



Celebrate mum on March 11
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Auchinlee Care Home to close as £14m cuts loom

AUCHINLEE'S last six patients leave in two weeks before the Campbeltown dementia care home closes, but more 'very difficult' cuts are coming across Argyll to plug a £14m black hole in this year's health and social care budget.

A crunch meeting to decide Auchinlee's fate at Argyll and Bute Council last February agreed to keep the loss-making 24-bed specialist home open for a year until March 31, costing £291,000 from its cash-strapped coffers.

Its owners, Cross-Reach, a social care charity linked to the Church of Scotland, and Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) stated it was unsustainable due to huge six-figure losses, including the high cost of recruiting agency workers to

cover staff shortages in a rural area.

A campaign by relatives was started because of fears that moving residents 130 miles away outside Argyll would shorten their lives. The parties promised no residents, subject to their individual needs and client choice, would be placed outside Kintyre, and that jobs would be protected.

Twelve posts were advertised and eight were filled, including six staff from Auchinlee, the HSCP updated councillors on the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee on Wednesday. Building work finished on schedule at Lorne Campbell Court sheltered housing complex, where the last six residents will move to.

Meanwhile, the HSCP announced it must make £14m worth of

cuts in the next financial year – £6m more than it has planned for – meaning it won't be able to deliver its strategic plan. However, the situation could have been worse: the HSCP was anticipating savings totalling £18.1m.

Caroline Whyte, HSCP chief financial officer, said: 'While this improvement to the financial position is clearly welcomed, the fact remains we still have a very large budget gap and will require to identify and deliver new savings as well as continuing to meet increasing demand for health and social care services and rising costs due to inflation.'

Proposed changes to services are being reviewed to address the budget gap, and Ms Whyte warned of 'very difficult decisions'

Cow carving reaches top price in Nancy Glen auction



Auctioneer John Armour takes bids on the highest selling item. 50_c10nancyglen05

THE LARGEST Highland cow wall hanging that Wee Toon carver John Brown has ever made sold for the highest price at an auction in aid of the Nancy Glen fund.

The wooden creation, meas-

uring 36 inches from horn to horn, sold for £450 in Campbeltown Town Hall last Saturday, having come to the auction with a starting bid of £380.

Organiser Helen Gilchrist

thanked all who helped with the event, which made £3,872 for the fund supporting the families of the Nancy Glen victims.

For more on the auction, turn to page four.

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Tarbert flooding Q&A

AN INFORMATION event is to be held in Tarbert about work that's being planned to help reduce the risk of flooding in the area.

Scottish Water will hold the community event on Wednesday March 28 at the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre, from 2.30pm to 6.30pm.

Local residents will have the opportunity to come along and hear about Scottish Water's plans for improving Tarbert's sewer network.

They will also be able to give their views on the progress that's being made being made with the proposed solution to reduce the flood risk in Harbour Street and Barmore Road, and put any questions they have about the work to the project team.

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Coffee boost for Macmillan funds

A KINTYRE group which raises money to support Kintyre cancer sufferers is seeking volunteers.

The usual contingent of helpers poured teas and coffees in Campbeltown's Red Cross

Hall last Saturday as baking, a raffle and a tombola stall raised funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Volunteers

A spokesperson for the Kintyre fundraising group told the *Courier*



Jean Kirk and Wilma Stevenson manned the tombola stall. 50_c10macmillan01



Ailsa Ronald, Valerie Graham and Sheena Ramsay helped out in the kitchen. 50_c10macmillan02

that it is always looking for volunteers and that those who do not wish to join the committee can help out at events such as coffee morn-

ings just by bringing themselves.

The spokesperson added: 'The total raised on Saturday was £559, which we are extreme-

ly grateful for, particularly considering the harsh weather conditions. Huge thanks to all who came and supported us.'

POLICE FILES

Vehicle damaged

A BLUE Mazda 2 had its driver's door dented and scraped by a car which failed to stop sometime between 8.30am and 5.30pm on Thursday, February 15, in Burnside Square, Campbeltown.

Machrihanish break-in

A BUILDING at Machrihanish airbase was broken into sometime between 3pm on Sunday February 25, and 5am on Monday February 26.

Nothing appears to have been stolen.

Window smashed

A WINDOW of an Albyn Avenue flat, in Campbeltown, was smashed sometime between 3.10am and 3.30am last Sunday.

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

Windfarm cash

MOVIE fans at Campbeltown Community Council (CCC) have voted to sponsor a Picture House seat.

The £250 cost will come from the latest distribution of Tangy windfarm cash made during a recent CCC meeting.

Other beneficiaries of grants were: Befrienders £100, Link Club £220, Campbeltown Brass' summer workshops £350 to buy mouthpieces, Old Pals Club £250, Kintyre Sheepdog Trials £300.

It was agreed to ask for more information from Castlehill primary about an application for cash help with its science and outdoor project.

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Landslip works resume on the A83

CONSTRUCTION teams are now back on site to continue with the landslip mitigation measures on the A83 through the Rest and Be Thankful.

Works had been demobilised over the Christmas break to avoid disruption to road users. The period was extended due to the inclem-

ent weather being faced in the early part of 2018.

The current scope of works is expected to last until summer 2018 during which time temporary traffic lights will be in place on the A83.

The works involve the excavation of three debris flow catch-pits at the bottom of the slope next to the A83.

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Salmon farmers review hard-hitting findings

WEST coast salmon farmers are considering a hard-hitting parliamentary report about environmental impacts.

The report, out this week, from Holyrood's environment, climate change and land reform committee has warned the planned expansion of salmon farming over the next 10 to 15 years is unsustainable and could, unless there are changes, cause 'irreversible damage'.

Its findings are being reviewed by Marine Harvest, which has 49 sea farms on the west coast. Steve Bracken, business support manager for Marine Harvest, said: 'We are disappointed at some of the findings but are currently reviewing it and

will respond in detail.'

Scottish Sea Farms managing director Jim Gallagher said: 'We will respond, as an industry, but the wellbeing of our salmon and the environment in which they live is, and always will be, our priority.'

Advances

'We're working closely with the Scottish Government to produce a new Farmed Fish Health Framework that will bring about further advances in this area.'

One of the industry's other big producers, The Scottish Salmon Company, did not want to comment independently.

However, the Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation (SSPO) told the *Courier* the indus-



One of the West Coast's many salmon farms which are the focus of a new parliamentary report.

Photo: Tim Winterburn

try does have 'strong regulatory compliance' and is working with the support of the Scottish Government, SEPA and scientific bodies to make better head-

way in managing fish health and environmental problems.

The sector spends around £10m per year in research and more than £50m in new

equipment and techniques to understand and manage health and environmental problems. 'However, we accept progress must be better demonstrat-

ed and we are working with the Scottish Government, SEPA and scientific bodies to make better headway,' added the SSPO.

Committee convener

Graeme Dey MSP said: 'The committee is supportive of aquaculture but expansion must be based on a precautionary approach and on resolving environmental problems.'

Andrew Graham-Stewart, director of Salmon and Trout Conservation Scotland (STCS), said: 'This is vindication of what we have been arguing for many years now, often in the face of denials and opposition from within the Scottish Government and Scottish public authorities, that open-cage salmon farming in sea lochs is way out of balance with the environment, particularly with the conservation of wild salmon and sea trout.'

Pioneer Kintyre fish farm is up for sale

AN EXPERIMENTAL onshore salmon farm in a Machrihanish aircraft hangar is being put up for sale.

Norwegian firm Niri pioneered its Atlantic salmon recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) in a 1,600 cubic metre rearing tank in Machrihanish Airbase Community Company's Gaydon hanger. Niri's experiment to grow 26,000 Atlantic salmon was run by its founder and former managing director Arve Gravdal.

The 'unique' land-based system for rearing salt- and fresh-

water fish such as salmon, tilapia and cod can save energy and costs, its website explains, and be rolled out on an industrial scale around the world.

It adds that the tanks also capture all sludges, prevent fish escapes into the sea and reduce the spread of diseases.

A subsidiary, Niri Scotland Ltd, announced this week it had 'now reached a major milestone'. It said: 'Having developed a facility in Machrihanish to prove the Niri RAS technology, the shareholders have taken the decision

to offer the facility for sale.

'We are now able to receive interest from industrial investors who wish to develop further the Machrihanish facility.

'Niri shareholders wish to remain true to

their strategy focused on being a technology business and not a production company.

'Niri not only believes in RAS technology but sees this as the future of the production of high quality Atlantic salmon.'



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Wee Toon coo raises Nancy Glen funds

A HIGHLAND cow wall hanging, hand-crafted in Campbeltown from reclaimed whisky barrels, fetched the top price at an auction in aid of the Nancy Glen fund.

The sculpture, which took Wee Toon carver John Brown 35 hours to create, reached £450.

Measuring 36 inches from horn to horn, it is the largest sculpture of its kind that Mr Brown

has made, and came to the auction in Campbeltown Town Hall with a starting bid of £380, having stirred up interest on Facebook.

People packed the hall to bid on a collection of items, including an original painting by Dawn McGeachy, a framed photograph by Greg Grogan, a tour of Ibrox stadium for six

people, a gold Grant Logan pendant and Royal Highland Show tickets, which made a total of £3,872, to be added to the fund to support the families of the Nancy Glen fishermen.

Helen Gilchrist organised last Saturday night's event after being inundated with high-value raffle prizes for a previous Nancy Glen fundraiser she organised, a quiz in



Louise Mackay models a Formula One jacket.
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Striking a pose with the jacket worn by Sebastian Vettel.
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Helen Gilchrist organised the event after the success of her last fundraiser.
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A Raymond Hosie photograph on canvas started the bidding. 50_c10nancyglen02

Campbeltown Bowling Club.

With so many top prizes, Ms Gilchrist decided that she could raise more funds by auctioning off the items, rather than including them in the raffle.

Other items which reached rocketing prices were two Formula One jackets, both expertly modelled on

ay, which were sold to the same buyer. One had previously been worn by Sebastian Vettel and fetched £300.

Possibly the most surprising item was a clottie dumpling which sold for £50, after much back and forth between bidders.

The night kicked off with musical performances from Julie Blue, Ann Leith, Linzi Cameron, Sheila-anne

McCallum, Peter McKerral and Hannah Black, who were all thanked for agreeing to perform 'straight away'.

Ms Gilchrist thanked Campbeltown Town Hall for hosting the event for free.

She said: 'Huge thank you to the town hall and all staff, and also to everyone who donated and gave up their time to help out.'

Nominations open for community council elections

IF YOU care about what happens in your community and would like to have a role in developing its future, you are invited to find out about becoming a community councillor.

Nominations are invited between March 6 and 22 for volunteers to serve as community councillors on Argyll and Bute's 56 community councils.

Community councils are the first or the 'grassroots' tier of statutory representation in Scotland. They provide a link between local authorities and communities, and help ensure that authorities are aware of the opinions and needs of the communities.

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LINDSEY IONA ARMOUR

Graduated as a Member of The College of Optometrists (MCOptom). Lindsey is the younger daughter of Willie and Isy Armour, West Trodighal Farm, Machrihanish. Lindsey is now employed by A G Barr Optometrists, Campbeltown.

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Rave legends return for 26th MOK Fest

MOK FEST, Kintyre's premier music festival, has announced its line-up to rock the town this August.

The 26th Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (MOK Fest), running earlier than usual, from Wednesday August 8 to Sunday August 12, promises yet

another fantastic line-up of headline bands.

Saturday night, August 11, in Victoria hall, sees the return of rave legends The Time Frequency (TTF) who blew away the audience with their last performance at the event in 2016.

Joining them will be DJ Rankin and local act Gullion.

The Saturday Traditional concert headlines with festival favourites Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham who will perform in Campbeltown Heritage Centre for the first time.

They will be joined by Hecla, a young

four-piece vocal and instrumental band who recently played a well-received concert at Glasgow's Celtic Connections.

The Grouse Ceilidh Band make their debut on Friday August 10 at the MOK Fest's ceilidh night as do local outfit Rhuvaal which has been making a great name for itself during the past couple of years.

Rousing style

The Dalriada Connections Band featuring musicians from across the weekend line-up, alongside students and tutors for Campbeltown Gram-

mar School, open the concert sets and the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will get the night started in their usual rousing style.

An update on the performers for this year's festival Gaelic night on August 8, as well as the Mitchell's Glengyle Dalriada Connections and Survivors' Night Concerts on August 12, will be in next week's *Courier*.

Event manager, Iain Johnston of J.I.G. Events, said: 'We are delighted to see the return of some festival favourites on the Saturday night as well as a great selection new



Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham.

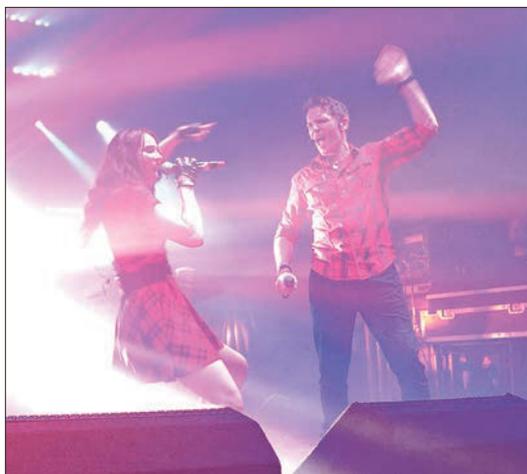
bands making their debuts, which will give the event a diversity of musical choice across each concert.

'Yet again we have aimed to cater for all ages and tastes in music and we are really looking forward to celebrating our 26th year.

'Our plans are com-

ing along well and we will make further announcements soon about the Saturday afternoon events, including the newly rebranded parade, Carni-West.'

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The Time Frequency on stage.



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Editorial

Kintyre's selfless volunteers

IT WAS heart-warming to see people continuing to give to such a worthwhile cause as bids poured in at the Nancy Glen fundraising auction last Saturday.

The selfless actions of those who have contributed to the fund, and especially those who have put so much effort into organising fundraising events, should be applauded.

The auction was the second event in aid of the Nancy Glen that Helen Gilchrist has organised and she was due to be quiz-master at another in Tayinloan last night.

Kintyre Firewood's Kevin McCrae has worked tirelessly over the past few weeks organising his lucky squares raffle, which, in the end, raised an incredible total of £9,800 for the fund, with more than 40 local businesses contributing to the prize list.

With so many people willing to give up their time to help meaningful causes, hopefully some can give a little to local groups, including Macmillan Cancer Support which is seeking support.

The current volunteers do an amazing job but it must be tiring hosting as many events as they do, and many hands make light work.

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Religious thoughts

Sir,

I would like to thank Marilyn Shedden for drawing the attention of the Courier readers to Jesus of Nazareth in her column last week and acknowledge that the world would be a much better place if we obeyed his command to love one another.

However, the Bible's accounts of Jesus' life show that Ms Shedden was inaccurate to state that this was the only command Jesus gave.

Jesus himself did not consider that to be his most important command. In Mark 12, when asked what he considered to be the most important commandment, Jesus answered: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

He continued that the second most important commandment is to 'love your neighbour as yourself.'

According to Jesus, loving God with all our beings is the primary responsibility of us all, and it is he who enables us to truly love others.

Unfortunately, this was not the only inaccuracy in last week's Thought for the Week.

For example, the Bible tells us that Jesus travelled from his home town of Nazareth to Jerusalem on several occasions, and each journey was certainly much more than 30 miles.

As we approach Easter and remember Jesus' death and resurrection, it would serve us all well to read again his story in the Bible, so that we might get an accurate picture of who the real Jesus is, what he did say, why he died and how he rose again.

**Reverend
 Rodger M Crooks,
 Campbeltown.**

Glasses found

Sir,

My husband found a pair

Down memory lane



Kenneth Johnstone's headstone in Kilkerran Road cemetery. 25_c09memorylane01

of good spectacles on grass near Campbeltown Library on Wednesday morning, February 28.

Our optician didn't recognise them as being a client of theirs and said they are reading glasses.

Whoever has lost them can contact us on 01586 810460.

**Diana and John
 Manning,
 Rhudal Cottages,
 Drumlemble.**

Roads money well spent

Sir,

On Friday February 23 I removed a small quartzite boulder of 7.5kg weight from the roadway on Manse Brae east in Lochgilphead.

This chunk of pure white silicon had fallen from the rear of a 4x4 and trailer combination as it passed over a rough area of early

stage potholes. The potential for costly damage was obvious. Fortunately no damage was done to tyres, windscreen or front end bodywork of my car.

This served to remind me of the big, coarse granite chippings from Crarae and Furnace quarries, measured in their hundreds of thousands of tons, used by Argyll County Council department of roads in the 1950s to 1970s.

In those days no road resurfacing job was signed off as complete until the secondary layer of blacktop had received its waterproof, frostproof coating of bituminous emulsion - that is tar and granite chippings.

This caused scores of broken windscreens during the first few days, but the end result was a good hard-wearing weatherproof top coat which could last up to 22 years. This was

MORE than a million soldiers in total, from both sides, perished in 1918's Spring Offensive.

The battle which started on March 18 marked the Germans' final large scale attack of WW1.

Among the incredibly large number of deaths was a Campbeltown corporal fighting for the Australians.

Cpl Kenneth Johnstone died aged 27 on May 2 1918. He was born in the Wee Toon on November 18 1890 and a decade later, aged 10, left with his parents John and Margaret Johnstone, three sisters and a brother for Australia.

In another twist Cpl Johnstone married Louie and lived in Hopetown Street, Campbeltown, Sydney before signing-up for the army.

He was undoubtedly brave receiving multiple gunshot wounds at Gallipoli. He was wounded again in northern France in the Spring Offensive and repatriated to Cambridge where he died of pneumonia.

Cpl Johnstone received a military funeral at Kilkerran cemetery with a Royal Navy firing party and pictures were sent to his wife in Australia.

Two weeks ago in Down memory lane the Courier published a picture of a 1947 football team. Les McArthur has written to say the boy 4th from the left is his brother Dugie McArthur.

money well spent, unlike the relatively recent resurfacing on Lochnell Street which is breaking up and will have to be re-done or patched very shortly.

**Duncan Iain
 MacDougall,
 Tarbert**

Tossing rubbish out car windows

Sir,

I attach a photograph of some items picked up off the roadside on the way over to Achahoish on Sunday March 4.

It is extraordinary that in the light of recent publicity about plastic pollution in our oceans and the campaigns run by national and local newspapers that there are still people who drive around using the open window of their cars as a convenient method of dispos-

ing of rubbish. Never mind that it is an offence to do so, tossing crisp packets, coffee cups, water/juice bottles and most frequently - cans of Red Bull.

Who are the rubbish tossers?

**Mike Murray,
 Crinan**



Just some of the rubbish on the road to Achahoish.

Unruly hedge spruced up

Sir,

I walk to the Aqualibrium three to four times a week passing the bus stance en route.

It has been with a heavy heart that I walk along the path trying not to slip on the detritus and avoiding getting my eye poked out by the unruly hedge on the left.

Can you imagine my joy when on Friday the hedge was cut and the leaves and litter of two years have been cleared up. It really cheered me up.

It is not surprising how small improvements such as this make you feel so much better about your town.

**Alison Fox,
 Campbeltown.**



The trimmed hedge.

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Sponsor a seat at the Picture House

IT'S NOT too late to appear on the Honours Board at Campbeltown Picture House, with 46 seats still remaining to be sponsored.

The Honours Board will soon be situated just inside the door to the passage behind the main auditorium. There are some interesting stories behind some of the dedications, and Campbeltown Community Business would love to have more links in this historic building to people from Campbeltown and Kintyre's past.

One dedication reads: 'In memory of John and Mary McKellar of Campbeltown and Vancouver', but the story behind those words is of their family of six children who all had exceptional careers, none more so than Andrew John.

He was the first to show that outer space

was not a vacuum, discovered the scientific basis for the 'Big Bang' and was expected to win the Nobel Prize for his work, but sadly died of cancer and the prize cannot be awarded posthumously.

Another reads: 'In memory of Major General WHS Nickerson, VC, CB, CMG'. He lived and is buried at Cour on the Kintyre peninsula, so the Campbeltown Picture House was his local cinema.

Victoria Cross

General Nickerson was a 25-year-old lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps of the British Army, attached to the mounted infantry during the Second Boer War when his actions at Wakkerstroom led to the award of the Victoria Cross.

His citation reads: 'At Wakkerstroom, on the evening of the 20th April 1900, during the

advance of the Infantry to support the Mounted Troops, Lieutenant Nickerson went, in the most gallant manner, under a heavy rifle and shell fire, to attend a wounded man, dressed his wounds, and remained with him till he had him conveyed to a place of safety.'

A most generous donation came from Gloria Siggins in memory of the success of a film sponsored by her father, AE Bundy, first shown in 1927. *The Battle of Coronel and Falkland Islands* (1914) was restored by the British Film Institute to commemorate the centenary of the Great War.

It was an ambitious production, casting Germans as German naval officers so soon after the end of the war. It was also very well received in Germany as a fair reconstruction of a most dra-

matic event in 1914, which was the Royal Navy's first defeat in 100 years, but was followed inevitably by victory in retaliation a few months later in the Falkland Islands.

School teacher

There are so many other commemorations and names from the past: Alexander Malcolm MacIntyre, Agnes Forgan, Granny Hamilton, John McKerrall, the Carroll family who came to Kintyre to build the Lussa Dam in the 1950s and Miss Mary McMillan, a favourite primary school teacher.

If these final 46 seats can be sponsored, the remaining funding gap can be greatly reduced.

CCB is so thrilled with the response to the renaissance of the cinema from the public and look forward to welcoming everyone for many years to come.



There are still seats to be sponsored at Campbeltown Picture House.

Archaeological animation to rock the silver screen

DO YOU want to know the secret of King Midas?

All will be revealed in the second instalment of archaeological adventure animation *Tad the Lost Explorer and the Secret of King Midas*, which premieres at Campbeltown Picture House on Saturday morning.

Bandits

The movie tells the tale of construction worker Tad Stones who supports his friend Sara Lavrof after she discovers one of the three gold rings from King Midas' necklace, proving that the ruler who turned everything he touched into gold really did exist.

Things turn sour when villain Jack Rackham and his crew of bandits steal the jewel and kidnap Sara, with wicked plans to inherit Midas'



Tad the Lost Explorer and the Secret of King Midas premieres on Saturday.

power and immense wealth. Tad will have to be cleverer than ever to save Sara and destroy Rackham's plans.

A new release to which teens may relate, *Lady Bird* launches on Friday.

Turbulent

Christine 'Lady Bird' McPherson, played by Saoirse Ronan, navigates a loving but turbulent relationship with her strong-willed mother over the course

of an eventful and poignant senior year of high school.

Director Greta Gerwig reveals herself to be a bold new cinematic voice with her directorial debut, excavating both the humour and pathos in the turbulent bond between a mother and her teenage daughter.

One for those nearing their golden years, *Finding Your Feet* will be shown for the first

time on Friday. It tells the story of a middle-class snob on the eve of retirement, who takes refuge with her bohemian sister after she discovers her husband of more than 40 years is having an affair with her best friend.

Outspoken

'Lady' Sandra Abbott, played by Imelda Staunton, couldn't be more different to her outspoken, serial dating, free-spirited sibling Bif, and it turns out 'different' is exactly what Sandra needs.

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Kintyre community nursing then and now

Mark Davey and Sarah Abley
 Royal College of Nursing

IN THE mid-20th century, during winter weather, Kintyre district nurse, Mary Smith née Mathieson, regularly drained coolant from her car radiator due to not having anti-freeze.

Skip forward 71 years and her 21st-century counterpart, Senior Community Nurse (SCN) Aileen Rodger, may not have to go to those lengths but the job is still challenging, requiring much lone hard work and dedication.

Mary was a passionate nurse and midwife. Her niece Anne Mathieson, now in her late 70s, remembers: 'When she visited our house in her uniform she always looked so professional – never a spot on it.'

The hard winter of 1947, which coincided with a country still in the grip of wartime austerity, saw Mary

battling through deep snowdrifts, from February 10 onwards, to see her patients.

By March 10, Mary 'couldn't believe her eyes' that it was still snowing, but one of her most challenging nights was yet to come.

Called out at 1.20am to a patient in labour three miles away in



Mary Mathieson on qualifying to be a nurse.

Photo: from Campbeltown Heritage Centre collection.

Killeonan, she was forced to leave her car halfway into her journey and continue on foot.

In her memoir, she recalls: 'The family, knowing the terrible conditions, had

sent one of the sons to meet me. He saw my light coming, then disappear.

'I knew the road, but the night was dark and the snow was heavy and the drifts high. I wondered if I would ever reach my destination.

'I passed abandoned cars and tractors, and only the tips of the telegraph poles could be seen.

'I knew there was a deep ditch near Marchfield that I had to cross ... I linked up with my escort, who previously kept calling to me and sometimes I could see the stable lamp he was carrying.

'We reached the house and I was drenched in snow from the waist down. I had a bath and change of clothes and was ready for my job.

'I never would have safely reached the house without my escort and without doubt would have lost my way.



Campbeltown's homecare team of which Aileen Rodger is a part. From left: Catriona Graham, Carole Anne Shields, Aileen Rodger, Kirsteen McIntosh, Adina Lupu, Mairi Allibone and Sarah Livingstone. 25_08communitynurse22

This extraordinary experience prompted Mary to write a memoir which was given to the RCN after her death.

Today there is a bigger team but there are also nearly 8,000 people in the Kintyre catchment area. Aileen has faced her own winter challenges particularly in 2013 when she was caught on the Isle of Gigha.

Aileen said: 'I was

due to leave on the Friday morning, but severe weather had cut off the power and the ferry to the mainland was cancelled.

'There's a nurse's house on the island, which I'd stocked with tins and dry food, but my fresh supplies, including milk, were finished.

'When I checked the ferry service on Saturday morning, I was told while the ferry



Senior Community Nurse Aileen Rodger has become a frequent 'flyer' on the Gigha ferry. With one of the MV Loch Linnhe's crews, from left: Skipper Phil Salvadori, John McVean, Aileen Rodger, Jane Clements and Iain Wilson. 25_08communitynurse28

was running, the roads on the mainland were completely blocked and I wouldn't be able to get home anyway. It was best to stay on Gigha.'

Modern community nursing has one chal-

lenge that Mary didn't have to face. For all the benefits of new technology, life in a rural area can often mean you just cannot get a phone signal.

Caseloads have to be carefully prioritised and while Aileen says that hers may seem small to district nurses in more populated areas, the number of visits that can fit into a day is limited by time spent on the road.

Whether it is community nursing in 1947 or 2018 there are lots of rewards.

Aileen said: 'It's a privilege to be allowed into people's homes. It is often an elderly person who is socially isolated and frail, or I'll be helping a patient or family through a life-changing event such as major surgery or end of life care.'

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SCN Aileen Rodger outside the legendary district nurse, Mary Smith née Mathieson's Machrihanish house. 25_08communitynurse13



SCN Aileen Rodger on a sunny February day with Glenbarr patient Charlie McArthur. 25_08communitynurse37

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Bovine TB found in Campbeltown area

ROUTINE screening has confirmed bovine TB in the Campbeltown area.

Movement restrictions are in place while further testing is undertaken, a Scottish Government spokesperson said.

The source of the infection is under investigation.

Bovine tuberculosis (TB) is a devastating chronic disease of cattle caused by the mycobacterium bovis, which cause 'tuberculosis' lesions in any organ of the body.

The organism also has the capacity to infect and cause TB in most mammals, including humans. However, the risk of infection for the general public remains very low.

The Scottish Government explained: 'In 2009, Scotland achieved officially TB free (OTF) status in recognition of its very low incidence of bovine TB.'

'To achieve OTF status, the percentage of bovine herds confirmed as infected with

TB must not exceed 0.1 per cent of all herds per year, for six consecutive years.

'We still expect to see a small number of cases occurring each year, but due to our stringent controls this remains well within the threshold for retaining OTF status.'

'The number of new occurrences of bovine TB in Scotland for 2016 was 11. Most cases in Scotland can be traced to movements of infected animals.'

Last August a bovine TB outbreak was de-

tected on Skye, and the herd was subject to movement restrictions until it was considered disease-free. 'The outbreak on Skye is just one of the low number of outbreaks that occur periodically in Scotland,' the Holyrood report added. 'Compensation is paid for any animals slaughtered for disease control purposes.'

'Overall, human TB caused by M.bovis accounts for less than one per cent of the total TB cases diagnosed in the UK every year.

Those working closely with livestock and/or regularly drinking unpasteurised (raw) milk have a greater risk of exposure.

'Carcasses containing signs of TB are com-

pletely or part condemned during meat inspection in the abattoir. Any TB bacteria that might still be present in or on the meat would be killed by normal cooking.'

Kilmichael Farm to host ploughing match

KINTYRE Agricultural Society will test ploughing prowess this weekend.

The group's annual ploughing match will be held tomorrow (Saturday March 10) at Kilmichael Farm, Campbeltown. The classes are: Class 1: Under 12 inch; Class 2: 12 inch and over; Class 3: Reversible; Class 4: Horse.

Country market offers tasty treats

CHILLY conditions forced Argyll Country Market's stallholders inside the Heritage Centre last Saturday, where there were tasty treats to tickle the taste buds.

Customers with a sweet tooth or savoury were in luck as Little Gem Bakery joined stalls including Ifferdale Lamb and Ballywilline Beef.

Little Gem baker Sarah-Jayne Wilkinson creates all her treats at her Moy home, and attended the market with her assistant and mum, Jane.

Sarah-Jayne travels round Kintyre businesses, selling her baking to staff, and regularly attends the country market in Campbeltown, which is held on the first Saturday of every month, except January, from 10am to 1pm, at the Heritage Centre.



Mum Jane joins her daughter, Sarah-Jayne, of Little Gem Bakery, at Argyll Country Market. 50_c10countrymarket01

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Everyone knows that sometimes it is the little things that mean the most. Many mums appreciate a bouquet of flowers or a piece of customised jewellery that reminds her

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If you don't yet have a tradition for celebrating Mother's Day, why not start a new one? Take a family photo at the same location every year, go out for a picnic at a place she loves or make a reservation at her favourite restaurant. No matter what she chooses to do, make sure to keep your phone tucked away and give mum your full time and attention – after all, she deserves it!

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Preservation society promotes people power

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KILLEAN and **Kilchenzie** Churches Preservation Association's Calum Morrison shows that small can be mighty, but more could be mightier.

Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society president, Dr Sandy McMillan, welcomed speaker, Mr Calum Morrison to the group's monthly meeting in the Ardshiel Hotel on Wednesday evening February 21.

He also welcomed members and guests and expressed the committee's delight at one of the society's largest ever attendances.

Captivating the capacity crowd with a heartfelt, yet humorous talk, Mr Morrison out-

lined the history and national importance of the 12th-century churches at Killean and Kilchenzie, recognised by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland.

He also related the origins and progress of the association's work to preserve the ruined churches and explained that while some initial tasks had been undertaken by members, substantial funding was needed for skilled preservation work.

Using a visual presentation, Mr Morrison impressed with what the association had already achieved, but said: 'Some funding applications have been rejected due to the small size of the association.'



Gordon Caskie, Calum Morrison, George Thomson and Murdo Macdonald.

He encouraged all present to become members for the small sum of £5 per annum and added: 'If you are interested in history and would enjoy discussing finds and dis-

coveries with funding providers and conservation specialists, then please join us on the board.'

'At present the board meets bi-monthly to discuss progress and arrange work parties.'

Mr Morrison thanked those who had supported the project financially and those who had already become members, adding: 'The association

has increased from five to 44 members, but more are needed to encourage potential funders to respond positively. In a humorous tone, Mr Morrison suggested that the Cara 'broonie', a benevolent sprite known to perform tasks of drudgery while people slept, should be offered honorary membership, so that: 'some of the tasks we are working on will

be miraculously completed.'

On a more serious note he asked: 'Why do we bother? What is the point of preserving a pile of stones?'

'It is to learn from the past, to respect and admire the efforts of our forefathers, so that with this knowledge we can teach and inspire young people for a greater future.'

Mr Morrison, a former headmaster in Inverkip, is back to his Kintyre roots, enjoying retirement at Bellochantuy. His father came as a young bachelor, and like many others, chose a bride from the parish.

'My father was ordained and inducted as the minister of Killean and Kilchenzie in 1944,' he said.

'That notable occasion was made even more special by the presence of none-other than the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Cosmo Lang, who reg-

ularly holidayed in the area, and had asked for permission to participate in the ordination ceremony.'

The parish had two church buildings, Bellochantuy and A'Chleit, and the Largeside Manse, Muasdale, was Calum's first home.

He said: 'The Bellochantuy church building was demolished in 1975 to accommodate the realignment of the road. It stood where the car park is today, just to the south of the hotel.'

Mr Morrison thanked the audience for their attendance and attentiveness and jokingly concluded: 'I hope you are all feeling a bit more holy after listening to this oration about churches and do feel moved to polish your halos on the way home.'

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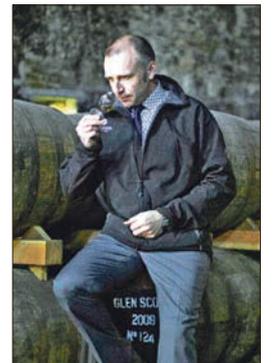
Each space has been carefully designed for an authentic experience with windows looking out onto the 'Kintyre' peninsula.

Iain McAlister, distillery manager at Glen Scotia, said: 'We are the first to admit that Campbeltown isn't the easiest to get to, but when whisky fans visit Glen Scotia they are deeply impressed by our whiskies and the unique character of the region.'

'Our Glen Scotia Grand Tour will allow

whisky lovers to share that sense of discovery and experience the lure of Campbeltown for themselves.'

The Glen Scotia Grand Tour will be at Wine Pantry in Borough Market, London, from March 15-17.



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DRUMLEMBLE

Eco-friendly Drumlemble pupils given fourth green flag

GREEN-thinking Drumlemble primary pupils have picked up their fourth green flag, successfully renewing their Eco-Schools Scotland status.

The school first registered as an Eco-School with environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful in 2011 and has received its latest award in recognition of its eco journey since.

To earn the green flag, pupils and staff followed the seven elements of the programme for the past two years, ensuring that the whole school and wider community has been involved.

They focused on litter, as well as developing their outdoor space as a resource for learning and recreation.

The children have been learning about improving the local environment by taking part in beach cleans and finding out about important global issues such as the refugee crisis, and holding a 'bring and buy' sale to raise funds for the



Some of the school's pupils with the latest green flag.



The children help to improve their environment by taking part in beach cleans.

British Red Cross hurricane appeal.

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CLACHAN

Clachan SWI members blow off steam at Icelandic talk

A PENINVER pair braved Kintyre's pot-holes to give a Clachan group a talk on volcanic eruptions, hot springs and geysers.

Christine and Livingston Russell gave members of Clachan SWI a 'most interesting' insight into life in Iceland, a country they have visited in the past.

Although fraught with dangers including volcanic eruptions and underground hot lakes suddenly exploding, Icelanders are said to be some of the happiest people in the world.

The mid-Atlantic fault which runs through the country creates hot springs and geysers, giving Icelanders free heating and electricity from the constant hot water and many hydro schemes.

Inhabitants manage to grow much of their own food in polytunnels heated by the underground hot water.

Many of the SWI members expressed a desire to visit Iceland to see some of these natural wonders.

Mrs Russell showed a few slides of the couple's garden at

An Ceardach, Peninver, which is presently open to the public as the snowdrops are at their best and the early rhododendrons are out.

Mr and Mrs Russell were thanked for their interesting presentation and judged the competitions, after which the raffle was drawn and tea was enjoyed.

Results: Indoor pot plant: 1 Margit Wylie, 2 Tove Knight, 3 Pauline Simson. Three pieces of shortbread: 1 Jane McCallum, 2 Jane Griffiths, 3 Pauline Simson.

WEST ROAD

Beast from the east hits Kintyre's west coast

KINTYRE escaped the worst of the snowstorm which blanketed much of the UK last week but the south-west coast was the worst-hit area.

The so-called 'beast from the east' left most of the peninsula with nothing more than a light dusting, but those travelling on the A83 last Wednesday, at about 5.30pm,

hit a white-out from Glenbarr to Tayinloan.

With low visibility and snow covering both lanes of the road, drivers had to proceed with caution.

There were icicles hanging from rocks and hillsides beside the road for days, as the sun struggled to thaw the frozen conditions.

Southend suffered as well, with its own flurry on Wednesday. The less frequently used B842 took longer to clear than the A83, which was largely back to normal in no time.



Visibility was low on the A83 last Wednesday night.

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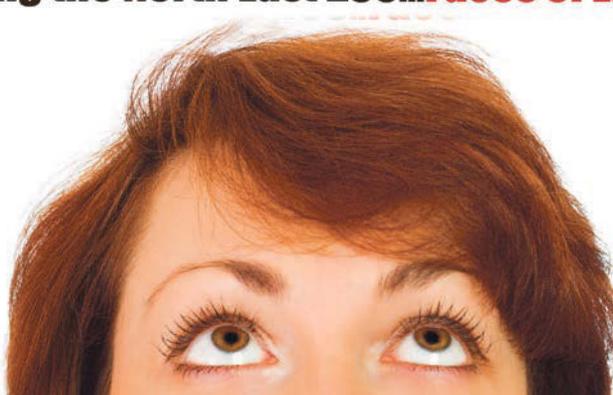


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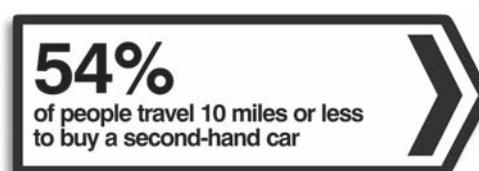
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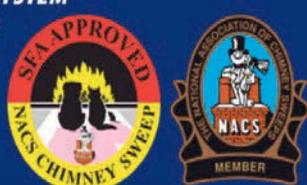
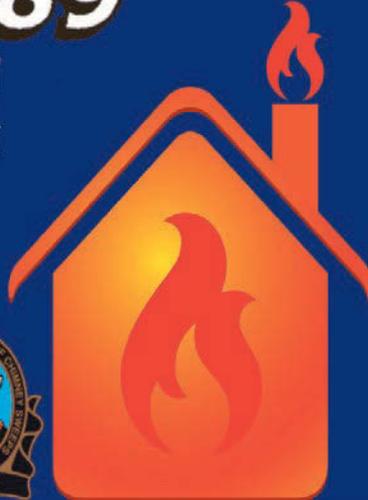
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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday March 7, 2008

Stacey leaps into marriage

IT'S ONLY once every four years that a woman has the chance to propose to a man, and Stacey Conley took full advantage of that on February 29 when she got down on one knee and proposed to her now fiancé Alex Black.

The happy couple, from Campbeltown, have been together for eight months and Stacey, aged 22, who works in Victoria Wine didn't want to wait another four years before she got the chance to do it again.

She said: 'I wanted to make sure I did it before him, and I didn't want to wait another four years to do it.'

Alex, 32, who works with Argyll and Bute Council explained how he felt flattered that Stacey had proposed, and said: 'I couldn't say no, I was just so flattered.'



Stacey and Alex.

A Works Council has been proposed by the management, which is to sit every month.

'They reckon this is the way forward,' said the source. 'But I can't help feeling this is totally inadequate, as we have no grounds for argument if we have any complaints. There is to be no collective bargaining.'

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday 7th March, 1968

Just let it DARE to rain...

CAMPBELTOWN'S Esplanade will be closed to traffic on the afternoon of May 18, when the First Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, will visit the town to be granted the Freedom of the Burgh.

A big show is planned and the ceremony promises to be a spectacle well worth seeing.

One of the central figures on pa-

rade will be Cruachan, the 18-year-old Shetland pony who is Regimental Mascot.

Cruachan will be parading for the first time in four years. His last appearance was in 1964, just before the 1st Battalion left for Singapore.

Lt. Col. Colin Mitchell, commanding officer of the battalion whose operations in Aden so stirred the nation, will command the guard of 100 men. The pipes and drums and military band will also be on parade.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday March 9, 1918

Red Cross work party

A NUMBER of friends took advantage of the opportunity afforded on Wednesday afternoon to inspect, before its despatch, the latest consignment from Campbeltown of comforts, etc., for the sick and wounded, and were delighted and indeed amazed at the quantity, variety, and general excellence of the collection.

The articles were set out, ready for packing, in the lesser hall of the Christian Institute, where the devoted band of Red Cross workers were as busy as they could be completing the special work on hand.

Our representative had the pleasure of visiting the hall, and found it a veritable hive of industry.

The piles of beautifully-finished woollen garments, etc., all made of the best materials, were a gladsome sight, and provided ocular evidence of the untiring industry and unremitting zeal of the ladies of the Campbeltown Red Cross Work Party and their coadjutors of the Church Guilds.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



YESTERDAY was International Women's Day and Sunday is Mother's Day, so it is a good time to reflect on the role of women in the world and the church.

When watching the film *Suffragette* I was impressed by the courage, the conviction and the tenacity of the women who fought for the basic right to vote.

Throughout history women have been at the forefront of trying to make a difference for good in the world.

Women have been central in the caring and nursing professions and are commended for their nurturing.

Sadly, in many countries women are still oppressed and subjugated by men and denied some of their basic human rights.

Sadly, in every country, including our own, women are subjected to violence and abuse.

In the church itself, in the past, women were barely allowed to do more than make the tea, while the men got the important roles.

This always seemed strange to me when, in his ministry, Jesus affirmed women and treated them as equals.

It was to the woman who had gone to the well for water that Jesus divulged for the first time that he was the Messiah.

It was to a woman, Mary Magdalene, that he first appeared after his resurrection.

It was the women who were at the foot of the cross when the men had fled.

Jesus consistently affirmed women.

Thankfully, things have changed in the church. Women are elders, ministers and even moderators.

So let us give thanks for the women who have made a difference in our own lives, whether they be mothers, partners, wives, daughters, sisters, aunts, friends, ministers, nurses, doctors or any other woman who has been there for us.

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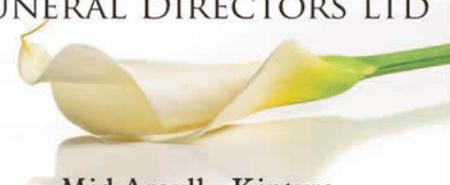


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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

ENGAGEMENTS

FERGUSON - WADDELL - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Gavin, son of Iain and Alison, Campbeltown, to Louise, daughter of Jim and Helen, Cambuslang.

DEATHS

MACKENZIE - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, Lochgilphead, on March 1, 2018, in his 96th year, Ian, beloved husband of Eva, and dad of Ian and Brian. Much loved grandpa and great-grandpa.

MACKENZIE - Mairi, née Rankin, passed away suddenly, on February 22, 2018, aged 75, formerly of 8 Benmore Street, Campbeltown, loving wife of Sandy and special mum, mother-in-law, granny, sister and cousin.

MACKINNON - Peacefully at home, on Sunday, March 4, 2018, Alexander (Sandy), dearly loved dad of Sandy, Iain and Sheena and a loving grandfather to his four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Dearly loved and sadly missed by all who knew him. The funeral service will be held in Strachur Parish Church, on Tuesday, March 13 at 11.30am, and thereafter to Strachur Cemetery, to which all are respectfully invited.

O'MAY - Suddenly, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 1, 2018, Malcolm McSparran O'May (MOM), in his 65th year, 3G High Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Fiona Kelly, much loved dad of Kerry and Leona and a loving granda of Connor and Maisie.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCTAVISH - The family of the late Mary would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and visits received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all medical staff and home care teams for looking after Mum so well. Many thanks to Margaret Sinclair for her personal and comforting service, to Fiona and Roddy of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their efficient arrangements, both in Lochgilphead and Perth, to the Stag Hotel for an excellent purvey, and finally, to Morna for the lovely floral tributes.

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN - In loving memory of Joe, beloved husband, dad, granda and great granda, who died March 5, 2015. Remembered with love every day.

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.

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Beautiful memories silently kept, of Robert we loved and will never forget.

- From the family at Lochgilphead, Carlisle and Ayr.

MCMILLAN - Grief is the price we pay for love, So they say,

And we know it's true, Because a lifetime of grief is worth loving and being loved by you.

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11th March 2018
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SCO02493
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Church Hall
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Bobby picks up Mach Dunes medal

BOBBY Paterson rolled back the years to win Machrihanish Dunes' February medal.

In his first medal since joining the Dunes, a fine scratch score of 82 with matching nines of 41 secured a narrow better inward half victory over Kenny Andrew at the event on Sunday February 25.

Results: 1 Bobby Paterson 37 points (BIH), 2 Kenny Andrew 37, 3 Bill Alexander 35.

The next monthly medal takes place on Sunday March 25.

Angus hits the jackpot

A CAMPBELTOWN man hit the jackpot in Machrihanish Golf Club's three-number lottery draw.

Angus Brown chose the winning numbers, 3, 8 and 14, in Monday's draw and picked up £400.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £100, is on March 12.

Campbeltown darts results

BILLY McLean scored 180 for the Fiddlers and Charles Robertson a 120 finish for the Burnside in week 15 of Campbeltown District Darts Association's league. Results: Burnside 6 Fiddlers 2, Kinloch B 3 Kinloch A 5, Kilbrannan A 5 Kilbrannan C 3, Ailsa 6 Southend 2, Whisky Macs v Ailsa B cancelled.

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Race to register for Crinan Puffer places

THE RACE is on to register for the next big event on Argyll's athletics calendar.

Organisers of the Scottish Sea Farms Crinan Puffer, an eight-mile, point-to-point

race along the bank of the Crinan Canal, are looking for entrants for this year's event on Sunday April 22.

The race, promoted by Mid Argyll Athletics Club, has been held as a fundraiser for Mid Argyll Community Pool since 2010, when the pool faced closure.

Entry

This year, runners have a chance to earn back their entry fee, by raising £55 or more for the swimming pool.

The race is held under UK Athletics rules and is a Scottishathletics-licensed event.

There are five categories: juniors aged 16-17, seniors aged 18-39, veterans aged 40-49, super veterans aged 50-59, and vintage, aged 60 and over.

Many Kintyre ath-



Campbeltown's Stuart McGeachy, right, was runner-up in the senior men's race in 2017.



Jennifer Martin, left, pictured with fellow CRC members, won last year's senior ladies' race.

letes participated in last year's event, with Campbeltown Running Club's Jennifer Martin coming first in the senior ladies' race, and Stuart McGeachy, also

of CRC, runner-up in the senior men's contest.

An event spokesperson said: 'We look forward to welcoming race participants old

and new this year.' More details about this year's event, including a timetable, can be found by visiting www.crinanpuffer.co.uk.



Mary and Rosemary win ladies' darts doubles contest

Campbeltown District Darts Association's ladies' doubles was held in the Ailsa on Thursday March 1. The winners were Mary Ross and Rosemary Todd, with Natalie Mathieson and Rena Harris runners-up. Pictured left to right: Mary Ross, league chairman Donald Stewart, and Rosemary Todd.

Scottish Amateur Football League fixtures

LAST Saturday's games were all postponed due to the weather.

This weekend's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, 7th round – Oban Saints v Yoker United; Jimmy Mar-

shall Cup – Rutherglen v Lochgilphead Red Star; Dunoon v Claremont; Premier Division One Ferguslie Sar v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two – Tarbert v Houston.

2010s' football festival success

A PHOTOGRAPHIC mix-up in last week's *Courier* meant this Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2010s shot was missed from the report of Gartcairn Football Academy's Winter Festival.

The photo labelled as the youngsters was actually the 2007s team.

The 2010s made an impact at the

festival, having previously never played five-a-side and with no goalie.

Man of the match

A Campbeltown and District Football Association spokesperson said: 'Frank Stacey was definitely man of the match with an outstanding performance in goal.'



The 2010s left the festival with smiles on their faces.

Bowling club hoping to bag some extra cash

ARGYLL Bowling Club is hoping to bag some extra funds to provide bowls for all ages after being selected for the next round of the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

The community funding scheme, a collaboration between the supermarket and environmental organisations Groundwork UK and greenspace scotland, grants sums of up to £4,000, raised from carrier bag sales, to local groups.

Three groups in every Tesco region are shortlisted to receive cash awards and shoppers can vote for who they think should take away the top grant by using a token given to them at the check-out when they shop.

Argyll Bowling Club has made it on to the latest shortlist, with its project Bowls4All, which aims to promote bowls as a sport for all ages.

The club wants to introduce bowling skills and sportsmanship to youngsters from P3-P7 using age and size appropriate equipment and games, helping to grow its juvenile and junior section which will create the town's bowlers of the future.

It also wants to provide bowling aids and a Bradshaw Bowls Buggy to enable older members with mobility problems to continue to enjoy the sport.

A club spokesperson said: 'We are delighted to have been shortlisted. Our coaches give their time freely but we really do need the equipment.'

'This is also a wonderful opportunity to promote inter-generational activity locally.'

Voting is open in all Tesco stores throughout March and April.

Southend bowlers take Kintyre trophy



Left to right: Kintyre group president Tricia Fair, who presented the trophy, with winners Mary Cameron and Inez Ronald.

SOUTHEND pairs battled it out in the final of the Kintyre SWI group's annual bowls competition.

It was a hard-fought final but Inez Ronald and Mary Cameron proved victorious, beating fellow Southenders Fiona Rowland and Christine Jardine to take the trophy.

The Masonic Lodge event, on February 24, was ably refereed by Neil McCallum.

The competitors relaxed after a hard day's play by having an 'excellent' meal at the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown, which was enjoyed by all.

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Sports Hall Athletics

THERE was an entry of 49 young athletes for the Kintyre competition of Sports Hall Athletics held in the Victoria Hall in Campbeltown last Sunday.

This is the 25th year this form of indoor athletics has been held in Kintyre and was the last of four local area competitions held in Argyll this winter.

After just over three hours of competition, Castlehill School dominated in the girls' age groups, with Dalintober successful in the three youngest age groups in the boys' events.

Jack Green from Dalintober was arguably the top performer on the day, winning all six events in the under-nines and was very impressive in the two running events, recording 19.4 seconds for the two laps and an amazing 42.1 seconds in the four-lap race.

Jack was the Argyll under-sevens champion at Oban last year and holds the Argyll age records in both the two-lap and four-lap set at Atlantis Leisure in March.

When this form of indoor athletics was first held in the Victoria

Hall back in November 1994, Jack's mother Laura, then at Caradale Primary School, was second overall in the under-nines contest and later that winter was under-nines champion at the Argyll final held in Lochgilhead.

Two Dalintober boys shared first place in the



Organiser Bill MacCallum watches with Florence Chrystie.

under-sevens contest with Kian Campbell and Charley Gilchrist equal on points after six events. Kian won the long jump and two-lap race and Charley won the javelin, triple jump and four-lap race, recording 52.2 seconds.

Oliver Reid, Dalintober, was the under-11s

champion winning all six events and had a long throw of 17.25 metres in the javelin in addition to fast times of 19.2 seconds in the two-lap race and 41.4 seconds in the four-lap.

The boys' under-13s competition was so close and also of a high standard and at the end of the afternoon only half a point separated the top two boys.

Ruairidh Campbell from Castlehill was the winner ahead of Lewis Gilchrist from Rhunahaorine Primary thanks to wins in the triple jump, shot putt and two-lap race, recording 18.1 seconds but only just pipping Lewis.

Lewis reversed the order in the four-lap race inches ahead of Ruairidh in 37.5 seconds and also won the long jump and speed bounce.

Lochlain Ellis was the under-15s winner ahead of Aaron McAlister. The boys were so close in the two running events it was impossible to separate them without a photo finish. Korri McMillan was under-sevens champion just ahead of another Castlehill girl Carla Renton.



The winners at last Sunday's Sports Hall Athletics competition.

Korri was an impressive winner of the four-lap race in 52.8 seconds and also won the long and triple jumps plus the speed bounce. Carla won the two-lap in 24.4 and the javelin. Erin Ralston from Castlehill dominated in the under-nines contest which attracted an entry of 11 girls. Erin won the long jump, triple jump, speed bounce and javelin with an 11 metres throw. In the same age group, Lucy McFadzean won the two-lap race in 21.1 and Ayla Campbell, Dalintober won the four-lap in 46.1.

Castlehill girls filled the top two places in the under-11s with only two points between champion Violet Campbell and runner-up Kirstie Renton. Violet won the long jump, triple jump, javelin and two-lap race in 19.4 seconds.

Violet's winning throw of 15.25 metres in the javelin was not too far off the Argyll age record. Kirstie won the speed bounce with

76 jumps in 30 seconds and fairly close to the age record set back in 2002. Kirstie also won the four-lap race in an excellent 43 seconds. Anna Gemmill was the under-13s champion and Caryn Kerr the under-15s winner.

Florence Chrystie, who retired as Kintyre's primary schools PE teacher seven years ago, was welcomed back to help officiate on Sunday and also present trophies and medals at the end of the day, with Susan Turner also officiating and presenting awards to the young athletes. Florence was very involved in this annual event from the start in 1994 until she retired from her role in the PE department.

Successful athletes from Sunday's competition are now invited to compete in the Argyll final to be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Sunday March 25 starting at noon with registration between 11am and noon.



Ruairidh Campbell in action.



Throwing the javelin.



Youngsters doing press-ups.

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