st equal Louise Dott and Heather Millar, 2 Aiden McGeachy, 3 Iona McKinlay; overall most points - Archie Armour, Killarow Farm 291 points.

## Holstein breeders AGM

KINTYRE Holstein Breeders holds its AGM at the Ardshiel Hotel on Wednesday, March 11 at 7.30pm

The speaker is Bob Strathie, an independent dairy consultant who previously managed the MOET herd and worked for The Milk Marketing Board.

The presentation of the KF Cup and The James McLean Cup will also be made during the evening. The KF cup is for most show points in the year and The James McLean cup is awarded for the most points in the year at club competitions.

## Review planned on farm crime

A TOP-level review will look at how agricultural crime affects victims' livelihoods.

Lesley Thomson QC, Solicitor General, answering a question on agricultural crime from Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Island MSP, said: 'The review will ensure full consideration is given to the impact of these crimes, and where appropriate ensure this in-

formation is passed to the court for consideration in the event of a conviction.'

### Welcome

Mr McGrigor said: 'I welcome the solicitor general's assurance that the Crown Office and the Procurator Fiscal Service treat agricultural crime seriously.'

'I am encouraged that she has instructed a policy review, which

I hope will allow the impacts of agricultural crimes to be considered in the justice system.

'Farmers and crofters often, for example, depend on quad bikes to feed and tend livestock in remote or inaccessible locations and their theft can be devastating.'

'Agricultural crime remains an ever-present threat in rural Scotland.'

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John Armour, NFU food policy manager, second from left, and John Smith, third from right, outside the Scottish parliament after a meeting with MSPs last Thursday.

## Dairy farming industry needs government help, says Smith

DRUMALEA farmer John Smith has urged the Scottish Government to step in and help the area's beleaguered dairy industry.

Attending a meeting between NFU Scotland members and MSPs at Holyrood last Thursday, Mr Smith said: 'The problems faced by dairy producers in the Kintyre peninsula and on Gigha mean they have little option but to continue to supply the First Milk co-operative.

'First Milk has recently cut milk prices to its members and introduced higher capital investment charges.

'It has to be said that there has been a lack of investment in Campbeltown Creamery, and that further support is needed from the Scottish government to improve its facilities.'

Graeme Kilpatrick, Ayrshire farmer and chairman of NFU Scot-

land's milk committee, said: 'It is important that the price paid to farmers for their milk is increased and that Scottish branded dairy products on supermarket shelves are given more exposure, as dairy farmers are facing exceptional circumstances.'

Alex Fergusson, MSP for Galloway and Uppr Nithsdale, said: 'The Scottish parliament's rural affairs, climate change and environment committee has held an urgent inquiry into the situation, but it is important that those MSPs not directly involved find out for themselves just how serious it is.'

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, said: 'There is support from MSPs across the political spectrum for the dairy sector.'

'Kintyre farmer John Smith gave a first-class presentation on the challenges facing family

dairy farms like his own and the need for the future of First Milk to be secured and for investment in the Campbeltown Creamery which is a vital processing facility.

'We also see need to see extra support for marketing our dairy produce and clarity on labelling, so consumers know they are buying dairy products made and processed in Scotland with Scottish milk.'

'I am hopeful that the parliament will be able to find time in the next few weeks to have a debate on the rural affairs committee's recent report on the challenges facing the dairy sector and I would hope to participate in such a debate.'

Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly said: 'Our dairy farmers are so important to the Kintyre economy, and I am continuing to call on the



Drumalea farmer John Smith hopes to see Scottish government action to help Campbeltown Creamery, and the Kintyre dairy industry.

Scottish government to do all it possibly can to assist our dairy farmers during the severe challenges they are facing at present and ensure the industry is stable and

has a sustainable future.' Also part of the NFU contingent was John Armour from Campbeltown, who recently became its food policy manager.

Kintyre & District Ayrshire Breeders Club

### AGM

Monday 16th March at 7.30pm in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown  
Guest speaker: Mr Willie Whiteford, President, Ayrshire Cattle Society  
All interested welcome.

KINTYRE HOLSTEIN BREEDERS

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**Lorry driver arrested**

A 28-YEAR-old lorry driver was arrested last Wednesday morning for interfering with his vehicle's equipment.

Traffic police became suspicious when his vehicle, travelling on the A83 towards Campbeltown, was reportedly above the 50 mph speed limit for heavy goods vehicles.

After conducting checks police found the man had allegedly tampered with the lorry's tacograph, allowing him to drive without a speed limiter.

He was held in custody and appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday.

**Noise warning**

A 45-YEAR old man was warned by police for playing loud music at a flat in Burnside Street, Campbeltown in the early hours of last Thursday morning.

**Fresh approach welcomed to Rest problems**

A GROUP assembled to tackle the Rest and Be Thankful road issues is making welcome progress, according a campaigner.

The A83 Taskforce met at the Scottish parliament on February 20 to hear a petition from Argyll councillors looking for a permanent solution to the road's landslide problems.

Donald Clark, owner of the George Hotel in Inveraray who has pushed doggedly for road improvements, said the meeting was productive.

He said: 'Derek Mackay, the Scottish transport minister, has distinguished himself in these talks. He is totally different than the last man

and at least wants to talk about a long-term solution.'

Donald Kelly, South Kintyre councillor, said: 'It was a worthwhile meeting, with the petitions committee agreeing it had said back in 2012 that a permanent solution for the trunk road had to be found.

'They will now write to Transport Scotland and the Scottish government to seek a timeline for that.

'Since parliament heard our petition three years ago there have been 18 landslips in the Rest area. It needs to be sorted if Argyll and Bute is going to be serious about reversing the problem of population decline.'



Alex Salmond is joined by local schoolchildren as he covers up a time capsule buried in the Park Terrace grounds in August 2013. 08\_c35park04

**ACHA plays down Park Terrace problem**

**Water snag in new build**

WHEN Alex Salmond officially opened new social housing at Park Terrace in Campbeltown in August 2013 he described the development as 'spectacular'. A total 32 homes for were created for Argyll Community Housing Association at a cost of more than £5 million. Now, just 18 months on at least one of the properties is letting water in.

One resident, who did not want named, said: 'It is a bit embarrassing considering the fanfare of its official opening with the then first minister Alex Salmond.'

Scaffolding has been put up the full gable of 20-24 Park Terrace as the original builder MacLeod Construction seeks to rectify the problem.

The Courier understands that at least one flat at the gable end, exposed to the prevailing winds, has suffered water ingress.

The tenant told how she could hear water dropping behind

her wall before she noticed swelling on a skirting board in the living room.

Water is also puddling in her attractive sun porch when it rains. 'You expect some teething problems with a new building, but not to this extent,' she said.

'It's a pity, they are lovely flats.

'ACHA has responded quickly since learning about the problem a month ago. People have examined the properties, scaffolding has gone up and work has started.'

The social housing was built over two years by MacLeod Construction.

Mr Salmond said at the official opening: 'The Scottish government recognises the challenges faced by communities in remote and rural areas, not least in trying to find quality, affordable homes.'

The development was also seen as a part of the town's regeneration.

This week, Alastair MacGregor, ACHA chief executive, said:



The gable end of Park Terrace where rainwater has been getting into the building. 08\_c10park02

'Scaffolding was erected by MacLeod Construction during the last week of February on one gable of the association's Park Terrace development. This is to explore the source of a water stain and area of damp in the living room and sun porch to one property only within that block.

'The erection of the scaffolding allows for

safe inspection to be made and remedial work to be carried out. Weather permitting the association would expect this work to be completed timeously.

'In context of the building only being 18 months old, I would state that isolated components can fail in any building at any time and our task is to repair and replace as required.'

**Talented youngsters on show**

MUSIC and dance talent will be on display on Wednesday, March 25 when Campbeltown Grammar School's music department presents its Spring Showcase.

The audience can look forward to performances from local favourites the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, James

McCorkindale's School of Dance and the Kintyre Schools Wind Band.

Tickets - £5 for adults, £3 for pupils/OAPs - can be obtained from the school office or music department or on the night.

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# New chapter for Tarbert library

TARBERT Library is on the move to a more central location on Harbour Street with more space to develop an even greater range of services.

The library will have a completely new layout, bright furnishings, comfortable seating, a meeting room for private study and classes, colourful children's area and free Wi-Fi.

Councillor Robin Currie, a member of the library, said: 'Argyll and Bute Council is working to maximise education, skills and training opportunities for all and our libraries are proving to be an accessible, welcoming

and comfortable environment where people can pursue their interests.'

Refurbishment work in the new library building is underway and once completed will provide a greatly improved community facility. Plans are on display in the window of the current library premises on Barmore Road.

Library opening hours will remain the same: Tuesdays 2pm-5.30pm and 6pm-8pm and Thursdays 10am-noon and 12.30pm-5pm.

The existing library closed on Tuesday and it will reopen in the new premises on Tuesday, March 10.



## KILCALMONELL

### Caring words at guild meeting

KILCALMONELL Guild members welcomed Alison McGrory, a local health improvement principal, to its February meeting, and she explained the new approach to looking after people as they need help.

She said: 'Care is now centred around the recipient, rather than the person having to fit into what care is already available, which allows people to make choices about how and where they want to live if they become less able.'

'We are lucky in Kintyre that there are many volunteers providing help to people who cannot get out.'

Tea was provided by Mary Wilson and Ann Parkhouse, and Alison was thanked for her help and encouragement.

## TORRISDALE

### Plan amended

A PLANNING application to build a house and detached outbuilding, install a septic tank and form new vehicle access, place a canopy over living room French doors and remove a living room porch, as well as altering a driveway outbuilding at Uppskerran House, Torrisdale has been amended and submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

## SOUTHEND

### House build plan

A PLANNING application to build a house, install a sewage treatment plant and create new vehicle access on land east of Macharioch Lodge, Southend, has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

# Clachan's hilarious race night raises £120 for hall fund

Clachan villagers held a hilarious race night last week, raising just over £120 for hall funds. The horses were made by members of the hall committee and the jockeys were chosen from the names of volunteers picked from a hat. There were some wonderful creations entered into the Ascot hat competition won by Morag Duff. It was a great, fun evening. The next hall fundraiser is a table top sale on March 14.

# Flowers in Japanese style

THE LADIES of the SWRI Bellochantuy were welcomed to the meeting on February 17 at the Glenbarr Hall by the president Mrs Tricia Fair who introduced guest speaker Mrs Pauline Simpson.

The title of Mrs Simpson's demonstration was 'Floral Working night making table posies' and she had brought spray carnations, chrysanthemums, roses and a large amount of greenery.

Pauline made several arrangements of a Japanese style. The

designs were remarkable and imaginable.

She then demonstrated how to make a small table arrangement, using carnations, chrysanthemums and a selection of greenery.

All ladies were able to make up a floral table decoration to take home.

The ladies appreciated the time Mrs Simpson had taken in preparing and giving the demonstration.

Mrs Pam Francis proposed the vote of thanks after such an interesting talk.

Mrs Simpson judged the competitions:

Orange curd - Pam Francis gold, Margaret McKinnon silver. A savoury pie - Pam Francis silver, Diane Roberts gold, Elaine Hemmings silver. Polymer clay item - Elaine Hemmings gold, Linda Bryce silver. Scarf - Barbara Young silver, Tricia Fair red, Elaine Hemmings gold, Diane Roberts gold, Lois Fell blue.

Business was discussed and tea was served.

# Snappy talk at Clachan SWRI meeting

IT WAS another great night when Clachan SWRI invited Alison Clements to its latest meeting.

After giving a very helpful photography course at the rural corners day last year, Alison this time showed the members how to use the different facilities accessed via the scene mode button on most digital cameras, to improve portraits, pet pictures,

indoor scenes, moving subjects, night-time as well as daytime scenery.

She then gave examples of things to look out for to improve photo composition, before showing her many beautiful shots taken on a tour of Kintyre, with good lighting effects enhancing the spectacular scenery.

Alison was thanked for

preparing such a helpful talk, and then judged the competitions.

Results are as follows: winter photo - 1 Jill Francis, 2 Louise Stanesby, 3 Pat Dean; three empire biscuits - 1 Zoe Weir, 2 Pat Dean, 3 Jane McCallum. Tea was provided by Glynis Lewin and Pat Dean, and raffles by Paddy Alderson and Louise Stanesby.

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### PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00061/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse.	Land North East of Ferry House Ardpatrik Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/00205/PP	Erection of windfarm comprising 13 wind turbines (maximum height of 100 metres) together with ancillary infrastructure including a permanent wind monitoring mast, access tracks, crane hardstandings, substations, control building, temporary construction compound and borrow pit search areas	Escart Farm Skipness Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/00455/PP	Erection of 3 dwellinghouses	Land East of Tayanna Creagan Dearg Tayvallich Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00443/PP	Renovation of steading to form new dwellinghouse and renovation of derelict cottage within same curtilage to form ancillary accommodation for that one dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank	Kirkton Steading Ardfern Argyll and Bute PA31 8DS	Sub Post Office Ardfern

#### THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER: 15/00205/PP  
 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ESCART FARM, SKIPNESS, ARGYLL AND BUTE

Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by PI Renewables Ltd relating to the planning application in respect of Erection of windfarm comprising 13 wind turbines (maximum height of 100 metres) together with ancillary infrastructure including a permanent wind monitoring mast, access tracks, crane hardstandings, substations, control building, temporary construction compound and borrow pit search areas, notified to Argyll and Bute Council. A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning applications may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD and by logging on to the Council's Website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from PI Renewables Ltd, Westwood House, Five Sisters Business Park, Westwood, West Calder, EH55 8PN.

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

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

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

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The Scottish Government's Open Market Shared Equity Scheme (OMSE) provides assistance to eligible buyers in the form of an interest-free loan.

Eligible buyers are normally required to purchase between 60 per cent and 90 per cent of the value of a home, within certain price thresholds, that is for sale on the open market.

In Alloa for a meeting of the Cabinet, the First Minister and Social Justice Secretary Alex Neil visited the home of Craig and Jude Deacons, who purchased a home with assistance from the scheme.

Ms Sturgeon said: 'We want to help today's generation of young people to access home ownership where this is sensible and sustainable for them.

'This scheme will have a huge impact on people's life chances and will help them make a move from living in the social rented sector, the private rented sector or residing in the family home.'

'We will do all we can, within our powers and our resources, to help people like Craig and Jude get a foot onto the housing ladder.'

Jude Deacons said: 'Craig and I are grateful for the scheme as it has allowed us to secure a great first home fit for our family life.

'We got married in 2009 just as the housing market changed significantly. We were unable to buy our first home as we had no way of securing the sizeable deposit required, despite both being in full-time employment.

'As both of us were first-time buyers, the OMSE scheme allowed us to purchase a house fit for purpose to accommodate our two children.'

'Another benefit to the OMSE scheme was that we could look at all homes and not just new builds.

'This opened up more choice with regards to purchasing the right home for us.'

Social Justice Secretary Alex Neil said: 'The Open Market Shared Equity scheme has not only helped people to buy their first home, it has also helped 'second-steppers' to be able to sell their home and to move to a new property.

'The scheme has also helped free up houses in the social rented sector and it will continue to provide priority access to social renters, disabled people, serving members of the armed forces and veterans.'

### Cancer Research UK AGM

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An action has been raised in Dunoon Sheriff Court by Nationwide Building Society, with their Registered Office at Nationwide House, Pipers Way, Swindon, Pursuer calling as a Defender Kirsten Ward otherwise Kirsten Margaret Ward whose last known address was 43 Macdonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8TE and Thomas William Ward whose last known address was 43 Macdonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8TE. If Kirsten Ward otherwise Kirsten Margaret Ward and Thomas William Ward wishes to defend the action they should immediately contact the Sheriff Clerk at George Street, Dunoon, PA23 9BQ from whom the service copy initial writ may be obtained. If they fail to do so the decree may pass against them when the case calls in court on 24/03/2015.

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## Sky's the limit for CAMPBELTOWN MOTOR COMPANY advert!



CAMPBELTOWN Motor Company, Argyll's only Peugeot Dealership and Vauxhall Approved Repair Centre, is featuring in a current Sky TV advertising campaign being run by Peugeot. The advert features the 308 PureTech model and was launched on Sky a few weeks ago.

Staff have been inundated with customers getting in touch to say that they have seen the advert.

Graeme McMurchy of Campbeltown Motor Company said: 'We are delighted the advert is being seen by so many. We are always looking for new ways to engage with our customers and when Peugeot contacted us

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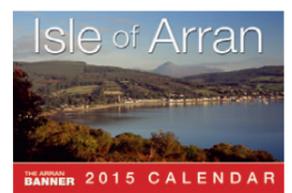
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**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden



I was wakened in the wee small hours by a very familiar sound.

I am very used to hearing it every day in Kintyre but I didn't expect to hear it in Kincardine.

It was the call of an oystercatcher.

I had gone with a friend to a weekend conference at Tulliallan about developments in the ministry of children.

It was a wonderful few days and our heads were bursting with new ideas and thoughts.

We met many interesting people who were all concerned about the missing children in our churches.

The conference began with some words from the Very Rev Lorna Hood who had felt saddened when as moderator, she visited so many churches throughout the country with no young people.

It was so good to share with people who had the same concerns and who feel that the family of God is incomplete without its young folk.

I was impressed by the wealth of resources available from so many organisations.

I was uplifted by the number of people who are passionate about the welfare and spiritual needs of young people and who are willing to help in so many ways.

I was encouraged by the stories of ministers and leaders who had found new ways to reach out to young folk.

There were stories of inspiration and imagination, stories of caring and connecting, stories of God's family reunited.

However in all the hours of words and questions and theories, one phrase has stayed in my mind, 'If our responsibility is to pass on the faith, should we not be putting the needs and wishes of the next generation first?'

The family of God needs to change and adapt in ways that will welcome our inquisitive, lively, challenging and spiritually aware children.

I hope one day we will be awakened by the sound of children's voices in that unexpected place called the church.



Alan Fernie enthused and inspired members of Campbeltown Brass Band.

# Brass band benefits from weekend with top man

CAMPBELTOWN Brass played host to one of the brass band world's most famous and popular personalities, composer, arranger, conductor and trombone wizard Alan Fernie.

He started the weekend rehearsing the young members of the junior band playing a number of his arrangements including A Suite of British Tunes

and the popular 500 Miles.

The rest of the weekend was spent preparing the senior band for the upcoming Scottish championships and Mid-Argyll Music Festival.

**Jam session**

He was joined by local trombonists Lucy Kerr, Caius Walker and Owen Pickering for what amounted to a trombone

jam session, working on his arrangement of The Old Rugged Cross and other things.

While most of the time was spent in rehearsal, he covered a lot of musical points and gave a fascinating insight into the art of being a composer and arranger.

He had nothing but the utmost praise for the standard

and work of the Campbeltown band and his enthusiasm and positivity in everything he did gave the band a huge lift and plenty of confidence for the future.

The senior band will be holding an open rehearsal and concert the Community Centre on Tuesday, March 10 at 8pm, and everyone is welcome to attend.

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## New book group's common goal

A NEW Campbeltown book group with big ideas about changing Scottish society had a successful first meeting last Saturday afternoon.

The Common Weal Kintyre book group started in Campbeltown Library at 2pm and began with the first section of the Common Weal book of practical ideas.

The meeting focused on universalism, with measures such as introducing free bus travel for all, to allow people on lower earnings to take buses to work, and to encourage wider use of public transport, discussed.

The book group will meet on the last Saturday of the month and

welcomes people not already aware of what the Common Weal is about.

Kay Johnston from Campbeltown, one of the participants, said: 'Our priority is to meet the needs of the many rather than the few in our communities.'

'We all have things we would like to change about how our com-

munities are run and the book group is a chance to build up informed ideas about how we can make these changes.'

People can find out more about the Common Weal Book and its ideas, or order or download the book at the website [www.allofus-first.org](http://www.allofus-first.org)

## Old and new at the Smokehouse

AN open day is being held at the Old Smokehouse in Campbeltown on Wednesday, March 11 from 2pm.

The public is urged to pop in for a glass of wine and nibbles and to see the Smokehouse's new unit which will prepare food for the town's Fish Shop.



Kintyre Common Weal met to discuss ideas for a fairer, healthier Scotland. 08\_c10weal01

## Kintyre and the Big Bang

THE subject of next Wednesday's meeting of the Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society will be astronomer Andrew McKellar, whose research defined the physical nature of outer space and led to some of the most important scientific discoveries of the 20th century.

McKellar was the son of Kintyre parents who emigrated to Canada shortly before his birth.

The speaker, Professor Ronald Roberts, will describe McKellar's family origins in Kintyre, and the career of an extraordinary but modest scientist, whose discoveries form the basis of an understanding of the nature of the 'Big Bang' and our Cosmos.

The talk will start at 7.30pm in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown.

**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**



**MCMURDO**

Andrew and Iona are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Skye Grace, on December 31, 2014. Both families are over the moon. Special thanks to Lochgilphead midwives and Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.



**STEWART - TEVEN**

David and Tasha are delighted to announce the early but safe arrival of their son, David Ian, on February 13, 2015. Beautiful grandson for David and Joanne Stewart, first grandchild for Tracy and Bob.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**O'HANLON - MACKINTOSH**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Jessica, daughter of Christine and Harry, Beacharr, to Kyle, son of Christine Clark and Kenneth Mackintosh, Glasgow, on February 13, 2015, in Australia.

**DIAMOND WEDDINGS**



**ANDERSON - WILKINSON**

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**DEATHS**

**GALBRAITH** - Peacefully at her home, Orchard Park, Ardrishaig, with her family by her side, on February 27, 2015, Mabel Jessie Galbraith, née Wilson, in her 93rd year, beloved wife of the late Malcolm Galbraith, much loved mum of Marina and Alasdair, adored Nannie Mabel to all her grandchildren; great grandchildren and great great grandchildren and a dear mother-in-law of Roy and Judy. A dear friend,

good neighbour and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

**JOHNSTON** - Suddenly, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 3, 2015, Anne Rebecca MacArthur, in her 61st year, 49 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, wife of Richard Johnston, mother of Robert and Richard, a much loved granny and loving daughter of Margaret and the late Dan MacArthur. Service will take place in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, March 6, 2015 at 1.30pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

**KEEGAN** - Joe (Michael Ivan). Unexpectedly on February 23, 2015, in the comfort of his own home in Ardrishaig, Joe, after a full and diverse journey, succumbed to the rigours that brought him so much enjoyment during his life. The family would like anyone who participated in or observed his journey to join them at the Lorne Street Funeral Parlour in Lochgilphead, on March 11, 2015 at 12.00 noon for a commemoration to mark his passing and thereafter to an interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only and on the day those wishing to make a contribution can donate to a project very close to Joe's heart.

**ROBERTSON** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, surrounded by her family, on February 28, 2015, Catherine Bannerman Cunningham, in her 72nd year, 56 Kirk Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Jackie Robertson, much loved sister of Billy, Charles, Peter and the late Tina, Mary and Theresa and a loving and much loved aunt. RIP.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**ANDERSON** - The family of the late Hannah (Anna) Anderson would like to express their thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the overwhelming kindness and support received following their sad loss. Our sincere thanks to Dr Villalba and the doctors and nurses of Campbeltown Hospital, to Maggie and Kitty, the Macmillan nurses and to the community nurses, without whom we would not have been able to care for mum at home in her last days. Thanks to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair for the professional and personal manner in which all arrangements were made and carried out. Thanks also to Rev Wallace for his comforting service, to David McEwan for the music in the church, to Iain McKerral for piping at the graveside and to the Ardshiel Hotel for

hospitality. Finally, thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and generously donated towards the retiral collection for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality and the Lorne and Lowland Church, which raised £821.92.

**BUNTAIN** - The family of the late Janet (Jenny) would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to the doctors and staff of Mid Argyll Community Hospital. Appreciation to the Rev David Carruthers for the comforting service at church and crematorium and D MacDonald Funeral Directors for the caring and professional funeral arrangements. Thanks also to Social Work, health professionals and carers. Special mention to neighbours for their care over many years.

**MACKINLAY** - The family of the late Alex MacKinlay would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus and Dr Toledo, Kate Currie and all nursing staff for the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Rev William Crossan for a very fitting and comforting service, to organist David McEwan for his excellent playing, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside.

**MCINTYRE** - The family of the late Mary McIntyre greatly appreciated the many expressions of sympathy received following the death of their much loved mother. Thanks to Rev William Crossan for personal and appropriate service, to Mr David McEwan for the music, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for excellent professional services and to the Ardshiel Hotel for purvey. Thanks also to community nurses and Auchinlee staff for care and compassion in Mum's final days and to all who paid their respects at church and graveside.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**BURTON** - For our boys, Paul Gordon Burton and David Campbell Burton. Our love always. - The Burton family, Oban and East Kilbride.

**GALBRAITH** - Treasured memories of a dear son and brother, Finlay Neil, who passed away on March 5, 2010.

In the hours of lonely thinking Thoughts of you are very near

We who loved you, sadly miss you As it dawns another year. - Sorely missed, Mum, Dad, and Christine.

**GILCHRIST** - Precious memories of Leonard, a dearly loved husband, dad and grandad, who passed away March 5, 2010. We will always love and miss you. - Your loving wife Gloria and family, home and away.

**MC MILLAN** - "Take me wandering through these streets, where bright lights and angels meet, stone to stone they take me on, I'm walking till the break of dawn". Always in our thoughts, Gordon. - Love, all the family x.

**SOUDEN** - Fond memories of Neil, who passed away March 9, 2013. Loved and remembered always by wife Isobel and Louise, Ronnie, Paul and families.

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

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 Sunday 8th March 2015 11.00am Family Service with Communion with crèche Oaths and Promises (Matthew 5:33-37) Pastor Ross Ferguson  
 Wednesday 11th March 2015 10.00am Toddlers Group  
 Thursday 12th March 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY To hear Christian music, conversation and Thought for the Week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show. For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200 www.springbankchurch.co.uk SCO14646

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 Tuesday 10th March Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am Boys' Brigade Church Hall Anchor Boys 6pm  
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 Saturday 7 March 2015 Quarterly Prayer Gathering 9.30-9.45am: Tea or Coffee 10.00am: Praise & Prayer followed by snack lunch  
 Sunday 8 March 2015 11.00am Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch Speaker: Graham McLean "Behold I stand at the door and knock"  
 Thursday 12 March 2015 10.00am Praise, prayer & sharing All Welcome

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 Sunday 8th March The service will be held in the Church at 11.15am And will be led by Elizabeth Kennedy  
 Saturday 14th March Concert in Kirk Street Hall at 7.30pm  
 Featuring Sequence Ladies Choir and Campbeltown Grammar Senior Student soloists  
 Junior badminton club every Tuesday evening in Kirk Street hall. Everyone very welcome

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 Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

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**Edmondson weathers tough conditions**

DUNAVERTY players once again faced tough weather conditions as they contended to win the monthly medal.

Strong winds and occasional showers tested the mettle of those brave enough to venture out and it was Grant Edmondson who rose to the challenge.

He hit a creditable 36 on the outward half but stumbled slightly on the inward to record 40 but it was good enough to take first place.

Ever-consistent Campbell McCallum had the best scratch score of 69. CSS was 65.

Results: 1 Grant Edmondson 76-15-61, 2 Campbell McCallum 69-5-64, 3 Alasdair O'May 79-11-68, 4 Jim Cooper 91-22-69(cb), 5 Mark Eagers 79-10-69(cb), 6 Bobby Millar 81-12-69.

**Jackpot goes up to £400**

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday.

The winning numbers were 4, 6 and 20.

The next draw will take place on Sunday, March 15 with a jackpot of £400.

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

**Darts results**

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association week 16 results: Southend 2 Fiddlers 8, Burnside 10 Kilbrannan B 0, Kilbrannan A 7 Ailsa 3, Fiddlers B 4 Commercial 6, Kilbrannan C /Bye.

Bobby Mathieson scored 180 for Burnside.

Junior Mayberry hit a finish of 102 for Fiddlers B.

Alex McKerral Singles will be held in Southend on Monday.

# Dale weather storm to take all three points

Carradale	5
Point Media	2
West of Scotland AFL	

CARRADALE had to battle the weather as much as their opponents to seal three points over Point Media last Saturday.

Played out in brutal conditions at Kinloch with driving wind and



Robbie Dott came off the bench score Carradale's fifth goal. 08\_c10carr04

freezing rain throughout, Carradale were pegged back early on when the visitors' number two hit a sweet volley high into the net after a corner was only half-cleared.

The East Kintyre side were fortunate not to be two goals down early on but Willie Dott's vital block kept the score at 1-0.

There was joy at the other end when Carradale equalised through Ryan McConnachie, who lashed an unbelievable 22-yard shot into the 'postage stamp' of the net.

Despite the inclement weather, both teams managed to keep the ball on the floor and the visitors scored

again through a moment of confusion, as Point Media's striker stole in between defender and goalkeeper to give his team the lead. However, it was not long before Kilbrannan-sponsored Carradale's attacking midfielders sprung into action again.

David Johnstone found McConnachie at the edge of the box and he blasted a shot into the net to make it 2-2.

Into the second half, Carradale showed more energy with the wind at their backs, and after surviving a scare when Carradale keeper Neil McMillan pulled off a vital save, and a Point Media goal ruled offside, they took the lead with McConnachie's hat-trick goal.

The young attacker cut in off the left-hand side and unleashed another



Carradale's man of the match was Ryan McConnachie, pictured scoring his second goal. 08\_c10carr01

effort which cannoned in off the post to give the home side the lead for the first time.

With less than 15 minutes remaining Carradale surged forward and David Johnstone extended their lead after chesting down a header across goal from McConnachie. He then lashed the ball home to give the keeper no chance.

Another fine finish came courtesy of substitute Robbie Dott, who showed pace to burst through the Point Media defence and beat the onrushing keeper with a great finish which went high into the net and made sure of a deserved win for the home side.

Carradale manager Nonnie Macalister said: 'It was an excellent game, we played re-

ally well. Ryan McConnachie was man of the match with a magnificent hat-trick.

'The team effort today was equally impressive though, well done to the players for a fine win in terrible weather conditions.'

Tomorrow (Saturday) Carradale are away to Erskine Town in the Thomson Trophy quarter-final.

## Now that you are off and running...

**Training schedule - week 2**

STILL standing? Of course you are. So, here is week two of our 12-week beginner schedules for the MOKrun races on May 24.

You have completed the first week, hopefully the muscles will be a little more accustomed to what is asked of them this week which continues a relaxed introduction. There is no hurry, there is a long time to the race start and you will improve naturally just by maintaining consistent workouts.

We suggest three runs a week for the 10k with a day's rest at least between efforts.

Four runs a week are sufficient for the half marathon. The obvious days would be Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

10k week 2: session 1 - 5mins walk, 10mins of 1min run, 1min walk,

5mins walk.

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

Tip for the week - ideally have two, three or more pairs of trainers which you can rotate. Don't stint on them, you will get the use out of them all in due course.

Every pair of shoes is going to be at a different level of wear, therefore your footfall should differ slightly with each pair or model.

Using the same pair will put the same pressure on muscles and joints, increasing the likelihood of repetitive strain injuries.

You do not have to spend a lot of money on trainers. Two cheaper pairs are much better value than one expensive pair. As long as they feel right for you.



The young Pupils get ready to attack a corner in their 3-1 win away to Broomhill.

## Young Pupils win on the road

Broomhill	1
Campbeltown Pupils	3
DFDL Under 13 League	

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils under-13s showed some fine form last Sunday when they won 3-1 away to Broomhill in Glasgow.

A first-half strike by Ryan McGrory gave the Pupils a 1-0 lead at half time, and the same player was in fine form to score a brace and extend the Pupils' lead to 2-0, with a great glancing header from Fraser McBrayne's corner shortly after the break.

Elliot Gemmill made it 3-0 soon after to make it a near-perfect day for the young Pupils.

**Three points**

However, credit must go to Broomhill, who pulled a goal back in the closing moments with a fine strike, but it was the Kintyre side who held their nerve for the three points to continue their excellent form in the Dunbartonshire Football Development League.

## Patricia and Elsie bowl them over

KINTYRE SWI held its annual bowling competition last Saturday in Campbeltown's Masonic Hall.

Elsie Ronald and Patricia Jones from Southend emerged the winners ahead of Helen Steel and Mary McDonald from Largieside.



Patricia Jones, left, and Elsie Ronald.

## New tricks for coaches

COACHES with Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) sat the first part of a higher-level course on Sunday.

The 12-hour Coaching in the Game certificate course looks at the knowledge and understanding required to help players appreciate concepts such as width, depth and support within the small-sided game.

The course is largely practical and prospective coaches are required to show the ability to coach basic strategies to players. Applicants must have completed a level two course.

A CDJFA spokesman said: 'This is another example of the time and commitment the volunteer coaches give up for the development of football in the area.'



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# No crowning glory as Tarbert exit cup

## Dookers have a chance for revenge as they take on Rosehill again this weekend

Rosehill Star	2
Tarbert	1
Coronation Cup	

TARBERT AFC's run in the Coronation Cup ended early against a good Rosehill Star side last Saturday.

The Dookers were keen to progress after reaching the semi finals of the competition in the previous two seasons.

Top scorer Prentice was back after a one-game suspension and he partnered MacDougall in attack as part of a 3-5-2 formation.

The tie started at a ferocious pace, and after weathering some early pressure the Dookers found themselves in front when a Blair defence-splitting pass found MacDougall who

rounded the keeper before scoring.

MacIver was seeing a lot of the ball in centre midfield and a well-worked exchange between him and Ronald almost created another opening however Rosehill managed to scramble the ball clear.

A period of sustained pressure at the start of the second half gave the home side a number of shots on goal and produced a series of outstanding blocks from the Tarbert defence.

The Dookers were always dangerous on the break and with an hour played could have doubled their advantage.

Johnson played a one two with MacDougall that cut the Rosehill defence in half however his shot was saved well by the home keeper.

Another Rosehill attack after 70 minutes resulted in another effort on goal which was once again superbly cleared by the Tarbert defence; however the referee decided to give a goal despite the ball not going over the line.

Worse was to follow when a straight red card was awarded to MacDougall for an apparent abusive comment towards the referee.

The Dookers battled superbly despite being a man down, playing on the counter attack as Rosehill continued to have the majority of the possession.

The winning goal ar-

rived with just 10 minutes remaining when a Rosehill attack played in the striker on the right hand side of the penalty area. He made no mistake finishing low to the keeper's right to spark wild celebrations from the home team.

The Tarbert side created one last chance in the final moments when they won a free kick on the edge of the box however the Prentice effort went just wide after deflecting off the wall.

The Argyll outfit have an immediate opportunity for revenge when they face the same team again this weekend in a league encounter.

Tarbert squad: Martin, Johnstone, Blair, Talbot (capt), Ronald, MacIver, Johnson, MacDougall, MacNaughton, Prentice, Guy, Meechan, Liddell, Scott, Campbell.



The winning team of Jack Campbell, Nicol Ferguson, Ivor Ferguson, Ian Currie and Scott MacAllister.

## Fast and furious at final winter league shoot

IT was a full house of teams and shooters on Sunday for the final competition of Tarbert Gun Club's winter league.

There was a complete change of targets this time - the club had set up a flurry of clays all at different speeds and heights to confuse the shooters.

There were no individual shoots and all five members of each team shot together, firstly going for 60 targets and then for 80 and finally 100 clays. The barrels must have

been hot by the end. After the first 60 clays Bob McColl's team increased their lead overall, but the team began to crack under pressure in the two rounds that followed, as they lost targets.

The best team on the day was Ivor Ferguson's squad winning the second and third rounds by some margin.

Did they do enough to win? All is set to be revealed at the club's dinner and prize-giving tomorrow (Saturday) night.

# SPOT THE BALL

## THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3050

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:  
**A Ronald Mill Cottage Southend**  
**D Craig/I Soudan Albyn Avenue Campbeltown**

### All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

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

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

### Easy to enter

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

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Tarbert  
exit cup

**Bowls news**

**Darts results**



Craig Lamont produced a great save in the second half but was beaten late on to give Alba Thistle the win. 08\_c10pupils04

# Thistle burst Pupils' bubble

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils' winning home run came to an end last Saturday with a uninspiring showing against Alba Thistle.

Having drawn 2-2 in a tight match against Alba in Paisley a fortnight before, the Pupils were hoping to seal a win to keep the pressure on the teams at the SAFL summit.

The McFadyens-sponsored side started in a 4-2-3-1 formation, with Craig Lamont in goal, a back four of Keith Mitchell, Jamie Burns, Paul Grumoli and Lorne Robertson, supported by

<b>Campbeltown Pupils</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Alba Thistle</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SAFL Premier League</b>	

two holding midfielders, Liam Renton and Ryan Gilchrist, and three attacking midfielders, Lewis McFadyen, Gary Grumoli and Fraser Wylie, supporting John McCallum in attack.

### Nightmare start

The home side had a nightmare start, however, conceding another set-piece goal when a header was flicked on to the far post for one of Alba's centre-half pairing to nod home.

Watched on by a strong home support, despite the awful weather lashing Kinloch's artificial pitch, the Pupils toiled against a headwind throughout the first half and struggled to create any real openings.

The second half saw the Pupils start to build more attacks, with Gilchrist getting himself into the box and a faster tempo unsettling the Alba defence.

That said, the visitors

were lively in attack themselves and were hard done by not to be awarded a penalty after a last-ditch tackle in the box by Pupils' skipper Paul Grumoli who would later clear an effort off the line after a vital stop by Lamont had taken just enough power out of a goal-bound effort.

Renton was given his marching orders after an off-the-ball incident, but the ten men equalised when full-back Mitchell picked up the ball on the left-hand side and his floated pass evaded the Alba defence, and John

McCallum pounced to round the keeper and finish with his left foot.

The equaliser should have signalled a late surge, and with the introduction of Gregor McFadyen and Ellis Robertson there was hope a winner would arrive, but the Pupils did not have it all their own way.

### Fine save

Lamont again pulled off a fine save to deny the visitors, palming a ferocious effort around the post, but could do nothing to stop Alba's number nine, who only minutes later arrived at the far post to meet an inviting ball across goal, slotting home to win the match - against the run of play - and deny the Pupils another Premier Division point.

It was a flat performance and a thoroughly disappointing result for the home side, even with ten men, but Alba's hunger was evident.

The Pupils have no fixture this weekend and only five league games left this season.



## Ian Smith wins Macharioch Cup

WINNER Ian Smith, left, is pictured with runner up George MacMillan after Macharioch Cup darts competition at The Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend last

Saturday. Many thanks to all who took part and enjoyed a fun evening. The next competition is the Aucharua Cup on Saturday, March 14.

### No lotto winner this week

THERE was no winner of the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery draw held on Monday. The winning numbers were 3, 4 and 20. The jackpot for the next draw on Monday, March 9 rises to £200.



Goalkeeper Lamont joined the attack in a last-ditch attempt to find an equaliser. 08\_c10pupils01

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